

The Bible Camp

16. Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp,
4158 Camp Delight Road

Early “Near-
To-Nature
Houses” in
Camp Delight



In 1912, Ben Hansen and Harry E. Kruse of Manistee opened Camp Delight at Portage Lake on Eagle Point. A recreation hall was built at the Camp, which was touted in 1920 in *The Manistee-Portage Region* as “a group of near-to-nature houses in sylvan surroundings on the shore of Portage Lake.” This Camp was named “Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp” in 1947, after the property in 1946 came under the ownership of the Youth Conference of the Lower Michigan

Mission Covenant Churches. The Camp was later placed under the operation of the Great Lakes Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. A log chapel was created out of the earlier recreation hall before this structure was demolished and replaced by a newer one in the 1990's.

Early Recreation Hall



Log Chapel

