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Can you believe it? Summer is just around the corner! As I write this, we are less than ten weeks away from the arrival of the first group of campers. The staff is taking shape, directors are lining up, and we are getting ready for final preparations for another fantastic summer.

Being back at Judson, this time as Managing Director, really takes me back a bit as I reflect upon weeks I spent here as a camper and summers I spent here as a staff member. I am reminded of many stories, stories of activities and fun, as well as stories of God impacting and changing lives both of campers and of staff. I can't wait to see what God will do in the lives of campers and staff not just this summer but in the years to come!

It has now been about three months since I assumed the duties as Managing Director of Camp Judson. In that time, I have learned a lot and I have enjoyed meeting so many new people and getting reacquainted with so many old friends. Thank you for making us feel welcome, thank you for all the work that has been done and is planned for our home, and I want to especially thank you so much for all of your prayers for myself and my family.

As the summer approaches, please continue to remember and pray for the ministry of Camp Judson. We desire to be used by God to the fullest extent as we seek to provide quality programs that will serve to bolster and enhance both the lives of individual campers as well as impacting and strengthening churches and families in Western Pennsylvania and beyond. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we seek to discern how the Camp Judson ministry can better minister to the glory of the Kingdom of God and develop the plans that God would have us pursue.

To God be the glory,

Kevin Saxton

700 CAMPER GOAL !!

Registrations are starting to roll in for summer camp and we want to get to at least 700 campers this summer, because every empty bunk each week is a missed opportunity for a child/teenager to have a life-changing encounter with Jesus! Here's how you can help:

- 1) Help us find campers by encouraging children and teenagers to register for a week of camp and by encouraging campers to invite their friends to join them at Judson this summer (There is a \$20 discount for new campers as well as for the friends who invite them to come).
- 2) Donate to your church's scholarship fund or send a donation to Judson for the Camper Assistance Fund. Not every family can afford a week of camp or understands the value of a week of camp where a child/teenager can have a life-changing encounter with Jesus, and if you know someone who needs help paying for a week at camp, encourage them to talk to your camp advocate or encourage them to call the camp office and ask for a scholarship form.
- 3) Pray that God will help us to get at least 700 campers to Judson and meet all of our needs, financial and otherwise.

We know that God is faithful to provide everything that we need and we look forward to seeing what God will do at Camp Judson this summer!

ARE THE KIDS REGISTERED FOR SUMMER CAMP? Check www.campjudson.com for a registration form.

Camp Judson's New Maintenance Man

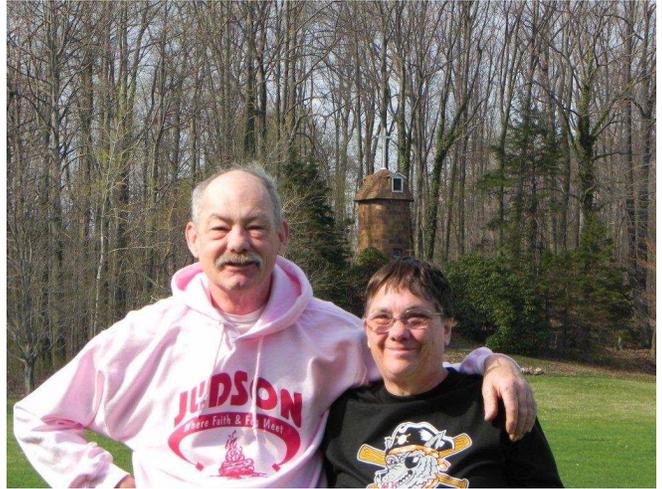
We welcome John and Joann Bennett from Long Island, NY as the new maintenance man. I asked him to write a short life's history so everyone can get to know him.

Born a PK (preacher's kid) in Vermont, we moved frequently. My formative years were on a dairy farm in Starrucca, Pa. Dad, Mom, two brothers, sister, and myself made up a "relatively normal" family. Growing up with Type I diabetes, I've balanced my diet, insulin, and exercise very closely.

At the age of thirteen I accepted Jesus Christ into my heart, but I must confess that I was seventeen before I let Him be Lord of my life. Being taught stories of God and Jesus as a youngster should have made my faith decision easy. Being obstinate and willful against my dad being a preacher made that decision much more difficult. Yet here I am as a Bible believing Christian of forty-eight years with innumerable gifts from the creator.

Among these gifts was meeting a Christian woman who became my wife forty-one years ago and still puts up with me. We met after I was in an automobile accident. Joann was a nurse's aide at the hospital. Born and raised on Long Island, Joann has blessed me with two daughters who have since blessed *us* with five grandchildren. She and I were also privileged several years ago going to Kentucky on a missions trip doing carpentry for special needs families.

I believe another gift is having been selected to my position at Camp Judson. The opportunity and timing can only be providential. Since retiring, I have kept busy doing handyman work including four years as the one-man maintenance staff at a church and pre-school facility. And camping is a love my entire family has. Over twenty years saw me as a camper, a counselor, or part of the maintenance staff at a diabetic camp in Massachusetts. After Joann and I married, we continued camping as a family using progressively larger campers. Regretfully, last year we had to sell our camper. Yet this year a camper is being provided for our use. Isn't God GREAT?



OUR CAMP NEEDS

As some of our equipment ages and draws nearer to the end of its usability at camp, we would like to ask all of you in the Camp Judson family to help us by being on the lookout for the following items:

Tractor (around 50 hp)
Sunfish class sailboats
Trailer frame from camper

If you or someone you know has one of these items and might be willing to donate it (gifts are tax deductible) or interested in selling it to us for an affordable price, please contact the camp office.

ITEMS FOR JBC STORE 2010

Small flashlights/batteries Batteries- size AA
Travel size shampoo Small tablets
Small bottles of sunscreen Disposable Cameras
Stamps- both regular & postcard
Small bottles of bug repellent Rain ponchos

All candy and chip items need to be individually wrapped.

The most popular choices of candy are:

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| Hershey Bars | Reese's PB Cups |
| Mars | 3 Musketeers |
| Butterfinger | Mounds |
| M& M's- plain, peanut, or peanut butter | |
| Reese's Pieces | Cow's Tail |
| Snickers | Air Heads |
| Nerds | Laffy Taffy |
| Twizzlers | KitKat |

Case of individual size bags of chips, pretzels, combos, fruit snacks, or Trail mix.
Cases of bottled Gatorade, water, IBC Root Beer, Snapple, Ice Tea or diet varieties of any of these drinks.

FYI—Wanted to let everyone know the winners of the bulletin board contest for the churches. The Board had a hard time deciding, they were all great! First place went to Franklin Union Baptist in Worthington, second was Port Allegany First Baptist and third place was Richardsville Baptist in Brookville.

Sunday School Printables

Coloring Sheets



“I am the good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” John 10:14

Hey Kids... Here's a new section of the newsletter just for you. Every newsletter will have something just for you to do. This month is a picture of Jesus finding the lost sheep. You can color it and send it to camp and we'll hang them in the store. You'll be able to see the picture you colored when you visit the store.



“Five Essential Strands of a Successful Summer Camp Experience”

The Board of Commissioners of Camp Judson has worked hard to isolate a set of standards that will be a spring board for teaching important biblical truths, planning camp experiences that are meaningful and fun, and give some direction to the entire staff for personal testimony to the campers. These strands will also be beneficial in explaining to the families and churches exactly what is taught at Bible study, shared at devotions and vespers, and exemplified by the staff.

Directors will still have much freedom in planning activities. These basic Biblical truths will insure that the campers will not only have a week filled with excellent camp fun, but will also go home from camp having heard from the Bible what He has in store for them.

The strands include: (1.) God created everything. He created us as unique individuals and loves us. (2.) God wants to have a relationship with us and has a purpose for our life. (3.) Sin gets in the way of that relationship. (4.) Jesus Christ is the only bridge from us to God. (5.) Our Christian walk is enhanced when we identify our unique gifts and how to use them.

By offering our campers a curriculum based on these five strands, Camp Judson will be accountable to campers, parents, churches, communities and the Board of Commissioners for offering a camping experience truly centered in God's Word.

**BRING A FRIEND TO CAMP WHO HAS NEVER BEEN HERE AND GET \$20.00 OFF YOUR REGISTRATION.
CALL THE OFFICE 814-922-3834 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.**

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2010 Summer Schedule

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| Rally Day | Free | June 12 | Entire Family |
| Junior I | \$295 | June 13-19 | Grades 4-6 |
| Junior High I | \$295 | June 13-19 | Grades 7-8 |
| Jr. Trailblazers | \$225 | June 13-19 | Grades 4-6 |
| Junior II | \$295 | June 20-26 | Grades 4-6 |
| Junior High II | \$295 | June 20-26 | Grades 7-8 |
| Day Camp I | \$125 | June 21-25 | Grades K-6 |
| Summer Blast | \$155 | June 27-30 | Grades 7-12 |
| Mini I | \$155 | June 27-30 | Grades 2-3 |
| Family Camp | Varies | July 2-4 | Entire Family |
| Junior III | \$295 | July 4-10 | Grades 4-6 |
| Wrangler I | \$355 | July 4-10 | Grades 7-12 |
| Mini II | \$155 | July 4-7 | Grades 2-3 |
| Mini III | \$155 | July 7-10 | Grades 2-3 |
| Arts Alive 2010 | \$295 | July 11-17 | Grades 7-12 |
| Wrangler II | \$355 | July 11-17 | Grades 7-12 |
| Adventures in Archeology | \$295 | July 11-17 | Grades 7-12 |
| Sr. High Super Week | \$295 | July 18-24 | Grades 9-12 |
| Trailblazer | \$225 | July 25-31 | Grades 7-12 |
| Junior IV | \$295 | July 25-31 | Grades 4-6 |
| Day Camp II | \$125 | July 26-30 | Grades K-6 |

Stay Connected!

There are now two new ways to keep up with what is going on at Camp Judson. You can find us on Facebook and Twitter.

 If you have a Facebook account, log in and search for the group "Camp Judson" or become a fan.

 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

You can also receive a copy of the Judson Newsletter right in your inbox as soon as it becomes available. All you have to do is email us at Judsonnews@gmail.com. Be sure to include your first and last name in the subject line.

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