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“We arrived very tired and wrung out physically and emotionally but came away very encouraged, refreshed and renewed,” missionary Jim Solomon wrote in his prayer letter after attending Baptist Church Planters’ triennial Family Camp. It was held July 7-10 on the campus of Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary in Ankeny, Iowa. 170 missionaries and families, administration and staff gathered for the week and were refreshed physically and spiritually. Of the 170 attendees, 70 were children and teens!

The theme for the week was “The Joy of Surrender.” Dr. Doug Brown, Academic Dean of the college, was the main speaker. He challenged the missionary family to have “Confidence to Continue.” Placing confidence in God in the midst of difficulties enables His servants to continue in the Gospel ministry.



Morning sessions were encouraging as they focused on the meaning of helping and praying for one another. President Steve Little addressed the whole family, and he and his wife, Becky, led separate men’s and ladies’ sessions as well. Mornings also included a panel discussion on the theme, singing, special music and testimonies.



On Thursday afternoon the Travis family graciously hosted the missionary family at their



## Family Camp 2015

beautiful farm for a hog roast and horse riding demonstration. One of BCP’s own missionaries, Bob Toomer, gave a round pen presentation that illustrated the truth that surrender to God’s will and direction results in the Joy of seeing His will accomplished. This was done through showing how to train an unbroken horse. When the horse yielded to him, together they could accomplish great things and show others the Joy of working together to accomplish something that neither could do by themselves.

Altoona Regular Baptist Church of

Altoona, Iowa, provided the two younger children’s programs under the direction of John Mathew. Director of techPartner, Chris Brown, planned the teens’ program and challenged them to choose a “foundation verse” for their lives. Ladies and teens from Ankeny Baptist Church served in the nursery.

Times of rest and fellowship were wisely used, and new friendships formed and old ones renewed. It was a time of iron sharpening iron and laughing together.





On Sunday, May 17, 2015, over 300 people gathered for Dedication Day for **Boardman Baptist Church in Youngstown, OH**. It was a special day of celebration for the congregation as they have been praying for this day for a long time. Following the morning worship, the dedication service began with a Victory March of “those who have worked with their hands to make this building a reality” and ended with a catered “celebration meal.” The service included special music by soloists, the choir and the children of Boardman Baptist. A powerpoint presentation relating the story of the completion of the building project. The many volunteers from several states were recognized for their valuable part in the completion of the

building. All who participated assigned Glory to God. Throughout the celebration God was thanked for answers to prayer, provision of safety, provision of finances, and the opportunity to give testimony to the community.

ChurchCare Builders perform various construction needs. Recent projects include a complete building in **Preble, NY**, an exterior remodel at **Camillus, NY**, and an interior build out of an existing strip store building in **Spring Hill, TN**.



**Calvary Baptist Church, Preble, NY**



**Community Baptist Church, Spring Hill, TN**



**West Genesee Hills Baptist Church, Camillus, NY**

Missionary builders, Brent Howard and Dale Murphy, have relocated to **Stanfordville Baptist Church in Hallstead, PA**, for construction of a new auditorium, restrooms, and offices.

Missionary builders break ground with Howard Fraser and the coordinator from the church, Steve Howard.



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JOY Club material was used at the GARBC Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, this year to teach the first through sixth grade program. Baptist Youth Ministry Director Chip and Karen Wood and their three children organized and taught the five-day event. Between 48 and 60 children attended each of the eight sessions. Children enjoyed singing, puppets, Bible lessons, snacks, crafts, Bible verse memory time, creation faith lessons, missionary stories and competition time. Chip taught the Bible lessons using material that he is developing for the JOY Club program, and the children and parents were pleased with the new curriculum. This material is called Joy Journeys and is a look at each person listed in Hebrews chapter 11, tracing the steps of their faith journey to joy. Lord willing, this curriculum will be available to churches next year.



Karen and Elizabeth taught the children a wonderful song about faith, and on Thursday night the children all sang for the adults in the main session. They did a wonderful job and were mature beyond their age.



God sent a wonderful group of volunteers to help in each session. We praise the Lord for the ministry heart of all the local churches that helped at the conference. Please visit us at [BCPYouthMinistry.com](http://BCPYouthMinistry.com) and praise the Lord with us about all He is doing through BCP. If you would like to know more about Baptist Church Planters, please feel free to visit [bcpusa.org](http://bcpusa.org).



At our 2015 Spring Council Meeting, the Council unanimously voted to approve “**BCP Youth Ministry**” as a needed ministry to help church plants, revitalization churches and small churches around the USA. JOY Club has been our only ministry which helps church plants with children’s programming. We will continue JOY Club, but it will be under the umbrella of “BCP Youth Ministry.” *We will be expanding our ability to help church plants in new ways through BCP Youth Ministry.*

God has given us the vision to LAUNCH “BCP Youth Ministry.” We need your help! In order to launch BCPym, we must raise \$30,000 as seed money to get it off the ground. To date, the summer campaign has raised \$3,410 toward this goal. Here is some of what your investment will yield:

- ➔ Developing BCP Youth Ministry website
- ➔ Writing the new curriculum called “Joy Journeys”
- ➔ Creating a new JOY Club theme song
- ➔ Writing more workshops to be offered on [www.applyingtruth.com](http://www.applyingtruth.com)
- ➔ Developing online capabilities for ordering, teaching workshops, etc.
- ➔ Writing a JOY Club 2’s-3’s program. We do not have this, and it is needed.
- ➔ A vigorous deputation schedule to sustain BCP Youth Ministry



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