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Camp Newsletter

Spring 2026 Camp Update

OVCA Kicks Off New Camp Season!

By the time you read this, camp season will officially be here, and we couldn't be more excited about it. Although there are hints of spring / summer all around us (the camp grounds are green, the pool is crystal clear, and the days are getting longer) nothing signals the approach of a new camp season like Camp Kickoff.

This past Sunday, May 31st, from 2-5pm we held our annual kickoff at OVCA. We had an incredible afternoon with lots of fun (swimming, inflatables, face-painting, and more) great food, camp friends, and some encouraging teaching and worship. We enjoyed a great turnout with some familiar faces from our supporting churches. Many of our families took the opportunity to register their campers for the season and lock in early-bird pricing.

As mentioned earlier, towards the end of the afternoon we gathered together for worship and devotions. Noah Carihfield led worship under the awning before turning things over to his brother Joshua for devotions. Josh taught on the parable of the sower, and encouraged

us to consider how we receive the Word of the Lord, and what type of soil we may be. Additionally Josh and Noah will both be around camp most of the summer investing in our campers.

It takes a lot of help to pull off an event the scale of camp kickoff, so I have a lot of "thank you's" to share. First, I wanted to thank Pat Bungard for coordinating the food and desserts for the event. Secondly, I wanted to thank the entire crew who served in the kitchen preparing and serving the food, including our very own camp cook, Miss Mary Hoppe. Finally I wanted to thank our deans and junior faculty who showed up to help provide support.

Once again, I am incredibly excited about the start of another season of camp. Please continue to pray for the camp as we seek to glorify Jesus and make him known amongst the students and families of Southeastern Ohio.

If you have time please come visit us at camp this summer!

Blessings,

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Camp Kickoff Memories

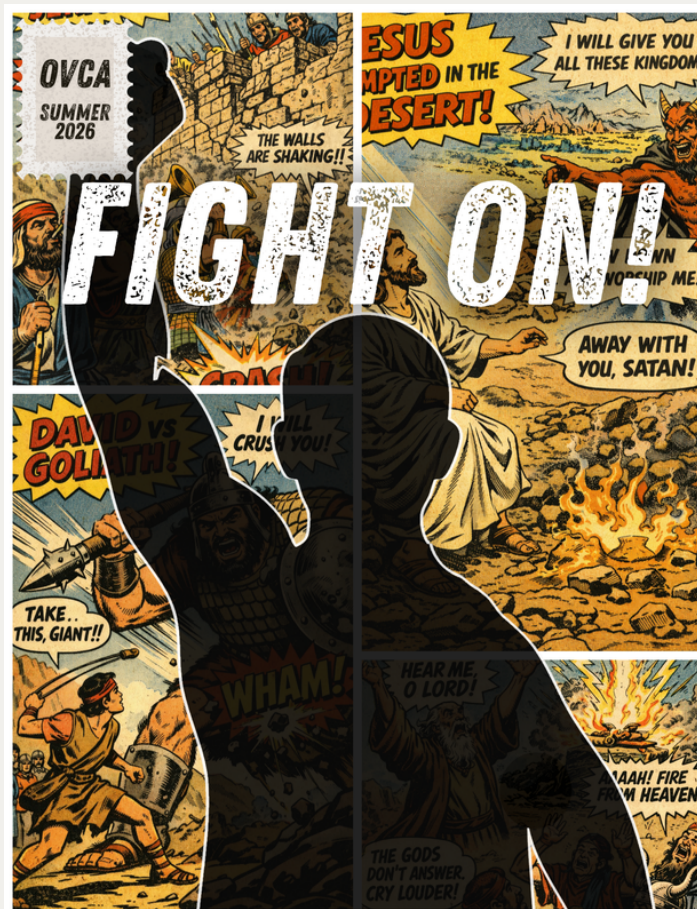


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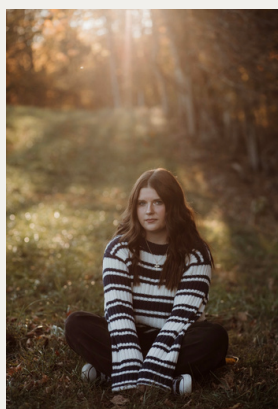
CAMP THEME...

Our theme for the 2026 camp season is “Fight On” and it is based upon 1 Timothy 6:12 which says *“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.”*

The theme builds upon our theme from the Winter Retreat “Get Into the Ring.” Each week we want to challenge our students to prepare for the fight that Paul describes to Timothy. We will wrestle with topics like being worthy of the fight, joining in the fight, and not fighting alone, among others.



MEET OUR '26 INTERNS



From left to right... McCoy Palmer (Tabor Ridge Church of Christ), Judah Carihfield, Summer Satterfield (5th Street Church of Christ), Alex Barnes (Zion Church of Christ)

Pray for OVCA

- Praise for a great day for families at camp kickoff!
- Pray for all the moving parts that still need to come together for summer camp
- Pray for our Camp Deans, Faculty, and Jr Faculty for wisdom and guidance
- Pray for all the campers who will be joining us at OVCA this summer that God would use OVCA to impact their lives
- For God to raise up additional volunteers to serve at OVCA this coming summer

OVCA Summer Mission



This summer OVCA will be partnering with Just Help One disaster response ministry. Throughout the summer campers will be raising money to support the mission as well as packing disaster kits to go to areas of the country that have been impacted by natural disasters.

Just Help One's mission is "To bring hope and restoration to those impacted by disaster through compassionate response while inspiring people to reflect Jesus daily through faith, hope, and love, embracing every moment as an act of worship." OVCA is excited to be able to partner with Just Help One in this incredible mission this summer.

Some of you have already met Just Help One's founder and director Scott Shipman. Scott was our speaker for the OVCA Men's Retreat earlier in the spring. Scott will also be joining us for high school week to be our morning speaker.

One of the things we are passionate about at OVCA is giving students "hands on" opportunities to participate in missions. This summer is no exception. With that in mind each week of camp will have the opportunity to pack disaster kits to be used by the mission. As such we are challenging our campers, families, and churches to send supplies for these kits (see list attached) so we can pack as many as possible. Secondly, we plan to lead a group from the camp to serve with Just Help during the week of July 12-17th. More information to follow on that week of camp.



Disaster Kit Checklist

- Hand towel & Wash Cloth
- Comb
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Nail file
- Bath sized soap bar
- Bandages
- Aftershave or shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Travel sized shampoo & conditioner
- Razors
- Travel sized facial tissues
- Feminine sanitary napkins
- Small New Testament or Gospel
- Gallon sized zip lock bags

Donations can be sent to camp with campers, or delivered to camp.

Project will run from June through early July, so donations can be delivered any time.

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS!

Our camp Manna room is looking ready for the summer. We are trying to keep up with thank you cards, but it's impossible to catch some of you (you're very sneaky, you know who you are haha), so on behalf of the entire camp, let me just say "thank you ever so much" to all who have made donations to the Manna room. We couldn't do camp without you!

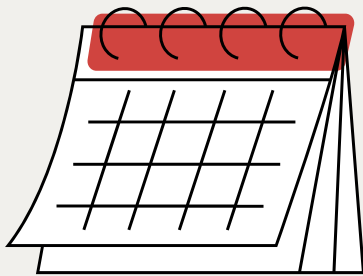


Camp Transportation Needed



The camp is still looking for a gently used golf cart, ATV or side by side to use for summer camp. This would help us provide transportation for people with mobility issues, respond to first aid issues, and transport people and equipment across the camp quickly.

If you, or someone you know has something that might fit our needs, and might be willing to donate it or part with it for a low price, please reach out to us and let us know.



Camp DATES

June 7th- Sr High Camp
June 14th- Jr High Camp
June 20th- Day Camp
June 21st - Junior Camp
June 28th- Middler Camp
July 5th- First Chance Camp

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



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