



Camp Connection

2019

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Celebrating 60 Years of Strong Community

Timothy N. Teel
Board President

Western Kentucky Youth Camp has changed a lot over the last 60 years. As enrollment increased, so did the need for lodging, dining, and recreational space. Some of you have watched camp transition from tents to the 16 wood cabins still in use today, or had lunch in shifts with your friends in the old dining hall. Others will remember when the new basketball court was poured, and when the new cafeteria was constructed.

2019 has been a year of tremendous change and growth for WKYC. Just one year earlier, we set a campaign goal of \$2.5 million, and since that time you've helped us make some amazing progress to meet it. We formalized our annual giving program in response to alumni looking for ways to give back to the camp community. You can donate online through PayPal, and even support WKYC as you shop on Amazon Smile! A quarterly e-newsletter was launched to help keep our friends, alumni, and campers and their families informed and connected; and, Chip and Nancy Palmer joined our team as the new caretakers for the property.

Yet despite all of these important changes, a lot of things have stood the test of time.

WKYC is still the chief resource used by churches and their families to support the spiritual growth of our area's young people. We have hundreds of volunteers dedicated to making camp the best possible experience for the campers we serve. We are as committed as ever to our mission of building strong Christians. For many of our alumni, WKYC is still their most favorite place on earth. We are constantly looking for ways to help create memorable experiences with Christ at the center of them all.

Another fact hasn't changed: we're still stronger with you. For the last 60 years, you've been in our corner encouraging us, praying for us, and donating your time and treasure to support our vision of a safe and modern campus for our students. WKYC would not be where it is today without you. We look forward to another 60 years of community and serving our students together.

A person wearing a blue shirt, dark shorts, and a harness is ziplining over a dense green forest. The person is suspended in the air, holding onto the zipline rope. The background shows a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is outdoors and appears to be a recreational activity.

By the Numbers

964

Number of students served

513

Summer session volunteers

367

Donors who contributed to WKYC in 2019

72

The average camper return rate percentage

25

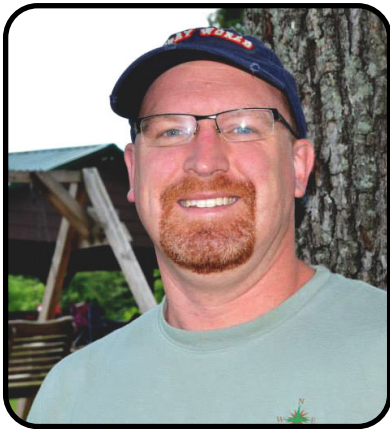
Number of baptisms and restorations

8

Number of girl cabins framed and under roof

Palmer, Salisbury Fill New Roles

WKYC appoints Caretaker and Director in 2019



David Salisbury
Session Director

Western Kentucky Youth Camp announced two major role changes in 2019: Chip Palmer and his wife Nancy were named Caretakers, and David Salisbury was appointed Director for 8, 9, and 10 Year-Old-Week. He will replace Mark Porter for the 2020 summer session in July.

Palmer and Salisbury, both former WKYC board members and Lipscomb Bible degree graduates, have long histories with WKYC, and have served in a variety of capacities as volunteers for the camp over the years. The Caretaker position is a natural fit for Palmer, a Webster County native who retired from the Army Reserves in 2013 as First Sergeant after 27 years of service. For the last 23 years, Palmer has directed camper sessions with Nancy, their children, and extended family serving on staff. Palmer will still act as Director for his All Ages week in June.

“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.”



**Chip and Nancy
Palmer**
Caretakers

Salisbury, minister for the Henderson Church of Christ, first joined WKYC as a staff member of Mark Porter’s week in 2014, where he served as night watchman, custodian, counselor, and Bible class teacher. The Board of Directors unanimously accepted Salisbury for the position.

Of the elementary week, Salisbury said, “I think it’s the most important week at camp that we do... [and] we have some of the most experienced staff of any week at camp. There’s lots of safety, both physically and emotionally... we take really good care of them.”

Both Palmer and Salisbury bring a depth of experience and passion that make them “excellent choices for each of their respective roles,” noted Tim Teel, Board President.



Leaders in Our Midst

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Building Spaces. Expanding Impact. Strengthening Community.

At WKYC, we are a community where children are nurtured and valued. Where they learn that the power of Jesus Christ can change their lives and the world. Our vision for WKYC campers is limitless, but our facilities must catch up to our dreams. This past year, the Board launched an annual giving program in response to alumni requesting ways to support that vision.



Circles of Giving

Founder's Circle
\$10,000+
(\$835+ monthly)

President's Circle
\$5,000 - \$9,999
(\$417 - \$834 monthly)

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\$2,500 - \$4,999
(\$208 - \$416 monthly)

Counselor's Circle
\$1,000 - \$2,499
(\$83 - \$208 monthly)

Camper's Circle
\$500 - \$999
(\$42 - \$83 monthly)

Myrtle's Circle
\$120 - \$499
(\$10 - \$42 monthly)

**In 2019,
367 donors
contributed
\$372,379.72 to
WKYC.
Thank you for
supporting
our mission of
building strong
Christians!**



Construction Zone

New cabins approaching completion on girls' side

As volunteers, parents and staff pull into WKYC over the next few months, they will notice some big changes. Since the fall, all eight cabins on the girls' side have been framed and under roof. "We're looking at the very real possibility that all eight girls' cabins could be completed in time for our first summer session in 2020," said Jamey Boone, who oversees the building committee.

"We're hopeful that we can secure the remaining funds needed to cover the costs for labor." This would put the building committee on the fast-track to finishing the cabins. To-date, all funding for the female cabin building materials has been secured.

"It would be a great joy for the Board of Directors, the parents, and campers to be able to assign them to bunks in the new cabins," remarked Tim Teel, Board President. "We're prayerful we can make this happen."

In April of 2018, the Board of Directors broke ground on a \$2.5 million capital campaign to advance its Master Plan. Phase I aims to secure \$1 million for sixteen new cabins. The design features expanded capacity, handicap accessibility, heating and air, and restrooms in each cabin - a major upgrade from the existing 60-year-old housing.



Are you interested in making a donation?
Do you have a heart for volunteering with this project?
Contact Trisha Vaughn at trishamaclin@gmail.com.



Did you know?

Campers spend on average 21 - 24 hours of time each week in Bible study, prayer, devotionals, singing, and worship. That is the equivalent of 5 - 6 weeks of study and worship back home!



(Top) Haley Edwards and her family after her baptism at Teen Retreat in September 2019.

(Left) Pictured are the Calvert City Church of Christ Cabin and the Murrell & Carolyn Fitzgerald Cabin.

A Reason to Smile

A simple way to make a difference

Do you avoid the long lines and shop online? Is Amazon your go-to site? Designate Western Kentucky Youth Camp as your preferred charity and Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% from each purchase. Sign up at smile.amazon.com.

In Memoriam

**WKYC is grateful for
contributions made in
memory of the following
individuals in 2019:**

William Beard

Eddie Bruce

Nancy Deming

Daryl Dunn

Walter Edwards

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Save-the-Dates

*Registration for Summer 2020
opens March 1st. Register at www.wkyc.org.*

Mt. Juliet Church of Christ

All Ages Week - Chip Palmer

Pee Wee Weekend - Ricky Collins

Teen Week - Alan Bush

11 - 13 Year-Old Week - Michael McDavid

All Ages Week - Trent McManus

8 - 10 Year-Old Week - David Salisbury

All Ages Week - Stan Colley

June 7th - 12th

June 13th - 18th

June 19th - 21st

June 21st - 27th

June 28th - July 3rd

July 5th - 11th

July 12th - 17th

July 19th - 24th

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Thank you to our 2019 Circle of Giving supporters and sponsors for believing in our work and supporting hundreds of children on their journey to stronger faith.

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WKYC Launches Scholarship Opportunity

Rising seniors pursuing Christian post-secondary education are eligible

Western Kentucky Youth Camp Board President Timothy Teel recently announced the establishment of a new scholarship opportunity that honors WKYC's mission of building strong Christians through supporting campers that plan on attending a Christian institution of higher education.

One male and one female camper will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The award will be one-time and non-renewable.

“We’re excited to launch this initiative, which encourages and honors outstanding campers for their leadership at WKYC, in their congregations, classrooms, and in their extracurricular activities. We want to continue supporting our campers on their journey to stronger faith as they enter into the next phase of their lives,” said President Teel.





Applications will be considered from rising seniors who have been active campers at WKYC, have a strong and consistent GPA, are involved in co-curricular activities, and active in their home congregation. The scholarship award is only applicable to attendance at a college or university associated with the churches of Christ.

“WKYC is committed to the development of our students into well-rounded Christians, and we believe rewarding outstanding campers who plan to attend a Christian university is a natural fit with our mission,” noted Vice President Dr. Landon Clark.

There are two components to the scholarship application, with step 1 of the process involving the submission of a digital application through Google Forms. Two letters of recommendation will also be required. Step 2 of the process will entail personal interviews with viable candidates conducted by the Scholarship Committee.

2020-2021 applications open February 1st and close March 31st. Once live, the link will be emailed to all e-subscribers and posted on WKYC’s social media pages.



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