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# Camp Newsletter

Summer 2025 Camp Update

## Another OVCA Summer Camp Season is in the books!

As quickly as it began, another summer camp season is now behind us. There aren't enough lines in one newsletter for me to properly express what an incredible experience the 2025 camp season was, but let me try to capture a few highlights.

The first highlight, hands down is seeing students experience Jesus in real, life changing ways each week. Along those same lines, watching students surrender their lives to Christ and be immersed makes all the effort, planning, sleepless nights, and sore muscles worth it. That's why God gave us ibuprofen and coffee right? Haha. This season we saw 8 different people immersed either at camp or when they returned home.

No less amazing is the sheer number of volunteers that show up each week to make camp happen. From camp deans, to faculty, to lifeguards, to people who come to mow, clean, and more. The people who love this camp and invest their time here are without a doubt one of the greatest resources we have here.

So how do we build on a great 2025 camp season? The short answer is through investing... no, I'm not talking about dollars and cents, but rather an investment of other resources into our local churches and students. One such way we are investing is through a series of events called "Camp Reconnect" events. (You'll read more about this later in the newsletter). Another is the PRES training event (see more in this newsletter as well).

But here is where you come in. We believe that as we sow, God will bless and multiply our efforts, which means growth in numbers. With growth however, comes an increasing need for camp volunteers. We need even more people to step up to help with what God is doing here at the OVCA. Could God be calling you? Or if you're already serving, might he be using you to encourage someone else to help? Pray about it!



## A few of our favorite camp memories





# Camp Debt PROGRAM

We continue to chip away at the debt remaining on the dorm renovations. It's amazing to think that just a little over a year ago we started the program with over \$124,000 still owed on the loan. As of the time of this printing, we now owe just a little over \$25,000! That's pretty incredible to think about how far we've come in a short time.

We aren't done yet, but we hope to be so soon so we can invest our dollars where they matter most, in the lives of our students! You can still be a part of helping us meet our goal. Check out the options below!

*To make a gift toward the campaign, you can make your check out to:*

OVCA

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*\*Please note "Building Fund" in the memo line of your check. You can also donate online through Camp PayPal on our website at [ovcacamp.org](http://ovcacamp.org)*



## P.R.E.S.

## Preacher Recruitment Encouragement Seminar

As mentioned above, our desire as a camp is to invest in the local church. One such way we are doing so is partnering with Barnabas Ministries to provide a free ministry enrichment event. The PRES training is designed to encourage current ministry leaders as well as invest in aspiring church leaders who may be considering a role in ministry.

This event is scheduled for Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm at OVCA. Please see the attached flier from Barnabas Ministries for details. We are also including a sign-up sheet for you to display at your church. Please return the sign-up to us by September 1st at:

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You can also feel free to email [ohiovalleychristian@yahoo.com](mailto:ohiovalleychristian@yahoo.com) with the name of your church and the number of people registering for the event.





# OVCA Mission Week

A new addition to the OVCA camp calendar for 2025 was Mission Week. In addition to introducing students to the idea of missions and allowing them to meet missionaries (like our camp missionary Noelle Mash-Moreno). Our desire is to show students how serving like Jesus can be a great source of joy as well as an effective way to share the Gospel.

This year we decided to partner with a disaster relief ministry called “Just Help One.” Just Help One responds to all kinds of disasters, but most recently has been in Eastern TN helping with recovery efforts from the flooding that impacted TN and NC.

We spent the week in a little town called Townsend, TN (about 40 minutes from Gatlinburg). Our students assisted with a number of projects throughout the week including work on a church that is in the process of being built, serving a local widow

by working on her deck, and anything else that they could find to do. After work each day we found time to go hiking (to a beautiful waterfall), go swimming in the river, and even do a little shopping and sightseeing in Gatlinburg.

I’m incredibly proud of how hard our team worked throughout the week, going above and beyond, to do each and every task they were asked to complete. I can’t wait to head back out next year. The question is, will you make plans to join us?



## Pray for OVCA

- Praise for another fantastic camp season
- Praise for all the students who were impacted by camp, including 8 who were baptized at camp or their home church!
- For God’s blessing on our efforts to finish paying off the building loan
- For great Camp Reconnect events happening throughout the year
- For God’s blessing on our many volunteers who made camp happen this year

# Camp RECONNECT EVENTS

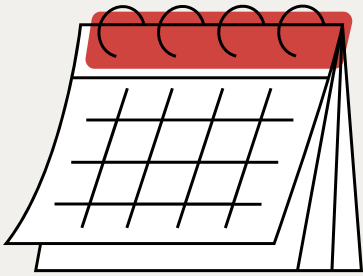
Chances are you've likely heard one of our campers say something along the lines of "camp was so incredible but I'm sad I have to wait until next year to go back." Well not any longer! Throughout the remainder of 2025 and continuing into 2026 we are instituting a series of events called "Camp Reconnect."

Each event will be a condensed version of the best parts of camp, all designed to help students remain connected to their faith and to continue to develop relationships with their friends. Some of these events will happen at OVCA, others at area churches, but all will have that camp high that we love!



The first reconnect event will happen at OVCA on Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-7pm. We will have paintball, 9 square, gaga ball, dinner, worship, devotions, and much more.

Reconnect events are aimed at 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, but watch our website for a special retreat being planned for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade.



2025 Camp  
**DATES**

Sept 9<sup>th</sup>- Fall Camp Reps meeting  
Sept 19-20<sup>th</sup>- Ladies Retreat at OVCA  
Sept 21<sup>st</sup>- Camp Reconnect @ OVCA  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup>- P.R.E.S. Training @ OVCA  
Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>- Camp Reconnect @ 5<sup>th</sup> St



***\*Make sure to check [ovcacamp.org](http://ovcacamp.org) for the full calendar and other information.***



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