



CAMP PEARL MINISTRIES

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking a moment to look through the following information on Camp Pearl Ministries. Whether you are a newcomer in your awareness of Camp Pearl Ministries or one who is very familiar with our ministry, we appreciate the time you are taking to consider Camp Pearl Ministries.

Established in 1947, our goal of reaching people of all ages with the good news of Jesus Christ and seeing them grow in their faith remains the same. Although we are an independent ministry, we realize we are interdependent upon the many who financially make this ministry possible. Our expression, "**Together We Do More**," is not simply a slogan to be memorized for we depend upon the "many" who make up the "together" in order for us to do "more."

Our ministry is not funded by a large denomination that underwrites all our expenses for we are independent of that. However, we are dependent on many who share our goal of reaching people with the clear gospel of Jesus Christ and seeing them grow in their faith. Honestly, we are not asking for a few people to give a lot of money, but rather a lot of people who can give a little. The many people who give a little make our "together we do more" a reality.

Would you be one of the many who can give a little?

In this information packet, you will find easy ways to give on a consistent basis which would allow us to not only maintain our ministry but also do the "more" that comes from our "together doing."

We would be honored to consider partnership with you in the gospel just as the Apostle Paul was with the Philippian church "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your **fellowship** in the **gospel** from the first day until now," Philippians 1:3-5. Part of our partnering would include us praying for you as well!

Together With You,

R. Don Barrett
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About Camp Pearl

Established in 1947, Camp Pearl was founded for the purpose of serving fourteen independent Bible Churches in Southeast Texas and Louisiana and is financially supported by those churches, countless individuals, and other churches. What started as a two-week summer camp has grown into seven weeks of camps during the summer and weekend retreats and property rentals throughout the year.

Camp Pearl has a fifty-six-acre campus and a staff of seven. We offer camping, conferences, retreats, seminars, and other events throughout the year for every age group.

We are intentionally gospel-focused, Christ-centered, and Bible-believing. At Camp Pearl, our prayer is to impact souls for eternity. To the glory of God, we have received many testimonies over our almost eighty years of continual ministry proving—over and again—God’s faithfulness.

Mission Statement

Camp Pearl Ministries exists to serve and support Bible teaching churches in Louisiana and Southeast Texas and help meet the spiritual needs of their communities.

Together We Do More

Our slogan is *Together We Do More*. This isn’t just a tagline on our website. It is our blueprint and our passion. It’s the *way* and the *how* of Camp Pearl Ministries. We repeat this slogan at our larger events—like our annual benefit auction—and around the table during our weekly staff meetings. We say it to one another often, cheerfully, as a reminder we aren’t doing this alone—nor are we meant to. In all our doing, *Together We Do More*.

Would you like to *Do More* with us?

The Challenge

SUMMER CAMPS

The need is great, but our God is greater! We don’t have to tell you about rising costs of groceries, insurance, and all the things that make a camp and retreat center run effectively. We rely on the support of churches and individuals to help us keep the lights on and keep camper fees as low as possible. We also provide “sponsorships” for campers who need financial assistance in order to attend. We don’t ever want a student to miss out on summer camp because of lack of funds.

“*Camp Pearl is a special place.*” We never tire of hearing this from the many who have spent part of their summers here with us—from campers, to volunteers, and to summer staff. And we believe it is a special place, too. It’s a place where eternities are changed, where young people are called into

missions and ministries, where kids meet Jesus for the first time as the Good News is shared often, with every opportunity. It's a place where lifelong friendships are found.

RETREATS AND EVENTS

Aside from summer camps and student retreats, we also host quarterly Senior Citizens Day events to love on our older saints, an annual Men's Retreat and an annual Ladies Retreat. Looking forward, we hope to add a Couples and/or Family Retreat Weekend to help build stronger marriages and minister to families in a relaxed setting with some all-too-rare "together time."

ANNUAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE

We've also been blessed to offer an annual 3-day Pastors' Conference in October, free of charge to attendees. All pastors are welcome! We bring in a guest speaker to encourage the encouragers, to pour into pastors who pour their lives into shepherding the flock, caring for the needs of others in self-sacrificing ways that often go unnoticed. This conference includes optional activities like golf, fishing, and skeet shooting. It's a time of refreshing and brotherly fellowship in Christ.

FACILITY RENTALS

Have an event on your calendar? Our campus is available for your organization or church to rent! With classrooms, a kitchen/diner, full-size air-conditioned gymnasium, open fields, pool, disc golf course, ropes course, dorms, and an 8-room motel, we can accommodate small and large groups (see our website for capacity). Consider us as a venue for your next church conference, retreat, or leadership getaway. Renting our facilities is just another way you can help Camp Pearl generate funds for our ongoing ministry. Plus, we believe you'll have a great time together while you're here. Learn more about rental requirements and fees at camppearl.com/rental.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Our campus includes twelve dorms, a motel, diner, chapel, gymnasium, miniature golf feature, classrooms, two cottages, office building, maintenance house, director's house, swimming pool, high and low ropes courses, and lots of grass to mow! The upkeep is ongoing. It takes a lot of hearts and hands. And thankfully, *Together We Do More*. While donations help us keep our facilities and grounds safe and secure, we also gladly welcome volunteers to come individually or in teams to perform work and repairs on campus. If you're interested in bringing a crew to volunteer for repair, cleaning, or maintenance, please contact Doug McBride, Camp Director. Email: doug@camppearl.com or call the camp office, 337-666-2443.

How You Can Support Camp Pearl

We're thankful for our many supporters who give of themselves, their time, and their finances to help us continue reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Would you consider partnering with us?**

Here is how you can help:

- **Pray for us** – Our greatest need is prayer! Let us know (email heather@camppearl.com) if you'd like to receive our newsletter so we can keep you updated on all God is doing through Camp Pearl.
- **Volunteer** – **Summer Camp** requires a lot of volunteers! If you are interested, visit camppearl.com/volunteer. Want to help out with special projects, repairs, cleanup, or general maintenance? *Together We Do More...* We can use the help! Contact Doug McBride, Camp Director, by calling the office (337)666-2443, or email doug@camppearl.com.
- **Donate** – There are several ways to give.
 - Text GIVE to 1-855-648-3960 and follow the prompts to set up one-time or recurring donations.
 - Download the Tithely app and manage giving with a few clicks on your phone. (See our website GIVE page for details.)
 - Give securely online at camppearl.com/donate
 - Set up automatic giving through your online bank
 - Mail a check to Camp Pearl, 1132 Camp Pearl Rd. Reeves, LA 70658.

If you have questions on the different methods of donating, get more details at camppearl.com/donate or simply email heather@camppearl.com for assistance.

- **Rent** – Enjoy our campus while you help us generate funds for ministry! Visit camppearl.com/rental for details or email doug@camppearl.com.
- **Share** – Help us spread the word about Camp Pearl. Follow us on social media and share with friends who might benefit from our many ministry events and opportunities. Find us here:
Facebook: facebook.com/CampPearl
Instagram: instagram.com/camp_pearl_ministries
YouTube: youtube.com/@camppearlministries
Weekly Podcast: camppearl.com/podcast (available on Apple Podcast, Spotify, & more!)
Website: camppearl.com



Together We Do More!

Doctrinal Statement of Camp Pearl Ministries

We believe God, the Creator of heaven and earth, is our heavenly Father through faith in the sacrificial death of the only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ Who was virgin born, and is co-equal with the Father. Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16; John 1:1-3; Luke 1:35; I Peter 4:19.

We believe Jesus Christ, Who is seated at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest, is the Head of the Church. We further believe that the Holy Scriptures instruct us to look forward to the personal, imminent, pre-millennial return of this same Jesus. I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 5:8-10; Colossians 1:8; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 1:32; Revelation 20:1-5.

We believe the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost to indwell, guide, and empower all who receive and confess Christ Jesus as Savior, and to baptize all believers into the body of Christ, which is the church. I Corinthians 12:13; John 14:16,17; 16:13; Romans 8:9; I John 2:27.

We believe we are saved by grace through faith in the crucified, risen Christ, apart from works of our own, and that, at the return of Christ for His saints, each believer, whether alive or asleep in Christ, will receive a body fashioned like the glorious body of our risen Lord. Furthermore, we believe that we should maintain good works for witnessing and for spiritual growth, and that we should walk separate from the world in all lowliness of mind before the Lord, avoiding even the appearance of evil, humbly praying that God will use us in His present plan for the out-calling of a people unto Himself. Ephesians 2:4-10; 1:13, 14; John 3:16; 5:24; 20:19-23; Philippians 3:21; II Corinthians 6:11-18; I Thessalonians 5:22; I Corinthians 8:9-13; Acts 15:14.

We believe that Satan is a person who is the prince of this world, the god of this age, cunning, desperately wicked, that he is the adversary of God and our Lord Jesus Christ; that he possesses great power, more than flesh and blood, but limited by God; that he is the author of sickness and has power of death. We believe that Satan is irrevocably judged and sentenced to an eternity in a literal hell, where he will be cast at the close of his final attempt to overthrow God, after being loosed following his having been bound in the abyss for one thousand years. Matthew 13:19, 39; I Peter 5:8; Jude 8,9; Ephesians 2:2; 10:28; II Corinthians 2:11; 11:14; I John 5:19; Hebrews 2:14.

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, inerrant in the original autographs, and is to be wholly accepted; that it is the history of the redemption of the human race; and that its truth is eternal and shall never pass away, our final and sufficient rule of faith and practice, and our one textbook of authority to be preached and taught as the indispensable food for the inner man. We further believe that each of us is called to minister the Word of Reconciliation, proclaiming the gift of God to be eternal life and the wages of sin to be eternal separation from God in a state of conscious suffering. In view of this, we should be occupied in prayer, in the study of God's Word, and the work of winning men to Christ until He shall appear or call us home. Romans 6:23; Acts 8:14; Luke 19:13; II Corinthians 5:19; John 3:36; I Corinthians 15:51-58; II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:21.