



## 2017 SUMMER CAMP REPORT AND UPDATES

### GOD IS ON THE MOVE..AND..GROWING RIDGE TOP BIBLE CAMP!

The summer camp season was kicked off with a **Super Saturday** on June 3rd. We were thrilled to have **43 campers!** (September 2016 there were 17 campers) It was a beautiful weather day (started raining at 4:10 after everyone left!) and there was amazing staff.

In 2016, Middle School Camp had to be cancelled because of lack of registrations. This summer there were 4 campers, which is a 400% increase!! It was a great week with amazing staff. Was it worth it for 4 campers? Absolutely!! We (Bill & Brenda) were blessed to have our co-workers from our time at Galilee Bible Camp in Tennessee, Adam & Becky Fladie & family serve with us. Adam did recreation, Becky & Noah were cabin leaders, Josiah was a camper, and Emily helped. Dale and Sandy Forgey (youth leaders at Ridgley Baptist) led worship, Pastor Kenny Carney (First Baptist Wheaton) brought the evening Chapel messages, Pastor Scott Mitchell (Solid Rock), Pastor Tony Ball (Ridgley Baptist), Adam & Becky, and Bill, all shared during Missions.

At the Junior Camp, 39 campers enrolled. (2016—12 attended) It was a great week and we praise God for 2 campers who trusted Jesus as their Savior. The Bible teachers were David and Laura Miller from Jay OK. They are missionaries with InFaith and have done Released Time Bible Classes for 43 years. Our long time friends, Ron and Dee Rearick, also came to serve with us this week. They served as missionaries with Wycliffe in Papua New Guinea for 16 years and are now serving with Righteous Rides. They did two Missions sessions, Dee did recreation and Ron was a cabin leader. Terry Edwards, from Aurora was a cabin leader. He and his wife do the Kids Klub after school program in Verona plus work with children on Wednesday evening at their church. Pam Spillman (board member's wife) was a cabin leader, as well as Melody Cash (former director with her husband David, of Camp Everlasting). Shauna Banks (board member's wife) helped at all the camps by coming to take pictures.

At the High School Camp there were 14 campers ( only 10 in 2016). We were very excited to have one of our former campers, Andrew Goff, as the worship leader and speaker. Another one of our former campers, Kevin Cash, who is also a Camp Board Member, helped at this camp as well as the Middle School Camp. He was a cabin leader, as well as being in charge of recreation at this camp. Both Andrew and Kevin are 29 years old and related very well with the campers.

Then there was **Day Camp!** WOW! What a fun time this week was—exhausting but fun! Joyce Harlow directed the program—Kingdom Safari. **There were 33 campers enrolled (23 in 2016).** The campers had Safari hats, made binoculars, had special water bottles, and took rides on Ferman Prewitt's barrel train. The campers enjoyed a bounce house, puppets, playing human hungry hippos, learning from Bible stories, and missionary stories of children in Africa. The campers and staff gave offerings to help the children in Africa through a ministry called Forgotten Voices. \$166.77 was received and will be sent. There were 30 different volunteers who helped in some way with this camp. We are so grateful!! Over the summer there were around 60 different volunteers who served to make camps possible! A few even helped with more than one camp. We praise God for his provision!

Several new items were added to the camp this summer for the camper's enjoyment. They are pictured below.

\*\*\*a basketball goal—Independent Baptist Church in Blairsville PA sent their VBS offering. Besides the goal, the extra money will be used toward concrete for a basketball court. Two other gifts have also been designated for this project.

\*\*\*another carpet ball table—thank you Kevin Cash for making and donating this!

\*\*\*Foosball table—Thanks Kevin Cash for this donation!

\*\*\*Water slide—a water slide was made with Tyvek and was enjoyed using LOTS of dish soap. Some improvements are planned before next summer.



## **FALL EVENTS**

A Super Saturday is being planned for October 14th for ages 4 years old through 5th grade, from 10:00—4:00. This event is free. Information and registrations forms are on the website.

A Teen Retreat is scheduled for October 20-21 (Friday 7 pm—Saturday 7 pm) for ages 13-18. Cost is \$25. Andrew Goff will be back as the Worship leader and share messages. Kevin & Karmen are coming as cabin leaders too. Registration forms are on the website.

A Ladies Retreat is being planned for October 28th, using Beth Moore's material, Perfect Storm, by way of video. More information and registration forms are available on the website.

Our Two Year Anniversary Celebration is being planned for Saturday, November 4th, from 4:00—7:00 P.M. There will be Bounce Houses, Barrel Train rides, Hayride, Food (for a donation), and music. Please plan now to attend and help us celebrate what God has done and what God is doing, plus hear plans for the future!

There are several projects at Ridge Top Bible Camp that need funds raised for. If you would like to donate towards any of these projects or to the general operating expenses, please indicate on the response sheet enclosed and return in the envelope provided. All donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Ridge Top Bible Camp.

Basketball Court—\$3,000.00

Gutters for Dining Hall—waiting for estimate

Staff Quarters—\$3,000.00

Radio ministry—\$200 per month

Zipline—\$1,000.00

Ridge Top Bible Camp

PO Box 431

Wheaton, MO 68748

Listen to Bill each morning on KNEO 91.7 on the radio at 8:15 (week days) as he shares from the Word and information about the camp. Also check out other projects and ways to help on the website:

[ridgetopbiblecamp.com](http://ridgetopbiblecamp.com)

Camp Director: Bill Bennett

417-342-7659 cell

417-652-7846 home