



Summer Ministry Teams Hold Eight Vacation Bible Schools

This past summer our student ministry team, led by Ms. Whisman and Ms. Schick, were able to work in eight different churches in VBS ministry. These VBS's were in conjunction with KMHA, Methodist, and Nazarene churches in Breathitt, Bourbon, Harlan, Lee, Morgan, Owsley, and Wolfe counties. At one church they camped out at the church to reduce travel time and to spend more time in the community. The five students that participated this summer that are still in school are still involved in children's ministry this school year by working with the children at Jackson Community Church. Our prayers are that God will spoil these young people for anything less than serving God with all their hearts and lives.



WHY I BELIEVE THE BEST IS YET TO COME FOR MT. CARMEL SCHOOL

WHEN AN INSTITUTION reaches into the third generation, it has often lost its original mission and seems to go through a floundering stage. For some institutions this means closure, for others a repurposing; but in the case of Mt. Carmel School, the need is still evident, the call is still urgent, and the message is still relevant. Let me explain what I mean.

In taking a look at the need around us, I see students whose homes are being destroyed by sin. I see students who have come to us from the public schools because they have been bullied. I see students who need some encouragement to succeed academically. Finally, I see students who need a Christ-centered atmosphere where they can learn both academically and spiritually. That is the student side of things. On the church side, I see churches who are attempting to minister to very needy families that have been broken by divorce, drug addiction, alcohol, and prison sentences. They are attempting to reach those who have been damaged by the devil in the worst ways imagin-

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INTERNET CAFÉ OPEN FOR BUSINESS

IT HAS BEEN a while in coming, but we were able to begin this school year with our internet café open and usable. It is important for our international students to have a way of contacting their families back home, and the internet café fits that need. It is designed as a place to not only connect to the internet, but also as a place to connect with friends and parents, to grab a snack or a drink, or to watch a movie. Sometimes it is set up for tutoring purposes where struggling students can receive help. It was used this last camp meeting as the snack shack and a place to fellowship after services. The general layout allows one staff member to monitor several things at the same time. We thank God for those who gave and those who spent time working on this well used room.



Welcome Back, John Sisler

In May of 2018 we welcomed John Sisler back on campus. He had worked for us from 2011 to 2016 as teacher and elementary principal. After helping begin a Christian School in Terra Alta, West Virginia, he has returned to Mt. Carmel School as **high school principal**. Because we are short handed this semester, he has also worked as the boys' dorm parent



and has established an excellent atmosphere in our dorm. His specific task over the next several months is to be the lead person in our ACSI re-accreditation process and initial boarding school accreditation. Boarding accreditation is new to us and has not been offered in our previous accreditations. We are looking forward to taking this step forward.

NEW ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHRIS LEWIS

IN THE FALL of 2017 the health inspector told us we needed to re-work our playground but did not give us an exact time frame. We began raising funds for the project. A large portion of the necessary funds to do the project was given in memory of Chris Lewis, a former elementary teacher who passed away in March 2017. We began the project in earnest this summer. Eugene Spencer from Bear Pen, the KMHA church near Campton, KY, headed up the deconstruction and re-construction and





gave many hours of free labor. Ogamaw Hills Free Methodist Church youth work and witness team gave a few days of labor and helped set the drains and the border. Jeff McNeal worked on the project as did a few people on a work team from The Body church just outside Indianapolis. As you can tell, all of the efforts paid off in a beautiful playground for our elementary school.



Growth in Middle School

For several years we have been working to increase the enrollment of our middle school. This year it finally came about. It is good to have **nine students in middle school with eight of those from the local community and one from South Korea**. It was wonderful to see one of the students find Jesus here



at school. Some students come from Christian homes and some do not. Please join us in prayer that we will be effective in leading these to Jesus and in teaching them academically as well as spiritually so they can learn to walk with Him.

HOW YOU CAN

YOU CAN PRAY

We produce a monthly prayer calendar that helps you pray for our people and some special events. You can receive this via email by requesting it from info@mchs4u.com and placing PRAYER in the subject line (or see the bottom of page 6).

YOU CAN GIVE

This can be done by mailing your gifts directly to us or by giving online at <https://mchs4u.com/give/>. Below are a couple of special needs that may interest you.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

OFTEN, WE ARE ASKED what it costs to educate a local student. We do our best to meet the needs of our students and their families, so we ask for their financial information before offering financial assistance. The list below shows what we need to help our **local students who are not boarding**.

Full sponsorships are \$3,200 for the year. This includes full tuition, breakfast and lunch, and transportation to and from school. We have **12** students in need of this level of funding.



Half sponsorships are \$1,600: **13** students.

Quarter sponsorships are \$800: **2** students.

Additionally, we have need of sponsorship assistance for needy **families of American boarding students** who cannot pay their bill.

Full sponsorships are \$10,000 per year which cover room and board and full tuition, but not fees. This year we have **1** American student with this level of need.

On the **international level** we sometimes get students whose families fall on hard times and need help. For these students, we attempt to evaluate their potential for future ministry leadership in their country.

Full sponsorships are \$10,000 per year and we have **2** students that need this level of funding.

These students are required to work during the summer and the school year. (One of these students was on the summer ministry team and continues to be involved in ministry.)

Half sponsorships are \$5,000: **3** students. Again, these students are required to work during the summer and the school year. (All of these students were involved in the summer ministry team and continue that involvement during the school year.)

Quarter sponsorships are \$2,500: **13** students.

For any of these sponsorship commitments, you may pay your pledge in nine monthly installments.

Give online at <https://mchs4u.com/sponsorships/> or mark your check for SPONSORSHIPS in the memo line.

CAN HELP...

YOU CAN WORK

Some come as a church group, others with specific skills for specific needs, and some come as individuals, but all are appreciated. To schedule a time to come or to get further information, please e-mail Mr. David Munson at headmaster@mchs4u.com and place WORK TEAM in the subject line.

YOU CAN JOIN

Worker applications are available on our website at <https://mchs4u.com/join/>. These positions are currently open: food service, dorm parents, elementary teacher, middle school teacher, high school teacher, business manager, and maintenance.

FINISH THE KITCHEN

IF YOU HAVEN'T done so yet, read about our kitchen renovation on page 6. It's exciting! But we need to finish paying for it. We are looking for 25 people to join our Headmaster in pledging \$500. That would raise the funds we need! You have until the end of the calendar year to fulfill your pledge.

We are pretty sure there are 25 people out there who could pledge \$500 to finish this project, but we realize that many of you cannot match this amount. Don't miss out on the blessing of giving! We'll gratefully accept your donation of any amount. Thank you for prayerfully considering what God would have you do in this matter.



Visit our website to see details about the renovation at <https://mchs4u.com/kitchen/>. Along with the details, you'll have the option to give online, or you may mail your check to the school. Please mark it for KITCHEN in the memo line.

KITCHEN RENOVATION

IT IS AMAZING how God takes tough places and turns them into marvelous opportunities. He has done that over the last several months with our school kitchen. While we knew that our kitchen floor needed some attention, we did not think that it was necessary to do this past summer, so we had moved that project to a later time. However, this past spring, our local health inspector said that the job had to be done before school started. It was providential in that there were several things that were wrong that we did not see.

One was that some of the floor around the dishwasher was actually rotten underneath due to spilled water over a long period of time. We did not know that there was some rot under one of the windows where an air conditioner had been for a long time. Finally, we did not know that our large oven had not been installed properly, and only God's protection kept us from having a serious fire. God knew these things, so the project grew

from just a floor job to a major renovation. Praise God for the new kitchen we are enjoying, that is set up more efficiently, and much safer.

Work teams that participated in this project were Redeemer United Methodist Church, Arthur Music and Keith Knight, David Spencer and grandson Bailey, David and Stephen Deal and Joe Nance, Jeff McNeal, and some folks from a work team from The Body church. Griffith Plumbing, Jon Lyons, Mark England, and Wes Epple provided

good hired labor. Herb Gibbs and Larkin Jackson provided some good free advice on doing the project efficiently and helped raise funds and materials. God certainly blessed us with these good people.

Ten thousand dollars of the funds used on this project came from an inheritance that was left to the school. Prior planning on the part of this dear lady has proved to be a great benefit to Mt. Carmel School. Perhaps you would consider us in planning your estate.



MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR SIGN UP!

Mt. Carmel School sends a monthly Prayer Calendar to all our Prayer Partners and donors. What's a Prayer Partner, you ask? Prayer Partners pledge to remember Mt. Carmel School and its needs in prayer on a regular basis. In turn, Mt. Carmel

School staff pledge to help lift your requests to the One who has all the answers! Sign up and/or submit your requests on our website at <https://mchs4u.com/pray/>. It is our privilege to partner with you in this manner.

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able. We have the golden opportunity of coming along-side them and ministering to the students from these needy homes. Also, churches are seeing adult lives changed and those adults want their children to stay out of the drug culture. They want them to have a Christian education. We do our best to reach both sets of needs.

The call is urgent because the time to reach these children and young people is now. It is always better to rescue before alcoholism and drug addiction become a part of the next generation. Breaking the sin cycle in a family takes the grace of God for sure, but I know that He uses Christian education to form thinking that is different from the life of addiction and abuse. God is helping us make that kind of difference.

The message of heart holiness is still relevant. God has not changed His message over the years, and He is not about to. He has provided a salvation that frees from the life of sin. It is still possible, and yes it still happens, people can live above sin by the grace of God. This year's revival services show that this message is still heard and heeded by today's young people. There are those

who still desire to dedicate their lives to God's service.

The best days are ahead because the promises of God are true, and they can be counted on. God does not fail. Dwight Moody rightly said, "There are no promises of God that are too good to be true." He has promised, "Do not call to mind the former things or ponder things of the past [although we are indeed thankful for our marvelous heritage and learn from it]. Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in

the wilderness, rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:18-19). God is making and will continue to make a way for us to fulfill our mission to eastern Kentucky and the world.

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REVIVAL COMES TO MT. CARMEL SCHOOL

WE HAVE HEARD over and over that God answers prayer and that prayer changes things. This was evident during our fall revival. Pastor Alix Hilaire preached Holy Spirit-directed messages. Students, faculty and staff prayed for revival. All eight services were attended by a deep sense of God's presence, and there was not a service where no one was seeking God. All told, 35 students claimed to get saved and eight sanctified during these meetings. God's presence has continued to linger near and He continues to do His work. All praise and glory are due to Him. It is now our request that God will call these young people into His harvest field.

