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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**2020 Associational Camps**

**Saint Joseph Youth:**  
May 26—30

**New Life Combined Camps:**

Jun 1—5

**Linn Livingston/1000 Hills Youth:**

Jun 8—12

**Missouri Valley Children:**

Jun 15—19

**Thousand Hills Children:**

Jun 22—26

**“Intro to Camping”:**

Jun 26—27

**Harrison/North Grand River Children:**

Jun 29—Jul 3

**St. Joseph Children:**

Jul 6—10

**Missouri Valley Youth:**

Jul 13—17

**Linn Livingston Children:**

Jul 20—24

**Heartland Children:**

Jul 24—27

**Heartland Youth:**

Jul 27—31

**Harrison/North Grand River Youth:**

Aug 3—7

## 2019 Summer Camp Season Summary

We left off in the last newsletter with the North Grand River and Harrison Associations’ Children’s Camp. Eric Spears directed the week once again this year. There were 194 in attendance with 19 new salvations recorded and 46 rededications to Christ. The next camp was our largest of the summer: Saint Joseph Children’s Camp with 253 in attendance. David Long led the week and it was well-run as usual with lots of fun recreation activities and plenty of time in the pool. They recorded fifteen new salvations and four rededications. Missouri Valley Youth Camp was next, led by Marita Avilez. They came in at the end of July with 110 in attendance. One rededication was recorded for the week. If you’re interested in improving security measures for your week of

camp, this is the association to ask about how to do it. They bring dedicated security staff who do a wonderful job of patrolling and securing the campus throughout the week. Next to come was the Heartland Association Children’s Camp directed by David Nixdorf, aka: Big Dave. This was a small group at the end of July with 80 total, but it came with plenty of personality. Two new salvations were recorded along with five rededications. The Linn-Livingston Children’s Camp came over the last few days of July and first couple days of August with 115 campers and workers. Brother David Gouge led the week again this year. Following dismissal on Friday, he left to start work at his new church in the Saint Joseph Baptist Association the following Sunday. Bro. Gouge’s presence will be missed in the LLBA but we hope to see him back at camp next summer with SJBA’s camps. The Heartland

Youth camp was the final camp of the 2019 camp season and was led by lay person, Aaron Gudde. There were 107 in attendance for the week; four new salvations and 7 rededications were reported. Praise the Lord for his unending faithfulness in the lives of young people, even amidst a time of confusion and uncertainty for the campers who came from the small town of Braymer that week, a community which had been in the news the week leading up to this camp. Nearly 30 more people attended camp in 2019 than in 2018. That’s nearly 30 more people who were possibly exposed to the Gospel for the first time, or made to feel welcome among strangers for the first time, or shown they have inherent value in Christ for the first time. Your continued prayers over the work that the Lord is doing at Grand Oaks are bringing the light of Jesus to North Missouri, and we thank you.



### SRNB:PPNG Campaign Ticker

Received:

@\$91,268.05

Pledge Balance:

@\$12,654.96

Overall Goal:

\$675,000.00

Fund Balance Toward Multi-Purpose Center:

\$221,060.48

See you at camp at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly!

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Since 1945 Grand Oaks has been a place to "win the lost, disciple the saved and train believers for Christian service." That is still our goal today as we provide a facility for our member Associations to conduct summer camps and other activities. Grand Oaks is supported solely through user fees and donations from individuals, churches and Baptist Associations. Grand Oaks does NOT receive funds from Cooperative Program giving.

The facility is open year round and is a great place for group retreats as well as family events. We encourage each of our churches to consider scheduling an event. Grand Oaks provides a quiet and usually uninterrupted experience in a beautiful outdoor setting. Won't you call soon?

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## Upcoming Events

Have you planned a fall or winter retreat with us yet? The Pisgah Baptist Church women's ministry will be hosting an event here this weekend. This is a very well-organized event with a large group of ladies who attend. They bring in their own food and use the dining hall kitchen for meal prep and service, while bunking together in both the Retreat Center and Pierce Hall. The speaker for the weekend will stay overnight in one of the staff cabins. Also coming up this month is the Northwest Regional Women's Retreat co-sponsored by the Women's Missionary Union of Missouri on September 19. This is an enjoyable event for which we prepare and serve lunch alongside some of the Directors of Missions and pastors from our ministry area. There's also a baby shower being held in the Old Lodge this month. In October we will host our executive board members for our annual fall meeting. If you serve on the board, please be watching for updates and be sure to RSVP for lunch. The first weekend in October the Pisgah Men's group will be having a men's retreat. Later in October will be the Missions Exploration event sponsored by the WMU, and The Great Outdoorsman Day organized by the Heartland Baptist Association. Check the following websites for more information as those events draw closer: [www.mobaptist.org/wmu](http://www.mobaptist.org/wmu) and [www.greatoutdoorsmanday.org](http://www.greatoutdoorsmanday.org).

There are still plenty of open dates available for you to plan YOUR next event here at Grand Oaks this fall or the winter and spring of 2020.

## Camp Manager's Annual Meeting

Due to the expected arrival of their third child in mid-February, Manager Brad and his wife Erin have elected to forego their planned trip to the Southern Baptist Camping Association's annual meeting February 19-23, 2020. This was a particularly hard break, as the conference will be held at Pu'u Kahea Conference Center in Waianae, Hawaii for the first time in 30 years! But before you start feeling too sorry for them...they've opted to attend the Christian Camp and Conference Association's national conference in Orlando, Florida, December 3-6 instead, with an extra few days scheduled in to visit some local attractions. Assistant Manager Don and wife Jollette will have a lively week with Judah and Manaen, and the boys will have to wait until they're a bit older to enjoy all that Orlando has to offer. The Fields are looking forward to a few days of fellowship and learning alongside fellow camp managers and staff from all over the country. It is sure to be a time of refreshment and inspiration for the year to come as they continue serving the Lord here at Grand Oaks Camp.

## Volunteers Welcome



A campus this size is in constant need of upkeep. There are several projects needing attention and volunteers in the coming months. We would welcome individuals with a day or week along with groups of volunteers working as a team.

Here are a few of the projects:

- ◆ Gable siding on Hilltop Cabins
- ◆ Demolition of Parker Hall
- ◆ Trim installation on Nurse Cabin
- ◆ Adjust/tweak fence around the lagoon
- ◆ Installing siding on Hilltop cabins
- ◆ Painting and staining
- ◆ Tear out the old water system in the pump house below the lake to make the building more useful for storage
- ◆ Brush clearing, dead trees to fell
- ◆ Stripping paint in the Hilltop Showers