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“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” II Peter 3:18

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal...For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

(Matthew 6:19-20)

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

(II Corinthians 5:7)

Have you ever hiked rugged trails in the dark? You never seem to feel entirely stable as you struggle to keep your footing without being able to see clearly in front of you. This illustration would well describe what it is like to walk by faith. For many of our summer ministry team members, this experience is a daily reality.

Our summer staff is made up of young people, most of whom are in the midst of saving every penny to pay school bills. Serving as summer staff is a genuine sacrifice. They are experiencing first-hand what it is to walk by faith and to trust the Lord for financial provision.

It is exciting to hear how the Lord has provided financially for those who have stepped out by faith and are serving at CAMP JOY this summer. David Rains is a returning counselor, he has seen the Lord specifically provide for him:

“Walking by faith seems so simple when looking at the promises of God’s Word and His commands to walk by faith, *‘For without faith it is impossible to please God.’* (Hebrews 11:6) Yet the actual daily moment-by-moment decisions to walk by faith are unnatural for the human mind and will. God has been teaching me lessons concerning

faith the last few years, and I have much yet to learn. God began to work in my heart during a mission’s conference at college two years ago about trusting Him to provide my financial needs, if I am doing His will. Earlier this year, He began to make it clear to me that I needed to counsel at CAMP JOY this summer, even though I did not have enough finances to completely pay for my school bill. But God was faithful, as He has promised, and He miraculously provided the money to pay off my entire school bill from this past school year.

Throughout the course of my sophomore year, I was asked to consider and pray about coming back to camp to counsel another summer. I began to pray for God’s will to be revealed to me, knowing I did not have any finances for the following school year, 2009–2010. I knew it would be a big step of faith for me to minister at camp a second summer.

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

By: *Scott Hatchett - Camp Director*

Greetings in the name of our Lord! With summer just around the corner, we are working hard preparing for, what we trust, will be an exciting and spiritually profitable ministry to many young people and adults. In preparation for the summer, we work hard recruiting young adults from various sound Bible colleges around the country. Much prayer, time and effort goes into finding the right individuals who will be that special channel of blessing to the many who come to camp each summer.

We are doing many things to provide an adventurous camping experience this summer like none before! In addition to preparing exciting games, a hilarious fun time, and numerous other activities, we are shining and tuning up our Ski Nautique ski boats, building beautiful new cabins in Driftwood Village, and replacing our entire parking lot. We are working hard to make this one of the best summers in Camp Joy's history.

I would encourage you to look into all that our new Driftwood Village offers. For example, these units provide an excellent opportunity for church members to give their pastor and his wife a nice get-away for a few days of relaxation and refreshment. These private cottages allow not only a very comfortable and secluded retreat, but also a time of spiritual refreshment in a place with a wholesome environment. The atmosphere at Camp Joy encourages personal sensitivity to the Word of God and affords a place to hear His still, quiet voice. What a refreshing blessing we trust this will be! Please help us get the word out so these cottages can begin to be a blessing to many individuals. To learn more about what the Lord is doing here and to see all of our programs, visit our website: www.campjoy.org.

Please plan to join us this summer and experience not only a fun-packed week of "Super Sleuthing Adventure," but also a spiritually productive time to be challenged, refreshed, and encouraged in the things of the Lord. Camp Joy can make a huge impact not only in your life, but also in your eternity!

In His Service,
Scott Hatchett
Director of Camp Joy

STAFF SPOTLIGHT!

REBEKAH AND JONATHON FRUIN

While their parents are serving as missionaries in Cambodia, the Fruin kids are serving at Camp Joy. They have been at CAMP JOY serving the Lord as full-time staff in the areas of office and maintenance for about a year and a half.



FAVORITE PART ABOUT CAMP JOY: I get to see all about how Camp Joy works, whether working in the office or in the Snack Shack.

FAVORITE PART ABOUT CAMP JOY: Ministering to the campers and helping them have a good time.



UNIQUE FACT: I am a missionary's kid.



TRUTH LEARNED WHILE SERVING AT CAMP JOY: Trust God through everything that happens.

FAVORITE CAMP JOY RETREAT: Definitely the Ukrainian Retreat!



PERSONAL HOBBY: Anything sports-related, computer-related, or reading-related. Other than that, if it lets me go outdoors, I'll do it!

PERSONAL HOBBY: Audio and video editing



"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Isaiah 26:3

OPERATION: JOB DONE!

By: Natalie Anderson, Rachel Logan, Derek McKenzie, Ryan Pilz,
Valerie Pilz, Nora Stewart, and Micah Talbert
- previous Camp Joy Op Staff members

Before a recruit can become a soldier in the U.S. Army, he must go through a fifteen-week period of vigorous training known as Basic Training. Basic Training is known for teaching recruits self-discipline and for preparing them physically and mentally for combat.

A lot of hard work with little glory -- this would well-describe Basic Training, but also it sums up Camp Joy's summer Operational Staff. We've talked to several previous Operational Staff members to get the inside scoop about what OP Staff is really like!

WHAT IS OP STAFF?

They are a group of teenagers and college students who do all the dirty work. Doesn't sound all that fun, does it? But wait until you hear all the benefits!

DM: A clean atmosphere helps the campers enjoy their stay and allows the counselors to concentrate on their campers...That's the Op Staff's main goal.

MT: Op Staff is mostly the behind-the-scenes work force that keeps things clean, organized, and running efficiently.

VP: Op Staff are the people who run the show. You may have thought it was the counselors, but actually it is the Op Staff who keep things running.



WHAT ARE THE LIVING CONDITIONS LIKE?

Whether you are living in a "BaSiCs" room with several other guys, in the "kitchen headquarters" with eight other girls, or in a camper cabin with up to twelve campers, life in the "barracks" is always exciting!

MT: Several? That's an understatement! It was actually eleven other sweaty guys. It was great!...It teaches you to get along, be friendly, share, and work hard to keep the room clean!

RP: I learned to be considerate when living with others. It was hard sharing a crowded room, but it certainly prepared me for college.

RL: I enjoyed listening to loud exclamations when alarm clocks went off. (You) couldn't be selfish with your space.

NS: (It was) a lot of fun (staying in a cabin), you see the campers grow spiritually throughout the

week. The campers view you as a leader. It is a real privilege.

VP: We would have a night where we all dressed up as crazy as we could. Sometimes we would try to scare each other in the dark. I always enjoyed the fellowship we had every night...at devotions.

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JBC FOUNDATION LAUNCHES ITS OWN "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By: Charlie Hatchett - Director of the JBC Foundation

The effect of Christian camp on the lives of those who attend is significant. Statistics indicate that between 65% and 85% of those currently serving in full-time Christian service made a life-changing decision at a Christian camp. A recent survey in a major fundamental college revealed that between 80% and 90% of their students had made major decisions at a camp. Camp Joy's records reveal that on average 35% of those who attended summer camp made at least one significant spiritual decision. These statistics speak for themselves. Getting young people to camp needs to be a major priority.

When one considers the value of camp, it is hard to imagine a teen or junior-age young person not attending camp because of finances. Yet, these demanding financial times are making it difficult for many young people with great potential for the Lord to get to camp. The Joy Baptist Camp Foundation wants to provide these young people with the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and benefits of camp this summer.



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Camp Joy is doing its part by keeping their camp fees at a minimum, but even their extremely low rates are too much for some to afford. To help those who cannot otherwise afford to attend camp, JBC Foundation has been encouraging Christian businessmen to partner with Camp Joy to enable young people to attend camp this summer. Through the generosity of several of these men, the Foundation has been able to raise funds to provide help for many young people this summer. Although these funds are available, we are still concerned that there are those who will not attend camp due to finances.

Empty chairs don't make decisions; as long as the camp has capacity, it needs to be reaching its full potential for the Lord. It is the JBC Foundation's goal to see to it that "NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND." ♦

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WHAT IS THE JOB?

They cook, clean, mow lawns, empty trash, wash dishes, sweep sidewalks, wash windows, set tables, mop floors, run the shops, baby-sit, rake seaweed, split wood, mop floors... work really hard.

NS: The cleaning was my favorite job because you get to know the other person on your cleaning team. We felt like family, especially in morning devotions and prayer time.

RL: You learn that people are more important than just getting the job done. The highlight of my work day was the satisfaction of knowing a day had gone well and the Lord had given strength.

MT: (Op Staff) teaches you to serve and work hard NOT for money, but because you want to serve God and do His will with all your might, even if it won't put much money in your pocket.

RP: There was a definite schedule from the moment I woke up until I went to bed. It taught me a lot of discipline, and I came to enjoy knowing exactly what I ought to be doing every part of the day.

NA: We got to attend at least one service a day...If there was a big crowd, some of the OP Staff would get to counsel campers who were making spiritual decisions.



The services were a huge challenge, and the regular time set aside each morning for devotions was crucial. It was at Camp Joy that I really started getting something special from the Word every day.

RP: I think that being able to minister to others was the real reward. The Lord has used Camp Joy to considerably increase my spiritual growth. I've felt an increased burden for the lost, and I've committed that wherever I am, I'll be involved in some sort of ministry. What really made the difference was the frequent and convicting messages I was able to hear.

VP: I came (to Camp Joy) wondering how I was going to make it. I sort of compared it to boot camp. But my attitude changed, and I loved it! Now seven summers later, I look back and think the Lord really knew what He was doing. I am sincerely thankful for all the blessings God has given me through Camp Joy.



DM: After eleven weeks of the best preaching I've heard in my life, I've made many decisions for the Lord.

NA: The greatest eternal reward was to really begin to know God. Over the five summers I worked at camp, I began to see my need to know

Him. Through the examples of godly staff, I began to "taste and see that the Lord is good."

A FINAL WORD:

RL: If you have a teachable heart, the Lord will work in unbelievable ways.

NS: The rewards far out-weigh the sacrifice.

NA: No matter what things you struggle with spiritually, God will work in your heart during this prime opportunity to make you more like Himself.

MT: If you go determined to work hard, learn, and submit to the authority there, I can guarantee that you will have an amazing, memorable summer!

RP: You will be tired, but you will have a lot of fun, and the Lord will really grow you if you let Him.

VP: It's not having fun or stuff that's important in life, it's people.

DM: You'll grow spiritually, meet amazing people, have fun, and learn new things.

Camp Joy's Op Staff calls for determined, strong, and willing young people who desire to make an eternal difference. Their role is vital for the operation of the ministry. There may not be much glory, but the rewards are eternal. Camp Joy is preparing young people for the army of the Lord! ♦

WHAT IS FUN?

Although this isn't the focus of Op Staff members, it still is a part of their time at Camp Joy. You work all day, and then...

VP: Because, we were all working together, I made a lot of friends and I had a lot of fun too. It wasn't all "grueling" work. On the weekends, we would go tubing and swing off the rope swing. I went to every Fun



Night -- I never got tired of it! It was so funny!

RP: Op Staff was fun because the demands of the day drew us together, and we were able to be ourselves around each other.

NA: As long as our hands were working, we had a grand time talking and singing. We sometimes played tricks on each other...We had so much fun, I don't think we ever realized we were working.

WHAT IS THE RESULT?

Although there are no glorious trophies or honors, Op Staff has a reward of its own - an eternal reward. It is a life-changing experience!

NS: I think that getting down to the dirty stuff and giving up what I wanted to do really humbled me.

MT: God used my summers at Camp Joy to knock down walls that were keeping me from growing.



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But God made it clear to me through preaching, and my daily devotions, that I needed to trust God and see Him do great things to provide for my financial needs. The Lord gave me the passage in Matthew 6:25-34 to claim as a promise that God

“Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on... Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them... Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” - Selections from Matthew 6:25-30

would supply all of my needs. If God knows the birds of the air and the lilies of the field and takes care of them, how much more will he take care of His children when they seek Him and do His will. In fact, as I have been praying and asking God to encourage my faith and to see Him provide in miraculous ways, He has faithfully answered. The Lord brought in an anonymous check for my school bill to start paying for next year's tuition. That gift encouraged me to know that God is hearing my prayers; and if I am faithful to Him, He is more than delighted to be faithful to me.”

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and

all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)

- David Rains, returning summer camp counselor

Britney Brede, also a current summer camp counselor, has seen the Lord provide for her school bill as she has trusted the Lord to provide for her finances. She has seen that: *“all things work together for good to them that love God.”* (Romans 8:28)

“This school year I have both tasted and seen that the Lord is good. The Lord truly has made ‘walking by faith’ a living reality in my life. He has taught me that when I place my small faith in a great God, He is able to work miracles. This past semester God confirmed this truth. In fact, I almost decided to sit out a semester and work because I knew that I was going into the semester with nothing to pay my school bill.

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However, after much prayer, God made His will very clear to me—I was to go to school by faith. I knew from the start that I would have to trust Him for everything, so I began praying and God started answering! Within just a month's time, God had provided me with seven checks toward my school bill, all of which came from separate people. This can be explained by none other than God at work! I am certain that God did this as a token of His faithfulness to teach me that He can and will provide for me financially this summer. I have gone into the summer merely by faith knowing that I serve a God who knows my every need. God has taught me to pray ‘big’ prayers and to pray specifically because nothing is too hard for the Lord. The greatest part is that He delights in answering ‘big’ prayers, and providing finances is actually easy for Him to do! The Lord has certainly shown me that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that I could ever ask or think.”

So often, those who sacrificially serve the Lord find that He cares and provides for them beyond their expectations. Proverbs 3:5-6 are words that ring true in many of the hearts of the summer staff members at CAMP JOY this summer: *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”* We hear much in the popular media about the state of our nation that could cause one to walk by sight. Many of the young people serving at camp this summer are stepping out by faith and trusting the Lord to provide for them today. ♦

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PRAYER NEEDS FOR THE MINISTRY

Please continue to pray for God's **power, protection, and provision** for this ministry.

Please pray fervently for the **Summer Ministry Team 2009** that the Lord has put together this summer. Pray that there would be unity among the summer staff. Pray that each staff member would glorify God through their ministry. Pray that the Lord would be working specifically in the staff members' hearts and that they would make life-changing decisions. Pray that the Lord would give great wisdom as they lead and direct, whether through example or personal contact.

Pray with us that we will have **full camps this summer**. In addition, try to think of some way you can be an influence to get someone to camp this summer—perhaps a grandchild, a neighborhood child, a teen Sunday School student, or some young person or teen that only comes to church occasionally. “Empty chairs do not make decisions.” -Charlie Hatchett

In order to help with this effort, the **JBC Foundation** is challenging Christian businessmen to give from their companies for camper scholarships. So far we have had five Christian businessmen commit funds from their businesses to send campers at half the normal price. Our goal is to raise enough scholarship money from businesses owned by Christians to allow 350 campers to attend a week of camp for only \$100.00.

Pray that the Lord would grant **safety** to all the campers and staff. There are many exciting activities that go on at camp, and we desire through the Lord's strength to make it a safe environment for everyone. Prayer is vital in this area.

Pray for each of the **speakers** who will be sharing the Word of God this summer. Pray that the Lord would greatly use them to reach the hearts of the campers and staff and that many souls would be saved as a result. Pray that the pulpit ministry would in no way be hindered.