



2019 Summer Review

Creating Communities of Grace Everywhere God Leads

Summer #s

- 1,056 Campers in 31 Sessions
- \$13,432.24 Given in Missions Offering
- 415+ Volunteers (Faculty, Kitchen, Maintenance and Office)
- 32 Students Accepted Christ and were Baptized at THE ARK

You Gave Me My Spark Back

Camper Testimony by Lily Williams

This summer at Merge (High School camp) was the best yet. I was part of the worship track. I got to learn the technical music side of things and the "worship doesn't stop off the stage" things. My favorite part was definitely Thursday night. That night, when the message was over, we all followed Jesus through his walk to be crucified. This was one of the most powerful moments of the week. Hearing the cries and the screams put into perspective just how much Jesus actually loves us. It was an amazing experience. I had a spark rekindled that I was afraid was gone for good. Thank you for giving me my spark back and the best camp yet!



**Your Support Provides a Place for Campers
Like JJ to Make Decisions for Christ**

From The Executive Director

We gathered around the pool. With each baptism of another high school camper, the shouts of praise went up from the 125 other young people. They not only shouted but got in the pool with those being baptized and joined in a huge group hug of encouragement.

I was reminded of our mission: Creating Communities of Grace Everywhere God Leads. The community was doing just as God had designed. These students who made decisions for Christ were surrounded by people who loved them and had shown them the grace of Jesus. It was remarkable.

Now I reflect on what some of those young people have gone home to. Do they have a community of Grace at home? Do they have those who hug them, high 5 them and shout for joy when they make good choices? Some do. Please pray for those who don't as we find ways to stay connected to them throughout the year and help them to plug-in to a local body of Christ followers.

- Bruce Cameron

Coming Up

September 13-14
Ladies Retreat

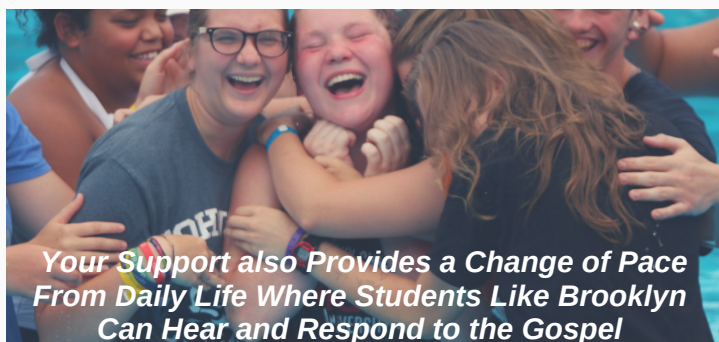
October 21
Annual Dinner & Meeting

Because of Your Gifts, Lives Were Changed

Faculty Testimony by Jordan Delks

Camp at THE ARK provides opportunities for kids to get a change of place and pace. This leads to a change of perspective on their walk with the Lord. THE ARK is truly a special place for theLOFT kids at Converse Church of Christ (C3). God shows up in mighty ways! This was my first year as the Student Minister at C3 and my first time for summer camp here. It seemed the closer we got to camp you could feel the excitement begin to mount within the kids. I dove all in to Edge (Junior High camp) and Merge (Senior High camp) to see what it was all about. I was not disappointed to say the least!

Your gifts of time and finances provide students Spirit-led experiences and staff to invest in each student. The staff's intentionality to disciple youth and be deliberate about their own walk with Jesus was nothing I had ever seen at a camp before. Because of your kindness and generosity to provide summer camp, area youth received Biblical teachings, group studies, worship and amazing experiences. These students emerged as leaders, made commitments to Jesus and are forever changed because of one week at THE ARK!



Your Gifts Make A Difference Year Round

Your giving makes life changes like these stories possible. Year round, youth and adults are challenged to deepen their walk with God. Even though these campers and faculty have left, ministry continues at THE ARK.

Will you help us prepare for the fall and winter guests who will come by giving a financial gift?

Please give financially as you pray so that more youth and adults can experience a community of God's grace and have their lives changed forever. Your partnership is vital to the future of this ministry.

Camper Quotes

"There is so much I can do to help in the world."

"Always love God first is what I'm taking home from camp."

"I need to complain less and think about others more."

"Don't listen to the devil; listen to the right voice, God, and choose to follow Him."

"I learned about how not to hide from God and how to have a new identity in Him"

Giving to THE ARK

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