



Community of Christ

# Brush Creek Mission Center e-Bridges

December 2011

*We proclaim Jesus  
Christ and promote  
communities of joy,  
hope, love and peace.*

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e-bulletin with your  
Congregation.**



## Joy to the World, the Lord is come!



As I sat in the Visitation Parish in Kansas City, listening to the most moving Christmas concert I have ever attended, so many phrases in this familiar carol spoke to me. Students from the University of Missouri Conservatory of Music lifted their incredible voices accompanied by a brass ensemble heralding the birth of our Savior. I could hardly wait for the moment the congregation would join them.

It was breathtaking!

Let earth receive. . .

Let every heart prepare Him room.

He comes to make His blessings flow . . .

The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.

What a blessed people we are – we know Him! He is ours!

As we celebrate this beautiful season, may we take time to

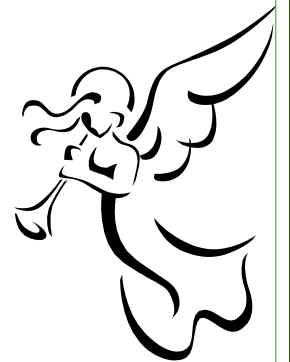
Receive

Prepare room for Him

Let His blessings flow

And experience the wonders of His love.

*Blessings; Joan*



## Introducing Brush Creek Mission Center Titus Teams

In II Corinthians, chapter 7, after earlier writing about his difficulties in Asia, Paul tells of his arrival in Macedonia. He describes his discouragement and fear, and the fact that there was no rest for him or his brethren. Trouble was all around them and within them their hearts were filled with dread.

He describes what happens next – “Then God who cheers those who are discouraged refreshed us by the arrival of Titus. Not only was his presence a joy, but also the news that he brought of the wonderful time he had” with the Corinthians. Titus’ visit and his testimony brought peace and encouragement to Paul and those with him.

This is the effect we want the Titus Teams’ associations with the congregations in our Mission Center to have – to encourage, uplift and support them in their efforts, and to share the gifts that are plentiful throughout the Mission Center with those who have need for this ministry.

In January, five teams were established which will target five areas of need. When the new mission initiatives were announced it was not surprising that our chosen areas aligned with the new emphasis of the World Church.

<u>Titus Teams</u>	<u>Mission Initiatives</u>
Outreach	Invite People to Christ
Response	Abolish Poverty and End Suffering
Renewal	Pursue Peace on Earth
Education	Develop Disciples to Serve
Worship (alignment)	Experience Congregations in Mission

Team leaders have been appointed, and team members are being asked to join in this endeavor. Congregations have been surveyed to determine their needs and the gifts that they can bring to the process.

Each team will select one or two congregations for their focus, and will begin with visits in January.

Team leaders are:

Outreach –	Jackie Hogue, Duane Collins, Laura Oval
Response -	Jon Schwengel, Jason Oval
Renewal -	Karen Witts, Darlene Sills, Ray Sills
Learning -	Ann Schwengel, Bob White
Worship -	Doug Mack, Susan Mack

Please remember these leaders in your prayers, asking that they be lead to respond to those who are waiting for the encouragement that will propel them into greater avenues of service.

In future editions of eBridges we hope to include testimonies of these encounters from all participants. This will serve to strengthen the community we claim as our own.



## Evangelist Corner

*Evangelists are ordained to be ministers of blessing, witnessing of Jesus Christ and responsive to the reconciling and redeeming influence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of persons, serving in multiple ministries according to the unique gifts and callings of each evangelist.*

### What is an Evangelist?

Servant ministers of spiritual vigor, having deep faith in God, serving with unreserved consecration and love for people. We are ordained to be ministers of blessing, responsive to the reconciling and redeeming influence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of persons, serving in multiple ministries according to the unique gifts and callings of each evangelist as:

- Spiritual Companion
- Apostolic Witness
- Teaching Learner
- Pastoral Presence
- Living Sanctuary

Taken from; <http://www.cofchrist.org/evangelist/default.asp>

*Get to know the Evangelists ministers in the Brush Creek Mission Center and the ministry they provide.*

*Welcome the newest Evangelists; Bill Morris.*



## BCMC 2011 Dates

**2011 YuleTide at Brush Creek** Friday, December 30—Sunday Jan. 1, 2012

For youth in 8th—12 grades. Fee \$30 Registration attached Dir: Stefanie Mack

**2012 Winter Reunion at Brush Creek** March 28—31st Flyer attached

Guest ministry; Larry McGuire and Barbara Walden

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- <http://www.cofchrist-brushcreek-missioncenter.org/>
- <http://www.bccampgrounds.org>



*Merry*  
*Christmas*

*“The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead.”  
Doctrine and Covenants 164:9*

### Brush Creek Mission Center

We are 28 congregations in the Central and Southern areas of Illinois, plus Sikeston Missouri, that are part of a world-wide church known as Community of Christ. Our mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love and peace.



We share a sacred campground known as Brush Creek located near Xenia, Illinois in Wayne county. The Brush Creek Saints organized in 1842. The Brush Creek White Church was built in 1872. Family camp activities called Reunion began in 1894. The campground now hosts a June and July week-long Reunion in addition to several youth camps. The campground is also used for retreats and gatherings throughout the year. The lake, the bridge, the cabins and the peaceful surroundings are holy ground.

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## 2011 YULETIDE REGISTRATION FORM

Brush Creek USA Mission Center

<http://www.CofChrist-BrushCreek-MissionCenter.org/>

Brush Creek Campgrounds

<http://www.bccampgrounds.org>

Schedule/Registration for 2011-2012 Yuletide Youth Retreat

**REGISTRATION FOR YULETIDE STARTS AT 3:30 P.M. ON DECEMBER 30TH,  
AND ENDS AT 12:00 NOON ON JANUARY 1ST!**

**PLEASE MAIL THE FORM TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE YULETIDE CAMP**

Make Checks Payable to Brush Creek Campgrounds

<b>Yuletide Retreat</b>	December 30, 2010 -January 1, 2012 "Friday - Sunday"	Registration Fee \$30.00
(Grades - going into 8 - 12 grades) (Suggested Ages 13-18)		
<b>Director</b> – Stefanie Mack, 222 N Washington St., Apt. 1, Martinsville, IL 62442 Phone (618) 919-0457 – Email: <a href="mailto:mack.stefanie@gmail.com">mack.stefanie@gmail.com</a>		

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Payment: Sponsor = \$\_\_\_\_\_, Camper = \$\_\_\_\_\_, Check #:\_\_\_\_\_/ CASH **Camp Attending: \_\_\_Yuletide\_\_\_**

Camper's Name:				
Age:	Birth date:		Sex: Male/Female	
Grade:	Phone Number:			
Address:				
City:	State:	Zip		
Email:	Have you previously attended a BCMC camp?			
Church/Congregation:				
Sponsoring Congregation (If applicable):				
Name of Parent/Legal Guardian or next of kin:				
Work Phone:		Home	Cell	

Person(s) allowed to pick up your child from camp: \_\_\_\_\_

### WHO TO CONTACT IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Name		Relationship		Phone	
Address				Cell Phone	
City		State		Zip	

### MEDICAL HISTORY

- Allergies to foods, medications, etc. (if none, so state) \_\_\_\_\_
- Is camper presently under a physician's care for any acute or chronic medical condition? (If so, please explain. (If none, so state))  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Does camper carry medications on person? (If none, so state) \_\_\_\_\_

Medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Does camper require prescription medications? (If none, so state) \_\_\_\_\_

Medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Health Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Policyholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Group No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No.: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Has individual recently been exposed to a contagious disease? (If "yes," describe. if "no," so state) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Does this individual camper have any health problems, restrictions, or other personal concerns that the camp staff should know about for the camp? \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Treatment Consent

I, the undersigned, being the parent, legal next of kin, or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize any necessary medical treatment for this person (Physician, EMT, hospital, camp nurse). I also guarantee payment of all charges incurred during this medical treatment. (Physician, hospital, x-ray, lab, drugs, ambulance, etc.)

### Liability Release and Activity Participation Consent

The undersigned parent, legal guardian, next of kin, or participant acknowledges that even though every effort is made to provide a safe, accident-free environment, incidents may occur.

In consideration for being accepted by the Brush Creek USA Mission Center of the Community of Christ, for participation in this event, we (I) being 21 years of age or older, do for ourselves (myself) (and for and on behalf of my child-participant, if said child is not 21 years of age or older) hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned Mission Center and the Community of Christ and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims, or demands for personal injury, sickness, or death, as well as property damage and expenses of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participant that occur while said child is participating in the above described trip or activity.

I/We specifically consent to \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) participation in activities offered by the Brush Creek USA Mission Center, including but not limited to camping, boating, swimming, hiking, and sporting events. I have deleted any items from the preceding list to which I do not give consent for participation.

I/We certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) has the necessary skills to participate in any of the approved activities (e.g. if boating is approved, the child can swim).

I/We specifically do not want \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) to participate in the following activities: (if none, please indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

### Photo & Video Release

In consideration of the right of the registrant to participate in this activity, I hereby give consent to and authorize the taking of photographs or video tape in which the registrant may appear. I hereby waive all right of privacy in and to any said pictures or video. **Please sign and date below for approval of the above statements of release and consent.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Registration Instructions

1. **Please sign up in advance if possible,** by mail or emailing the registration/consent form to the director of the camp, along with payment, a copy of insurance card, and any other relevant information. .
2. If you have a congregation sponsoring your child, please notify the Pastor of your intent on attending youth camp.
3. Fill out all of the fields to the best of your ability and attach any other relevant information to the form.
4. Do not forget to fill out the consent form.
5. Please attach a photocopy of your insurance card.
6. Make checks payable to: Brush Creek Campgrounds, please include the registrant's name(s) on the memo line of the check.
7. Prepare for camp and check with the director for any other questions or important information.

# WELCOME TO THE 2011 BRUSH CREEK CAMPGROUNDS CAMPS IMPORTANT INFORMATION



It is the desire of the Youth Camping Program for all campers to attend the entire camp. If you are **unable to attend the majority of camp** according to the start and end dates, **you must make arrangements prior to the start of the camp with the director.**

**VISITOR POLICY** - Individuals, Parents, or Friends who are unable to register for camp, should not take the liberty to visit the camp unannounced. **If you want to make a visit, you must make prior arrangements with the director.**

**WHAT TO BRING:** Each camper should bring bedding materials, clothes, bath towels, shampoo, soap, and etc. to live at the campgrounds for the specified number of days of the camp. All Campers should bring old clothing for certain activities. We suggest that campers bring their scriptures, writing materials, and musical instruments suitable for worship activities (guitar, flute, etc), baseball glove, fishing equipment, camera with film, and others items if they want to participate in those activities. **All items should be identified with the camper's name.**

**ITEMS NOT PERMITTED:** Cell phones, food, candy, snacks, radios, iPods, computers, or video games are not allowed at church camp. They will be confiscated and given back at the end of the camp. Meals, canteen, and water will be available at appropriate times.

This is a **Drug Free Environment.** Only prescribed medical prescriptions for the camper is allowed. Upon arrival, the medicine will be given to the camp nurse for proper administration.

**DRESS CODE:** Wear modest clothing, keeping in mind the spiritual nature of the camp. Any kind of dress or grooming which presents a safety hazard to the individual or which tends to create a disturbance or disrupts the nature of the camp will not be allowed. It is required that all campers wear footwear everywhere on the grounds. The following clothing choices are considered unacceptable and campers may be asked to change clothing if deemed inappropriate:

- Clothing promoting consumption of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs
- Clothing that explicitly or implicitly promotes racism, sexism or hatred of any group or person
- Wearing sports bras without cover-ups or wearing 3/4 length or cutoff t-shirts
- All tops must have straps on both shoulders and should be waist-length
- Bikinis or brief "Speedo" type swimming suits. **Swim Suit Policy - Please bring modest swimming attire consistent with a church sponsored activity. Ladies are asked to wear a modest one-piece bathing suit or if you do not have such a bathing suit a T-Shirt must be worn over your bathing suit.**
- Clothing that promotes winning at all costs (e.g. "Second place is another name for first loser").

**VALUABLES** - Valuables such as jewelry, any type of electronics, and large amounts of money, etc. should not be brought to camp. Campers accept all responsibility or the damage or loss of their own possessions.



# 2012 WINTER REUNION

“What Matters Most”

7PM March 28<sup>th</sup> to Noon March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Guest** Field Missionary Coordinator, **Larry McGuire**

**Ministry:** Executive Director of Historic Sites, **Barbara Walden**

*Come join us! Experience the joy of coming together with others in worship, prayer, fun, and fellowship.*

On Wednesday evening a light meal will be available at 5PM. Please register and or check in at the Dining Hall as soon as you arrive (4:30PM to 6:30PM).

Registration Fees: \$40 per person.

This will go towards the cost of housing at the campground along with the meals served. An offering will be taken on Saturday to help with the overall expenses.

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

*Be sure to bring your own bedding for single size bunks (sheets, blankets, Pillow,) towels, slippers, toiletries, etc. And bring your scriptures.*

Mail Registration (along with a check payable to **Community of Christ**) to:  
John Kuppert, 1324 Dorris Heights Road, Harrisburg, IL 62946

You may also register via email at: [mkuppert@frontier.com](mailto:mkuppert@frontier.com) and pay your fee upon arrival at the campground.)

Reunion Director: Richard Switzer, [rcswitzer@mchsi.com](mailto:rcswitzer@mchsi.com), 618-942-5258

**Please register as soon as possible. Thank You!**