



Camp MoVal Sunday

October 20, 2013

Camp MoVal celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2012; and as we live and grow into the next 50 years, we are witnessing dynamic trends and cultural shifts in society, structure and faith expression. Throughout these shifts, MoVal endeavors to remain true to the vision expressed by those who established its mission and ministry; the vision of CARA-“Come Away; Rest Awhile”. MoVal is a place to get to know God, and to interact with our faith in a whole new way.

Perhaps in today’s culture, this vision of CARA is even more important than ever before. In our culture of camps and communities that focus on secular development and individualistic skills, MoVal is the alternative for folks who are looking for a spiritual connection; or, who are looking to encourage a spiritual connection in their children.

MoVal is one place where our children can get away from cell phones and video games and foster that inherent connection we all share with our Creator. It has been said that “often a child experiences God more in depth in one week at MoVal than they do in an entire year of Sunday School.” MoVal is formative to children and adults alike in their Christian journey, changing the lives of thousands of people every year; and that is what we are celebrating this fall as we approach MoVal Sunday

We encourage your congregation to celebrate this valuable mission and ministry by designating at least one Sunday this fall as “Camp MoVal Sunday”. We are suggesting October 20th; but you are free to choose whatever Sunday best suits your congregational setting.

On Camp MoVal Sunday, we invite you to celebrate Camp MoVal, and our shared mission and ministry in that context. If you have had campers attend MoVal from your church, maybe you invite them to speak of their experience or lead you in “camp songs”. You may choose to invite a guest speaker to come and talk about their experiences at camp. Or, this might be a time to reminisce about camp experiences members of your congregation may have had in previous years. However you approach Camp Sunday, we would like to make it a Conference-wide celebration of all that we do together in Outdoor Ministry at Camp MoVal.

To aid in your celebration, the Camp MoVal Covenanted Ministry has put together worship materials that can be accessed on the Missouri Mid-South Conference website (www.missourimidsouth.org) and the Camp MoVal website (www.campmoval.com). There you will find worship aides including a call to worship, prayers and hymns for Camp MoVal Sunday; you will also find a bulletin insert and a bulletin/newsletter article you may use. Feel free to adapt these materials as you see fit.

If you would like to collect a special offering for the operations of Camp MoVal on this celebratory day, offering envelopes are available by contacting Jeremy Force, OMD at Camp MoVal: 636.583.5730 or email jeremy.moval@mmsucc.org. Camp MoVal is funded through Our Church’s Wider Mission, but your directed support is appreciated as well.

We thank you for your continued prayers and support for Camp Mo-Val and this mission and ministry we share!

Links:

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Worship aides

Bulletin inserts