

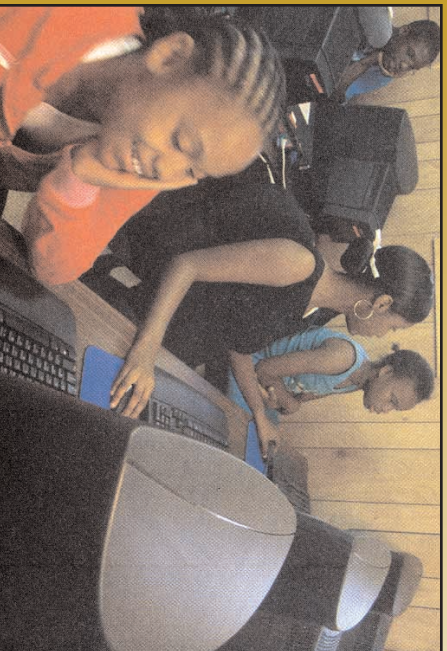
# CAMP PIONEER TUTORING PROGRAM



Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m., an average of 21 children, as young as 5 years old rush into the gymnasium at Camp Pioneer looking for something, even if they don't know they are. There are tutors waiting and anxious to meet their unspoken needs.

The sometimes rambunctious, but always eventually responsible, students come to get homework help and tutoring in areas they don't understand. Tutors want to give them more. They want to teach them, even through academia, what it means to have an abundant life in Jesus Christ.

This year, Pioneer Ministries has been blessed with a tutoring staff who are Christians and daily striving to live by the Spirit. Not only do they encourage the students from the youngest



to the oldest to learn the skills that will make them academically successful, but also skills that will cause them spiritual prosperity.

As students complete their school work, tutors build relationships with them through conversation, personal challenges and a few games of one-on-one.

At the end of the academic year, however, the entire staff expects to have accomplished a goal: students who wholly understand the meaning of II Timothy 2:15, "study to show yourself approved."



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# PIONEER NEWS

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## God is Mindful

As we approach another fall/winter season, it leads me to think about the annual journey in which the worlds revolve around the sun, tilted at just the right angle, continuously rotating on its axis, interacting perfectly with the moon to bring about the four seasons. All of this action is perfectly synchronized and has never missed a beat since the beginning of time, providing the vital life sustaining environment all living creatures must have. After that thought, my mind starts to ponder one of the most profound statements of all time "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). It is a fascinating statement because it challenges the reader/hearer to accept God as totally God or to reduce him to someone much less.



**Ronald M. Bingham**  
*Administrator Elect*

God stated at the end of each day of creation that "He...saw that it was good (Gen. 1)̄. That includes mankind. However man fell from the state of "good" and† could not get himself back up (Gen 3). But God in His sovereign plan had already decided on a plan of redemption in order to bring glory to His name and to demonstrate His great love, mercy, grace and power to all His creation.

I don't pretend to understand it all, but I have witnessed His redemption working in the lives of young people over a number of years. As I take on the challenge of leading Pioneer Ministries into the future Psalms 8:4 (NASB) comes to mind, What is man that you take thought of him. And the son of man that You care for him?" I will need your prayers and support to be able to keep momentum going and to exceed what has already been accomplished.

## Camp Pioneer's 1st Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser

**1ST PLACE:** Nolan Smith, Carl Young, Victor Andrews, Lee Bernard; **2ND PLACE:** Mississippi Department of Transportation; **3RD PLACE:** William Allen, C. Bass, Anthony Brown, CB Barnes; **MOST HONEST:** Maj. Gen. James Donald, Von Brown, Otis Nixon, Leon Collins; **Putter Contest winner:** Sid White



On October 1, 2009 Pioneer Ministries held our 1st golf tournament and fundraiser at Brookwood Country Club. The festivities began the night before the tournament with a prayer and celebration service at Cade Chapel M.B. Church with Dr. Horace Buckley, Sr. pastor and Rev. Reginald Buckley in attendance.

Former camper Major General James Donald was our master of ceremonies, and

Pioneer Ministries Administrator Elect Rev. Ronald Bingham gave the background and history of camp. Rev. Bingham also narrated a slide show of pictures that represented camp from past to present.

Recent camper, Jamesha Todd gave her testimony of how her experience in camp this summer changed her life. Since camp her grades have improved. As a result of her

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## So Much to be Thankful for ...



- ★ *New bathrooms added to cabins*
- ★ *Successful summer camp with no serious sickness or injuries*
- ★ *Committed summer counseling staff*
- ★ *Lisa Cummings Willis full time staff*
- ★ *New computers donated to replace the stolen ones*
- ★ *Successful Golf Tournament*
- ★ *New friends and prayers supporters*
- ★ *Tutorial program twice a week*



experience at camp, she's learned bible verses that have continued to stick with her. Among her favorites was Isaiah 61:10. Barbara Sanders, Summer Program Director, gave here testimony of how camp helped her to realize God's great love for her. We were also blessed to have Mr. Sunny Parks, a generous supporter of the tournament, give his testimony and youth challenge.

Otis Nixon and Candi Staton came from Atlanta to support the tournament and were also present at our celebration service. Gospel singer and famous recording artist Candi Staton blessed us with her beautiful worship songs. We were able to celebrate 60 years of service to the community by giving God praise! After a night of celebration, we started the tournament with lunch and putting contests. Mayor Harvey Johnson officially kicked us off with a brief welcome speech expressing his appreciation for Camp Pioneer's service before tee off.

We thank all those who made the Golf Tournament a success. We extend many thanks to Major General Donald, the Golf Tournament Committee Chairman, and all



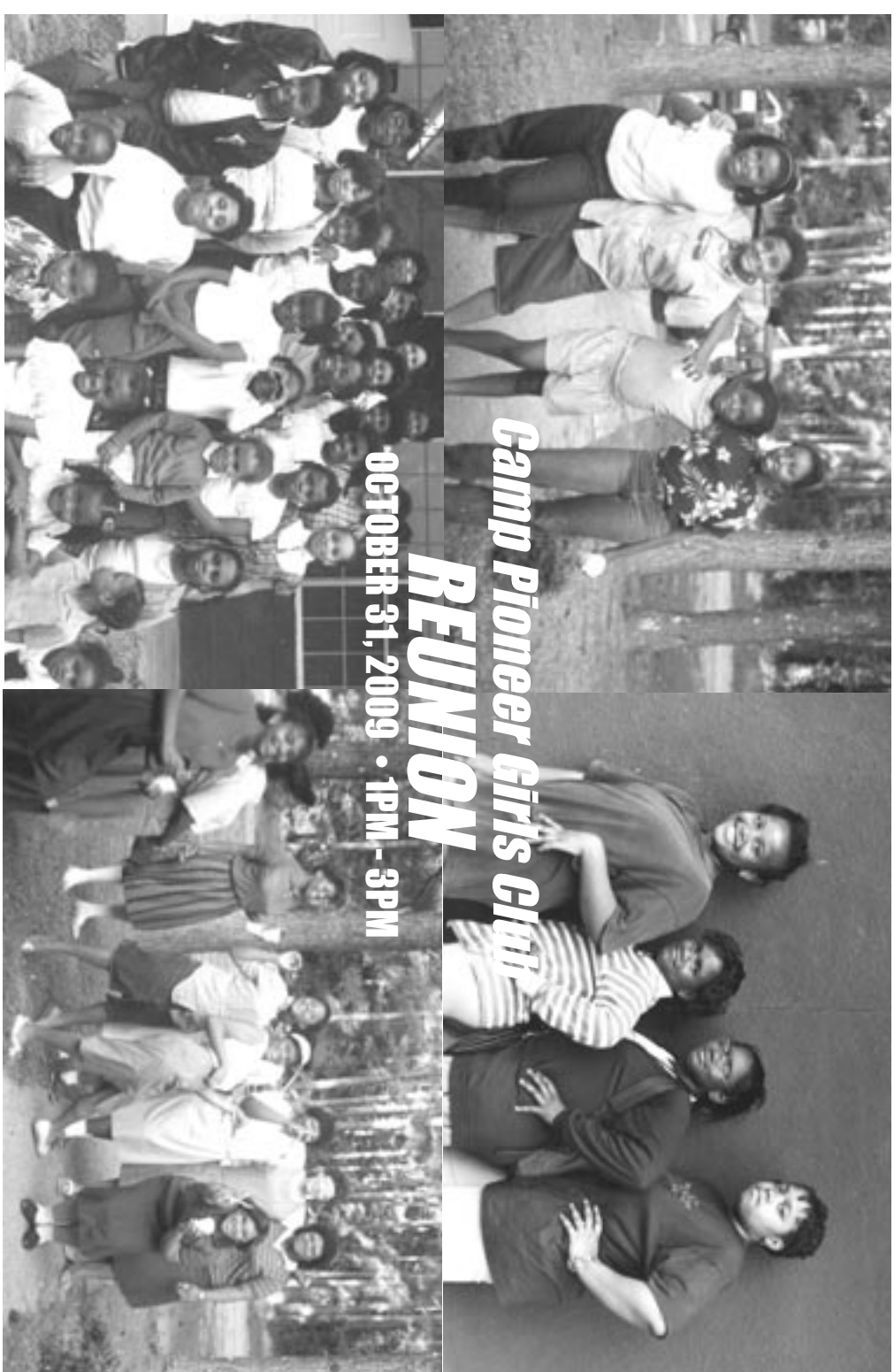
those who served on the Executive and Honorary Committee. We appreciate every golfer and corporate sponsor who made this event a success. To those who gave of their time and resources generously, you have been a great help in ensuring Pioneer Ministries can continue their work in the community.

**Featured Recipe**  
**KIDS DIRT CUP!**  
 Combine equal parts of yogurt and chocolate pudding. Top with crushed Cocoa Puffs Cereal or Choc Wafer Cookies crumbled. Add a gummy worm.  
 Submitted by Valetta Ross  
 Merrillville, IND.

*Comin' Up*  
**Leader in Training Workshop**  
**January (TBA)**  
**Marriage Retreat**  
**January 30, 2010**  
**Summer Camp dates**  
**June 1 - July 9, 2010**

REGISTRATION FORM: Hurry and mail this registration form along with a \$25 per person non-refundable deposit to reserve your spot at Camp 2010. (Registration fee will be applied to Camp Fee upon arrival. (Please print clearly)

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Camp Week 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age at camp time \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed this spring \_\_\_\_\_ Buddy's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age at camp time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 I give permission for pictures taken of my child and letters written by my child during camp to be used for publicity ( Yes /  No)  
 Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health Survey: Emotional or Health Problems \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies or Allergic Reactions \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate date of last Tetanus Shot \_\_\_\_\_ Regular medication \_\_\_\_\_  
 Activity Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Accident/Health Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Camper Commitment: I (Camper) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by the rules of Camp Pioneer. We understand that improper behavior and/or violation of rules may result in early termination of camp week, with no refunds.  
 Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Camper Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**Camp Pioneer Girls Club**  
**REUNION**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2009 • 1PM - 3PM**

It's been so many years... so much has happened... Let's get together and get reacquainted! Pass the word. If you know anyone who participated in the Girls Club between 1984 and 1994 let them know we will be getting together for an informal luncheon to "Catch Up" on life and have a relaxing time of food-fun-fellowship.

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**LETTER:**

*I had a great time. I loved the bible study, set apart sessions, challenge courses, hiking and I especially loved the food. Camp Pioneer taught me that Jesus can change all of my bad ways. I also learned thirteen verses. I have three favorite verses Psalms 19:14, Isaiah 61:10 and Lamentations 5:17. I am going to go to Camp Pioneer next year.*

*Signed: Pamela*

**My Camp Experience**  
 This Summer I was blessed and privileged to serve at Camp Pioneer as a counselor. I did more than earn a pay check or tell some young people what to do every day. There I met people that were true Christians who loved the Lord while having fun and enjoying life. Camp Pioneer challenged me spiritually, physically, and mentally and in each of those areas I was surprised at how rapidly I grew. Although the children were the ones coming to the camp, I felt it taught the counselors just as much as it taught them. I learned the importance of teamwork. Not only in athletics but in praying together. I also found what it really meant to have a true relationship with God: Never before had I been in a situation where the majority of people respected and loved God and would show it in their actions. It felt great to see the impact you had on others lives. It brought tears to my eyes to see the children and the teenagers come and trust us with their problems and issues. Many of them accepted christ as their Savior. A camp like this lets me know that there is still hope for our youth.  
 Minister Lyle Lee  
 Ludlow, MS