

The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp Newsletter For All Ages

Spring 2022

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Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

I press ONWARD! toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

Dear friends of Mountain View Bible Camp,

We are so excited to be moving ONWARD! The past two plus years have been a real challenge. We have prayed for the day to come when we can press toward a new future which includes regular summer camp programming again. I am not sure we will ever actually get back to what we used to call "normal", but as we continue to navigate the days we live in, we desire to once again enjoy face to face fellowship.

This year, we have chosen the theme ONWARD! Why ONWARD!? During the pandemic, we were encouraged to separate, distance, mask, and a host of other terms that kept us apart. The Bible encourages us to be together, be family, care for one another, press forward, move ONWARD! As I read the Word, I see the need to go forward. All too often, we get stuck in the past. Philippians 3:13 states that we should "forget what is behind": our past sins. This does not mean forget past lessons, but learn from them and move forward because there are better things ahead. Galatians 6:9 encourages to "Not get tired of doing good, for in due season we reap if we do not give up!"

As we considered this year's t-shirt design, ONWARD! was a key word. The colored arrows encourage us to propel forward and upward. The colored arrows share a very clear gospel message: dark, red, white, green and gold. Growing up, I remember singing a Sunday School chorus which goes as follows:

My heart was dark with sin,
 Until the Savior came in,
 His precious blood I know,
 Has washed me white as snow.
 And in God's Word I'm told,
 I'll walk the streets of gold.
 Oh wonderful, wonderful day,
 He washed my sins away.



Please note that the first arrow, the dark one, is the shortest. Because God loves us so much, He wants us to live the shortest part of our earthly lives in sin. Jesus Christ came to shed His blood for our sins (red arrow) and offers us the free gift of salvation. If someone simply accepts this free gift, His blood washes them whiter than snow (white arrow). We then are forgiven of all of our sins: past, present and future. But the Christian life only starts there. God would have us to grow (green arrow) in our faith and love for Him. As we read the Bible, we learn that He is with us, living in us, to help us become more like Him in every way. And one day, when we leave this earth, we will enjoy heaven (gold arrow) with the Lord.

So dear reader, where do you find yourself in the colored arrows of this t-shirt design? If you have never asked Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sins, please do so right now. He will hear you when you ask. The Lord Jesus loves you. He is ready to forgive any and all sin. Then, don't stop there; grow in your relationship with Him. Read your Bible, pray, and grow in His love. There is coming a "wonderful, wonderful day" when all who have asked Jesus to save them, will leave this world and be in Heaven with Him. Are you ready to go? He could come back today.

Jonathan Stassel
 CAMP ADMINISTRATOR



Blessings & Needs

BLESSINGS

MVBC is very thankful to have ended the past two calendar years in the black (2020 and 2021). During the pandemic, we did choose to forego a number of maintenance projects to curb spending and make ends meet. That being said, a number of projects were still completed.

With the ever increasing cost of energy, camp has embarked on energy saving projects. Last summer, the air conditioner in the dining room failed. The 1998 unit had reached its useful life. In May, a new outdoor propane furnace with air conditioning was installed. This project was fully funded through generous donations.

NEEDS

The main building chapel air conditioning unit is also a 1998 unit and has been blowing fuses. Its useful life is also over. This summer, camp plans to install a new propane furnace and air conditioner for the chapel as well as add a new furnace and air conditioner to the balance of the main building upstairs area to serve the office, nurse's office, restrooms and hallways. This project will make much of this building more energy efficient. The cost of this project is \$47,000.

Other projects in progress include:

- A handicap family restroom in the upstairs of the main building
- New ramps into the upstairs of the staff house
- 6 new Murphy double mattress beds
- Upgraded LED lighting in a few buildings

We continue to trust the Lord for His direction and provision to meet the ongoing maintenance expenses of camp.

We value your continual prayers and support.





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 Credit Card Direct Giving

Why join this plan?

1. Administrative time/costs will be reduced, enabling your gift to work faster to spread the gospel.
2. 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.

- 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.
- Credit Card Direct Giving Plan gifts provided to Mountain View Bible Camp are tax deductible.
- Mountain View also accepts PayPal contributions. A link is provided at MVBCamp.org.
- If at any time you wish to increase, decrease or suspend your giving, contact Mountain View Bible Camp at 570-672-2296 or 570-274-6979.

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 10% to 25% gap between fees and expenses. \$ _____
- D. I would like to contribute to the Maintenance 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.

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

Type of card: Visa Master Card Discover

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

- 1st 15th Doesn't matter

Card Holder's Signature _____

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MVBC Wish List

- Outdoor Carpet for Golf Course
- Tetherballs/Volleyballs/Basketballs/
Golf Balls
- Gaga Pit
- 6 Double Mattresses for the
Murphy Beds

Items Received:

- Plants
- 6 Murphy Bed Full Mattress Kits
- 2 Basketball Rims
- Ping Pong Table & Pool Table
- Sectional Couch
- New Gas Grill



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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