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Wilderness Wars

Excitement is building as we anticipate our summer camping activities. Wilderness Wars is a lumberjack theme with a heavenly emphasis. We will be diving into Colossians 2:7 and learning how to be rooted and built up in Christ. Chapel services and devotion times provide opportunities for campers to dig into God's Word, where they will be shown their need of a Savior, and those who are already saved will learn how to be established in the faith.

We will have four weeks (see dates below) of lumberjack themed games, team building, cabin bonding, and a variety of other fun activities. We strive to select a fun and interesting theme each summer in order to attract campers and build a summer of life-long memories. Beyond the cool themes each year, the campers enjoy the updated pool, the newer go-carts, the low ropes course, and our amazing staff. New this year will be the water slide pictured below. Please pray that the remaining funds will come in and that it will be installed in time for our summer camps. All of these fun activities draw the campers to camp, but reaching them with the gospel will always remain the primary goal of all camp activities.

We covet your prayers as we recruit summer staff, as applications are submitted, and as campers are registering. There is still much work to be accomplished. We are continually searching for college-age, Bible-believing individuals to add to our counseling crew. If you know of a young person who would like to serve the Lord, applications are available on the website: www.campevangel.org. Our spring retreat will be April 26-27 for ages 8-18. This allows for campers to share in the camp experience before attending a full week of camp! Online registration is also available.

Tabitha Tegeler

Coming Soon



July 8-12 – Junior Week 1
July 15-19 - Teen Week 1
July 22-26 - Teen Week 2
July 29-Aug.2 - Junior Week 2

*“Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith...”
Colossians 2:7*

Improvements and Additions for the Convenience of Students and Supporters

*It is always exciting to dream about what can be done to improve, make better, or update what you are doing. So, we have put our heads together and talked out some ideas that are in our hearts that we would like to see happen. Slowing ourselves down a bit, we evaluated what we can **reasonably** get done. The Lord is so good to direct our discussion and planning.*

Let's take a look at what has been and will be done soon.

First is the work that has been done, and continues to be done, on the **SBI Website**. It is being reformatted to give information about the school and what is offered through the ministry of Southland Bible Institute as it has been in the past. What we are adding are areas that may cause people to come to the website more often...perhaps regularly to see what is being added weekly, such as: videos of speakers from the past and present, articles of interest and encouragement from the past and the present, information from Alumni and the ministries in which they are involved. Our newsletters will be posted online as well and archived.



Second is something we are just getting started on, and that is **online giving**. We are building into our website the ability to give online. This will give an easy and safe way to give without taking up more than a moment or two of your time. More information will be given later in our next newsletter about the process.

Third is the possibility to take training at Southland Bible Institute through **online courses**. This is the one that is going to take some time to get set up. But it is exciting to think that we will be able to help those who cannot make trips to and from Ashland to attend school or to live on campus because of obligations already in their lives. Pray with us as we work to get this set up in such a way as to maintain the standards and goals of giving Christian leaders the training they need to serve the Lord and reach others.

Jan Gilreath

Developing Wisdom and Skills for Ministry

Do you know what Paul had been doing before Barnabas sought his help in going to the mission field? Paul had come to faith in Christ after an overwhelming experience on the road to Damascus. He had spent three years in Arabia, likely studying Scripture in light of this new revelation and preaching, and that's when Barnabas sought him out to help with a new church plant in Antioch and then the church was sending them on a mission...the start of Paul's missionary journeys.

Would you want to have open heart surgery by a man who "claimed" to have the knowledge and skill but had never attended medical school? I think I will stick with someone who saw the wisdom of learning from others who have *demonstrated* their skills. If you can pass the Bar Exam you can qualify to be an attorney, but when my freedom might depend on your skill, I want someone who has *demonstrated* the wisdom of learning from others who have shown their skill and educated wisdom.

The Bible speaks of education in a very positive manner. It mentions, on several occasions, in the Old Testament the "school of the prophets." Some take what John said in I John 2:27, "... ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, ..." as proof that they should not learn from any man but wholly learn through the Holy Spirit. I find it ironic since what John was doing when he wrote that was TEACHING them. When a person is saved, he/she is called of God to serve Him. Regardless of what kind of ministry God has for him/her, there MUST be learning and development in understanding and in God-given abilities. That is why Southland Bible Institute exists.

At Southland we have faculty and staff who have been trained themselves in the knowledge of the Word and use of their God-given skills and can guide others in their growth in the Lord. Southland offers a well-rounded education to *prepare one for ministry*. It is troubling that we see in scripture a great emphasis on growth in knowledge and skill, yet so many believe they are able to wield the Sword of God's Word without training or developing the skill of a surgeon with his scalpel. As surely as the school of the prophets was used by God to train those who would lead Israel in spiritual matters, God has raised up Southland to train those who would minister for Christ today.

Dr. Larry Spencer, Vice President

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The Practice of Prayer

The Lord...*"heareth the prayer of the righteous"* (Prov 15:29). God always answers prayer.

To interpret this amazing fact Jesus taught, *"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you"* (Lk 11:9). Some answers come with **assurance** in prayer—*"Ask, and it will be given to you."* If we ask in the name of Jesus (Jn 14:14), in the power of the Spirit (Rom 8:26), and on the Word of God (Jn 15:7)—we receive answers. Some answers come with **persistence** in prayer—*"Seek, and ye shall find."* This persistence in seeking takes time and testing, and often we lose patience. But God is never in a hurry! If He has a reason to delay the answer to our prayers, we simply bow to His *"good and acceptable and perfect will"* (Rom 12:2). Some answers come with **resistance** in prayer—*"Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."* Only God can open or shut doors (Rev 3:7). With the disciples of old, there is only one appropriate response, *"Lord, teach us to pray"* (Luke 11:1).

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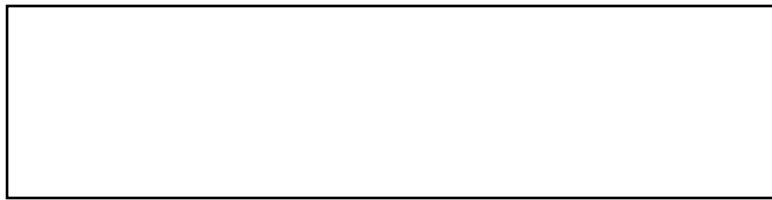


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