

Greetings from your friends at Miracle Bible Camp!

Hard as it may be to believe, spring is coming! Snow will soon melt, the bay will open up, and the grass will start to turn green. Spring is a time of growth, development, the emergence of new life. At MBC spring is a time of preparation for the summer, including finishing construction projects, hiring staff, creating learning activities, and promoting attendance. Please keep us in your prayers as we move into this active time.

Our 2023 theme is **“GROW: Root, Shoot and Fruit!”** We want to help kids grow in their relationships with Jesus, their families and their friends. We will encourage them to:

Go to God in prayer

Read God’s Word daily

Obey moment by moment

Witness to others about Jesus

We will encourage them to set their roots deep, to abide in Christ, and to be fruitful in his service. Registration is open for all weeks of camp, and registrations are coming in daily. Some weeks could fill up early, so register now to ensure your kids can experience a great week of fun and “growth-ful” activity!



Opportunities: 30 years ago God led Merilee and me back to our childhood camp... and now we are looking for the next camp director. I am reminded of a parenting quote, “Days go slow and the years go fast.” People of all ages, but especially kids, still spell “Love” T-I-M-E! MBC is that special piece of God’s creation where we get to invest TIME into people with tons of shared fun, laughter, tears, hopes, dreams and, most of all, our Savior Jesus Christ. MBC is a lifestyle that has given me a front row seat at seeing God provide and guide (Prov. 3:5-6). I still love camp and still believe MBC is an unmatched opportunity to impact lives for eternity. MBC is growing; in buildings yes, but especially in the number of guests of all ages, our year-round impact has been expanding.



So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6,7 NIV



Our camp board and I are looking to the future as we seek the next director. Share this ministry opportunity from our website with anyone that you think should know: [miraclebible.com/about-us/ Job Opportunity](http://miraclebible.com/about-us/Job%20Opportunity). I will continue in ministry as God guides and will always encourage investing time and resources into MBC’s ministry. We have lots to do in this next year! Pray with us through this next year for wisdom in this transition. I wish I could visit personally with every camper, staff, volunteer, prayer partner, donor...everyone involved in making this “...a meeting place with our creator God!”

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- New 50 HP 4-Stroke Pontoon Motor
- Skid-steer or Bobcat
- Aqua Lily Floating Mat
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- Scaffolding
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- Campers, Sporting Goods
- Guns and Related Items
- Tools, Tractors and Power Equipment
- Utility Trailers
- Boats, Motors, and Trailers
- Furniture, Collectables, Household Goods, and Antiques (no mattresses or clothes please)
- Up-to-date, working electronics

Call for more information!

MBC is more than summer camp! Summer youth camp is the heart of the ministry, but opportunities to encourage the whole family happen all year. 2023 is off to a great start with 10 of 13 weekends hosting retreats so far. This year was the biggest Men's advance ever with nearly 120 guys! We actually rented cabins at the neighboring resort for additional housing. In between weekend retreats, outdoor construction was started on an additional camp house, a doubling of Pine Point Chapel and two needed storage buildings...but we were rudely interrupted by an early winter 😊. The inside remodel of the Aspen showers in December looks great, and now we are back working on Pine Point Chapel in the campground. Please join the team this spring! **Work Day** is April 29; join us for fun and fellowship, building and preparing MBC for even greater impact. Call, email or check the website for what we are doing and how you can help (perhaps you or your group can have your own work day!).

Summer 2023: In under 100 days, MBC will start our 54th summer of youth camp – Yippee! Register now on-line for **early bird discount** and **free t-shirt**. After record attendance last summer, registration is even faster this year so do it now. YES, financial assistance is available – just



simply ask! We want all to attend regardless of finances. Returning staff, favorite speakers, old friends and new, big campfires, crazy fun...this is an opportunity for God to impact lives for eternity. Just to see if anyone reads this: the first three teens to email (with parents' permission) me (Doug) at camp (mbcamp@uslink.net) will get a pizza delivered to your youth group (or if you don't want to share, you can win a camp sweatshirt 😊)!

Annual Spring Fun-D-Raising Auction is May 20th. Donate your treasures (large and small) soon so we can get them in the auction bill. Auction proceeds cover the costs of kids coming to MBC for reduced or no fee. We have sold cars, trucks, boats, guns, tractors, tools, motorcycles – even a couple camping

cabins (!), but have yet to sell an airplane or a house – maybe this year? If it has value, we love to help you turn it into kingdom work...contact a board member – or MBC.

Everyone is invited to the MBC annual meeting March 26th at 4pm! This year it is being held right at **MBC**. Come to meet new board members, catch the vision, see progress, enjoy the food & fellowship...and leave encouraged by seeing what God has done – **and what lies yet ahead!**

Blessings!

Doug Payne, Director

Contact Doug for information on Strategic Giving:

- EFT (Electronic Fund Transfers)
- Donations of appreciated stock or real estate – contact us *before* you sell
- Qualified charitable donations as all or part of your annual IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
- Estate planning – name MBC as a beneficiary to continue your impact after you're gone!