

Commonground Baptist Camp



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Pastors, Youth Leaders, and Supporting Churches,

Thanks for another great year at camp! The weeks were refreshing to me and so many others in countless ways. Thanks also for all the help on staff this year. So many churches contributed staff in addition to their counselors and it was a huge blessing.

Because of the amount of prayer that all of you pour into camp, our camp tends to be blessed with an unusual number of things that only God can do. Here are two quick examples from this year.

Normally, the farthest a group will travel to camp is either the middle of Maine or, perhaps, Iowa. This year, with our missions theme, we had a group of nine come from **China** for our last teen week. That will be a travel record that is hard to beat. One Chinese girl was saved and one teen boy made the decision to go back and witness in China. It is a very sobering decision when you consider what he will face. We did not seek this group, God just brought them to us.



One of our skits this year was an auction for souls. It ended with someone not bidding on the last girl in the auction and her being dragged off by the enemy. It was a very moving skit. A counselor, who happened to be that girl's father, was so moved that he left the service crying. I went out and prayed with him and he was beating himself up for being so emotional about what happened. Of course, we should never beat ourselves up about caring for souls. The last thing he said to me was, "We have to do more." At that point, I went back into the service while he stayed out to pray. Almost immediately he ran into a teen that was not from our group (this never happens) and led him to the Lord. If God had not ripped up his heart in the service, he would have never walked out of the service and never led that teen to Christ.

Like I said, things happen at camp and the only explanation is God responding to your prayers.

A big thanks needs to go out to Pastor Seth Garland who, once again, did amazing work in getting food donations for the camp. We are always striving to keep costs down so that cost is less of a barrier to people coming and Seth plays a big role in helping us make that happen. Shoot me an email if you have another source of donations that we can tap into.

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Speaking of costs, I have been asked to share our other needs. For us, the big need this year was getting trailers. We have to project a considerable amount of force to a camp that is a five hour drive away. We can't do that without trailers. We bit the bullet and got these two beauties on the road. The good news is that they are a perfect solution to our problem. The bad news is that it cost us a total of \$15,000. A heartfelt thanks to all those that contributed! Every offering was a blessing. Unfortunately, the offerings have not covered the cost. If you would like to give a one time offering for the trailers, or if you would like to consider supporting the camp, that would be a help.



Please continue inviting other churches to camp. Almost all of our new churches come from word of mouth. The recommendation of an unknown camp director who, of course, thinks the camp he is part of is great, is not nearly as meaningful as yours. Extra kids coming does not add much work for us, but it does result in more souls saved and more people blessed.

Please also encourage your kids to be part of the ministry by praying for camp. You never know the impact you can have on teens and a youth group by praying for them and inviting them to camp.

The **camp weeks** for the next 2 years are:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Day of Fasting and Prayer	Monday, May 6	Monday, May 5
Teen Week 1	July 1-5	June 30 - July 4
Junior Week 1	July 8-12	July 7-11
Junior Week 2	July 15-19	July 14-18
Teen Week 2	July 22-26	July 21-25

I can't thank you enough for allowing me to serve you as camp director. Pray for camp!

Pastor Jim Krohn

Isaiah 6:8

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