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**June 3-4<sup>th</sup> – 8am-Noon YARD SALE!!**

**June 11 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Ministry in Virginia at  
Camp Bethel**

**June 13 – Executive Board Meeting 6:30pm**

**June 19 – Worship at Camp Bethel!!**

**June 29-July 3 –Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC**

## **A Note From Pastor Doug...**

# **Camp Bethel: Doing Important Work since 1927**

This month marks the beginning of Camp Bethel's annual summer camping program, beginning on June 12. Well, at least the first campers are going to be coming on June 12. The summer staff will have been undergoing an intensive training program for two weeks prior. In fact, as you are reading this article, summer staff training has already begun for this year. As has been my practice, I will be spending a week serving as chaplain for the summer camp program, which will be June 12-17 this year.

Camp Bethel has been an important part of district work in our area since before the formation of our current Virgina District, with the founding of Camp Bethel stretching back to 1927. As you may or may not know, the current location was not the first place Brethren attempted a camping program in the area. Prior to the purchase of the first part of Camp Bethel's property, attempts were made on top of Tinker Mountain which proved difficult due to lack of water. In fact, the very reason that Camp Bethel is located where it is comes because of the need for an easy supply of water.

Why, we may wonder, is the ministry that occurs at Camp Bethel important? What is it about outdoor ministries that makes it an important part of the wider ministry of the church? The work of outdoor ministries at Camp Bethel offers the opportunity for children, youth, young adults, and even older adults to benefit from the experience of Christian community and immersion in a natural setting.

Through this important work, many who might not have any other exposure to the teachings of the church have the opportunity to experience a little bit of what it means to live together in Christian community. They get a chance to experience the beauty of God's creation through a deep immersion in the natural wonders of Camp Bethel.

On Father's Day, June 19, we will be having our outdoor worship at Camp Bethel. This offers all of us the opportunity to spend time at the camp. As we gather together that morning, we too will experience a little bit of the great joy and work that goes into the ministries of Camp Bethel. I would invite all of us to be sure to make it to this wonderful time together at camp.

In Christ,  
Pastor Doug

## **What's Happening???**

### **150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - JUNE 11, 2016**

The Virgina District Historical Committee is sponsoring a "150 Year Anniversary Celebration of District Work in Virginia" at Camp Bethel on June 11, 2016. The 2016 Annual Conference Moderator, Andy Murray, a native of the Cloverdale Church in Botetourt County, Virginia, will be the keynote speaker and the worship service will feature special music. Research is going forward on an updated history of the district over the past fifty to sixty years. Mary Sink Saint-John is serving as the editor of this work.

### **ADDITIONAL ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES AT CAMP BETHEL**

Camp Bethel will be open June 10-11 for families wishing to enjoy expanded activities surrounding the program and lunch on June 11, "150 Year Anniversary Celebration of District Ministry."

Friday, June 10 evening activities include:

5:30 PM Summer Staff Commissioning Dinner

Open pool from 7:00-9:00 PM

Campfire songs and s'mores at 9:30 PM

Available overnight lodging or camping

Saturday, June 11 activities include:

5:15 AM sunrise hike and devotion on Vesper Hill

7:30 AM Morning Watch at the Spring Pond

8:00 AM continental breakfast in the Ark

9-Square and GaGa Ball

10:30AM Service of Celebration

Open pool from 2:00-4:00 PM

For lunch or activities, RSVP at 540-992-2940 or [www.campBethelVirginia.org/events](http://www.campBethelVirginia.org/events).

### **CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST, June/July:**

Old ugly neckties to use as blindfolds for games; Digital cameras; Working mini-van and pick-up truck; Donations for camper scholarships, new mattresses, new furnishings in the New Cottage, and repairs to chimneys, floors and the Ark Pond. Donations to Camp Bethel are tax-deductible and greatly needed. Thank you!

**Annual Conference Registration** is now open!!! Conference will be held in nearby Greensboro, NC this year – June 29-July 3! If you've never been before this is the perfect year to give it a try. Come for a day or for the whole week! See [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac) for more details and/or to register!



- 2 Ian Bolton
- 4 Gerry Minter
- 5 Bill Sumner
- 8 Chris Obenshain
- 10 Jimmy Layman
- 13 Mike Baker
- 18 Joann Baker
- 18 Linsey Baker
- 18 Josey Lackey
- 18 Scott Huffman
- 25 Karen Carter

**Servants for June**

**Altar Decorations:** Angie & Linsey Baker  
**Bankers, Greeters, Ushers:** Gene Lee  
**Deacons on Call:** J.P. & Margaret Jenkins

**Upcoming Special Events!**

**June 3-4<sup>th</sup> – Annual Yard Sale 8am-Noon! Invite your friends to come and find some treasures!!**

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**June 19 – Outdoor worship at Camp Bethel.** There will be no Sunday school this day. Come celebrate the men/boys in our lives, with worship, a cookout, games and fellowship!  
**Please sign-up to let us know if you plan to attend. We’ve already paid to use the space at camp and would love to have a great turn out!!!**

**Please Keep in Your Prayers...**

David Shumate  
 People of Ecuador – especially Brian Bolton  
 Family & Friends of Wilbur "Hunk" Wright  
 Cross Keys Village  
 Residents of Madelia, Minnesota  
 Gene Lee  
 Brian Baker  
 Allen Layman  
 Joann Baker  
 Tim Hiner  
 Doris Quarles  
 Maryamu Wavi

**Custodian Fundraising Progress**

Total needed for 1yr service:...\$1950.00  
 Donated so far:.....\$1430.00  
 Still needed:.....**\$520.00**

Thank you for all the generous donations we have received so far!

**150TH ANNIVERSARY BANNERS NEEDED!**

Bring a Church Banner to the 150th Anniversary Celebration!! We want EACH congregation in the Virlina District to bring a banner to Camp Bethel that morning (by 10:00 am, a half-hour before the service)! Specifics: It needs to be about 12" tall and 9" wide. The only requirement is that the name of your church is on it. It's your choice what material you use (felt, vinyl, burlap, paper, material, etc.), and how pretty you make it (quilted, colorful, appliqued, black and white, etc.). It also needs a string or ribbon with which it will hang. (Disclosure: It will go home with another congregation.) If you cannot be there that day, please have it to Camp Bethel by Friday, June 10. Thank you! If you have questions, contact Carol Elmore at (540) 774-3217 or [carol@oakgrovecob.org](mailto:carol@oakgrovecob.org).

