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Greeting Friends,

Summer is rapidly coming to a close. College students are heading to campus, school kids are getting ready to reconnect with friends, and home-school families are off on their last minute field trips. We had a great summer at Miracle Bible Camp and are praying the lessons learned will continue with these kids wherever they go.



"I just can't thank you enough for the wonderful time I had...I'm going home feeling richly blessed!"

Note from an Adult Retreat Camper

With adjustments made to accommodate COVID concerns, we enjoyed a very good, productive season of ministry. Our new dining patio made it possible for campers to eat most meals outside; they enjoyed it so much that we will probably continue to eat outside more often in upcoming seasons. We also erected a huge screen tent and set it up with a stage, PA and monitor screen so we could hold chapels outside, regardless of weather (it also worked for *Dodgeball!*). Most of our activities were conducted in cabin group "cohorts," helping settle concerns about mixing campers. A great summer staff, 25 Teen Volunteers, several trips to the donut shop, some fun new games and an excellent team of speakers all worked together to deliver a fun and meaningful summer youth camp season to nearly 350 kids.

Fall is here and your camp staff is busy getting buildings and grounds ready for the winter ahead. Here is an update on what's been happening at MBC!

- The **Dining Hall** will receive a shade structure on the lake side and some new picnic tables, along with a barbecue area.
- **Crushed granite paths** and other landscaping improvements have been made by your energetic summer staff, and a bike trail has been blazed through our unimproved property crossing the peninsula.
- Several accomplishments that are harder to notice include 860 feet of vertical boring of the main septic line, the completion of the beach outhouse, and installing new heaters in Aspen.

MBC has enjoyed the return to a full summer youth camp schedule and church family camps.

Opportunities: Balsam is the focus of our October 17 fundraising banquet and, based on donations, will receive some much-needed upgrades. Furnaces will be installed along with air conditioning and UV air purification systems. New windows, insulation and interior improvements will make the cabins more attractive and functional for family and youth campers alike. Lead gifts of **\$17K** have recently been given toward our goal of **\$35K**. Please prayerfully consider donating and contact Doug if you would like to attend our fundraising banquet.

Thank you for your prayerful, faithful giving. We pray that God will prosper you in every way as you in turn continue to seek first the Kingdom of God and shine for Jesus (Matthew 5:16)!

To God be the Glory!

Doug Payne, Director
Dan, Pat and John

Contact Doug for information on Strategic Giving, such as EFT (Electronic Fund Transfers), donations of appreciated stock or real estate, qualified charitable donations as part of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), or estate planning.

We praise God for good health, for safety, for a good number of campers, for a great summer staff, and for effective speakers!

