

# The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Spring 2013



## Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

*"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."*

-JOHN 4:14 NKJV

### "Quench the Thirst"

is 2013's theme phrase for this summer.

Dear friends of Mountain View,

"Quench the Thirst" has been chosen as a ministry theme for this summer. This world would like us to think that they have the answers to life's questions. Many people are looking for encouragement, refreshment and things that satisfy, but only find emptiness and discouragement. Jesus offered hope and living water to the woman at the well; water that is springing up into everlasting life. He has offered that to us as individuals, and we have the privilege to offer that to campers and staff each and every camp session. May the Lord help us to "Quench the Thirst" of those that attend camp this summer.

We are thankful for those who have served and financially supported this ministry for the past 45 years. Since the purchase of the property in 1968, God has blessed and encouraged this ministry through the open hands and generous hearts of His people. You may have heard the slogan, "Many hands make light work." This slogan has proven to be true for this ministry as we continue to provide all our



camp programs utilizing quality volunteer staff. Many maintenance and construction projects are done by volunteers as well. If you have time and a willing heart to serve with us at camp, please let us know of your availability. We are in need of directors, counselors, nurses, food service helpers, activities directors, and the list goes on. As we move forward, we need your help to keep this ministry thriving.

For those of you who attend Mountain View, you know that camp serves plentiful good tasting food. Over the years, the Lord has blessed camp with capable food service personnel and gifted managers. We are thankful for Jim Schulte who continues to manage this area. However, due to Jim's age and some minor health limitations, MVBC is actively looking for a Food Service Manager / Assistant to come along-side of Jim and help transition camp into the future. We are thankful for Richard Dougherty, Simone Jared, Julie Neves, Larry Rosen and others who have helped to carry some of the load, especially during the

heavy summer camp programs. Is the Lord speaking to you about serving in this necessary area of camp ministry? If so, please let us know of your interest.

Please pray for this ministry and those who serve here each day. Much of this work is done quietly and many campers and staff do not realize the magnitude of work necessary to keep this wonderful place up and running. Maintaining this facility is so important since it is a place God has chosen to bless and use to reach and change the lives of so many individuals and families. We know that when people come to camp and find an atmosphere of peace, they seem to hear the quiet voice of God easier. God is at work. He is "Quenching the Thirst" of many who pass through these doors. Your prayers, attendance and active participation as volunteer staff members are vital to the health of this ministry. May the Lord bless you for your part in His work.

**Jonathan Stassel**  
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR

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*"Offering Mountain-top Experiences Every Day!"*

## Prayer & Praise

### PRAYER

- For a Food Service Manager / Assistant to come alongside Jim Schulte
- For increased attendance at each camp session
- For willing workers and directors for each camp session
- For health and safety for the Full Time workers
- For the necessary funds (Estimated \$30,000) needed to build the Bathhouse / Picnic Pavilion near the pool (Starting Fall 2013)

### PRAISE

- For contributions sent to cover Camper Assistance / Scholarship fund
- For all who willingly come to serve at camp
- For God's blessing on each camp session
- For some wish list items that were donated
- For thankful hearts for all that the Lord has done
- For health and safety of each camper and worker

# Reflections from Spring Junior Intermediate Weekend

*"Taste and See that the Lord is Good..."*

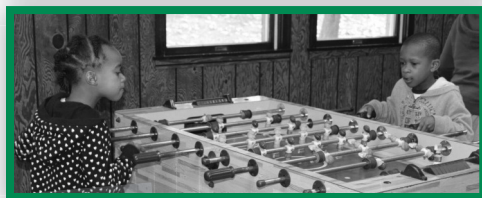
-PSALM 34:8

In their effort to sell their products, many companies will have what they call a "taste test." The purpose of giving a sample to taste is so you will buy more of the product. The sample appeals to your taste buds but it does not fill you up. So if you like it, you will buy more.

Additionally, in our world today, there is also the emphasis on what is not good for you; sugary drinks, loud music, smoking, too many calories, too much salt, too much sun... Too much of these things can create great health problems for anyone.

The previous things discussed are all part of this earthly life. The greater concern should be with eternal things. Spiritually, man's problem is sin. Sin separates us from God. But the Lord Jesus Christ has the remedy. Jesus paid the price for our sins. He offers us eternal life found only in Him. He encourages us to "Taste and See that the Lord is Good." When we do this, we find that the goodness of God leads us to repentance. It begins to change us so we will want to do good and to share His goodness with others. As we grow in the Lord, we are challenged to give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

During the weekend, a number of campers were asked; "What part of your camp experience has made you thankful?"



Responses include:

- I am thankful for the Bible lessons and seeing my friends. *Claudia S.*
- I am thankful I came to camp to be closer to my sister and learn more about God. *Cassandra G.*
- I am thankful I came to camp because it is fun. I get to see my cousins and go hiking. *Maria B.*
- I am thankful I came to camp to have fun and learn about God. My favorite thing is carpet ball. *Iziah J.*
- I am thankful I am here because I love counseling and camp is my second home. *Bethany H.*
- I am thankful I came to camp to learn. My favorite thing is the food. *Danielle L.*
- We are thankful we are here to make new friends and learn more about the Bible. *Apple Cabin*
- I am thankful I am here because I love to serve children and I love to serve the Lord. My favorite thing is having an opportunity to meet people and watch them grow in the Lord. *Uncle Jim*
- I came to camp because my mom told me about it and thought I would like it. What do I like about camp? THANKFULLY EVERYTHING! *Emmanuel Y.*

**Joe Wilson**  
DIRECTOR

## Mountain View Bible Camp Upcoming Camps for 2013

May 31 - June 2	Young Adult Weekend
June 30 - July 6	Family Week
July 7-13	Senior Week
July 14-20	Intermediate Week
July 21-27	Junior Week
August 10-16	Missions In Focus
September 14	Board Meeting @ MVBC
September 20-22	Fall Senior Weekend
September 27-29	Ladies Retreat
October 4-6	Jr/Int Weekend
December 26-30	Winter Escape







## 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.

## Counselor and Food Service Training Available at MVBCamp.org

Did you know that Mountain View Bible Camp has counselor training and Food Service Training available via our website? These resources are available to all camp volunteers at no cost to either the counselor or individual desiring to assist in food service. Please use these resources if you plan to serve at camp.

**Counselors:** Please visit [mvbcamp.org](http://mvbcamp.org) and click on the "Staff Training" tab. Please complete the training modules (one new added each year) before serving at camp. Mountain View realizes that the needs of campers are complex and always changing. It is camp's desire to equip all MVBC counselors and assistant counselors with the tools necessary to help meet these challenges. There are five modules available now, with more to be developed

in the future. Both new and seasoned counselors are asked to complete this training (new training each year) and mail a copy to MVBC.

**Food Service volunteers:** Please visit [mvbcamp.org](http://mvbcamp.org) and click on the Food Service Training tab. Follow the link to take the on-line training. Please remember that you will need to create your own user name and password. Please call Jon at 570-274-6979 or e-mail camp at [campinfo@mvbcamp.org](mailto:campinfo@mvbcamp.org) for the activation code. Once completed, print out your certificate of completion and send a copy to camp.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord at Mountain View.

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## CREDIT CARD *Direct Giving* Offering Mountain-Top Experiences Every Day since 1968!

### Please divide my gift in this way

- A. I would like to contribute to the General Fund. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- B. I would like to help needy campers (scholarships). \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- C. I would like to help meet the 20% to 25% gap between fees and expenses. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- D. I would like to contribute to the New Construction Fund. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- E. I would like to help support the Full Time Staff living expenses. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Amount of Charge** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Please charge my card one time.
- ☐ Please charge my card each month.

**Type of card:** ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Mountain View now accepts PayPal. A link is provided at [MVBCamp.org](http://MVBCamp.org).

**Credit Card Direct Giving Plan gifts provided to Mountain View Bible Camp are tax deductible.**

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☐ 1st ☐ 15th ☐ Doesn't matter

### Please charge my monthly gifts to my credit card account.

If at any time I wish to increase, decrease or suspend my giving, I can contact Mountain View Bible Camp at 570-672-2296.

**When you sign up for the Direct Giving Plan, your gift will be charged to your credit card as noted.**

• **Why join this plan:** Administrative time/costs will be reduced, enabling your gift to work faster to spread the gospel. Works automatically, so you don't have to remember to mail your check. Saves on postage cost.

• **How to sign up:** Fill out this form (be sure to sign and date it). Send this form to Mountain View Bible Camp. MVBC will do the rest.

*Thank you for supporting the Lord's work at Mountain View Bible Camp!*



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## MVBC *WishList*

- Laser level with stand and stick
- 1 new lifeguard rescue tube
- 3 heavy duty pool umbrellas
- portable video projector
- 2 air hockey tables
- Taxidermy animals
- 8 double or queen beds with frames
- Basketballs, volleyballs, volleyball nets, tetherballs
- Basketball set-up for the pool

## ITEMS RECEIVED

- Some sports items
- Good, used back-up generator
- Taxidermy mounts



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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## Full-Time Workers

**Jonathan and Annemieke Stassel**  
*Administrator*

**Mark and Andrea Fuhr**  
*Operations Manager*

**Fritz and Lottie Geiger**  
*Operations / Bookkeeping*

**Jim Schulte**  
*Food Service Manager*

***MVBC is looking for a  
Foodservice Manager / Assistant!***

## Board Members

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