

# Merry Christmas!

Greetings from EMBC



## "FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE"

It is the time of the year when we ponder upon the Christmas Story. You know, the real Christmas Story, not the "Holiday" versions or one of the "Santa" stories. The first one, where a baby was born, and laid in a manger. I think much of the world passes it off as another fairy tale or legend, but those of us who trust in the Bible to be God's word, we know the truth. He is the truth, His life was true. It strikes me that as Christians we often reflect the world around us and the story becomes watered down and it feels somewhat mythical. I challenge you to not give way to those feelings and let the season go by without reflecting on the truth, the birth and life of Jesus.

I am struck anew this year by the words of Gabriel in Luke 1:37, "For with God, nothing shall be impossible." This year has been marked by the war in Ukraine, inflation, lies, hatred, bickering. Maybe I'm not alone in struggling to see the good. It doesn't seem possible. Then there's Jesus! Perhaps Zacharias and Mary felt the same way about the world around them. Gabriel gave them news that turned their world upside down. In their shock, he reminded them that with God nothing shall be impossible. For every promise of God shall surely come true. Do we live knowing that his promises will come true? Will we act with disbelief like Zacharias or say like Mary, "I am the Lord's servant"?



## GIRL'S DORMITORY IS READY TO GO!



This newsletter wouldn't be complete without PRAISE for the completed girls dorm project. Our thanks to those who have spent time on making this a reality. We want to express our gratitude. To everyone who has donated for the costs to upgrade the building, thank you! We are so excited to have these additional rooms for girls and the expansion for added campers. They have already been a blessing and we are grateful to be able to fully utilize them.



Can you tell, we are excited to see the completion of the girls dormitory? First, the donated building needed moving, and then, a renovation to better suit our needs. The building will also be able to serve as guest rooms since they have plumbing with adjoining showers and restrooms. It will be a great addition for reunions and retreats.



## Welcome Ron David Wenger

A little about myself, I moved to Bloomfield in 2006 when my father (Ron Wenger) took a pastoral position at Red Top Church. Being in the community, I attended EMBC camp from 2008 to 2011. From there I got involved and counseled off and on from 2011 to 2018 and was a summer intern the summers of 2012 to 2013. I moved to Oklahoma after graduating college for work but managed to get up to help counsel the summer of 2018. I didn't know it at the time, but I met my future wife Addie (Canen) Wenger. Addie and I got married in August 2020 and were blessed with our first child RJ (Ron Harley Howard Wenger) in October 2021. We moved back to Glendive in June 2022 where I work at WBI Energy.

Looking back, EMBC was a very formative part of my walk with the Lord. From camper to counselor to board member, I've wanted to keep coming back and investing in camp because I know firsthand how much impact the camp has on kids. I feel very blessed to be a part of camp again and I'm honored to be thought of when looking for a board member.



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How about a round of applause in *Thanks* to our outgoing board member, *Dee Jorgenson* and cook/food buyer *Dena Senner*! Thank you ladies for the hours and time you spent serving and working to share the Good News of Jesus to our campers.



Ron Wenger-Welcome our newest member who has roots here as a past intern at the camp. See article to the left.

*Pray for Camp Manager & Family  
 The Troesters  
 Anthony, Kaci, Wade, Quinten and  
 baby 3 on the way!*



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# What's Next?

So what's next? As we continue to update our aging buildings, the next in line for updating is the snack shoppe/nurse's cabin. It has been torn down and a new slab has been poured for the new pavillion and snack shoppe to come. Want to be involved? Give Anthony a call and see how you can lend a hand. Both skilled and unskilled labor can be utilized. The crew always enjoys snacks too!



# 2023 Staffing Needs

As always one of our greatest needs is for counselors at our summer camps. Have you ever thought about serving God at EMBC? Do you know someone who has a heart for kids and teenagers as well as sharing the Gospel? Please consider this opportunity.

Applications are on the camp webpage and you can always call and ask

questions! It is a great need and you may be just what we're looking for,

We're also looking for cooks and nurses. Do you have those skills? We also need committee members; those people who do the behind the scenes stuff. Consider the following committees.

Songfest Committee  
Thank You Team

# Membership Drive

Want to be a member?  
Dues are \$20 for a single and \$40 for a couple or family.  
See address on back.

Members are important. They help give us direction. Do you love EMBC? Want to be involved in reaching others? It helps our board and staff to know they have a group of people who backs them and supports what they are doing. Chances are if you get this letter, you have an interest in Eastern Montana Bible Camp. Help get the word out that we need people involved in camp ministry.



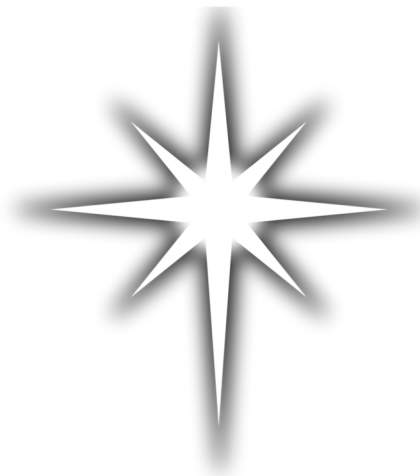
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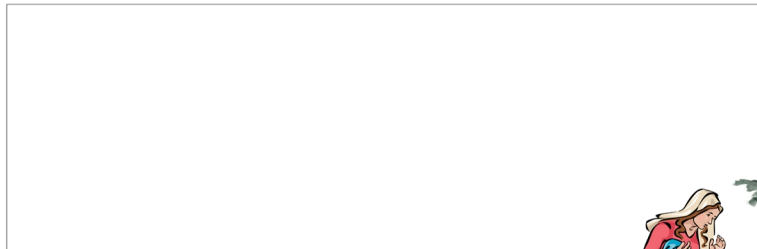
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## 2023 Camp Schedule

To use camp for an event in 2023 or 2024, please visit the website, <http://embcamp.org/calendar> to check for available dates.

Guest user information and agreement can be found online at <https://embcamp.org/guestuserinfo>.

EMBC will no longer be available in June which is reserved for EMBC camps. Little Bugs Day Camp will always be the second Tuesday of July.

Work Days - January 14, 19, 26; February 11, 16, 23; March 11, 16, 23. All work days will be 9am-5pm with lunch provided. If you have any questions, please contact Anthony @ (406) 850-8208.

Check Eastern Montana Bible Camp's Facebook page and <http://www.embcamp.org/> for updates.

- Man Cave ----- March 3-5
- Flourish ----- TBA
- Higher Challenge----- June 2 & 3
- Camp Prayer Meeting----- June 4
- Teen Camp ----- June 5-10
- Junior High Camp ----- June 12-17
- Junior Camp----- June 19-23
- Pioneer Camp ----- June 26-30
- Unruh Family Reunion ----- July 7-10 tentative
- EMBC Little Bugs Day Camp ----- July 11
- Entzel Family Reunion-----July 14-17
- EMBC Motorcycle Ride -----TBA
- Big Sky Kids Camp ----- July 31- August 4
- Unruh Crew----- August 4-6
- Women's Retreat----- September 7-9
- Songfest ----- September 17
- Annual Meeting ----- November 5



### Did you know?

The viewing of the Nativity play is one of the oldest Christmas traditions, with the first reenactment of the Nativity of Jesus taking place in A.D. 1223.