# CAMP BETHEL NEWSLETTER

Fall / October 2026



## GOD AT WORK

Summer camps hit record attendance at new location.

Family Camp hits record attendance at new location.

September sets record bookings.

Multiple record size rental groups at new location.

Record number of volunteer nurses covered each week of summer camps.

CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) held their first northern Wyoming summer camp at Camp Bethel.



*Summer Chapel Service*

## GOD BRINGS GROWTH

What a year it has been watching our God at work at our new location here in Shell. He is an amazing God!

Summer camps set a new attendance record at our Shell location with 292 campers! Our previous attendance record was 256. That is a 13% increase!

Family camp set a new attendance record this summer, as well. Attendance went from 77 to 102 this summer. New families came from all over after hearing about Camp Bethel from their friends and the wonderful time they had here last summer.

September set a record for the number of bookings in a single month. We went from four bookings in a month to six bookings. September bookings did not allow much time off for the camp staff as bookings were back-to-back and longer than the traditional weekend retreat.

Camp also had record size rental groups this year at its new location. The Cody Missionary Allicance Church, who has been using Camp Bethel for many years to host their Man Camp, set a new record of 81 men here this year at our new location!

The Christian Missionary Allicance district men's retreat also set a record for this location, as well, at 75 men! The Christain Missionary Allicance has been renting Camp Bethel to hold their men's retreat for over 20 years.

CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) was looking for a camp in northern Wyoming to hold a week of summer camp for children involved in their ministries. After meeting with us, they decided to use our facility this year to hold their first northern Wyoming camp. They have recently rebooked for next year! We love the work they do with children.

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR CAMP BETHEL

It's been five years of continuous work getting all the buildings remodeled, the grounds developed and infustructure put in place. Now it's time to focus on the future.

There are a few things that we really need to keep moving forward with. First, we need additional activities for our summer camps and rental groups. One big activity at our previous location was our climbing wall. We would like to build a climbing tower attached to the east end of the screen patio. A





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climbing tower would allow people to climb indoors so they are protected from the weather and allow the equipment to be protected, as well. The climbing tower would use an auto-belay system.

Second, we need a storage room for our tables and chairs when not in use. This room would be attached to the south side of the dining hall.

Third, we need two tiny homes. Currently we are borrowing people's RV's to house our summer program directors. With two tiny homes we would be able to house our summer program directors, as well as make them available to our rental groups and area pastors to come and stay for a time of refreshment.

Finally, we would like to build an outdoor worship area on the otherside of the Shell Creek. This would be a unique place to worship our Lord in His creation.

As, you can see, these items aren't wishful thinking items, but rather items needed for our current operations. The cost to do the five items would range from $500,000 - $650,000 (depending on the current economy at build time) to complete.

I have no idea how God will provide the funds, but He has always moved in the hearts of His people to provide in the past, and I am sure He will provide once again in His perfect timing.

If you feel God is calling you to be a part of the work He's doing here at Camp Bethel, you may make a donation payable to Camp Bethel and mail it to:

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Or you can make an online donation at:
https://www.campbethelwyo.com/donate
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## MEANWHILE PLEASE KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Here are a few things you can be praying for:

1. Wisdom in all the decisions the Board of Directors make
2. Wisdom for the staff in all that they do
3. God's continued financial provisions
4. People will continue to come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior and believer's to be encouraged in their walk with our Lord
5. God's continued protection from the evil one