



## Why Camp?

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Camp experiences are the best way to teach and connect with youth.

Every youth group should schedule at least one camp experience a year.

Each child should have a Christ centered camp experience each summer.

Quality teaching environments and opportunities are an important part of the Church's purpose.

Multi day camp experiences with a variety of recreation opportunities are a valuable way to engage each other in Christ in a personal way.

A variety of outdoor activities are important because people ought to spend more time outdoors.

The camp environment enables people to voluntarily remove themselves from normal life.



## Purpose Statement

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Phantom Ranch of the Midwest Bible Church is a year-round camping, retreat, and tripping facility where 111 acres of land are dedicated "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known." The purpose of the Ranch is to glorify God by helping individuals, church groups, and organizations share the Gospel, teach God's Word for living, and help campers enjoy His wonderful creation.

Our facilities are available year-round to church groups, organizations, and Outdoor Education Groups.

### Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide the best possible camping experiences to everyone who comes to Phantom Ranch. We provide camping experiences to enable the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ and teaching God's Word for daily living, while enjoying God's creation in our unique setting.

### Ownership:

Phantom Ranch Bible Camp is owned and operated by the Midwest Bible Church in Chicago, IL.

Phantom Ranch is governed by a Board of Directors which is selected by the Elders of Midwest Bible Church. The members of the Board of Directors serve a 4 year term. Appointments to open positions on the Board of Directors are made in January of each year.

Olen Johnsen, Executive Director.

### Anti-Discrimination Statement

Phantom Ranch is open to all, regardless of race, color, nationality, or sex.



## Statement of Faith

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**BIBLE** – we believe the scriptures are inspired by God and are inerrant in the original writings and are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21

**TRINITY** – we believe in one God, eternally existing in three distinct Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. 1 John 5:7; Genesis 3:22; Psalm 2:7-8; Psalm 110:1

**JESUS** – we believe Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, not made, born of a virgin, Mary, fully God and fully man. Isaiah 7:14; John 1:1, 14; 8:58

**MAN** – we believe man is born in sin and can only be reconciled to God by God. Romans 5:12; Genesis 1:27, 31; 3:6-24; Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 5:13-19; Galatians 3:22

**ATONEMENT** – we believe Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice and all that believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood and resurrection. Romans 4:25; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 1:7; Acts 13:39; 1 Peter 2:24

**JESUS' RESURRECTION** – we believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of Jesus, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate. 1 Corinthians 15:4; Hebrews 4:14; 1 John 2:1

**JESUS' RETURN** – we believe in the return of Jesus Christ, who upon return will judge the living and the dead. Titus 2:13; Philippians 3:30

**SALVATION** – we believe all who receive the Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God. John 1:12; Acts 20:21

**BODILY RESURRECTION** – we believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the believer to the everlasting presence of Jesus Christ and the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting punishment. John 5:28-29; 6:39; Romans 8:10-11; 2 Corinthians 4:14; Revelation 20:13-15

**BAPTISM** – we believe Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” to display our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Jesus, and our death to sin, and resurrection to a new life in Christ. Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 6:1-14

**COMMUNION** – we believe the Lord’s Supper, Communion, is a memorial service and the setting is a sacred and symbolic manner, the death of Jesus on our behalf. We do not believe the elements of Communion are either literally or spiritually the body and blood of Jesus, but simply symbols of His broken body and shed blood. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34

**MARRIAGE** – we believe the term “marriage” has only one meaning, and that is marriage sanctioned by God, which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive covenantal union, as delineated in Scripture.

Marriage ceremonies performed in any facility owned, leased or rented by Midwest Bible Church, which includes Phantom Ranch Bible Camp, will only be those ceremonies sanctioned by God, joining one man with one woman as that gender was determined at birth. Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-33

**SEXUALITY** – we believe any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, orgies, homosexual conduct, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pedophilia, any use of pornography, any attempt to change one’s sex, or disagreement with one’s biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God. Though sexual sin is egregious, as is all sin, we believe God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and repent their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Genesis 1:27; Romans 1:26-32; Titus 3:3-7; Ephesians 2:1-10