

Praise God for His faithfulness through the all the weeks. The garden experience was another adventure of the summer that proved to be profitable for teaching and training. I learned and I am still learning much from the process of preparing, planting, pruning, and harvesting the produce. In our garden we had/have sweet potatoes, mustard greens, green onions, collard greens, corn, watermelons, purple hull peas, tomatoes, and squash. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Coleman for planting the garden and for the lessons you taught us as you shared



one early morning before breakfast. The Colemans shared how the garden needed water daily— either by God or the water hose; they pointed out that the water from the water hose is not the same as the rain, it has additives that can stunt the growth of the plants; they went on to share how the difference in the soil makes a difference in the rate of growth of the plant, and so many other environmental elements affect the growth of the plant and the production of fruit; the soil sometimes needs nutrients added to it to produce a good harvest; different plants have differing harvesting times.

We praise God for the privilege of being a part the Camp 2009 experience. And we continue to proclaim Psalm 126:3, "The Lord has done Great things for us; whereof we are glad."



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### Featured Recipe PUPPY CHOW

- Ingredients (nutrition)
- 9 cups crispy rice cereal
  - 1/2 cup peanut butter
  - 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
  - 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

#### Directions

1. In a saucepan over low heat, melt the chocolate, add peanut butter and mix until smooth.
2. Remove from heat, add cereal and stir until coated cereal and shake until well coated. Store in airtight container.

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# PIONEER NEWS

Summer 2009

## Introducing . . .

New to the Camp Pioneer Ministries is **Lisa Cummings Willis**. Coming to us from Chicago, Lisa will be working as our full time office staff person and will help develop and coordinate the fall and winter programs. She will also actively participate in public relations and fundraising efforts for the camp. "Transitioning from Chicago was not easy, leaving my comfort zone, but following the leading of God's call on my life has already been rewarding."



## Golf Tournament and Annual Fundraiser

Pioneer Ministries will host its first annual Golf Tournament and Annual Fundraiser on Thursday, October 1, 2009. The tournament will be held at Brookwood Golf Course in Byram, Mississippi. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and Tee Off time is at 1:30 p.m.

Entry fee: \$60.00 registration fee per golfer includes golf fee. Contest tickets: \$5 for longest drive contest and \$5 for putting contest. Deadline for pre-registering is Sept. 17, 2009.

Proceeds will benefit Pioneer Ministries / Camp Pioneer.

Mail form and entry fee to: Camp Pioneer Ministries Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 6182, Jackson, Mississippi 39288.

For more information or to register visit [www.pioneerministries.org](http://www.pioneerministries.org) or call 601-939-3659.

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In 1948, Camp Pioneer was founded by Rev. and Mrs. Erwin R. Wedel in Jackson, Mississippi. Camp Pioneer was one of the first ministries of its kind developed to reach black youth in this section of the country.

From its beginning, Camp Pioneer, located in Pearl, Mississippi eight miles east of Jackson, has operated as a non-profit, nondenominational Christian camp whose purpose is to reach young people and lead them to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Our aim is to give each camper rich educational, social, recreational, and spiritual experiences in the out-of-doors. We hope to play a significant role in reversing the crisis taking place in the lives of many young people.

During the summer months,

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## My Camp Pioneer Experience SUMMER 09

### LETTER:

To Whom It May Concern:

My daughter Jamesha attended Camp Pioneer this summer and came back a changed individual. Before she left, she had a problem of talking back to her elders. She came back from camp a considerate individual. She shared with me that she had learn many scriptures at camp and was told to apply the Word to her life. She has and in doing so, she has opened up to me. This is something she hadn't done in a long time. She is a different child in a good way. Now we have a bond that cannot be broken. Thank you so much for all that you have instilled in my child. I am ever so grateful.

Sincerely,  
 LaShone Whitehead

Hello my name is Natasha Henderson. My summer 09 was spent at the greatest camp in the world, Camp Pioneer. On the account that I didn't know if I was going to work here this summer it went wonderful. God came through. I didn't want to waste my summer. Camp Pioneer challenged me in many ways. I am from Shreveport and this past year hadn't been a walk in the park. After facing the harsh realities of life, I really needed to take a break from the real world. I felt that my spiritual life was at a stand still, it wasn't expanding. My spiritual life needs a lift. When I got to camp I was ready to take on the challenge of becoming a better Christian. Often I felt as though God never spoke to me. In the final hot topic forum I realized that he had been speaking to me a lot and I was looking for big signs. I realized from

many testimonies that I wasn't here by coincidence. It was God desire that I was here. I love the family atmosphere here. Despite the heat it was great. I praise God because he protected us and all our campers the whole summer. Camp Pioneer has helped me realized why it's so important to rid some things out of my life. It revealed what's important in my life and what is not. The ways God used me to minister to the campers was amazing. Camp helped me to renew my mind and seek the Lord in everything I do. I truly went through an Extreme Makeover while Learning to Lean on my Living Loving Lord. The staff along is a great encouragement. I thank God for all the lifelong friends I have been met and my new family. I truly enjoyed my time at Camp Pioneer. Thanks for having me.

—Natasha Henderson, counselor"

Mission, continued from page 1

Camp Pioneer provides campers with an exciting week of Christian leadership. The gospel is presented daily through cabin devotions, Bible study, singing, campfire services, one-on-one counseling and other activities.

Not all who come to Camp Pioneer are Christians. We do not believe that Christianity should be forced upon anyone. We feel that

without pressure or prodding, we can provide an atmosphere where campers are able to think seriously about eternal and lasting values.

The ministries of Camp Pioneer have helped to mold and to redirect the lives of many children who have become assets to their church, home, and community. Many of our campers have gone on to become doctors, businessmen, military officers, and dedicated laymen.

## Comin' Up

<b>September 8</b>	Tutorial Program Tuesday - Thursday 4pm-6pm
<b>September (TBA)</b>	Leadership Training Program
<b>October 1</b>	Golf Tournament Fundraiser
<b>November (TBA)</b>	Girls Club Reunion Luncheon
<b>February 2010</b>	Annual Marriage Retreat

Save The Date!

Camp Dates 2010 • June 14 - July 17, 2010

## CAMP PIONEER TUTORIAL

120 Camp Pioneer Rd. • Pearl Ms

**BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 - Registration and get acquainted**

**Location: Camp Gymnasium**

**Tuesday and Thursday • 4-6** (4:30-5:30 actual tutoring time)  
*Specializing in Reading, English and Homework help*

**NO COST • Snack will be provided**

**Contact: Ms Lisa @601-939-3659 or call/text 773-370-1724 for more information**

**TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED - LOCAL AREAS**

Golf Tournament, continued from page 1

### Title Sponsor / \$3000

- Three (3) teams of four (4) players in the Tournament
- Three (3) holes sponsorship signs on #1, #9 and #18
- Company logo placed in Tournament advertisements
- Company logo placed on Tournament banner
- Lunch for twelve (12) players and beverages

### Presenting Sponsor / \$1500

- Two (2) teams of four (4) players in the Tournament
- Two (2) holes sponsorship signs on #9 and #18
- Company logo placed in Tournament advertisements
- Company logo placed on Tournament banner
- Lunch for eight (8) players and beverages

### Corporate Partner / \$500

- One (1) team of four (4) players in the Tournament
- One (1) hole sponsorship signs
- Company logo placed on Tournament banner
- Lunch for four (4) players and beverages during play

### Team Sponsor / \$300

- One (1) team of four (4) players in the Tournament
- Lunch for four (4) players and beverages during play

### Hole Sponsor / \$100

- One (1) hole sponsorship sign

### Individual Sponsor / \$75

- Lunch for one (1) player and beverages during play

### SIGN UP YOUR TEAM MEMBERS BELOW

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for pictures taken of my child and letters written by my child during camp to be used for publicity (o Yes / o 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# SUMMER CAMP 2009

Praise God!! From Him flowed the blessings of campers, staff, helpers, volunteers and friends such that we were equipped to received the blessing of the Lord's presence as He did GREAT AND MIGHTY things across our six weeks of camping.

First, I give God glory for all our **prayer warriors** who stood in the gap for us across the year and during the summer. Praise God for the Granger family--for the work and effort they put into making the camping experience at Camp Pioneer a once in a lifetime experience. It was a joy watching Mrs. Granger take the kitchen duties while shepherding and mentoring the young people in the kitchen. The services of the kitchen staff were efficient AND the meals were delicious!!!!!! I join with many of the campers to say the meals were at the top of the list of GREAT things about Camp Pioneer.

As Camp Director, Mr. Granger had a superb staff of counselors who loved the Lord and mentored and monitored the campers, in the midst of very hot weather, and very long days.

Praise God for the assistance of Coach Justin Sanders as the Director of Summer Programming as well as the Director of Recreational Activities; Ms Tamekia Stewart as the Summer Camp Office Coordinator, and the Camp Registrar. What a blessing they were. Mr. Bradley Thomas was on staff doing our public relations/promotions/publicity during the summer. This is our first time having someone to do these activities during the camping season and it was very profitable, publicity-wise.

Praise God for some other GREAT THINGS that made us glad this summer:

- Kari Thomas in the lifeguarding position, along with Mr. Daniel, and Mr. Bradley
- Volunteers who helped us by being excited to come and work alongside us – Ms. Maegan Mitchell, Ms Monique Mitchell, Mr. Robert Holloway (Chef Bob), Mrs. Donna McNair, Mr. Wilfred and Mrs. Queen Coleman (Official gardeners), Mr. Albert Stapleton (brought his animals out for the day), Mr. Alja and Mrs. Regenia Hendry (track coach and camp nurse, respectively), Mrs. Iness Punni (camp nurse), Mr. Wallace Francis (Bible Class teacher and Campfire speaker), Mr. Ricky Jenkins (Bible Class teacher and Campfire speaker), Bro. Henry Murphy (Campfire speaker), Bro. Kevin Ware (Campfire speaker), Bro. James Washington (Bible Class teacher), Sis. Lillian Brown (Bible Class teacher and resident missionary), Sis. Myah Jefferson Lane (weekly resident missionary), Gloria Brown, Chicago, IL (kitchen helper/assisted with the music at campfire), Mrs. Yolanda Ford, (Spanish teacher), E. Louise Coleman (Teen Challenger), Greg Grimes, Mid State Artificial Limb Company (Teen Week Career Pathways), Dr. Gordon Skelton's team of engineers from Jackson State University, Peggy McKey and her fabulous horses, (horseback riding), William Allen, Jr. (Golf Instructor) Attorney Erin Pridgin (Career Pathways), Alfreda Jenkins (Teen Week Career Pathways), Jesse Slater (Martial Arts), Mr. Bryan Jefferson (Teen Week Career Pathways), Ms Melanie Hardin (Teen Career Pathways), Bro. Kevin Patterson (campfire speaker), Jackie Williams (Kitchen helper/construction project assistant). And many, many more.

Our theme for the two teen weeks was: **XTREME MAKEOVER** ... r- u- n Christ?, with 2 Corinthians 5:17 as the



theme verse, which states – If any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are made new. We challenged the teens to get and exemplify a makeover that looks vastly different than their peers and the rest of society. Our “set apart” sessions focused on Psalm 4:3, “But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself” Mr. John Sanders led the male campers into thought-provoking discussions about men **set apart** for God, while Ms Nicole Conley and Ms Tamekia Stewart challenged the young ladies to be godly in their thoughts and actions.

Our theme for the other three weeks for ages 6-12 was “**Learning to Lean on my Living Loving LORD.**” The theme verse was Proverbs 3:5, Trust in LORD with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. Each of these weeks were themed by activity, week two was Sports emphasis, week three was Computer & Discovery, and week four was Drama and Music. Each week we challenged the campers to learn all they could about our Lord, and then learn to trust Him no matter what the challenges are, because God is an alive God, and a loving God.

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