



"...6,7,8,9,10... Ready or not here I come!" Remember that childhood game and how it seemed like you never had enough time to hide? Well, it seems that way at camp in getting ready for the summer season. There's just never quite enough time to do all the things you wanted to get done and suddenly campers are pulling in the drive. Well, we are now in our second week and ready or not, here we go. This is a reminder to me that while there are myriad number of details to look after, most of our campers won't notice if we actually get the screens on their cabin vacuumed or the landscaping trimmed up prior to their arrival. What they're looking for and what we strive to offer most of all is the fun secure environment where they have a chance to respond to the claims of God upon their life.

In the midst of this, there are some issues that concern us and things that we're celebrating. First, while our camper numbers are okay, it does appear we may be 5-10% below last year's numbers. National leaders would still call this "bucking the trend," as they've been forecasting as much as a 25% drop in attendance. We are watching the issue of H1N1 very closely and trying to be more diligent in screening kids as they arrive for camp. Our donations continue to be pretty soft, which has a negative impact on our bottom line. Each of these are in some way a stewardship issue, challenging us as a staff to take care of God's gifts as faithful servants.

In the manner of celebrations, we have several camps that are actually up on numbers. Fishing camp filled up with 35 campers, Jr. Music and Soccer are both up this year, and our additional session of Teddy Bear is looking good for its first year. We also are looking forward to a stellar session of Family Camp; and Thumb Gospel just gets better every year. Our deans and staff are being very prudent about their expenditures and in the midst of tough economic times, we're staying afloat. We're also starting to look at plans for our 100th celebration coming in just two short years. If you have thoughts about speakers for that special celebration, I would love to hear from you.

I remember hearing on the news a few months ago how in tough times people begin to take pleasure again in the "simple things." To me some of these simple pleasures are spending time with family, enjoying the beauty of God's creation, and reveling in the fact of God's love. All of these things are foundational parts of the experience here at Bay Shore. I want to encourage you to come and experience these things in this special place. Whether its helping out at one of our summer sessions, attending Family Camp, Thumb Gospel or one of our other many Special Ministry events, Bay Shore will be a place to grow strong in your ties to God and family among the midst of life's simple pleasures. See you at the Shore.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Mike

CLimBON!



Anyone entering the Youth Center this summer will see our NEW rock climbing wall!! We are excited to have this new addition for more fun activities at camp. Campers will get the opportunity to try their best to climb 22 feet to the top of the Youth Center to ring the bell! This activity is a great event that will challenge kids with strength and ability and also a feeling of accomplishment. The climbing wall was made possible by memorial money that was donated in honor of many of our "Bay Shore Saints." So far, it's been a great hit with the campers!

FAMILY CAMP JULY 25-31



2009 EVANGELISTS, Brad Kalajainen and Ken Nash are filling the pulpit and serving as Bible study teachers for the 98th year of Family Assembly, currently called Family Camp. Brad and Ken serve as Pastors at Cornerstone Church near Grand Rapids, MI. Brad is a frequent speaker and workshop leader on both new church development and existing church renewal. Ken has taught at several conferences and has a lively and creative teaching style that is sure to keep you engaged in the message as well as give you the desire to live out what you have learned.

OUR TABERNACLE WORSHIP will be lead by **Adam Davison**, who believes that our ultimate task on earth is to see ourselves as Worshipers – and to intentionally aim our worship to the True God. To do this would transform our lives in ways the world has never seen.



CHILDREN'S EVANGELISTS – "Servant Hands" **The Dietzels** join us once again to minister to our children. For more information on their ministry go to: www.servanthands.info



ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP GUESTS

INCLUDE:

SHERI LYNN ESSIAN
"Mighty Moms of God"

JACK FRENCH
Desires to be used of God and help His Body grow and be more fruitful.

BRIAN & SUZANNE DEEREN
"Managing Our Finances God's Way"

ADAM DAVISON
Introductory Bible Study in the Book of Phillipians.

Sr. High Evangelist – **JIMMY AUGER**;
Jr. High Evangelist – **BRAD GNIEVICK**; and
leading youth worship – "WELLSPRING"

For further information

call the
Camp Office at
989-883-2501

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Saturday, July 25 - Friday, July 31
Pre-Service Prayer 6:30 pm
Praise Time at 6:45 pm
Nightly Worship Time is 7:00 pm
Sunday School, July 26 at 9:30 am
Sunday Worship at 10:30 am on July 26



Bay Shore Camp 2009 Calendar!

- Family Camp..... July 25-31
 - Lloyd Severance Gospel Music Convention August 27-30
 - 55 & Up Fall Tour Sept. 28 - Oct. 3
 - Couple's Retreat..... October 9-10
 - Fall Family Day October 10
 - Annual Meeting October 12
 - Dean's Retreat October 16-17
 - Fall Scrapbooker's Retreat October 24-25
 - Fall Quilter's Retreat..... October 31 - November 1
- www.bayshorecamp.org for more info.

- **The Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music Convention**
- **Thursday, August 27 - 6:30pm** featuring Christian Comedian - Aaron Wilburn
- **Friday, August 28 - 6:30pm** Featuring 5 Gospel Groups
- **Saturday, August 29 - 11am** Featuring 13 Gospel Groups
- **Sunday, August 30 - 10am** The Allen Family
- www.thumbgospelmusic.org

30th Annual Benefit Auction September 26th, 2009

Mark your calendars!! This year's Auction will be here before we know it. Donations have already begun to come in, but we are looking for more! If you have any new or like new items you would like to contribute to this year's benefit auction, please give us a call at the camp office: 989-883-2501.

The Auction will have our pie baking contest for both adults and children and our Membership Church Gift Basket Challenge. Last year the response was great and this year we hope to have even more participation as well as creativity! More details coming soon.

Check our website: www.bayshorecamp.org