

*"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord."**II Corinthians 4:5a*

BIBLE CAMP

SPONSOR A CAMPER

At a campfire last year, one young camper shared, "Just a couple days ago I didn't know Jesus, but now I do." That camper was enabled to attend a week of camp because of a sponsor. Someone just like you offered to cover the cost of their week. Since River of Life Bible Camp began in 1975, the board has purposed that no camper will be refused an opportunity to attend camp due to lack of finances. This means the camp is dependent on the support of local churches and individuals to assist the camp with their operating expenses. You can provide a child with a week at camp for \$100.00. A camper sponsorship fund has been established in memory of former maintenance director, Dick Kroeger. Are you able to help?

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WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

His rhythmic screams indicated his upset with his abrupt introduction to the world. If he could have spoken, he might have said, "I was comfortable, why didn't you leave me alone?" He was unsettled, but the people within earshot responded with joy when "hearing" my son's cries for the first time. Now, fast-forward just a few months and that same little boy's cry announced a hungry stomach in the middle of the night and this time those within earshot, a couple of tired parents wished they weren't. How could the same sound from the same little boy illicit such a different response?

In Psalm 89, a 'joyful sound' is referenced in the midst of the psalmist's praise to God for His special promise to the Israelites.

"Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound!"
Psalm 89:15a

What is that sound? Most commentators agree that the sound is a trumpet signaling victory or possibly the beginning of a feast. Notice that happiness comes not just to those that *hear* it, but to those that *know* it or are well-acquainted with the sound and its meaning. Blessed or glad are those that know the sound of the people and praise of Jehovah.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO FAMILY DAY
August 15, 2010
1:00 PM

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BANG, BANG!

There was a time when the sound of construction could be described as the "bang" of a hammer hitting a nail, but today it sounds



more like the hum of an air compressor and the sound of a nail leaving the end of a nail gun. On Memorial Day weekend 2010, a small

crew of volunteers will be at River of Life Bible Camp to construct a new sports equipment storage shed. The shed will be 12' x 16' and will house the archery targets, soccer balls, softball bats and various other sports supplies. The gravel has been donated and spread on the site where the dilapidated trailer that



Future site of staff dormitory

previously housed the sports equipment sat. The building materials have been purchased and the cost of building materials is estimated at around \$1,500.

Thank you to those who have

given both time, money and material to help with the expense of this project.

In the last newsletter, proposed plans for a new staff dorm building were presented to

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At River of Life Bible Camp the sound of the life of God's people is not made with a trumpet but rather instruments like rakes and trucks being used by volunteers to ready the campground for another season. Hear all the voices in a full dining hall of volunteers sharing

their lives with little hearts that don't *know* the joyful sound. Listen to the hush during Bible class as the teacher shares the joyful sound of the Gospel. Many children may have heard the sounds of God's people but never personally experienced His joy because they do not personally know Him as their Savior. Please pray that many children will leave camp with a true knowledge of the joy of walking with Christ, in the light of His countenance.

**Please take notice of our
 2010 scheduling
 changes!**

Summer 2010

Teen Camp	July 12-16
Junior Camp	July 19-23
Junior Camp	July 26-30
Junior Camp	Aug 2-6
Day Camp	Aug 9-13
Teen Retreat	Aug 20-22

**Check out the newly
 painted Dining Hall and
 our swimming pool
 renovations!**



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you, our supporters. There has been an overwhelming show of support for this project. To date, the gravel pad for the new location has been expanded. Just recently, the board has begun working toward permitting and design for a new septic system which is estimated at around \$3,000.00. The estimate for concrete and building materials is \$28,000.00. Our treasurer reported that as of April 2010, \$16,584.26 have been given designated for this project. We are hopeful to begin construction in 2011.

Crackle, Crackle!

Each week campers and staff gather on the bank of the river for a campfire. During the evening, we share in song and campers are asked to share how God has spoken to them.

Recently while corresponding with a career missionary, this is what she had to say about one campfire at River of Life Bible Camp:

"I remember a campfire night when we were challenged about what the Lord wanted for our lives and it was one of the first times I knew that the Lord was speaking to me about missions. I don't remember the details like who was speaking or what Scripture was used, I just know that the conditions were right (a quiet, very starry evening, a passionate

servant of the Lord assuring me that nowhere in the world would be as safe as in God's will, my heart wide open) and I knew His [God's] hand on my shoulder . . . My time there was extremely critical to my young walk with the Lord."

PRAY FOR:

1. Campers to trust Christ as Savior
2. A godly staff for five weeks of camp
3. God to provide needed finances
4. Safety of the children and staff
5. Construction of the staff dormitory