

# Little Prairie Bible Camp

## Summer Newsletter



### Our Mission:

It is the mission of Little Prairie Bible Camp to provide a loving, Christian camp experience to help youth, adults, and families develop a personal, growing, spirit-filled relationship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ, while inspiring them to share their faith with others.

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Don't miss these upcoming family events!

<p><b>Aug. 1, 2026</b> <b>Fabulous Fakes Dinner Show</b></p>	<p><b>Sept. 25-26, 2026</b> <b>Annual Meeting &amp; Fall Campout</b></p>
<p>The annual Legends Fabulous Fakes Dinner Show in Dixon, MO is slated for August 1<sup>st</sup>! Don't miss this special evening of entertainment from many different genres of music!</p> <p>Starts at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Stars will wait tables for 'Tips for Kids' at LPBC! It will be a wonderful fundraiser for our camp kids!</p> <p>Admission is \$22.00 and includes dinner, dessert, drink, and a music show!</p> <p>Cash or check, please.</p> <p>The Barn 13015 Hwy 28 Dixon, MO 65459</p>	<p>The annual LPBC Membership Family Camp held Friday/Saturday, in conjunction with the annual meeting, will be September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Members can arrive any time on Friday afternoon.</p> <p>Friday night, there will be a fireside devotional from Colossians 3 about Godly families and homes. We plan to have inflatables and bounce houses for the kids, singing, scavenger/treasure hunts, etc.</p> <p>Dinner will be served Friday night at 7:00 pm and breakfast Saturday morning at 8:00 am.</p> <p>Your current 2026 LPBC membership will cover all the costs for this event.</p> <p>Hope you can join us! Text Mark White at 573-823-4420 if you plan to attend.</p> <p>Little Prairie Bible Camp 13616 County Rd. 2250 St. James, MO 65559</p>



## 2026 Spring Banquet

On April 18, 2026, LPBC had our annual Spring Banquet. We shared with those in attendance the projects completed since last year and the upcoming projects that need completing this year.

### Upcoming Projects

The new projects include installing a new steel roof onto the multipurpose building. We are also replacing the old hot water boiler units at the shower house. The mercury lights in the maintenance shed have been replaced with new LED lights.

In addition, we are expanding the Chapel with a concrete pad extension on two sides and eventual roofing to accommodate the increase in number of campers. We had 86 chairs that were either rusted or broken that we replaced with new ones.

Later this year, we plan to begin to increase our infrastructure by expanding the lagoon to accommodate future growth. This is the first step that will allow us to plan to add more cabins as needed. The approximate cost for these upgrades is \$75,000.

### A Special Thanks

The board thanks Dub and the fundraiser committee for the hard work they put into the 2026 Spring Banquet.

We were happy to welcome Chris Vidacovich as our speaker. Chris previously preached at Salem Church of Christ. He was an active member of the board, counseled, and directed at LPBC at the urging of Larry Tubbs. Now Chris and his wife Donna serve as sojourners. They bring a group of dedicated sojourners to prepare for the opening of camp with 2 weeks of hard work. He remembers fondly his time serving at LPBC. God continues to bless him and Donna in being able to serve with the sojourners.

Big thank you to all who came and supported LPBC either monetarily or with your prayers. Over \$15,000 dollars was raised to benefit LPBC and kids!! We greatly appreciate you!!

## Lifetime Achievement Awards

### Give Honor Where Honor is Due

A highlight of this year's Spring Banquet was the presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards. Bill Gillett, Loyd Waite, and Leroy Walling were the surprised recipients this year. The camp has been honored by their dedication and service from the opening to present time. We are so thankful for the serving hearts of these men. All chose to prioritize the lives and future of children and their relationship with God.

Bill was one of our founding members in 1972. He actively contributed to the building and development of the camp physically and financially. Bill served on the board of Directors for 35 years and as the President for a little over 20 of those years. He is still a vital supporter of this camp and its needs. He has passed that love and support to his family which are an integral part of the future of LPBC.

Loyd has served as the board President for over 15 years during his 20-year tenure. He worked as an elder while also contributing successfully to Little Prairie Bible Camp. Loyd has recently stepped down from the board and is already leaving big shoes to fill for those serving on the board.

Leroy has worked at Little Prairie for 18 years and continues to be a helper at this time. He pulls his camper in at camp and stays the week fixing fans, replacing windows, and any other handy man job that's required. He enjoys working with the kids and showing them how to use tools, tape measures, drills, and saws that most have never used before. Together they built benches that are still being used today and many future years to come.



Bill Gillette of Rolla who was the first LPBC board president, serving 20 years in that capacity, and who was instrumental in the earliest history of Little Prairie beginnings.



We recognized longtime President and board member Loyd Waite of Rolla, for his many years of service and dedication to the camp.



Leroy Walling of Jefferson City has been a volunteer for many years at Little Prairie performing needed maintenance tasks during camp sessions. He has been an example of true servanthood.

## 2026 Camp Work Day

On May 2, 2026, LPBC held their annual camp Work Day during which people from congregations around the area gathered to help prepare LPBC for the summer. Some of the many jobs performed include cleaning the facilities,

weeding gardens, moving camp equipment out of storage, and clearing brush from the trails. These hardworking volunteers are a tremendous help in preparing camp for the summer camp sessions.



Moving mattresses back to the cabins.



Hanging swings back around the firepit.



Sweeping out the cabins.

## The Sojourners

Over the past few years, we've been blessed to have the Sojourners spend two weeks in the spring assisting with various projects. The Sojourners are a group of retired individuals from all walks of life who enjoy giving back to Bible camps and churches throughout the summer. They perform needed tasks at LPBC as needs are presented by Site Maintenance. They traveled here from Maine, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. The Sojourners play an important role in assisting with getting camp ready to open for summer sessions.

This year, thanks to Chris Vidacovich who has been the team leader the last few years, we were able to host the largest group of 12 Sojourners for two weeks in early May right after our annual Work Day. They stained and repaired items all over camp, and they also remodeled and weather-proofed the old pool house so we can now use it for storage. Additionally, they repaired one of the bridges, replaced lights in the maintenance shed, repaired rotting trim on the craft house, rebuilt the stage, and planted a new flower garden. They were able to finish everything we did not get done on the camp Work Day, including deep cleaning the kitchen, ovens, walk-in coolers, freezer, dining hall, bathrooms and multi. They did many other tasks as well and were such a blessing to camp!!



## Caretakers

Little Prairie Bible Camp has been truly blessed by the service of John and Misty Williamson. In their service for LPBC they have went above and beyond. Camp was their mission field for the last 5 years. John and Misty are stepping down as Caretakers at the end of August. We will miss them greatly. Please keep John, Misty, and LPBC in your prayers as they transition through the next season.

## LPBC, A Special Place

By Logan Stark

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4).



*Light the fire, in my soul . . .*

I can hear laughter and singing. There's the crackling of a fire and the tunes of cicadas as the scent of pine feels the air. I can see the happy campers with their faces glowing orange as they pour out their hearts in songs. These memories and others filled my head, as I carried out my task of cleaning up the fire pit.

I was blessed to be one of those who showed up to camp on our LPBC Work Day. It's hard to believe that camp is only weeks away. It won't be long before graduation caps are thrown and the school bell is rung one more time, heralding in the summer. Yet, there was much to be done before the camp could be open.

*Fan the flames make me whole . . .*

Trails needed trimmed, the bathhouse cleaned out, cabins swept and reloaded with mattresses, the multi organized, etc. Tasks upon tasks. Thanks to the hard work of volunteers, our caretakes, the Sojourners, the board, and many, many others, the camp will be ready for our new camp season. It takes many, many hands to get everything prepared,

and many, many hands are ready to do it. Little Prairie Bible Camp is a special place to many of us. And we're hoping it'll be a special place for many, many more, as new and returning campers get to experience this place each year.

*Lord, you know, just where I've been . . .*

Like many others, I'm excited for the camp season! . . . Little Prairie is a special place, yet, it's not the only special place that is waiting for us. Before Jesus ascended back into Heaven, he told his disciples that he was going to go and prepare a place for them. And he's preparing a place for you.

For everyone who has been emersed in the blood of Christ, he goes to prepare a special place for us. Heaven . . . is beyond what we can imagine. A place where death will be no more and every tear will be wiped away. I'm excited for Little Prairie Bible Camp, and I'm excited, that it gives us a taste of what Heaven may be like.

*So, light the fire in my soul again.*