

Did you hear it? That loud sigh? That was the staff at the end of another blessed summer. It was a sigh of exhaustion...long days and short nights add up over the course of the summer. Even for the young among us, camp stretches us physically. It was a sigh of disappointment...that camp for another summer had ended. For though, we may be tired, it is energizing to serve alongside other committed believers in the path of God's activity. It was a sigh of contentment...from the knowledge that you are where God wants you and you have done what He called you to do. It was a sigh of anticipation...because in just 10 short months, we get to do this all over again with a new staff and a new group of campers!

As we look back on this summer's camps one last time, we have to give glory to God for His faithfulness displayed through this ministry. Paul's words to the Philippians in chapter 3, verse 13-14 were the inspiration for our theme of "Focus". *"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* For nine weeks we taught, worshipped, played, and witnessed with 1599 campers and counselors, challenging them to adopt Paul's goals as their own. When the last camper left, we had witnessed 213 trust Christ for their salvation, while countless others had made commitments and many surrendered to God's call to ministry/missions. What a privi-

lege we enjoy, to see the power of God on display like we do.

Though summer has ended, our work has not. The fall is shaping up to be a busy one as we host church groups for their own retreats. Some churches have indicated a desire to revive our midwinter retreat for youth and we are waiting on the Lord to see what He wants. There are many projects that need to be done... chapel & facilities manager's home need to finish the vinyl siding, septic systems need to be evaluated and repaired, normal maintenance on cabins as a result of the summer season needs to be done.

Summer Camp

Attendance

1599

Salvations

213

And as I have already alluded, we are busy at work for summer camp in 2015. It is our desire to do a special camp in June that would provide a free camp experience for children of the coal mining communities in Kentucky. There are many details to be worked out and obstacles to

overcome but if God is in it, nothing can prevent it from happening. Would you pray with us that if this is God's plan, He will put it together with needed finances and manpower?

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can find our theme and schedule for next year. We sincerely hope and pray that we'll see a group from your church at our camp next summer. We would love to partner with your church to change the lives of the young people of your community and church. Would you prayerfully consider leading your church to love children and youth enough to make summer camp possible for them?

INSIDE OUT

Summer Camp 2015

June 15-19 Children's Camp
June 22-26 Children's Camp
June 28—July 2 Children's Camp
July 5-10 Youth Mission Camp
July 13-17 Youth Camp
July 20-24 Children's Camp
July 27-31 Children's Camp
August 3-7 Children's Camp
August 9-12 Girls and Boys Camp

This summer we are praying for the Lord to help us do as Romans 12:2 instructs, to turn our lives *"Inside Out!"*

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. - Romans 12:2, NIV

Early registration will open for churches who attended 2014 summer camps Mon., December 1. Registration will open to everyone Thurs., January 1. Call or e-mail Mary (828-437-8788 or mary@southmountainbaptistcamp.com) to register. Remember, a not refundable deposit of \$35 per person confirms your reservation and gets you in line for a housing assignment.

NEW! Youth Camp

We are excited to announce we will offer a second week of camp for teens this summer! Youth Camp will feature engaging Bible Study, exciting recreation, a great band, challenging chapel sessions, and extra afternoon and late night activities. Space will be limited to 200 participants, so register early!

Youth Mission Camp Report

Each year we have a youth mission camp. Teens continue growing the Lord, and also have the opportunity to put their faith into action. This year they were able to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the following ways:

20 Nonprofits served

3 Senior adults served

- Cleaned yard and built ramp
- Rebuilt larger porch and added ramp
- Cleaned house, painted carport, sealed porches

101 hygiene packs for SMBA Family Fun Day

Materials made for Romanian American Mission

- 63 Thank you cards for missionaries
- 143 Bookmarks with John 3:16 in Romanian
- 103 fleece and 15 knitted toboggans

Onsite Projects

- Trail rebuilt
- Built carpetball table and archery shed
- Painted 3 building foundations

For a total of 2,532 volunteer hours!

The youth also spent an evening activity at "Focus on the Children." This is what happened there:

- 14 Compassion children sponsored
- 90 bookmarks for OCC shoeboxes
- 97 puzzles for OCC shoeboxes
- 60 lacing cards for preschoolers served through iamJ3 (Foster parent ministry)
- 48 prayer notes and bracelets made for orphans at Robin's Nest in Jamaica

**Get
Involved**

We are already planning for next summer's mission camp, and are in need of the following donations: jean material (used jeans will work), cotton material, fleece material, medium to heavy weight yarn, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, 6 inch combs, bar soap, and get well cards.

A Lasting Legacy...

- Mischia Tinnin

One of my best memories of summer 2014 was with Addison Heavner. I walked down the hall as Krista and Addison were walking toward me, both with tears streaming down their sweet faces. Krista, Addison's mom, could hardly talk. I only remember her saying to other girls in her group, "These are happy tears!" I squatted down to talk to Addison face to face and asked, "Why did you come downstairs?" She said, with tears streaming down her face, "I knew all week I needed to do this, to ask Jesus in my heart..." The rest of her answers were just as clear. I hugged her and she hugged me back hard.

Al and I talked later that night, what a lasting legacy her great granddaddy and great grandmother, who were Preacher and Mrs. Lineberger, had left for Addison. The camp they poured their lifeblood into, became the instrument for Jesus to use in Addison's life years later. We pray for ourselves and for you, as you read this story, that the Holy Spirit will stir in you a call to an eternal ministry. A ministry that you can pour your talent, energy, time, and health into so your future generations hear Jesus and respond to His gospel, just as Addison did this summer.



Women's Wellness Retreat

Jan. 23-25, 2015

Led by Krista Heavner

Focus on women and how to keep ourselves healthy so we can live more fully for the Lord!

Open to all women, for more information contact Mary at camp.

Annual Prayer Walk

June 14, 2015 at 3:00 pm

Come cover the mountain in prayer the day before our summer campers arrive. We will finish about 4:00 pm with a prayer over our summer staff.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Camp Workdays

April 18 and May 16

Plan with us in advance or get a project in the dining hall from 8:00-9:00 am. We will finish with a lunch to celebrate the day's progress around 12:30 pm.

Bring your tools and your friends!

If you are interested in helping out another day or for a longer stay, contact Caleb to plan! We would love to have a group for spring break, or another time that is convenient for you!

The Lord's Provision...

- Caleb Siniard

In the seven years that we have been at SMBC, this summer was the most challenging yet. Our summer camp theme was Focus, and Satan did his best to distract us. A well pump, septic tanks, A/C compressors, and other things gave trouble. Every week there was something else to fix. However, the Lord provided. Things that would normally take days to repair took hours. Necessary parts that are usually on backorder were available. Companies with busy schedules dropped everything to come to our aid. Money needed for repairs came from unlikely sources. The list goes on and on.

As difficult and costly as this summer was, it was well worth it in a big way. Amid the distractions and confusion, God was at work in the lives of 213 campers. That's right, 213 campers surrendered their lives to the Lord this summer! Thank you God for your Son, the ultimate provision for our greatest need.



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Camp is not just for the kids! We are available to host and/or help you with your church's retreat needs from September to May. Find details on the camp website, or call to customize your time away! 2014 summer campers get a 10% lodging discount.

Project Needs

Ceramic tile in dining hall bathroom
Complete metal work on Chapel
Replace fascia board/install gutters on Hope Haven
Drain field repairs

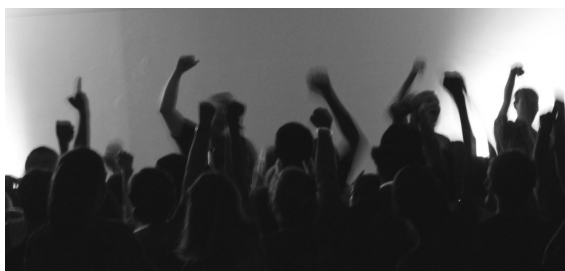
These lists are a preview, for more information see the website or call. Thank you!

Material Needs

Metal roofing
Grass seed & fertilizer
Drill Press
Upright air compressor

Midwinter Youth Retreat

Some of you have expressed interest in a winter youth retreat. If you would be willing to help make this a reality by helping to plan and/or by bringing students let us know as soon as possible.



SMBC Staff

Camp Director:

Al Tinnin

Facilities Manager:

Caleb Siniard

Guest Services:

Mary Siniard

Finances/Program:

Mischia Tinnin

Summer Staff

Applications will be available in December.

If you know a young person who is a contagious believer and is ready to serve, tell them about us!