

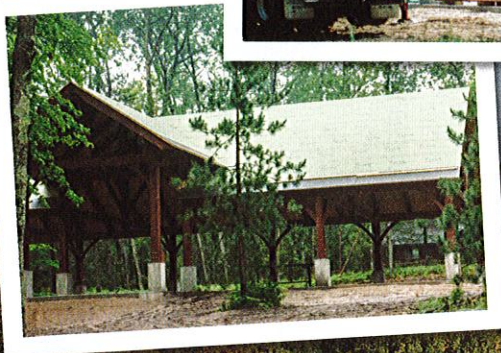
# BARAKEL NEWS

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## Caring For This Place

### Woodlands Pavilion

**T**hrough the kind generosity of hundreds of donors and the dedicated work of both resident missionary staff men and faithful volunteers, Woodlands Pavilion is standing! The timber frame is made with Douglas fir and assembled using traditional, fully housed mortise and tenon joinery. Even if you don't know much about woodcraft, we think you'll find it to be a pleasing structure. We still plan to put lights inside it, stonework around the pillars, and a large masonry fireplace on the south side, but it is up. Lord willing it will serve for generations as an inviting place for groups to gather, and a quiet spot to be refreshed in front of a wood fire. Centrally located to the East Side cabins, we believe it will become the hub of our events in at least three seasons. A big thank you to all who contributed to this project. Come to a fall retreat and inspect it yourself.



### Dining Hall Update

**I**n the past twelve months we have seen the generosity of God mirrored in the generosity of His people. We are planning to construct a new dining hall on our West Side facility. Then we intend to convert the existing dining hall into an expanded place for our camp store and additional space for groups to gather in front of a fireplace. We have received 1.2 million dollars in donations so far. With projected costs more than double that, we are trusting that God will provide. In keeping with our history and distinctives we are not planning to take out a loan, but instead believe that the Lord's provision can come through His people. We'll be pleased to tell the next generation about God's supply. These are wonderful days at camp as we lean on the Lord and discover what He has for us in the days ahead.

### National Forest Land Swap

**A**rare opportunity is before us. We may be able to obtain forested land to our west through a land exchange with the National Forest Service (NFS). The NFS identified some land in our county that they want to obtain. Barakel purchased that land (about 50 acres all together) and the Forest Service is evaluating making a land swap with acreage out our west gate. In addition to the cost of the land purchase, we will have expenses for environmental studies, land surveying, legal fees, and eventually fencing. We are excited about the prospect of adding some wooded lands for cross-country skiing, hayrides, cookouts, star-gazing, and exploring the Lord's creation. The process with the federal government is very slow; please join with us in praying about this possibility.






## Meet Katelyn Leach

**K**atelyn Leach is our newest Resident Missionary Staff Appointee, currently raising support to come on staff. She is being commissioned by Crossroads Community Church of Shelby Township. She will be working in the office to become Camp's accountant. Please join us in prayer for her to raise her support. You can receive her newsletter by emailing her at [Katelyn.leach23@gmail.com](mailto:Katelyn.leach23@gmail.com).



## Upcoming Events

- **Labor Day Family Camp**  
September 1-4
- **Married Couples Retreat**  
September 15-17
- **Father/Son Retreat**  
September 22-24
- **Ladies Retreats**  
September 22-24, September 29-October 1, & October 6-8
- **Men's Retreat**  
October 13-15 & October 20-22

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If you are 18-26 years old and long to discover the riches of God's word, come join Barakel's Study and Serve program.

In it you will enjoy eight months of in-depth Bible study, lively small-group discussion, thoughtful personal reflection, and meaningful service in the context of a tight-knit community.

We pray you will leave with a deeper love for God and his word, and the joy that comes from serving others. Our first cohort begins this September. Spots are limited to eight. To learn more visit <https://bit.ly/StudyServe> or email us at [info@campbarakel.org](mailto:info@campbarakel.org).

