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Camp Newsletter

Summer 2026 Camp Update

OVCA brings the fight to this camp season!

Another season of summer camp is in the books, but in many ways we are just getting started. We are looking forward to fall events like the Ladies' Retreat, Camp Reconnect events, and much more. While the summer camp season is a popular time to be at OVCA, camp activities happen all year round. We want people to take advantage of all the camp has to offer in every season!

That being said, this summer was an absolute knock out! Our theme was "Fight On!" and was based on 1 Timothy 6:12 *"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."* All summer long campers were challenged to take on this fight by putting on "the full armor of God" and to recognize that God has not only equipped them for the battle ahead, but because of Jesus, He has called them worthy.

Each week explored this theme in different and exciting ways. We are so thankful for our all star collection of Camp Deans and faculty who did such a creative job in

bringing the theme to life for their age group. We couldn't have done camp without them.

Another exciting element of the camp season was our camp mission, Just Help One. JHO is a disaster response ministry that responds to tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters using volunteers and donations so that everything can be done for free in Jesus' name. All summer long campers brought in missions offering to support JHO, but they also had the opportunity to pack disaster kits. These personal hygiene kits will be used to respond to natural disasters and provide people with some basic care items in a time when they may have none. Alltogether our campers packed a little over 200 of these kits! Way to go campers!

Of course one of the unsung heroes of this, and every summer, is you. Each one of you who take the time to read our newsletters, pray for OVCA, and support us in various ways. We wouldn't do any of this without you!

Blessings,

-Dodger

Summer Camp Memories



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LADIES' RETREAT

It's almost that time! Our annual Ladies' Retreat at camp is definitely one of the highlights of the year! Each year our women's panning team puts on an incredibly uplifting and encouraging event for ladies of all ages. This year promises to be no exception to the rule. The theme for the 2026 retreat is "Covered by Grace."

Our keynote speaker for the weekend is certainly no stranger to OVCA. Annie Holbert grew up coming to OVCA as a camper. She is a graduate of Kentucky Christian University, and spent the better part of decade doing Women's Ministry at Ohio University at Reach Out on Campus. She is a gifted communicator and a great friend of the camp. We are so excited to welcome her back for the Ladies' retreat because we know that you will be blessed by her teaching.

In addition to some great food, encouraging times of fellowship, uplifting worship, and of course challenging teaching, there will be door prizes, breakout sessions, a book store, and a silent auction. Literally something for everyone.

Covered by GRACE



*OVCA Ladies Retreat Keynote
Speaker Annie Holbert*

Ladies, please mark your calendars for September 18th and 19th. You won't want to miss out. You can come for both days, and stay overnight at the camp, for only \$25! Or pick a day, Friday or Saturday, and the day rate is only \$17.

Pray for OVCA

- Praise for an incredible camp season and for all those who made it possible
- Pray for the students (more than a dozen) who made decisions to follow Jesus and be immersed as a result of their time at camp
- Pray for our upcoming Ladies Retreat at OVCA that God would use it to bless those in attendance
- Praise for a fantastic week for our team of 14 who served on the Mission Field with Just Help One in TN in July
- Pray for all of our fall activities and events such as Camp Reconnect, Camp Reps, etc.

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Missions Week

As we mentioned on the first page of this newsletter, this summer OVCA partnered with Just Help One disaster response ministry. In addition to the aforementioned money and disaster kits, the camp also sent a team of 14 adults and students to serve with JHO on the mission field in TN.

Our team spent the week serving on a church build near Cade's Cove in Townsend, TN. The team eagerly attacked a variety of projects throughout the week including building a people bridge over a stream bed, drilling holes in studs in preparation for wiring, building forms for concrete, and yes, even pouring concrete. It was hot, the labor was difficult, but you would never have known because the team tackled each project with such joy.

One of the camp's priorities has always been connecting students with missions and opportunities to serve. Taking a group from the camp to serve with OVCA's summer mission was a natural progression of this goal. Students got to see Just Help One in action, and participate in the ongoing work they are doing. It is always gratifying to see students discover that they have gifts that God can use for the Kingdom and then watch them put those gifts into action.

This isn't a one and done trip by the way. We plan to host a mission week next summer (location and project TBD). It's also not just a week for high school and college students. Our vision for this week is to continue to grow, inviting families, and adults to come and serve as well. We'd love to bring a true multi-generational team from OVCA to serve wherever God leads us next summer. Would you prayerfully consider if God is calling you to join us?



FALL CAMP WORK DAY

There is always a lot to do after a summer of camps. With that in mind, OVCA is hosting a fall camp work day. Join us on Saturday September 26th from 8:30am to shortly after lunch for a day of service. We will have a variety of projects for every skill level. If you've never had the chance to join us, this would be a great time. Donuts and coffee and lunch provided.

WORK DAY

Saturday, September 26th

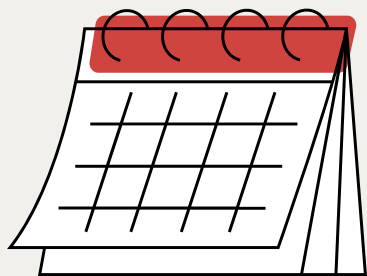
Join us for a work day at the camp grounds.
There will be projects for all skill levels.
Donuts at coffee at 8:30, Lunch will be provided afterwards.



A Special Note of Thanks!

There are so many churches and individuals that give to the camp that we couldn't possibly list them all, we'd quickly run out of space. But occasionally we receive gifts in memory of certain individuals who have made an impact in the lives of those around them and in the kingdom. This is one such instance.

Prior to the start of the camp season, OVCA received a special gift in memory of Robert and Mary Newton of the Coal Run Church of Christ. We are grateful for the Newton's and their impact, as well as the gift given that helped us prepare for the summer camp season.



Camp DATES

Sep. 18th & 19th - Ladies Retreat
Sep. 26th - Fall Camp Work Day
Oct 13th - Camp Reps Meeting
Nov. 15th - Friendsgiving at 5th
Street Church (Camp Reconnect)
Jan 29th - 31st - Jr / Sr High Winter Retreat



****Make sure to check ovcacamp.org for the full calendar and other information.***

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