



# Annual Report 2017



## Summer Camp 2017 By The Numbers

35  
Sessions  
(Camps)

\$16,567.40  
Missionary  
Offering

1,110  
Campers

## Financial Information

	2016-2017 YTD (Oct. - Sept)	2015-2016 YTD (Oct. - Sept)
Camper Fees	\$289,002.99	\$303,905.06
Cash Contributions	\$264,555.45	\$238,918.89
Guest Group Income	\$109,617.51	\$ 79,851.27
Mission Affiliate Income	\$145,647.37	\$ 47,725.
Gross Revenue	\$1,091,375.80	\$905,369.89
Total Expenses	\$1,019,833.05	\$857,976.01
Mission Affiliate Expenses	\$145,647.37	\$ 47,725.
Net	\$ 71,542.75	\$ 47,393.88.
Outstanding Mortgage	\$302,797.66	\$339,823.91

## You Make It All Happen!

Let us never forget that even though much of the information contained here is about numbers, those numbers represent lives. Lives that God brought under the influence of something that THE ARK planned, hosted, facilitated, or someone that THE ARK inspired, influenced, trained, or sent somewhere. And none of that can ever happen without the partnership we have with people like you. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the ministry and therefore each life that is touched by the amazing things God continues to do here and through here.



# Board of Directors



## James Snapp Jr., Vice-Chairman

**Hometown & Church:** Wabash, Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

**Current Town:** Elwood      **Spouse:** Maira (pronounced the same of "Myra")

**Children:** Perry, Kassandra, & James III

**Occupation:** Preacher at Curtisville Christian Church

**How long have you been affiliated with THE ARK and in what ways?**

I attended frequently in childhood (70s) and high school (80s) and was the summer missionary in 1990 (I served 10 years in Belize, Central America). I have the privilege of serving on the board of directors and as faculty (especially at Man Versus World camp and at others if the opportunity/need arises).

**Why do you have an interest in board leadership at THE ARK?**

I believe that this ministry and others like it are one of the most effective ways to train the next generation of church leaders and help them sense God's call.

**What's your favorite aspect of the current ministries at THE ARK?**

I don't know; there are so many.

**Favorite near death experience?** Again, I don't know; there are so many.



## Clint Manning, Secretary

**Hometown & Current Town/Church:** Macy, Macy Christian Church

**Spouse:** Beth      **Children:** Ethan, Brady, Braxton, Steven, and Ray

**Occupation:** Electrical Engineer and Farmer

**How long have you been affiliated with THE ARK and in what ways?**

I have attended camp since I was a day camper in the 1970s. I went to camp every year growing up. After graduating in 1987, attending college, getting married and having my first child I was able to come back as faculty in 1993 and I have not missed a summer since. I was a Jungle Hut dean for 20 years while also serving as faculty and dean on several wilderness trips. I have served as faculty in the “traditional lake cabins”, Jungle Huts, Thai Huts and Wilderness. I have been serving on the board for 15 plus years.

**Why do you have an interest in board leadership at THE ARK?**

Being on the board was of great interest to me due to watching a few men that I looked up to and admired serve on the camp board. Serving on the board can be a lot of work and time, but can also be very rewarding when you get to see how God works through THE ARK.

**What's your favorite aspect of the current ministries at THE ARK?**

I love how we are engaging alumni through the internship program and assistance for those alumni who have chosen to follow God's calling into the mission field. We are reaching so many different groups on a year-round basis while still being one of the best summer camps for children in the country!





## Brady Manning

**Hometown & Church:** Macy, Macy Church of Christ

**Current Town:** Kokomo

**Spouse:** Shelley

**Occupation:** Associate Minister in Charge of Youth, Macedonia Christian Church

### How long have you been affiliated with THE ARK and in what ways?

I have been going to the camp as long as I can remember. I worked on summer staff from 2011-2013 and I have deaned a week of Thai Huts for five years. I have been on the board since fall of 2016.

### Why do you have an interest in board leadership at THE ARK?

THE ARK is a special place to me with lots of memories and experiences that shaped the person I am today. A large reason I am in ministry is because of the life lessons learned at camp. I serve on the board to ensure that the future generation of leaders in the church gets those same life lessons.

### What's your favorite aspect of the current ministries at THE ARK?

My favorite aspect of ministry at THE ARK is the Wilderness Program. A Wilderness Trip is a week of experiencing God's creation with a focus on growing the Kingdom. What more could you ask for?

### Favorite near-death experience?

My favorite near-death experience is any Wilderness Trip that Bruce Cameron leads. We pray for no injuries, not safety!



## Drew Chaplin, Chairman

**Hometown & Church:** Alexandria, Vermillion Christian Church

**Current Town & Church:** Bluffton, First Church of Christ

**Spouse:** Amy

**Occupation:** CRM Administrator

**Children:** 1967 Cessna Skyhawk

### How long have you been affiliated with THE ARK and in what ways?

My earliest memories are at Family Camp when I was probably about 4-5 years old. I remember a big tent set up in front of the pool and everyone from my home church with their pop-up campers around one of the shelters. Since then, I've attended every summer at least 1 week and countless times volunteering on building & roofing projects.

### Why do you have an interest in board leadership at THE ARK?

I enjoy the Visioning aspect of the board. I love the conversations about where we want THE ARK to be in 20-years and 50-years all while, making sure we stay true to our heritage.

### What's your favorite aspect of the current ministries at THE ARK?

I love seeing the development of the 2-year Internship program. It shows growth in ministry. It has changed our ministry from touching lives for one summer at a time to now living alongside young adults as they seek a closer relationship with God.



## Craig McKillip

**Hometown & Current Town/Church:** Wabash, Bachelor Creek Church of Christ  
**Spouse:** Connie      **Occupation:** Farmer      **Children:** Brooke & Brent

### How long have you been affiliated with THE ARK and in what ways?

My earliest memories take me back when I came with my dad and Bob Oswalt to put a roof on the then brand new chapel. After that, I attended many weeks as a camper. I even met my wife at a high school week of camp. Later I served as a cabin dad during a 4th - 6th grade week of camp where I met my wife again and became better acquainted with her. We married 14 months later - that was 41 years ago.

### Why do you have an interest in board leadership at THE ARK?

THE ARK provides a safe environment for people of all ages, especially young people, to experience Jesus Christ in a very special way. With a worldly environment having so much affect on every area of life, places like THE ARK ministries are important to the spiritual development of those who attend. My personal intention is to do what I can to see to it that THE ARK continues to grow and reach out to those who so desperately need what it has to offer.

### What's your favorite aspect of the current ministries at THE ARK?

As a newcomer to the board, I've been so impressed by the diversity of opportunities where people can experience Jesus Christ through THE ARK's short summer schedule. I applaud the vision and work that has gone into the various ministries.



## Dana Biggs

**Hometown & Church:** Converse, Converse Church of Christ  
**Current Town & Church:** Converse, New Life Community Church in Marion  
**Spouse:** Wendy      **Occupation:** Electrician  
**Children:** Isaac, Levi, Anna, & Ezra and 7 grandchildren

### How long have you been affiliated with THE ARK and in what ways?

The first time I attended camp I was in 3rd grade and Rod Cameron was the dean. I wasn't a church goer at the time. I went back as a camper in 6th grade. My heart for the camp has primarily been shaped by what it's meant in the lives of my children. My 3 oldest children were not only campers but also summer staff. Their lives have been deeply impacted for Christ through THE ARK's ministry.

### Why do you have an interest in board leadership at THE ARK?

I believe in the vision and mission of THE ARK and am glad to contribute in whatever ways that I can where God leads.

### What's your favorite aspect of the current ministries at THE ARK?

The internship program is something I think is valuable and I hope it continues.

# Candidates



Joey Schlatter, Treasurer

**Hometown & Current Town:** Francesville, First Christian Church

**Spouse:** Joy **Occupation:** Sales **Children:** Kayla (10), Timothy (4), & Leah (1)

**How long have you been affiliated with THE ARK and in what ways?**

From Kindergarten through 12th grade I was a camper at Rainbow. As an adult, I've been a dean and now a board member for over 6 years.

**Why do you have an interest in board leadership at THE ARK?**

I enjoy the work that THE ARK does and want to be a part of this great organization in any way that I can.

**What's your favorite aspect of the current ministries at THE ARK?**

The Thai Huts program.



Jonathan Greene

**Current Town:** Greentown, Jerome Christian Church

**Spouse:** Ashley **Occupation:** Children's Minister **Children:** 3 young children

**How long have you been affiliated with THE ARK and in what ways?**

My first week at THE ARK was the summer of 2015. I worked with Michael McDonough during the Extremes 2.0 3rd - 5th grade camp. In 2016, I was the dean for the Quest 2nd grade camp and in 2017 I was the dean over both Quest 2nd and Quest 3rd grade camps.

**Why do you have an interest in board leadership at THE ARK?**

I believe that giving kids a chance to go to a Christian Camp is extremely important. I served on the board at Rock Lake Christian Assembly in Michigan and I valued that experience and would like to have that level of involvement at THE ARK. I look forward to the mutual benefits of learning from the board and contributing to its future.

**What's your favorite aspect of the current ministries at THE ARK?**

Summer camps are my favorite aspects. I love working with kids and volunteers during a week of camp. Camp is a great opportunity to not only help teach kids about Jesus, but also to help adults serve and grow closer to the persons they were created to be.

*Many thanks to Stan and Rhonda Ridlen for their years of faithful service as board members. God has led them to begin a community center in south Marion so they are stepping down from the board to devote more time to that. We pray God's direction and blessing on them as they begin this new adventure and look forward to their continued partnership with THE ARK, particularly through prayer support.*





THE ARK is a global organization that provides creative ways for people of all ages to grow and develop into world changers by creating communities of Grace wherever God leads.

**\*\*Bible Based\*\***

Decisions are made and teachings are determined from the Bible. We strive to allow Scripture to impact everything we do.

**\*\*Christ Centered\*\***

Ministry is incarnational—lived out and centered on the life, ministry, teachings, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. We desire everyone who comes into contact with THE ARK to personally encounter the risen Lord.

**\*\*Discipleship Directed\*\***

We practice discipleship as Jesus did by doing life together in community. Mentoring happens at all levels of the organization.

**\*\*Mission Minded\*\***

The focus is missional—locally and globally, following the call of God to reach the world “and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

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