

Camper Commitments & Decisions

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Salvation decisions	22	Jesus
Recommitments	42	Under girds
Read Bible/pray more	75	Decisions
Attend church	6	Saving Christians
Commitment to witness	8	Old &
Called to ministry	1	New

Commitment to A CLOSER (further) relationship with God 49

Commitment to learn more about salvation before making a decision 18

Thank you

Once again a "BIG" Thank You to all those who contributed to the E.C.H.O. jugs in each of our churches to support the Camper Assistance Program at Camp Judson. E.C.H.O. stands for Each Church Help One and a special thanks if your church was able to help more than one. This year through the ECHO program \$2220.00 was collected to help kids who would not otherwise be able to come to camp. What a great way to share God's love and affect young lives.

The Message

The message of God's love and Jesus' sacrifice to pay for our sins was shared with 543 campers this year by a SUPER staff of dedicated young men and women. A "BIG" Thank You to all of you on the *front line* as well!

"SPOTLIGHT on JUDSON"

In this issue the spotlight rests upon our beloved camp director Ken Thompson. What do we know about him other than he tosses camp brochures at association meetings and that he is the heart and soul of Camp Judson? He is serving God in a ministry that has brought hundreds of youth to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Let's take a look at his roots. Ken was born in Brackenridge, PA. to Walter and Edith Thompson and has one sister, Loretta. He received his bachelor's degree at Point Park College, and completed his Master of Divinity at Eastern Seminary in 1972.

While at Eastern and interning at Upland Baptist, I am told that through the efforts of Pastor Dave McQueen, Ken met Linda and they were married in 1974. He served as youth pastor at Liberty Baptist Church in Blanchard and ran a day care center. Ken next was pastor at Shinglehouse Baptist Church for 4-1/2 years and was hired as Camp Judson's director in 1978. Ken and Linda have 3 children Jerry, Michelle, and Brian.

Ken likes hunting, running toy trains and his favorite food is ice cream. He is a member of West Springfield Baptist Church. He has served as President of the American Camping Association of Western, PA. and served in the Christian Camping International. This is Ken's 29th summer at Judson and besides maintaining camp relations with 5 associations. Ken does everything in the camp, from maintenance, to finance, administration, procurement, hiring, and is never too busy to give you his attention.

Ken's sense of humor and encouraging manner is well known. All of us who have been associated with Camp Judson deeply appreciate what he has done and is doing.

Thank you Ken for your commitment and dedication to God's ministry here at Camp Judson. May God richly bless both you and your family.

"Take my yoke upon you, for my yoke is easy and my burden light..."

It always seems that by the middle of my week at camp, my wife is asking me why I continue to play my guitar there. The argument is a good one: I live in North East (near the NY state border), work beside the Erie International Airport (about 30 miles from home) and drive to camp each night (near the OH border) for Super Week... then I drive home each night to do it again tomorrow! Why is it that I perpetuate this activity?

My explanation, there is work to be done. It is work that I love, but work none the less. I have been doing it now for about 12 consecutive years and now recognize the "campers of old" as the counselors of today.

I do grow tired, I do grow faint, I do lack strength. BUT in the midst of things, there is that precious time that is known as Vespers. That magical hour (sometimes literally) where I get to lead a hundred plus teens into worship of the Almighty.

In those moments I remember how his yoke can be easy and his burden light. It is then that I regain perspective on eternity vs. the temporal. I yearn for that eternal rest when I leave. That is why we do the work. There is no greater calling than to serve the eternal.

Now, to teach my children that.

-Mark Bartlett
"Guitar Boy" of Super Week 1994-2006 (and counting...)

New event at Judson Summer Camp 2006

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Our Lord is an amazing creator as well as Savior, God's creativity is inexhaustible. This week of camp provided a walk through the arts. Including dance, drama, and/or singing, worship is a lifestyle not just an event! True imagination comes from the CREATOR. He longs to express His creativity through you. Listen to the artist within... and continue the journey into your creativity.

Joining us in our quest was:

- **Scott Tidwell Youth Director for the First Baptist Church of Linesville**
- **Adam Humburg Pastor and Worship Leader for Sould Out Ministries**
- **The Real Uth Dance Team**
- **"Flat-foot 56" featuring their Celtic punk style in a Friday Night Concert**

This new addition to the summer camping agenda was well received with many campers looking forward to the 2007 edition.

