

Fall is just around the corner

# BETHEL CAMP TIMES

An update from the hills of southeastern Kentucky...



*"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate and reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." — 2 Corinthians 3:18*

This summer God blessed Bethel Camp with the presence of 416 campers who filled this green Kentucky holler with life and energy during our 8 weeks of summer camp. He also provided a high quality staff team who did a super job of guiding campers in the right direction. And (speaking of provision) He provided a beautiful new chapel for us to worship in this summer!

It was the fulfillment of a long dream to see young people worshipping their Creator in this new, spacious, beautiful building. The sound of their voices echoing off the walls in worship is one of the most beautiful things I've ever heard.

We praise God for the people who provided funding so that 41 campers could attend camp on a full scholarship. These are young people who had a financial need that would have otherwise prevented them from coming to camp. We also praise God for

how he worked mightily in hearts; not only in the hearts of campers, but also staff members. A number of our campers and staff have shared testimonies throughout this newsletter. This is just a taste of the impact Bethel Camp has had on young people this summer. May their words be an encouragement to you. —Roger & Ruthie



Bethel Camp changed my point of view of God entirely. Growing up at a Christian school, in a Christian home, I thought I had heard and seen all that there was to see and hear. Bethel Camp showed me how wrong I was, and I have never been happier to have been wrong in my whole life. Bethel Camp showed me that there is a plethora of others who have the passion that I need. The people that I met at Bethel Camp I will truly never forget. All that I experienced at Bethel Camp changed my outlook on life, and has made me the person who I am today, the person who I want to be. —Eric Grant



**Fall Retreats**

At

**Bethel Camp**

## Junior Retreat

(for those in grades 5-8)

**October 3-5**

## High School Retreat

(for those in grades 9-12)

**October 17-19**

My experience at Bethel camp was one of the best weeks of my life. It was the first camp that I have ever been to. And instead of feeling like I would be left out I had an amazing time. The people were nice, the food was amazing, and I was never left out.

-- Stanley King

# Camp Pastor's Corner



—Mark Driskill

Whose “to do” list are you following?

Are you a list maker? I’m becoming one. I’m learning the value of making a daily priority list of things that need to be done. I’ll bet you have one in your mind even if you don’t write it down. You have a list of things that need to happen, things you’d like to happen, and things that have to happen. If you were going to make such a list for how you would live your whole life, what would be on it?

Did you know that Jesus gave his disciples a “to do list”? You can find it in Matthew 10. Jesus was sending his disciples out on their first mission trip. In his instructions he told them exactly what he wanted them to be doing when they arrived in each town. The list is found in verses 7-8. Are you ready for this list?

1. Preach the Kingdom
2. Heal the sick
3. Raise the dead
4. Cast out demons
5. Give freely

Now that, my friends, is quite a list of things to do! Aren’t you glad that Jesus didn’t give us that list? Whew! Aren’t you glad that his list for us is much easier? Sure it is. His list for us is much less demanding and dangerous than theirs was. I’m so relieved. When I read that thing in Matthew, I started becoming afraid I was going to have to do something outside my comfort zone. Me? Proclaim an invisible kingdom? Me? Heal the sick? Me? Raise up dead people? Me? Give freely, to everybody? Are you serious?

But then I heard this voice in my head assuring me that God just wants me to be happy. A loving God would never



ask me to do anything that might make me look foolish or put me at risk. That voice assured me that the miracles in the Bible were just for Bible times and people don’t really need God to heal their diseases, drive the demons away, and show them the kingdom of God. The voice assured me that I have enough to do building my own kingdom without having to step out into any of that spiritual stuff. The voice told me that to be a Christian all I need to do is be a nice person and smile in restaurants. He told me that people will be okay without my message or ministry. The voice told me that God is okay with me just living for myself because he wants me to have my best life now. The voice in my head told me that believing the Bible is fine as long as it doesn’t get in the way of doing what I want to do. It said I shouldn’t get too carried away with this Jesus character. After all, look what happened to him and his disciples. The voice sounded strangely familiar. I tried to remember where I had heard it before. Then the voice offered me another list.

1. Go to church
2. Find a girlfriend/boyfriend
3. Create christian selfies
4. Protect my facebook status
5. Make money

This list seemed more palatable, more practical. This was a “to do list” I could sink my teeth into. It may not be what Jesus actually said but the voice in my head assured me that this list would do the trick.

So here I sit with two “to do” lists. Each of them is telling me what to do with my life. Which “to do” list should I follow? Whose to do list are you following? Still can’t figure out where I had heard that voice before. Seems like the last time, I was standing in a garden looking for something to eat....



# The Extra Mile

*Go take a hike!*

*...at Bethel Camp to raise money  
for the new dining hall.*

Saturday - October 11, 2014

Sponsors & Hikers needed!

## or... ride a motorcycle

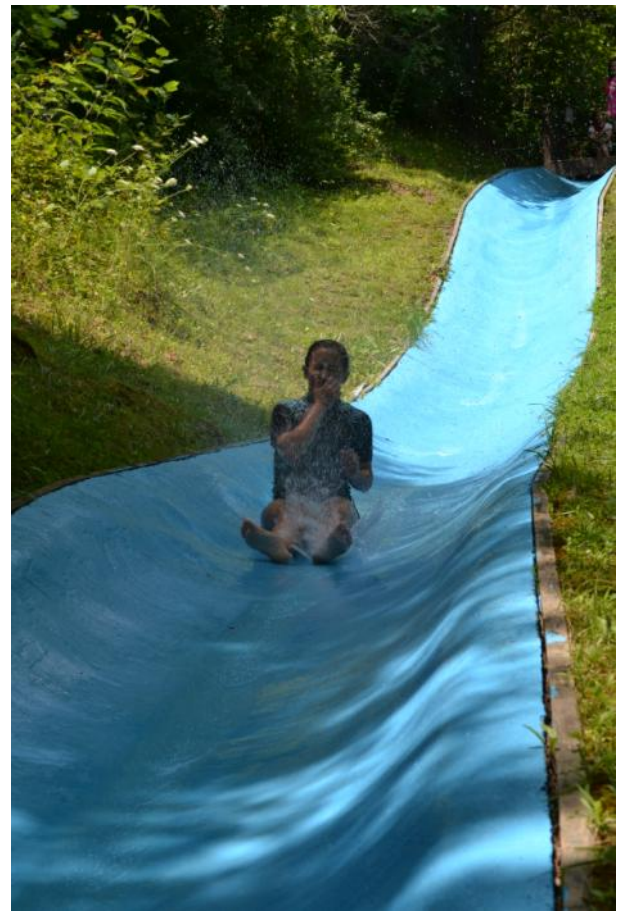
*Go ride a bike!*

*...with some good friends*

*And help raise funds for the new dining hall and kitchen.*

Same Day! —Saturday - October 11, 2014

Contact Steve and Becky Stoltzfus, James Fyffe, or  
Julianne Rice for more information.



## Bethel Camp Thrift Shop

### Opening Soon!

Located halfway between Jackson and Hazard in the building that used to house Vic's Food Mart.

Donations of Clothes, Furniture, or other items can be taken to the store or to Bethel Camp. Proceeds will help fund ministry positions at camp.

#### Thrift Store Wish List

- garment racks
- hangers
- small refrigerator (for staff use)
- microwave (for staff use)

We would welcome volunteers to help collect and sort clothing and donated items. If you could work once a week or once a month, your help would go a long way towards providing for needs at Bethel Camp.

Thanks for letting me be at camp this summer, it was truly a blessing! I actually met with Brittany, Travis and Kevin this past Sunday to have a time of debriefing and prayer for the kids that we got to meet at the middle school camp. Reflecting back on all that God did and the lives he changed brought smiles to all our faces! God is so so good! I hope everything is going great down there in Clayhole!

Anna Walker





I hope you have been able to praise God with us for the great gift he gave us in the new building. Over a year ago, we tore down the old Chapel and Recreation Hall.

I tried to practice Philippians 4:6-7, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God that transcends all understanding will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.” I was praying, and finding it hard to thank God for all the setbacks, and was not at peace with myself, often saying, “if only I had done this, we wouldn’t have this situation” The trial of my faith was in high gear that morning as I was trying to get a hold of inspectors to see if they were actually coming and was only getting answering machines.

With that act of destruction we stepped foot onto a time of trusting God for the provision of a building that would replace what we tore down. And... on June 9th got approval from the State building inspector to occupy the building. Later that evening we had our first worship service in the chapel of the new building with the 6th-8th grade campers who arrived earlier that day.

Then the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) inspector arrived and gave us his green sticker. Whew! Then I was given a message from the State building inspector, “I won’t be able to make it today, I’ve been called down to a job in Paintsville.” “No, this can’t be!” I wanted to scream. “You Promised!” were the words I wanted to use to twist his arm.

I’ve never had a loaded gun pointed at me, but the deadline felt a little like that. We had just made the decision to use the present dining hall for all our activities of the Special Needs Camp, and we knew a lot had to happen in order to finish the upstairs portion of the building.

And there again my faith was wavering as I reacted with my solutions to a problem that God had already solved. So, when I called the State Building Inspector back, and asked him what I could do, he said that he would come the following day and that we could use the building as long as all the individual inspections had passed.

It just so happened (that’s from my perspective and not God’s — he was bringing things together behind the scenes) that Phil and Mindy Raber’s son Malachi was here to participate in our Special Needs Camp and Phil was going to help with the building. He saw the predicament we were in and called a couple of his friends from southern Indiana. They arrived in time to install the bathroom partitions that had just arrived (the ones that were supposed to have been here 2 weeks earlier). Phil and Bruce were installing the fire-rated doors (which also had come later than we had hoped). Once the doors were hung some of the ladies got the needed coats of paint on them.

Wow. God had given us favor in his eyes. I was still worried about the plumbing inspection since we had experienced so much trouble with some air leaks earlier in the process, but we passed that part just fine and as I watched him put the green sticker on the water heater, my toes were starting to dance for joy. As soon as he left, I walked confidently over to the kitchen and told them the good news. God had carried us over those obstacles — the many obstacles that are a part of building, and it wasn’t just for the purpose of getting a new building here for the campers to use. He used those obstacles to create in me what could not have been done any other way. I had to smile through tears as I ate that reheated lunch that I missed because the inspector came at lunch time. God was working behind the scenes, not only to get the building completed, but in some of the far recesses of my heart. He knew that there were depths in my soul that needed to experience God as my provider, and until I was unable to provide for myself I would not truly know the extent of His miraculous power.

There was a railing on top of the retaining wall that was needed, and it got installed that week too. The plumber came Saturday of that week and installed all the bathroom fixtures and water heater. All week I had been making arrangements with the building inspectors. Since they only work in Breathitt County on Mondays, we needed all the approvals on Monday morning and the final approval by the State Building inspector that afternoon so we could have our chapel service in the building that evening.

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Winter  
Banquet  
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Saturday  
Evening  
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January 31, 2015

*...because through Christ  
Jesus the law of the  
Spirit who gives life has  
set you free from the law  
of sin and death.  
— Romans 8:2*



As I start out each summer, one thing I always look forward to is Bethel Camp and getting to see all my friends at camp. But this year was a bit different, because I was blessed with the opportunity to not only go to one week of camp, but three weeks of camp! Of course two of the three weeks I was working as a counselor. I had two amazing cabins filled with the most amazing girls I could ever ask for! Being a counselor was definitely an experience that has helped me grow in my walk with Christ. Not only was I teaching my campers about him, but also as a counselor I was learning more than I could have ever imagined I could learn about Him. I thank God for my all my opportunities this summer working for camp and being a camper. I pray that all of the staff and campers from this summer and previous summers will take what they have learned and use it to help others grow in Him.

-Cat Griffith



This summer I had the privilege of spending a week with two of my daughters as an "older" counselor at Bethel Camp. I had visions of transforming youth and investing into them. I must admit,

that I felt more transformed! God used children to unveil his love and compassion in such a personal way that I cannot wait to go back! As a parent and a counselor, I was able to see the development and discipleship of godly character and integrity in today's youth. 1 Timothy 4:12 says, Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Spending a week with counselors and campers of this caliber breathes hope for our future leaders!

-Stephanie Wadsworth



My summer this year at camp was amazing. I got to work with an amazing staff, worship in an amazing new chapel, and minister to and disciple amazing kids. God prepared me this summer in ways I never saw coming. He prepared me by teaching me many things, he taught me reliance on God, and that in order to best serve him I would have to push myself, humble myself and most importantly offer myself as a living sacrifice.

-John Driskill

Wish List — Wish List — Wish List — Wish List — Wish List — Wish List — Wish List

- 8 foot fiberglass step ladder
- Fun "dress-up" clothes for camp skits
- Perennials & bushes for chapel landscaping
- 1 set of queen sized sheet sets
- Camera for summer camp photography
- Full-size or Queen-size bed (with or without box springs and mattress)
- 6 New pillows for guest rooms
- Kitchen towels and dishrags
- Corelle serving bowls in Winter Frost White (1-qt. and 2-qt.)
- Clothes and furniture for the Thrift Shop
- New (or newer) computer for the office (our windows xp one is getting too slow to do its job)
- Construction volunteers for building projects

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If I could describe this summer in three words it would be: encouraging, refreshing and inspiring. God really showed me what I'm capable of, refreshed and soothed my spirit and truly blessed me with a Godly family. Its been one of the best summers yet, and I can't wait to see what else is in store!

-Jackson Driskill



## From the Camp Kitchen...



Here's a sneak peek from our upcoming Bethel Camp cookbook! We're including all the recipes from the camp kitchen as well as quite a few from people who have been involved with Bethel Camp over the years. If you have any recipes that you'd like to see printed in the cookbook, please send them to Ruthie Voth at the camp address. You can handwrite them and send them via snail mail or email them. We still have room for your contributions!

## Hot Brown Casserole

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| 1 c. butter                       | 8 slices bread, toasted and cubed         |
| 1 c. flour                        | 3 c. cubed cooked turkey or ham           |
| 4 c. milk                         | 1-2 lb. ham, shaved or sliced, diced/torn |
| 1 T. chicken base or granules     | 2-3 tomatoes, thinly sliced               |
| 3 c. shredded mild Cheddar cheese | 1 lb. bacon, cooked & crumbled            |

**To make cheese sauce:** Melt butter in heavy saucepan. Stir in flour. When mixture becomes bubbly, cook for 1 minute. Add milk and chicken base. Cook and stir until thickened. Add cheese and stir until melted. Remove from heat. **To assemble:** Spray a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray. Layer cubed bread, turkey and ham. Cover with cheese sauce. Place tomato slices over cheese sauce and sprinkle with crumbled bacon. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes, until hot through and lightly brown on top. Serves 8-10

-Naomi Caudill

If you've never had a Kentucky Hot Brown, you don't know what you're missing! It's an open-faced sandwich, first created in Louisville in the 1920's. The first one I ate was on My Old Kentucky Dinner Train in Bardstown, KY on my 15th anniversary. It was on that same trip that Roger bought a sheep and brought him home in the back of our minivan. It was an unforgettable weekend. The dinner train, the Hot Brown and a ram battering the back of our van are forever tied together in my memory. May your first Hot Brown experience be just as memorable. -Ruthie Voth