

# ACADIAN BAPTIST CENTER

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## The ABC's of Summer

*An exciting season of seeing God move in the hearts and minds of students*

The Summer of 2010 was a busy and exciting time for ABC. More than 4,200 campers attended this summer. This was an increase of nearly 10% from last summer.

Students experienced a summer of fun at ABC through wild, crazy, and sometimes messy games, swimming, sports, and the recreation building. More importantly students were introduced to the gospel or challenged to have a deeper relationship with Christ through worship and Bible study.

With a total increase of summer attendance and activities, the cafeteria expansion was truly tested for the first time. The expansion passed with flying colors and has helped enable ABC to minister to many more students and adults. Thank you to all that have supported and continue to support ABC.

## ABA Alumnus Update



ABA Alumni:  
Jimmy Warren (boy on left)  
& Sidney Verbois (boy on right)

## Global impact of fruit God produced at ABA

Jimmy Warren, father of internationally known pastor and author Rick Warren, graduated from ABA in 1941. In chapter three, "Roots of Faith", of the book "Prophet of Purpose: The Life of Rick Warren", Author Jeffery Sheler discusses the impact that ABA had on the Warren family.

According to Sheler's research, Jimmy came from a "mildly Christian home." While at ABA, his faith "caught fire and really began to grow spiritually." Intense Bible reading became part of his life as well as soaking in the daily sermons at the chapel services.

During his time at ABA, He felt God's call to the ministry and answered that call. His senior year at ABA, he preached at a mission church. Also, while at ABA, he also worked in the school's maintenance shop, went to Eunice for the movies, attended fellowships at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, and enjoyed playing board games and singing hymns with other ABA students.



# Camp Manager's Report

*God uses your support to produce fruit. Fruit that will last.*

Have you ever been in a worship service where the spirit was so strong that the preacher didn't even preach and people kept going to the altar?

Being at ABC, I have been blessed to be a part of many of those type of worship services over the years. We had one of those this summer and afterwards no one wanted to leave. People wanted to just stay and soak it all in. These are one of those spiritual markers Henry Blackaby talks about where you can look back and remember what a real God we have and you realize you have been a part of something special that doesn't happen often enough. Being at some of these services and working with my family in the ministry this summer has to be two of the highlights of my life.

The Summer of 2010 surely was an amazing summer with over 2000 more people attending ABC by the end of July than the previous year and having 183 professions of faith. We had 4 worship services in the gym because our chapel was too small to hold the services. This was our first summer using the new dining hall expansion. The additional seating, hallways, restrooms, and new serving lines are an amazing blessing. The new walk in cooler and freezer help tremendously.

The three cabins behind the camper park are an asset that gives us extra room for ministers and special guests. The bathhouse by the pool also helps in our service to swim groups and campers in the camper park. We are still praying and seeking God's will about how to best utilize our new property to the south and east of us. New ball fields, a lake and more cabins are some options that are being considered.

Even though ABC has had great attendance and numerous building projects, we are still dependent on your prayers and support. The dining hall expansion cost \$767,047 with furnishings and we borrowed \$380,000. Our note is down to \$356,000. Thank you to all the individuals and churches that have made special donations to this effort. A special thank you to our contractor and board member, Joey West, who labored tirelessly to complete the project \$100,000 under projected cost and came back in the heat of early June to re-roof our flat roof around the gym complex to enable all the campers to have dry rooms this summer. Volunteers and supporters mean so much to the work here.

I would like to share a ministry with you started this summer, and is led by a former staffer. She is leading a water aerobics class for adults in the evenings and swimming lessons while the weather is warm. Contact our office for more information if you are interested in participating in the aerobics class or taking swimming lessons.

ABC is a nonprofit corporation supported by 6 associations, 80 churches, and many caring individuals and companies. Encourage your church to pray for ABC and support the ministry. Many lives are touched in the camp and retreat environment each year and those lives produce fruit that echoes throughout eternity.



*James R. Newsom*

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Camp Manager

## Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner

*October 12, 2010 featuring Duck Commander Alan Robertson, Tickets: \$10.00*

Bring your friends to the first Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner at ABC. This is designed to be an outreach event that your unsaved friends will be comfortable coming to. There will be door prizes, booths will be open from 5:00 - 7:00, and cooking demonstrations from 5:00 - 7:00. Alan Robertson is the son of the famous Duck Commander Phil Robertson and one of the Duckmen of Louisiana. This will be an evening of learning about hunting, gear, cooking wild game, and how real outdoorsmen can live for Jesus. For more information about the event, please contact the ABC Office.





# Children's Retreat Featuring John Yates & Friends

*November 12-13 for children in grades 1st—6th. Cost: \$35.00 per person.*

John Yates is "creative, informative and fun, but most of all right on target for today's children. He presents the gospel in words that they can understand and apply to their lives. He is foundational and age appropriate and believe me that is hard to find when looking for someone special to reach children. John is perfect as a camp pastor, a children's event, an adult event, or a revival. He can hit any age and make an impact on their lives. He makes each of us think in creative and fresh ways." - Phyllis Nicholson, New Union Baptist Church, Dayton, TN. Preschool/Children's Minister. Call today to Register your group!



## Youth Evangelism Conference 2010

*Are you bringing a group to YEC in the Cajun Dome? (ABC is offering Lodging Nov. 21-23)*

ABC is offering lodging for YEC. Space will be available in the Family Lodge, dorms, and cabins. Space will be assigned on a first come/first served basis. Cost for lodging will be \$16.00 per night per person. If you would like breakfast served to your group each morning, the cost will be \$4.00 per person. If you would like to extend your group's time by staying an additional night or take advantage of some of the features ABC has to offer (camp fire, gym, low ropes course, volleyball, ...), check with the ABC office for pricing and scheduling. To register your group or to get more information please contact ABC as soon as possible.

## Acadian Outdoor School

*For Public & Private Schools, Home School Associations, Churches, Groups/Clubs, & Teams*

Acadian Outdoor School offers team building exercises and outdoor challenges that are interactive. The Acadian Outdoor School can be a stand alone trip or part of a retreat/event at ABC. In addition to the team building exercises and outdoor challenges, the Acadian Outdoor School also offers public and private schools and home school associations classes on animals, eco systems, compass skills, and archery.

This is the fourth year that ABC has offered the Acadian Outdoor School. Most of the groups last year were return groups from the first year. We are looking to expand the program this coming year and have begun scheduling groups. If you would like to bring a group, call Guy at 337.457.9047 or email him at aos@abccamp.com.

## Donations

*Be part of the ministry of ABC through prayer, volunteer service, or donations.*

<p><b>Memorial Gift</b></p> <p>In Memory or Honor of: _____</p> <p>Given By: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Please Send Acknowledgement To:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p>	<p><b>I Want To Help Build The Ministry Of ABC</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>____ ABC can count on my prayer support!</p> <p>____ ABC can count on my volunteer service!</p> <p>____ ABC can count on my financial support!</p> <p>\$ _____ a Month for 36 Months For a Total amount of: \$ _____</p> <p>-OR-</p> <p>One time Gift of: \$ _____</p>	<p><b>In-Kind Donations</b></p> <p>Suggested Items:</p> <p>Park Benches, Lawn Equipment, Golf Cart/4 Wheelers, Drinking Water Fountains, Canoes &amp; Paddles, Sports Equipment</p> <p>Please make checks and mail donation &amp; form to ABC. Giving can also be done on-line through our website. All gifts are Tax-Deductable.</p> <p><b>What do these have in common?</b></p> <p><b>A Cafeteria The U.S. Mint Baseball</b></p> <p>← see box for answer</p>
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# Acadian Baptist Center Upcoming Events

## Fall/Winter 2010/2011:

October 8th - October 10th

**ABA Reunion**

October 12th

**Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner**

October 29th - November 5th

**Campers On Mission At ABC**

November 12th - 13th

**Children's Retreat**

November 21st - 23rd

**Stay at ABC for YEC**

December 3rd - 4th

**Couples Retreat**

December 17th - 18th

**Winter Youth Retreat**

January 21st - 22nd

**S'mores Children's Retreat**



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## Summer 2011:

June 13th - June 17th

**Missions Camp**

June 20th - June 24th

**Fuego Youth Camp Week 1**

June 27th - July 1

**Fuego Youth Camp Week 2**

July 18th - July 22nd

**Chip Dickey & "The Heard"  
Youth Camp**

July 25th - July 28th

**Chip Dickey & "The Heard"  
Pre-Teen Camp**

August 12th - 13th

**Back To School Retreat**



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and those attending ABC.

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