

# Please help Camp Bethel by providing YOUR input!

## 1. "Because of Camp Bethel..." Project:

In the coming months and years, the camp staff and the O.M.C. will be working diligently to reinforce and renew the connection between Camp Bethel and each Virginia congregation. Specifically through this "Because of Camp Bethel..." project, we hope to tell the Camp Bethel story through YOUR words and experiences.

Your Camp Bethel experience may be yours or your children's, and it may come from summer camp, a spiritual retreat, a family weekend, an ongoing volunteer relationship, a recent year or many decades past.

*Please share your experience by completing and returning the form on page 2.*

What impact, large or small, has Camp Bethel had in YOUR life? As a result of experiences at Camp Bethel:

- \* What commitments or decisions did you or your children make?
- \* In what ways did you or your children grow, learn or change?
- \* What relationships developed? with God? with others? with creation?

## 2. Who are YOUR heroes from the Church of the Brethren?

Our 2010 summer camp curriculum is titled, "Be a Hero: Living Like Jesus." During each camp day this summer, campers will study the story of a biblical hero who followed God in a brave and amazing way.

- Sunday: Welcome Others: John 6:1-5. Campers will hear the story of a boy sharing his lunch for Jesus to use to feed five thousand people and explore ways they can show hospitality to others.
- Monday: Be a Friend: 1 Samuel 20:1-42. Campers will hear the story of Jonathan's friendship with David and consider what it means to be a loyal friend.
- Tuesday: Accept Others: Acts 10:24-35, 44-48. Campers will hear the story of Peter and Cornelius, and be inspired to relate to those who are different from them, because it is God who determines who is acceptable.
- Wednesday: Give: Luke 21:1-3. Campers will hear the story of a widow in the temple and be inspired by her sacrifice to go and do likewise.
- Thursday: Rejoice: Exodus 15:19-21. Campers will hear the story of Miriam and rejoice in the goodness of God.
- Friday: Share the Good News: 2 Timothy 1:3-7. Campers will hear the story of Timothy, Lois and Eunice, and the way they faithfully passed on the story of Jesus.

To "Be a Hero" for God means recognizing a need, realizing that something can be done, and taking the risk to act. Campers will learn that they can be a hero by living like Jesus in simple ways with everyday things as ordinary people. We hope their camp week will prepare campers to use their courage and faith to "Be a Hero" for God.

To make the curriculum more specific to the Church of the Brethren and to emphasize CoB theology and practices, we want to tell the stories of our own CoB "heroes" for each daily theme above. Each day, we hope to teach campers about Brethren "heroes" both from the past and the present.

*Please help us with our summer curriculum by completing and returning the form on page 2.*

