

What's Happening With Little Blue Bible Camp?

Highlights of 2022

Last year was an exciting year. The 2022 camp sessions were a hit! Three sessions were held between July 10th and 30th. Each session was almost at capacity with 62 campers in the first session, 62 campers in the second, and 38 in the third.



Last year's theme was "Undefeated". Each day campers experienced devotionals, Bible classes, sermons and individual study, along with an entire week

of time strengthening relationships with old friends as well as making new ones. Each evening during chapel the campers, along with many visitors, heard wonderful lessons that capped off the topic of the day. This was also a time for uplifting their voices to God in song. There were a various men who volunteered to present lessons last year. We are so grateful to have so many men who are willing to take the time to prepare lessons.

During the sessions we were blessed to have 2 campers respond to the invitation and put on Christ in baptism!

Last year's group of campers were part of a special group who were able to enjoy all-new cabins with air-conditioning!

Along with the three camp sessions, there was a 2-day Ladies Retreat and a 2-day Mens Retreat. The Ladies Retreat was held on Sep. 10th-11th and the Mens Retreat was held on Sep. 16th-17th. The Ladies and Mens Retreat was a huge success with many attending from surrounding congregations. The youth utilized the camp facilities a few times for their monthly youth get-together. These opportunities are yet another way that Christians, or those preparing to become Christians, can come to learn more from God's word, edify one another, and build relationships.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2023 Sessions

Make plans now to attend the 2023 Little Blue Bible Camp! There will be three sessions again this year, with dates as follows: Session One—July 9th-July 14th; Session Two—July 16th-July 21st and Session three—July 23rd-July 28th. Registration will open on May 1st. Please see the Little Blue Bible Camp website for more information or to register for a session. The theme

for this year is, "Prove it! Christian Evidences."

In preparation for the camp there will be a list of items that will be needed for camp. We will post that list as soon as possible. Please keep an eye out on our website or Facebook page. Any assistance will be appreciated.

During the camp sessions we

encourage all to come out during the chapel period and worship with us!

Special Points of Interest:

- > Registration for the 2023 camp sessions will open May 1st
- > Next steps in the renovation process
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Renovation—What's Next?

As most know, the facilities of Little Blue have been around for many years and have reached the end of their usable life. Over the past 2 years, there has been a lot of work done to repair or replace some of these structures, making sure they are still safe for our campers' use. Last year we completed a 2-year project replacing all 6 of the cabins. This was a well-needed renovation, and the new cabins look great! As an added bonus, each cabin received an air-

conditioner to allow some reprieve from the July heat. In addition to building the new cabins, we removed some trees, allowing for repositioning of cabins 4 and 5, grading of the grounds around the cabins, and a new set of steps on the girls' side of the camp.

Even after all that work, there is still a lot that needs to be addressed. With so many projects that need to be completed and only so much available funds, the

board has been working on a plan to prioritize projects by greatest need. Although the plan is not completely finished, it has been unanimous that the next project that will be our focus is the bathroom/shower house. This building is in need of a complete remodel. As you can imagine, a complete remodel is quite expensive and cannot be done all at once. We are working to make the most impact with the funds we currently have.

**Improvements
begins one
project at a
time!**

Renovation—What's Next? Project List

Here is a list of projects that the board has determined to be the greatest needs for Little Blue:

1. Demo and remodel the bathroom and shower house
2. Remodel the Directors/ Cooks cabin
3. Tear down and replace the activity barn
4. Remodel Mess Hall
5. Replace concrete and replace goal in Basketball court area
6. Remodel Chapel
7. Install a sand volleyball area

Becoming a Member of The Camp

Membership serves a vital role for the camp. Anyone on the board is required to be a member. Members have the right to vote in the election of board members and are welcome to attend the monthly board meetings and bring concerns, suggestions, or questions to the board members. Without members and their participation, this camp

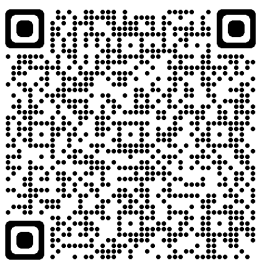
would cease to exist.

Our membership is made up of members from the local churches of Christ and some from other states.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member and is at least 18 years old, there are two options. One can either become a Life-time member with a one-time

contribution of \$200 or \$20.00 annually due by July 31st.

We are always looking to expand our membership to continue to have a place for our kids to spend at least one week at camp (if not more) during the summer and attend youth rallies throughout the year, hearing God's word and building up one another.



[Little Blue Bible Camp Membership \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

What Can I Do to Help?

You might be asking yourself, "What can I do to help this work?" There are many ways that you can help the Little Blue Bible Camp.

The first and most important way you can help is to keep Little Blue in your prayers, that it will continue to be a place where the youth can remove themselves from the world for a brief time and gather with others who are seeking to serve God and learn more about him.

Secondly, you can donate your time and help out at the camp. There is a lot of work required each year to prepare the camp for the sessions: minor repairs, cleaning cabins and the mess hall, upkeep of the grounds, and many more tasks. There is also a lot of workers needed for the projects which need to be completed.

Thirdly, you can support us with monetary or physical material donations. The camp operates

with very limited funds. These funds come from the camper fees, membership dues, and donations. Any monetary donation is greatly appreciated, but we don't want to limit donations to only money. If you would like to donate materials needed to complete the renovation projects, we welcome those donations as well. We will be working on a list of items needed for each project. Scan the QR code or Click the link to donate <https://docs.google.com/>



Cabin Talks Podcast

Long-time camp directors Ethan Shull and JJ Shepherd host a weekly Bible-based podcast through Biblewaymedia. The show's format is casual and conversational, as the hosts discuss day-to-day activities and camp memories. The heart of the podcast each week features a different Bible topic—anything

from camp songs to favorite Bible verses. The podcast encourages listeners through Biblical discussions and brings back memories of camp experiences. Through the messages of Cabin Talks, others not familiar with camp have been given an insight into what it has to offer and might be encouraged to attend a

session or support Little Blue Bible Camp. Cabin Talks is available on Spotify, Podbean, Apple podcasts, or through Facebook.

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Courage Like David

When David entered the Israelite camp in 1 Sam 17, he was appalled to witness Goliath, the Philistine champion, mocking God and his people. And even though he was considered to be a "youth" (:33), he was not afraid to go out and fight Goliath. David understood that he would not be facing Goliath alone. God would be on his side and would deliver

him (:45-46). We see David defeat Goliath with a sling and a rock (:49).

David would not have had the confidence needed to defeat Goliath if he did not have faith and full trust in God. That is one of the goals of the Little Blue Bible Camp—to instill confidence in each camper by helping establish their faith and trust in

God. This confidence is needed to defeat the "Goliaths" Satan will send to battle each camper throughout life. Satan is always looking for ways to defeat us (1Pe 5:8). Just as David was armed to do battle with Goliath, we attempt to help arm each camper with the armor that God has supplied through study of His word (Eph 6:10-18).

Psa 31:24 "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD."



Visit our website:

Littlebluebiblecamp.org

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The Little Blue Bible Camp is a Christian Camp with youth in mind. Each day, campers enjoy Bible study, along with outdoor activities and fun. The best part is making new friends to last a lifetime.

We are committed to helping young people grow in their Bible knowledge, speaking where the Bible speaks and being silent where the Bible is silent.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it" - Proverbs 22:6

To provide a fun and safe environment in which children can learn about God, His will for them, and how to overcome the trials and temptations of this life.

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The Legendary Bill Puckett

The dream of a major camp remodel seemed like an impossible task. Add in the desire for this to happen quickly, and most would say, "No way it can happen." However, not everyone has a man like Bill Puckett! His desire, dedication, and craftsmanship can be seen all throughout the camp. From assisting in the roofing and removal of the fireplace in the chapel, to playing a major role in the construction of the pool shed and every one of the cabins. If there is work to be done, he is one of the first in line, asking what he can do. Because of the excellent quality of Bill's work, the camp structures will

be enjoyed by campers for many years to come.

Bill has spent countless hours out at camp in both the cold of winter and the heat of the summer. Nothing seems to stop him. It is not uncommon for Bill to ask, "What's next?" before the current project is completed. Some have looked for his "off switch," but it has yet to be found.

I have had the privilege of working with Bill a few times at camp, and I will be honest, I could barely keep up. Yet Bill keeps his smile and sense of humor the entire day!

The board has created a sign dedicated to Bill. The pathways to the cabins will now be known as, "Puckett CT."

We are so appreciative of all that Bill has done for the camp. It is a blessing to have someone with his talents who is willing to sacrifice so much time, effort, and money to the work at Little Blue. The place truly would not be the same without him.

If you see Bill around the camp, please stop and thank him.



THANK YOU, BILL!