



### Mancelona Camp Coming This Month

Mancelona Camp begins Thursday, July 12, when campers are welcome to set up. Saturday, July 14 will be a Camp Work Bee, and the opening service is Sunday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. Camp ends on Saturday, July 21 with the final service at 3:00 p.m. followed by a campfire and ice cream social.

Joel DeSelm is this year's Camp Evangelist. He has served as a pastor for over 40 years and has spoken in hundreds of camps, retreats, conferences, and seminars. He is currently a teaching pastor at Beulah Missionary Church in Indiana.

Jesse and Jessica Maurer will lead the music at camp. They serve in the music ministry of Pleasant Ridge Christian Fellowship in Indiana.

Becki King, from Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan will lead the Children's Ministry.

Chad Seabright will lead the Youth Ministry. He and his family travel full time and currently reside in a mobile vehicle.

The youth registration fee covers meals, lodging, program, recreation, and insurance.

### Evening Music Services

The first evening music service was held June 24 featuring special music plus congregational singing.

The next Christian Music Night will be Sunday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. The August Music Night will be Sunday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the music, refreshments and fellowship.

Contact Pastor Rob Rhinier at 231-537-4986 for more details.



The Wesley Bell Ringers gave a concert at Bliss last month. From the Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. They came through Bliss on their 53rd Concert Tour, performing all through the northern midwest and western states. Their bells ranged from tiny to 30 pounders.

## From Pastor Rob

### New Life

There is something amazing that happens in nature when change takes place. We had experienced an unfortunate event when the dam at O'Neil Lake broke two years ago. The lake dried up, the trees that stood in the water came down and all the lake life had seemed to vanish from sight. Even to this day the Osprey's have not returned to their nesting site since the lake disappeared.

Then in October of 2017 a new dam replaced the old one and the lake levels are back up to the normal level they were before the breach in 2015. I had the opportunity to take a prayer walk a few weeks ago at the lake and had time in a kayak on the lake the last week of June!

What is amazing to me is the new life that has already grown up in and around the lake. There is a beaver hut, turtles, loons, ducks and other wildlife already enjoying the newly restored lake. Not only that but what once looked like lost lily pads are already growing and blooming in the lake today.

I was amazed that even though the lake looked like it was dead for two years there was still life lying dormant waiting to spring up once again. I was under the impression that since the lake dried up and the root systems of the

water lilies were exposed to frost they would have died and should have taken a long time to be reestablished in the lake. Yet there they were, grown and blooming like every year before!

I was reminded about how each of us can experience a dry time in our spiritual journey. There are times we can feel dry and worn out spiritually only to experience new life when the refreshing waters from God restore us to full bloom once again.

So you may be feeling like your spiritual life is as dry as a drained lake bed, but always remember this. God will bring back the renewing waters in the perfect timing. Even when we feel as though all the life has been drained out of us there is still life waiting to be restored.

God knows our needs and especially our spiritual needs. Wait on Him and His timing and you will see amazing things in your life!

So if you are feeling like a dried up lake, remember these words written by Isaiah in Chapter 41 verse 18; *"I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs."*

Have a great July and may God refresh your dry soul with His living waters!

In Christ,  
Pastor Rob



<b>July 2018</b>		<i>Bliss Missionary Church</i>				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service	2	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b> Jaimee Metzger 7:15 - Youth	5 Jesse and Anna Benzing	6 Larry Kilpatrick	7 Leona Byard
8 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service	9 Ray Meyer	10	11 7:15 - Youth	12	13 Bob Strong	14 Trustee Meeting 10:30
15 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service <b>Ernie/Joan Mallory</b>	16	17	18 <b>Week of Mancelona Camp</b> Adam Forrester	19	20	21
22 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service <b>6 - Music Service</b>	23	24	25 7:15 - Youth	26	27	28 Ernie Mallory
29 10 - Sunday School 11 - Worship Service 6 - Evening Service	30 Emily Karkow	31				

## What Is God Like?

Partially adapted from *Christian Beliefs* by Wayne A. Grudem

The only way to understand God is to read His Word, the Bible. In it is what God says about himself.

**God Exists** - Scripture tells us that everyone everywhere has a deep, inner sense that God exists.

**God Is Knowable** - We can not fully know God because we are finite beings, but we can personally know God.

**God Is Independent** - God doesn't need anything, "but he also chooses to give us value and significance."

**God Is Unchangeable** - He is unchangeable in His being, attributes, purposes, and promises.

**God Is Eternal** - God has no beginning or end; therefore His view of time is very different from ours.

**God Is Omnipresent** - God is unlimited with regard to space, being present everywhere.

**God Is Spirit** - He is not matter, has no parts, no size, no dimensions, and cannot be perceived by our bodily senses.

**God Is Invisible** - No one has seen God, but He has presented manifestations of Himself to some.

**God Is Omniscient** - "He knows all things that exist and all that happens."

**God Is Wise** - "...he always chooses the best possible goals and the best possible means to meet those goals"

**God Is Truthful** - "All His knowledge and all His words are both true and the final standard of truth.

**God Is Good** - "...God is the final standard of good; all He is and does is good and worthy of approval."

**God Is Love** - "This eternal love finds its expression in God's self-giving love toward his children". And we are to imitate this love, as commanded in the Bible, "...you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

**God Is Holy** - "That means He is separated from sin and devoted to seeking His own honor."

**God Is Righteous and Just** - "Because God is all powerful, eventually all things will be made right."

**God Is Jealous** - God desires that worship be given only to himself, for that is an honor that only He, as God, deserves.

**God Is Wrathful toward Sin** - God hates sin, and his wrath burns hot against sin, but those who believe in Jesus have no need to fear that wrath.

**God Wills What He Will** - God's will is the ultimate reason for everything that happens.

**God Has Freedom** - God is not constrained by anything outside of Himself.

**God Is Omnipotent** - God is all powerful, with no limits.

**God Is Perfect** - He fully possesses all excellent qualities, lacking nothing.

**God Is Blessed** - God delights in himself and in all that reflects His character.

**God Is Beautiful** - God is the sum of all desirable qualities.

**God Is A Unity** - Each of God's attributes represents one aspect of His character, and also provide us with perspective on who he has made us to be.