

# The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Spring 2018



## Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

### GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

John 3:16

Dear friends of **Mountain View**,

John 3:16 is one of the best known verses in the Bible.

It shows up at sporting events, large gatherings, and is quoted often. Yet, as I consider all that is going on in this world, the news of problems everywhere, suicide on the uprise, substance abuse growing, I am convinced that so many people have lost hope. It seems that many are simply looking for answers in all the wrong places. Somehow the message of God's love for sinners is being hindered and many are seeking but not finding or enjoying His love and forgiveness. Some may think the free gift of salvation is just too simple. Well it is simple. **BUT IT IS TRUE!**

Mountain View Bible Camp is happy to be a partner with many others who are making a difference, offering hope, and sharing God's love. This year's theme is "Fired Up" – "Kindling God's Love". We are "Fired Up" as we consider the past and all that God has done to provide for this ministry while providing a safe, spiritually encouraging environment for individuals to be showered with God's love and blessing. "Kindling God's Love" in each camper's heart has always been the desire of this ministry.

Though I personally have been connected with the ministry of Mountain View for all 50 years of its existence, the past 21

years of being involved with my family in an administrative capacity have been the most fulfilling. I am so thankful to see 4th and 5th generations of families continue to attend and minister. We are also blessed to see 1st, 2nd and 3rd generations getting together with plans to be involved for years to come. I do not know what the future holds, but I do know who holds the future. As we continue "Kindling God's Love" in those He brings through these doors, we pray for the Lord's protection and leading in all the camp programs.



On August 18, 2018, Mountain View Bible Camp will host a day of celebration commemorating 50 years of ministry. If you have been blessed by this ministry, we invite you to join us for this day to remember God's faithfulness.

Festivities will begin at 10:30am with varied activities happening throughout the day.

To register or for more information regarding this one day event, please visit [www.mvbcamp.org](http://www.mvbcamp.org) and click on the **MVBC turns 50 tab**. There you can find a copy of the invitation, the registration portal just for this event, hotel information, and more. Please keep an eye on this page as more information is being added. If you plan to attend, please register so we know how to plan. The evening meal will be limited to 300 attendees who have specifically registered for this meal via the registration link.

Please continue to pray for this ministry often. Should the Lord direct you to financially support this growing work or volunteer in service, please let us know. God continues to do great things at and through this ministry. Thank you for your prayers and partnership.

**Jonathan Stassel** CAMP ADMINISTRATOR

## UP COMING 2018 CAMPS & EVENTS

**July 1-7**  
FAMILY WEEK

**July 8-14**  
SENIOR WEEK

**July 15-21**  
INTERMEDIATE  
WEEK

**July 22-28**  
JUNIOR WEEK

**\* AUGUST 18**  
**50TH CELEBRATION**  
– Save the Date

**September 7-9**  
WILDERNESS  
WEEKEND

**\* SEPTEMBER 15**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
@ MVBC

**September 21-23**  
LADIES RETREAT

**October 12-14**  
JUNIOR/  
INTERMEDIATE  
WEEKEND

**October 26-28**  
FALL SENIOR  
WEEKEND

**December 26-30**  
WINTER ESCAPE



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# Save the date to celebrate **AUGUST 18, 2018!**

Mountain View Bible Camp is happy to announce that we will celebrate 50 years of God's blessing and faithfulness to this ministry on August 18, 2018. A special day has been planned which will include food, fellowship and facility tours. Over the years, many individuals have shared life changing experiences they had while attending camp. This would be a great time to connect, or reconnect, with past and present camp friends and staff. Mark your calendars now, save the date, contact past campers and staff with plans to meet up for a day of thanksgiving and celebration. More information will be posted on [www.mvbcamp.org](http://www.mvbcamp.org) and click on the MVBC Turns 50 tab for more information. **REGISTER, REGISTER, REGISTER** for this event and please note that the evening meal is limited to 300 attendees. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!**

## SPRING JUNIOR / INTERMEDIATE WEEKEND 2018

We had a wonderful time at the 2018 Spring Junior Intermediate camp at Mountain View Bible Camp. There was a nor'easter which impacted some states just a few days before the start of camp. Nevertheless, God is faithful. Not only were there no reported travel issues, but there was also minimal to no snow on the ground by the time we woke up on Saturday morning!

How important is it to have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ? In this present day and age, it is absolutely critical! It was placed upon my heart to look at three aspects of having a relationship with the Lord Jesus. The first is that He wants to have a relationship with us, as seen in the conversion of Saul to Paul. The second is knowing that a relationship with the Lord Jesus will not be a rose garden. We should expect there to be some trials and tribulations, knowing He will always be in control as seen in Paul and Silas in jail. Lastly, what are we doing to add to this relationship? The Lord Jesus gave all He could for us, now we should begin to live our lives and give all we can for Him.

In total, we had about 63 campers, which was an absolute blessing. I am thankful for the parents who sent their children for the first time and I am thankful for the children who urged their parents to send them back again. The Lord gave help with the Gospel as it went out in simplicity and power. Some children remained in their seats to speak with their counselors. I trust Heaven was able to rejoice over their souls. I am grateful for the staff members who gave up their weekend to serve the Lord. They play a vital part in what we are trying to achieve at Mountain View Bible Camp. With the world becoming a dangerous place all around, it is important for these youth to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and to also foster relationships with other campers and staff members. 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 all in the Fall!

*- Joval Wilson, Director*





## Work Team Accomplishes A LOT OF PROJECTS

On May 18-19, a team of more than 30 individuals descended upon the mountain to attack a number of work projects including painting, grass planting, cleaning, trail work, mulching, playground construction, etc...

Many of these workers were young people with a heart for service. Though the weather forecast proposed a wash out weekend, the Lord over ruled and many of the slated projects were accomplished.

It is a wonderful sight to see all ages, younger and older, working together to accomplish the Lord's work. A special thank you goes out to each one that played a part in this weekend.

*We are looking forward to doing another work weekend in the future!*



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## MVBC *WishList*

- Air Hockey Tables
- Used Skid-Steer (on rubber tracks with attachments)
- Board Games
- New Pool Area Chairs
- Night Stands/Bed Side Tables (for duplexes)

### ITEMS RECEIVED:

Construction supplies  
Some board games  
Planters and plants  
Wood chip mulch  
Sports equipment  
Furniture



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