



CHANGED LIVES

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KOINONIA CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER



I spent last weekend with three college buddies. Two of them I had not seen in thirty years. It was an amazing weekend as we laughed and shared stories and memories. Other than my missing hair and a few wrinkle lines it was like we had never been separated. Like the years apart, time flew by and too soon it was time to return to our homes (each in a different state).

That weekend brought up so many great memories and caused me to smile and laugh harder than I have in years. It also makes me wonder if it isn't time for a "Reunion Camp". I think it is time to open the camp up to previous campers, counselors, directors and staff for a chance to share memories and stories. It is time for a rekindling of our lives and a fanning of the flame of the Holy Spirit with in us. It is time for us to share a campfire together as we praise the Rock of Ages with songs from throughout the years.

With the idea of: many years separated, reunion, laughter, memories, singing, Rock of ages – I invite you to come and be a part of "BATTLE OF THE AGES".

November 23 we will be having a **Camp Reunion** for anyone who has ever been involved in any way at Koinonia Camp. Registration opens at 9AM and closing campfire will begin 6PM. In between, we will be hearing stories, spending time playing and praying together and renewing and building friendships.

At the end of the evening, a decade of campers will

be crowned winner of "Battle of the Ages" and a picture will be mounted in the Lodge of all those in attendance. It is your chance to relive some of your camp memories. Keep your eyes open for more information on the competition.

Spouses and families will be welcome to join in the fun throughout the day.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. It is looking to be a fantastic event.

Eyes on The Prize

Randy

ADMIT ONE
 OCTOBER 5th, 2019 | 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
 * 2nd Annual Koinonia Carnival *
 FREE FAMILY EVENT • Wagon Rides * Face Painting * Pumpkin Picking * Horseback Riding * Pumpkin Decorating * Petting Zoo * Fresh Cider * and More!
 Koinonia Camp * 6810 Cork Cold Springs Rd. Geneva, OH 44041

Tickets at: www.christiancampohio.org/
 Tickets Available at: 440-466-1278

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2nd Annual Koinonia Carnival

October 5, 2019



Public Capital Fund Campaign Kicks Off

With your help, a successful Koinonia public capital campaign will take place. More lives will be changed with an increased capacity to serve more campers. Capital funds will also help create high-quality, efficient, and safe areas for campers to use. And, a successful campaign will provide up-to-date equipment for the staff to properly maintain the camp space.

If the capital campaign fails to raise the needed funds, the result will be a continued limited capacity due to facilities and layout and the camp may experience decline in usage due to worn down facilities. This means fewer lives changed and fewer people who have made decisions about their eternal destination.

Thank you in advance for your support!

*Jonathon Wilterdink, Financial Professional and
Randy Brookes, Koinonia Executive Director*



Wow! What a cute little pumpkin!



I will be at the Koinonia Carnival. Will you?
Looking forward to seeing you!

Koinonia Camp and Conference Center 2019 Upcoming Meetings

Annual Meeting - Saturday, November 9, 2019 (9 am)

Trustees Meeting, November 9, 2019 (Immediately following the Annual Meeting)

BATTLE FOR THE AGES!

JIM SPEAR CABIN - 1982

November 23, 2019

Join us for an EPIC battle for the ages! There will be games, contests (best camp story, camp knowledge, funniest camp memory, etc.), worship, scavenger hunts, food, fellowship, campfire, and of course A WINNING DECADE!

NO ONE IS TOO OLD OR TOO YOUNG! The decade with the most points at the end of the day will get a picture with their names and accomplishment hung on the wall here at Koinonia!

Bring your camp friends and your families to show what your age is made of!



JIM SPEAR CABIN - 2019

Things at Koinonia Camp are always changing, shifting, and growing... but one thing that will never change is all of the amazing memories that have been made here! So come and share what you remember... and prove that your decade was obviously the best!

A Reunion You Won't Want To Miss!

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November 23, 2019
9:00 am - Closing Campfire

Register Online at:
<https://www.christiancampohio.org/forms.html>
Using the One Day Event Form!

BIG SALE

Sept. 2019 - Dec. 2019

FEATURES

- Lodging up to 150 people
- Food Service
- Horseback Riding
- Multi-purpose Building
- 3 Miles of Hiking Trails
- Basketball Court
- Multiple Meeting Areas
- Large Sledding Hill
- Many other amenities...

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OFF SEASON DISCOUNT

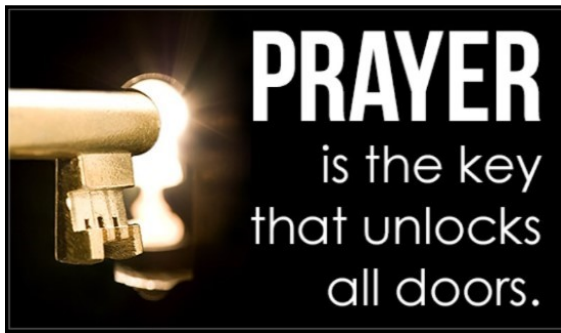


Call or email for pricing specifically designed for our off season groups to get the best deal possible! We would love to host your event, be it a youth group, women's retreat, men's work group, or anything else you can think of!



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"When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven." Nehemiah 1:4

Have you ever had one of those days when everything seems to be falling apart? A day where everything you touch breaks and every report you get is negative. A day when even your dog wants to hide from you. I think that is the kind of day Nehemiah was having as we read the words of Nehemiah 1:1-3. He hears a report of the "Jewish remnant" and it is anything but positive or encouraging. And that is where we pick up verse 4 and Nehemiah's response. In verse 4 Nehemiah reacts and does five things that set an example for us as we face difficult news or situations in our lives.

First, he sits down. That is correct Nehemiah realized his humanness and took a seat. Sometimes we just need to accept that we are weak and frail and take a seat. Sometimes we just need to rest ourselves as we face difficulties or crisis. Often I am not willing to admit my physical limitations and I try to push through the situation. And this usually turns out with me making myself physically ill and then I rest. So like Nehemiah, we need to recognize our limitations and physical needs and act upon them.

Second, he wept. Nehemiah was broken over the report of the pain of his fellow Jews and he did not hide his emotions. It is good for us to openly express our emotions. It is ok for us to cry when struggles arise.

Third, he mourned. Nehemiah's pain was more than a brief ache. His pain overwhelmed him to the point of mourning. He knew sorrow and he did not hide from it. Sometimes we need to except the hurt

that is real in our lives.

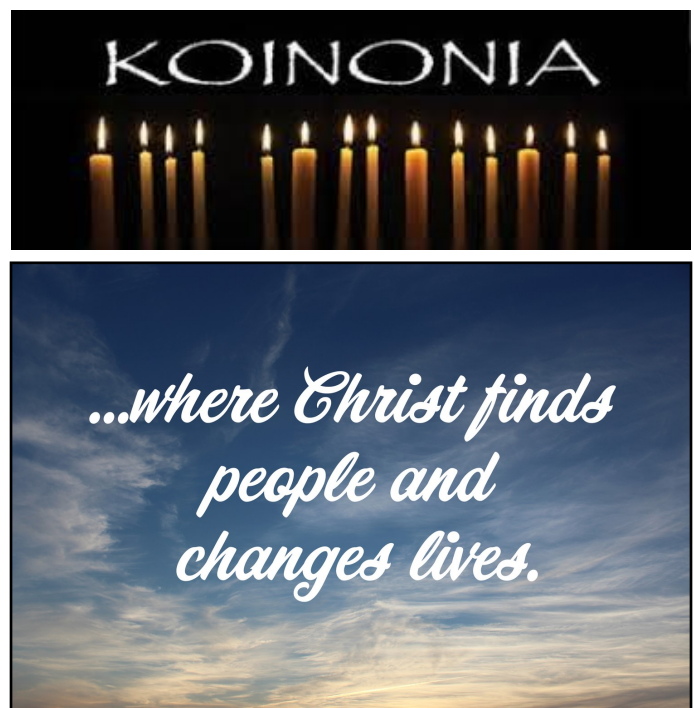
Fourth, he fasted. Nehemiah did not wallow in his pain. Instead he began to act on it. He prioritizes the situations and makes it an item that will drive him to search for God's will in it. There comes a time when we need to set aside things of this life that distract us from knowing God's purpose and plan and seek His face. Maybe it is time to give up Monday night football or another sitcom and listen for the Holy Spirit to speak.

Fifth, he prays. Nehemiah doesn't make a plan or overreact – he prays before the God of heaven. If you are anything like me; you too often respond with action (sometimes aggression) before stopping to thoroughly praying through the situation or struggle. How much better would I deal with things if only I would talk to God first?

If your life never has difficulties or bad news, then ignore everything you just read. But if your life is like life at camp... we need to look closely at Nehemiah's example and follow him in dealing with life.

Please pray for the camp ministry as we work to see Changed Lives.

Randy Brookes



Koinonia Camp & Conference Center



Randy and Lori Brookes

Koinonia is a ministry dedicated to changed lives. Changes are also taking place in the facilities at the camp as renovation projects are currently in process at this time. Among them is the reconstruction of the restroom facilities near the indoor riding arena ... creatively named the "Trotty Potty." The following 2 photos show some of the progress of this project.



Interior View ...floor going in!

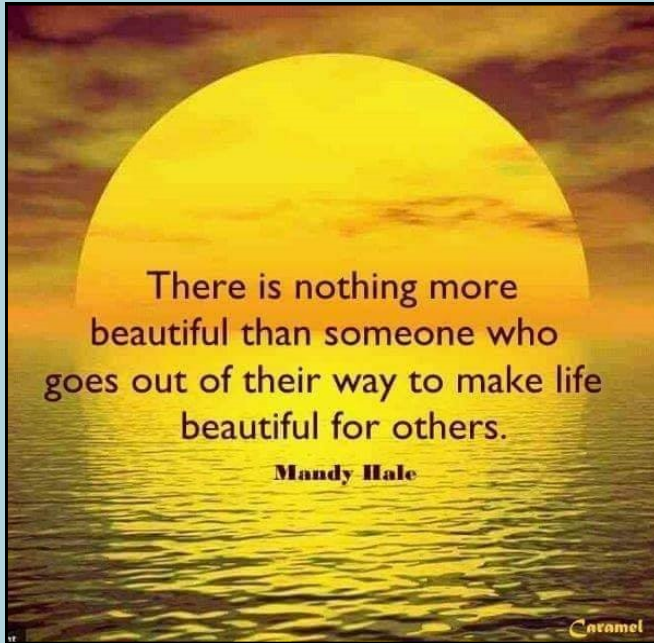


Interior View ... walls under construction!



She can't wait until I am big enough to ride a horse!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Special Person's Day 2019!

Koinonia Camp and Conference Center

Join us for a fall day of fun, games, crafts, hay rides, and so much more! A good way to see all your camp friends before next summer!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019
FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
Koinonia Camp - 6810 Cork Cold Springs Rd. Geneva, OH 44041

Registration Available Online At:
https://www.christiancampohio.org/store/c4/One_Day_Events.html

2019 Koinonia Carnival!

Wood fired pizza, campfire donuts, cotton candy, hiking, photo booth, fishing, canoeing, pumpkin picking, horseback riding, fresh cider, petting zoo, tomohawk throwing, hay rides, face painting, carnival games and more! Come join us for this awesome FREE family event!



**October 5th
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**FREE*FREE*FREE
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY!!!**



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or call
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2019 Koinonia Women's Day

Koinonia Camp 6810 Cork Cold Springs Rd. Geneva, OH 44041	Pre- Registration: \$40.00 Day of Registration: \$50.00
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 • 8 AM TO 6 PM

Fellowship - Fancy Food - Fun!

Registration available at:
<https://www.christiancampohio.org/forms.html> (one day event form)

For more information contact our office at: 440-466-1278



OUR MISSION: CHANGED LIVES

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

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Fall 2019



Visit the Koinonia website
(christiancampohio.org)

SWAT SATURDAYS Third Saturday of every month at Koinonia Camp



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

THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you



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