



## Alabama Bible Methodist Camp The Bell Ringer Newsletter

Camp Eden, Pell City, AL  
"Building for Generations to Come"  
73 Years of Ministry  
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Thank you for your continued support for the ongoing ministry of the Alabama Bible Methodist Camp! For more than 70 years, God has been using its ministry in many ways to



Entrance to the camp grounds

build closer relationships with Him and with one another. Only eternity will reveal the full extent of ministering to the needs of every generation.



First-generation camp attendees

Let me share with you several items of interest concerning the camp.

We thank God for the Don Shirk family! Don is doing an outstanding job with the maintenance on campus, his wife Melinda is a very hard-working and courteous camp hostess, and their children are cheerful helpers. As a family, they welcome guests on the grounds in such a friendly and gracious way that they provide excellent PR for the conference and camp.

Don's dedication and expertise has saved the camp many hundreds of dollars. For instance, he worked on this heat/air unit in the motel building to make it run much more efficiently.



Don Shirk working on heat/air unit

Another example: He recently tackled and completed a difficult course (with a test score of 99%—Congratulations, Don!) which certifies him to work at three different levels with heating/cooling and refrigeration units and qualifies him to service our units.

Melinda, as camp hostess, works diligently to prepare for guests. When you need lodging for family or friends who are coming to the area for an event, phone her at **205-338-4422**.



Melinda Shirk working in a room in Heritage Hall

With all the trees on our 52-acre camp grounds, raking leaves is a huge job. Don & Melinda and their children worked hard for many hours to clear the grounds.



The Shirk children raking leaves

Now you know why we feel so blessed to have the Shirks as our caretakers! We appreciate their contribution to the camp. This year **\$26,000.00** will support the Shirk family and pay those who assist them with mowing and landscaping. We need **216 people** to join us in contributing **\$10.00 each month**.

You may send checks to camp treasurer: **Jim Stanley, 330 Black Bottom Road, Liberty, SC 29657** in the envelope provided.

To build Heritage Hall was a major undertaking, but with the help of God and people committed to “building for generations to come,” the vision became reality! Thank you to every person who had a part.



The front of Heritage Hall

Thanks to those who supported the completion of various rooms on the second floor of Heritage Hall by responding with \$1000.00 to honor a family member (or members) by naming a room in their memory or honor. Rooms have been named for:

Mary Copeland  
Alvin & Gelene Hodge  
Albert & Foy McDonald  
Rev. Charles Barnes  
Tim “Breezer” Barnes  
Alton & Zelma Crawford  
Rev. D.H. Patton  
Rev. & Mrs. D.H. Patton  
Dorothy Helms  
Rev. & Mrs. Virgil Compton



A second-floor family room in Heritage Hall

Thank you for your support in completing 11 family rooms on the second floor of Heritage Hall. Most rooms are furnished with one double bed and two sets of bunk beds. Only six more rooms remain to be done! When all rooms on the second floor are completed, 100 people will be able to stay upstairs in Heritage Hall!



Another second-floor family room in Heritage Hall

The Camp Improvement Project for this year is to complete men's and ladies' restrooms on the second floor of Heritage Hall. This involves the installation of five showers, five commodes, and five lavatories in each restroom.



Shower units to be installed in second-floor rest rooms

The Camp Grounds has other needs which are **not** included in our camp budget this year! Please encourage your church and families to respond to the following needs with whatever amount they can. Many people, making even what seems to them the smallest of donations, will enable the camp to address these needs.

### **We need a new riding lawnmower:**

This model of Husqvarna mower seems to be built for the type of mowing on the camp grounds. With your donations, we hope to purchase this mower immediately.



A Husqvarna mower on the dealer's lot

**Cost: \$2600.00**

### **We need a new dining hall door:**

The present door is beyond repair.



Present dining hall door that needs to be replaced

**Cost of a new glass door: \$2500.00**

### **We need to replace some central A/C units:**

Before camp, 1 in dining hall and 2-3 in Alvin Hodge Conference Center need replaced.

**Cost per unit: \$3000.00-4000.00** (Contd on Page 4)

**Camp 2011  
July 4-10**

**Evangelist:** Rev. James Southerland

**Evangelist:** Rev. Duane Quesenberry

**Bible Teacher:** Rev. Larry Grile

**Topic:** "Bible Prophecy"

**Song Evangelists:** Rev. & Mrs. Rodney Loper

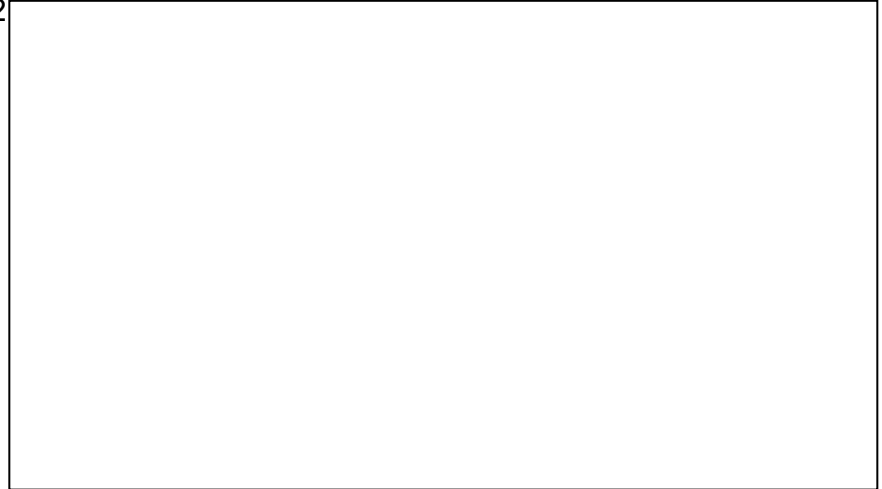
**Children's Workers:** Mr. & Mrs. Gene Davis

**Youth Evangelist:** Rev. Doug Eads

**Camp Registrar (for room reservations),**

**Rev. Randall Crofts: 256-295-4002**

**See you there!**



**We need a new (to us) camp truck:**

The present camp truck is leaking oil in several places and needs to be replaced.



Present camp truck that needs to be replaced

**Cost: If you have a well-maintained pickup truck to donate to the camp, phone Don Shirk at 205-338-4422.**

If you or your church would like to respond to one or more of the mentioned items, earmark

your gifts and send them to camp treasurer:  
**Jim Stanley, 330 Black Bottom Road,  
Liberty, SC 29657**, in the envelope provided.

**Question:** How much does it cost to operate the Alabama Bible Methodist Camp?

**Answer: \$300.00 a day.** That may not sound like a lot, but when you do the math for the cost for a year, it adds up quickly!

**\$300.00 per day x 365 days in a year = \$109,000.00!**

Each year Sister Hedstrom and I endeavor to cover operating expenses for two days. Would you join with us and commit to paying operating expenses for at least one day? If **363 people** would give a gift of **\$300.00**, the entire camp budget would be covered!

We are looking forward to seeing **you** at the 73<sup>rd</sup> camp meeting, **July 4-10!** Thank you in advance for your prayers and gifts.

Rev. Walter Hedstrom, Camp President