

## JUNIOR CAMP REMEMBERED

*The following article, written by Michael C. McCluskey, describes what Michael experienced during a typical day at his Junior Camp, June 4-8.*

I really enjoyed my Junior 1 Camp Christian experience this year. First off the counselors were great. The theme of the whole camp, "On the Way," was understandable. This year we had 49 Junior 1 campers. When I attended Junior 2 camp last summer, we only had about 35 campers.

Our camp day began when Harrison Simmons and his friend Daniel came around and sang to wake us up. After that we took our morning showers and changed into our clothes. Once it was time we went to breakfast in Lavery Hall. "Kamp Kapers" is basically morning chores. Every morning, after we finished our Kapers and cleaned the cabins, Andy Campbell, the co-director of the camp, gave a little sermon at Morning Watch, our morning worship. Afterwards we went into small groups in the little pavilions where we talked about the day ahead and what we thought Andy Campbell was saying to us. The next major events were recreation and arts and crafts and lunch.

After lunch everything got exciting. First we went to the cabins to take a nap. About ten minutes before nap time was over, we went and got into our bathing suits for free time. During this free time we could swim, go fishing or boating, play ping-pong, badminton, and go to the canteen for snack time, but the fun only lasted for two hours. Following dinner, we had nighttime worship, games, and a late night snack. Then came bedtime.

I spent my Junior Camp 1 experience this summer with campers Evan Bensch and Austin Michels and counselors Teresa Bensch and Harrison Simmons.

*From Friday to Sunday, June 8-10, Haleigh Mason and Emma McCluskey participated in the Chrysalis Camp at Camp Christian. This introduction to church camping is for children who have completed grades one and two in school.*

## CAMP COVENANT

### Children's Summer Sunday School

This summer during the 10:00 hour on Sunday mornings the Sandy Springs Christian Church kids have been enjoying Camp Covenant in Dunlap Hall. We have finished the first unit on the Ten Commandments which we experienced through singing and acting with props, cooking and tasting, and making our own tablets with some Hebrew numbering. It is great to see the excitement the kids have when they arrive. Working with such a variety of ages is challenging, but it makes each week more rewarding. Through the different mediums over three weeks, the "campers" have begun to really understand and remember the Ten Commandments. Review the Commandments yourself by looking at the poster we made and hung in the Narthex.

Beginning on June 24th and continuing for the next three Sundays, the focus is on the Lord's Prayer. In the course of memorizing the words of the Lord's Prayer, the "campers" began on the 24th with a puppet show to help put some of the more confusing words in terms that are easier for kids to understand. On July 1st they cooked "our daily bread" and talked about the unity of its ingredients. On the following Sundays, they will be doing other crafts and conclude by learning the Lord's Prayer in sign language.

The theme for the final Sundays of Camp Covenant will focus on Jesus' two great Commandments: the love of God and the love of the neighbor.

*Molly McDaniel, Camp Director*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR, Please!

- August 5: Vacation Bible School sharing their experience during 11:00 worship.**
- August 12: Sunday School Kick-off, 10:00 am, Dunlap Hall**
- August 26: Children's Sunday**, focusing on our ministry to and by children.
- September 8-9: Anniversary Weekend.**

**SONFORCE KIDS SPECIAL AGENTS**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 30 - August 3**  
**9:30 AM until Noon**



Chris and I are preparing for our sixth year of Vacation Bible School. The theme chosen is *SonForce Kids Special Agents - courageous Kids on a Mission for God!* We are inviting kids ages 3 through 10 to join God's courageous team of disciples, standing side-by-side to serve Him. We shall follow the words of Joshua 1:9: *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

The SonForce Kids headquarters is located on a satellite orbiting high above the earth. In this hi-tech command center, SonForce agents gather to prepare for their Daily Missions: Trust! Unite! Train! Follow! Lead! Throughout our week, we shall grow in our understanding of what it means to serve God with courage as our kids advance from Level 1 to Level 5 agents.

We shall have some fun gadgets for the kids to occupy themselves during our daily opening and closing sessions. We are looking for the following donations:

1. Old computer keyboards that we can play with (and we can return if you wish).
2. Old cell phones, which will be played with, then donated for recycle purposes.
3. Tin boxes from Icebreaker brand breath mints, for a craft project.
4. School supplies to donate to the Community Action Center, our week's mission focus.

If you have any items to donate or offerings of time, we welcome and shall love to have your support for this wonderful outreach of the church. Please contact Chris Dalton, Leslie Kahrs, or Danny Gulden with your questions and offers of items and/or support for the requests listed above.

*Leslie Kahrs, Co-Director*

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**Adult Christian Education**  
**Sunday Classes - 10:00 am**

What the classes are studying this summer.

**BELIEVERS SHARING, Campbell-Stone North**  
**Facilitator: Barb Duren**

The class will study in July "What Does God Require," based on Habakkuk and Jeremiah. In August the focus is on "How Shall We Respond," using Lamentations, Ezekiel, Zechariah, and Malachi as the resources.

**CHALLENGER CLASS, Rooms 201-203**  
**Facilitator: Landa Simmons and class members**

The class is reading and discussing The Tent of Abraham: Stories of Hope and Peace for Jews, Christians, and Muslims, written by a Christian, a Muslim, and a Jew. The book tells stories of Abraham as found in the writings, legends, and lore of the three religions who find their origins in the Abrahamic tradition.

**GATEWAY CLASS, Room 205**  
**Teacher/Facilitator: Chuck Jones**

The class is studying "Who Do You Say I Am? The Current Quest for the Historical Jesus." Drawing upon an explosion of new literary and historical insights into the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth during the past thirty years, the class is surveying the findings of the Jesus Seminar, Marcus Borg, Dominic Crossan, and other leading Jesus scholars.

**GENESIS CLASS, Room 120**  
**Facilitator: Terry Frost and class members**

This class of "young" adults in age and heart is studying the Gospel of John.

**OMNI (Open Minded to New Insights) CLASS,**  
**Room 214 (Church Parlor)**

**Teacher: Frank McDonald**

The class continues its in-depth study of the Gospel of John.

**PEOPLE of the PARENTHESES, Room 207**  
**Facilitator: Bob Roper and led by class members**

The class explores various current events with God in mind.