

What an astounding year 2020 has been. While there are things we wish had never happened or would like to forget, God has also filled it with tremendous blessings, and we thank the Lord for them. God's promises in the midst of change, difficulty, do not fail. His Word to us in Isaiah 26:3-4 is as true for us as believers today in this crazy year as they were to the listeners in Isaiah's day.

*"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.
Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock."*

Many long for a place of perfect peace, and it is especially appealing when we feel we are in the midst of a storm. Graciously God tells us that the path to perfect peace lies not in focusing on the surrounding issues, nor looking to ourselves to get through this, but instead to keep our mind stayed on Him. We are reminded that we can have confident assurance that the Lord is an everlasting rock. Perhaps this is as encouraging to you as it has been to me during this crazy "storm of 2020".



Looking back over the past 10 months, we wonder in amazement at all God has done. Wonderful, gracious things, such as:

- Safety and glory in the midst of maintenance area fire and God's care through His people to provide.
- Hundreds of people that have volunteered their time, their skills, and their tools for the sake of the ongoing ministry of Barakel.
- Wisdom and provision as we continue to serve each day, at a time when many camps or other ministries are failing, yet God has seen fit to preserve us.

Take a look at a review of 2020 on video: <https://www.campbarakel.org/2020-review>.

Thank you for your prayers, work and care for the ministry of Barakel. We thank the Lord each time we think of you and look forward to your return.
Jon Ford, Team Leader of Short-term Staffing

Project Update:

Here are some projects volunteers have helped us with in 2020:
Snowshoe Lodge shingle removal and metal roof installation • vehicle maintenance • East Side Chapel new windows, doors and light fixtures • Staff home remodel completed • Stained many buildings • Cleanup from fire site • Replaced retaining wall at Office • Washed and waxed our fleet of boats • Fiber optic installation and new Wi-Fi/computer updates • Remodel of Tidd cabin • New carpenter shop • Ice skating trail built • Many trees cut and firewood produced • Repaired Blockhouse chimney.



Serving opportunities in 2021

Please consider joining us for one of these special opportunities to serve in the coming year:

Co-Labor Challenge and Lumberjack Work Weekends

Kitchen or Work Crew—one night only: April 23-24, April 30-May 1, May 7-8, Oct. 29-30

Kitchen or Skilled Tradespeople during the first three weeks of summer:

Summer Staff Workshop 1 East Side	Tues., June 1—Mon., June 7
Preparation Week West Side	Mon., June 8—Mon., June 12
Summer Staff Workshop 2	West Side Mon., June 13—Mon., June 20
Plant & Prep Days Grounds work	Wed., June 9—Fri., June 11
Cleaning Days Kitchen only	Mon., Aug. 16—Sat., Aug. 21



STAFFING UPDATES:

We rejoice and thank the Lord for His bounty in the midst of the shutdown summer for the arrival of three fully supported Resident Missionary Families to camp. The Bennetts (Jim, Rachel and family) arrival in the spring, the Mirons (Dave, Rita and family) in July, and Kathleen Anderson becoming official in August.



We also saw the Pierponts leave and return to the pastorate in Ohio. We certainly miss them and pray for a great work of the Spirit in the local church.

Longtime and faithful Resident Staff Judy VanOrman was called home to be with the Lord this year. We miss her but rejoice at her being with the Lord.



Worker Sign-up

Email Kris Schedlbauer
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Winter Needs

- Tubing Hill most weekends
- Kitchen and Dishes most weekends
- Ski/Skate helpers

Contact us for more information

Sign-up Schedule

Spring sign-up begins Jan. 1
Summer begins Jan 1
Fall begins May 1
Winter 2022 begins Sept. 1

Please Pray with us:

- For additional winter and spring Seasonal Staff to help us host retreats and clean buildings.
- For the Summer Staff Application process. Winter is the primary season for applying and interview potential candidates.
- For our Resident Staff Appointees: Luke and Katie Benninger. We pray for their full support in order to join us for summer.

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"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." | Thessalonians 1:2-3