



# Camp Connection

the official newsletter of Pioneer Bible Camp

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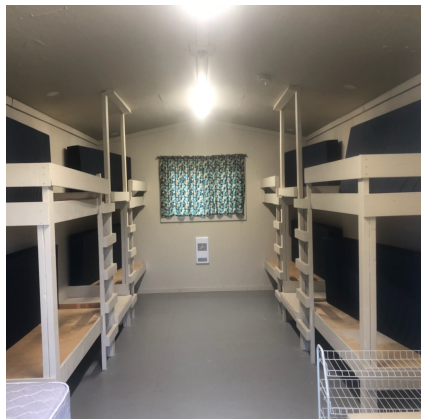
Dear Friends of Pioneer,

Looking out my window as Fall begins and the trees turn a vibrant yellow, I am left pondering how fast our summer has gone by. Not just the warm days (or absence thereof this year!), but also the quick three weeks of our camps, which were the culmination of many hours of planning, preparation, and prayer by our leaders, staff, and faithful volunteers over the previous year. This spring saw the efforts of our director Gregory and his staff as they advertised and prepared for the upcoming camps. Earlier this summer saw the building season of our camp; as we were abundantly blessed to be able to build three new cabins to replace three of our oldest girls' cabins. Also new for this year was the hiring of a part-time maintenance worker (Pete VanderMeulen) who was able to work towards renewing many of our camp buildings.



Our three new girls' cabins

The changing of the seasons — both physically and metaphorically — in our personal lives, and as an organization, is nothing new. King Solomon nearly 3000 years ago wrote in Ecclesiastes 3 that **“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens”** (Ecc. 3:1 NIV). God gives us certain times to focus on certain things; however, we know that ultimately we work towards the furtherment of God's kingdom, of which Solomon noted: **“I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it.”** (Ecc. 3:14 NIV).



Inside one of the new cabins

As we as an organization progress into this next season of our camp's yearly cycle, I invite you to be part of our planning by attending our society's Annual General Meeting (see the next page for details). We will be reviewing the previous year as well as laying out some of the board's plans for the future, but of course we want to hear from our membership and community partners about how we can better serve you.

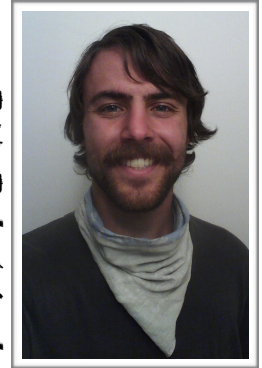
Lastly, on a personal note, I have reached my term limit on the camp's board and will not be in a leadership position in the upcoming year. I would like to thank all of you, our supporters, for your overwhelming faithfulness over the past six years — it has truly enabled us to grow immensely as an organization. I am so excited to see what He has planned for Pioneer.

In Christ our True Saviour,

Stuart Barth, Outgoing Board Chairman

Hello Pioneer Bible Camp family,

Autumn is here and I had the "refreshing" experience of helping to take out the dock this past Saturday, and by refreshing I mean freezing. The water is cold and the leaves are changing and so we come to the end of another summer at camp. Another year of work done and another season of reflection on how we laboured to work the soil of hearts. Was this summer perfect? Absolutely not, but it was good and it was effective. Many, many children and youth responded with faith to the good news about Jesus and many were discipled in Jesus' ways. So I ask you camp family, not to forget our campers, but to be remembering them in our prayers that Satan would not be allowed to steal away what was planted.



Blessings, Gregory Dion

## Annual General Meeting

Saturday, November 2, 2019  
6:30 PM  
Redwater Alliance Church

All Welcome to Attend

We will be holding our annual Potluck dinner immediately preceding the meeting. Doors open at 5:00, dinner to start at 5:30.

Please call Renee Kuraitis at 780-819-2638 to organize a dinner item to bring.

### 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](mailto:chairman@pioneerbiblecamp.com)

We would also like to ask you to be in prayer for our campers from this summer and their families. As camp recedes further into the past, we want the memory of the message of the Good News to stay with them. Praise the Lord for those who chose to be baptized this summer; please pray that the Lord would continue to work in their lives.

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