

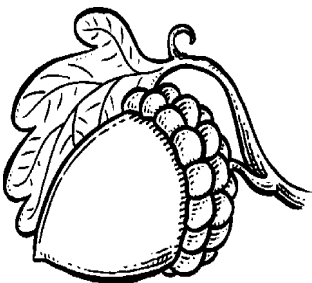
**Greetings from Charlevoix the Beautiful
Church of God Family Camp
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Charlevoix Family Camp Fall 2007 Paper

The June and July Family camps for 2007 are now in our memories and we look forward to those of 2008. We have wonderful memories of all that took place. There was much good preaching and music, humor and good food. An of course, always the good fellowship. We can expect the same for the coming year.

Both the Memorial Day and Labor Day work camps proved successful with some wonderful changes having taken place. Very valuable addition were the ten picnic tables assembled by a work crew from the Grand Rapids area, the erection of an awning over the rear of the kitchen, the removal of a number of ailing trees and stumps, and several other things. The Labor Day crew, enhanced by four cabins of workers from Mark Krontz' Christian School, was able to do most of the work needing completion in short order, allowing workers to return home early.

Attendance was down for both camps as was the income, possibly due to the high cost of gasoline. It is hoped that the 2008 camps will fare better in both categories.



The Annual leaf raking will be held starting Friday, October 26 through Monday, October 29. Please bring any rakes or other equipment to aid in the cleanup and food to be prepared in the dining hall.

Also, if you plan to stay in the dorm, be sure to reserve rooms in advance by calling Ruby Behnke at 989-631-2297.

Board Meeting Dates

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be October 27, 2007 at 10 am.

CONTACT FOR INFO ON CAMP - Board Chair Ruby Behnke at 989-631-2297 or meridianroad@hotmail.com.

WEB PAGE INFORMATION - Check in at www.charlevoixcamp.com. The newsletter and lots of other info can be found there. Any suggestions for improvement or updating, please contact Glen Lerch at 231-834-9611 or gjlerch@wmis.net

CAMP CLOSED AS OF LABOR DAY for general camping and rental but "shut-down" for use after October 29, 2007 until spring 2008.

Thank you to former caretakers—our heartfelt appreciation, love and respect for the time and effort extended by Jim and Mary Austin during their time as caretakers at Charlevoix Camp.

Would you like to have a job which furnishes your home and utilities in beautiful northern Michigan from mid-May until November 1st, allows you to serve God and man and has "out of this world" pay? If this sounds challenging or God is leading you in this direction, call 989-631-2297 or email meridianroad@hotmail.com.

Accomplishments or acquisitions

God has richly blessed the camp with approximately 30 padded pews from the generosity and thoughtfulness of the Livonia Church of God and Pastor Debra Klein. They are changing to chairs in their sanctuary and offered the pews to us. God bless them richly! Now, we have only to get them transported – God has provided.

TIDBITS

The Centennial picture that was on display this past summer at camp may become available to campers if present plans are successful. At this point, the cost would be reasonable. Watch for further information.

An auction is being planned for Memorial Day Weekend, 2008. Proceeds will go to the camp. Please plan now to bring to camp any suitable items that may be auctioned off. Our Auctioneer will be Mark Krontz. We will need lots of auctionable items as well as assistants to make this a success. It costs approximately \$10,000 to finance one week's camp.

At the time of this writing, only two persons connected with Charlevoix campers have recently passed away. They are the father of Board Member Brian Dancer of Alma and the mother of Pastor Ray Abbey of Mt. Pleasant. Let us remember these families in the loss of their loved one.

Question: Just who would have gone through the experience of having extensive wind damage to their trailer awning just after this past Labor Day weekend? Without divulging the names, it can be said that the letter "r" plays an important role. What campers had wind damage to their trailer awning this fall?

The annual ladies retreat in September had a record attendance and a fantastic weekend. The retreat was headed up by Val Worthing, and led by Pastor Marjorie Turner.

We are pursuing the writing of grants for youth and children's playground equipment, supplies, etc.

SUMMER HELP NEEDED IN CAMP

If you'd like to come up for a week or two or just a few days, contact Ruby Behnke or any board member. This is an outstanding opportunity to plan a Mission project—take a crew to the camp, help us get things accomplished and get free camping and maybe even food.

Do you want an ideal location to hold your next family reunion? Plan to register your group for use of our excellent facilities at Family Camp. The two rooms in the east end of the Caretaker's home are available for rent. Cost: \$30 per night. Each has its own bathroom, shower and private entrance.

HEATING OF DINING HALL

Should we heat it, or should it be winterized and left unheated this year? This is the dilemma presented to the Board of Trustees this month. Some think there would be no problem blowing out the lines sufficiently to protect from breakage and others feel there is too much risk of line breakage and need to tear up a portion or portions of the cement floor to do repairs in the spring. What's your take?

CAMP NEEDS

Wish to donate or designate funds for:

- New sound booth in the back of the Tabernacle
- Purchasing fuel for operation of machinery to fill and level ground
- Transportation of newly donated pews for the Tabernacle
- Installing a ramp at the caretaker's home
- Re-roofing or creating a peak roof for the hogans
- Assist in remodeling cabins to install a restroom in each one
- Paint or add siding to cabins
- Replace hardware in restroom urinals
- Purchase tools for use on the grounds ie: socket wrenches etc.

Work crew from Faith United Church of God —10 picnic table edges beveled, varnished and assembled; tree branches cut, carried and run through the chipper; windows installed in cabin #1; major cleaning accomplished and many other valuable undertakings. God bless you big time! AND, come again!



We were fortunate to have a work crew from the Faith United Church of God in Grand Rapids as well as many other to help in the work. The crew assembled picnic tables, varnished and when through, the camp had ten very attractive tables for campers to use. They also did much work in cutting branches and feeding them into the chipper as a tree cutting work crew felled some 17 trees. Altogether all of the work that was possible had been completed.

Painting of dorm: Because of the efforts of Sandra MacDonald, Dave & Kathy Worthing, Leah and Myra Piper and others, both the upstairs and downstairs hallways, the inside of the stairwell and several rooms have been freshly painted and decorated.

New Kitchenette for Fireplace Room is now completed and thanks to Jerry Kleinhenn for building and installing new cupboards and drawers and to Dave Worthing for installing the sink. God is SO good and His people are obedient and generous.

Labor Day work camp was blessed with four cabins full of workers from Calhoun Christian School where Mark Krontz is located. These, plus others, made short work of the job list, so much that some of there were able to go home early, leaving only tasks that couldn't be completed until later.

Both work camps were well attended, showing continued interest in getting things in shape for camp use for the summer and then closing out for the year.

Michelle Riske has been named to the position of Head Cook for the camp starting in the summer of 2008. She replaces Sandra Hoard who has been Head Cook for a number of years and is now "retiring." Michelle is well-known by campers and has been active in the kitchen for some time. We welcome her to our staff and plan to enjoy her cooking.

One of the awnings from the former caretaker's mobile home has been installed over the east end of the kitchen. It has already proven to be highly valuable in that it blocks out the extremely bright sunlight hindering the serving during the breakfast hour, as well as providing protection from the rain for the adjoining porch and ice making equipment. Thanks to all who helped in the fresh painting of the metal and any part in its installation. Bob Moody actually shed his blood for the project when a piece of 2x4 struck his head while he was working on it. A few stitches were needed as well as an ambulance trip to the Charlevoix Hospital for medical care. Thanks Bob!

Program Personnel for June and July Camps

June 28—July 4th Camp

Speaker—Jeff Eckman, Floyd Church of God

Music Leader—Mary Krontz, Battle Creek

Pianist—Kelly Eargood

Program Director—Mark Krontz, Battle Creek

Children's Camp—Jeanne Perry & Lynn McQuillan

Youth Leader—Nate Turner—Charlevoix

Saturday night concert - Bruce & Joy Daniels

July 12-18th Camp

Speaker—Greg Henneman, Clarkston

Music Leader—Melody Prather, St. Joseph

Pianist—Gregg Prather

Program Director—Bill Greiner, Midland Eagle Ridge

Children's Camp - Debbie Simons

Youth Leader—Jason Nelson, Farmington Hills



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