

October 14, 2009



Greetings!

We enjoyed a great summer camping season! God blessed us as we worked together with Him in *"promoting a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by providing opportunities for worship, fellowship and instruction in discipleship."*

Strong Attendance, Staff and Ministry

Camp attendance has grown again, as well as staff numbers and facility rentals. Alberta Covenant Churches offered 8 weeks of camping programs with 450 attendees and 45 staff. As well, 8 weeks of ministry were offered by other church groups proclaiming the message of God's love and salvation to many.

The Conference Camp Ministry Team spent three weeks at Covenant Bay, adding great modelling and teaching to junior staff members. Jon Drebert coordinated the Camp Ministry team as they served across the Canadian Conference in the Manitoba, British Columbia and Alberta Covenant Camps.

CBBC continues to be a place where we meet with God and see Him at work in and through the lives of His people.

Strategic Plan Update

1. Functional Program Plan

The camp board continued work on the Strategic plan, specifically on the development of CBBC's **Functional Program Plan** (the 10 year program and property development plan). Funding (\$10,000) for this project came from general CBBC revenues, which were approved at this year's General Annual meeting, with an additional \$23,000 coming from the Alberta Government's "Community Spirit Donation Grant."

The CBBC Board met at least once monthly since February, working with architects to complete the first draft of the Functional Program Plan. This will be presented by CBBC Board members and Jon Drebert at each of Alberta's Covenant Churches this fall for input. Church visits are as follows:

- October 18, Faith Covenant Church, Breton - service at 11:00 am, camp meeting to follow
- November 1, Hope Covenant Church, Strathmore - services at 9:15 and 11:00 am, camp meetings to follow each service
- November 8, Malmo Covenant Church, Wetaskiwin - service at 11:00 am, camp meeting to follow
- November 15, Kensington Road Covenant Church, Calgary - service at 11:00 am camp meeting to follow
- November 22, Rosebud Community Church, Rosebud - service at 11:00 am, camp meeting to follow

The final document, reflecting your input, will be prepared and presented at the February 20, 2010 Annual General Meeting to be held at the camp.

2. Executive Director

Another goal in the Strategic Plan was to have a **full-time Executive Director**, who would be responsible for the overall management and leadership in implementing the Strategic Plan. On September 1st, Jon Drebert, part-time Program Director, began the full-time position of Executive Director/Program Director for the next 12 months. We look forward to working with Jon. He is a Godly man...full of energy and full of ideas.

The CBBC Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, **February 20, 2010**, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Covenant Bay Bible Camp. Mark this on your calendar—you won't want to miss the presentation of the completed Functional Program Plan for approval. This plan will show where CBBC is heading in the next 5 to 10 years as we move forward in faith...fulfilling our mission and partnering in God's ministry at Covenant Bay Bible Camp. A light lunch will be served. This meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in CBBC and the future of the ministry at CBBC.

So that's the news! Check out the CBBC web site for further details—<http://www.covenantbay.ca>

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry and the future of CBBC.

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