



Bentley Breeze 2016

A Mountain Top Experience

All the camps at Camp Bentley were special this past year. All the camps had people come to the Lord for the first time and many rededicated their lives to the Lord, but this past Senior High Camp was.....**very** special. Ruth Skar who has been the Sr. High Director for 23 years said it was the most spiritual camp she has ever seen.

Thursday night Chapel time is a culmination of the week and a call is given if anyone wants to come forward and ask Jesus into their lives or rededicate their lives. Ruth said the kids came up with a new category..."we don't want to be closet Christians any more, we want to stand up and say we are going to be **Bold** for Jesus" They all went forward.

Tim said "We could feel God's presence in the Chapel"; Ruth, "Everyone started coming forward, praying, crying, asking forgiveness from God and from each other." ; Raylea called it "a life changing experience. When we nailed our sins on the cross, it made me realize the importance of Jesus' dying on the cross for us"; Clayton, "You could feel the Holy Spirit and everyone was moved to tears" ; Aiden, "a whole different feeling like never before, I felt the Holy Spirit's presence"; Izzy, "God was present"; Ben, "I believe everyone there had their lives touched by God"; Tommy, the Camp Pastor for the week," I felt God speaking through me."

They thought they had been in the chapel for about an hour.....they were amazed to find out later they had been in the chapel for 2 ½ hours. At the end of that service all the kids, without any prompting from the counselors, went out on the lawn and banded together and made a huge prayer circle and started praying. What a sight to see.....

A Chinese exchange student said he came to camp to meet girls. At the end of camp he asked all of us for prayers as he was going back to China where there are few Christians and he was going to tell them about Jesus.

Lifelong friends are made at Camp Bentley and many memories that will be with the campers forever.

Izzy and several others said when they come over the last hill on their way to camp and they can barely start to see the little white cabins their heart's start to race and they cannot wait to get there! Darren said when he drives through the gate he feels he is 'home with family'. With tongue in cheek (but not really) Timmy and Raylea think there should be a University built at Camp Bentley so they don't have to leave. "Safe" is a word used so often to describe camp.

Senior High Camp 2016....it will always be remembered in the hearts of all the campers and staff.



WATER SLIDE!

Ok...Finally...The Waterslide will go up!! But.... only with your help.....
After a couple years of searching for the original plans.... contacting many people... researching ground stability....there has been a lot more to putting up the waterslide than most people know but the committee feels they have all the answers now and they are ready to move ahead. Monte G found a new pump for the slide and he is making new parts so it is ready to start construction in the spring. A cement contractor is lined up....now we need you. The committee is confident they can have it up and running for \$45,000. This is a much lower sum than most towns have found it to be. One town is looking at a budget of over \$250,000 to construct a waterslide. We are blessed to have people that can do the work and are willing to pitch in. But now we have to ask for donations to get this done. Can you please help? The kids ask every year, "Is the waterslide going to be up this year?" With everyone's help maybe this will be the year. If you can help financially please send your check to David Dahlgren, PO Box 867, Lisbon, ND 58054, put in the memo it is for the waterslide. Thank you!

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2017 Camp Dates

May 30-June 2	Work Camp	June 18-24	Junior High Camp
June 2-4	Men's Roundup	June 25-30	Junior Camp
June 9-11	Women's Retreat	July 7-9	Family Camp
June 11-17	Senior High Camp	July 14-16	Golf and Craft Camp

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ALL THE CAMPS OF 2016

Almost all of the camps were up in numbers this past year. Mike Lehmann spoke at Men's Roundup with most of the emphasis on 1 Corinthians 3:2, how we can bring the gospel to people in today's world. The Boy Scout Troop 1054 from Mandan joined them. Troop 1054 helped Brandon Martin with his Eagle project of two carpet ball tables for camp. The tables were given in memory of Robb Quick, an alumni of Camp Bentley.



The Troop also performed flag retiring ceremonies which the men took part in. It was an awesome weekend.

The Women's Retreat Campers were blessed to have Katie Longkummer tell of their experiences in India. Katie and Taku are friends of Camp Bentley and have spoken here before. Their testimonies of faith and of how God is working in India are really amazing. They have dedicated their lives to spreading the gospel.



Kate Ulmer told us about her mission trip to the Philippines and Karen Anderson told of her faith walk while going through BRCA. It was an uplifting, relaxing, emotional, fun, spiritual weekend.



Many Generations come to Camp

The Senior High Camp also had a lot of fun; they made either a billfold or painted a picture of the cross at Camp. They swam, canoed, played games and if you read the first page you know they experienced God.

We welcomed back an old friend of Camp Bentley when Steve Graner came back to be the Director of **Junior High Camp**.

Hutch Hutchins was the Pastor and together they made quite a team. They took the kids out to the hills and went on a Moses Hike. They worshipped, drew closer to God, had canoe races, played hard and they too either made a billfold or painted. The week ended with it being very hard to say good-bye. Life-long friends....

Junior Camp had 70 kids attend camp this year. Marie Boggess was the Pastor for the week and Sue Gunderson was the Director. They met new friends ...had a blast in the water canoeing...Kayaking...swimming and boating... played Minute-to-Win-It...had campfires... put on skits...acted silly... but most importantly they learned that they have a Father in heaven that loves them very much. They sang praises and prayed. What a

wonderful way to spend a week as a kid!!!



Mike Fraunfelter, Seth Wisthoff, Lex Tande and Les Faul shared with us at **Family Camp**. It was a great weekend of visiting with old friends, boating, playing and growing in our faith. The cooks always treat us to the BEST. It is so fun to look out over the camp at Family Camp and see all the generations of families playing and worshipping together. God must smile down on Family Camp.



WISH LIST FOR 2017

4-Wheel Drive Tractor with a loader
Funds to put up the Water Slide
Prayer

SPRING AND FALL WORK CAMPS

Good people come and use their God-Given talents and the work gets done. This year again they came and this is some of what was accomplished: New roof on the Managers cabin and boys' bathroom, new flooring in the Manager's cabin and the Nurses Station, all new cupboards etc. in the Nurses Station, Director's cabin completely painted, Mission cabin painted, another 6 new camper pads with water lines installed, beautiful new trees planted throughout the camp, trees were all trimmed, more flowers were planted, new shower in the Manager's cabin, 3 new queen size beds, new screen, sound and projection system were installed in the Dining Hall, refurbished the golf cart, made a new kitchen cart,the list goes on and on. A Kubota was purchased for the camp by friends of the camp and all of the things listed in this article that are new were bought and paid for by people who believe in Camp Bentley...Blessings!

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In looking ahead at the future of Camp Bentley the Board has been thinking about an All-Season Lodge where we could have retreats in the winter and host the ABY Convention in the fall and hold many other activities. We could use the extra rooms also for our summer camps. It would be helpful if we could purchase a small parcel of land.

Please Pray With Us for God's Direction