

CMMBC NEWS

To worship God and enjoy Christian fellowship and discipleship in the midst of his beautiful creation.
To present the gospel of Jesus Christ to youth, adults and family through the camp's outreach and community involvement.

AN UPDATE FROM JOE AND TAMMY. . . AND ANDREW!

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Are You Ready?!

We are ready to see God's amazing plan at work again this year. We spent the month of January on sabbatical, a 7th year rest from camp business. We are grateful for the time and place to rest, to read, to ride our bicycles, and to renew our souls with passion for God's work at CMMBC. Now, we are preparing for mission teams for work projects and summer camp.

We also have an addition to our team at camp. Andrew Childs, who served as part of our summer staff in 2016, felt God calling him to continue his ministry at CMMBC. He arrived at the end of December while we were away and has been working circles around the camp on various projects. (If you haven't seen the updated website, check it out at cmmbc.org.)

We have already started our summer planning by posting a promo video, designing billboards, and looking into excursions and service projects. Camper registrations are already coming in as we all look forward to both Bible camps and soccer camps again this year. We'd love to see you at camp!

~ Joe and Tammy

Making a Way

We want to make CMMBC accessible to everyone, financially and physically. You can help through giving to the Camper Scholarship Fund, which pays for campers who would not otherwise be able to attend. You can also help by contributing toward the construction of the handicap access ramp for the Chapel Addition this spring.

The ramp needs to rise almost 5 feet because the Chapel sits that far above ground level. We want to construct the ramp out of composite materials to decrease maintenance costs and to include deck space to create social areas for campers to enjoy. The full cost of the ramp project is estimated to be \$13,000.

We are applying for \$2,500 in grant money from "Joni and Friends" Christian Funds for the Disabled, but much more needs to be raised. We are buying materials to build the ramp as funds are received and pray that we will be able to have our first handicap accessible building at CMMBC in 2017.

Thank you in advance for your financial and spiritual support as we make camp an accessible place for all, both physically and financially.

A Word from Andrew

My first evening at Covenant Mountain Mission, I sat on the front porch listening to the sounds of birds and squirrels chattering away. It was peaceful, especially after a 10 hour drive. You might ask yourself, why would someone travel over 600 miles from home to work at a camp they've never been to? The answer: Because God is at work!

And that's what I saw throughout the course of last summer. God was at work in the speakers who shared Jesus with the campers; the mission teams who spent their week making camp possible; and in all the campers as they heard the gospel.

I sensed God calling me to stay here longer. By the end of the summer, Joe, Tammy, and I had started talking about how and when I could come back. And so when December rolled around, I packed up everything that would fit in my car and my parent's minivan and left for Virginia.

I started my role as Volunteer Resident Caretaker, so I can join God's work at CMMBC! And we expect God's work to continue. Are you ready? Will you join us?

~ Andrew

ACCCC's and North Park

The three of us traveled to Wisconsin at the end of January to meet with several other camp staff and directors at the annual meeting of the Association of Covenant Camps and Conference Centers. We spent two days attending seminars in spiritual direction, camper safety, and marketing and finance. Then we

packed up and traveled to North Park University in Chicago for summer staff recruiting. We also met with the Missions Director at NPU to talk about partnering with them for mission teams. It was great for camp staffs across the Covenant to meet together and retreat, relax, and strengthen relationships with one another.

Midwinter

Joe then traveled to Louisville for the annual Midwinter gathering of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Joe is continuing the process to make his pastoral license a permanent credential, this time taking his Mission and Ministry class.

Hiring Summer Staff

We are accepting applications for hired Summer Staff. If you, or someone you know, are college-aged and would be interested in spending the summer being stretched and challenged by God while ministering to children, please prayerfully consider applying. Applications are available for download online, or call the camp to request one.

2017 Soccer Camps

CMMBC is partnering with the Lee County Youth Soccer League to offer soccer camps for students in grades K-12 once again. Coach Fred Menko from Faith Covenant Church, (Farmington Hills, MI) will be returning again this year! We are looking for volunteers as coaching assistants, camp nurse, registration assistants, food service helpers, and support staff.

Recruiting Mission Teams

We still need mission teams to staff Junior Camp and Trailblazers. Please pray about getting involved. We praise God for the churches who have committed mission teams to serve at camps this summer! Stilwell First Baptist is returning for their 7th year as Pathfinders staff and Salem-Troy Baptist Association for their 5th year of Senior Camp.

2017 Bible Camps - Walk This Way!

And this is love: that we walk in obedience of his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. ~ 2 John 1:6

- June 12-16 **Soccer Camp** (for upcoming ages K-12) *Still need additional volunteers*
- June 19-23 **Pathfinders** (day camp for upcoming grades K-5) *Stilwell First Baptist (OK)*
- June 25-30 **Senior Camp** (for upcoming grades 9-12) *Salem-Troy Baptist Association (AL)*
- July 9-14 **Junior Camp** (for upcoming grades 6-8) *Still need mission team sponsor*
- July 24-27 **Trailblazers** (day or overnight camp for upcoming grades 4-6) *Still need mission team sponsor*

Work Project Mission Teams

We are excited to have nearly completed the bathrooms of the Chapel. There is still a little dry wall work and painting before we can install the lighting and fixtures. We are also continuing improvements in the Dining Hall kitchen and will install a dishwasher in early March!

We praise God for the workers who are coming to CMMBC! Their pledges of time, talent and treasure allow us to make improvements in our facilities while remaining debt-free. We're grateful to these church families who are sending teams this spring:



April 2016 – Painting Chapel and Bathroom Addition. West Bay Covenant, Traverse City, MI.



October 2016 – Cleaning out gardens. Winnetka Covenant Church, IL.

- Redeemer Covenant - Hamilton, OH - March 6-10*
- ECC - Lafayette, IN - March 25-April 1*
- Cedarville University, OH - March 31 -April 2*
- West Bay Covenant - Traverse City, MI - April 14-21*
- Westhigh Covenant Church - Cary, NC - May 18-21*