

The Bethel Times

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From the Director's Desk

Has God ever called you so far out of your comfort zone that you have no other choice but to lean on him for guidance? I never imagined in a million years that God would call me to be a pastor. Honestly, I didn't even have a good definition of what being a pastor even meant. Over the course of the past 6 years, God has been working to transform my life in more ways than I probably still even realize today. Part of the transformation has been becoming the Executive Director of Fairmount Camp. I didn't even know to dream about a position this amazing. As the leader of Fairmount Camp, I have a front row seat to other transformations: life changes in kids, teens and adults at every camp that takes place on the grounds. Another amazing aspect of the transformation that God has been working on in my life is that through my position at Fairmount Camp I now have the opportunity to go into different churches and preach. In 2021, I was able to

preach at 13 different churches with a few of those having me back for more than one Sunday. In 2022, I have several new churches lined for speaking. With each opportunity I have to preach, I know that God is continuing to reveal his plan for not just my own life, but for the life of Fairmount Camp. This summer, I am scheduled to be ordained in the Wesleyan Church. I have so many emotions wrapped up in this achievement. I am thankful and humbled that God would call and use me in this way. I'm excited to share my journey with Fairmount Camp and with all of you! Thanks for allowing me to be a part of the history of Fairmount Camp. I pray that in 125 years someone will stumble upon my name and picture and hear of stories about how God



Angela Spangler

was able to use me to help build the Kingdom of God here at this amazing camp. God is good!

Fairmount Camp is a mission field here at home. We would love to connect with even more churches and missions boards. If you would like for us to come visit your church and talk more about what God is doing at Fairmount Camp, please call or email the office. Our phone number is 765-948-4836 and the email is info@fairmountcamp.org

Fairmount Camp is a ministry of the Crossroads District of The Wesleyan Church

Learning to be still and silent before Christ's presence is a challenging yet rewarding experience.

Thank you who have helped Fairmount Camp during 2021!

- Campers came from 5 different states to attend our teen and kids camps!
- Over 100 kids and teens give their lives to Christ for the first time or rededicated their relationship to Christ as well as hundreds of kids and teens took additional steps to deepen their walk with Christ.
- At Kids Camp we were able to present the Gospel of Christ to many first time attendees.

Thank you!

- We completed many projects: tore down dorm 8, installed new camp house flooring, raised funds for new tractor and leaf vacuum and leveled an old cabin.

God continually proves that He is not finished with Fairmount Camp! We stand in awe of God's blessings for us. The ministry of Fairmount Camp is a mission field here at home. We would love to connect with even more churches and missions boards. If you would like for us to come visit your church and talk more about what God is doing at Fairmount Camp, please let us know and we'll set up a time.

Giving is available online at ww.fairmountcamp.org, using the QR code below, texting 765-295-5155 or mailing a check to the camp office.



Upcoming 2022 Events

Teen Camp: 6/13-6/17

Kids Camp: 7/5-7/9

Family Camp: 7/17-7/24

Old Time Camp: 8/17-8/21

Married Couple Retreat: 9/9-9/11

Fall Camp N Craft: 10/6-10/9

Cabin Owners



Spring is on the way! I know its hard to believe that statement with the cold temperatures and snow on the ground, but before we know it we will all be opening our cabins and getting ready for an amazing summer at Fairmount Camp! It is our

goal to have the water and electricity turned on by **May 1, 2022**. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the campground after a long and cold winter. We are planning a camp work day on **May 21, 2022**.

In 2022 we are striving to make some changes in how we communicate with our campers, owners and donors. One of the ways

that we will do that is through regular emails, Facebook posts and publications such as this newsletter. In order to ensure that you receive all of our communications, please help to keep your contact information updated in the camp office. Every time you check in, we'll know that we have your updated contact information. So when you come to your cabin or stay on your RV lot, be sure to check in online or you can fill out the form in the white box in front of the office. Thank you for your investment in Fairmount Campground. We love hearing stories about how your family has been impacted by your time on the grounds. Please share your stories and pictures with us by emailing the camp office or using #FairmountCamp.



Owner Check-In

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- ⇒ Playground Update
- ⇒ West Bathhouse Boiler
- ⇒ Removal of dead trees
- ⇒ New signage/Beautification

If you would like to make a donation for these you can give online under Get Involved or send a check and specify the project on the memo line.

EVENT AND RETREAT CENTER

Are you looking for a place to hold your next event? We invite you to consider utilizing Fairmount Campground's setting and resources for your next retreat, gathering, or event. We have three fully winterized buildings and 6 hotel style rooms and a bunkhouse that can sleep as many as 50 people total.

Check out the website or email us at info@fairmountcamp.org





Check out our updated website

www.fairmountcamp.org



Would you like a piece of Fairmount Camp?

We have old windows from Dorm 8 for sale for \$20!

NEW Employees

NEW Board Members



James Carpenter

Facilities Manager



Jeff Luedtke

Chairman of Board



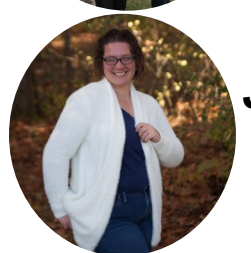
Ben Alvord

Grounds Manager



Tom Sloan

Marketing & Fundraising
Director



Jewelle Canter

Executive Assistant



Jenny Southers

Treasurer



Danny Patton

Buildings and Grounds



It's been said that absence makes the heart grow fonder, and that is no less true for church camp! Teen Camp 2021 was a long time in the making, and we believe that planning and intentionality paid off in a fantastic week of

camp. The teens and leaders were excited to finally be back at camp in 2020. It was so exciting to see the teens have camp level fun after a hard year of pandemic procedures. They worshipped with abandon, they played

games with hard energy, they laughed and related well with joy and exuberance, and in large and small ways we saw everyone take a next step towards Jesus. That's right, of the 185 teens at camp in 2021, each teen stated that they made some kind of step forward in their relationship with Christ! Perhaps we had slightly

joyous lenses coloring our view, but it seemed like a truly excellent week that laid a solid foundation for a envisioned view of Teen Camp moving forward.

Jeff Brady

Teen Camp Director

Teen Camp Summary 2021

Kids Camp Summary 2021

It's been an ongoing phrase, "God is good, All the time, All the time, God is good." I think it fits here as God continues to show his faithfulness. Kid's camp was amazing. We had 182 campers this year with about 80% of the campers coming to camp for the first time. With that, we had 83 kids accept Jesus Christ for the first time! It's those kinds of situations that just give me the phrase "Godly goosebumps." In addition to the 83 new believers, we had 85 campers make the commitment to continue growing in their faith. Thank you to the parents and churches who continue to share and tell others about Kids Camp. Mark your calendar for

July 5—9, 2022!

Karen Farmer - Kids Camp Director

Family Camp 2021

Family Camp 2021 is one for the history books. It rained so much that for the first time in Fairmount Camp's history we had a temporary lake for kids to swim in! Thankfully no one floated away during the flood but rather everyone had an amazing week of fun, fellowship, space to

deepen their relationship with God and a chance to build community.

- 4700 people in attendance (combined attendance for the entire week)
- \$30,640 raised

One of the most amazing take aways from Family Camp 2021 is the number of people

that stepped up and helped out. We saw people help in the kitchen, in the services, on the grounds; people volunteered to do whatever needed to be done because the work that God does during Family Camp matters.

Rob Tippey

Family Camp Director



We continue to be amazed at how God works.

WMCR 2021 was held September 10-12, 2021. We had 61 couples attend. This

Wesleyan Married Couples Retreat

was just a little over our 2020 numbers so growth is always great to see. The theme this year was "prom" and it was well attended. Brad Terhune came in to be our DJ for this event and he knocked it out of the park! Our speakers were Brian and Cara Burke with Wellspring of Freedom

International. They are both graduates of Indiana Wesleyan University and ordained pastors in the Wesleyan Church. Our worship was lead by Yechan and Kensie Son. Yechan is the Chapel Music coordinator at Indiana Wesleyan University and serves as Residency Worship Pastor with Brookhaven Wesleyan Church in Marion, IN.

Victor and Andrea Vinluan

WMCR Chair Couple



We read in Matthew 4:1-11, that Jesus was challenged very early in his ministry. The enemy came to him in the desert and challenged Jesus in 3 ways; Flesh, Pride and Mind. Even though the enemy challenged Jesus, He refused to test the Father's word. He relied on what He knew and trusted that God would provide. How often in life are we challenged by different circumstances? Do we focus more on the fleshly wants and desires or what God wants for our lives? This is often a recurring question for me. But the statement "Where God guides, He provides" hits the nail on the head. Where is God leading you? What challenges are you facing? Is it financial, emotional, physical? Have you lost your job or lost your house? Did you end a relationship? Are you starting a new business? Wherever you are headed, ask yourself " who are you

Challenged

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trusting and putting your faith in?" In Matthew 8:23-27, the disciples were afraid of the storm and begging Jesus to save them. Jesus showed them that they have nothing to fear and that God was with them. Fear is a common word that gets in to our heads and as a result we begin to question ourselves and ultimately we begin to question God. Fear is a 4-letter word.

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Fear is an emotion that can do damage to a troubled mind and heart. We are reminded in Matthew that Jesus was not only divine, but He was also human. He always understands our human emotions and is here for us. We simply have to trust and obey. He knows our frustrations; He knows when the storms come. We can rest assure that God knows what we need and we must trust, have faith, and be willing to be obedient to God's calling.

Volunteers

We need YOU!!!

Volunteering is one of the most rewarding, hands-on ways to support Fairmount Camp. It is because of faithful servants that give of their time and experience that we are able to keep moving forward.

- Grounds Maintenance
- Special Projects
- Work Teams

CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE FOR SCHEDULING!





Pulled Pork Fundraiser



Join us for a Fundraising Dinner to help raise funds for our 2022 special projects. (New Signage, Playground Equipment & West Bathhouse Boiler)

Saturday April 23, 2022

at Fairmount Camp Dining Hall
5:00 PM - 8:00PM

Cost:

Adults \$10 (10 & up)

Kids \$5 (9 & under)

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

**Pulled Pork or Chicken Tenders
Green Beans
Coleslaw
Mac N Cheese**

Dessert available for additional cost

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Fairmount Camp is more than a location to have summer camps. We provide opportunities to change lives by hearing and receiving the Saving Grace of Jesus Christ.

People of all ages are challenged and equipped to become healthier in body, mind, and spirit. The camp experience helps children, teens, and adults build character, values, and relationships that will last a lifetime.

Join the Fairmount Campground Community and receive news and updates!



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