



Cooperstown Bible Camp

Developing relationships between campers and Christ!

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Ministry Moments - Men's Retreat With Tom Harmon

Men's Retreat attendees thrive during Tom Harmon's messages and small group time



Tom Harmon's preaching is characterized by his knowledge of Scripture, dynamism and story telling.

Cooperstown Bible Camp attendees once again enjoyed the preaching of Tom Harmon during Men's Retreat, held January 25-27. Harmon, an itinerant preacher, spoke on portions of 1 Peter 1 and 2. The sessions were followed by small group times. These small groups and Harmon's preaching were mentioned as highlights by many attendees.

"Tom Harmon as a preacher is very challenging, with real-life illustrations to back up his personal journey of faith and commitment," David Cooper of Wahpeton, ND, said. "In one session Harmon spoke on a living hope and that the reason we lose our way or get bogged down is that we lose hope. This seemed to be the case for me. If I keep my hope I keep my faith strong and my deeds fall in line with my faith."

Clint Starke of Cooperstown, ND, also grew as a result of Harmon's messages and God's working during the retreat. "God reinforced in me that prayer and scripture study are not only important, but absolutely fundamental in my walk with Christ," Starke said. "Without both, my life is but a clanging gong. God's Word and Tom's comments also gave me a renewed commitment

to my wife, marriage and family."

Pastor Duane Lundberg of Esmond, ND, was encouraged through the relationship-building that took place during the retreat. Lundberg considered spending quality time with a man from his church the highlight of the retreat. He also enjoyed getting to know two men from his area who are young in their faith. Lundberg plans to keep in touch with them beyond the retreat. "One of them had accepted the Lord at last year's Men's Retreat," Lundberg said. "It was exciting to see these men so interested in growing in Christ and getting into God's Word."

Dennis Fagerland of Langford, SD, also enjoyed how the small groups "made us accountable to each other to make a difference in our home and church." Fagerland feels the retreat is a great experience because "it is good for men to get together to sing, worship, laugh, play, and to share concerns."

Next year's retreat will be held January 17-19. Major Bob Goodsell, on active military leave as an instructor at the JFK Special Warfare Center and School, will speak. Goodsell spent 16 years in Church Discipleship Ministries with The Navigators before joining the Evangelical Free Church of America's Ministry Campaign Services.



Retreat participants shared with, prayed for and encouraged each other in their small groups after each session.

Praise & Prayer

Praise God for:

- ▶ The lives changed during CBC events.
- ▶ The involvement of so many volunteers and donors.
- ▶ The summer staff He is compiling already. Please pray for male counselors, an assistant wrangler and other positions.
- ▶ Providing Kaye Kirsch as food service manager.
- ▶ A great experience at the Christian Camping International Sectional Conference for many staff and board members.
- ▶ The interest many groups are showing in using CBC for their purposeful events.
- ▶ Canoes and VCR donated by supporters.

Please pray for:

- ▶ God to bring numerous people to meet Him in new and significant ways through winter retreats.
- ▶ God to use speakers, worship leaders and staff members to reach the hearts of attendees.
- ▶ Please pray for a male counselor, assistant wrangler, and housekeeper.
- ▶ People to attend retreats who need Jesus and for them to meet Him here.
- ▶ God to compel summer campers to register for a life-changing week of youth camp.
- ▶ Needed funds for the office and welcome center, Horse Camp Village, general ministry and scholarship funds. Pray about how you can be involved.
- ▶ New groups to use CBC as their facility for Christ-centered retreats and events.
- ▶ Efficiency in constructing the multi-purpose building and other projects.
- ▶ These material needs: 15-passenger van, ice machine, VCR, canoes, archery equipment, pressure washer.

Memorial Gifts

Cooperstown Bible Camp supporters have chosen to honor these loved ones through memorial gifts:

- ▶ Inar Beck
- ▶ Clinton Brown
- ▶ Marge Chapman
- ▶ Violet Wuflestad
- ▶ Marion Swindler
- ▶ Wallace Meyer

Ministry Partner - Kaye Kirsch Assumes Leadership of Food Service



Kaye Kirsch

Kirsch, who began as food service manager February 15.

Kirsch has food service experience beginning when she was in high school and worked as a kitchen assistant at a summer youth camp. Between then and beginning

For over two years, Cooperstown Bible Camp staff members prayed for a cook. And as God often does, He responded beyond what we had asked and imagined (see Ephesians 3:20). He brought Kaye

full-time camping ministry, she cooked many summers at Camp IdRaHaJe in Bailey, CO, as well as doing some full-time cooking at a Christian school and nursing home.

In 1985 Kirsch moved to IdRaHaJe as a full-time cook. In 1986 she began as their food service manager. She managed four kitchens for thousands of people year-round at IdRaHaJe until she began at CBC in February.

Kirsch had offers to serve at other Christian camps, but felt God leading her here, due to a number of factors. She felt CBC would offer her the lifestyle she was looking for, she knew she would be closer to her home and roots (she grew up in Mott,

ND), and CBC is the camp of her parents' church (Mott Evangelical Community Church). She also looked forward to living in a smaller community.

"I'm excited about how everything has fallen into place," Kirsch said. "Everyone has been more than helpful and friendly."

Kirsch feels serving at CBC is more than a job. "The more I've been in camping, the more I've seen the impact of the ministry," Kirsch explained. "Taking people out of their normal life and changing their environment helps them hear the Word."

Praise God with us for the provision of Kirsch as food service manager.

Upcoming Events

(only CBC-programmed events included)

April 19-20 Work and Worship Weekend

May 10-11 Work and Worship Weekend

May 3-5 Mother & Daughter Retreat, Deb Gustafson speaking

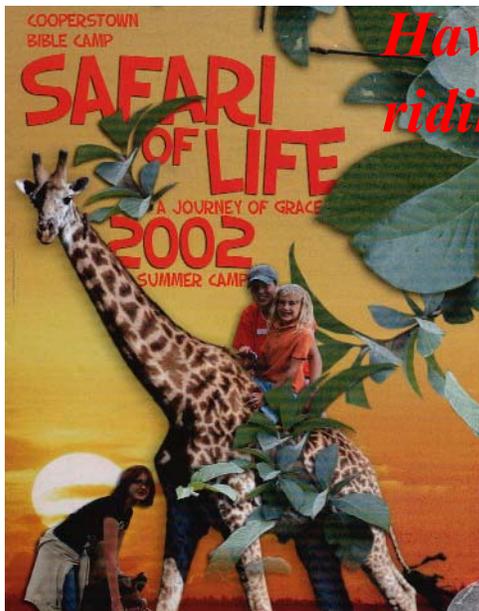
May 14-16 Young at Heart, (senior adult retreat, 50+) Dr. David Larsen speaking

Download a registration form from www.cooperstownbiblecamp.com to participate in CBC events.

Multipurpose building construction progresses rapidly

"Things seem to be going forward at full speed,"

Maintenance and Guest Services Manager Bob Petry said about the multi-purpose building construction. The photo at right, taken February 13, showed the building as workers finished framing and began siding. Tremendous progress has taken place since then. Please pray for continued, efficient construction.



Have you seen anyone riding a giraffe lately?

If not, you probably don't have a copy of our summer brochure. Be sure to call 701-797-2174 or e-mail: cooperstownbiblecamp@mlgc.com to get one.

Otherwise, download registration information from www.cooperstownbiblecamp.com. The brochure includes a very cool poster, details summer youth and family camp dates, and provides a registration form.

Be creative in giving to Cooperstown Bible Camp

CBC is dependent upon and very grateful for the support of many individuals and churches. If you would like more information on giving to CBC through the following avenues, please contact Aaron at 701-797-2174.

- ▶ Living tributes
- ▶ Wills
- ▶ Securities
- ▶ Real estate
- ▶ Charitable remainder trusts
- ▶ Charitable estate planning
- ▶ Retirement funds
- ▶ Gift annuities
- ▶ Life insurance policies