

FaHoCha Times

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Exciting News!!!

We are excited to announce that we are actively exploring hiring a Business/ Communications Manager for a full time position. They would serve with us, in the mission of FaHoCha Bible Conference. We would have an office in Devils Lake during the off-season of camp ministry. Look for specific announcements soon!

This is a big step for us as a ministry and organization. We have been in need of more help for quite some time. It will require extra funding to start with, but it should increase our ministry scope and efficiency as an organization. Ultimately, it is the prayer and desire that there would be more impact for the Kingdom of Christ.



We will be participating in this campaign again. It is February 13, 2025. The proceeds will be towards the 75 initiative of which the current project is the game room / snack shack. Look for more information regarding this coming out in the new year on our facebook page and website.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

We are now in that special time of year which we call the advent season. Advent simple means coming / arrival. In Christianity, it is the 4 weeks plus celebration of the first coming of Jesus, which leads up to Christmas. You probably have heard the story of Christmas many times. I love it! It is my favorite time of year!

Can you imagine though to have lived in that time of Jesus birth. Very few recognized it for what it was—even if the understanding just in part. Joseph and Mary, of course, were on the scene first hand. The shepherds experienced it when an Angel appeared to them and told them what had just happened and they went to worship Him.

Elizabeth and Zechariah, the parents of John the Baptist, experienced it when they saw her. Elizabeth's baby (John), leapt in her womb as she greeted the pregnant Mary. She was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the blessing to be!

Simeon and Anna, met baby Jesus in the temple. The Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would see the "Messiah" before he died.

We have had the history now to fully understand what the first coming was all about, and we continue to celebrate the first advent. I pray that we fully recognize and understand it for what it is. Could it be though, that we actually live in the time of second advent? That is the second coming

We don't know when He will return, but it will be completion of our salvation into resurrection and eternal life with Jesus and all the Saints. This Christmas season let us celebrate in light of the first advent, but live in preparation for the second advent! This world is not our home. We prepare for eternity and making sure as many are there with us as possible. We should live with the knowledge that everything has eternal consequences, and that, is what really matters after all. Life is short but eternity is long! Have a blessed Christmas season! Amen!

All for the Kingdom,

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WISH LIST ITEMS

- Outdoor grade pool table for damp areas
- Misc Dewalt tools and batts
Dewalt 7 1/4 circular saw
Dewalt 16 gauge nailer,
Dewalt 60v batts and charger
- Tractor / loader
- Good Queen mattress & box spring

GAME ROOM / SNACK SHACK / HANG OUT

One of my favorite projects thus far, is the one, that is going on right now, at FaHoCha. It is the Game room / snack shack / hang out area. I love to see the joy on kids' (and staff) faces when they are having fun hanging out. This space will be a great hang out area for campers, staff, and retreaters. It will feature the ability to play music and videos. There will be sitting and visiting areas inside, and in the porch area connected. There is thought going into the ambience of special lighting as well. We hope to feature some new game room games as well as the old favorites. The new snack shack area will be cool shack look, and give us more office space back in the old snack shack.

The structure is 40' x 80', with a 16' x 80' patio attached. It will feature exposed old poles of the shop that that was there previously, and a 12' ceiling for lots of wild ping pong and pop-a-shot. It will also have its own bathrooms.

This place will also give us the needed space for rainy days when we need a place to be and learn verses in our teams. Our options for indoor pace right now is very limited.

We hope to be up and running for next summers' camps but it will be nip and tuck with the time frame. We also need to raise finances to complete this project still as well, but we are moving forward in faith as we feel this a necessary move for the needed space to operate. It will be a blessing to all who get to enjoy it! I have included the outside pic from last newsletter and a sneak peak into the patio area.



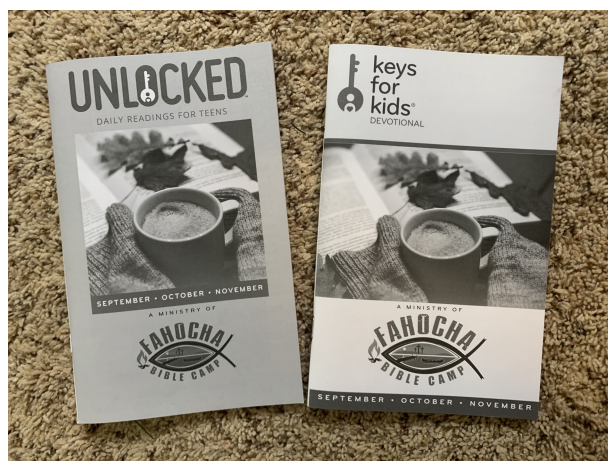
New Keys for Camps Program

If you had campers at camp this past summer, they will have received quarterly copies of either Keys for Kids devotionals, or Unlocked devotionals for teens. If you had campers there and you haven't received them, please let us know.

This is our first year in a program called Keys for Camps. It is a ministry of Keys for Kids which used to be known as Children's Bible Hour. They have many other resources for children and teens as well. The devotionals are similar to the adult devotionals called, "our Daily Bread".

It was a step out in faith and love to provide personalized subscriptions to all campers. We pray that the campers have been using them and growing in their relationship with Jesus along the way from its' daily encouragements!

If you feel led to be a part of continuing to provide this tool to campers, please let us know. Also, we would love to hear parents and or campers feedback in regards to this program!



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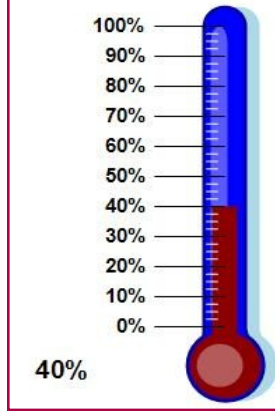
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Monthly Giving Goal



75 INITIATIVE

The 75 Initiative was a part of our 75 years of ministry celebration that is an ongoing initiative! We have a goal to raise the funds within 75 months for 4 projects - the shop, game room / snack shack, Office/Nurse Station addition, and chapel.

How it works is that when you give a gift towards a project you include 75 in the gift. For example gifts would be like \$20.75 or \$175 or \$750. This would be then an indicator of your intention for the gift to part of the 75 Initiative.

This summer, a cement apron for the shop was poured and the game room / snack shack is nearly closed in for the winter. It is still ongoing this fall yet. We still need about \$100,000 to finish the game room / snack shack. If you feel led to be a part of this, please let us know. This is an exciting project for the kids and staff. We have not had adequate indoor space for quite some time for the size of our camps. Please pray with us to complete this project.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

For a great Christmas celebration for everyone
 For our lake flooding to subside
 For ongoing resources—help, finances
 For wisdom and energy as we plan and prepare for a new season of ministry and camp
 For all to go well as we prepare to bring in a new staff member—Business / Comm. Manager
 For our summer staff search that begins now
 For the Lord's direction on a new theme for 2025
 For revival

For love, joy, and peace in the world



PRAISES

For Jesus being the "Reason for the Season"
 For a beautiful fall with much being done
 For an opportunity for a little rest
 For the Lord's provision in crazy ways
 For strength in a hard year
 For all our prayer warriors and financial helpers
 For the families the Lord has graciously given us
 For the New Year approaching and new beginnings
 For the spiritual growth in people
 For getting our building project getting closed in for the winter