# FALL NEWSLETTER, 2016

### UPCOMING

What's happening at your camp?

- Oct 7-8 Women at the Well Adult Women Rest, Refresh, Retool!
- Oct 14-16 Fall Frenzy! Grades 4-6 ~ "The Great Escape!"
- Jan 6-8 Winter Whiteout! Grades 7-12
- Jan 20-21 Princess Warriors Mothers & Daughters
- Jan 27-28 Men's Advance Because Men Don't Retreat!
- Feb 17-19 Freezer-Burn! College and Career Retreat
- Feb 24-26 Scrap-booking Retreat For All Creative Women!
- April 29 Spring Work Day Come give us a hand!
- May 20 Annual Auction Funds Camper Financial Aid

June 12 Youth Camps Begin Details at www.miraclebible.com

# **Guest Groups!**

MBC welcomes church-based groups to come meet God in His "back yard!" We offer comfy year-round accommodations for up to 64, even more in the warmer seasons. Cost is just \$45/person/night for two or more nights (and that includes 3 meals per day). Can it get any better than that? Call Doug, Dan or Pat for more information!

Did you know you can make financial donations to camp through our web site? See www.miraclebible.com for more information!

## NEWS

**Summer 2016** has come and gone, and it was a good one! Our staff was unusually unified, and worked/played together exceptionally well. Pictures from all the weeks of camp are posted on Facebook. Here are some stats:

- 354 Youth Campers
- 88 First Time Campers
- 66 Largest Camp (Elementary 2)
- 78 Sending Churches

Our **mission offering** of \$1,225 this summer was raised for Robin's Nest, a children's home in Jamaica. Good friends of the camp have become the new directors of the work. For more information on this ministry check out www.robinsnestchildrenshome.org!

Help Make a Miracle, our third annual fund raising banquet, will be held Oct.
23. This invitation-only event offers the opportunity to invest in MBC's Master Plan of capital improvements. Space is limited to 100, so call Doug if you want to be sure you are invited!

**Matching Funds** of \$20,000 for construction have been made available to us! A generous donor is challenging us to match his \$20,000 between now and December 31. Double your donation by giving now!

A major windstorm struck the camp early morning of July 21. Many trees were downed, and roof on the Dining Hall and Pine Point Chapel were damaged, but no one was hurt and we were able to continue nearly uninterrupted with the program. The kids (1st-3rd graders) even though it was kind of fun! We are still cleaning up fallen trees, pulling stumps, and repairing damage. If you wish to help out, give Doug a call.



#### **WISH LIST**

- Stacking washer/dryer
- Trail Camera(s)
- Up North Furniture
- Gas Fireplace(s)
- Large LCD Flat Panel TV
- Skid-steer or Bobcat
- Old DNR fire tower!!!
- Golf Cart
- ATV or side by side
- Auction Items (cars and trucks, boats and motors, motorcycles, campers, tools, guns and outdoor gear, quality furniture, power equipment, etc.)
- 26' Big Voyager canoe
- Funds to plant 8' pine trees

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Bike Mechanic
- Naturalists / Guides
- Arts & Crafts , Wood Working Guides
- Landscaping Work
- Carpenters (rough and finish)
- Block Layers
- Trail Builders

We have our first intern this year! **Andy Johnson**, a counselor at MBC four of the last five seasons, will spend the next year with us, learning what camp ministry is all about during the "off-season." Keep Andy in your prayers as he explores this work!

#### **FACILITIES UPDATE**

The new **Camping Cabins** are ready for inside work. Sheet rock is up in one.

**New Cedar** is done and ready for guests; to God be the Glory! This lodge increases accessibility and camper safety, while providing a great environment to relax!

**New Birch**, another year-round, accessible lodge, is officially under way. Old Birch has been "retired," ground has been prepared, and footings are down! It will be similar to **New Cedar**, with an upper guest room and a great view of the lake.

**Other:** We are in need of a volunteer block layer to build three nice outhouses. Tanks are already in the ground. Are you that volunteer?

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