



# The Park River Bible Camp Proclaimer

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## Chapel Completed

In June of 1936, the first session at Park River Bible Camp was held. In those early days there were no buildings, just tents, people, and the presence of Christ.

Nine years later a unanimous decision from the Board of Directors put into motion the building of a Chapel. In 1946 the floor and foundation were laid, but due to wartime shortages of materials, construction was soon halted. However, in 1947, building material was secured and construction was resumed. The plan was to build a 60' x 100' building with room for 1100 people along with a side addition 34' x 40' to be used for classroom space; this would later be known as the Fireside Room.

On July 27, 1947, the cornerstone of the chapel was set in place and most of

the building was completed to the glory of Christ the Chief Cornerstone. Exactly one year later, the Chapel was dedicated and the possibilities of ministry at PRBC were greatly expanded.

About 60 years later, through an amazing estate gift from John Paulson, Park River Bible Camp saw the potential for even more ministry possibilities to be done in the name of Christ. Mr. Paulson's gift, paired with more than 2,000 hours of volunteer labor, enabled the camp to fully winterize the Chapel, placing it on a new foundation with geothermal heating; build a larger Fireside Room; add much-needed bathrooms; and provide an updated and more centralized office space, kitchenette, and conference room.

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The Park River Bible Camp Chapel as it now stands completely renovated.

## Christ Jesus... the Chief Cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20)

One of the surest things in our world today is change. Whether it is the weather, technology, tax policies or even the way we communicate with each other, change is inevitable. Change is a constant for youth, an ever-present companion of children. Their bodies are growing and changing. Their social worlds are expanding, and at times disintegrating into chaos. Boys become interesting to girls and girls to boys. As youth and children grow up they need, and will continue to need, the solid foundation of Jesus Christ to build their lives upon.

In Jesus, life's most important questions are answered. "Am I important?" "Yes," God says, "I created you and sent my Son Jesus to suffer, die, and conquer the grave for you." "Is there a purpose to my life?" "Yes," God says, "You are created in Christ Jesus to do good works which I have prepared for you to do." "Do I really matter? Does God really love me? Is God real?" God provides answers for each of these questions through the person of His Son.

You are invited to help lay a solid foundation for children and youth to build their lives upon by sharing Jesus Christ with them. One great way to do this is by helping them, and encouraging them to attend camp at Park River Bible Camp. We offer a wide array of outdoor recreational activities ranging from challenge courses, aquatics activities, crafts, sports, fishing, tenting and campfires. Even more importantly, campers will be presented with the person of Jesus during Bible studies, worship, campfires, devotions and spontaneous conversations with trained college age staff who love the Lord and who love working with young people.

We would love to have your children and the children you know attend camp with us. You can help make this possible through personal invitations, sponsoring camperships for youth and children, prayer and donations. May God bless you today and may your trust, in our ever-changing world, be always in the person of Jesus – the Chief Cornerstone.

## Camp Worship Day

Camp Worship Day, a day in which area churches gather for a community worship service at Park River Bible Camp, will be held in the newly remodeled Chapel on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Presiding over the service will be Reverend Kari Bahe, Associate to Bishop Rindy. Also during this service will be the rededication of the Chapel and the installation of Sean Barnhart as Director of Ministries.

## 2010 Summer Camps

### 1-2 Grade Day Camps

June 24, June 25, August 16, August 17

### 3rd Grade Mini Camps

July 14-16 & August 15-17

### 4-6 Grade Adventure Camps

June 27-July 2, August 1-6, August 8-13

### Jr. High Primetime

July 11-16 & July 25-30

### Sr. High Power Surge

July 18-23

## Park River Bible Camp Wish List

One of the ways you can support the ministry of Park River Bible Camp is by giving specific items that will enhance our ministry. This list contains a wide range of ideas, so that you can choose which aspect(s) of camp you would like to support. **Please call the camp office for details on the items listed.**

### Program Related Needs:

- Junior high aged baseball gloves
- Rubber playground balls
- Ball inflator (foot pedal style)
- Frisbee golf discs
- Clavinova keyboard
- White tag board
- Markers (Crayola 10-pack)
- Washable school glue
- Fishing rods/reels

### Maintenance and Site Needs:

- Bobcat
- Plastic shower curtains (opaque)
- Nylon cargo straps (1" wide and 6' long)
- Bedding Sets (1 Queen, 1 Double, 2-3 Twin)

### Kitchen:

- KitchenAid 12 cup food processor

### Conference Room and Kitchenette:

- Coffee maker (drip style)
- New electric range/oven (30" wide) with microwave/hood combo
- New refrigerator (36" wide or narrower)

### Office Wing Needs and Wants:

- Copier paper (white or colored)
- Paper shredder
- Staplers/staples
- Tape dispensers
- Masking tape

## Thank You Dan, Sheila, and Dennie

Park River Bible Camp would like to thank Dan Antal, Dennie Fry, and Sheila Fry for their service to camp.

In March, Dan Antal tendered his resignation as Program Director after three years of ministry at PRBC. Dan began his call in January of 2007 and helped give necessary leadership during a time in which PRBC experienced a lot of turnover. Dan has agreed to continue working for PRBC on a part-time basis lending his expertise especially to web design and challenge course management.

Site Director Dennie Fry and Kitchen Manager Sheila Fry have also chosen to resign, sensing God's calling on their lives to be closer to their children. The Fry's began their work at Park River Bible Camp in May 2005. Sheila provided great stability in the kitchen, and Dennie's fingerprints are all over the camp grounds.

Though we are sad to see Dan, Sheila, and Dennie leave, we are extremely thankful for the ministry God accomplished through them during their time at PRBC. We wish all of them God's blessings as they seek to further the Kingdom in other ways.

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Join us on Sunday morning, June 27, when we will meet together in worship and dedicate the newly remodeled Chapel to the mission of God on earth and to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Top:** The PRBC Chapel as it looked from 1947-2008.

**Middle:** The inside of the newly remodeled Chapel.

**Bottom:** The inside of the new Fireside Room.



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## From the Director's Desk

By Sean Barnhart, Director of Ministries

May 13<sup>th</sup> marks an important day in the church calendar, the Ascension of Our Lord. Because it lands on a Thursday and takes place forty days after the Resurrection and ten days before Pentecost, the Ascension of Our Lord is often forgotten and neglected. However, the theology inherent in the Ascension brings a great word of hope to fallen humanity.

The Ascension (see Luke 24:50-53 or Acts 1:6-11) is what we call the event in which Jesus leaves the world and his disciples in order to send the Holy Spirit (John 16). However, many people think of Jesus' ascension as though it were some kind of escape from his real and fleshly humanity. Some think of Jesus' ascension into heaven as the same kind of process a two-stage rocket might go through, as if once Jesus

was far enough away from earth he could jettison his human body in order to allow his soul to enter heaven's courts unhindered.

However, the message of Scripture is that in the Ascension, Christ takes the broken, ugly, marred, and frail humanity into which he was born and baptized and brings it into the heavenly court of God and presents it to the Father, redeemed, beautiful and restored.

The entirety of Christ's bodily resurrected self now sits at the right hand of God the Father, representing our still frail human selves before God. For, just as Christ was baptized into our decaying mortality, we are baptized into his glorious immortality and into the promise of new life. Thanks be to God for the crucified, resurrected, and ascended Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## PRBC Year-Round Staff

Sean Barnhart

*Director of Ministries*

Luke Berntson

*Program Director*

Dennie Fry

*Site Director*

Sheila Fry

*Kitchen Manager*

Tammy Olson

*Office Manager*

Pam Berntson

*Treasurer*

Rodney Collins

*Maintenance*

Richard Kavli

*Maintenance*