

## Camp Appoints Palmer to Fill Caretaker Position

*(July 30, 2019) MARION, Ky. – A familiar face will oversee camp grounds and support camper sessions as Western Kentucky Youth Camp’s new caretaker.*

The caretaker position is a natural fit for Chip Palmer, a Webster County native and Lipscomb Bible degree graduate who has spent much of his life serving his community and country. In 2013, Palmer retired from the Army Reserves as First Sergeant after 27 years of service. That same year, he founded the Webster County Community Food Bank, where he serves as Director. Palmer will continue to preach for the Providence church of Christ on a part-time basis after 27 years of full-time ministry once he begins his new role.

WKYC has always been a family affair for Chip and his wife of 38 years, Nancy. For the last 23 years, Palmer has directed camper sessions with Nancy and their children and extended family serving on staff.

“We enjoy the mission of the camp. I think it’s one of the greatest outreaches that the churches are involved in,” said Palmer. “We see the kids who consistently go to camp grow more in their faith than the kids who don’t. Even more so, they establish friendships not just with peers but with teachers and counselors that last a lifetime.”

The caretaker maintains the property year-round to keep camp operational for the summer sessions and fall retreats, and ensures the facilities and grounds meet the highest standards of quality and safety.

“Chip is passionate about the mission of WKYC and brings a strong organizational and planning background to this position,” said Tim Teel, Board President. “Nancy is a tremendous asset and integral to the success of camp. They make a great team, and we’re very excited to work with them in this capacity.”

### **About WKYC**

Founded in 1959, WKYC exists to *build strong Christians* by supporting the ongoing work of churches and families to strengthen their children’s faith in Christ. WKYC hosts more than 1,000 campers from the four-state region during its summer sessions each year. WKYC is overseen by a governing Board of Directors, and is affiliated with the churches of Christ. For more information, visit [wkyc.org](http://wkyc.org).

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