

# BARAKEL NEWS

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## WHY WE EXIST

*Camp Barakel exists to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want people to feel the weight of God's holiness, know the depth of our rebellion, and see the beauty of the One who saves us from its consequences. We are here to show and tell of God the Father, of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit. We believe that when God's Gospel is whole-heartedly loved, a glad obedience follows.*

*Story after story tell how God has used Barakel in the past 70 years for His own name's sake, and at least one of those stories includes you. By His kind grace, we trust Him to continue using Barakel to bless you, your children, and your children's children.*



*You can still get in to a week of summer camp. Check our website for openings.*

Also, we are seeking kid-loving care-givers to serve for the whole summer as counselors. Applicants must be at least one year out of high school. Contact [DaveD@CampBarakel.org](mailto:DaveD@CampBarakel.org) to learn about the application process.

Nurses (LPN or RN) are still needed for some weeks. Contact us at [Info@CampBarakel.org](mailto:Info@CampBarakel.org) for more information.

**SEVENTY YEARS!** Camp Barakel was established 70 years ago, in August of 1942, when our founder began taking boys camping along the Thornapple River in Eaton County, Michigan. The name Barakel wasn't chosen until a few years later, but God's blessing was evident even in those earliest days.

**SIXTY YEARS!** On February 4, 1952, Uncle Johnnie paid cash for the Shear Lake property—the place we know as Camp Barakel.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS!** Several of our resident missionary staff are celebrating 25 years of service here at these set-apart grounds. Marilyn Powell, Kathy Curtis, and Terry & Elaine Shaw each have made Barakel their home and ministry for a quarter-century.

**LAST YEAR!** We began using Crosscut Lodge, the fourth of the new lodges on West Side. How we thank God for all the people who have helped make this building possible.

**THIS YEAR!** Bruce and Kris Schedlbauer are raising financial support to join the Resident Missionary Staff. Their church is eager to send them, and they will move up and be fully involved as soon as they have all their support.

Looking back, we see that God has sustained and kept us on our noble mission. We exist to give a thoroughly Biblical declaration of the infinite glories of God, with a view to encouraging others to join us in our worship—and to demonstrate that worship by being radically obedient in all areas of life.

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## 2012 SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

The story of Camp Barakel is the story of God's faithfulness, and that story is being added to every day. We hope you will come and join the ongoing story.

- **Spring Men's Retreat**  
May 18-20
- **Spring Mother/Daughter Retreat**  
May 18-20
- **Memorial Day Family Camp**  
May 25-28
- **Grandparents' Family Camp**  
September 7-9
- **Married Couples Retreat**  
September 14-16
- **Mother/Son Retreat**  
September 14-16
- **Father/Daughter**  
September 21-23
- **Ladies' Retreats**  
September 21-23, 28-30, and October 5-7
- **Fall Men's Retreats**  
October 12-14 and 19-21

Find out more about each event at [www.CampBarakel.org](http://www.CampBarakel.org)



  
Did you know that in the summer we provide bus transportation from Bay City, Flint, Lansing and Marshall? In this picture you can see what our buses looked like in 1947 at Ocqueoc State Park.