



The Park River Bible Camp Proclaimer

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Work Continues On Chapel

It is exciting to see the progress that is continually happening on the chapel project at Park River Bible Camp.

More things have happened since the last issue of the *Proclaimer*. As this is being written, the building is almost completely enclosed. That means most of the new doors and windows have been installed.

Have you ever shingled in the winter? Construction workers have done that here. The new part has been shingled now as well as much of the old building.

Recently the top of the bell tower was attached. The old base had to be demolished because of some rotten wood, but we were fortunate to be able to preserve the distinct looking top portion. A new look to the building is the attachment of a log entry way to the southwest edge of the office wing (see the picture on page 2).

Things are starting to take shape on the inside too. Electrical work, insulation, framing, and sheetrocking have been going on.

As we see progress, we continue to be thankful for the John Paulson estate. We are also thankful for gifts that have been given to the Capital Campaign Fund and pray for God's continued provision of gifts to finish the project.

Many volunteers have donated their time and we continue to seek volunteer help. A workday is scheduled for February 28. For information about volunteering for the scheduled workday or any other day, see page 2.

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"Rise Up!" New Orleans Missions Trip

In the spring of 1997 the Red River of the North overflowed its banks, flooding the city of Grand Forks. Anyone who saw the carnage witnessed the devastation of the river. They also saw the strength of our people as we came together to clean up and rebuild what had been lost. Our strength is still needed.

In August of 2005 Hurricane Katrina laid waste hundreds of miles along the Gulf Coast, causing over 80 billion dollars in damage and claiming over 1,800 lives. The levees of New Orleans were breached in about twenty different places and as a result, 80% of the city was flooded. Although many relief organizations have come to the scene, the

rebuilding is still going on, and more hurricanes have caused devastation. Many people's lives are still in tatters, and many homes are still ruined. Our countrymen to the south need our help.

Consequently, the Bible Camp is organizing a Men's Mission Trip to New Orleans for young men, college age to about 40, although men over 40 are also welcome. We will drive to Minneapolis and fly from there on Saturday, March 14th and return on Saturday, March 21st. When we are in New Orleans we will build, clean up and do what we can to



The chapel project as of January 29, 2009. Two men are roofing on the lower west corner of the chapel.

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help people who need it. We will not be able to fix everything in just one week, but together we can make a difference.

We will be staying at Camp Restore, whose purpose is to restore faith, home and community to victims of hurricanes. The cost to stay is only \$25 a day (\$175 for the week). Meals are included in this cost. To keep your cost of flying down, please contact us as soon as possible if you would like to participate. The Western Walsh County Ministerium has already contributed funds to bring the cost down for everyone.

If you are unable to go but still wish to help in this mission, consider paying for someone else to go or providing a gift to make it easier for several people.

For more information or to sign up please call the camp at (701) 284-6795. Ask for Dan Antal or Luke Berntson.

Receive *The Proclaimer* by Email

We hope you enjoy receiving and reading our newsletter. We hope and pray that it informs you of activities at camp as well as encourages you in faith.

As you can see, we are now distributing it every two months, which costs us more in printing and postage. If you would like to help us save on these costs, you can receive *The Proclaimer* by email in a .pdf format. The file size for an issue like the one you are holding is only about 350 kb, so it will not overload your inbox. To do this please call or email us and be sure to add goprbc@polarcomm.com to your safe senders list.

Volunteers Needed for Chapel Project

We are very thankful for the many volunteers who have donated their time this winter in helping us with the chapel project. So much has been accomplished by your help!

To keep our costs down and give you an opportunity to be a part of God's ministry here, we are still seeking volunteers to help Dennie with this major project. Would you please consider joining us? You may volunteer virtually any day (weekends included), now through spring. The help of volunteers will greatly increase our progress before this summer.

Current tasks include insulating, framing interior walls, and putting up sheetrock.

A work day is scheduled for Saturday, February 28. If you are willing to volunteer that day or any other day, please call ahead of time so Dennie can line up work for you to do.

PRBC Office: (701) 284-6795 or (800) 269-2465.

Dennie Fry, Site Director: (701) 331-9612.

2009 Summer Camps

Registrations for summer 2009 are now being accepted. For a registration form, contact the camp or visit our website.

1-2 Grade Day Camps

July 8, July 9, August 10, August 11

3rd Grade Mini Camps

July 5-7 & August 9-11

4-6 Grade Adventure Camps

June 21-26, July 26-31, August 2-7

Jr. High Primetime

July 5-10 & July 19-24

Sr. High Power Surge

July 12-17



Above: The new log entry way to the offices and Fireside Room. **Below:** This is where the new offices will be.



Summer Staff Search

It may be very wintry now, but summer is coming, and Park River Bible Camp will be a busy and bustling place. Since 1936 hundreds of young people have attended summer camp at PRBC each year. They have had memorable experiences, made lasting friends, and most importantly, they have heard the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Last summer we brought this Gospel to 1,707 campers and Vacation Bible School students. Praise God for these opportunities!

Each summer as God provides these opportunities, He also provides the right staff to do it. We have been

2008 Yearend Giving Was Phenomenal

At the end of 2008 we appealed to our camp supporters to meet our yearend goals, and the response was amazing! Century Club giving for December alone was over \$32,000, bringing the 2008 total to over \$57,000. Gifts of all different sizes were received and they are all greatly appreciated.

The faithful gifts of God's people help ensure the financial security of the camp year after year. Thank you!

Wish List

We are very thankful for the generosity of our supporters. And even after Christmas, we would still be happy to receive items from our wish list. This is an opportunity for givers to see specifically what their generosity is doing while meeting a felt need of the camp.

- Rubber playground balls
- Ball inflator (foot pedal style)
- Frisbee golf discs
- Markers (Crayola)
- Tagboard (22"x28")
- Clavinova keyboard
- Bobcat
- Portable electric router (Milwaukee; at least 1¾ horsepower)
- Plastic shower curtains (opaque)
- Painting tarps
- Nylon cargo straps (1" wide, 6' long)
- New stove
- New refrigerator
- Chest freezer (less than 5 years old)
- Flour sack dishtowels
- Full aprons
- Stand mixer
- Colored copier paper (at least 3 reams of the same color)
- White copier paper

blessed through the years to have so many wonderful people with an excitement to share the Gospel. We are again in that process of finding these people. We have positions for counselors, VBS counselors, office personnel, maintenance personnel, and cooks. All of these positions are vital to our ministry. A week at camp can be a great growing experience for campers, and a summer at camp is an even greater experience for staff members as they forge lasting friendships and serve the Lord.

Are you interested in this ministry? Or do you know anyone who would fill one of these positions well? Please encourage

them to apply. You can contact us by phone to get application materials or visit our website.

Please remember to pray for the hiring process, as some years it has been a slow and difficult process. Pray also that God would prepare the hearts and minds of the people He has in store for His ministry here.

Retreats & Events 2009

We're more than a summer camp!

February

15: "The Rock" for Sr. High

20-22: 7-9 Grade Ski Retreat

March

8: "The Rock" for Sr. High (note the change of date)

13-15: Quilt Retreat

14-21: New Orleans Work Trip

27-28: 4-6 Grade Retreat

April

18: 1-3 Grade Retreat

19: "The Rock" for Sr. High

The Rock

Sr. highers! Join us for The Rock! In 2009 we'll be having it at camp at 7pm, one Sunday each month, February 15, March 8, and April 19. We'll look into God's Word, worship together, hang out, and have great snacks. There is no cost.

We hope to see you there!

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“I Will Build You A House”

In 2 Samuel 7 God makes a covenant with King David.

David lived in a nice house and Israel had peace. David was thankful, so he said to the prophet Nathan, “I dwell in a house of cedar but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” David wanted to build a temple for God.

It sounded like a good idea to Nathan, so he told David to do it. But God had a different idea, and, since Nathan was a prophet, God told him about it. This was the message for David: “Would you build me a house to dwell in? ... In all the places where I have moved with all the people Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ ... I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.” God went on to list more things He had done for David and even more things He was yet to do. Finally He said, “I will make you a house.”

What? Isn't that what David said he wanted to do for God? Indeed, but God's response was, “No.” David wanted to bless God, but God chose to bless David in-

stead (God did eventually let David's son, Solomon build the temple, but that's another story). In promising to build a “house” for David, God meant David's royal family, his descendants who would rule after him.

God went on to say, “Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” History tells us that an everlasting kingdom is unique. We see kingdoms and systems of government last a short time and get overthrown. Royal dynasties may last for hundreds of years, but that is a long way from forever. An earthly kingdom could conceivably last until the end of the world at the most, but even that is not what God promises to David!

An eternal kingdom requires something unique, an eternal king, and that is exactly what God had in mind. God's covenant with David resulted in the covenant He gives to us, His great promises of forgiveness and new life. Jesus Christ, a descendant of David and eternal ruler of God's people, fulfills both covenants. He is the eternal King in David's line, and He is our Savior, Ruler, and Shepherd.