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God Makes It All Possible

There's a lot that goes into making the Judson ministry work. There is marketing and promotion to invite campers, retreat participants, families, and rental groups to experience God at Judson. There is staff to hire and train, as well as repairs, maintenance, construction, and groundskeeping to be done by staff and volunteers, not to mention the planning and implementation of programs, fundraising, connecting with alumni and friends through newsletters and the internet, and much much more!

And no matter how well we do all those things, our success in connecting people to God and to each other is totally dependent on God's grace and work among us.

Out of a deep recognition of this truth, we are seeking to build a team of 100 people (or more) who 1) will commit to praying for Judson on a daily basis (or even fasting occasionally on behalf of Judson), and 2) will be connected to the ministry by e-mail so that we can send out messages to the prayer team whenever a need arises.

If you would like to join the prayer team, please e-mail judson@campjudson.com or call us at (814) 922-3834 and let us know (be sure to provide your e-mail address!). Normally, we will send weekly updates, but during the summer camp season we will send updates on a daily basis.

Thank you for your prayerful support of this ministry!

Ways You Can Pray for Judson

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

- Praise God for his continual provision and protection of the Camp Judson ministry.
- That God will draw children and teenagers to register for camp, that each session will be filled to capacity, and that God would move in powerful ways.
- For the summer staff recruitment and hiring process
- For the directors of each summer camp session and program as they plan and prepare for camp.
- That God will provide us with a retreat rental group for the week of August 5-11, as well as weekend retreat groups that will come and experience God here in the non-summer months.
- That God will meet all of our maintenance and repair needs as we prepare for our peak season in the summer
- That God will continue to meet all of our financial needs.
- That Camp Judson would become an increasingly helpful resource for churches throughout Northwestern Pennsylvania.
- For God's wisdom, guidance, and dreams as we pursue God's vision for the growth and development of the Camp Judson ministry.

Join Us for Judson Alumni Homecoming On Rally Day, June 16

Rally Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, and in addition to the usual kickoff events for the summer, an Judson alumni reunion is being planned as well for that day.

Alumni are invited to return to Judson for the day and visit with friends old and new while visiting or participating in camp activities like canoeing, swimming in the pool, riding the horses, climbing the tower, flying down the zip line, or taking a hay ride, and possibly a 5k run/walk. Two options will be available for lunch, bring a picnic lunch or enjoy a lunch prepared by Judson.

Vespers will close Rally Day at 4 pm, and will be followed by an Alumni Dinner in the dining hall.

Joy (Zaborowski) Bennett, Jim Lutes, Bob Saxton, Kevin Saxton, and Ken Thompson are working to plan the event, and would love to see alumni from all eras of Judson's history return and reconnect with old friends as well as with the

Camp Judson ministry. More details (including costs and times) will be available in the spring.

If you are planning to attend, please let us know as we would like to publish a list of alumni coming to the event to encourage others to come and see their old friends. To do so, call (814) 922-3834 or e-mail judson@campjudson.com.

Did you know?

We are now able to receive donations by credit card online. To make a donation, simply go to:

www.campjudson.com/donate/

If you wish to make your gift in memory or honor of someone, or give directly to the Camper Assistance Program or the Capital Improvement Fund, please also complete the comment box on the donation page.

Looking Back at 2011 . . . and Ahead to 2012 (and Beyond)

What an exciting year 2011 was for the Camp Judson ministry! It was a year that saw 559 campers participate in Summer Camp programs where we saw God move in powerful ways.

Roughly 30% of our summer campers made some sort of spiritual decision that they shared with one of their counselors last summer.

The Camper Assistance Program (CAP) helped 171 campers pay the cost of their camp registrations. This included money received from ECHO jugs.

In addition to Summer Camp, 2011 saw numerous participants in the Breakaway Youth Retreat, Youth Workers Retreat, and Pastor's Retreat. We also hosted 24 retreat groups from churches and community groups, and 69 families in the Lakeside Campground.

During 2011, using capital funds and restricted gifts, we were able to complete an addition to the Manager's House, purchase a new Kubota L3400 tractor, replace the pond dock, the contact chlorine tanks and the supply manifold for our water system, and a 300' section of water line for the dining hall, as well as begin construction on a 24' x 24' shelter for the horses that will be completed this spring.

Looking ahead, we have increased our marketing in an effort to raise our number of campers beyond the 62% of capacity that we had in the summer of 2011 and to increase the usage of the camp by retreat groups.

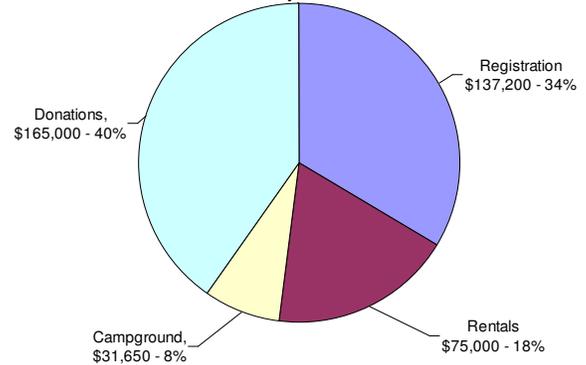
This spring, we will be replacing the floor in Cabin 4 which is experiencing the cumulative effect of years of dry rot.

At the same time, the Camp Board is hard at work seeking to discern God's vision for the years to come for Camp Judson, and is working to develop a strategic plan for the ministry including an examination of programs and facilities. We know that in the years to come we will need to address such things as cracks in the concrete for the pool deck and pavilion floor, replacing the siding on the lodge, and the making repairs to the windows in the dining hall.

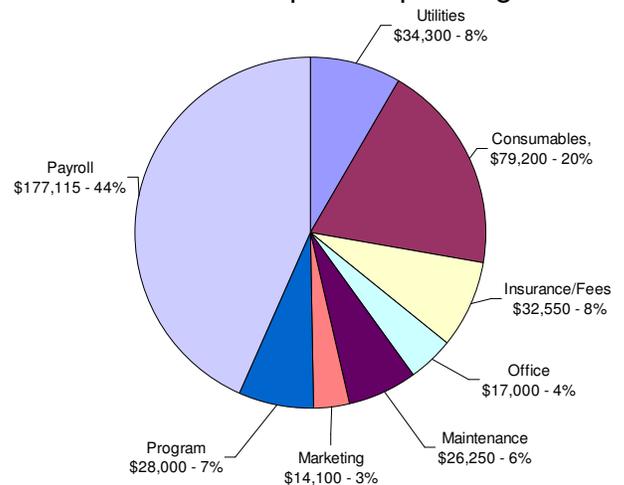
We are excited about what God has in store for 2012, and we hope that you will join us in praying for God's continued vision, provision, protection, and use of Camp Judson to build the Kingdom of God.

We appreciate the support of all of our partners in the Judson ministry and we want to provide a clear picture for all of our supporters of where our money comes from as well as where the money goes. Our total budget for 2012 is \$408,000. The charts below illustrate this and describe the areas in which funds are spent to make the Camp Judson ministry possible. Thank you for your support! If you have questions, please contact the office, and we'll do our best to answer it!

2012 Anticipated Income



2012 Anticipated Spending



Notes on Charts: "Donations" include all giving from churches and individuals (including gifts to CAP and ECHO); "Registrations" include all fees paid for Summer Camp, Winter Blast, and Judson Sponsored Retreats; "Rentals" include all income from rental groups. "Consumables" include items like food, gasoline, etc that are purchased and used up.

In 2011, financial gifts were made to Camp Judson in memory and honor of the following:

In Memory of

Nancy Ayars
Ralph Best
Laura Boyd
Elaine Brockett
Warren & Elna Brown

Dorothy Ellsmore
Paul Gillette
Harvey Gribble
Tom Gribble
Ernie Hanna

Paul "Dude" Held Jr
Jean Holdson
Alan Kerstetter
Elverna Lyautey
Joseph & Delores Schor

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Bill Wood
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Family and Friends

In Honor of

The Boyd Family
Matt & Angie Colwell
First Baptist, Meadville
Kathy Fissell

The Flint Family
John Hull
Guy Johnson
Dick Rusbuldt

Bob Saxton
Fred & Sally Sheffler
Ken Thompson
Lorance "Bud" Wasson

The Wentz Family
Wesleyville Baptist Church
Camp Judson Staff Past
and Present

Register for Summer Camp Today!

Why register your child/teen for camp?

1. It's an awesome, fun time that kids love and remember for life!
2. It's a rare opportunity for your kids to have time to *reflect* and turn more of their life over to Jesus! —The majority of kids that attend camp make a significant decision in their life for Jesus.
3. A year's worth of character building in one week!—The 24-hour-a-day, living relationship with campers allows counselors to have as much time to minister as youth leaders or Sunday School teachers have in a year. The bonding that occurs through living, playing, worshiping, facing challenges, and learning together internalizes values taught and translates experience into character formation.
4. Time outdoors to draw close to God as He reveals Himself through creation!
5. Your child will be engaged in healthy activities: spiritually, emotionally and physically!

To register, visit www.campjudson.com or call the office at (814) 922-3834 and ask for a brochure.

Join Us for Family Camp July 4-7

Want to experience camp with your whole family? Join us for Family Camp July 4-7 for a half week of family, fun, and fellowship. Information and brochures will be available in the spring. Watch www.campjudson.com or "like" us on facebook for more information or call the office for a brochure.

Lakeside Campground Opens May 15

Summer will be here before you know it, and if you are looking for a place to camp in a tent or in your RV, consider staying in the Lakeside Campgrounds at Camp Judson with its spectacular lake views this summer.

Guests have opportunities to experience camp activities like swimming in the pool, climbing the rock wall, riding the horses, paddling the canoes on the pond, and hiking in the woods.

Campsites with hookups are just \$30/night and without for just \$25/night from May 15 through October 15. Reservations are recommended to ensure availability upon arrival. Call the office (814) 922-3834 to make your reservation.



ABCOPAD Pastor Retreats

April 17-19, 2012 (Camp Judson: West)
April 24-26, 2012 (Camp Ichthus: East)

Recasting a Vision with Your Congregation

Speakers: ABCOPAD Regional Pastors
Frank Frischkorn, Jeff Johnson,
Mark Mahserjian-Smith, and Kevin Walden

Low Cost: \$35 / participant

*The low cost is due to several
collaborative partnerships to encourage pastors:*

**Camp Judson and Camp Ichthus
ABCOPAD Ministers Council
ABCOPAD Pastoral Staff
ABCOPAD Grants**

(Deadline for Registration: Wednesday, April 11th)

Mail Registrations to The ABCOPAD Western Office

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Questions: (888) 687-0883

Is it time for your
Youth Ministry to...

“Reflect” “Reset” “Restart”



March 16-17, 2012
Camp Judson
North Springfield, PA

Training will be provided by Eastern University
Youth Ministry Professor Rev. Eric Kraihanzel

Join us as we explore ways to reevaluate and restrengthen our youth ministries in an ever changing world. There will be four training sessions along with plenty of fellowship time to relax and share.

Bring yourself and other adults who would love to grow deeper and stronger in their ability to inspire teens to become more like Christ.

Cost is \$49.00 and covers lodging, food,
snacks and training.

Start Time: 7pm Friday, March 16th.
End Time: 3:30pm on Saturday, March 17th.

For more information call (814) 922-3834
Driving directions are available at www.campjudson.com.

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Search for the Camp Judson page and click "Like"

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

Day Camp Offers a Taste of Camp

Two sessions of Day Camp (Jun 25-29 and Jul 30—Aug 4) are available for children entering Kindergarten through 4th grade in the fall. Each session runs Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm and offers a taste of all that camp has to offer. The cost of each session is \$100. Brochures will be available in March, info is also available at www.campjudson.com

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 spring/fall 2012 and 2013!

The prime week of August 5-11, 2012 (with all summer camp activities) is available for your rental group! Call now, this week won't last long!

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
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