

PALMETTO BIBLE CAMP

Highlight Zone

MILESTONES

PBC is gearing up to celebrate 40 years of Christian camping. On May 20, 2006 we plan to have a homecoming like the Carolinas have never seen. Everybody who has ever been a camper or served at PBC is invited. That's right, everybody! Imagine seeing fellow Christians who you may not have seen for 10, 20, even 30 years.

What are your favorite memories of PBC?

Perhaps you remember Friday afternoon "staff vs. senior campers" softball game, or huffing and puffing on the hike to the waterfall. And, what about those bruises from the rock slide? Maybe you'll never forget ping pong games with Ralph Richardson and how just when you thought the ball was on the ground it popped back over the top of the table, and you were in such shock you just watched it fly by. Many of us paddled in a canoe or fished for the first time in the lake at PBC and couldn't wait to turn 15 so that we could be trained in lifesaving by Ms. Mary. Perhaps you recall the fantastic boat races down the creek as a junior camper or eating from the largest ice cream sundae you'd ever seen.

Maybe you recall the endless fun of tubing down the river with Claude, driving golf balls across the lake with Jim Lamm, making a craft to take home to our parents, or counting the number of scriptures Ernest would quote while he taught from the Word. Perhaps you still laugh about taking that first step out of the cabin after lights out only to have a spotlight from Helen's flashlight turn the night into day. And let's not forget nurse Betty and nurse Karen bandaging our cuts and comforting our hearts. Or the productions that were acted out to give us a visual image of the magnificent bible stories we'd been taught from childhood.

PBC to you may be memorable because of the staff you met during your week's stay, knowing their desire to be there with you, sharing in God's love. Many of you reading this were added to God's family by being baptized in the lake, or have been blessed to baptize your own children at

PBC. PBC has provided many wonderful memories and lifelong relationships.

Over these 40 years, PBC has glorified God by serving some 20,000 plus camper age children, and over 8,000 adults across the southeast. These are the friends, brothers, and sisters you can expect to see and fellowship with at the **PBC40** Celebration. You can reminisce about

old times and see the changes PBC has made over the past 40 years. Find out about the exciting plans PBC has to carry out the next 40 years and be a part of **PBC40**. To accomplish our goal of continuing God's work, we are asking two things:

1. *Everyone join in our **PBC40** campaign and celebration by sending in a **PBC40** submission form from the **PBC40** brochure or the **PBC40** online link. This will help us plan for parking and activities.*

2. *Contribute \$40 or more as a one time gift or monthly as you are blessed, in honor of these 40 years. This will help us update facilities, and promote the wonderful surroundings with which God has blessed PBC.*

While the facilities of PBC may change and grow to meet current needs, our goal will always be to teach biblical principles and build Godly relationships just as you experienced. Plan to celebrate with us, **May 20, 2006**.

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CHAIRMAN'S

REVIEW OF 2005

presentations at congregations in our service area and helping with other avenues of fund raising.

In addition, the weekly camper fee will be raised to \$150. This fee is in alignment with similar camps. The \$40 increase per camper will go into a designated fund to be used only for cabin repairs and improvements. We hope to update one cabin per year until all are insulated, air-conditioned, and modernized. Campers should sleep better and living conditions be healthier. This will also allow usage in the winter for church retreats, etc.

We are updating our web site to include online pre-registration this coming year. Paper registration will still be possible, but online registration will allow more rapid assurance of the week desired, downloadable confirmation, downloadable receipt of payment, and ability to obtain more information regarding the programs available. Our internet address is:

WWW.PALMETTOBIBLECAMP.ORG

Barry Thompson, Outgoing PBC Chairman

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2006 PBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman.....Mark Kelly
Vice Chairman.....Curt Harbuck
Secretary.....Jim Holpp
Treasurer.....Rick Woodlee
Public Relations Sec....Ed Brown

Welcome to the Board

This past September the Board of Directors added its twenty-first board member, **Danny Baddeley**. Danny for each of the last four years has served as Assistant Camp Director for the 1st week. He had been involved in camp registration, staff recruitment, financial collections and disbursements, and worked in the program development. Danny's family is involved at camp. His mother Christine, his wife Heidi, his brother Ben and his sister-in-law Becky have all worked at camp. Danny is well spoken of by the elders



Thanks to all PBC supporters! With your help we served 826 campers during our six weeks of camp this past summer. They studied the Bible, learned about God, developed relationships, and had lots of fun. Commitments were made and 22 were baptized. We rejoice that God was glorified.

As we rejoice over the past, we prepare for the future. Construction is continuing on the new Craft Shack. It will be air-conditioned and heated including the game table area with additional class rooms on a second floor. It should be finished midwinter. Plans are also underway to upgrade the putt-putt golf area.



While PBC supporters supply enough to make some improvements, we are seeking additional funds to improve our facilities. Most of the cabins were built about 1950 and are in desperate need of repair before they deteriorate too far.

One effort to accomplish this is the current **PBC40** campaign. All who can, are asked to give \$40 to PBC in honor of our 40th anniversary to be celebrated at camp on May 20, 2006. Also, the Board has asked Tony Axsom, from the Central Church of Christ in Spartanburg, to serve as PBC Promotional Administrator. Tony will be making

of his home congregation in Hendersonville, N.C. where he has been a member since July 2000. Danny is 29 and will bring to the board a youthful perspective concerning camp life. Danny first came to camp when he was 9 years old and because of this has many memories and has assisted in many capacities over the years. Welcome Danny Baddeley to the PBC Board of Directors.

New Chairman Mark Kelly

Exciting things are happening at Palmetto Bible Camp! PBC is reaching another milestone in its history. It's interested people like you who will make it possible for PBC to improve and serve the children of the Carolinas and surrounding states for years to come. As PBC's new Chairman of the Board I would like to thank the board for their vote of confidence in me and I promise to serve to the best of my ability.

Almost 40 years ago several men and women had a vision for a Christian summer camp in South Carolina. God blessed them, as well as us today, with Palmetto Bible Camp. Uniquely situated on the border between North and South Carolina, campers at PBC enjoy God's creation at its best in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Waterfalls, cold mountain streams, a lake teeming with fish, tall pines, hiking trails, and rustic cabins all give PBC that special summer camp feeling. But as the camp ages and camper population grows the PBC Board must carefully consider priorities for camp repairs and improvements. Activities currently underway at PBC include a new craft shack, game room, renovated cabins, a chapel, and much more.

You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about the ongoing activities and how you can help PBC. I encourage you to get involved and support camp! Many of you can support in a physical way like the Georgetown Church of Christ, when they added a beautiful and functional deck on front of The Apartments (cabins 6, 7, and 8). You've got to see it to believe it! Thank you Georgetown! There are others who can support in a financial way. Many of you have done so in the past as congregations or individuals. Let me thank you for your generous contributions and encourage you to continue. PBC is a non-profit organization and

2006 EVENTS

Jan 28	BOD & PAL Meeting at Palmetto in Columbia, SC
March 25	BOD & PAL Meeting at PBC
April 21-23	Spring Youth Rally Dir. Ben LaMunyon
May 20	PBC40 Celebration
June 2-4	Lifeguard / CPR Training & Renewal
June 4	Senior Week at Camp (formerly sixth week) Dir. Rooney Wilson
June 11	First Week of Camp Dir. Curt Harbuck
June 18	Second Week of Camp Dir. Blake Nicholas
June 25	Third Week of Camp Dir. Sam Soper
July 2	Fourth Week of Camp Dir. Kent Massey
July 9	Fifth Week of Camp (Junior Week) Dir. Mark Kelly
July 28-30	Mini Camp Dir. Stewart Schnur
Sept 23	BOD and PAL Meeting
Oct 6-8	Fall Youth Rally Dir. Curt Harbuck
Oct 9-13	Work Week

the improvements we make at camp are directly related to the gifts we receive from people like you. The more we receive, the more we can do!

If you have any suggestions or concerns about Palmetto Bible Camp please feel free to contact me. PBC is not for us (the Board), but instead for the children it serves. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

Mark Kelly, PBC Chairman



PBC PROMOTIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

God continues to bless His mission work at PBC!! This year we have served over 800 young people. Twenty-two of these put on Christ in baptism while at camp. The young people seem to think it is in some way special to be baptized in the lake at PBC. Over 350 adults served as volunteer staff. PBC affords each individual camper and staff member an opportunity to increase their faith in God through daily study, worship, and service as they grow toward spiritual maturity. They also have time for fun and games, and to form life long friendship bonds.

Campers and staff come from all the southeastern states including several from KY and FL. Of those attending, approximately 15% are not affiliated with the church of Christ and we are getting only about 25% of the camp age children who attend South Carolina churches of Christ. Our mission has room to grow!

Many congregations support PBC with staff and campers. Sixteen churches across SC and NC budget and send monthly or annual donations. For this success, we give thanks to God. Still there are many SC churches of Christ which have no association with PBC.

In our effort to reach more young people and more supporting congregations the PBC Board of Directors has contracted a part-time Promotional Administrator for a one year trial. The Promotional Administrator will promote PBC to congregations and support groups. His goal will be to recruit more campers, more support congregations, and more individual supporters.

PBC has contracted with **Tony Axsom** to be our Camp Promotion Administrator. Tony has been involved with camp as a camper and later as a staff member since the late 1970's. Tony will be calling churches to ask for your help in two ways:

1. PBC will be looking for a PBC Partner in each congregation. The PBC Partners will receive the news, information and camper applications from PBC to share with their congregation. This will help us better serve everyone.

2. PBC would like to schedule a presentation in your congregation to thank you for your support and let you know about the exciting happenings as we approach our **PBC40** Celebration on **May 20, 2006**.

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PBC Dreams Again... A New Chapel

In the early '60's a small group of people dreamed of having a Bible camp in South Carolina to serve the churches of Christ. In June 1967, we had our first encampment at King's Mtn. State Park. Over the next few years the supporters of PBC dreamed of having property to call our own so no child would be turned away. In 1969 Camp Hideaway was purchased to become what we know as PBC.

Dreaming continued as a new and modern dining hall and kitchen were built. Then we found a way to add a multi-purpose building, known as the "Ark", for chapel, productions, games, and to escape inside during one of PBC's famous summer rain storms. Next, with a regulatory demand, a new bath house was built. A property-wide septic system was added and the cabin bathrooms were upgraded. Everyone was happy with this.

Well, we're dreaming again! The Ark has served PBC well; however, we believe we could do so much better for our camp purpose and mission. Being open to the camp property, it is easy for a devotional to be distracted by a food delivery truck.

The noise level in the metal building during a hard rain is louder than Cabin #1 senior boys at bedtime. And it is very difficult for our younger campers to see the speaker or a production. So we now dream of a new chapel.

The final plans are still in prayerful development, but the dream is beginning to take shape. As of today we have over \$48,000 in our Chapel Capital Fund (\$6,500 from the "Brick Program"). Each of these dreams came true because God blessed our plans and PBC supporters generously gave of their treasure. We hope you will help this dream do likewise.

Unknown Mad Bomber

The year was 1989 and the Cabin #1 Senior Boys Counselor Tim Gillespie, a former NFL offensive lineman for the New York Giants, was always up to something. He had brought his bike and during the hot afternoons he would put a bag on his head and ride around throwing water balloons at any and everyone. We named him the "Unknown Mad Bomber".

On Friday night, after everyone was in bed, Cabin #1 Senior Boys decided to take revenge. A chosen few very quietly sneaked out of their cabin, took the Mad Bomber's bike and headed for the lake. Unknown to the Senior Boys, from the time they set foot out of the cabin they were under constant watch by the Staff Night Patrol.


The staff discussed on their walkie-talkies if they should stop and send them back to the cabin, but decided to watch and see their plan unfold. At the lake front the campers placed the Mad Bombers bike on a paddle boat, pushed the boat out into the lake, and scampered back to the cabin to tell their friends.

After some time passed, the staff retrieved the boat and returned the bike to the exact location the Senior Campers had taken it from. The morning discovery of the bike being back dismayed the Senior Boys and the Unknown Mad Bomber rode again, water bombing many campers as they were leaving for home.

If you were one of the Senior Campers, you now know who and how your plans were thwarted.

Lena Thigpen, Camper

NOTE: Submit your PBC Campfire Story to:
tony@cnoevil.com



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

9/23/04 - 9/23/05

BEGINNING OPERATING BALANCE	88,027.80
INCOME SOURCES	
CAMPER FEES	88,114.35
CANTEEN/CRAFTS	6,031.07
RENTAL	33,699.51
CONGREGATIONS	28,577.68
INDIVIDUALS/MEMORIALS	8,240.21
OTHER	3,013.68
TOTAL INCOME	167,676.50
EXPENDITURES	
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	37,383.92
ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM	13,032.52
FOOD	44,107.91
UTILITIES	24,724.76
OTHER	28,655.20
CAPITAL EXPENSES (CRAFT SHACK)	52,436.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	200,340.31
ENDING OPERATING BALANCE	55,364.02

Registration Changes in 2006

The board seeks to improve service and communication to all who are involved in camp life.

1. Online pre-registration: Pre-register your campers at the PBC web site this year. When pre-registering on-line you will be able to pay your deposit, receive a confirmation and print the required medical release form.
2. PBC will only accept a \$25 pre-registration fee prior to camp: You may send a pre-registration fee for each week that the camper will attend. The remainder of the

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camp fee will be accepted at camp. Online pre-registration will allow us to reduce our administrative costs.

3. The \$25 pre-registration fee will be non-refundable.

4. Campers will still be able to send in paper camper applications: In the future we will be moving all of our registration online.

25th Annual Fall Singing

On the second Saturday in October now for the past 25 years, camp supporter and friends have gathered together at PBC to sing and praise God for all His many blessings. As always, everyone was traditionally welcomed with hot, homemade cinnamon rolls baked following the "Gayle Cooper Recipe".

Over 200 attended and sang their hearts out as song leaders, some younger and some older, representing numerous congregations and states, lead the praise and worship to our Heavenly Father. "It was again a great and glorious day for the Lord," stated one board member.



The tasty BBQ lunch was provided and prepared by Joe Van Pelt and Alan Bright of the Duncan Church of Christ and at no cost to PBC. The PAL ladies served the meal to make a perfect ending to a perfect day. The financial blessing for PBC totaled over \$2,200 in sales, PAL dues, and contributions.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Spring Youth Rally: Faith Under Fire

Director: Ben LaMunyon
Assistant Directors: Dan LaMunyon, Jeremy Hinote
79 campers and 34 staff

2 baptisms
Brandon Westmoreland
Andrew Hoots

Week One - The Writing on the Wall

Director: Curt Harbuck
Assistant Director: Danny Baddeley
170 campers and 67 staff

Outstanding Campers:
Jr. Boy Zach Dailey
Jr. Girl Sasha Lane
Sr. Boy Daniel Watson
Sr. Girl Amanda Deecke
3 baptisms
Zenobia Atterbury
Amber Senn
Mary Montague Akers

Week Two - Purer In Heart

Director: Blake Nicholas
95 campers and 49 staff

Awards:
Jr. Boy Patrick Pye
Jr. Girl Ashley Adams
Sr. Boy Reikai Ryant
Sr. Girl Brooke Tessner
Super Students:
Jr. Allie Ammons
Sr. Lauren Moody
Master of Memory:
Caitlyn Lawson
3 baptisms

Week Three - Cross Examination

Director: Sam Soper

Week Four - Treasure Island

Director Kent Massey
Assistant Director: Brett Loftis
Educational Director: Kathy Berlin
Camp Administrator: Crystal Lemmons
178 campers and 63 staff
3 baptisms
12 Recommitments

Week Five Junior Week - Lord of the Kings

Director: Mark Kelly
136 junior campers and 70 staff
Outstanding Campers:
Cheyenne Falls
Ethan Summers

Week Six - Senior Week - Gospel

Director: Rooney Wilson
Assistant: Randy Gore
51 campers and 35 staff

4 baptisms
Celena Chapman
Tyler Honeycutt
Patrick Floyd
Celena Courchaine
26 other public responses

Outstanding Campers:

Scott Bellava
Jillian Simmons
Outstanding Bible Students:
Matthew Ramsey
Megan Dalafave

Mini-Camp - Jesus Was A Child Just Like Me

Children ages 6-9 with their parents
Director: Stewart Schnur
Assistant: Adam Richardson
12 campers and 14 staff including parents

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Now turn to October 14, 2006 in your long term calendars and write PBC Fall Singing for great food, fun and fellowship, as we will again praise the God who gave it all!

FUND-RAISING EFFORTS

Give as You are Blessed

As we get ready to celebrate our 40th year since PBC was founded, we look back at the years in amazement. God keeps his promises. How many ways He has truly blessed us more than we could have asked or imagined! And we count the financial support over these 40 years by individuals and churches very high on that list of blessings.

The first PBC fund-raising campaign was the yellow "dime cans" back around 1970. By the time this can was full, PBC had another \$10 or so dollars to help pay for the new camp property. As you may know our latest is the *PBC40*, which honors these 40 years. If you were one of the supporters who gave your dimes then, or maybe you have recently contributed to the *PBC40*, we thank each and everyone!



Speaking of the *PBC40*, enclosed in this NEWSLETTER is the complete brochure of the why, where and how much. We plan to use this program for the next 10 years as our primary fund raising effort. We hope everyone who has been, or ever may be, a part of PBC will give at least \$40.00 a year on an annual basis. Your gift makes a big difference.

The camp board has also approved the fund raising and eventual construction of a new chapel. This program is our Chapel Capital Campaign and all funds given are restricted to this purpose. As you know, construction costs of any building are expensive. However, we are committed to providing the best camp facilities for our campers. We believe that a better chapel facility, at a better place on our property, is one of our most needed enhancements. And, an all-weather chapel would enable the camp facilities to be more utilized during our "off season" by churches, groups and families.

"Give honor to whom honor is due." If you are so inclined to act on Paul's teaching, we have a great idea. Our BRICK PROGRAM provides a way to forever honor anyone you choose. The funds generated from our BRICK PROGRAM all go to the Chapel Capital Campaign.



As always, any individual or family, church or organization, can make a general contribution to PBC. You can note the donation to be a "memorial" in the memory of someone or to "honor" someone's anniversary, birthday or special occasion. These gifts help PBC continue to do the work that it was established for; making it, "A Life Changing Experience" for those that attend. **Memorials** and **Honors** will be recognized in our NEWSLETTER and all contributions are tax-deductible.

GIFTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN

By sending your gift we can continue our mission to teach our children about our great God.

PBC40 Campaign Chapel Capital

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please Notify: _____

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City/St/Zip _____

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Address _____

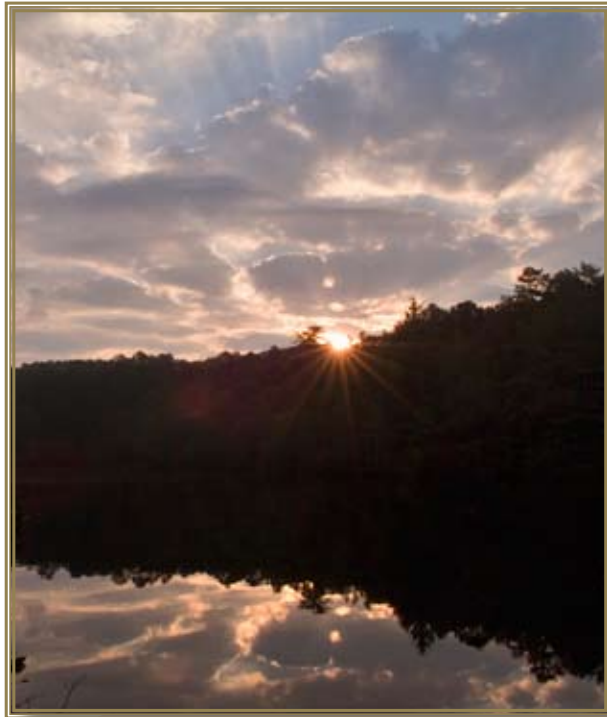
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Memorials and Honors

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PBC Emphasis Sunday... A Wonderful Model

In 2004, the elders of the Central church of Christ in Spartanburg took the bold step of planning the church's annual budget based 50 weeks' contribution. This was done so that twice a year an entire Sunday's contribution could be given directly to two ministries very close to the heart of the Central family. Those two are the Southeastern Children's Home and Palmetto Bible Camp.

On Sunday, October 30, 2005, Central plans to hosts its second PBC emphasis day. In the worship assembly, the church plans to celebrate what God is doing through this Christ-centered ministry as speakers from PBC update the congregation on camp's current activities, plans, and dreams. The offering given that day will be donated to camp. Central has been greatly blessed by the Lord through Palmetto Bible Camp and wants to encourage its ministry into the future.



Palmetto Bible Camp
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Marietta, SC 29661

Memorials

"We continually remember before our God your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thes 1:3

ALDENE WILLIAMS

Anna L. Austin

MRS. ALMA DIGMAN

M/M Dan Knight

ERNEST THIGPEN

Dr. and Mrs. George Glenn

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M/M Ed Brown

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M/M Ed Brown

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M/M Ed Brown

D.N. (BUD) GORE

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M/M Andrew Martin

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M/M Don Climer

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M/M Ed Brown

LENOA CROSBY

M/M Dan Knight

Sara Baker

M/M Ed Brown

Pauline Crawford and Family

M/M Ralph Kinard

DORIS CHERRY

M/M Dan Knight

Honors

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Rom 12:10

STARLA TOWNSEND

Helen Townsend

MARY THIGPEN

Dr. and Mrs. George Glenn

M/M Dan Knight

OCTAVA BELL

Bob and Leah Davis

DEBRA TOWNSEND

Helen Townsend

MRS. LOVIE YORK

M/M Ed Brown

EDWARD IRVIN

M/M Ed Brown

DAN AND MAJORIE KNIGHT

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

M/M Russell Watkins

M/M Ed Brown

M/M Jim Smoak

DOUG AND HELEN THOMAS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

M/M Russell Watkins

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