

# THE PARK RIVER BIBLE CAMP Proclaimer

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## Years of Plenty/Years of Want: Giving at PRBC

In Genesis 41, Pharaoh had two dreams. One featured seven attractive and plump cows and seven ugly and thin cows. The thin and ugly cows ate the plump cows. The other dream had seven plump and good ears of grain and seven thin and blighted ears of grain. Again, in this dream the less desirable ears swallowed up the plump ones.

When Pharaoh called Joseph forward to interpret his dreams, Joseph told Pharaoh that the dreams were one in the same. The seven good cows and seven good ears represented seven years of great plenty in Egypt. Conversely, the seven thin cows and seven blighted ears represented seven years of want that would follow the years of plenty. Joseph's recommendation based on the coming 14 years was to store up and save well during the seven years of plenty so that Egypt would not perish during the seven years of want.

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*Proclaimer* in August.  
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up for email delivery.

Park River Bible Camp has had its own share of years of plenty and years of want. Currently, it could be said that PRBC is experiencing a season of want. Fortunately, the Board of Directors has been judicious in its use of funds given to PRBC by its wonderful base of donors and came into this season of want with a healthy savings account. Unfortunately, that which was stored during the previous season of plenty is running out.

This ministry thrives on the support of donors. Your donations allow us to not only pay the bills; they also allow us to keep costs low for those who attend camp. A typical weeklong summer camp costs a family about \$225 to send a child to PRBC. However, their registration fee only covers 40%-45% of the actual cost to run camp and a number of families struggle to even pay that.

Would you help us keep registration costs low while also keeping the quality of ministry high? Would you help this ministry continue to grow its program, maintain its facility, and proclaim the Gospel to hundreds of people of all ages each year? Would you help Park River Bible Camp return to a season of plenty?



On June 14, Park River Bible Camp will compete to win \$30,000 in awards for local nonprofits!

Twive (*Twitter & Give*) and Receive is a 24-hour online giving competition that teams social media activists and locally supporting nonprofits to fundraise and benefit their organization. Communities fundraise using Twitter, Facebook, other social networks, and electronic media.

Twive and Receive will be held simultaneously across the United States for 24 hours on June 14th, starting at 12:00AM Pacific Time (2:00AM Central Time)! The top three nonprofits that raise the most money get a share of the \$30,000 award pool. (\$15,000 - 1st; \$10,000 - 2nd; \$5,000 - 3rd)

Please call for more information, follow us on Facebook or visit [www.twiveandreceive.org](http://www.twiveandreceive.org)! (scan QR Code to donate or go online)



## Family Fun Day!

Saturday, July 28

Families with young children now have the opportunity to come experience camp! Our Family Fun Day promises to be a great event for the whole family. It is also a great way to introduce your little ones to life at camp while still being able to hold their hand! There will be singing, a puppet show, and a variety of “go at your own pace” activities for families to do together throughout the day (this includes swimming in our swimming pool)! The day will begin at 10:00 and will wrap up at 4:00. Cost: \$5/person with a max of \$25/family. Children three and under attend for free. Concessions will be available.

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## Century Club Banquet

Sunday, June 10

Those who donated \$100 or more, contributed an item for the Quilt Auction, or volunteered time at Park River Bible Camp in 2011 are invited to our annual Century Club Banquet on June 10th. The banquet will include a meal, remarks from PRBC staff, an offering and special music. Attendees are invited to begin arriving at 5:30 PM. The meal will be served at 5:45 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend our Sunday evening concert featuring The Overtones beginning at 7:00 PM.

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## Summer Concert Series

Park River Bible Camp’s Sunday evening concert series continues this year with the first concert coming June 10th. All concert times begin at 7 PM. Refreshments to follow after each performance.

June 10 – The Overtones

June 17 – Summer Staff Drama

June 24 – Larimore Lutheran Men’s Quartet

July 1 – *No Concert Scheduled*

July 8 – John Bedore and the Hope Lutheran Church

Worship Band *(see picture top right)*

July 15 – Sound of the Trumpet

July 22 – Vessel of Praise

July 29 – High Plains Trio

August 5 – Amy Redding and Family *(see picture to right)*

## Camp Worship Day

Sunday, August 12

Something new is in the works for Camp Worship Day this year! On August 12th, the public is invited to come to Park River Bible Camp for the afternoon. The event will begin at 4 PM with games for kids of all ages, followed by a picnic. At 7 PM there will be a worship service with refreshments and activities to follow.



*(John Bedore and the Hope Lutheran Church Worship Band)*



*(Amy Redding & Family)*

## Summer Camps

There are a lot of things happening this summer at PRBC and there is still room to register for all our camps this summer. Each camp has specifically designed age appropriate activities and Bible studies meant to make camp both fun and significant. Those in 4th grade and above have the opportunity to canoe at Homme Damn and partake in our Low Adventure Course. Those in 5th grade and above can try their hand at our three sided Climbing Tower. Beginning in the 7th grade, youth may have the opportunity to challenge their selves with our High Ropes Course. Senior high school students who come to our Senior High Power Surge will enjoy our evening sessions with special guest speakers and One Ten Ride, an amazing worship band from Grand Forks.



This summer also features some new camps. Please read the descriptions of our 6-8 grade sports camp, 10-12 grade discipleship camp, and 10-12 tent out and note the dates of our other camps. Descriptions of all our camps can be found online.

*1st – 2nd Grade Day Camp*  
June 28, July 11, July 16, July 30

*3rd – 4th Grade Mini Camp*  
July 18-20, August 1-3

*4th – 6th Grade Adventure Camp*  
June 24-29, July 22-27, August 5-10

*6th – 8th Grade Sports Camp \*NEW THIS YEAR!\**  
July 15-20

It's time to get your game face on at Park River Bible Camp! Quality training and instruction in basketball and/or volleyball will be provided by experienced coaches, in addition to Bible studies, worship, campfires, and all camp games with the PRBC staff.

*Junior High Classic*  
July 29-August 3

*7th – 9th Grade Wilderness Camp*  
June 24-27

*Sr. High Power Surge*  
July 8-13

*Discipleship Camp \*NEW THIS YEAR!\**  
June 24-29

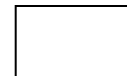
Offered new this summer is a ministry training week for students having completed 10th-12th grade. This training will combine elements of camp life along with theological instruction designed to prepare students for ministry. Students having successfully completed this week may be eligible to serve as an assistant counselor during any of the following 2012 summer sessions with the exception of senior high week. As a counselor's assistant you will have the opportunity to lead a Bible study and evening devotion along with other activities.

*10th – 12th Grade Tent Out \*NEW THIS YEAR!\**  
July 26-27

Complete with Bible study, worship, and epic games this night spent out in the woods promises to be a great time.

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## From the Director's Desk

By Sean Barnhart, Director of Ministries



If you've heard me preach over the last few months, you've probably heard one of a multitude of stories that began something like this, "I find that my three year old son is wonderfully adept at showing just how sinful and selfish human nature really is." Thankfully, my son is only three years old and hasn't yet developed any issues related to being a preacher's kid. (He has his teenage years for that, right?)

As wonderful, imaginative, fun and innocent as my son may be I stand by my comment. He really does have a way of illustrating just how sinful and selfish

I am. He exposes my human nature for what it really is, corrupt and fallen. His base desires and wants are worn on his sleeve. He hasn't yet developed an adult ability to deceive others and conceal one's true depravity.

For this reason, it is at times difficult to look into the mini mirror that wanders my house, but it is good for me. Looking at the two and a half foot, three year old version of myself is not only like looking at my present self, it is also looking back in time. This is especially so as I remember his baptism where he was joined to Christ's death and resurrection, cleansed of the guilt of his sin, and blessed with the Holy Spirit. What a joy and a relief to know the same was done for me! I *could not do* anything about my sinful and selfish human nature. But Christ could and did and he did it for me and not just for me, but also for you.

