

Franklin County Baptist Camp Retreat Center Survey

Fall 2010

The Camp Study Committee requests your assistance in determining the past, present and future value of our Spring Bluff Retreat/Camp. The Study Committee also seeks your input and suggestions on the future operation of the camp. The Camp Operation Committee is dealing with many operational, repair and improvement challenges at the camp and has asked for help in evaluating and determining the feasibility of future operations and improvements to the campground. Maintenance costs and manpower needs at the camp continue to rise and there are major repairs needed that could cost tens of thousands of dollars. We desire to be good stewards of the resources God allows us to use. Your thoughtful, sincere and prayerful completion of this survey will greatly help us to assess what our association church members think should be the future role of our camp in our joint association missions efforts. Please complete every question, if possible. If you do not have adequate information or have no clear opinion on the question asked, it might be best to leave that question(s) blank. Since this is a complex and serious matter, we ask that only church members of association member churches who are 17 or older complete this survey. At the end of the survey, you will be asked to give your name. Your name is not required, but would be helpful to us in case we would like to contact you to discuss any of your responses or suggestions.

1. In the last five years, in your best estimate, how many times have you or your family participated in an association, church or family activity at the Spring Bluff Retreat/Camp?

0-1 2-4 5 or more times

2. On a scale of 1-5, 1 representing very little and 5 being very much, how valuable has the camp or retreat center been to you or your family?

1 2 3 4 5

3. On a scale of 1-5, 1 representing very little and 5 being very much, how valuable has the camp or retreat center been to your church and its mission to reach and disciple people?

1 2 3 4 5

4. Concerning the future of the association use and ownership of the camp, do you think the association should consider selling the camp, if the association can find other quality camp facilities within an hour drive to rent for our association camps? (Estimate sale value \$125,000 - \$275,000, depending on market condition and interest)

Yes, should definitely sell camp

Yes, if it becomes evident the cost of keeping the camp becomes too great and if can receive a fair price for it

No, do not sell, even if have to continue to operate the camp without major repairs or improvements

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5. If we keep the camp, how do you think would be the best way to provide for routine care and maintenance of the camp?

- Try to enlist more volunteers to help
- Employ a paid Caretaker on a part-time basis
- Other suggestions _____

6. The camp pool is over 55 years old. If we keep the camp, what should be done about needed repairs and improvements to the pool?

- Do no improvements – continue temporary patching year to year as long as can
- Replace floor on deep end of pool, replace all plumbing, and apply sealer on inside of pool (Estimated costs - \$30,000 - \$40,000)
- Construct a totally new pool similar to current pool (Est. \$45,000 - \$95,000, depending on whether use concrete or commercial vinyl)

7. Our retreat center--as it is--lacks an area conducive to retreats and small group fellowship. It has been suggested that we perhaps renovate the chapel, making a warm, multi-purpose room for worship and fellowship, or build a small lodge building. It also has been suggested to add an additional building with 10-15 motel type overnight rooms for couples as part of a major, long-term improvement, if/when funding could be attained. Would you favor this?

- Chapel Renovation? (relatively low in cost) Yes No
- Motel area for Couples? (Est. \$150,000 - \$250,000) Yes No

8. Would you be willing to volunteer a few times a year to help maintain the camp? Yes No

9. Would you be able and willing to make donations above your regular giving to your church to help provide for the operation and/or improvement of the camp? Yes No

10. Do you have any other suggestions, concerns or comments about the future of the camp, or ways to finance future operation and improvements, or increase camp use?

Please give the name of the church where you are a member and your position (pastor, deacon, Board member, other leader, member, etc.) _____

Please give your name and phone number _____

Return survey to listening session, or to Franklin Baptist Association, P.O. Box 310, Union, MO 63084. Please return survey no later than January 10.

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