

Bear Tracks

September 2014

Reflections of "Summer 2014"



One of the awesome aspects of camp is that all the campers and staff have Scripture taught to them every day by a chapel speaker. The speakers design their teaching around the camp theme, and while each is similar due to that theme, each uniquely uses the gifts entrusted to them. One speaker began the week by teaching on the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13). He explained how each of us is one of the four types of soil that Jesus describes. WE can be like the path and be completely resistant to the truth; or WE can be like the rocky or weedy soil hearing the Truth and accepting it, but we either do not actually set our foundation upon it or we refuse to let go of our worldly cares (money, power, things, status); or WE can be like the good soil, constantly being weeded and tended by the gardener so that when we hear the Truth, it takes root and bears much fruit in our lives for the glory of the Great Gardener. His challenge was and IS that each of us decides what kind of soil we will be. Each of us either chooses to work the soil and engage the Word of God and make it part of the fiber of who we are so that we can grow and bloom and bear fruit, or we choose to let the soil go, shutting out God's Word or only shallowly engage it so that nothing of value grows.

That is THE REALITY CHECK!



My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

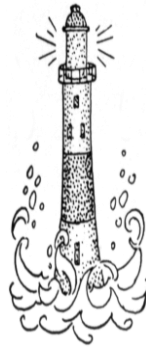
Colossians 2:2-3



"Summer camp: it is intentionality mixed with activity. It is an environment in which to build relationships and grow with campers day by day. One enters camp as a summer staff member expecting to have the opportunity to change lives, which is true, but it is sometimes overlooked that the Father is simultaneously using it to change us as servant leaders. The change comes from interactions with both campers and fellow staff members as well as in the intentional time set aside to grow closer to the Lord Himself. I, for one, am grateful that that change is much deeper than a nice, summer tan and instead has the ability to permeate all of who we are and last forever."---Amanda



558 Campers this summer!





The mess of May 9, 2014 is cleaned up, however there is still wood to be split. If you or a group you are part of would like to volunteer some time splitting, call the camp office to let us know when you can come.

....but the **seed** falling on good soil...someone who hears the **word** and understands it and produces **fruit**!.....

There have been MANY volunteers who have helped plant trees as well as cut down some of the trees affected by the emerald ash borer. A youth team from Columbia City First Church of God volunteered their time and planted approximately 100 more trees all over the camp property early in the spring to replace trees which were planted a year earlier, becoming food for the deer struggling to find food during the long, harsh winter of 2013! Another willing volunteer from Bear Lake Ministries has been faithfully watering those trees and they are thriving! A wonderful and talented group of men and women from the Ft. Wayne area arrived in May to take down 19 dead or dying trees quickly and safely. The scene that day looked more like a flying squirrel circus than a lumberjack crew! There were people up in the trees cutting off limbs and sections of the trunk while others used ropes and a bucket truck on the ground to direct the path of the falling debris. It was amazing to watch and hard to believe that so many trees came down in just one day! More volunteers flooded the camp over the next few days and weeks to continue cutting splitting, stacking, and hauling the wood in preparation for the camp season.



Coming Soon!

*New Website!
New pictures & videos!
Easier to navigate!*

Spring Retreats!

There are still dates available in "Spring 2015" for your group to get away and experience renewal engaging in God's Word. Call the camp office for availability and help scheduling your retreat!





Summer Staff 2014

"Summer 2015"

Primary Overnight (2nd-3rd):	June 5-6
Jr. High 1 (7th-9th):	June 8-13
Junior 1 (4th-6th):	June 15-20
Sr. High 1 (9th-11th):	June 22-27
Junior 2 (4th-6th):	June 29-July 4
Sr. High 2 (10th-Grad):	July 6-11
Jr. High 2 (7th-9th):	July 13-18
Junior 3 (3rd-5th):	July 20-24

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

Save the Date

Senior Day Away – September 25

RSVP by September 19

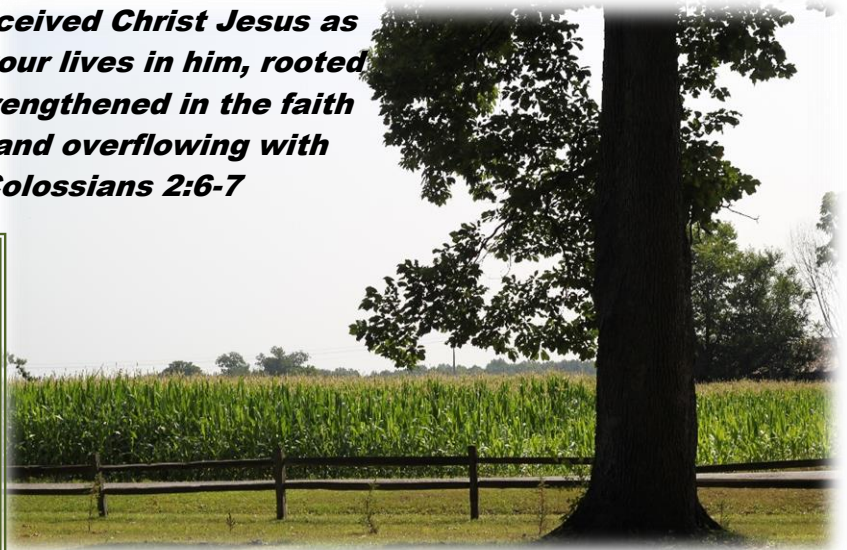
Partners in Ministry Celebration

Sunday, October 26

RSVP by October 20

"Defrost 2015" – January 2-3

Watch for registration details



Wish List

- Binoculars
- Bird houses
- Canoe paddles
- Pool noodles
- Leaf rakes
- Tarps
- 2 Water conditioners
- Menards, Lowes, Wal-mart gift cards

Thank you for ALL the donations of items on the last wish list as well as the gift cards to purchase necessary items.



The Lord has been faithful in bringing volunteers and resources to the camp to help with needed projects!
Thank you to all those who gave their time, energy, and resources to continue to make BLC a safe and fun place where God is glorified!