

**SSBYC 2010**

# MUSIC

Summer camp 2010 at Silver State is fast approaching. Bus and van loads of young people, sleeping bags, and soon-to-be-tired counselors will arrive on the mountain where we will see the Lord change lives.

By now, most who have had the privilege of attending camp know that the music is a vital and integral part of the services which takes place in the tabernacle. I am so pleased with the way young people have come prepared to really minister through music for the services.

Once again, I ask that all planning to be a part of the music program will, first of all, take time to pray about what the Lord would have them do. We are not looking for professional singers or musicians, but we do ask that you come prepared. It is not wise to show up and *then* decide you want to put together a solo or group special, when no time has been spent in thought and prayer about what you would sing or play.

***This Is Very Important!!!*** I am asking that all counselors or youth directors take the time to plan ahead and review any specials brought by your young people. A couple of times this last summer I was placed in the awkward position of not allowing a song that might not have been best for ministry. This is always discouraging to the person or group wanting to participate and is something that could be very easily taken care of beforehand. I pray you will do your part in helping to prepare your specials ahead of time, so I am not placed in a position that should have been taken care of at home.

This is one of my favorite passages of scripture:

2 Chron 5:13-14

13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

It is an amazing thing that can take place when you have the right people, with the right song, sung with the right motive. Let's have a great summer of music at Silver State Baptist Youth camp this year!

In His service,

Mark Gray