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Networking together to fulfill the Great Commission.



**Independence Day
July 4th**

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PRAIRIE CAMP FAMILY CAMP JULY 27-AUGUST 5



Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

More than a century ago individuals gathered in places where they hoped the Holy Spirit would visit. People flocked to Fetter's Grove (Prairie Camp) as that place in search of a fresh touch and movement of God. It is still that place! Join us this year as we are going to be *Desperately Seeking* the Lord.

Fun new stuff for the entire family at camp!

Afternoon Fun—2:00pm

Family Fun Times

Carnival, Scavenger Hunt, Tower Fun, Water Games

Late Night Stuff

Movie Night: July 27

Kickball: August 3

3-On-3 Basketball: July 31

Dodgeball: August 2

Scrapbooking: August 2

Tower Fun: August 4

Also new this year...

The **Century House** has been turned into a **Rec Center!** Come and check it out! There are games, sofas for lounging and visiting, and air conditioning! A Special Thank You to the NC District Women's Ministry for donating paint and labor to make it look nice!

You don't have to stay on the grounds to participate in any of these activities. Drive-ins welcome!

Check with your church for brochures and at www.prairiecamp.org.

PRAIRIE CAMP CONCERT



Prairie Camp welcomes for the first time, Mark Harris. Mark was one-fourth of the bestselling, Dove Award winning group 4Him. Mark has transitioned from a group artist to a solo artist and through his music he invites complacent or hesitant Christians to chart a daring new course to a brave new world. You might best know him through his songs, "Find Your Wings" and "Wish You Were Here," among other chart topping songs.

Bring your whole family and come be a part of a celebration to close the 2007 Family Camp! The concert is Sunday, August 5th at 4:00pm.

COACHING MOMENT FROM OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

“on vacation...”



Terry L. Powell

I am writing this from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Peg and I have vacationed in Myrtle Beach for the last five years. We both enjoy the ocean and the types of activities that are a part of a beach community.

I was doing some “fun” reading the day we arrived. The article was titled, “Don’t Fret—You’ll Live Longer.”

Allow me to share the article with you:

Stop that excessive worry, and you just might lengthen your life. That’s what a study led by a Purdue University researcher found in evaluating data on personality change and mortality in 1,663 men ages 43 to 91. During 18 years of follow-up, men who became increasingly neurotic had a much higher risk of dying than those who stayed the same or became less neurotic. The good news, says Robert S. Wilson, professor of neuropsychological at Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center in Chicago, is that change—learning to cope and overcoming the tendency to stew over things—seems to make a difference, and that’s pretty exciting.”

I did not need to read the article to get the results. I Peter 5:7 says, “cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” And that is followed by verse 8 which reads, “Be self-controlled and alert.” The two phrases do go together quite well. When we “cast our care on Him” then we will be “self-controlled and alert.”

This is a very simple truth that we know well, but sometimes fail to practice. God wired us to place our dependency on Him. So why not give it a try the next time you are on the verge of becoming neurotic?

And now back to the beach and ocean.



Recent Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Pray for the congregations that are searching for their next pastor: Berea, LaGrange, Sturgis.
- **Phyllis Bacon** (Gordon) fell and broke her arm while in Florida. Praise for the successful surgery on her hand. Continue to pray for her healing.
- **Brian Colby** (Camden) received good results from the heart catheterization. Pray for the doctors to find the cause of the arrhythmias he continues to have.
- General Conference meeting July 9–13.
- **Jeff Seaver** had a good trip to Mayo. He is currently taking a new medicine and is doing better.
- **Jeff Truex** (Cedar Road) and family following the home going of his mother, Cora Truex.
- **Rev. Bill Hesse** has started radiation treatment. Continue to pray for his healing.
- Continue to pray for the health issues of some of the spouses of our pastors: Nancy Lee Ashley, Angie Lamason, and Davida Swisher.
- Remember Prairie Camp staff and campers this summer.
- Family Camp and Teen Camp programs.

CHURCH UPDATES & NEWS



Church of the Month West Eckford Missionary Church

Rev. David Nicholls

West Eckford celebrated a Re-dedication Service on June 3, 2007. They have completed a 10 year remodeling of the entire facility at a cost of over \$460,000. The project made the facility handicap accessible and upgraded the interior and exterior of the building. It included parking lot paving, elevator addition, new siding and windows, stone work on the foundation, new roof, handicap restrooms and complete interior remodeling.



On Saturday, May 5, **Nappanee Missionary Church (Rev. Dave Engbrecht)** sent more than 150 volunteers to Prairie Camp to help with summer preparation work as part of First Serve Saturday. On the first Saturday of each month, NMC volunteers gather to do service projects throughout the area. This service day at camp was followed by a picnic at Prairie Camp for all the volunteers.



During the week of June 11-15, Nappanee Missionary Church sent more than 200 of its students in grades 1-4 to Prairie Camp for the church's first ever Children's Summer Camp, called "Maka-maka."

And as part of its Global Impact effort, NMC has recently sent three teams to share the message of Jesus Christ to Ireland, Mexico and Romania.



On Sunday, June 24 **Berea Missionary Church (Rev. Dan Brenneman)** celebrated a Baptism service with eight people participating. Congratulations! (pictured at left)

Cedar Road Missionary Church (Pastor Jeff Truex) also held a baptism on Sunday, June 24th. There were four who participated in the celebration. It was a great service.

Fairview Missionary Church (Rev. Norm Fuller) has been given the highest spot in the State of Indiana for ministry purposes. Hoosier Hill Inn, former restaurant and old time hotel, has been given to them for their use for two years. It has been transformed into a gathering place for young adults 18-30ish age range. They call it "The Hill." The Inn has great historical significance to the area and the State of Indiana dating all the way back to the stage coach era. "We pray the next chapter in the history of The Hill will be written in the hearts of young adults who meet God there."



Network News



Congratulations to ...

Gerrod and Catherine Hampel on the birth of **Ethan Charles**. He was born June 17th.

Brad and Michelle Cook on the birth of **Carissa Renee**. She was born on June 13th.

Josh and Raelyn Hossler on the birth of **AvaRae**. She was born on July 21, 2007.

**Prairie Camp
Snack Shack
needs your help!**



The soft-serve ice cream machine is in desperate need of help. We are looking specifically for a floor model with water cooling, single-phase electric machine for replacement. If you can help or would like to donate towards this please contact: Joel Foster (574) 273-2480.

The North Central District has set up a benevolence fund. Contributions should made payable and mailed to: Missionary Church N.C. District 3301 Benham Ave. Elkhart, IN 46517

If your church would like to list items to sell or give away in this column, please send an email to: cheryl@mcncd.org by the 20th of the month.

We reserve the right to edit what is listed in this *Networking* column.

“MEMORIES” FROM MIKE PETERS



You can tell by the photo that my daughter Elizabeth loves to climb. I took this picture of her while we were vacationing as a family at Turkey Run State Park. As we hiked the trail she recounted for us all of the adventures she and her friends enjoyed while hiking this same trail last year at Wilderness Camp. The next day, as we canoed down the river she pointed to this

bend in the river or that beach and shared story after story from her canoe trip at Wilderness Camp.

Throughout our stay at Turkey Run we heard memory after memory of how much Elizabeth enjoyed and was impacted by Wilderness Camp 2006. From hiking to canoeing, to the campsite, the meals, the friendships, the counselors, the devotionals – Wilderness Camp made a tremendous impact on her life. Absolutely everything in her experience was a blessing. Throughout our week at Turkey Run her memories were refreshed as she was back at Turkey Run again. We enjoyed hearing her memories as much as she enjoyed sharing them with us as a family.

I have my own memories of that Wilderness Camp since I was privileged to go along with the kids and counselors to cook. Of course, it was just one of many memories I have of camp. In my lifetime I have attended and worked in many camps. I am grateful for every camp experience I have had. My memories run the gamut from late night security duty, to floods, to altars lined with people seeking the Lord, to my own spiritual decisions made at camp.

Like my daughter, my memories of camp are connected with friends, counselors, lots of fun, and spiritual impact. It was at a camp – just one year after coming to faith in Christ that the Lord called me to full-time Christian ministry. It was at camp that I first heard the message of sanctification and the Lord did a new work in my heart. It was at camp that I learned to listen and counsel others, to share the love of Jesus. It was at camp - time after time, that the Lord refreshed my spirit and challenged me in new ways.

I am grateful for my memories of camp. I am grateful for the memories my wife and kids have of camp. I am so grateful for Prairie Camp and the ongoing opportunities for memories to be made.

The Lord continually challenged the Israelites to remember the blessings He poured into their lives. Camp has been and continues to be a blessing to me and my family. I am praying for God's blessing on each and every camp throughout the summer. Won't you join me in praying for God to bless and use every camp leader, worker, counselor, and attendee? I am praying for life-changing experiences that will live on and on in the memories of individuals and families. Our family is looking forward to making some more memories at camp this year. Are you ready to make some memories? I look forward to seeing you at camp!

Network News

Looking ahead:

Women's Ministry:

Missions Rally at Prairie Camp
July 31, 2007 at 7:00pm

Women's Retreat

October 12 & 13 @ Essenhaus
Contact your church's Women's
Ministries Director or Missy Bayer
at (574) 259-5971.

New Pastor's Orientation

(by invitation)

August 20-21

Pastor's & Wives Retreat

Oakwood Inn

September 10-12

JOY Rally

Aug. 2 at Prairie Camp
1:30pm The Hueni Musicians in
the tabernacle

Gospel Center Missionary

Church hosts CCN Simulcast

Events: chusted@gcmc.info

July 10 Growing Your Heart for
Lost People, 7:30-8:30pm

July 26 Beyond Survival Mode –
Pastors Forum, 12-1:30pm

Aug 2 Introduction to Alternative
Medicine: The Good, the Bad,
and the Ugly, 7:30-8:30pm

**Dave Ramsey's "Financial
Peace University"** 13 week
course starts Sept. 6th. Call the
church for registration
(574) 288-4477.

Wakarusa Missionary Church

invites you to a High Quality
Children's Clothing and High
Quality Resale on Saturday,
September 22nd from 8:00 am-
12:30 pm. Contact: Sarah
Freitas, Resale Coordinator at
574-862-1628.

**Hillside Gospel-Bluegrass
Jamboree** 3rd Thursday of every
month, 6:30-9:00pm, 21567 W.
Ireland Rd., South Bend IN. For
information call the church: 574-
292-2864. Bring your instrument
and join in.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Stats due
- 9-11 Malihini #2 camp
- 9-13 Big Kahuna Adventure camp
- 10-13 General Conference
- 16-20 Kolohe #2 camp
- 16-20 Makahiki #2 camp
- 27 Family Camp begins
- 29 Teen Camp begins

AUGUST

- 2 JOY Rally at camp
- 5 Mark Harris Concert at camp
- 5 Stats due
- 14 RPM -Central & Western @ Cedar Rd.
- 15 UMLI Board meeting
- 17 RPM—Eastern @ Pleasant Hill
- 20-21 New Pastor Orientation
- 21-23 E-3 Cluster Leader Retreat

**PRAIRIE CAMP
"PRAY@THE CAMP"**

For more than 125 years Prairie Camp has been a place where young and old have found salvation in Jesus Christ as well as experienced moves of the Holy Spirit and calls to ministry. This vital ministry of the North Central District is up and running this summer already. Kids camps are meeting with fresh energy and excitement. As spiritual leaders, we are to be involved in prayer, turning to God and seeking His favor upon us. You are invited to be part of the next revival in our community by being part of the prayer effort. Join us in the "Prayer Closet" as we boldly approach the throne of God's grace!

Opportunities to Pray @ the Camp! Each of these meetings will gather in the "Prayer Closet" in the southeast corner of the tabernacle.

Friday, July 20th @ 6:30pm -we will pray before the closing event of the "Makahiki" camp and then join the campers, parents, and staff for the closing at 7:00pm. Arrive a little early for fellowship if you can!

Wednesday, July 25th @ 7:00pm -Beulah MC will host a time of prayer-walking the campus preparing the soil for Family Camp that begins that Friday. Youth and adults will be there led by their pastors. Every church and individual is invited to join together to intercede for the 10 days of Family Camp.

Friday, July 27th @ 6:30pm -we will gather to pray 30 minutes before the first evening service of Family Camp 2007. There will be many opportunities during camp meeting to pray for the ministry of Family Camp.

For more information contact Family Camp Pastor Jim Overhusler at: pastor@bristolchurch.com

PRAIRIE CAMP EVENTS

Summer Camp Dates

(Just completed K-2nd)

MALIHINI #2 JULY 9-11

(Just completed 3rd-4th)

KOLOHE #2 JULY 16-20



(Just completed 5th-6th)

MAKAHIKI #2 JULY 16-20

(Just completed 7th-9th)

Big KAHUNA Adventure JULY 9-13

Teen Camp

July 29 - August 4

It's not too late to sign up for camp! Brochures are at your church!