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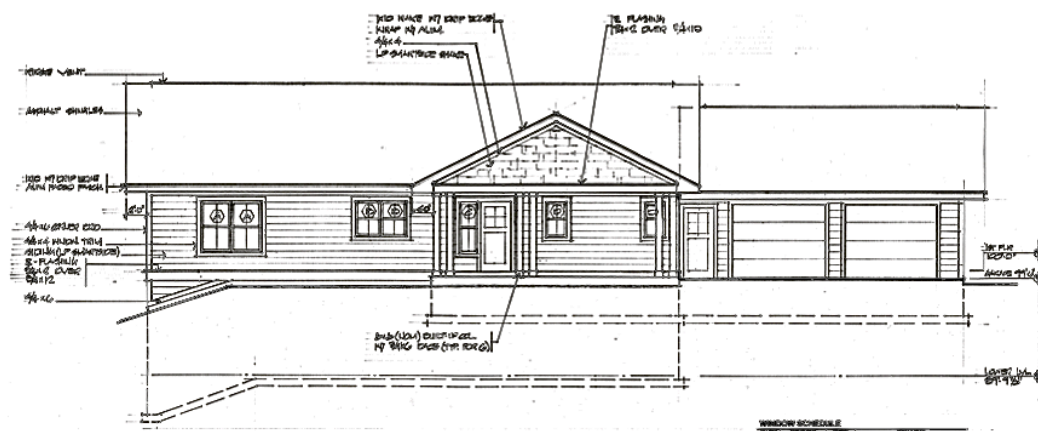
In 1985, a log home was built to accommodate the family of the first full-time onsite director at Covenant Point, Chuck Frasier. Twenty-seven years later, the ministry is growing, more campers are being reached for Christ, and the staff required to carry out our ministry has increased. Part of *Our Next Step of Faith* is to build a home that will become another resource for the camp's year-round ministry: a place for the director and family to live and lead the camp, a place for staff to gather and cultivate relationships, and another place for the hospitality of Covenant Point to be experienced by its guests.

The home's design was developed among board members, Kjelstrom Architecture, Master Home Builders, and Covenant Point staff. Emphasis was placed on energy efficiency (ICF block construction), practicality, cost-savings, and hospitable spaces for guests and staff to gather. The site chosen on which to build is part of the camp's "Back 40" wilderness area - ideally located close to the main camp property and road, but with enough distance from the mainland area to be somewhat set-apart.

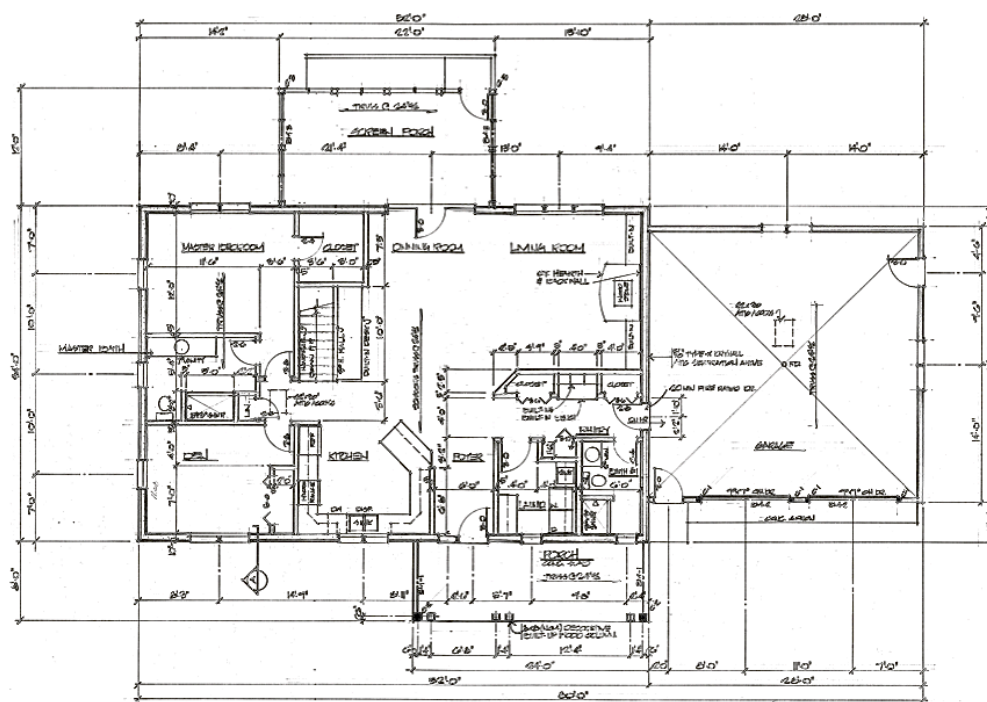
Front of Home Construction (January, 2012)



Our Next Step of Faith:
The Chuck Frasier Memorial Campaign



Front Elevation



Main Level Floor Plan

GOAL: To Endow the Covenant Point Internship Program \$300,000

Covenant Point's year-round staff team is augmented by a small group of interns, who join our ministry full-time for a period of 15 months. Interns are often recent college graduates or young adults in the midst of discerning a next step in their vocational or educational journey. For some, it has been the launching point for their call to ministry.

A day in the life of a Covenant Point intern might entail anything from leading worship, to cleaning buildings, to preparing meals, to visiting churches, to planning a holistic program for one of our many retreat groups. Through our shared rhythms of work, worship, play and hospitality, our hope is that each intern flourishes in their unique gifts and comes to a more full understanding of the call that God has placed on their lives for their own next step of faith.

Our interns (26 total) have gone on to be missionaries, teachers, Christian camp leaders, pastors, counselors, and chaplains - to name a few. Through this endowment, two annual intern salaries will be paid, and resources will be made available to provide greater opportunities for continuing education and spiritual formation.



Matt Braun, CPBC Intern '01-'02 & '05-'06

I thank God for the opportunity I had years ago to serve as an intern at Covenant Point. Having graduated from college with an accountancy degree, I felt God's call toward full-time ministry, but had no idea what that might look like. My internship at Covenant Point gave me the opportunity to explore God's call while at the same time putting my faith into practice serving the different people who came to camp. I had the opportunity to lead worship, to speak to kids, as well as to clean toilets and cabins. During my time there I was even able to help with the expansion and remodeling of a few camp buildings.

Covenant Point nurtured my faith, specifically my calling toward full-time ministry, by giving me a place to serve God's people and better develop my gifts for ministry. It was also the perfect place for God to speak into my life. Life at camp was hectic at times, but there was plenty of space for conversations with staff as well as with campers that helped to shape my life. While serving, God used the camp staff to nurture my calling, and eventually lead me to seminary. He also used my time at Covenant Point to develop a passion to minister to God's people in a camp setting.

I currently serve as the Associate Director of Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp in Onkama, MI. Without my time at Covenant Point, I know I would not be in this position today. Not only, did it give me the desire to serve in this setting, it also gave me some of the skills necessary to do so. I am forever grateful to both Chuck and Bill for seeing something in me and giving me the opportunity to work alongside of them in ministry at Covenant Point.

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Kendra Wheeler, CPBC Intern '03-'04

When I joined the CPBC staff as an intern I came into my time there with an open mind. I truly didn't know what to expect. I had been recruited by a dear friend who was already on staff and knew that there was an opening. Really, she was being used by God to get me to where He wanted me to be. I had graduated from college and had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. Camp had always been a source of peace in my life and so with little thought, I packed my car and took off for the UP for my year as an intern, not necessarily aware of what was expected of me or what I was expecting!

The truth is that my faith and I had been battling for a long time. My walk with God was stalled. I struggled with finding a place for Him in my life instead of finding my place in His plan for my life. My year at camp was how God called me back home. I was able to retreat, in a way. I was able to be reassured of some of my gifts and talents but most importantly, I was able to serve others. Being an intern is A LOT of hard work. There are some very long days that run into weeks. It isn't, most of the time, a glamorous job. However, it has been one of the best years of my life. Through scrubbing toilets, shoveling snow, mopping floors and washing dishes God speaks.

It is hard to put into such a brief summary all that camp did for me. My relationships changed. My mindset changed. My career changed. I went into that year wandering and left ready to begin graduate school to become an educator, a job that I had years ago said I would never do. Through my service at camp, I was able to utilize and combine my skills to begin a new direction in life. For me, the most significant impact of that time was the refining of my relationship with our Heavenly Father. I clearly remember giving my testimony to the summer staff at the beginning of staff training. The only statement that I remember making was this: "This place has been a place of healing in my life, God has moved in me here. I am different today than I was a year ago because I have allowed God to speak to my heart." My internship changed my journey.