

**Fall 2012**

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## 30th Annual Camp Sale

On October 6, 2012, friends of Pine Lake Fellowship Camp gathered to once again run a sale to support the ministry of PLFC. All the hard work and planning came together on a beautiful Saturday morning, where supporters enjoyed working, eating, and fellowshipping together. This year's sale raised \$25,023.04 - the second highest total in thirty years!



*Emma Myers browses the quilt selection*

Special recognition was giving to Des Allemands Mennonite Church members who have hosted the sale for 25 years. The countless number of hours they have put into hosting this event is greatly appreciated!



*Miss Judy Beadle holds the plaque presented to Des Allemands Mennonite Church for their 25 years of service.*

Also recognized was auctioneer, Ed Lee, who has been volunteering his services for over 25 years.

So many people have done so much work to make this event a success! There are those who brought quilts, crafts, and wood work which they had worked on all year. Others came with loads of baked goods to sell. Many made the delicious gumbo and jambalaya, donuts, spring rolls, or alligator piquant. Some volunteers worked to provide fun activities for the children or to sell us snacks and drinks. Thanks to all who supported this event!

## History of Camp Sale

In 1982 the first Camp Sale was held in Meridian, MS. For five years camp supporters worked together at several different locations in Meridian to run Camp Sale, raising money for the growing ministry of Pine Lake Fellowship Camp. These years included pancake and sausage breakfasts, BBQ pork dinners, donuts, demonstrations of things like sheep-sheering, quilting, and noodle-making, and an auction.

In 1987, Camp Sale was moved to Des Allemands, LA, where the Des Allemands Mennonite Church hosted this event at St. Gertrude's Parish Center. It has remained in Louisiana for 25 years, missing only one year when it was canceled due to Hurricane Katrina.



*Bidders of all ages enjoy a lively auction. Below, Abbie Pauls bids on a blanket she just has to have!*



Some things from the early days of camp sale have changed, and some things have remained the same. An auction is still the high point of the sale and food is plentiful. Supporters from throughout Gulf States Mennonite Conference still come together to work hard to support the ministry of PLFC.

With this group of dedicated supporters, PLFC has raised over \$450,000 through Camp Sale over these 30 years. What a blessing Camp Sale has been to the ministry of Pine Lake Fellowship Camp!

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## Tall Pine Fellowship Center Update

In the spring of 2012, GSMC churches were invited to come up with one fund-raising activity they could do to raise money for Tall Pines Fellowship Center. So far, Gulfhaven has done a yardsale/breakfast, Jubilee has done a "Service for Sale" event, and one individual member of Jubilee has been making and selling pottery. Collectively these churches have raised \$3047! We look forward to hearing how other churches work together to help raise funds for Tall Pines Fellowship Center which will increase ministry opportunities at Pine Lake Fellowship Camp. Please contact Judy Miller, the church fundraiser coordinator, or the camp office if you need help getting started.

### Church Fund- Raisers

## Pine Lake Fellowship Camp 2013 Calendar of Events

January 25-27	Marriage Retreat
February 15-16	Women's Retreat
March 2	Work Day/ Association Meeting
March 22-24	Spring Youth Rally
April 5-7	Father-Child Retreat
April	Seniors' Retreat
May	Young Adult Retreat
May 30-June 26	Summer Camp
August 30-Sept 2	Fellowship Camp
September 20-22	Fall Youth Rally
October 5	Camp Sale



*Camp Sale favorites:*

*Top left - an amazing array of quilts*

*Top center - Jordan Kanagy, "You know you want a donut!"*

*Top right - seafood gumbo - yum!*

*Bottom - friends shopping and enjoying time together*

## Wish List...

- Copy machine
- Fax/copy/scan printer
- Laptop computer
- Kitchen Utility Cart (approx.\$200)
- Office chairs
- Washing machine (can be used)
- A small tractor

