



FALL NEWSLETTER [2017]

## Steeprock Bay BIBLE CAMP

### Camp Leadership Report

It was a nice summer. The weather was beautiful for camp, there were only a few days that the rain altered our routine. We had a total of 256 campers, of which 18 invited Jesus into their heart or rededicated their life to him. Week 3 was real special in that an entire cabin of girls, that was in their last year of camp, either rededicated or for the first time gave their heart to Christ.

During our fourth week of camp, we were struggling to find the staff we needed. From Wellman we were sent three reinforcements and MidWay sent one. It was on that Tuesday that the tragic event, mentioned in the mid-summer newsletter, began to unfold. Despite it all, there were many ready to jump in and help. We would like to thank everyone that helped out in person by being there not only for the camp but mostly the family and the prayer support from One Hope Canada, many churches and individuals. The cooks did a fabulous job with keeping up with more than the scheduled meals. It wasn't until Thursday that it was confirmed that Brandon had drowned and his body identified. It was a hard day yet at the same time I praise God that the search time was not any longer. The funeral was a week later and with how things were going at camp I was able to leave and go up to the funeral. When I came back I learned that kids (with the encouragement of staff) had a cool off bath after completing the dishes, in those very sinks. Shocking but on second thought totally worth a laugh.

Hebrews 10:32

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

This summer we had two young ladies that participated in the WayMaker program. Both did very well and have graduated the program.

If I had to summarize the summer to you with scripture, I would use Psalm 66. It was the one that had stood out to me at the beginning of the summer and I kept turning back to it all throughout. Also this years' theme, Joseph, could not have been a better fit to teach us lessons not just by hearing but also by circumstances not of our own choosing.

"For He who promised is faithful" and "blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer, nor His lovingkindness from me."

Friederike Neufeld,  
Camp Administrator



## Steepprock Bay Bible Camp

2017 has been a challenging summer in multiple ways, and we have experienced the comfort and guidance of God in the midst of turmoil. We are grateful for our young leadership team led by Fredy, who rose to a challenge far above what they signed up for. Thank you for your prayers and support. We hope you will **keep praying for Pat & Gail Reader** as they continue the cancer battle, and for **Brandon's family and friends** in the ongoing grief process. We also ask for your prayers as the search is on for **replacement board members** for those that need to leave the board, and the process of **hiring a director** for the 2018 season is underway. Feel free to help us find the right people by shoulder tapping or suggesting names.

For the coming year we are planning some further kitchen upgrades to keep us compliant with health and safety standards and we are also planning a camp office, so that the office can be separated from the Directors living quarters. We believe that God has good things in store as we keep on serving him. Thank you for your part in standing with us.

Ferlin Abrahamson,  
Chair



SBBC Annual Meeting is held on November 25<sup>th</sup> at CBF at 6pm with supper and meeting to follow.

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### Thrift Shop Report

Business in Birch River is booming! The Thrift Shop has been operating in the new building for nearly a year, and volunteers and shoppers alike have been enjoying the spacious and cheery feel with higher ceilings, more floor space, and more natural light. If you haven't checked out the Thrift Shop yet, or even if you have, come on out to Birch River to shop for clothing, household goods, and many other treasures, currently including a delightful Christmas display!

A big thank you once again to the volunteers who spend many hours making the Thrift Shop a great place to shop and a great fundraiser for SBBC.

The Thrift Shop is needing donations of winter gloves and mitts for this season. Donations can be dropped off when the Thrift Shop is open (Thursdays, 10AM – 12PM, 1PM – 5PM) or brought to the SBBC AGM.

