



ABC NEWSLETTER

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Notes From The Manager

May 2007

Recently we had three groups the same weekend plus a mission team working on the cabin and bathhouse. All of them together totaled close to 200 so it was a rather hectic weekend especially at the cafeteria. During one of the break times a lady from Lafayette came by and complemented our staff on how she sensed they were here as a ministry and not just a job. She commented how many times she has been on retreats or conferences and felt from the staff that she was imposing on them and that they were doing her a favor serving her. I told her we talk about that at staff meetings how we want to provide an atmosphere where the Holy Spirit can minister effectively and how it is easy to get a mentality that people are intruding on our domain by coming and if they would only stop we could get this place cleaned up and looking really nice. Every time we get ABC clean and nice, groups come and get it dirty again, but of course that is what we are here for- that is for people to use and grow in their walk with the Lord. Anyhow, we have to rely on the Lord for the right attitude and also we have to keep reminding ourselves what we are here for, but its nice to have positive reinforcement that our staff has a good attitude and that people sense it. It is a blessing to have a staff that love the Lord and are dedicated to seeing people ministered to. A servant's heart is essential to the camping ministry.

The improvements these past two years have been great and well received. The bathhouse and cabin will be a tremendous blessing. We hope to have them finished by summer. Other additions include a new lawnmower, new stove, 250 new comfortable stacking chairs, and additional air conditioning in the gym.

Let me encourage you to consider attending a retreat, camp or conference. Many times we are blessed when we step out to a new environment. Many lives are touched here and it is our hope and prayer that God will continue to use this place to further His Kingdom.

A special thank you is due to the many volunteers and contributors who help us here at ABC. With the size of our facilities and the amount of activities going on they are essential to the ongoing of this ministry. Continue to remember us in your prayers and keep us in mind when planning your retreat or camp.

Summer Camp
Decisions:
2006 - 164
1976-2006 - 12,439

James Newsom

James R. Newsom



Exciting Programs, Plans & Projects at ABC

Volunteers Paint Mural On Water Tank

From Right to Left:
Mrs. Mary Lou Dugger,
Mrs. Rita Callahan,
Mrs. Mary Miller,
and Mrs. Joyce Kistner.



HORSEBACK RIDING CAMPS

May 28-June 1 and June 4-8

For the first time ever...Acadian Baptist Center will offer two horseback riding camps this summer. Terry & Kitty LeBlanc, who have coordinated our camp horseback riding program since its inception, will lead out in this camp. Not only will it focus on becoming acquainted with horses, caring for horses & horseback riding – but there will be a spiritual application for our daily lives, as well. These camps will also include time for fun and recreation. The camps will be limited to approximately 20 students, for more information or to register, contact the ABC office soon!



Volunteer Group From Virginia



ABC FAMILY CABIN

As God moved and with much help from a volunteer group from Virginia, construction has almost been completed on the Family Cabin. This one-bedroom, rustic little cabin is going to be a great blessing to this ministry as well as the Pastors and staff who support ABC. Below is a picture of the Family Cabin.



New Gym Floor!



The New Bathhouse

The same volunteer group from Virginia who did so much in building the Family Cabin were also a tremendous asset in construction of the bathhouse – located right next to the swimming pool. This will be so convenient for groups using the pool – as well as those at the camper park or prayer garden



New pavement in
front of the office.



Motel Style Room at
the Family Lodge



New Tile Floor in Elliot, Westberry, the cabins and the office



OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM UNDERWAY...

We plan to have the Acadia Outdoor School (A.O.S.) at Acadian Baptist Center started soon. The focus of the school will be teaching children the truth about GOD and HIS creation. This is a very exciting opportunity to reach out to fifth through eighth grade home school, private school, public school and charter school students with the truth of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST. The classes will be Biblically-founded lessons designed to also fulfill non-macro-evolutionary science standards required by the Louisiana Department of Education. If you have ideas for the school, contacts in parish school systems, are personally able to help implement the program, or have questions about A.O.S. please feel free to phone or e-mail

Guy Atkinson at (337) 457-9047 or ABCOutdoors@aol.com.



2007 SUMMER CAMPS

PRE-TEEN CAMPS:

June 18-21 / Chip Dickey / Cost: \$105.00
July 30-Aug. 2 / Clear Min. / Cost \$105.00



MISSION CAMP: (for grades 1-12)
June 25-29 / Cost \$115.00 per person
Co-Directors: Kevin Richard; Danielle Johnson



LITTLE KIDS CAMP: "GLOW" Day Camp
July 9-13 (Mon.-Fri.) / Cost: \$60.00 per person
Director: Emily Campo / Speaker: Chris Campo

YOUTH CAMPS:
June 11-15 / Clear Ministries / Cost: \$115.00
July 23-27 / Chip Dickey / Cost: \$115.00



HORSEBACK RIDING CAMPS:

May 28-June 1 / Cost: \$250.00 per person
June 4-8 / Cost: \$250.00 per person
(both led by Terry & Kitty LeBlanc)

For More Info on camps check out
www.abccamp.com



OTHER RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Sr. Adult Luncheon Tue., May 15th
(Program Personality - John Yates & "The Gang")
No cost for this event - love offering will be taken

Spring Children's Retreat May 25-26
(Program: 2Talk42 Ministries / Cost: \$40.00)

Fall Sr. Adult Luncheon Tue. Sept. 19th
(Speaker: Bro. Joe Kite)
No cost for this event - love offering will be taken

"See Ya at the Pole" Rally Sat., Sept. 22nd
(Speaker: Bro. David Theriot)
(\$2.00 per person / worship, swimming, gym, burgers)

Fall Children's Retreat Nov. 30-Dec. 1
(Cost: \$40.00 per person)

Youth Winter Retreat Dec. 14-15
(Speaker: Chip Dickey / Cost: \$40.00 per person)



If you are interested in a camp DVD please feel free to call and we will send you one. Included in the DVD is video footage of the Clear youth camp and "ER at The Beach" with Chip Dickey and the Heard, a slide show from the Children's Mission camp, the ABC promotional video and a slide show of the devastation and ministry that occurred during the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita

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MASTER PLAN!

If you have attended camps or retreats at ABC, you know that one of our greatest challenges is limited cafeteria space. Our Long-Range Planning Committee & Board of Directors have voted to expand the existing cafeteria to seat up to 450 people. A fund-raising campaign will be underway shortly to make this possible.

The master plan also involves an addition to the family lodge, and the construction of a new worship center, family cabins, and a boy's staff house.

If you would like to make a special donation to any of the projects in the master plan please make a note of it.

Welcome new staff members:

Guy, Rebekah and Timothy Atkinson have joined the staff of Acadian Baptist Center. Guy will be heading Acadian Baptist Center's new Outdoor Education program. Please be in prayer for Guy and his family as they begin their ministry with us.

ABC Staff Members:



James Newsom - *Manager*
Peggy Watson - *Administrative Asst.*
Sally Burkhalter - *Secretary*
Keith Langley - *Maintenance Director*
Perry Paul Marcentel - *Asst. Maintenance*
Guy Atkinson - *Outdoor Education Director*
Ted Callahan - *Security*

Cooks:
Lynette Prather, Debbie Breaux, Tammy Johnson, Shelia Lejeune, Marla Taylor

Housekeeping:
Victoria Scanlan, Sharon Middlebrooks, Mary Jennings



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