

Out of My Mind...

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FROM THE FIELD...

Dave Scull, Associate Minister for Camping and Youth writes:

Another summer at Camp Burton is quickly drawing to a close and once again I marvel at how God continues to change lives and grow leaders through our summer programs. Summer attendance improved by 17% over last year. Although most campers already knew Jesus as their Lord and Savior there were 26 first-time decisions this summer representing 43% of the non-Christians attending Camp.

Just as encouraging is watching how God grows our next generation of leaders that are on summer staff and S.W.A.T. (our counselor in training program). I believe the best way to sharpen the gifts God has given you is to jump right in and dare to get messy by serving others. There are few better leadership training grounds than Camp. The staff and S.W.A.T. spend 8 to 12 weeks of the summer learning how to put others first, to encourage and sharpen one another, persevere, share their faith and to recognize and appreciate how God is at work in and around them. Their lives are changed and blessed as they learn how to lead and serve others making them stronger leaders in their home church and youth groups.

The staff and I send a very special "thank you" to our summer pastors who blessed us with their service: Steve Scott-Old North, Larry Shallenberger- Grace, Erie, Dan Istvanik & Nate Meiers-Berean, Billy Stanton Jr.-Glenarden, Randy Brunko-Evangel.

For Your Consideration...

I'm a little behind in my reading, (to say nothing of getting out this issue of OOMM) so forgive me for calling your attention to a couple of articles recently published in *Christianity Today* (CT).

The June issue of CT has an article by two professors from Bethel University and Seminary entitled "How to Pick a President". In the article, Dan Taylor and Mark McCloskey suggest that virtues the candidates demonstrate are more important than the policies they espouse when it comes to making a selection.

An editorial in the July magazine stresses the need to have evangelicalism centered on and defined by faith rather than politics and encourages consideration of an **Evangelical Manifesto** (see "Out in Cyberspace") issued in May by a steering committee of "nine prominent evangelical leaders and about 80 charter signatories".

I trust you will find these to be food for thought in an election year.

ON OUR PRAYER WATCH:

Jerry Sheveland

Alan Gross

Don & Marianne
Hazel

Abigail Holloway

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In My Briefcase...

From Followers to Leaders

by Robert Logan & Tara Miller
Planting Fast-Growing Churches

by Stephen Gray

The Unforgettable Season

by G.H.Fleming & Lawrence S. Ritter

Check these out

www.evangelicalmanifesto.com

www.chicagocubs.com

Selah: "People will model your kind of commitment. They will see your passion and either be drawn to what you are drawn to, or they will believe you are not all 'in', so why should they be."

Jim Putman