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Celebrating a Summer of God's Goodness



While we did not meet our goal of 700 campers (559 campers participated, roughly the same number as last year), we saw God work in wonderful ways. God demonstrated his faithfulness to us by providing us with everything we needed and keeping our staff and campers safe from serious injury or illness. God provided ample rain to supply our wells with water both in the spring ahead of camp as well as in the summer. He provided us with a great staff and volunteers with servant hearts and a love for others.

We are also grateful for the spiritual fruit that we were able to witness this summer. A large number of campers expressed to their counselors that they made some sort of spiritual decision during their time at Judson—26 made salvation decisions, 10 recommitted their lives to Christ, 5 made a commitment to daily devotions, 45 made commitments to pray more regularly, 16 committed themselves to attend church regularly, and 71 committed themselves to regular Bible reading.

All totaled, approximately 30% of our campers made some sort of spiritual decision! This does not include decisions made that were not shared with staff, or all the seeds that were planted that God will continue to cultivate through local churches and other individuals in the weeks and years ahead.

Please continue to pray for our campers as they go about their lives away from Judson, that God will continue to work in their lives and draw them closer to Jesus.

What They Said About Summer 2011

"I loved the enthusiasm of the counselors. They seemed well trained and genuinely happy to be at Judson and working with our kids."

- Parent

"Overall great week! Best thing all summer! I can't wait to go back!"

- Camper

"My daughter brought a friend who was a first time camper and she really liked it."

- Parent

"My son was very excited to talk about what he did and learned."

- Parent

"I had an amazing time! Thank you for everything!"

- Camper

"This was his first time at camp and he absolutely loved it . . . He didn't want to come home!"

- Parent

"Camp is awesome!"

- Camper

"I was a Judson camper as a child and now my children are. We all love it!"

- Parent

Coming to Judson This Fall and Winter

Winter Blast Youth Retreats

Students in grades 7 to 12, their friends and youth groups, and their youth leaders are invited to join us for a weekend of worship, friends, and fun.

Each weekend will include several sessions of worship and teaching (worship leaders and presenters to be determined) as well as a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. The retreat will be offered the weekend of January 20-22 and if there is sufficient demand from students and youth groups, we will add a second weekend in January or early February. The cost for the weekend is \$80.

4:12 Student Leadership Academy

Brochures and information will be available and sent out to students and churches in the early fall.

One of the goals of Camp Judson is to help local church congregations to develop the next generation of Christian leaders within their local church. To accomplish this goal, we are launching the 4:12 Student Leadership Academy to provide teenagers with an opportunity to participate in Christian leadership training and then have the opportunity to apply what they are learning and discovering by serving in their local church with the assistance of a mentor in their local congregation.

The program takes its name and inspiration from 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

The program will offer three to four instructional sessions each year at Judson or some other ministry site, with the idea that students will take what they have learned back to their

local church and have the opportunity to put it into practice. Instructional sessions will focus on subjects such as spiritual gift discovery, spiritual growth, evangelism, discipleship, and servanthood to name a few.

The cost of the program will be between \$25 and \$50 per session for each student, and we will be asking churches and other individuals to assist by investing in the future of the church by sponsoring students who wish to participate.

Interested students will be required to complete an application, submit a recommendation from their pastor, youth leader, or Sunday School teacher, along with the name of someone from their congregation who has agreed to serve as their mentor in the local church.

Detailed information about this new program and applications for students to sign up will be mailed out to students, youth leaders, pastors, and churches in early September and will appear in the October issue of the Judson Journal.

Help Us Find These Former Staff Members

We are working to update our address records for former resident staff members. If you have contact information for any of the following people, can you please let us know? We will ask their permission before adding their addresses to our list. Thanks!

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| Teresa Albizuri | Carla Davis | Chris Keefer | Dan Northrup | Amy Sickler |
| Dawn Anson | Flora Dayton | Kris Kessler | Bert Pasquale | Rodney Silman Jr. |
| Chris Ayars | Sarah Divens | Beth Knight | Dannae Patterson | Jim Slater |
| Phenice Ayars | Jessica Donnell | David Knisley | Dean Penberthy | Lorra Sliter |
| John Babish | Paula Doult | William Larger | Kim Pentycofe | Shannon Snow |
| Bob Baldwin | Brandon Duby | Joe Longboat | Steve Potter | Nancy Rose Stewart |
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| Linda Cline | Carol Graham | Krina Musial | Tricia Schaubert | Dan Williams |
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| Anita Collazo | Carolyn Kaiser | Kris Nies | Tara Sheffler | Laurie Zimmer |
| Pauline Dahler | | | | |

Thank You John and Joann!

In just a few weeks, we will be saying good bye to our seasonal Maintenance Supervisor, John Bennett, and his wife Joann as they return to their home on Long Island. Sadly (for us), John and Joann have made the decision to not return to Judson next summer out of a desire to be closer to their family year round.

We will wish them well and will miss their company next summer. John will leave big shoes to fill as we begin to search for a new seasonal Maintenance Supervisor. John has helped us to address a number of critical maintenance issues and gotten us to the point that most of our maintenance needs are routine and preventative. We are so grateful to God for sending the Bennetts to us for these last two camping seasons!

If you see them before they depart, please thank them for everything they have done. If you wish to send them a card, send it to:

John and Joann Bennett
1964 River Road 133
Calverton, NY 11933
papa101248@yahoo.com

Ways You Can Pray for Judson

Here are some ways you can pray for the ministry of Camp Judson:

- Thank God for all the ways that we witnessed God's grace, protection, and provision.
- Thank God for all the campers who heard the Gospel message and pray that God will continue to work in their lives.
- Thank God for John and Joann Bennett and pray for them as they travel home.
- Thank God for our wonderful staff and pray for them as they head back to school or work this fall.
- For the families who will stay in the Lakeside Campgrounds at Camp Judson this fall.
- For the retreat groups who will visit Camp Judson this fall, winter, and spring.
- For the launch of the 4:12 Student Leadership Academy and the students who will be impacted.
- For preparations for our Winter Blast Youth Retreat Weekend.
- For God's continued provision in meeting all of our needs, financial, volunteer, and otherwise.
- For the evaluation of our summer camp program and the beginning of planning for summer 2012.
- That Camp Judson would become an increasingly helpful resource for churches throughout Northwestern Pennsylvania.
- For God's wisdom and dreams as we plan for the future of the Camp Judson ministry particularly as the board and camp leadership begins the process of developing a long range strategic plan.

Erie Gives!

On August 2, the Erie Community Foundation celebrated it's 75th anniversary with Erie Gives, an online giving event where the foundation offered matching funds for all funds given to organizations on the Erie Gives website in a twelve hour period. In just twelve hours, the foundation raised over \$770,000 for non-profits around the Erie area, including over \$4500 for Camp Judson. Including the 14% match from the foundation, Camp Judson received just over \$5100 through this event! Thanks to everyone who spread the word about Erie Gives in such a short amount of time from when we announced our participation the week before.



Scholarship Program Update

Through the Camper Assistance Program this summer we were able to help 166 campers get to camp at a cost of \$42,145. However, as you may have heard, to this point we have only received just over \$21,000. Campers who received CAP funds come from both urban and rural communities, a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds, and request CAP funds for a variety of reasons ranging from a chronic unemployment or underemployment, unexpected expenses for medical bills or car or home repairs.

If you would like to help us meet this shortfall, you can send a check made out to Camp Judson (memoed CAP), 398 Holliday Road, North Springfield, PA 16430, or you can call (814 922-3834) and make a donation with your credit card.

Sponsor a Horse

For many years, our campers and guests have enjoyed riding horses as part of their summer experience at Camp Judson. In the last few years the cost of feeding and caring for our horses in the off season has risen dramatically, to the point that it now averages about \$700 per horse.

If you would like to be a sponsor (or be a partial sponsor) for one of our eight horses through the winter and help to lessen the impact on our budget, please contact us at 814 922-3834 or by e-mailing judson@campjudson.com.

Lakeside Campgrounds Still Open

Summer may have drawn to a close and kids are headed back to school, but the Lakeside Campgrounds are still open!

So if you are looking for one last camping getaway before the weather turns cold, consider staying in the Lakeside Campgrounds at Camp Judson with its spectacular lake views. Campsites with hookups are just \$30/night and without for just \$25/night until the campgrounds close on October 15. Reservations are recommended to ensure availability upon arrival. Call the office (814) 922-3834 to make your reservation.

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PA 16430

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If you have a twitter account, log in and search for CampJudson (one word) and click the follow button. Or follow us directly by visiting:



www.twitter.com/CampJudson

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to learn more about the ministry of Camp Judson, please contact us through our website: www.campjudson.com
by e-mail: judson@campjudson.com
by phone: (814) 922-3834 or fax: (814) 474-6016,

No Inflation Registration for Summer 2012

Want to lock in your registration fee for Summer Camp at Judson in 2012?

Simply send a check for \$50 with the camper name to Judson by September 30, 2011 and you get to come to camp at 2011 rates!

(You will still need to complete a registration form at a later date)

Need a Place for Your Retreat or Event?

Consider Camp Judson! We offer a beautiful setting, friendly staff, and great food and would love to host you here on the shores of Lake Erie.

Now booking for fall 2011 and spring or fall 2012!