

September, 2022



Greeting Friends!

Another summer has drawn to a close and life is moving back into the familiar patterns of work, school, and family activities. It is our prayer that this past season has been a time of refreshing, growth, and reconnection with family and friends. If Miracle Bible Camp has been a part of that for you, we are thankful for having had the opportunity to be part of your family's life!

We had a fun and meaningful summer youth camp season, with over 400 campers and Teen Volunteers taking part, our largest attendance ever. While summer youth camps are not all we do at MBC, they are at the heart of our purpose and efforts. More than 50 campers reported decisions to follow Jesus this summer, with many, many more making other important decisions of recommitment to Christ and his service. Our High School "Base Camp" was particularly gratifying as 89 students were excited to be here and many made commitments that likely will affect the rest of their lives.

The rest of the summer and fall have been full with numerous church family camps and our own "Families of Faith" family camp! We actually see more campers total during these events than we do in our youth camps. Your MBC staff plays host to a retreat group nearly every weekend nine months of the year; November, December and April allow us time to remodel, reorganize, retool, and refresh ourselves!



"The ladies from our church have been holding our retreat at Miracle for a few years now, and it feels like we've always been here!"

Note from an Adult Retreat Camper



Our fall "Help Make a Miracle" fundraising banquet is coming up Sunday, October 23, and you are invited! This event is specifically set up to encourage giving to our construction funds as we improve or add to our facilities. Perhaps you would like to be a table host, encouraging friends and family to attend with you; contact Doug for information on hosting a group of ten. If you are not invited by a table host, just contact us to let us know you wish to attend. We love to share the vision and encourage others to join us! And speaking of construction... **(Flip this page ;)**

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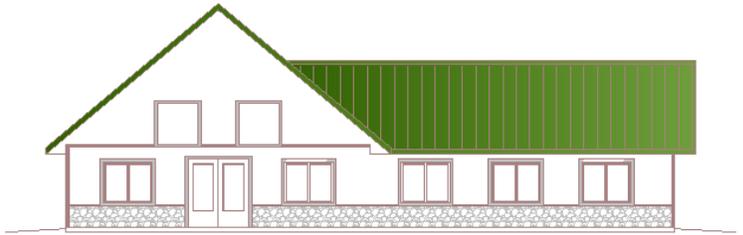
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New and Improved Facilities increase accessibility, enhance safety, comfort and attractiveness, and open doors to more campers of all ages! Several projects will roll off this year, including a bike barn and improved storage. Two major projects will be the focus of our fall fund-raising efforts. Contact Doug if you want to join the volunteer team that helps stretch our donated construction funds even farther:

Pine Point Chapel

An addition is planned that will double the floor space and seating capacity, making Pine Point Chapel a better place for worship and instruction for our growing summer camp program. The big tent was fun but we are ready for real walls and a roof ☺!



Additional Camp House

Year-round ministry requires full time staff. As we prepare for MBC's future growth, we seek to provide housing for another future staff family on-site. We will build on the back of our property so that it is both close and yet separate. We are seeking to start this project this fall.

We Praise God that MBC is **debt free**; new construction is funded by designated construction donations!

Other Opportunities: Balsam received a lot of attention last winter; drop by for a tour to see the results of faithful giving. Donations of such items as vehicles, tractors, equipment, campers, boats, and so on are always appreciated, whether for use at camp or for sale in our spring auction. There are many other ways of giving creatively that may have significant tax implications; contact Doug for information before moving forward with these kinds of gifts.

Thank you for your prayerful, faithful giving. We serve a God who is able to do "...immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine!" (Ephesians 3:20).



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.

Cut Here and return with your tax-deductible gift today! *Thanks!*

Enclosed is a: Monthly One-time donation to support MBC ministry.

Amount: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 Other: \$ _____

Designate my gift for: Construction Camper Financial Aid Staff Support for: _____

Contact me to set up monthly automatic transfer of funds from my account.

Contact me regarding: Stock Gifts Planned Gifts Property Donations Other

I am committed to praying for Miracle Bible Camp! You may pray for me about: _____
