



# MOUNTAIN VIEW BIBLE CAMP

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## MVBC Wish List

- Stainless Steel replacement pool ladders
- New lifeguard rescue tube
- Heavy duty pool umbrellas
- New or good used laptop computer (XP or better)
- Portable LCD projector
- 14 easily washable bath mats for staff quarters
- Air hockey table
- Pool table
- Taxidermy animals

### ITEMS RECEIVED:

- 10' metal brake for bending trim (new)
- Some sports items
- Archery targets (new)
- Archery bows and arrows (new)
- Nurse's office supplies
- 1480 pounds of rice
- Duck, 3 Fish and Antelope animal mounts

## MVBC FULL TIME STAFF

**Jonathan & Annemieke Stassel - Administrator**

**Fritz & Lottie Geiger - Operations/Bookkeeping**

**Paul Scanzillo - Operations**

**Jim and Agnes Schulte - Food Service**



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# The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Fall 2009



## Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

*Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:13-14 NKJV*

As the end of 2009 approaches, it is always good to look back, review and count the many blessings God has granted this ministry. One of the blessings of the year was seeing many campers attend the camp sessions offered, with a number of them professing salvation and a number more of rededications. Another was seeing the many quality volunteers, who came to serve the campers as counselors, sports directors, medical personnel, food service workers and support staff. Each one is vital to the program and I believe God will bless all who served. Another blessing was to see how the Lord provided donations of both goods and financial means. With the economy being so unstable and individuals trying to make ends meet, we were thankful to be able to assist every camper that requested assistance this year. We further received gifts of sports equipment, food, etc. . .

This past summer, we also tried a new venture of promoting a camp theme. "Firm Foundations" proved to be a won-



derful basis to share the love of Jesus. Second Timothy 2:19 reminds us that; "the solid foundation of God stands . . ." The only foundation we have to firmly place our trust is Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, the theme chosen was Firm Foundations. Why foundations plural? Each of us must make choices in this life. Some of the choices we make move us from a safe firm path to a very shaky one. This does not affect our salvation, knowing that once we are saved and in the hands of God, we are forever safe there. Some of the paths we choose to follow however are not what God would have us to do. We all need to be careful of the friends we choose to hang around with, the places we choose to go, the words we choose to use, the information we choose to let into our minds. Our relationships, career, life mate, life goals, etc. . . all need to be based on Godly principles and Biblical standards. How firm are your foundations?

As we prepare to leave 2009 behind, we begin looking ahead. We need to reach forward to those things which are ahead, and continue to press toward the goal. Mountain View's goal continues to be to share the love of Jesus and the gift of eternal life, which He offers to all who will believe, and to disciple all that pass through the doors of this ministry. We are also looking ahead to present the 2010 theme of "Consider the Heavens"! Psalm 8:3-4a (NKJV) shares; "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him. . .

Please join us in giving thanks for the past blessings and pray with us for the Lord's direction and help in pointing individuals to look toward the heavens. Jesus is coming! Could it be today?

*Jonathan Stassel*  
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR

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### Prayer & Praise

#### Prayer

- For increased attendance at each camp session
- For willing workers and directors for each camp session, especially for Family camps
- For health and safety for the full time workers
- For the 2010 camp theme: Consider the Heavens
- For direction as future construction projects are considered:
  - A. Replace 6 old cabins with 3 new duplex cabins - Duplex plan currently being designed
  - B. Pavilion / Bathhouse near pool

#### Praise:

- For contributions sent to cover Camper Assistance / Scholarship fund
- For contributions sent to the yearly shortfall of the General fund
- For the good health of those who serve at camp full time
- For keeping the Swine Flu and other illnesses away from camp
- For all who willingly came 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

As many of you know, Mountain View was established in 1968. Now entering our 42nd year of ministry, we see the need to upgrade various facilities. Over the past few months, a number of larger projects have been undertaken and completed. The Activity Center had a few roof leaks which are now fixed with the replacement of the entire roof. A second roof project was to replace the shingles on the pool pump house with a third roof project being the roof on one of the camp homes. All three of these projects have been completed. The camp road was getting very rough and has been graded and rolled. Very recently, the bathhouse located in the Pines cabin area has received a face lift. Paul Scanzillo has worked diligently to install all new windows, vinyl siding, trim and gutter. For us here at camp it is a really noticeable improvement.

What's next on the list of things to do? As time and funds allow, camp will continue to target various buildings, desiring to make them as energy efficient and maintenance free as possible. We have heard that our electricity rates will be rising nearly 30% sometime next year with the deregulation of Pennsylvania Power and Light. This concerns us as we desire to keep the cost of camp as low as possible.

Camp has been working on a back up generator and transfer switch system as well. We have been in contact with the local power company to obtain their recommendations. This information has been slow in coming, but a back up system seems to be a growing need for camp since we have experienced a number of power outages which have recently affected some programs. A system like this would help provide water, sewer, food service, heating/cooling, etc. . . , which can be vital should there be a lengthy power disruption.

In the fall of 2007, MVBC had a pond dug on the south



west corner of the property. We have been monitoring the pond as to its ability to hold water which would allow camp to develop additional program options. Thus far, the porousness of the soils has hindered the pond from sealing sufficiently to introduce fish. Currently, the pond is drained and drying out so a local contractor can line the pond with clay which should help seal it. We trust this work will be complete in the next few weeks and have the desired effect we are seeking.

Further, camp is working on a new duplex design. The six older cabins need to be replaced. The plan is to remove two cabins at a time and replace them with one new duplex cabin. These new cabins would include a bathroom in each room, making them more useful for camp sessions of every age. This project would require additional power, water and sewer infrastructure and a number of building permits.

Please pray with us for the Lord's clear direction and provision for each of these projects.

## COMING SOON

## WINTER ESCAPE

Ages 13-19  
December 26-30

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:36 Come join us as we study the Liberty, the Truth, the Submission and Humility we have as believers. Get this information in the relaxed, fun atmosphere that Winter Escape always provides. (Also, don't forget about skiing and tubing and music and skits and games and food...) Register early to reserve your slot. See you on the mountain!

Cost: \$167 (+ Skiing \$28 - \$60 or Tubing \$20 - \$35)

Bus Fee \$20 extra

Registration Deadline: Dec. 12

# Showers of Blessings

## REPORT ON INTERMEDIATE CAMP 2009

Forty six campers attended Intermediate Camp this year; 17 boys and 29 girls. The subject that we covered was entitled "Lessons from the Youth." The lectures were given by brother Stephen Campbell who covered 5 individuals from the Scriptures highlighting some aspect of their lives for us to follow. These characters with the specific lessons were:

David...lesson of faith (1 Samuel 17)

Josiah...lesson of obedience (2 Chronicles 34:1-21)

Daniel...lesson of endurance (Daniel 1: 1-21)

Mary...lesson of purity (Luke 1:26-56)



The Lord Jesus...lesson of purpose (Luke 2: 41-52)

Immediately after dinner we had an evening program. During three of the nights we had discussions on the following topics: my friends, music, and why should I listen to my parents? On another night we watched a DVD by Louie Giglio entitled "How great is our God".

The Gospel was preached each night and one camper professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ while another was counseled regarding the assurance of her salvation.



Sam Headley, Director

## MVBC REPORT FROM SUMMER CAMPS 2009

As momentum built up for a busy summer of camps, a number of questions surfaced regarding attendance and economic needs of campers and staff. This past spring, camp had received a larger number of requests for assistance. Not knowing what the future would hold, Mountain View had chosen a summer slogan: "In an uncertain world, IS YOUR FOUNDATION SECURE? Don't be shaken. Come and explore... FIRM FOUNDATIONS".

We are thankful to report that even in this uncertain world, the Lord saw fit to send many campers and staff to Mountain View. Throughout the year we saw attendance run close to that of last year. Individuals attended literally from all around the world. Many hearts left camp different than when they arrived.



There are a number of reasons to give thanks:

- Twenty to twenty five campers made a first time profession of faith
- A number of individuals recommitted their life to the Lord
- Each camp session was well staffed and had a good attendance
- Missions-In-Focus attendance was around 100 full time and 50 part time
- The Lord protected us from the Swine Flu and gave good general health
- The Lord continues to be our Firm Foundation
- May the Lord help each of us to remain unshaken, steadfast and encouraged to press on until He returns.



On behalf of MVBC,  
Jonathan Stassel, Administrator



## 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.*

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