



ABC NEWSLETTER

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Notes From The Manager

September 2007

Acadian Baptist Center was a busy place this summer! Our much anticipated Family Cabin was completed and it is great! Our primary goal for the Cabin is that it be used as a ministry to pastors and their wives for "alone time" to rest and rejuvenate. It will be rented out to others as it is available. We hope to build more as the Lord allows. The new Bathhouse by the pool was completed and both have been used often. They are a great asset to this ministry. Thank you to the many volunteers who made these new buildings possible. There have been over \$213,000.00 in improvements at ABC in the last 20 months.

ABC sponsored seven camps for youth and children this summer; as well as hosting seven other church groups. Once again, we hosted "Camp Inspiration" for children with asthma and "Camp Bon Coeur" for children with heart defects. We hosted four band camps, as well. During the course of the summer, we hosted fourteen retreats and eight church picnic/swims; four swims for a summer youth program and several other day activities. Our total attendance at summer camp was 2523 (does not include weekend numbers) and 6339 thus far this year. We have served thirty-six thousand five hundred fifty-four meals.

A total of 206 decisions were recorded at our sponsored camps this summer: 128 Professions of Faith; 65 Recommitments; 1 surrendering to full-time Christian service and 12 special prayer needs.

Thank you to our staff, board members, pastors, volunteers, Campers on Mission and prayer supporters. We would like to say a special thank you to Ted and Rita Callahan who have volunteered and served on our staff for the past seven years. They are retiring and planning to move to the Dallas area. Another special thank you is extended to Keith Langley for 10 years of service and Lynette Prather for 15 years.

One of the highlights of summer camp is the incredible worship services. Many times the altar was full. Several of our camps used the gym as a worship center, due to the numbers. Worldly eyes saw a teenage girl with multiple body piercings – God saw a sinner in need of a Savior and He called her unto Himself. Another young lady surrendered to the ministry. We all wear masks for the world to see – this summer, in so many instances, we saw God remove the mask to reveal the pain beneath – and begin healing.

Guy Atkinson has begun our outdoor ministry. He taught several classes this summer – including tying knots, birding, archery, etc. He has structured a curriculum which will be made available this fall to Christian, public and home school groups on birds, plants, ecology, etc. The classes are especially aimed at 5th through 8th grade. He is also certified in leading archery and ropes courses.

Our Board of Directors is finalizing plans for expansion and renovation of our Cafeteria. We hope to start construction in August of 2008. Estimates for a 6000 square foot expansion run close to \$600,000. We will need your prayers and financial support for this special endeavor that is sorely needed.

Utility, food and fuel costs have risen considerably this past year. Please prayerfully consider increasing your support of ABC or making a special gift. Your help for the general ministry or our new building will be greatly appreciated. Consider attending and publicizing our upcoming events.

On a special note, I would like to thank everyone for letting me serve you here at Acadian Baptist Center these past twenty years. Shannon and I count it a privilege to be able to serve in the camping ministry of ABC. Having met here 24 years ago as summer staffers, ABC is a very special place to us. It has been a joy to raise our children here and see them grow in the Lord. Aaron was our Staff Director and Katy served with an evangelist this summer, leading many youth and children's camp.

Summer Camp Decisions:
2007: 206
1976-current: 12,635

James R. Newsom

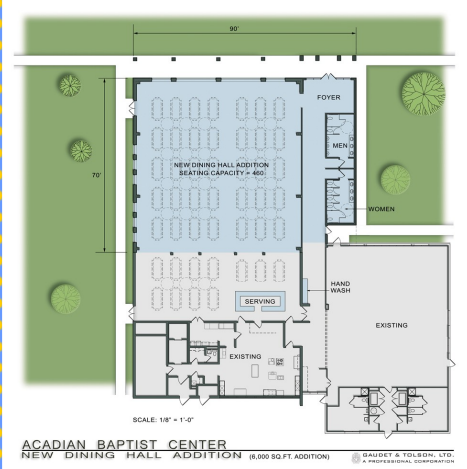


Retiring!

Bro. Ted Callahan, our Security Guard for the past 7 years, is retiring from another job well done.



Bro. Keith Langley, pictured with his wife Amy, is celebrating 10 years with Acadian Baptist Center.



NEW DINING AREA COMING SOON!

We are launching a fund raising campaign for an addition to an existing dining hall. The addition will triple the seating area of the old dining hall which will be a tremendous blessing for large and multiple groups. The area can also be used as an additional worship area.

Left: Preliminary Layout
Above: Artist Rendering

If you would like to make a donation to this project or any of the other projects in the master plan please make a note of it.

The fall will mark the launch of the Acadian Outdoor School! We have been piloting some of the Acadian Outdoor School (A.O.S.) classes with some of our summer camp groups. Kids were taught how to tie knots, identify birds, and shoot a bow and arrow. The summer was a great testing ground for the A.O.S. classes.

We do have some requests for hands-on examples and visual aids for the classes. Please visit www.ABCCamp.com to see the list of requests and help us provide more to the students who come through. Please contact Guy if you would like to volunteer time or donate items.

If you are a teacher or know a teacher or are a homeschooling family that would be interested in receiving information about A.O.S. and the classes we provide, please feel free to contact Guy Atkinson at: (337) 457-9047 or AOS@ABCCamp.com.



Lynette Prather, head cook, is celebrating 15 years of service here at ABC

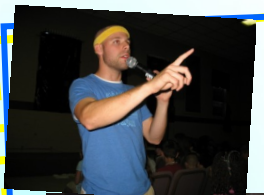


The Family Cabin and Bath House are now fully operational.

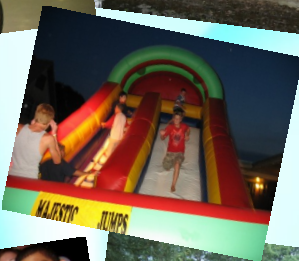
The cabin (left) is designed to provide a relaxing atmosphere for pastors and other ministers and their wives to retreat and find a quiet place and seek the face of God and relax away from all the distractions of the world.

The bath house (right) will provide a changing area and restrooms for those at the pool and the camper park.

2007 Summer Staff



Well, the 2007 summer camp season has come to an end. We Had a Great summer of camp. Many lives have been changed forever. Our prayer is that the memories will not easily fade!



Upcoming Events

"See Ya at the Pole" ... Sat., Sept.22
Speaker: David Theriot/Music: Coby Leger
Worship, Swimming, Rec.Building, Gym, Burgers

ABC Fundraising Banquet ... Oct. 12th

ABA Reunion ... Oct.12-14

Children's Fall Retreat ... Nov.30-Dec.1
Speaker: Chip Dickey & The Heard

ABC Appreciation Banquet ... Thurs., Dec. 6
Speaker: Jinny Henson

Youth Winter Retreat ... Dec. 14-15
Program: Chip Dickey & The Heard

B.A.B.E..S. Retreat (Girls Only)
(\$50.00 per person)

ABC Men's Retreat ... Jan 25-26
Speaker: Bill Robertson

Couples Retreat ... Feb.29-Mar.1
Retreat Leader: Dr. Marvin Douglas

Youth Mardi Gras Alternative ... Feb.4-5
Speaker: Bill Britt; Music: Broken Vessels

ABC Children's Retreat ... Mar.14-15
Program: 2talk42 Ministries

Senior Adult Luncheon ... Tues., May 6

Memorial Gift

In Memory or Honor Of: _____

Given By: _____

Address: _____

Please Send Acknowledgement To:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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, boy's staff house and the purchase of new property.

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

Were you ever an ABC Staffer???

If so, please e-mail either

acadiacamp@aol.com or bananapeg@aol.com

and let us know where you are and what you are doing. In the subject line please put "former staffer" so that it is not accidentally deleted. Can't wait to hear from you!!!



ABC Staff Members:

James Newsom - *Manager*
Peggy Watson - *Administrative Asst.*
Keith Langley - *Maintenance Director*
Perry Paul Marcentel - *Asst. Maintenance*
Guy Atkinson - *Outdoor Education Director*

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

Housekeeping:
Sharon Middlebrooks, Mary Jennings, Debbie Breaux, Emily Breaux



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