

The Views



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Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Fall 2024

Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains,
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the
Maker of heaven and earth.
—Psalms 121:1-2*

Dear friends of Mountain View Bible Camp,

Fall has arrived and the foliage is beautiful. I am thankful to live at camp and enjoy the uniqueness of all four seasons. Though the soon arrival of winter is not as enjoyable as the other three seasons, it does allow for the staff to step back from the busy interactions with campers, staff and guest groups to focus on certain projects that are not as easy to complete when programs happen on the hill. Just like many of your normal days in life, camp life is generally busy regardless of the season.

We are grateful for the extra busy year of camp programs. The summer was full and many of the spring and fall weekends were

occupied. God has truly blessed camp with great facilities, and with this blessing comes great responsibilities. Maintenance goes on all year long, though some years we need to tackle larger projects. Some of those projects are shared in a letter from the Board of Trustees included in this newsletter.

One of the items shared in the Board letter was the need to purchase a good used skid steer type machine. That purchase has been made and paid for in full. Before we even decided to move forward with this purchase, the Lord was preparing hearts to give toward this need. I am encouraged to see how God works in leading camp in making decisions and then confirming those decisions by providing the finances to make it happen. One Board member reminds us often that "God's work done God's way will not lack God's provision."

As the team also ages and physical limitations grow, should the Lord tarry, additional full time staff will be necessary to continue the ministry of Mountain View Bible Camp. We invite you to join us in praying that the Lord of the harvest will raise up those He will call and equip for His service here on the hill. MVBC is His and we



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September 24, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

We send warm Christian greetings along with some updates about the Lord's work at Mountain View Bible Camp. A review of the 2024 spring and summer season brings many encouraging notes to report. Most camp sessions saw an increase in attendance compared to last year. A number of campers gave their lives to the Lord Jesus as Savior, while others spoke with counselors and staff for the assurance of their salvation or to deepen their walk with Christ. There were several baptisms as well.

In addition, some new rental groups came to Mountain View. In August, the biennial Missions in Focus session also took place, and by many accounts this was a special year at MIF with the theme of revival. It is always a blessing to know that the camp facility is being used by the Lord.

As the Board and full-time staff look ahead, some significant equipment and maintenance needs are on the horizon, addressing the safety and efficiency of the camp program and facility. We would like to share these needs with you for your prayers and consideration.

1) Storm water management

Storm water runoff currently impacts the camp road and other parts of the property. Some improvements have been made in recent years, but further work is needed to divert water away from buildings and prime usage areas. The recommended improvements will cost about \$30,000, with camp staff doing as much of the work as possible in-house to save additional expenses.

2) A used skid steer tractor (Bobcat type)

This need is related to the first. A used skid steer will allow camp to do much of its own grading and earth-moving work instead of renting or hiring equipment at high rates. It will also be a great help in the much-needed continual maintenance of the camp road. A quality used skid steer will cost about \$25,000.

3) A camp bus replacement

The third need addresses one of Mountain View's highest priorities, which is camper safety. The time has come to replace the camp bus. The current bus is 33 years old. New models offer significant improvements in both safety and fuel efficiency. After evaluating current options, the Board believes the best option is a model costing about \$140,000.

These ministry needs obviously come with some larger-ticket costs, but we are mindful of the necessity to be good stewards with all that has been entrusted to us. We are sure that God's work done in God's way will not lack God's resources. We thank you for your support and interest in Mountain View over the years, and we desire your prayers for us as we await the Lord's timing and provision for these improvements.

With thankfulness to the Lord, on behalf of the Board of Mountain View Bible Camp,

Mike Starr, President

know He will continue to provide in every area of need.

Please join us in praying for the staff team, for camp programs and for all the needs of this ministry. Together, let's lift our eyes to the mountains and see that our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He is faithful!

On behalf of MVBC,

Jonathan Stassel
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR



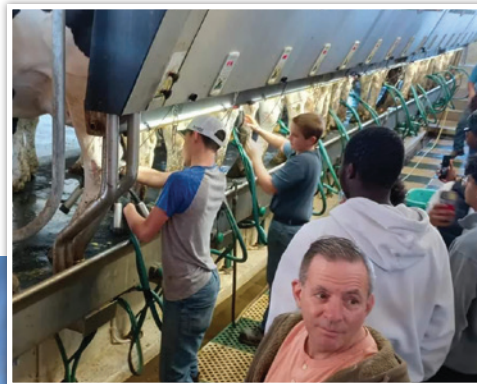
"Offering Mountain-Top Experiences Every Day since 1968!"

“Cows of the Bible” Fall Senior Weekend

A fun Fall Senior Weekend at MVBC! “Cows of the Bible” came complete with a tour of the landmark dairy farm a mile and a half from the camp road. And the campers did some of their own “milking” as well.

Great lessons about the cows of the Bible, too. They show us that we can trust God, serve Him, and enjoy what Jesus has done to provide a relationship with Him.

Steve Campbell
DIRECTOR



Register now for **WINTER ESCAPE CAMP**

DEC. 26-30, 2024
(Ages 13-19)

- Join us to explore several things about Blood in the Bible. Come and enjoy learning more about this unique subject.
- Featuring a teen-friendly schedule, great events, bowling, ice skating, skits, music, coffee house, good food, loads of fun and time with friends.
- BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS!
- Practical Bible teaching for Christian living.

Register early on-line & save \$\$\$
www.mvbcamp.org



MVBC Rates for 2025

	Early Rate Online	Regular Rate Online	Late Registration
Men's Retreat	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$100.00
Senior Weekend	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$165.00
Family Weekend Adult	\$140.00	\$145.00	\$170.00
Family Weekend Age 8-12	\$120.00	\$135.00	\$155.00
Family Weekend Age 4-7	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$150.00
Family Weekend Age 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jr/ Int Weekend	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$165.00
Young Adult	\$140.00	\$145.00	\$170.00
Family Week	\$445.00	\$475.00	\$505.00
Family Week Age 8-12	\$305.00	\$330.00	\$375.00
Family Week Age 4-7	\$235.00	\$255.00	\$300.00
Family Week Age 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Senior Week	\$445.00	\$475.00	\$505.00

	Early Rate Online	Regular Rate Online	Late Registration
Intermediate Week	\$435.00	\$465.00	\$495.00
Junior Week	\$425.00	\$455.00	\$485.00
Ladies Weekend	\$140.00	\$145.00	\$170.00
Ladies Weekend - Sat Only	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$100.00
Winter Escape	\$320.00	\$345.00	\$385.00
Optional Family rates:			
Family Weekend	\$500.00	\$530.00	\$600.00
Family Week	\$1,675.00	\$1,775.00	\$1,900.00
Bus fees:			
Weekend (no meal stop)	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Week (meal stop \$10)	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00

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Credit Card Direct Giving

Please divide my gift in this way:

- I would like to contribute to the General Fund \$ _____
- I would like to help needy campers (Scholarships) \$ _____
- I would like to help meet the 15% to 25% gap between fees and expenses. \$ _____
- I would like to contribute to the MAINTENANCE Fund \$ _____
- I would like to help support the full-time staff living expenses \$ _____
- I would like to help support the New Bus Fund! \$ _____

Total amount of charge: \$ _____

Type of card: Visa Master Card Discover

- Please charge my card **one time** **each month**
- I would like the charge to be done on the following day of the month: 1st 15th Doesn't matter
- Please begin monthly charges on or after this date _____

Card number _____ Exp. date _____ 3 digit code on back _____

Name on card _____

Billing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime telephone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Card holder's signature _____

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Why join this plan?

1. Administrative time/costs will be reduced, enabling your gift to work faster to spread the gospel.
2. It works automatically, so you don't have to remember to mail your check.
3. Saves on postage cost.

How to sign up:

1. Fill out this form (be sure to sign and date it).
2. Send this form to Mountain View Bible Camp.
3. MVBC will do the rest.

Notes:

- Credit Card Direct Giving Plan gifts provided to Mountain View Bible Camp are tax deductible.
- If at any time you wish to increase, decrease or suspend your giving, you can contact Mountain View Bible Camp at 570-274-6979.
- When you sign up for the Direct Giving Plan, your gift will be charged to your credit card as noted. With many new banking options available online, scheduled gifts can be sent directly from your financial institution to camp. This option does offer about 3% savings over a credit card gift.
- Mountain View also accepts PayPal contributions. A link is provided at www.mvbcamp.org.



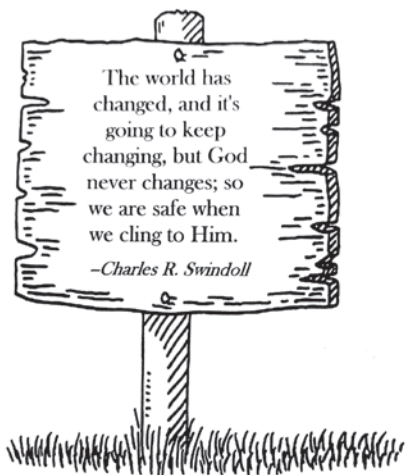
Camps for 2025

January 18	Board Meeting @ Mahwah
March 1	Men's Retreat
April 4-6	Jr/Int Weekend, Ages 8-13
April 25-27	Spring Family Weekend
May 17	Board Meeting @ MVBC
June 6-8	Young Adult Weekend, Ages 17 and up
June 29-July 5	Family Week
July 6-12	Senior Week, Ages 14-19
July 13-19	Intermediate Week, Ages 11-13
July 20-26	Junior Week Ages 8-10
Sept. 5-7	Fall Family Weekend
Sept. 13	Board Meeting @ MVBC
Sept. 26-28	Ladies Retreat
Oct. 3-5	Jr/Int Weekend, Ages 8-13
Oct. 17-19	Fall Senior Weekend Ages 13-19
Dec. 26-30	Winter Escape, Ages 13-19



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Mountain View's Mission

This ministry will strive to provide well maintained residence facilities and grounds in order to:

- Disseminate the truths of the Bible and glorify God in all areas of camp ministry.
- Stress the necessity of salvation, sound Biblical doctrine and a deeper consistent walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Provide innovative, challenging, nature-based educational camping for people of all ages.

MVBC WishList

- Gaga Pit
- New Bus
- Replace 1985 Massey Ferguson 250 Tractor Loader Backhoe
- Upgrade HVAC system in the Activity Center

Items Received:

- Used Skid Steer on rubber tracks with attachments
- Animal Mount
- Flowers for front porch and by pool
- Sports items



This newsletter is published for those interested in Mountain View Bible Camp. Letters, comments and questions are welcome. Please send them to:

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