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2018 Associational Camps

Registered: 111

**Heartland Youth:** 

Harrison/North Grand River Youth:

Registered: 69 Professions: I

Saint Joseph Youth:

Registered: 162 Professions: 7

**New Life Combined Camps:** 

Registered: 188 Professions: 11

"Intro to Camping":

Registered 39

Missouri Valley Children:

Registered: 146 Professions: 8

Linn Livingston/1000 Hills Youth:

Registered: 144 Professions: 3

Thousand Hills Children:

Registered: 138 Professions: 2

St. Joseph Children:

Registered: 281 Professions: 17

Harrison/North Grand River Children:

Registered: 189 Professions: 30

Heartland Children:

Registered: 88 Professions: 7

Missouri Valley Youth:

Registered: 92

Linn Livingston Children:

Registered: 130 Professions: 3



## 2018 Summer Camp Season Summary

Summer Camps

Our summer camp season is now in the books. We left off with the St. Joseph Children's camp in our last newsletter. Since then we had North Grand River/ Harrison Children's camp led by Eric Speers. They reported 30 professions of faith and 25 rededications. The Missouri Valley Youth camp was next led by Marita Avilez, and the last camp was Linn/ Livingston Children's led by David Gouge. It was great to see everyone again and to make new friends as new campers came to Grand Oaks. We thank God

for His blessings and the smooth summer camp season. There were no major issues and the ministry of spreading the "Good News" was apparent. We are thankful for the countless volunteers and givers of time and money. This summer we had 1307 children and youth register along with 450 adults. Add 20 pre -campers and the total is 1777 registered campers and of that 89 professions of faith. It takes gifts of all kinds and many parts of the Body of Christ for such a successful summer.

## Campus Updates

We have continued to convert the building lighting over to LED's. Pierce Hall, Hilltop and Riverview Cabins, along with the Snack

Shack were converted this year, and we are seeing a savings on our energy costs. The Hilltop Cabins received new metal fascia trim, greatly improving their appearance. Our big slide stairs at the pool needed some TLC and so the stairs were dismantled, sandblasted, repainted and then reassembled, making them safer and extending their life. We had help from several people in cutting down some dead trees. There are still a few trees that can be cut and used for firewood. A crew came and helped clear brush out of the Pierce lagoon and around camp. Don has cleared a significant amount of brush by the Old Lodge this summer.

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## SRNB Campaign Ticker

Received: @\$391,771.00 Pledge Balance: @\$8,420.00 Overall Goal: \$500,000.00

Fund Balance Toward Multi-Purpose Center: <u>@\$128,614.00</u>

See you at camp at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly!

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We're on the Web! www.grandoaks.camp "Like" us on Facebook 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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Re-Staining the east and west sides of the Staff bunkhouse during the summer has made a marked improvement in appearance for that building. Gravel was spread on the main drive through camp, eliminating problematic potholes for the camp season traffic. Work to update and revise the Grand Oaks website has continued and the new site is up and running. Please check us out at www.grandoaks.camp for lots of pertinent information including our calendar for upcoming events. If you would like to schedule an event contact us at 660-646-1906.

We have also been working with Architect Lee Rhoad to draft new drawings for the Multi-Purpose/Storm Shelter building. He has some drawings that showcase what the trustees are planning for this new structure. It will replace Parker Hall and sit in its place. The new building should have a kitchen, conference room, classrooms, restrooms with showers, storage, camp director's office and living quarters, gymnasium, and mezzanine. A kickoff fundraising event to remember Parker Hall and look to the future is planned for October 13th at 4:00 pm. Help us remember our roots and grow new branches by attending this fundraiser. There will be a dinner and program for those in attendance. Below is a 3D rendering of what this new facility should look like. This is the south face of the building. Please be in prayer over this planning phase.



## 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:

- Trim installation on Nurse Cabin.
- Adjust and tweak the 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.

