

CMMBC News

Why We DO What We DO!

We must confess that we experience such a broad range of emotions following summer camp: joy, relief, fatigue, amazement, sadness, loneliness, solitude. The afterglow of our 8th summer camp season, scrambled with the struggle of determining priorities for the off season and missing folks who spent the summer with us, feels vaguely familiar. Motivation can be hard to find without the urgency of campers and staff needing to be fed (physically, emotionally and spiritually) or facilities needing to be maintained for campers and their families or the preparation for the next camp. Not to mention that we are all tired after nearly 2 months of summer camps that were preceded by 2 months of construction projects. Yet, we realize that we need to slow down so that we can process the God moments of summer camp.



We are grateful for all who made camp possible this summer! The faithful support of First Baptist Church (Stilwell, OK) staffing Pathfinders and Salem-Troy Baptist Association (AL) staffing Senior Camp is such a blessing. Christian Life Fellowship (Jonesville, VA) once again funded t-shirts and also sent workers to help with camp readiness. Jonesville First Baptist sent workers to clean between camps. Small groups came from Trinity Covenant (Cincinnati) and Faith Covenant (Farmington Hills, MI) for soccer camp, while Champro Sports provided soccer balls and uniforms and the Great Lakes Conference sent funding. Small groups came from First Covenant (Grand Rapids, MI) for Junior Camp and Community Covenant (Springfield, VA) for Trailblazers. West Bay Covenant (Traverse City, MI) and individual contributors provided scholarship funding. Covenant World Missions sent Tom and Janice Kelly, missionaries from Mexico, to help with Junior Camp. What a blessing to see the body of Christ come together!

This year we saw a significant involvement from the local community during summer camp. Rangers from Wilderness Road State Park came to make walking sticks with campers. Workers helped in the kitchen. We have also been rewarded to see how investing in the lives of young people, giving them opportunities to gain skills through volunteering, has allowed us to see them grow from being campers to being staff and leaders. What a joy to see! We are excited to see growth in the number of campers who are working at camp in exchange for camp fees. For many of our young workers, camp is a safe place to learn new skills or to have fun with friends. Sometimes, though, it is a safe place to rest from their chaotic lives. We thank God for the privilege of serving at a place that He has set aside for His purposes.

Blessings! Joe. & Tammy

Recruiting Mission Teams to Come to CMMBC

Let us know if your church is interested in bringing a mission team to serve at CMMBC. We'd love to see you!

Summer Camps for 2018

Soccer Camps (grades K-12)	June 11-15, 2018
Pathfinders (grades K-5)	June 18-22, 2018
Senior Camp (grades 9-12)	June 24-29, 2018
Junior Camp (grades 6-8)	July 8-13, 2018
CHIC @ UT (high school)	July 15-20, 2018
*Trailblazers (grades 4-6)	July 23-26, 2018

*Good Shepherd Covenant (Joliet, IL) has committed to staffing

Work Projects Needing Workers

- ❖ Mural for Jonesville Woman's Club at Court House
- ❖ Establishing prayer garden above Staff House
- ❖ Digging to put in drain tiles around buildings
- ❖ Maintaining and extending hiking/biking trails
- ❖ Terracing in front of pavilion
- ❖ Multiple small construction projects
- ❖ Carpeting meeting space in basement of Chapel

Pathfinders (grades K-5)

The folks from Stilwell First Baptist were back again for year number 7! The campers and year around staff are blessed to see familiar faces. Not only has this team walked alongside 2 classes of campers through all of their K-5 years, we've also seen team members become adults and bring younger siblings with them.



Community Soccer Camps

This was the 2nd year that CMMBC sponsored free soccer camps for grades K-12. The Summer Food Service Program allowed us to offer lunch and evening snacks for free.

Through a partnership with the Lee County Soccer Association, and the support of Great Lakes Conference



Senior Camp (grades 9-12)

Twenty-one high school campers from 5 states (AL, KY, NC, MN & VA) learned about their Christian walk through a study of the book of Ephesians. We traveled to Lee High School on Tuesday for a community service project, picking up trash at the football stadium and cleaning up book lockers, athletic locker rooms and the main entrance. Afterwards, we went out for pizza and ice cream.

Junior Camp (grades 6-8)

Junior campers learned about walking with Jesus, how Jesus starts cleaning up our outside and then starts to take off our rough edges, kind of like washing a rock in water and then continuing to tumble us in the water. His presence was evident! We enjoyed learning songs in Spanish with the Kelly's, who served with Covenant World Missions in Mexico.



Trailblazers (grades 4-6)

Pastor Ryan tied spiritual lessons to road signs, so that our Trailblazers could learn about walking with God. It's exciting to see campers during their first overnight camp. They learned that God will walk with them through new experiences as they grow.

Churches, CMMBC is connecting with people in our community that we would not otherwise meet. It was fantastic to see the improving skills, as well as to see the older campers, who had camp in the morning, helping with the younger campers in the evening.

Campers learned about Jesus through the servant leadership of the staff and a daily devotion that was shared during snack/meal time.

Camp 2 Camp

Covenant Camps across the nation encourage a missions project, called "Camp 2 Camp," that meets the needs of another camp. Akagi Camp in Japan was the 2017 project, raising funds to winterize their main building and to buy kayaks or canoes. CMMBC campers raised \$1090!

Get ready for 2018 when CMMBC will be the Camp 2 Camp missions focus. Please pray for us as we plan for this gift.