



Camp Bethel

Staying The Course

Thirty years ago after a busy summer serving as a counselor, I knew this was to be my last summer working here as summer staff. I went down to the Chapel, knelt down and asked the Lord, if it would be His will, please bring me back as fulltime staff sometime in the future.

After 18 years in commercial Aviation and 11 years in fulltime ministry, God answered my 29 year old prayer. I have now been here a year and still can't believe I am really here!

But this isn't about how God brought me here, no it's really about those who have gone before me. My heart is so warmed by the stories of those who have served here over the years and how God has used each and

everyone of them for His appointed time no matter how long or short their time here was, or what circumstances seemed to take them away from the place that we've all come to love. A place called, Camp Bethel.

God has used each and everyone of those who have gone before me in a very special way for an appointed time to bring the camp to where it is today.

I am also blessed to see many of the same churches that were supporting the camp 29 years ago still doing so after so many years, and to see new churches excited about supporting the ministry here, as well.

It's a joy to see people who were campers when I was a counselor, bringing their kids to camp

and still seeing the love for this place in their eyes as they talk about their memories of camp.

So what causes churches and individuals to stay so involved and supportive of this camp over so many years?

I believe it's because of God's grace that we've stayed the course. Yes, the way we do things has changed over the years to meet the needs of the next generation, but the message that God desires a personal relationship with you and the importance of having an active relationship with Him, has never changed! We've stayed the course!

Tim Huff
Executive Director



What Happened In 2013

Great year with lots of rentals and high attendance for our summer camps. We had 598 youth attend summer camps this year! We missed our goal of 600, but it was really close. Next year, we're going to break through the 600 mark with every ones help!

Because the Chapel is so hard to heat in the middle of winter, most groups use the Dining Hall for their worship times. Therefore, we're in the middle of installing a very nice sound and video system in the Dining Hall for groups to use.

We're also enhancing the sound and video system in the Chapel and adding stage lighting. This is all being donated and installed by an area church.

Some Major Improvements:

2003 2500 Diesel Dodge Truck	Purchased
2006 2500HD Chevy Truck	Donated
2005 Kawasaki Mule	Donated
Chapel Re-wired	Volunteers
Chapel—Outside Painted	Volunteers
Cabins—Outside Oiled	Volunteers
Caretakers—New Carpet	Volunteers

Special points of interest:

- *Tremain family moved to the Omaha area (Will be missed by all)*
- *Tim Huff hired as the new Executive Director*
- *Jon Allen hired as the new Associate Director to work along side of the Executive Director*

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Up coming events:

⇒ *Winterama—December 28-30 (3-6 grade) and Dec 30—Jan 1 (7-12 grade). You can find the registration form online.*

⇒ *Dads and Lads—Jan 31—Feb 2*

⇒ *Work Day—May 10*

⇒ *Summer Camp:*

Pre-Teen (5-6 grade) Jun 2-7

Young Teen (6-7 grade) Jun 9-14

Jr. High (7-8 grade) Jun 16-21

Mid High (8-9 grade) Jun 23-28

Sr. High 1 (9-11 grade) July 7-12

Sr. High 2 (10-12 grade) July 14-19

Jr. Boys (3-5 grade) July 22– 26

Jr. Girls (3-5 grade) July 29—Aug 2

Note: The grades listed are the grades your child is going into

⇒ *Family Camp—Aug 30—Sept 1*

What's in the future

I shared with the Board my vision for enhancing our ministry capabilities at our last annual Board meeting and there was excitement among them about the future.

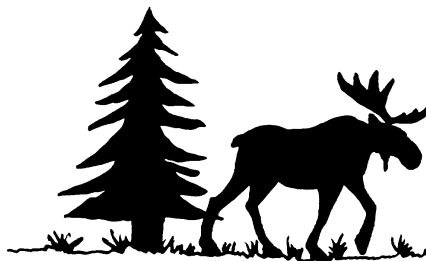
We currently have a facility built to minister to youth, and we do this very well. I am not looking to change what we do, but to equip us to have a more diversified facility. A facility that could be used for youth ministry as well as different types of adult ministries.

Our current facility is designed for youth ministry, but not conducive for intimate family or couple ministry. I believe Camp Bethel could and would be used more if we equip our facilities to be more adult friendly.

What does that entail? First, we need to renovate Pine Lodge. This includes foundation work, re-wiring to bring it up to code and re-modeling the inside so that there are six individual rooms. By putting in rooms, this would enhance our current youth ministry as well as equip this building for adult and

family ministries.

Next, we need to build small individual cabins. These cabins would have a Queen bed, a loft that would sleep at least 4 children, a small table with a couple of chairs and a small porch out front. Unfortunately, due to our environment, they would not have any running water in them. But, we are exploring the



possibility of a chemical toilet in each of the cabins. Time will tell if they will have some type of a bathrooms or not.

As you can see, we are excited about what God has done in the past and what God is going to do in the future.

With your continued support, Camp Bethel will continue to be a place where God speaks to the hearts of young men and women and Lord willing, a place soon to be equipped to speak to couples, families and seniors citizens for years to come.

We will be getting out more information on how you can be a part of the re-modeling of Pine Lodge and building of the new small intimate cabins in the next newsletter this coming spring.

Finally, we have completed two of the three phases in Project Power and hope to complete the final phase of upgrading our electrical power this spring, if the weather allows us to.

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