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Bible Witness Camp March 2011



James Banks honored his long-time mentors, twins Mark and Mary Williams, on Sunday, March 6, presenting them with plaques for their faithful ministry. Cards signed by and containing gift cards from the congregation were also presented. James attended BWC clubs, camps and church as a child. He and his wife, Lisa, and their four children currently attend church here. James also assists with Sunday School.

“Thank you, Mark and Mary Williams for your dedication to Bible Witness Camp. Thank you for all the time and hard work you put in for the youth and teenagers. Also, the sacrifices that you made, even though you had your own families to attend to. You changed from the times of the late 60s to the present, and adapted to young people. You taught young people arts and crafts and sports while still finding the time to teach them about God. I am sure you gave a lot of the people you taught and touched a lot of hope and stability in their lives. This stability helped them out in their lives as they grew up. Both of you are true role models that should be imitated by all of us. You deserve the best, and may God bless you both.”

—James Banks, Sr.

Director's Corner

Nobody likes to be *constrained* to do something. Two of our newer camp vans “constrain” the driver to buckle up. If he doesn’t, he’ll hear a recurring alarm sound until he latches the seat belt. I like having the seat belt available for my use—I just don’t like losing my *choice* in the matter. Sometimes we feel “strapped in” by some new responsibility—maybe something we didn’t expect or fully understand ahead of time. We might focus on what we’ve lost, be angry, do the job reluctantly. Or maybe we will notice what we’ve gained. A pair of oxen can’t do much useful pulling until they get that heavy yoke over their necks. I’ve learned in the deadlines of life that pressure produces. Whether we’re being constrained by laws, someone else, or God’s Word, God can turn it into something good (like discipline, priorities, wisdom ...) if we see the “yoke” as a gift from Him. Then Jesus’ words in Matthew 11 start making sense. “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.” —David McMillan

Finishing Strong

The Awana year winds down in a few weeks. Please pray for perseverance for the students as they finish the memory work needed to qualify for summer camp. Our last week will be April 18-21. Sparks-a-Rama will be held on **Saturday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.**

LADIES: SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY MAY 21, 2011

10 am—2 pm

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON
WITH AUTHOR AND SPEAKER
*SHARON EWELL FOSTER***

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Starting in May of this year, we will be sending quarterly editions of our camp newsletters. If you are currently on our postal or email lists, you will receive this newsletter. (Unless you tell us otherwise.)

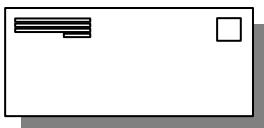
PRAYER PARTNERS INFORMED

However, because we need your prayer support, we will send monthly praise and prayer updates only to those who request them. So **please let us know** if you would like these items to come to you



- by email OR
- via postal service.

Just send a note by way of your preferred type of communication.



Thank you to each of you who partners with us through prayer and/or giving.

New Quilts from Old Jeans

She wakes up every morning and asks,

“What will I do today?”

Most days the answer is the same. “I think I will sew.”

From the tiny sewing room in her small house in Central Illinois, Beverly Lane produces quilts—thousands of them over the past decade. Quilts that she prays over as she sews—asking God to help each recipient to find Jesus and to know His love. Her quilts travel all over the world to babies, children and youth. She says the material keeps coming, so she keeps sewing, thanking the Lord for this ministry He has given to her. Most recently she tackled a huge project for the Bible Witness Camp. This summer the campers who sleep in our cabins will be covered in denim—maybe even from a old pair of jeans that he or she donated! Each of the 41 jean quilts has a unique pattern of squares and pockets and other pieces from the jeans. Her signature trademark is a heart included somewhere on each quilt. Thank you, Bev, for this comforting labor of love for our camp kids.

