

# THE BROOKLYN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH BANNER

In the Gospels, Jesus often warns of coming judgment for those who will not trust Him and live in obedience to God. He speaks of “weeping and gnashing of teeth,” hellfire, and darkness (Matthew 13:41-42, 49-50, Matthew 22:13, Mark 9:47-49, Luke 13:27-28, John 15:6 are but a few examples). Revelation 20:15 says of the coming judgment that “if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

How is it that a person gets his or her name written in the Lamb’s Book of Life? It is by trusting in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. This is part of the essential message of the entire New Testament. Jesus has died on the cross to pay our sin penalty, which is death. He rose from the dead to confirm His promise of life everlasting. To trust in Him is to be unified with Him in His death and in His life. For those who are trusting in Jesus Christ, who love Him and are living for Him, their names are there in the Book of Life. It is for these few that God will re-create a new world uncorrupted by sin.

## THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH

by Pastor John Mochel



This is promised by God throughout the Bible, and we read about the coming fulfillment of this promise at the end of Revelation.

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away’” (Revelation 21:3-4).

Several verses later, this dwelling place of God is identified as the New Jerusalem, which is the redeemed people of God, rescued by Jesus from all the tribulations of this world.

“Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, ‘Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.’ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God” (Revelation 21:9-10).

This city, this dwelling place of God, the redeemed people of God is then described in glorious terms at the end of Revelation. The Glory of God will be her light. It will be a perfect place to live forever, more real than our world is today. There the Lord will provide for His people forever and sin and death will be no more.

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Our forever home with the Lord will not be a shiny place in the clouds where we flit about with wings. It will be an earth and sky remade by God without sin, without contamination, without pollution, without injustice, without pain, without death. The same God who created the world in the first place will re-create the world after He comes to judge the wicked and vindicate those who trust in Jesus. He wants you to be a part of this re-creation. This is what the resurrection is all about. Bodies that die cannot inherit a forever world.

"I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'" (1 Corinthians 15:50-54).

This is what God wants for all people in the world. All that is required for you to be there is to trust Jesus and follow His commands. Sure, you won't do this perfectly, but Jesus will be with you to forgive you when needed, to strengthen you when you are weak, and to guide you with His words when you need guidance. The whole reason that Jesus came into this world 2,000 years ago was so that you (and others) could be with Him forever in this new creation. †

## *young adult* FALL RETREAT

Our theme this year is ALTER, based on Romans 12:1. We're praying that this weekend will challenge and encourage young adults to offer their lives fully to Jesus and allow Him to transform them.

### Retreat Details:

**When:** November 13–15, 2026

**Where:** Hidden Acres Christian Center — Dayton, IA

**Cost:** \$135 for the entire weekend (including lodging and meals)

### HERE IS THE REGISTRATION LINK -

<https://efcacentraldistrict.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3814192>

# What's Happening

**September 19**  
**9am-3pm**

Check in begins at 8:30 | Lunch provided

## **GO & MAKE Disciples**

**Applying the  
GREAT COMMISSION**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TYLER DYKSTRA**  
Pastor & Field Director  
Oyate Concern, Pine Ridge Reservation

### Matthew 28 Messages:

- Go With Authority
- Doubt in Disciple Making
- God With Us as We Go

Suitable for ages 10+  
Childcare available

**PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPT. 15!**  
QR code can be found on posters and  
small invitations.



**Starting September 9th**  
**Wednesdays | 6:30-8pm**



# Have you ever wondered what North Star Campers say on their return home from Hidden Acres?

Here's a peek into their unedited thoughts...

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT CAMP?

- \*meeting friends
- \*the zipline
- \*the BIG swing
- \*definitely the lake
- \*Mission Impossible
- \*the tower
- \*the food
- \*The Puddle
- \*the pool
- \*soccer fields
- \*Chapel songs
- \*Praising God
- \*everything
- \*I got saved!
- \*getting close to God

## WHAT IS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE?

- \*capture the flag
- \*bug bites
- \*flag pole time
- \*the lake
- \*didn't get to go to the lake
- \*I fell & was hurt
- \*orange chicken
- \*the creek walk
- \*didn't get to go on the creek walk
- \*we missed crafts one day
- \*the shooting range
- \*my cabin mate followed me around
- \*nothing

## WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT GOD WHILE YOU WERE AT CAMP?

(Every time, campers paused to think and respond thoughtfully.)

- \*We are like broken jars with God's treasure inside.
- \*If we accept God as a gift, we are saved.
- \*God may not answer your prayers the way you expect.
- \*Prayer is about a relationship, not to ask for wants.
- \*God is everywhere and He's everything.
- \*A LOT!
- \*I have value.
- \*I can pray to God anytime, not just at bedtime!
- \*God is with us all day and nothing can separate us from Him!
- \*There was this rubber worm that represented how we can get all knotted up. God can get the knot out and do the impossible by rescuing us-we're like the knotted worm.
- \*Il Corinthians 4:6-7 want to hear it?
- \*Ooooo, I learned I Peter 5:10-this bracelet I'm wearing from my counselor helped as a memorization tool
- \*So much! If you stop living for God, it'll come back at you-God never leaves us, but if you leave God, you're alone to face Satan. You need faith & you need God!
- \*God doesn't force us to be with Him. He gives us a choice. I choose Him and rang the Salvation bell!
- \*God has a lot of power
- \*Everything is from God for His glory.
- \*God lets us go through hard times to test our faith and make us strong.
- \*The world is just our tent, but Heaven is our forever, sturdy building.
- \*There's nothing we can do to get to Heaven except we can get there through God.
- \*We started life with God, but because of sin we run away. We need to be back together with Him.
- \*I let Jesus work in my heart especially on things with my parents.
- \*I learned about David & Goliath
- \*Jesus died on the cross for our sins & we can be saved by Jesus Christ
- \*I liked imagining what the serpent looked like before he lost his arms & legs
- \*Peter denied Jesus 3 times
- \*God answers prayer in surprising ways.
- \*He can and has saved me.
- \*Jesus loves me always.

**From silly to serious, North Star campers would not make it to camp without our **TEAM EFFORT**.**

**How do we **WORK TOGETHER** to make this happen?**

**God prompts our hearts... then our minds, hands & feet act to:**

- \*sit at a table at school during parent-teacher conferences to invite families to camp
- \*make an informational handout and make follow-up phone calls to families
- \*request and match prayer partners for campers
- \*ask families if they would like to meet their prayer partner
- \*pray for campers
- \*auction organization
- \*create a flyer to advertise the auction
- \*hang up flyers around town at churches and businesses
- \*invite friends and family to the auction
- \*create hand made items, bake or make a certificate of service for the auction
- \*attend the auction
- \*help the auctioneer display items
- \*clean and store the bus for winter
- \*take care of the bus D.O.T. inspection
- \*repair and upgrade the bus with a mist system (over the top NICE addition!)
- \*schedule van rental (x 4 trips=deliver 4th-8th grade, & pick up, repeat for high school)
- \*check in with families to see if they're in need of camp items
- \*shop with a few campers in need
- \*inspect trailer that hauls luggage, take to church and hook up to bus
- \*prepare activity boxes for the trip
- \*make a gluten free lunch & snack so a child stays healthy
- \*shop for supplies to make lunches then assemble sack lunches
- \*buy bottled water & hydration drinks
- \*pick up the rental van
- \*write a note of encouragement to a camper
- \*gather eggs and prepare for the breakfast
- \*plan & purchase breakfast supplies for the a.m. send off
- \*bring griddles and other tools not at church
- \*make & serve breakfast, then clean up afterwards
- \*check in campers & their medications
- \*color code luggage for delivery at camp then load it in the trailer
- \*welcome campers & families and chat with them during the breakfast
- \*drive the bus (CDL required)
- \*drive the van
- \*chaperone on the bus or in the van
- \*pray!

**We sent a total of **51** North Star campers to Hidden Acres.  
Thirty-six were 4th-8th graders, fifteen were high schoolers.  
Every part matters so our young people hear**

**The Good News about Jesus.**

**Thank you!**



# SEPTEMBER

| SUN                                                               | MON                                                                                    | TUE                                                                                                | WED                                                                  | THU                           | FRI | SAT                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
|                                                                   |                                                                                        | 1<br>12p Community Study<br>6:30p AIC Youth                                                        | 2<br>7:30p Men's Study                                               | 3<br>9a Elder Board Meeting   | 4   | 5                                     |
| 6<br>9a SS<br>10a Fellowship<br>10:30a Worship                    | 7<br> | 8<br>8a CC<br>12p Community Study<br>6:30p AWANA, AIC Youth                                        | 9<br>7:30p Men's Study                                               | 10                            | 11  | 12<br>9a-2p AIC Youth to Newton Hills |
| 13<br>9a SS<br>10a Fellowship<br>10:30a Worship<br>6p Bible Study | 14<br>7p Dig Deeper                                                                    | 15<br>8a CC<br>10a BACHE<br>12p Community Study<br>6:30p AWANA, AIC Youth                          | 16<br>9:40a Bethesda Service<br>1p BACHE School<br>7:30p Men's Study | 17                            | 18  | 19<br>8:30a - 3p MISSIONS CONFERENCE  |
| 20<br>9a SS<br>10a Fellowship<br>10:30a Worship                   | 21<br>7p Dig Deeper                                                                    | 22<br>8a CC<br>6:30p AWANA, AIC Youth                                                              | 23<br>7:30p Men's Study                                              | 24<br>7p Youth Game Night, YB | 25  | 26<br>6p Family Game Night            |
| Pastor in Minneapolis for BOMS and Leader Summit                  |                                                                                        |                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                               |     |                                       |
| 27<br>9a SS<br>10a Fellowship<br>10:30a Worship<br>6p Bible Study | 28<br>7p Dig Deeper                                                                    | 29<br>8a CC<br> | 30<br>12p Community Study<br>6:30p AWANA, AIC Youth                  |                               |     |                                       |

## Happy Birthday to:

3 Hannah Adam  
 7 Matilda Lewis  
 8 Randy Schmidt  
 14 Robin Leikvold  
 15 Norm Twedt  
 18 Paige German  
 20 Heather Lewis  
 20 Trent Hemmingsen  
 21 Heather Wynia  
 22 Connie Pierce  
 24 Evan Dressen  
 25 Darlyne Swanson  
 26 David Nelson  
 27 Shade Pramann  
 29 Gloria Hult

## Happy Anniversary to:

7 Dave & Marsha Nelson  
 10 Steve & Colleen Buss  
 14 Brian & Morgan Fahlberg  
 15 Ted & Heather Lewis  
 17 Zech & Audrey Stake  
 19 Brad & Amanda Hyronimus  
 19 Steve & Stacy Sims  
 27 Karl & Robin Leikvold

# MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

|       | <b>Greeters</b> | <b>Nursery</b>                    | <b>Children's Church</b>          | <b>Music/Missions</b> | <b>Scripture Reader</b> |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 9/6   | M/K Bovill      | Michelle DeLay<br>Abby Wergin     | Connie Pierce<br>Lewie Gordon     | S VanHofwegen         | Rhonda Wynia            |
| 9/13  | C/S Carnes      | Jen Gordon<br>Lewie Gordon        | Colleen Buss<br>Sara Hoffman      | Zech Stake            | Dan Paulson             |
| 9/20  | K/R Leikvold    | Stacy Sims<br>Clara Sims          | Julie Saugstad<br>Anna Kelderman  | Matilda Lewis         | Matthew Wynia           |
| 9/27  | K Erickson      | Nancy Mochel<br>C VanHofwegen     | Michelle DeLay<br>Bethany Hoffman | Randy Schmidt         | Robin Leikvold          |
| 10/4  | T/H Lewis       | Jackie Krebs<br>Wesley Krebs      | BJ Pramann<br>Sydney DeLay        | Open                  | Ted Lewis               |
| 10/11 | A Sveeggen      | Karla Bovill<br>Jake Krebs        | Julie Saugstad<br>Jack DeLay      | John Fahlberg         | Jeremy Saugstad         |
| 10/18 | J/C Pierce      | Michelle DeLay<br>Bethany Hoffman | Nancy Mochel<br>Andrew Bovill     | Open                  | Allen Sveeggen          |
| 10/25 | D/M Nelson      | Jen Gordon<br>Sydney DeLay        | Connie Pierce<br>Elsie Bovill     | Rylee Adam            | Reid Jensen             |

## SEPTEMBER

Worship Leader  
Pete Fahlberg

Keyboard  
Doreen Fahlberg

Ushers  
Jeremy Saugstad, Chris DeLay,  
Luke Koth, Allen Sveeggen

## OCTOBER

Worship Leader  
Brian Fahlberg

Keyboard  
Connie Twedt

Ushers  
Mark Bovill, Matthew Wynia,  
Brian Erickson, Reid Jensen

### September 6

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20      Money & the Master  
Labor Day

### September 13

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12      Life Vanishes Like a Shadow  
Teacher Dedication

### September 20

Missions Conference, Tyler Dykstra Speaking

### September 27

Ecclesiastes 7:1-29      The Sinner & the One Who Fears God

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