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### The Cabin Complex is COMPLETE!

### It's Just a Building, Until...



Everything was ready in the dining facility for the dedication service of the Camp Judson Cabin and Retreat Complex. The Board of Commissioners, which had gathered the previous evening for their scheduled meeting, watched as people began to arrive. They witnessed a glorious reunion with hugs, laughter and joyous celebration as long-time supporters and co-workers gathered at their beloved camp because they shared a common faith in Jesus Christ and a common loyalty to Camp Judson as a means of expressing and expanding it. As the time of the service neared, the trickle turned into a surge that quickly filled all available seating in the building and left many standing. But, no one seemed to mind.



Many people blended their God-given gifts and talents to the service. What emerged was a common theme of dedication and commitment to a process that overcame pitfalls and shortfalls to arrive at this day of celebration. One major contributor was recognized for the largest contribution ever given to Camp Judson, which provided the windfall that moved the project from a deficit to a surplus. That person challenged all by saying, "what good is having money if you don't use it."



In the end it was the keynote speaker, Mark Mahserjian-Smith, who defined the moment by reminding all that Camp Judson was not about facilities old or new. It was about providing facilities so children could come to have fun. But, he stated fun was not what kept them coming back year after year. That could not be measured by their recreation but by their recreation, those moments when they gathered at the end of the day around the campfire to sing, worship, and to reflect on the Lord Jesus Christ.



Thus the Dedication Service did not signal the end of a project but its beginning: those campers who would now sleep in those bunks, those families and churches that would now retreat inside its walls, and those lives that could now be transformed there by the power of the risen Lord. The work of construction is still incomplete until all of us dedicate, not a facility, but ourselves to filling it! It's just a building until we use it!

—Jim Bennett

### New Ministry Support Options!

We need your help to keep our finances clean and out of the red ink. We are hoping SOAP for Judson Camp will help us

What is the true meaning of SOAP 4 JC? Your choice!

- A: SUPPORTER OF A PROJECT FOR JUDSON CAMP
- B: SUPPORTER OF A PERSON FOR JUDSON CAMP
- C: SUPPORTER OF A PAYMENT FOR JUDSON CAMP

To maintain a balanced budget we must find new ways to help support the financial burdens at Judson Camp. So why not be a S.O.A.P. 4 JC?

We do appreciate your giving to our various programs and projects such as JDO, CAP Project ECHO to mention a few. And we do not want you to stop giving to the subsidy which helps take care of the day to day operational expenses. We are most grateful for your support.

But when it comes to having our bills go up and our income go down, we are no different than most of you.

As most all of you know, the Lord's work at Judson Camp has always been through faith. For over 50 years we have been in business doing the Lord's work and depending solely on your generosity to see us through each and every year. And I truly believe God has blessed each and every one of you who have contributed to this mission field.

We are now asking you to continue your financial support. And we are giving you yet another way to be a part of the work at Judson Camp. You decide where you want your additional giving to go to.

The monies received will go specifically into the areas you mark on your envelope. Our desire is to keep this giving program active all year long so you can continue to give when funds come available to you. If you have any questions about this exciting new way to support this ministry please don't hesitate to ask your Camp Judson Commissioners or the Camp Judson office.

This newsletter was written and edited by volunteers and friends of Camp Judson to keep you informed. If you have any questions or comments about the contents or any submissions for this newsletter or would like to learn more about Camp Judson, please contact the Camp Judson Office through our web site ([www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com)) by e-mail ([judson@velocity.net](mailto:judson@velocity.net)), phone 814-922-3834, fax 814-622-1251 or write to:

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## Camp Judson 2008 Summer Schedule

RALLY DAY	JUNE 14	ENTIRE FAMILY	FREE
JUNIOR 1	JUNE 15-21	GRADES 4 - 6	\$250.00
JUNIOR HIGH 1	JUNE 15-21	GRADES 7 - 8	\$250.00
JR TRAILBLAZERS	JUNE 15-21	GRADES 4 - 6	\$180.00
JUNIOR 2	JUNE 22-28	GRADES 4 - 6	\$250.00
JUNIOR HIGH 2	JUNE 22-28	GRADES 7 - 8	\$250.00
SUMMER BLAST	JUNE 29-JULY 2	GRADES 7 - 12	\$140.00
MINI 1	JUNE 29-JULY 2	GRADES 2 - 3	\$140.00
FAMILY FEST	JULY 4	ENTIRE FAMILY	
FAMILY CAMP	JULY 4-6	ENTIRE FAMILY	VARIES

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JUNIOR 3	JULY 6-12	GRADES 4 - 6	\$270.00
MINI 2	JULY 6-9	GRADES 2 - 3	\$140.00
MINI 3	JULY 9-12	GRADES 2 - 3	\$140.00
DAY CAMP 1	JULY 7-11	GRADES K - 6	\$110.00
DOWNLOAD '08	JULY 13-19	GRADES 7 - 12	\$270.00
WRANGLER	JULY 13-19	GRADES 7 - 12	\$270.00
SUPER WEEK	JULY 20-26	GRADES 9 - 12	\$270.00
TRAILBLAZERS	JULY 27-AUG. 2	GRADES 9 - 12	\$190.00
JUNIOR 4	JULY 27-AUG. 2	GRADES 4 - 6	\$270.00
DAY CAMP 2	JULY 28-AUG. 1	GRADES K - 6	\$110.00
LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP	AUG. 30-SEPT. 1	ENTIRE FAMILY	VARIES

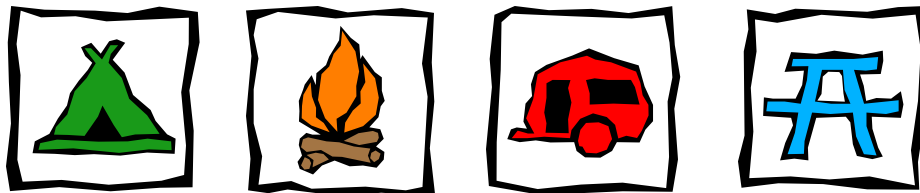
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### SPRING BREAK AWAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Mark your calendar! Spring Break Away takes place May 16th-18th. Whether you can't get enough of Camp Judson or are wondering what this place is all about. This is a great way to experience Camp Judson. If you have any questions, please contact the camp office.

Before May 1st  
 -Deposit: \$20  
 -Balance Due: \$38

After May 1st  
 -Deposit: \$20  
 -Balance Due: \$46

Register and get your deposit in before May 1st and save \$8 dollars on your registration fee.

### Camper numbers comparison recent years

	2005	2006	2007
Total enrolled	560	557	533
No church affiliation	44	33	52
Other churches	64	47	44
Baptist churches	452	477	437
Total attended (enrolled minus cancelled)	547	531	516



### IT PAYS TO GET OLDER!

- *Have you made a gift that will benefit the future of Camp Judson?*
- *Would you like to augment your income?*
- *How old are you?*

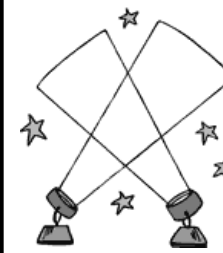
If you answered "No," "Yes," and "That's none of your business!" then you will want to talk to your American Baptist Foundation representative about a

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## "SPOTLIGHT on JUDSON"

The spotlight this issue focuses on the camp commissioner presiding over the program committee, David Tompkins. Dave was born in Erie, PA Sept. 20th 1936 to Gilbert and Myrtle Tompkins. He has one brother Paul, who is retired. Dave was a member of Delaware Avenue Baptist Church. In fact his mother and grandmother were charter members. Dave accepted Jesus Christ as his savior at age 14 and baptized by Rev. Boyd.

Age 16 was important in Dave's life as he when to camp Judson for work camp and rededicated his life. While at work camp a girl named Joan caught his eye. She was from Union City, PA and to catch her eye, Dave threw seaweed and dead fish at her. This resulted in their marriage September 15th, 1956. Dave entered the Navy in 1954 serving mainly on a munitions ship.

When Dave was discharged he worked a while at American Tinning and Galvanizing. He was laid off and decided to take advantage of the G.I. Bill and enrolled at Edinboro University receiving a Teacher's degree in Science. He continued and received a Masters in Science Education at Edinboro and a Masters in Biology at Michigan State. In 1977 he received his Doctorate from Michigan State in Curriculum.

Dave and Joan were blessed with 4 children, Melanie in 1957 who teachers at Rolling Ridge elementary. Valerie in 1960, a software troubleshooter, a son, Todd in 1962 teaching General Science at Conneaut Valley, and Carrie in 1964 who taught at Ft. LeBoeuf Middle School, Waterford, PA in the area of Special Education.

The Tompkins have 10 Grandchildren. Dave has run the gamut from being a soda jerk for Sanida Dairy to teaching at Gannon College, in Erie. He spent 3 months first in New Zealand, then Australia as part of a team funded by the Rotary, but as a non-rotary team.

In 1968 Dave and Joan began attending Wesleyville Baptist Church where they are current members. Dave has been active with Camp Judson and has served as a commissioner since 1994. He currently serves as the chair of the program committee. His current wish is that the camp would be busy for 50 weeks per year and self sustaining. Dave we are with you in that wish and prayer.

On November 3rd, Camp Judson held a special dedication service for its new Cabin and Retreat Complete. The building project began during the summer of 2006 and was completed in November of 2007. Many gathered from all over the northwestern portion of the Region to celebrate the completion of the Cabin Complex as well as participate in the dedication ceremony. The dedication service included.

- Welcome - Rev. Don Girdwood
- Invocation - Pastor David White
- Greetings - Rev. Russell Horning
- Tributes: To Rev. Claude V. Fulks - Rev. Cindy Swogger  
 To Mr. Richard Schnarrs -- Pastor Harlan Nefstead
- Interpretive Dance Presentation - Transfer Dance Troupe
- Scripture: I Kings 19: 1-8 - Shane Locke
- Keynote Speaker - Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith - "Camp Classics"
- Camp Choruses - Jarrett Acklin
- Managing Director's Reflections - Rev. Ken Thompson
- Special Music - Cheryl and Susan Trost
- Litany of Dedication - Rev. Don Girdwood
- Prayer of Dedication - Rev. Dr. Charles Case
- Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" - Cheryl Trost
- Benediction - Rev. Rusty Horning



There was a wonderful sense of God's presence as everyone rejoiced in the completion of the project and looked forward to the use of this new facility as a ministry tool to share the gospel. Clearly all who attended the service knew they were standing on "Holy Ground" at a place where God resides. Following the dedication service a reception was held in the new Cabin and Retreat Complex.