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Montgomery is celebrating its 50th year of ministry in 2007.

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Summer Camp Offers Strong Christian Focus



Summer Camp is more than games, sailing, and behind the boat. Studies have shown that a week of summer camp is the equivalent to one year's worth of Sunday school. A recent Presbyterian Church (USA) study showed that 64% of pastors had a faith shaping experience in a camp setting. Why?

For 51 years Montgomery's summer camps have provided young people the opportunity to learn about their faith and put it into practice. Camp provides a space, away from daily life, to learn experientially about faith.

Each day begins with personal devotional time. Bible Study follows later in the day when campers learn about themselves and their relationship with Christ. Each evening concludes with an evening worship service that campers plan and lead.

As one parent writes, "Being around good, solid role models and the informal discussions about life from a Christian standpoint shows [my daughter] the practical day-to-day application of her faith." Moments like this are the ones remembered most as campers look back on their experience at Montgomery. One parent said, "We've been looking for a camp like this since we arrived in Jacksonville two years ago – a camp with a strong Christian emphasis."

A "strong Christian emphasis" and "good, solid role models" are what set Montgomery Presbyterian Center apart from other camps. Come be a part of a life-changing experience. For more information visit our web site www.montgomerycenter.org.

The Sanctuary at Camp Montgomery



The Sanctuary on 8th Street, an urban mission in downtown Jacksonville, participated in Montgomery Presbyterian Camp again this summer. For the past several years, the Sanctuary has sent a group of campers to enjoy the experiences at Montgomery. Vicki Watkins, Sanctuary Director, says, "The kids come back with such wonderful stories of camp. Each of them gains so much from the experience of being at Camp Montgomery." Montgomery looks forward to continuing its relationship with the Sanctuary on 8th Street.

Work & Worship



Join on us Saturday, October 21st from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm as we complete phase 3 of our landscaping project. We are continuing to upgrade the appearance of the site, and this quarter's project will include finishing the planting around the Office, Inn, and Towers Chapel. Work is available for people of all skill levels. Enjoy a day of fellowship, work, worship, and lunch at Montgomery. RSVP to P.J. Brobston at pj@montgomerycenter.org.

Enrichment 2007

Montgomery Presbyterian Center is pleased to be hosting Enrichment, a premier event in St. Augustine Presbytery for enriching the lives of brothers and sisters in every one of our churches. What began as a Christian Education event many years ago has grown significantly in both the range and scope of the offerings as well as the participation and excitement of the day.

This year there will be a wide variety of classes and workshops offering everything from spiritual growth to help in planning worship and education in your church setting. The success of this event is not just in the numbers who attend but in the transformation it offers through wonderful, engaging, and spiritually uplifting time spent together in the name of Jesus Christ.

Celebrate our Presbyterian identity by joining us to learn and grow together. This event is a great way to enrich your church programs with creativity and spirituality. Look over the courses offered and sign up today.

For more information, please click on the following link, [Enrichment 2007](#) at www.staugpres.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Staff Transition

The staff of Montgomery and the Montgomery Camp and Conference Committee thank John Ragsdale for his service to Montgomery these last two years. His ministry of hospitality will continue with us as we build on the principles he brought here. He has helped to shape the future of the camp, sharing his ministry of love and hospitality with the churches, guests and the staff that utilize this special place. We wish him the best as he follows God's call to his work at the First Presbyterian Church in Green Cove Springs.

With the staff transition taking place, Montgomery is accepting applications for the position of Program Director. We are looking for individuals of high Christian conviction, personal integrity, aptitude for leadership and Christian hospitality, and experience in programming. Preference will be given to members of the Presbyterian Church (USA), either ordained or non-ordained. The position is salaried, full-time, and includes full Board of Pension benefits. On-site housing is provided.

Interested individuals should submit their PIFs or resumes to P.J. Brobston at the address below. Mr. Brobston may also be contacted via e-mail.