

## CAMP BLESSINGS IN 2020

The 2020 camping season at EMBC provided unique challenges and opportunities. Due to Covid-19 the board made the decision to postpone our regular four weeks of camp in June and instead combine camps and hold them the last two weeks of July. This meant our first week of camp was altered to include campers from grades 7th through 12th and our second week of camp joined 3rd through 6th graders. We needed to come up with plans for ways to keep our campers and staff healthy as well as some necessary rescheduling with the directors, speakers, cooks, counselors, and dish crew.

Our fearless leaders this year were Justin Wheadon and Mandy Belmont for the first week and Sean Fatzinger and Cory Nissley during the second week. These directors did a great job keeping the campers entertained, the staff encouraged, and the schedule flowing smoothly all while maintaining a focus on Christ.

The speakers for the first week, Brett Eliason and Ron Dazell, focused their talks on the topic of finding our identity in Christ. We so often find our identity in activities and things around us, such as our friends, our grades, the sports we play, etc. but, all those things can disappear or be taken away from us. However, when we find our identity in Christ we realize that who we are in Him and who He has called us to be never changes and cannot be taken away. The main chapel message and the morning split times were separated between Teen Campers and Junior High Campers and the speakers would take turns speaking to the different age groups. Both Brett and Ron handled this effortlessly.

The speaker for the second week of camp was Michael Laird. He had the challenge of being the only speaker so he had 3rd graders through 6th graders throughout all of the chapel services. Nonetheless, Michael expertly kept the campers engaged through his story-telling and his illustrations that often involved the campers becoming part of the story. Michael spoke about forgiveness and the definition of forgiveness that was emphasized was "Forgiveness: Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

We had several new counselors this year, as well as, several returning ones. All of them were dedicated to bringing campers into relationship with Christ and fulfilling the great commission. The returning counselors brought experience and familiarity with the camp and the new counselors brought new perspectives and thoughts for improving the camping experience.

While there were changes and challenges, God never fails to show up and guide us through. This year at camp we saw God show up during the chapel services, around the campfires, at cabin time, and in the little conversations between campers while waiting to go on the jungle swing, rock wall, or zip line.

God was also there in the quiet service of those working to keep the camp clean and safe. It was clear in every opportunity that, as God's followers, we let our faith in Him and our love for others define who we are.

With the help of Larry, the outgoing Camp Manager, Anthony, the new Camp Manager, Dena and all of the cooks, Marco and Teresa, our enthusiastic volunteers, Barry and Marilyn, our dishwashers and table cleaners, the registration team, and the EMBC Board, and by the grace of God, Eastern Montana Bible Camp's 2020 camp season was a success. May we continue to serve God and seek out His guidance for the 2021 camp season and into the future.



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### What is Christian Freedom?

Christian freedom is not about having the freedom to do whatever you want. It's about being free from the power of sin for the purpose of being a slave to righteousness (Romans 6:17-18). Christian freedom enables us to live for Christ and it frees us to love others with the same love that we have so freely received from Him.

### EMBC members:

This has been a wild and crazy year at EMBC. With the Covid bug going around it has been a challenge to have camp the way we normally do. One of the normal things we do is to have our Annual Meeting, and with no exception it will be happening this year too.

On Sunday, November 1 at EMBC, a noon meal will be served from 12:00 to 1:30, meeting will follow, but that is not all! We will be also celebrating some special things after the meeting this year: the end of our Vision 20/20 campaign and the passing off the torch of the camp manager's position from Larry Albetson to Anthony Troester. Please come prepared to tell your best story about Larry. Also, we want to give Dena Senner recognition for the many years of being cook for EMBC camps; she is retiring from that job this year. Please come for a good meeting and a fun celebration Sunday, November 1st.

On another note, we made good progress on the new girls dorm this year with the help of some special organizations. Tech Serve. and the RVICS organizations both sent groups out to camp this year to help us with work on the girls' dorms; they got a lot done. If you have a minute at the annual meeting, I encourage you to check it out.

Finally, I want to thank all who gave of their time and money to make camp go this year. I would be negligent if I did not also let you know that there is a bigger need than ever at camp. We have fallen way short on our finances this year because of the Covid-19 problem. We just did not have the income this year but seemed to have about the same expenses. If you can partner with EMBC in your giving this fall, we can sure use the help. Thank you.

Martin Senner  
EMBC President



This year we had a couple of groups come volunteer at the camp to help with building projects. The two groups were Tech Serve and RVICS. Tech Serve is a ministry who serves the needs of those who spread the love of Jesus Christ. There were eight people here from Arkansas and Florida. They did a lot of work on the new girls dorm including: plumbing, electrical work, drywall, and the new cement porch. RVICS is a ministry of full time RVers who travel to different ministries around the United States to help on projects. We had three couples here to help. They picked up where the Tech Serve team left off with getting the new girls dorm ready for campers. This included finishing up drywall work, painting, installing sinks, and building and staining bunks. They also did other work around the camp such as planting flowers, cleaning and organizing the camp house for Anthony and family, sewing curtains, and staining the wooden beams outside the dining hall. I was blessed to participate in their morning devotions, weekly Bible studies, and social meals and games. Their hard work and dedication to the Lord was a blessing to us and helped us to run our two weeks of camp safely and smoothly. - Darren Green

**OUR NEWEST  
TEAM MEMBERS**

My name is Gavin Goroski. I was born and raised in Eastern Montana. I've been involved with EMBC in numerous ways over the years. I attended as a camper, counseled for over a decade, directed a week, and interned for a season. EMBC has been an important part of my life and I plan to stay involved for as long as I can.



My name is Michelle Switzer, I grew up on a cattle ranch outside of Richey and just moved back to work while I go to school to get my master's in counseling. I am currently serving as the Vice Secretary on the EMBC Board. I love being involved with camp in whatever ways possible, this year was my 10th year being a cabin counselor! Thank you for your continued prayers and support, without all of you camp would not be possible!



My name is Melissa Raisl; I am married to Chris, who grew up attending EMBC. I grew up attending ERBC (Echo Ranch Bible Camp) in Juneau, Alaska. Chris and I met and married at MSU in Bozeman, then for the next 10 years we

lived in various places as Chris served in the Army. In 2017 we moved to Bloomfield to farm and raise our three boys. I love to bake and organize.



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**MEET THE TROESTERS**

Some of you may not know, but this spring Larry Albertson, our camp manager, let the board know that God was calling him in a different direction. In light of this, the board started looking for Larry's replacement. After much prayer and careful consideration, Anthony Troester was hired as EMBC's camp manager on July 1st. Anthony grew up in north central Montana, and after moving a couple different times, graduated high school from Colorado Springs Christian School, in Colorado Springs, CO. After high school Anthony worked as a ranch hand and then made his way to North Dakota to work in the oilfield. When the slow down in '15 hit God led Anthony to attend Montana Wilderness School of the Bible. It was here that Anthony met his wife Kaci.

Kaci Anderson grew up in Wibaux, MT and has enjoyed many summers at EMBC. In fact, Kaci and her twin sister Kati, actually worked for Larry out here for several summers. It was during one of these summers that Kaci told Larry, that she was going to take his job one day... little did she know.

After going to bible college together, Anthony and Kaci were married in October of 2016. On September 6, 2018 they welcomed their first son, Wade, into the world. This past May the Lord blessed them with another son, Quinten. The Troesters attend Community Bible Church where Anthony is currently serving on the board. After working on a ranch near Wibaux, Anthony was drawn back to oilfield where he worked until he was laid off this past March. Unexpectedly God used this lay off to open the doors for Anthony and his family to pick up where Larry and his family left off. The Troesters are moved out to camp now and are excited to see how God uses them during their time here at EMBC.

The Troesters are currently raising support to work at camp, if you would like to support them or just want to chat with them, the best ways to reach them are:

406-850-8208 Anthony's Cell  
406-850-1379 Kaci's Cell  
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**EMBC ANNUAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020  
LUNCH SERVED 12PM-1:30**

Meeting to follow  
Vision 20/20 update  
Passing of the Camp  
Manager Torch-  
Larry to Anthony  
Appreciation and recognition  
of Larry & Jill Albertson and  
Dena Senner for years at  
EMBC