



Little Prairie Bible Camp

Winter 2023 Newsletter

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## Did you know LPBC members can join a committee?

*Learn about the various LPBC committees here! We would love your help! Not a member? Contact us at [littleprairiebiblecamp@gmail.com](mailto:littleprairiebiblecamp@gmail.com) to learn how!*

### **Security-Kenny Light, Chairman**

Top 5 accomplishments from the Security Committee over the past two years:

1. Installed security cameras on the multipurpose building and the exterior areas of the cabins.
2. Installed better locks on the multipurpose and maintenance building doors.
3. Installed bars on the windows of the maintenance building.
4. Installed 'No Trespassing' signs at the creek near the southwest corner of the property.
5. Added security procedures to camp handbook.

## **Beautification-David Garver, Chairman**

- 1) Coordinate with the Maintenance Committee on camp improvements and modifications to maintain aesthetics.
- 2) Coordinate with Facilities Managers for ease of mowing, perimeter management and ease of watering during the season.
- 3) To date over 1500 daffodils have been planted across the campgrounds for Spring beauty with approximately 500 scheduled to be planted each Fall.
- 4) Strategically design the landscaping of camp for three-season color with blooms present from March to October.
- 5) Order plants/bulbs in Fall and work with volunteers to magnify the beauty of camp.
- 6) Coordinate with Missourians for Monarchs, MonarchWatch, Missouri Prairie Foundation and other organizations to support Butterfly repopulation efforts and the story of "Christian transformation " that the Monarch signifies in our camp logo.
- 7) Properly maintain the main camp entrance and the plants, flowers and trees that provide the first impression of camp to donors, members and campers and their families.
- 8) Reflect the true beauty of God's creation in as many areas of camp as possible.



## Site Maintenance-Dub Erisman, Chairman



We want to invite everyone to come to our **spring workday on May 6th**. We need carpenters, laborers, workers for landscaping, painters, lumberjacks, and workers to clean the kitchen and cabins. Lunch will be provided.

This winter, a wood furnace was installed to heat the facility managers' house. Several dangerous trees have been removed, work on various cabins completed, and major improvements have been made to the gazebo and its area (see picture below). A huge thank you to John and Misty Williamson, our camp facility managers, for the constant hard work that they do to improve the campground.



Photo by Misty Williamson, Facility Manager, December 23, 2022



## **Fundraising-David Garver, Chairman**

A day in the life of a fundraiser:

- 1) Schedule Spring Banquet, prepare mailer, coordinate catering, procure a speaker and prepare any slide presentations.
- 2) Schedule "Giving Sunday" at congregations for those individuals not able to attend the banquet.
- 3) Solicit funds for special projects, (e.g., new mattresses) working with individuals who have offered to do so.
- 4) Search out and solicit funding or matching funding from Trusts, Community Funding Vehicles or Foundations via direct contact and/or grant writing projects.
- 5) Support and work with the "Fabulous Fakes" event each year.
- 6) Schedule, organize, and procure congregational and individuals' support for the Annual Meeting/Fall Festival.
- 7) Coordinate with the Marketing Committee on any mailing or email database activity.
- 8) Reach out to our Christian families grieving a loss or celebrating a milestone to possibly memorialize contributions to LPBC in their honor.



Fabulous Fakes 2022-The Barn, Dixon, MO (photos by Connie Erisman)

## **Food-Willie Horton, Chairman**

The food committee each year strives to provide healthy, tasty, and nutritious meals for campers. As the food committee chair I feel strongly that the meals at camp should be a positive part of the camp experience. Each camp session, every cook, is a volunteer who works long hard hours to feed campers, and we thank them for their service. We strive to keep our menu fresh and updated while accommodating those with special dietary needs.

Our goal is happy, well fed campers fueled for a week of fun and worship. As we all face

these difficult economic times, inflation has directly affected LPBC and the cost to feed each camper has increased significantly. For the last few years we have been blessed to have an entire beef, entire hog, and all processing donated which has helped reduce camp's food costs, and we thank these anonymous donors. Donations anyone wishes to make to help defray food costs can be sent to LPBC, and marked specifically "Food Committee". If you wish to donate items directly; large and institutional sizes of ketchup, ranch dressing, bbq sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cheese sauce, spaghetti sauce, and large packages of potato chips and cookies are always welcome. If you need additional information or have questions, please contact Willie Horton, 573-682-4026, food committee chairman. Please join us in praying for a successful and blessed camp season.



## **Marketing-Andrew White, Chairman**

The Marketing Committee gets the word out about all the amazing things happening at LPBC. This includes maintaining a presence on social media, managing content on our website, producing a quarterly newsletter, and creating branded merchandise including our themed camp shirts. We would welcome on the committee any members who have a creative streak, skills in graphic design or web hosting, or even just an abiding passion for LPBC that they want to share with others!

## **Encampment Committee-Tim Gil, Chairman**

The encampment committee has set dates for summer 2023 sessions! Visit [littleprairie.org](http://littleprairie.org) under upcoming events for details. We are excited about this year's theme of "Strange Things." We will be taking a look at the strange things found in the Bible and how to handle rejection from the world, based on Acts 17:19-20, "And they took him and brought him to

the Areopagus, saying, 'May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?

For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.'" We are praying to encourage the young people to consider evidences in the Bible even though they may seem strange to the world!

A lifeguard has been secured, directors selected and staffing is well underway! Due to rising food costs and other factors the Board felt it necessary to increase camp fees. As always, numerous scholarships are available for anyone who needs assistance with camp fees. We are looking forward to another camp season at Little Prairie Bible Camp!



## **Budget Committee-Jason Derrickson, Chairman**

The budget committee for Little Prairie Bible Camp could be seen as a tedious job. In reality, working with the budget is very exciting. The opportunity to work with all the committees by providing essential numbers to aid each committee in highlighting priorities and direction is beneficial and rewarding. The budget committee consists of Loyd Waite, Andrew White and Jason Derrickson. Loyd has been on the budget committee for several years and brings years of experience and knowledge to the decisions being made. It is so nice to have Loyd provide the history of LPBC concerning the budget. Andrew may not be as directly involved on the budget but is an accountant by trade and offers his up-to-date knowledge with practical methods concerning decisions being made. Andrew helps to bring stability and guidance to the committee. Jason works with the day-to-day operations. He pays the bills, writes the checks, and keeps the records balanced. Jason provides any necessary additional information to committees or patrons. He tracks the money flow,

upcoming bills and deals directly with the camp insurance. Through all the efforts, we hope to always be good stewards and use the finances to support and give praise and glory to God through teaching His word at Little Prairie Bible Camp.

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## 2023 SCHEDULE OF CAMP SESSIONS

Day Camp - June 5-9 (age 5-2nd grade)  
Primary Week - June 11-16 (grades 3-5)  
Combined Week - June 18-23 (grades 5-12)  
Junior Week - June 25-30 (grades 6-8)  
Senior Week - July 23-29 (grades 9-12)

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## PLANNED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2023 Spring Banquet, April 1, 6:00 p.m., RCOC FLC**

**Fabulous Fakes, date and time TBA, at The Barn, Dixon, Missouri**

**Fall Festival, October 7, 2023, at Little Prairie Bible Camp.**



## Little Prairie Bible Camp Donations

1. One-time donations can be made to Little Prairie Bible Camp and sent to the address below.
2. Alternate methods to donating to Little Prairie Bible Camp.
  - Scholarship Funds: Financial Aid to help all campers to attend LPBC.
  - Direct Deposits: You may get with the Treasurer to set up a direct monthly deposit.
  - You may donate through the Little Prairie Bible Camp website:  
<https://littleprairie.org/>.
  - Memorials: Memorials can be made to honor a loved one.
  - Facebook: You can create a fundraising event on Facebook.

### Contacts:

Jason Derrickson (Treasurer) at 573-889-9901  
Lloyd Waite at 573-578-1958



Or email: [lpbc1969@gmail.com](mailto:lpbc1969@gmail.com)

**Please mail donations to:**

Little Prairie Bible Camp

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*>>>> Alumni Angle <<<<*

Outside of my family home, I cannot think of a place that I loved more or that made more of a difference in my life and faith than Little Prairie Bible Camp. From the time we moved to Rolla when I was in seventh grade until I left for college, my summers revolved around camp...as many weeks as I was allowed to be there. I built many great relationships at Little Prairie, but in my first year I met two people who would impact the rest of my life. One is Brandon Hombs, still one of my best friends, though we live half a country away from one another and don't get to see each other often enough. And Robert Cox, one of my greatest spiritual mentors who has had more influence on my ministry than perhaps anyone else. I have so many memories of Little Prairie that are dear to me. A late-night devo where Elijah called fire down from heaven, and we all saw it happen right in front of us. Amazing. Robert and Tim's class on David that helped me grow as a man and a disciple of Jesus. And the singing. I loved the worship times and singing with my friends.

Now serving at a church in Texas, I don't have an opportunity to come back to Little Prairie. I miss it and long to give back just a little bit of the blessing I received from that wonderful place. I've made sure my kids are at camp, and they go 4 or 5 weeks a year. They love their camp, but I feel for them because I know that as great as it may be, it is not Little Prairie. May God bless everyone who has and who will bless us kids by serving at Little Prairie Bible Camp.

Thank you all.

~Seth McDowell, Shawnee Trail church of Christ, Frisco, TX