

Camp Report – Summer 2011

“Metamorphosis: Character Change in Christ”

This year’s camp was based on **Romans 12:2** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV) During the week from August 8th through 12th at Camp Eagle Crest in Washburn, 55 children and 22 youth, along with 24 staff members, learned how to apply this important verse to their lives in both the Children’s Camp and Youth Camp.

In the daytime, we enjoyed excellent Bible teaching, interesting crafts, inspiring music and drama, fun recreation (including archery in the woods) and devotions in our cabins! In the evenings, we had a great time worshipping God, hearing inspiring messages, and spending time in fellowship. On our final night, the Children’s Camp performed in an awesome show for family and friends.

We shared the campground with the Ann Benjamin Camp of TCRC which provides a camping experience for teens and young adults who are mentally challenged. Our youth took an active part in spending time getting to know these special people.

Altogether, we had children and youth from 11 churches and staff from 7 churches in the Metro Peoria Baptist Association attend camp. Many campers and staff grew in their relationship with the Lord, with 12 children accepting Christ as Savior and Lord during the week. The impact of camp on the lives of those who attended was tremendous. It was an honor to serve and I give heartfelt thanks to the dedicated and hard-working staff, especially those who served for the first time at the camp. We look forward to serving again next year.

Pastor Jim Nelson
Camp Director