



Acadian Baptist Center Newsletter Fall '08

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Notes From The Manager

I don't want to miss Posse

One of the highlights of Chip Dickey's camp is an event called posse on Wednesday night. Here the bible study teams travel in the dark from place to place on the ABC campus as stealthily as possible to obtain "chips" from various counselors stationed at different spots. Standing in their way is the posse - staffer or counselor armed with water guns and dressed in camouflage. They stop the different teams and make them recite Bible verses or do push ups and if not done to their satisfaction they take their teams chip and they have to go back to the last station to obtain another chip. The team that receives all of the chips and makes it back to the base first is the winner.

This past summer one little boy was doing a back flip off the top bunk and hurt his back. His counselor brought him to the hospital to be checked out, as he left he kept saying "I don't want to miss posse". Thankfully, later that day he returned and that night ran around playing posse. Many life changing experiences take place at camp. Over the years young and old have shared with me how they were saved at ABC or surrendered to the ministry or grew closer to the Lord. This is only possible through the support of many people. Consider praying for and supporting the ministry here at ABC as the Lord leads.

James R Newsom

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Camp Manager

Highlights of this Past Year:

\$1.5 million bequest for a new worship center in memory of Dewitt & Vivian Hedgepath Link by their daughter Nancy Link Adkerson
\$100,000 donated for the dining hall expansion in memory of Rev. N.L. Robinson by his son James Robinson
Approx. \$200,000 cash and over \$350,000 in cash and pledges were raised for the dining hall expansion
Outdoor Education Ministry: this year we had 12 groups for a total of about 450-500 students
Gulf Cost Cabin Completed
13.5 acres purchased adjacent to ABC
Hurricane shelter for Gustav and Ike

Decisions 1976-2008
6,215 Professions of Faith
5,506 Rededications
481 Special Services
12,202 Total Decisions



Gulf Coast Cabin complete, the second of our private cabins, is designed as a quiet retreat facility, a place for pastors, other ministers and couples to get away from all the "noise" of life and spend some time relaxing.



Hurricane Gustav left its mark on ABC and clean up has begun. A crew from Dry Creek Baptist camp came out to help our staff clean up the debris (left). The evacuees also pitched in to help clean up (right).



Upcoming Events

"See Ya at the Pole" Rally - Saturday, Sept. 20
(Oren Conner and Kurt Hoffpauir /
Cost: \$2.00 per person)

B.A.B.E.S. Retreat - Sept. 26-27 (for girls only
– Cost: \$40.00 includes BABES T-shirt)

ABA Reunion - Oct. 10-12

Campers on Mission Rally - Oct. 30-Nov. 2

Campers on Mission Work Week - Nov. 3-7

"S'Mores" Children's Retreat - Nov. 7-8

(Chip Dickey & "The Heard"

Cost: \$45.00)

ABC Board & Appreciation Banquet

Thursday, Dec. 4

"Hear the Bells" Winter Youth Retreat Dec. 19-20

(Chip Dickey & "The Heard"

Cost: \$43.00 per person)

ABC Men's Retreat - Feb. 20-21

ABC Couples Retreat - Mar. 20-21

(Leaders: Steve & Linette Horn
of FBC, Lafayette)

ABC Children's Retreat - Apr. 24-25

Senior Adult Luncheon - Tuesday, May 5th



Construction is soon to begin on the cafeteria expansion. We are hoping to start in October or November if you would like to volunteer your time and services in the construction process please give us a call.





2008 Summer Staff

Acadian Outdoor School at Acadian Baptist Center

September 1, 2008, will mark the beginning of the second year of Acadian Outdoor School (A.O.S.). We have sent out just over 800 letters to teachers in a six-parish area and re-contacted the teachers who brought students last year.

This year we hope to have two times (900-1000) to three times (1350-1500) as many students come through than last year. We had approximately 450 to 500 students come to A.O.S. in 2007-2008.

Please pray for in-roads of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the teachers and students who visit. Please also pray that we will be ready, as a crew of instructors, to share the love of Jesus with the students as we teach the kids about the outdoors and developing healthy character traits through team-building. Please also pray that the students come back for A.B.C. weekend retreats and summer camp to hear more of the life-changing Gospel of Jesus.

Thank you for your continued support. If you, or someone you know, would like to help teach classes or provide classroom materials, please feel free to contact Guy Atkinson at (337) 457-9047 or AOS@ABCCamp.com.

We have collected \$192,678.35 in cash and \$369,870.77 in cash and pledges so far for the dining hall expansion. We estimate the total cost to be around \$500,00.00 and we hope to begin construction on October 1, 2008

There are many exciting things going on around here.

If you would like to be a part of building the ministry of ABC please fill out the commitment form on the right and send it back to us.

It was a great summer of Camps. We are already planning and looking forward to next year!



I Want To Help Build The Ministry Of ABC

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Home Ph: _____

_____ You can count on my prayer Support.

_____ You can count on my commitment gift.

*Your gift is tax deductible

\$	Monthly for 36 Months	For a Total of	\$
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-OR-

One time Gift of: \$ _____

Memorial Gift
In Memory or Honor Of:

Given By: _____

Address: _____

Please Send Acknowledgement To:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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or if you would prefer receiving the
newsletter through E-mail, please
contact the ABC office

Were you ever an ABC Staffer???

If so, please E-mail either
abccamp@abccamp.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!!!

Acadian Baptist Center Staff

James Newsom - Manager

Peggy Watson - Administrative Asst.

Coby Leger - Graphic Design/Office Asst.

Keith Langley - Maintenance Director

Perry Paul Marcentel - Asst. Maintenance

Guy Atkinson - Outdoor Education Director

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Lynette Prather, Debbie Breaux, Tammy

Johnson, Shelia Lejeune, Maria Taylor

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Sharon Middlebrooks, Mary Jennings,

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