

Dear All,

We are planning to have a quick 'n easy Family Conference at MRCC during the Highland County Maple Festival. It is the 50th anniversary of this Library of Congress designated "Local Legacy" event. This year there should be even more fun stuff to do than usual. Please check out the scanned brochure of this event attached and/or this site to find out more about the festival: <http://www.highlandcounty.org/maple.htm>

The Maple Festival Family Conference (MFFC) is scheduled for March 14 - 16, 2008. Please see www.machen.org for info and updates. There will be three worship services during this conference. We will give an open invitation to the Highland County community to join us. OPC ministers John Jamison and Scott Willet will lead the worship times. Pastor Willet will lead Friday and Saturday evening worship. Pastor Jamison will lead Sunday morning worship.

The only meals provided will be Friday & Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Saturday Breakfast and Lunch will be on your own! This is because there is tons of great food in the county to enjoy, like all-you-can-eat pancakes served all-day-long. However, you are welcome to bring your own food to prepare at MRCC for those meals.

This will be a winter conference and as a result the only lodging places provided will be one of our three winter cabins and the upstairs of the main building. You will need to bring very warm sleeping gear for the cabins because even though they have heaters, if it gets too cold, they will be cold too. You may want to bring a space heater. You are free to brave it with tents or pop-ups or even in the summer cabins (contact me if you want to do any of these). We will make the upstairs of the main building available for a group (i.e. several families that would like to sleep in the same room, groups of friends, etc.), however, you will have to stow all your 'stuff' before worship times.

As for total MRCC offered space available, we could fit 4 separately lodged families to a maximum of 10 combined lodged families (2 families in each cabin and 4 in the Upstairs.) Obviously space is very limited and time is short. If you are interested in this conference, sign up now! The cabins and upstairs will be available on a first come, first serve basis, with preference given to those who have submitted deposits and are willing to share with other families. Registration will be closed February 29th, act now! A \$25 non-refundable, per family deposit, will be required to secure your place. Please note, it is a very real possibility that winter weather could interfere with this event. If so, given that food would have already been bought, we will not be able to refund deposits. (However we will work with you to allow you to use that money towards a future use of MRCC.)

The registration fees, which also cover the costs of the 4 provided meals, are:

Personal

\$50 per adult

\$20 each for children living at home over 17 who are unmarried or in college

\$10 each for the first two (2) kids <17yo in family, all others are free

Lodging

- \$20 – Shared Cabin (half of a 12-bed, bunkhouse cabin)
- \$90 – Private Cabin (an entire 12-bed, bunkhouse cabin)
- \$30 – Shared use of Upstairs of Main building
- \$125 – Dedicated, personal multi-family use of Upstairs of Main building
- \$5 – Bring you own tent and set it up where you like

As an example: A family consisting of Dad, Mom, College-kid, and 3 covenant kids under 17 decide to come and share a cabin with another family. Their total cost would be: $\$50+\$50+\$20+\$10+\$10+\$0 = \$140$ in Personal fees, plus \$20 shared cabin fee for a total of \$160.

This family conference promises to be a great time of fellowship, teaching, and enjoyment of a celebration of one of God's delicious little providences... Maple sap.

I hope you can join us!

In Christ,
Dave Tack – MFFC organizer

Tentative schedule:

FRIDAY

5PM	Arrival
6PM	Dinner
7:00PM	Worship - Willet
8:00PM	Fellowship

SATURDAY

8AM-5PM	Enjoy the Maple Festival
6PM	Dinner
7:00PM	Worship - Willet
8-12PM	(optional) Festival Fling Dance - McDowell

SUNDAY

8:30AM	Breakfast
10AM	Worship - Jamison
Noon	Lunch
1-2PM	Center clean up
2PM	End of Conf