



Camp Connection

the official newsletter of Pioneer Bible Camp

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To our faithful camp community,

It is with heavy hearts that we mark the passing of Lucille Kushnerik, who together with her late husband John, founded Pioneer Bible Camp at its current location in 1949. Lucille and John were pivotal in the running of Pioneer for many years, with Lucille continuing to be directly involved with our ministry half a century after its founding. Mrs. K., as she was fondly known, leaves behind a long legacy of love, care, service, and devotion, which has impacted many of us personally. She will be missed by many, but we rejoice in the knowledge that she is finally united with her friend and saviour Jesus, whom she humbly served for many long years.

I only had the privilege of meeting Mrs. K. personally a handful of times, but I do have vivid memories of her leading worship during camp. One passage of scripture which she read to us sticks out in my mind:

“Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Mrs. K. taught us to trust in God's never-ending faithfulness. No matter what obstacles we may be facing in life, we know we can count on Him who is Faithful and True to see us through them. Lucille has given us all a truly remarkable example of a lifetime of faithfulness: please join with us for a memorial service Friday, October 12th, (see adjacent details) - and please also join us in praying for Lucille's family as they pass through this difficult period.

After being blessed with another truly fantastic summer out at Pioneer, we are pleased to announce that Gregory Dion, this summer's camp director, has accepted the board's offer to return as our director for 2019. As a former camper, cabin leader, program coordinator, in addition to being a society member, Gregory has deep knowledge of the workings of our camp, and we have been inspired by his devotion to making Pioneer a better experience for our campers than it was the summer before. Find a message from Greg on the next page.

Lastly, our Annual General Meeting will be held once again at Redwater Alliance Church, on the evening of Saturday, November 3, at 6:30 PM. We will also be hosting a potluck dinner for attendees and their families immediately beforehand at 5:00 PM. I look forward to seeing you there.



In Memory of
Lucille Kushnerik

Service to be held Friday,
October 12th, at 1:30pm,
Sherwood Park Alliance Church

In His Service,

Stuart Barth
Board Chairman

Camp Winterization

We are in need of volunteers to assist with our camp's winterization. This will take place Saturday, October 6th, at 9:00 AM. Contact Peter Silvius at 780-915-0562 for more information.

Annual General Meeting

Our society's AGM will be held Saturday, November 3rd at 6:30 PM, at Redwater Alliance Church. A fellowship potluck will be held at 5:00 PM. All members and non-members alike are invited to attend - Contact Peter Silvius at 780-915-0562 for more information.

As I think back I am extremely thankful to Jesus who sustained all of us who served at Pioneer Bible Camp this summer. In all of our weaknesses and frailties he showed himself to be strong; his joy and wisdom carried us through every challenge. Some of my favourite moments of staff training were our daily prayer and meditation times where we sought God individually and he refined us. I am convinced that our prayers, together with yours before God's throne, had an impact on the youth and children that came through our gate. Certainly we had our share of difficult situations, temper tantrums, accidents, and stress this summer; but the challenge of it was engaging and fulfilling as we loved and taught these precious young people the main purpose of our lives: to love our Lord with all our heart and soul and strength.

I, myself am very excited to learn and grow again with all the staff this next year, and God has filled my heart with dreams and burdens for PBC. I hope you will join me in praying even now that God would send workers to his harvest field this next summer-that he will provide all our staffing needs as more children and youth continue to come to our camp. I hope you will also pray earnestly that the Word of God would stick in our campers' minds throughout the year.

I would like to thank all our staff who gave of their time and effort this summer, especially Cameron Pinault who did a wonderful job as Program Coordinator and jumped right in after coming back from Capernwray in Australia.

May Jesus be glorified in all we do at PBC.

Yours in Christ,
Gregory Dion
Director



Prayer List

We maintain an email prayer list to inform camp supporters of our urgent and near-term needs. If you would like to join our list, please contact Stuart Barth at 780-240-8421 or chairman@pioneerbiblecamp.com

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