

# August 2024

## Fall is Upon Us!

### Coming Up

August – October  
Church Family Camps

September 7  
Fall Workday (9:00-4:00)

September 27-28 W@W!  
Women at the Well

Ladies, join your friends and make new ones as you enjoy warm fellowship, relaxation and enriching teaching at Miracle! Ashley Blight, wife of MBC's new Director Jason Blight, will share what it has meant for her to "GO!" Register today at [miraclebible.com](http://miraclebible.com)!

Add to the fun by signing up for the optional "bonus Thursday!"

September 29  
Annual Fundraising  
Banquet

October 11-13  
Fall Frenzy! (4-6<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Kids, have some crazy fun while you learn more about what it means to GO! into your part of the world with the Good News of Jesus! Director Dan will speak and lead in chapels. Register today at [miraclebible.com](http://miraclebible.com)!

October 13 (2:30 PM)  
Open House Celebration of the ministry of Dan and Pat Niebeling



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## Summer Wrap-up

### Niebelings Retiring

### Mission Offering

### Fall Banquet

### Volunteer Opportunities

## Summer Camp Wrap-up!

Our **summer youth camp season** is now complete. Our theme all summer was **GO!** as we challenged campers to GO and make disciples. We saw God bless in so many ways:

- **Summer staff** came together and worked as a wonderful team. They became such good friends that they spent as much time as they could together during their time off. They visited each other's families and churches and began to feel like a family themselves. They invested their lives in the lives of campers.
- Beginning with **Basecamp** for high schoolers, we saw a record-setting 95 campers! It was amazing to see them worshiping God and hungry to hear God's Word taught.
- **Adventure Camp** started out rainy. Dan found things for the whole camp to do inside and then we crammed all the adventure we could in the last part of the week. We had campers canoeing, kayaking, biking, fishing, and camping out. It ended up being the favorite week of camp for several of the staff!
- Many campers made decisions to trust Jesus as their Savior during **Elementary 1&2!** Campers loved going out fishing, playing games, and as the days started getting warmer, spent a lot of time swimming.

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### Niebelings Retiring

**Dan and Pat Niebeling** have been serving at Miracle Bible Camp for nearly 13 years. Campers that were here this summer along with summer staff have not experienced Miracle Bible Camp without Dan and Pat!

It has been a blessing to see Dan leading worship, telling stories, and sharing all his "Danisms" with campers for one last summer. Pat has been working in a hot kitchen, not only preparing countless meals for campers, but carrying on conversations that lead to great relationships with teen volunteers and staff.

It will be difficult to say goodbye and challenging to find their replacements. If you or someone you know would be great in one of Dan or Pat's positions, please read and share the job descriptions from our website.

We will have a party to celebrate their ministry here at MBC on **October 13th** at 2:30 PM. Come and join us and let Dan and Pat know how much you have appreciated their ministry over the years!

**Rivers and Becky Camp**, missionaries to Chad Africa, will receive our summer camp mission offering this year. They will use the \$2,500+ gift toward the purchase of a **solar generator**, enabling ministry to continue despite frequent power interruptions. Thanks for your generosity!



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- **Jumpstart** and **Kids' Camp** introduced many new, young campers to MBC. Jumpstart is a shorter week of camp to start getting kids used to being away from home. Director Dan shared God's word and stories at Kid's Camp and Jumpstart.
- Dan Hubbard has been speaking and leading in "full-contact worship" at our Jr High Camps for many years. He challenged campers in their faith and used great storytelling techniques to help them remember God's Word.

Camp staff, as well as pastors from various churches connected with Miracle Bible Camp, invested in an exciting summer and saw lives changed for God. We saw friendships develop and campers worshipping with all their hearts. We also saw them **GO!** home on a mission to share the gospel with others!

### Church Family Camps and Retreats

We are busy hosting family camps throughout August-October. These are wonderful times for church families to connect with one another as they participate in camp activities. Sharing life together is a wonderful way that we grow in our faith and relationships with one another. I can think of no better place than camp to create great memories with your church family and build one another up. I hope we will see your church family at MBC this summer!

**Volunteer Opportunities** — Camp has many moving parts, lots of buildings, boardwalks, toilets, engines, trees, light bulbs. The list could go on and on. We have one Facilities man, with a few others pitching in to help when possible. We could still use a helping hand if you are gifted to serve and have time available. We now have 12 RV sites with electrical hookups if you would like to come, stay, and help with projects. A few projects that I foresee this fall include:

- Staining the outside of Balsam and Aspen
- Tape, mud, paint, and organize craft area
- Stonework on the front of the camp house or Dining Hall
- Landscaping and rock work around Birch
- Tree cleanup, brush removal, log splitting
- Building an outhouse
- Building a fence or building around our dumpster

**Contact John Brooks** if you would like to help on any of these projects. His email address is [facilities@miraclebible.com](mailto:facilities@miraclebible.com).

# Annual Fundraising Banquet

**Sunday, September 29**

This banquet is an opportunity for people to give to the improvement of Miracle Bible Camp. We will present 4 different projects we would like to begin saving towards. Two of the projects, **swim beach upgrades** and **playground equipment**, will be "program" items that campers can get excited about, improving these activity areas at camp. Two others will be improvements to **bathrooms** and **showers** (not as exciting, but very necessary improvements!). If you are excited about investing in Miracle talk with Jason about attending or being a Table Host for the Banquet. Dan Hubbard will help us laugh, sing, and walk closer with Jesus!

### Camp House and Blight Family Update

The camp house is about 90% complete. The Blight family moved in towards the end of April and have experienced their first season of summer camp at Miracle Bible Camp. The four boys experienced multiple weeks of camp and made lots of friends. Jason and Ashley helped greet people as they dropped off children for camp. Ashley served as a lifeguard at the waterfront and enjoyed her time outside and interacting with kids as they were having fun. It was great getting to know the staff and being able to show hospitality to them in the new house. Jason observed many aspects of camp from training to late night games to help get a grasp of shoes that will need to be filled when Dan and Pat retire. It will be a huge responsibility hiring their replacements. Please be in prayer for all of the leadership decisions that will need to be made over the next few months.

### Ways you Can Pray

- **Pray** for those who visit camp to encounter God in his creation and the teaching of His Word.
- **Pray** for God to guide the leadership of camp in staff transition.
- **Pray** for God to clearly provide the staff to fulfill the ministry of program director, food service director, and office assistant.
- **Pray** for safety during the many activities at camp.
- **Pray** for the transition of the Blight family to a new ministry and environment.
- **Pray** for new churches to recognize the resource of Miracle Bible Camp and use it to build up their church body.
- **Pray** for God's housing solution for new staff.
- **Pray** for campers to connect with Bible believing churches following camp!
- **Pray** for the summer staff as many of them seek out the next adventure God has for their lives.

**FALL WORK DAY!**

**September 7**

9 AM – 4 PM

*Let us know if  
you're coming!*