

# The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Spring 2017



## Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

### A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

Proverbs 16:8

Dear friends of Mountain View,

All too often I find myself checking my calendar to see what event, meeting or task is scheduled next and if there is a deadline for it to be completed. At times, I find myself running from project to project, meeting to meeting, or task to task, making me feel like life is a constant rat race. I can feel overwhelmed when looking at all that could and should be done, realizing that there seems to be more to do than time allows.

Recently, I saw a teacher share a life lesson with a class of students. He took a one quart jar and placed it on his desk.

He filled the jar with golf balls and asked the class if the jar was full. Their reply was yes. He then added a cup of dime sized stones to the jar and asked the class if the jar was full. They replied, "Yes". He then added a cup of sand and asked the group if the jar was full. They replied, "Yes". He then added a cup of coffee to the jar and asked the class if the jar was full. The class smiled and replied, "Yes". He proceeded to tell the class that the golf balls were the most important things in life like family, friends, God and relationships. The stones represented work and other necessary things we do in everyday living. The sand represented other things that fill up the day like eating and sleeping. One of the students asked what the coffee represented. The teacher paused and then said, "The coffee reminds me that there should always be time for your spouse, family, friends and those who need a few minutes of time to pause, communicate, and simply smell the coffee."

This year's camp theme is **TRUE NORTH** – What's your direction? Without direction in our lives, we could be caught up in a rat race of doing, doing, doing, and miss out on the important things of the Christian life. I am thankful that I enjoy a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He allows me to plan my ways, but He remains in control of my steps.

As I walk with Him and talk with Him, He gives direction and helps me to go the right way. He not only leads me, but He also leads this ministry. I am thankful for His faithful guidance. I confess that I do not always know the best path to plan out, but I have learned the He will guide all my steps if I seek Him first.

*Jonathan Stassel*  
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR



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## Prayer & Praise

### PRAYER

- For a growing pool of screened volunteers to serve at camp
- For increased attendance at each camp session
- For new campers
- For willing workers and directors for each camp session
- For additional rental groups
- For health and safety for the full time workers
- For the 2 new Duplex Cabins now under construction and the funds needed to complete them
- For the necessary funds needed to complete maintenance projects
- For volunteers to help with construction and maintenance
- For a good used Skid-Steer style machine on rubber tracks with attachments

### PRAISE

- For a great spring family weekend
- For the progress on Duplexes 2 & 3
- For the blessing of the Online Registration system
- For many willing volunteers who have completed the mandatory background screening
- For contributions sent to cover Camper Assistance / Scholarship fund
- For contributions sent to help with new construction and maintenance
- For donations of some wish list items
- For God's blessing on each camp session
- For thankful hearts for all that the Lord has done
- For health and safety of each camper and worker
- For some new and growing rental groups



## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Do you have a desire to help at camp?

Well, what are you waiting for? If you are waiting for a special invitation, **HERE IT IS!**

I recently spoke with a number of individuals who expressed a desire to serve at camp but had not completed the back ground screening process. Once someone is 18 years of age or older, the background screening is mandatory in order to serve at any camp session hosting campers under the age of 18.

So why wait to get this process done? If you wait until the camp session is almost here, you will be too late. The process may take a few weeks to hear back from all 3 agencies. ***Please do not delay - start the screening today!***

### Up-date

## PA Law requiring Background Clearances for ALL Volunteers

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. **-1 PETER 2:13-14 NKJV**

*Dear Friends of Mountain View,*

The State of Pennsylvania has mandated background screening for all individuals wishing to work with children. Mountain View Bible Camp has implemented a screening package. If you have resided in the State of Pennsylvania for the past ten or more years, you are required to complete the first two screening requirements. All other individuals are required to complete the FBI Finger Printing as well.

### REQUIRED SCREENINGS INCLUDE:

Criminal History Record check – obtained from the PA State Police **-FREE**

Child Abuse Clearance – obtained through the PA Dept. of Public Welfare **- FREE**

Federal Criminal History Record – obtained from the FBI - **\$27.50 paid by MVBC**

A good number of staff (Directors, Counselors, Food Service, Activities Staff, Nurses, etc.) have completed these required screenings. We would like to continue to enlarge our volunteer staff pool by having more individuals complete the screening process. If you are interested in serving at Mountain View Bible Camp in any capacity, please do not delay starting this process as it may take some time to complete all three steps. These clearances can also be used by the individual with any other ministry in Pennsylvania for a period of 5 years. To begin this process, please e-mail Jon Stassel at [jstassel@yahoo.com](mailto:jstassel@yahoo.com). A helpful step-by-step instruction sheet, including fee waiver codes, will be e-mailed to guide you through the process.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** Staff that have completed all the required screening procedures must be sure to forward electronic and/or paper copies of those files to MVBC as soon as complete. MVBC is required to have them on file. Thank you for your help in this matter.

***Please share this information with those presently serving, encourage others to consider serving, and pray for the Lord's blessing at MVBC.***



# SPRING JUNIOR / INTERMEDIATE

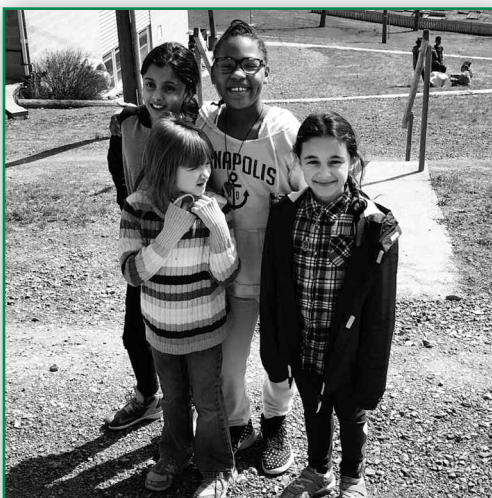
## WEEKEND 2017

“I am His WORKMANSHIP!” It was a wonderful feeling to hear a room full of young people chant those words. We had a wonderful time at the 2017 Spring Junior Intermediate camp at Mountain View Bible Camp. It was placed upon my heart to look into how we are “Under Construction”. We are being constructed by someone who knows what He is doing, why He is doing it and is certain to finish the work which He started. It is extremely comforting to know that we as believers, although far from perfect in our actions, have someone who is thoroughly invested in what He is building. In order for the Lord Jesus to constantly work on us, we have to be His, and this was seen in the conversion of Saul to Paul. We then were able to look at the importance of taking heed to our Savior, and if we don’t, we are bound to fall. Regardless of our shortcomings, the Lord Jesus still in His faithfulness will continue to work on us as seen in the denial and life of Peter. Finally, we saw the importance of being close to our construction builder and the positive effects He has on our lives. This was displayed in the life of Mary as she was found at the feet of Jesus and eventually was seen pouring out her costly alabaster box at His feet.



The Lord blessed us with perfect weather which allowed for most of our activities to take place outdoors. The temperature was close to 70 degrees! Contrast this to previous years, where snow and heavy rain showers took place, we could not have asked for a more pleasant weekend. We had about ten regional locations represented in our support staff and it caused for a well-rounded and diverse camp. This, in fact, is one of the most important agendas for me when it comes to asking people to give up their weekends to serve the Lord. All staff members were encouraged to keep in touch with at least one camper. Salvation is the number one objective when it comes to camp, but building quality relationships with campers is also extremely important. It is essential for campers to know that they are cared for and loved. If the Lord permits, we look forward to see what He has in store for us in the future!

*-Joval Wilson, Director*



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# Up-date of “The Plan” for Future Projects

*Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me... And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.*

- NEHEMIAH 2:18

## ***THE PRESENT:***

**Duplex cabin 2 & 3:** During the fall, winter and spring months, work has progressed on both buildings. However, since February, our focus has shifted to working solely on Duplex 2. The goal of completing both structures before the summer has proven to be too high of a goal. We have found that there is a lot of detail in these buildings requiring coordination with heating contractors, sprinkler system contractors and building inspectors. We are now concentrating our efforts on having Duplex 2 usable by the Missions-In-Focus program in August.

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## THE FUTURE:

### Up-Dating of "The Plan":

Other major projects are currently on hold while we focus on the Duplex Cabins. The Hardwood Lodge dorm which has also been in need of vinyl siding (\$ 3,000 funds still needed), window replacement (\$5,000 funds still needed) and restroom remodeling (\$8,000 funds still needed) is a work in progress. Additional insulation and new siding are completed on the front wall, leaving 3 walls to insulate and side. A few other projects have surfaced this spring which required immediate attention. These projects included a new fence around the pool, a chest freezer and replacing an ice machine head.

**Financial Need:** The current outstanding financial need to

complete both duplex units is \$75,000.

As the Lord supplies the needed funds, we will proceed with construction and maintenance projects. We kindly ask you to pray with us for wisdom regarding how quickly we can proceed.

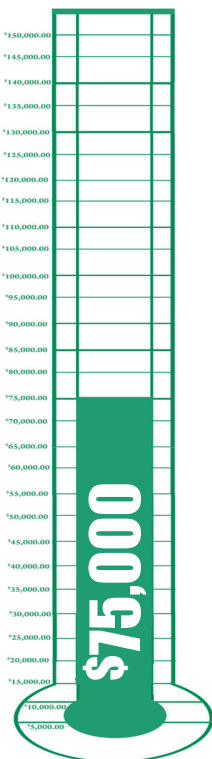
***Manpower Need:*** We deeply appreciate volunteers who come and offer their time and expertise. We desire to continue to work on both duplex buildings requiring electrical, plumbing, drywall, and inside and outside finishing.



Please pray for the safety of those who are doing this work now and also for the future use of these buildings during summer camp programs and beyond.

If you are interested in coming to help, please contact us at camp. Many hands DO make light work.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED PRAYERS AND  
INTEREST IN THIS AREA OF THE LORD'S  
WORK.**





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## 2017 RATES

	 <b>EARLY BIRD ONLINE RATE</b>	<b>REGULAR ONLINE RATE</b>	<b>PAPER FORM RATE</b>
<b>MEN'S RETREAT</b>	\$47.00	\$50.00	\$55.00
<b>JUNIOR/ INTERMEDIATE WEEKEND</b>	\$87.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
<b>SENIOR WEEKEND</b>	\$87.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
<b>FAMILY WEEKEND ADULT</b>	\$87.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
<b>FAMILY WEEKEND AGE 8-12</b>	\$68.00	\$70.00	\$75.00
<b>FAMILY WEEKEND AGE 4-7</b>	\$53.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
<b>FAMILY WEEKEND AGE 0-3</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>YOUNG ADULT</b>	\$87.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
<b>FAMILY WEEK</b>	\$290.00	\$310.00	\$315.00
<b>FAMILY WEEK AGE 8-12</b>	\$165.00	\$175.00	\$180.00
<b>FAMILY WEEK AGE 4-7</b>	\$105.00	\$115.00	\$120.00
<b>FAMILY WEEK AGE 0-3</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>SENIOR WEEK</b>	\$290.00	\$310.00	\$315.00
<b>INTERMEDIATE WEEK</b>	\$280.00	\$300.00	\$305.00
<b>JUNIOR WEEK</b>	\$270.00	\$290.00	\$295.00
<b>LADIES WEEKEND</b>	\$87.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
<b>WINTER ESCAPE</b>	\$215.00	\$230.00	\$235.00

*Optional Family Camp Rates: Larger families who find it difficult to pay per person*

<b>FAMILY WEEKEND</b>	\$250.00	\$275.00	\$280.00
<b>FAMILY WEEK</b>	\$800.00	\$850.00	\$900.00
<b>BUS FEE: WEEKEND OR WEEK</b>	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

**NOTE** - Early Bird Online Rate is available to those who register more than 2 weeks before a camp session.

**Remember - Online registration closes 24 hours  
before a camp session begins.**

WE NO LONGER ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS BY PHONE.  
PLEASE MAKE REGISTRATIONS ONLINE AT

**WWW.MVBCAMP.ORG**

## 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.

# MOUNTAIN VIEW BIBLE CAMP

## CAMPS FOR 2017

**June 2-4 Young Adult Weekend** 18 and up (No Children)

**July 2-8 Family Week** All Ages

**July 9-15 Senior Week** Ages 14 - 19

**July 16-22 Intermediate Week** Ages 11-13

**July 23-29 Junior Week** Ages 8-10

**August 12 - 18 Missions-In-Focus -ALL READY FULL**

**NEW September 8-10 Family Wilderness Weekend**

**September 16 Board Meeting @ MVBC**

**September 22-24 Ladies Retreat** Ages 18 + (14 & up w/ Adult mentor)

**October 13-15 Jr/Int Weekend** Ages 8 - 13

**October 27-29 Fall Senior Weekend** Ages 13-19

**December 26-30 Winter Escape** Ages 13-19

**Missions-In-Focus 2017** - This program is designed for Missionaries and those individuals who are interested in missionary service.

**\*\*New for this fall** - Family Wilderness Weekend. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special weekend designed with the whole family in mind.

**PROGRAMS FILL UP QUICKLY, SO PLAN TO REGISTER EARLY.**



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## Online Registration, Early Registration and PAPER FORM RATES FOR 2017

Mountain View Bible Camp has partnered with CampDocs.com allowing for campers to now register online. This venture has already been a real blessing. A good number of campers used this option and for them registering for a future camp program will require only a few simple clicks.

For first time users, the total registration process does take about 15 minutes to complete per camper (depending on the speed of your internet connection). It does require all the information already requested on the current paper form, allows for a payment plan and electronic signature, and remembers the information for the future. It does allow for the transfer of electronic immunization records right into the system as a pdf or jpg file.

Camp has also begun an Early Rate and Standard Rate fee structure for Online registration as well as a Paper Form Rate. The Early Rate is available to campers registering two or more weeks before the scheduled camp session and paying the entire fee before a camp session begins. For the summer programs, this could save an average of \$30 per camp session. The early rate is automatically calculated when a camper registers on line at least two weeks before the camp session. For those registering via a paper form, the rate will be higher than the on-line rate. Also, we no longer accept phoned in registrations or lists of people who "might attend". Your cooperation with this process is greatly appreciated.

MVBC is committed to going green as much as possible. We would encourage anyone attending to register online to help speed along this process. Please do not hesitate to contact camp if you have any questions regarding the registration process or the rate structure.

PLEASE NOTE, CampDocs.com may also reach out to those who register on line in an effort to sell you travel insurance or medications. These items are not required by MVBC. If you choose to utilize these services, they will be charged directly to you by CampDocs.com at your own personal expense.

Campers needing specific medications during a camp-session are still required to bring those to camp in their original dispensing containers.

*Thank you.*

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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 15% 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

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

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date (required) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code on back \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please begin monthly charges on or after this date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the monthly card transfer done on the following date:

☐ 1st ☐ 15th ☐ Doesn't matter

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**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!*

*Mountain View now accepts PayPal. A link is provided at MVBCamp.org*

Return to: **MOUNTAIN VIEW BIBLE CAMP, ATTN: DIRECT GIVING PLAN**  
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## MVBC *WishList*

- Air hockey tables
- Used Skid-Steer on rubber tracks with attachments
- Board games

**ITEMS RECEIVED**  
Construction supplies



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*Food Service Assistant Manager*