



*Twin Lakes Bible Camp
7718 Twin Lakes Road, Manson*

2013

July 12, 2003 was moving day. The barn pictured at right was moved 1.5 miles from its original site in Calhoun County, Sherman Township, Section 30, to the Twin Lakes area, and is now a focal point of the Twin Lakes Christian Center (Bible camp).

This 1920 dome-roofed barn, one of only four of this type known in Iowa, as well as a dome-roofed corncrib, were built by carpenter Charles Knapp.

It was designed for Percherons and dairy cattle, with horse stalls in one half and stanchions in the other half. Eighteen to 20 cows could fit around the silo at feeding time.

In 1941 the farm was purchased by Ernest and Regina Heims and later owned by their son Milton and his wife Mary, who actively used it until 1992. After they donated it to the Christian Center, it was restored with a new roof, new haymow floor, and new doors. A foundation was poured at the new site and then the barn was moved. It was painted, a handicap ramp constructed, and other finishing touches made.

The center hosts conferences, Bible camps, retreats, reunions, meetings, and more. The loft was left open as a large meeting room to accommodate up to 300 people.



Barn before moving and restoration

1979



View of cupola and roof in restored barn