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White Mills Christian Camp thrives as it prepares to enter its 60th year of ministry since the purchase of the White Mills Hotel and property. This past year the camp saw over 7000 people come to enjoy the camp and its programs. The Lord continues to bless the camp and all those who come, year after year!

In celebration, one of the things we are doing is giving the Hotel a face-lift with all new windows and doors. This job is already nearly complete - and what an improvement! Not only does the Hotel look better but we are even more excited about the utilities we should be saving this winter after replacing windows over 100 years old.

There are lots of other exciting events happening as well, so be sure to read each article enclosed. I feel certain you will be amazed at how much is happening and how much God is blessing the camp through His people. The White Mills Christian Camp - a Christian Church ministry, a thriving ministry, a ministry that changes lives!



Retreat Center - Phase I - Paid in Full

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

As most of you know we embarked on a building program several years ago that included a Retreat Center. Originally, the estimated cost for the Retreat Center was envisioned as some \$4,000,000. After months of study about fundraising it was decided a project of such expense would not be the best decision. Based upon this thinking the Retreat Center planning was divided into phases. The first phase is complete and, praise the Lord, it is now paid in full.

How was this pay off accomplished? The Lord blessed us all along the way. We were able to construct a \$1.2 million facility at a cost of approximately \$800,000. Due to the generosity of all the camp supporters, less than one-half (\$350,000) of the total spent had to be borrowed. We paid \$4100 a month payment on the loan and reduced the balance to under \$300,000 when we received the news that a sister in one of our supporting churches had honored the Camp with a significant portion of her estate which eliminated our debt. We praise God for Josephine Carter, along with her husband Clarence, who are examples to all of us as to what an incredible difference one can make for the cause of Jesus Christ.



We are now planning to move to another phase of the Retreat Center. Two phases remain, a new dining facility on one side of the center and a wing of new hotel style rooms on the other side. The building committee is in the process of costing out these next phases and how best to proceed. Meanwhile, the estate is not completely settled, so it remains to be seen exactly how much more we will get to apply to the next phase of the Retreat Center as wished by Josephine. Just as soon as the estate is settled, we will issue another statement apprising everyone of our financial position as related to the Retreat Center construction program.

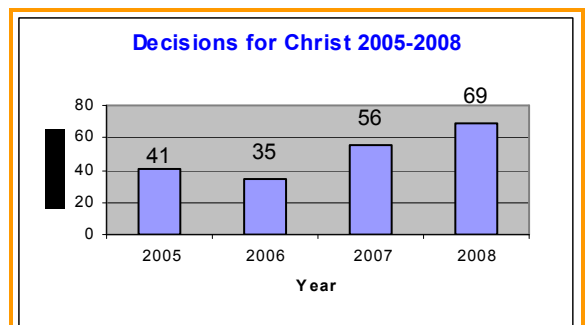
The Board has prayer requests concerning this construction. First, that they will make decisions that are best for the Camp and keep the Lord in the forefront of all the camp does; second, that churches and individuals will not withdraw their support from the Retreat Center with the idea that we have completed the project; and finally the receipt of this amazing gift will not be divisive, as we know this is what the devil desires most.

We hope to have at one-half to two-thirds of the cost of the next phase in the bank prior to breaking ground. If we continue to pull together as we have done for the first phase, the next phase can be a reality very soon!

Summer Camp Update and Statistics

The 2008 summer camp season alone included 20 different camp sessions for an unprecedented number of programs squeezed into two months. Next year, we are planning even more! During just this summer season we had a total of 1013 campers plus 336 faculty helping to run the programs. We are so grateful to the deans and faculty of each week knowing just how much they give to the students and the ministry. Forty-nine different Christian Churches were represented in the campers along with many others who took part this year. Fairdale Christian Church received the highest in attendance with 81 campers which was 20 more than last year (Way to Go Fairdale)! Okolona came in at a close 2nd with 75, Fern Creek 73 and First Christian-E'town sent 65 campers.

We are most excited about the decisions that were made this past summer proving once again just how effective Christian Camping is in meeting the spiritual needs of our young people. Whatever it takes, make sure you stay involved because as you can see, Christian Camping changes lives!





Camp Manager:
Ben Fulcher

As camp manager, one of the things that is continually upon my heart is how can we strengthen the ties between the camp and each and every church supporting the camp. Our mission is to be an extension of the Christian Churches and when that happens, all in one place such as camp, the

stage is set for a dynamic, growing resource whereby all can grow and benefit!

Just the other day I talked to a camp manager who said they were struggling to keep their churches involved. I could hear the heaviness in his voice because he, as all who love the camp ministry, understands how much is lost when churches lose their sense of ownership and connection with camp. As manager of White Mills I enjoy saying how much our churches love and support the camp. I'm thrilled when I hear Sr. Ministers and Youth Ministers insisting that their students go to camp because of the spiritual impact that can be made on one's soul at a week of church camp.

Church camp has a record that speaks volumes when it comes to individual souls being won for Christ each year. If working together with other Christian Churches sounds like a great team and your mission includes winning souls then by all means let us strengthen our ties and so honor Jesus' prayer to be one.

White Mills Christian Camp is exploding with tremendous news and exciting ventures. God is shining on this ministry through His people & I thank each of you for all of your efforts. It is my prayer that in the end we always return the glory back to God who is so very worthy. Amen!

B.Y.K.O.T.A. Scholarships

This past summer, 25 recipients were able to enjoy going to camp because of scholarships totaling nearly \$3000. These scholarships, which have to be applied for in the spring before May 15, are sponsored by local area Christian Churches called the BYKOTA (Be Ye Kind One To Another) association. In addition to camp scholarships they provide ministry scholarships to those attending our Bible Colleges while training for full time ministry.

To BYKOTA we say thank you as you open doors for many individuals. The generosity of our churches and individuals seems to grow more daily as together we work as one in the Lord's work!

The annual BYKOTA Thanksgiving fellowship meal will be held at the camp on Wednesday, November 19th. An offering will be collected for the ministry.

Swimming Pool Fund

Here is some news that will excite every single camper, because we all know how much we enjoy the swimming pool. We have started a new pool fund and have already accumulated nearly \$45,000. Much more will be needed if we are to enlarge our pool, enhance it with additional water park features, and make it handicapped accessible with a zero entry access. We hope to have a final plan and cost in place soon so that we can all share this common goal.

All of this is needed because after 40 years of use our current pool is in desperate need of help and is in many ways outdated. Forty years ago a vision was realized that has provided a wonderful pool for many to enjoy



and now we hope to have the vision and means by which to provide an even safer, more exciting pool to be used by everyone for the next several decades.

Help us continue raising funds by getting your Sunday School classes involved or even your entire Church family and friends. With the Lord's help and by working together even the grandest of obstacles can be overcome! Please denote "Pool Fund" on all donations given to this project. Thank you!

Wilderness Area Improved

Everyone who has attended wilderness camp knows all about our beautiful camp site located behind the Retreat Center. We are excited as we continue to improve this area creating an enhanced waterway leading to the river for better drainage. These grounds are also made more appealing as they are now connected by a nature trail extending from the Wilderness area all the way around the camp to the front Hotel entrance.



Financial Report

Third Quarter

General Budget Report

General Income - \$115,152.32
General Expenses - \$133,584.80
General Balance - \$23,055.59

Pool Fund

\$44,650.45
Estimated need \$350,000

Building Fund

Retreat Center/Phase II

Current Balance

\$264,138.28
Estimated need
\$800,000

To the many individuals, Churches, and Sunday School classes that continue to be so faithful in giving to the camp's ministry we say thank you! Please pray also for wisdom and the continued strength of the ministry for this generation and the next.



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Plan now for your 2009 Church Retreat

Already many Churches and Sunday School classes have scheduled times for next year to meet at camp as a place for their own special retreat. These include family outings, youth retreats, leadership meetings, men and women retreats and church picnics. We want every single church to come and enjoy a beautiful, natural setting and a chance to get away from the world to appreciate even more what Christ has to offer.

If you are a camp supporting Christian Church the only fees charged would be if we prepare meals or provide lifeguards. We want you to use this place to help you in your ministry as we strive to offer a peaceful and reflective setting for your particular retreat.

It is best to book your retreat in advance, preferably before the start of the coming year, to ensure you can get the date of your choosing. If you need a contract, please feel free to contact Kelly Fulcher at the camp office and she will mail or email a contract to you.

The coming year promises to be one of excitement and adventure as we continue to serve together. We look forward to helping make your retreat a success and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to partner with you in your ministry.

Service Projects & Special Needs

Looking for ways to help the camp?

Here are a few service project to consider.

- † Leaf Raking - A lot of them too!
- † Gutter cleaning - It's got to be done.
- † Landscaping - Planting trees & shrubs
- † Pressure Washing - Hotel, Gazebo, etc.
- † Picking up branches and sticks

Here are a few special needs.

- † New, larger mower. Current mower is a 7' Grasshopper and we mow 40 acres.
 - † Padded Chairs and Banquet Tables
 - † Staging to be used for summer programs.
- Thank you to Okolona Christian Church for allowing us to use theirs the past two years.