

GREETINGS from CHARLEVOIX the BEAUTIFUL

Church of God Family Camp
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CHARLEVOIX FAMILY CAMP PAPER

Fall 2008

Charlevoix Family Camp - Music, worship, Bible Study, work bees, fireside moments, yummy food, sight-seeing trips around the area, meeting new friends, reminiscing with old friends, and much more - that's us!

Camps 2008 in a Nutshell _____

June camp 2008 was blessed with Evangelist Jeff Eckman, Senior Pastor of the Floyd Church of God in Midland, Michigan, and their five children ranging from 2 to 14 years of age. The conference titles were, "In Depth Training: Disciplines that lead to Victory." Sermons were focused on "Running to Win," I Corinthians 9:23-24.

Music for the camp was led by Mary, Caitlyn, and Carissa Krontz. Saturday's concert was done by Bruce and Joy Daniels. Mark Krontz was in charge of the Program Directorship, but utilized several others to take a turn up front. Lyn McQuillan and Jeanne Perry led the children and Kevin Perthius led our youth. The new pews were dedicated with a prayer during Sunday morning service of the camp led by Pastor Dave Perry.



Program Committee reports: _____

Tentative speaker for June 2009 will be Mike Stadelmayer from Mio.

Steve Wimmer from the Alma Church of God will be the speaker for the July camp.

July camp Evangelist was Pastor Greg Henneman from Clarkston, Michigan. His theme was "Living Like Jesus." Gregg and Melody Prather did the Saturday evening concert and then led the music for the remainder of the camp. Bill Greiner served as Program Director. Jeanne and Lynn led the children's camp and Robin Greiner and Val Worthing worked together to lead our youth. We were especially blessed to have Val and Robin volunteer to lead our youth as it seemed all other possibilities had gone to International Convention. GOD IS IN CONTROL! Thank you all for your leadership and assistance.



*A few words from our New Board
Chairman* -----

Greetings All:

As the leaves have fallen and we have closed and winterized the camp for the year, I would like to take a few moments to reflect back and to thank each and everyone of you for a successful year here at the Charlevoix Family Camp. If not for the dedication of several individuals, the Camp would not have had the many successes this past camping season. I also thank you for your time, talent, and especially your prayers that help make this camp a continued success. The Board and I would encourage you to not only come to Camp Meeting, but also come and be a part of the work weekends on Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Leaf Raking weekend. These are special days of fellowship, praise, and even some work. In addition, it always gives us an opportunity to come up north and enjoy the sites and scenery of the Charlevoix area. As you read the Camp Newsletter, you will see the many recent accomplishments that have taken place over the past few months. In closing, I wish each and every one of you a happy winter season and may God richly bless you all. Remember, the 2009 camp meetings are just around the corner, so start making plans.

In His service,
Brian Dancer, Chairman

*Storage of Camping Units on
Campground* (Motor Homes,
Campers, Trailers, Tents, etc.) -----

Storage of camping units on campground property is discouraged. Units left to be stored on campground property are to be moved to the designated area on the back property line south of Veenstra Road and behind the caretaker's house.

The owner must sign a waiver agreeing that the Church of God campground (NMCMA) is not responsible for the unit. A monthly storage fee of \$25 per month will be charged.

If the owner is attending both first and second camps, the unit may be left on the campsite without charge as long as the water and electric are disconnected.

If the owner is attending both first and second camps and the water and electric are not disconnected, there will be a \$10 daily fee applied.

If the camping unit is left on the campsite before and after camp meetings, the \$10 per day fee will apply.

These guidelines will take effect starting May 1, 2009, for the 2009 camping season.

Camp Caretakers -----

We sincerely regret that Pat and Jan Brewer have decided they will not be able to join us as Camp Caretakers. We ask for everyone's prayer that God will bring forth those whom He would have to fill this position. It is extremely challenging to try to manage a successful season without full-time oversee-ers on the grounds. Fortunately, several people volunteered to help cover and work during the summer to do all the necessary items for a successful camp season. Among those were Bob and Sharon Moody, Dick Bartlett, Glen and Jean Lerch, Jerry and Betty Kleinhenn, Glenn Johnson, Erich and Shel Riske, the Brian Dancer family, Dave and Kathy Worthing, Mark and Shelly Deiner, Eugene and Sandy Hoard, Dane and Ardena Johnson, Bud and Val Worthing, Jeff and Sue Snyder, Charlie Bowser, Roland and Ruby Behnke, Dick and Shirley Loveless, Jimmy Whitley, Walt and Sandy MacDonald. Maybe others have been missed, but even our deepest appreciation is soooooo inadequate. If you should feel God calling you to this mission, PLEASE contact Brian Dancer, Board Chairman, at 989 433-6263.



Noteworthy Tidbits -----

Fullness statistics for our first camp was 73%.
Second camp was about 90%

Our children's group sold homemade candy and other goodies to raise funds for the camp. Our youth collected pop cans during second camp and contributed their proceeds to the camp challenge also. Our youth sponsored a "Silly Olympics" session for four and five year old children during camp. What fun!!

We are very proud of our children and youth – with GOOD reason. Thanks ya all!!

100-Year Camp Picture -----

Identification of those in the 100-year camp picture has been completed. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy may contact Ruby Behnke. A list of the names can be made available also.



Did anyone notice the Gideon Bibles in each cabin, dorm room, and building at the camp? These were the result of the efforts of Glen Lerch. We do appreciate this addition.

The grass on the north and west sides of the camp, which was planted this year, is doing very well and is looking good! Thanks to all the work of leveling, cleaning, packing, and planting. PRAISE THE LORD!!

God was very good to our camp this year and blessed us with outside renters of the camp for family reunions, the Baptist camp, and a group from the Renaissance Festival – all of which allowed our treasury balance as of August 30, 2008, to total just over \$25,000. The Board of Trustees has voted to acquire a new \$10,000 CD from the bank and to roll over the current one.

Several families from the Battle Creek area brought their paint pans and rollers and joined others at Charlevoix Camp over Labor Day weekend to help stain decks, paint cabins 1 and 2 and some of the dorm rooms. They were accommodated in the four cabins as well as at least four dorm rooms. It is my understanding that they not only got those jobs done, but they also planned and helped prepare meals for the entire weekend besides finding time and energy to do some sight-seeing and other fun activities. Our sincere appreciation to the Krontz family, the Parks, the Boyers, Hulings, Crafts, Frodge, and Griffin.

The Women's Prayer Retreat the last weekend in September was fully booked and a big success. A great experience for the 32 ladies attending with Melody Capsel from Millington as the speaker. God is soooooooo good! I heard from a very reliable source that the Millington ladies won the Amazing Race.

If you have pictures from 2008 second camp which you are willing to share, send them to gjlerch@wmis.net and they will be evaluated for use.

The internet connection at the camp this year, was enjoyed by several of our campers. Plans are for it to be disconnected for the winter months and re-connected in the spring.

No decision has yet been received from the DeVos Foundation regarding our grant request for the purpose of improving our Children/Youth Ministry appeal, but we hope to know their decision VERY SOON.

Leaf Raking Weekend _____

Assignments for shut-down responsibilities were made, board members were there to help carry out duties, and much work was accomplished. Water was shut off, lines were drained and anti-freezed, and all building were closed down for the winter. The dining hall will NOT be heated this winter. No freezable items are expected to be stored at the camp this winter.



News from your Leaders _____

1. The Board of Trustees has voted to give 1/3 of the camp's 10% designated funds to Santa Rosa/Dominican Republic for the purchase of land to build a church. Mark Krontz and his mission group from Calhoun Christian in Battle Creek will deliver the \$1,050.73 donation. The remaining amount will be divided as 1/3 to the Michigan Singers and 1/3 to our own youth and children's fund.

2. SPECIAL NOTICE: New rates for the rental of the rooms at the west end of the Caretaker's home will be \$45 per night effective immediately.

3. Ruby Behnke will continue as REGISTRAR and phone monitor for the present. If you wish to reserve a room or lot or just need information, you may reach her at 989 631-2297. If you get the answering machine, please leave a message for a call-back.

4. A new 30 cubic foot freezer delivered by Jeff Snyder and Charlie Bowser has been donated to the camp. PRAISE THE LORD!!!

*In Memory - those who have gone on
to be with the Lord* -----

Pastor Don Loose
Floyd and Pearl Smith
Mildred (Cleveland) Hanes
Dane Johnson
Denise MacDonald
Mike Veenstra



A picture of Christ praying in the Garden, which hung in Mike Veenstra's home for years, was donated to the camp by his children after Mike's death and now hangs in the cafeteria. Our sincere appreciation to the family!

Caretaker -----

Caretaker position for the camp has not been filled as of yet. Anyone want to apply? It can be a very rewarding job and lots of interesting observations and experiences are frequently surfacing. Your prayers for God's will and wisdom for all concerned are sincerely requested

Website -----

Our website www.charlevoixcamp.com is being updated regularly. Our newsletter can be read and/or copied from the website, thanks to the efforts of the Lerch family. If you have information that should go on the website, or if you see something that you feel needs adjustment there, please contact Glen or send your request to the site. If you are willing or desirous of reading your newsletter online rather than on paper, let Glen know at gilerch@wmis.net. We will save postage and you may receive your newsletter by email or on the website.

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Board Meeting Schedule:

May 2, 2009, 7pm at St. Louis Church of God
May 23, 2009, 7pm at Charlevoix Camp
July 1, 2009, at Charlevoix Camp
July 15, 2009, at Charlevoix Camp

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