

Strasbourg Bible Camp chairman's report 2020

To begin with I would like to thank God for protection and blessing during 2019 at SBC.

Thanks also to all who worked, served and gave financially throughout the year to accomplish our end goal of bringing people to experience the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and then to help them grow in their faith.

Much was accomplished this year to upgrade our facilities and to improve our overall look. Marty, Lavina and crew had a successful camping season with great speakers and powerful worship. The sessions I attended were all top notch. Plans are made for 2020 with expanded camps included and there is much anticipation for what lies ahead. We have hired a new administrator, namely Jaunita Theiss and she is going to be a wonderful asset!

One area where we continue to struggle is our finances. Although we continue to meet our payroll we slipped further into our line of credit. Please continue to pray that we will be blessed in this aspect.

If you have been attending our annual meetings for the last few years you will have heard of Deeper Life ministries. This is a homegrown ministry committed to prayer and worship started by one of our SBC board members. He is also Strasbourg Alliance Church pastor, Brian Tysdal. Just to be clear this ministry has no affiliation or doctrinal association with any ministry of the same name.

I am excited to announce that in November this year, after much prayer and soul searching, the Board of Directors of Strasbourg Bible Camp made the decision to merge with Deeper Life and have a three pronged approach to ministry at SBC consisting of prayer, worship, and camp ministry.

It is our belief and desire that God will not only bless the camp through this added ministry but will bless the larger community around the lake and beyond. We also believe that we will have an influx of new people, stronger leadership, a broader financial base and added ministry opportunities through this partnership. To better reflect the expanded ministry and new vision of the camp we are doing a rebranding of the camp name to Deeper Life Ministries. In the short term Deeper Life at SBC will be used as a transition. The names Deeper Life and Strasbourg Bible Camp will both continue to be used to best suit our purposes and Strasbourg Bible Camp will continue to be our corporate name.

We are continuing with a strong camping program and believe the changes we have made will set us on a course for sustained growth in the future. Change can be hard to accept but these are the choices we as a board have made and we are hoping and trusting they will be wise ones.

Philippians 1:27 says "let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith". I hope you will all join with us in this pursuit.

In closing I pray to the Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, for blessing and favor to be poured out on Strasbourg Bible Camp.

I pray that we increase, excel and overflow in love for one another and for all people. Thank you that your love in us flows fervently from pure hearts toward one another and I pray that we would be of the

same mind working with and loving one another as brothers; compassionate, courteous, tender hearted and humble. I pray that the spirit of unity would knit your Body together so that we would bring you glory, and the world would believe. In Jesus name amen.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Johnson