



CHANGED LIVES

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“Move It, Move It!”

Shhh... Don't let anyone in on my secret... I enjoy watching cartoons and cartoon type movies. One of my favorite memories of growing up personally was Saturday mornings. My siblings and I were allowed to have cereal in the living room and watch Saturday morning cartoons. Bugs Bunny, Space Ghost, and my all-time favorite and maybe the best ever Saturday morning cartoon... The Amazing Spiderman.

When my children were growing up we watched VCR tapes of every Disney Movie on the market. At one time, I had every line of the Little Mermaid memorized and could sound a lot like Sebastian. Now I watch streaming videos of The Wild Kratts with my grandchildren on PBS. Is it any wonder that a song from a cartoon movie came to mind when I sat down to write this article?

A week ago I discovered that our F-250 plow truck had been stolen from the front parking lot of the Lodge. Yes, you read that correctly our truck and the plow attached to it was taken by unknown perpetrators. And that is the topic of my writing this morning.

The cartoon movie, Madagascar, has a scene that has always made me smile. The cartoon animals are dancing and singing a song called, “I Like to Move It.” The Hippo dancing and singing always reminds me of... well ... me ... singing in the shower. Now that you have

that visual in your minds (sorry about that), let me tell you why that song came to mind when our plow and truck was stolen.

Monday (today is Friday) we received nearly 30 inches of snow at the camp. As the staff and some great friends were trying to clear the drives, parking areas and wood shed entrance, I began to giggle as that dancing hippo singing, I like to move it, move it popped into my head. Then a tear formed in the corner of my eye as I realized how nice it was to have a piece of equipment made to “move it, move it”.

Still today (Friday) we are working on clearing drives, parking and areas for the animals. We like to *move it, move it* has been running through my head all week.

As I have been moving snow, I have also been thinking of all of the other things we move at camp. We move hay. We move wood. We move water. We move wagons, hayrides and brush cutters. We move horses from field to field. We move food and we move archery equipment. But what we move more than anything else ... we move campers.

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Move It, Move It cont.

Campers are moved from the front of the camp to the back of the camp. Campers move into the pool and out of the creek. We move campers into the woods and into the Ebenezer building. We move campers all over the camp, but our ultimate goal is to move campers to a "Changed Life". Our hope is that while campers move to and fro they experience the love of Jesus in a way that draws them into a deeper relationship with Christ. I like to move them, move them ... closer to a loving God, who wants them more than they could ever want to be wanted.

We need your help to "move it, move it." We need some new equipment to do all of the moving. We have an opportunity for you to double your giving power and help us get a new tractor with snowplow to move it, move it. Yes, I wrote tractor and snowplow. While our truck was wonderful, a tractor with snow plow will not only move snow, it will allow us to move the list above and many other items. The tractor and plow will cost us nearly \$40,000 dollars and your donations will be matched by a generous donor. That is correct. If, you give us \$100 dollars toward the new equipment it will automatically become \$200 ... if you give us \$1,000 it becomes \$2,000 and so on. **To double your money, just write "Move It, Move It" on the memo line of your check. (All funds raised in the "Move, It, Move It" campaign will be used to purchase power equipment that will help in snow removal and moving other objects and people.)**

While the snow will disappear, it looks like late June, our hope is that our moving of campers will continue year after year. Will you help us keep up the work we are doing and all of the moving we need to continue? Will you help us "Move It, Move It?"

*Eyes on the Prize,
Randy Brookes, Executive Director*

KOINONIA EQUINE PROGRAM



NEW FACES AT KOINONIA



Lexi Vince

Over the past few months, we have brought on some new staff members!

Lexi is our new Office Manager and has been a long-time camper, volunteer, and counselor here at Koinonia Camp. Her legacy however extends back to her Grandparents. Her grandfather, Ken Sprague (see photo) worked as the maintenance supervisor, and his wife Judi Sprague served alongside him. Lexi is the daughter of Sunshine Sprague and has 4 brothers and 1 sister!



She graduated from Madison High School in 2016 and attended Lakeland Community College. She married her husband, Mikey, in June of 2021 and has a 7-year-old daughter, Payslee, and is expecting baby #2 in July! We are so blessed to have her as apart of our staff, and so excited to see what she does at Koinonia Camp to change lives!

Hi everyone! I am so excited to have been given the opportunity to step into the office manager role here at Koinonia! I look forward to getting to know all of you in the future! Camp has played such a huge role in my life growing up, and I look forward to seeing lives changed in the lives of each and every camper I meet! Lexi

FLASHBACK FRIDAYS

COMING SOON!

Having new people in the office means spring cleaning! Lexi has stumbled across hundreds of photo slides from years past of Koinonia Camp! In light of finding all of these photos, we are going to start Flashback Fridays! Every Friday Koinonia will post a "flashback" photo. Could be a building, it could be campers! We are so excited to share in this experience with you all! *Randy*

Can you guess the approximate year this archived Koinonia Lodge photo was taken?



"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

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2022 TENTATIVE SUMMER CAMP DATES!

Special Person's Camp: June 8 - 11

**Advanced Horsemanship Camp: June 5 - 10

Junior High Camp: June 26 - July 1

Elementary Camp: June 19 - 24

Primary Camp: June 19 - 22

**Horsemanship Camp: June 19 - 24

Elementary Horse Camp: June 26 - July 1

Paintball Camp: July 3 - 8

Junior & Senior High Horse Camp: July 3 - 8

Senior High Camp: July 10 - 15

First Timer's Camp: July 22 - 23

Youth Special Person's Horse Camp: July 31 - Aug. 3

Adult Special Person's Horse Camp: August 3 - 6

All dates are subject to change

**Camps marked with this symbol are invitation only

Visit the Koinonia Camp website (christiancampohio.org)
for more information and to register.

NEW FACES AT KOINONIA



Seth Downey

Seth Downey is a new face that has joined the staff here at Koinonia! He is very excited to be a part of the ministry here. Seth grew up in Ashtabula, Ohio but has spent time in other parts of the world including California where he served as a "contractor" to the Air Force. He attends Eagleville Bible Church with his family and is very active in the Y.A.M.s and Potatoes ministry at Koinonia Camp! His favorite animal is the unicorn, and his favorite childhood memory is wrangling Emu's! If you find Seth this summer, and ask him about his Emu Wrangling experience, he will buy you a candy bar!

Tickets \$25 9yrs and Up

Koinonia Camp and Lifebrand Cowboy Church

Join Us For Our

Kids \$10 Pizza Meal 3-8 yrs

Texas Smoked Brisket

BBQ

Fundraiser

Send campers to camp!

3-12-22 | 5:00PM

Lifebrand Cowboy Church Painesville, OH

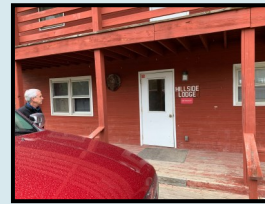
Get your tickets today:
www.christiancampohio.com
440-466-1278

Live Auction

Silent Auction

Visit the camp website ([christiancampohio](http://christiancampohio.com)) or call the Koinonia office at 440-466-1278 for more info.

"Sinea Sanctuary" or Hillside Project



We are blessed, so that we may bless others...Koinonia has been so incredibly blessed by so many people over the years. But most recently we have been blessed by financial donations and skilled labor of those servants working alongside Koinonia to finish the "Sinea Sanctuary" or Hillside remodel project.

We have fully renovated the downstairs of the Hillside building; and have also added all new windows, doors, and central air to the upstairs of the building. This is an incredible blessing to the ministry at Koinonia and greatly expands what we are capable of doing with this building both upstairs and down.

But for now, we are choosing to take the blessing we have been given as a camp and use it to bless an amazing couple, Emily and Doug Beal. Doug and Emily and I have been long time campers, counselors, staff, and volunteers of Koinonia Camp and at the end of 2021 they got married! Doug is one of our current Maintenance Staff members and he and Emily are residing in the beautiful new blessing that is The Sinea Sanctuary.

Someday this beautiful building will be just what the name signifies, a sanctuary for pastors/ministry workers and their families who just need a bit of time away to rest and reunite with the God they serve, but for now it is serving the incredible purpose of being a first home for a beautiful couple.

If you are one of the people who donated financially to this project, we thank you with all our hearts. Without you this project would have failed. If you are one of the people who donated your time and skills to this project, we thank you LOUDLY. Without you this project would have failed. If you are one of the people who prayed continuously for this project, we thank you sincerely. Without you this project would have failed. Nothing at Koinonia is ever done because we work hard, it is done by the grace of God. But part of the grace we have been given is the amazing people that serve alongside our ministry here at Camp.

Amie Gillespie

CARE AND SHARE - ITEMS TO DONATE

Do you want to be a part of the ministry at Koinonia but are too far away for a single day trip, or just don't have the time to commit to being there to volunteer? That's OK!

Below are a few different ways to donate your treasures to Koinonia Camp!

Cleaning Supplies

- 2 Gallon Buckets
- Paper Towels
- Shower Curtains/Liners
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Toilet Bowl Brushes
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Cleaning Rags
- Garden Hoses
- Magic Erasers
- Hand Sanitizer
- Simple Green (Cleaner)

Office Supplies

- Rubber Bands
- Mechanical Pencils
- Standard Copy Paper
- Windowless Business Envelopes
- Legal Pad Notebooks
- Sticky Notes
- Scotch Tape
- White Out
- G2 Pens
- Gift Cards

Kitchen Supplies

- Ziplock Bags (All Sizes)
- Heavy-duty Pot Holders
- Cleaning Rags (Bar Towels)
- Styrofoam Plates
- Simple Green (Cleaner)
- Stick Matches
- Laundry Detergent
- Unscented Bleach
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels
- Steel Wool Pads
- Scotch Scrubbing Pads
- Magic Erasers
- BUNN Glass Coffee Pots

Maintenance Supplies

- 2 Cycle Chainsaw Oil
- Reciprocating Saw Blades
- Chainsaw Bar Oil
- Paintbrushes (Any Size)
- 9" Roller Pads
- Paint Roller Handles
- Drop Cloths
- Tarps
- Paint Roller Trays
- 4 ft. LED Light Bulbs
- Safety Glasses
- Work Gloves
- Rubber Gloves

- Shop Paper Towels
- Marking Paint
- Extension Cords
- Ear Plugs
- Gift Cards (Home Depot/Lowes)

Programming Supplies

- Rubber Playground Balls
- Basketballs
- Soccer Balls
- Basket Ball Nets
- Volleyballs
- Washable Paints
- Clothes Line or Rope
- Duct Tape
- Panty Hose
- Spray Paint
- Gift Cards

First Aid Supplies

- Band Aids - Large and Small
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment (Neosporin)
- Eye Wash
- Tampons
- Feminine Hygiene Pads
- Aloe Vera Gel
- Sunscreen
- Children's Benadryl



S.W.A.T Saturdays



Sometimes... only sometimes... I wonder if I could ever run out of things to say about Koinonia Camp. And then another S.W.A.T. Saturday happens.

S.W.A.T stands for Servants Working All Together. Without servants volunteering their time and talents Koinonia Camp would be a terrible mess. But thanks to those who give of themselves great things have been happening to our physical facilities.

The name SWAT Saturday is kind of misleading. Not because we don't have Servants and not because we don't Work All Together to make Koinonia Camp special. The thing is not all of the servants come on Saturday.

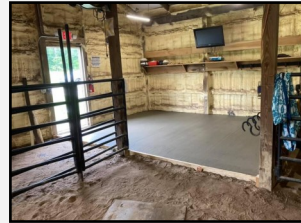
In the past, we have had electricians fixing incoming electrical feeds, plumbers installing new water lines and mechanics working on vehicles. You see the needs of the camp are great and Saturdays are so limited. So some Servants need to help out at other times.

We still have the third Saturday of every month when we have work teams doing all kinds of fun stuff to improve the camp. At one of our Saturday gatherings, we poured eight yards of concrete, cleared trails with leaf blowers, cleaned up fallen trees and ran weed whackers around buildings.

I guess what I am saying is... Every day can be a SWAT Saturday. All you need to do is let us know you want to lend a hand. We had a retired school teacher who helped in the kitchen all summer. What gift or talent is God asking you to use at Koinonia Camp? If you can't figure it out give us a call 440-466-1278 and we will help you.

Randy

Past Work Projects



*...where Christ finds
people and
changes lives.*

**“ALONE WE CAN
DO SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER WE
CAN DO SO MUCH.”**
- Helen Keller

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Visit the Koinonia website
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SWAT SATURDAYS
Third Saturday of every month
at Koinonia Camp



Servants Working All Together!
Contact the camp for more info!



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Please consider helping future generations of campers at Koinonia by including the camp in your estate planning. Thank you!