

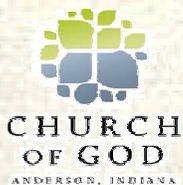


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Recently while working, Mark asked if I would be interested in writing this column. “Sure!” I said. “What should I write about?” Mark told me to write about how much I enjoy working with him and the other staff. But that really wouldn’t take up enough space.... so I went another route.

People frequently ask if we are busy at the camp during the fall. The answer is YES! Fall is our time to get work and improvements done that would otherwise interfere with leaseholders and guest groups. By the time you read this, we will have poured 30 yards of concrete to create a curb alongside the road from the top of the hill down to Wilson lane. We will then be laying pipe from there, through the RV section to the stream in the woods. This is all to manage our storm water run off.

While this may not seem like anything of importance to some, this is a necessary project that will save time and money in the future by eliminating damage caused by storm water. As we worked on this project we were constantly reminded that we are in the fall season, as we had to frequently stop to remove fallen leaves and acorns from our wet cement. What may appear to be a sign of death, as dead, discarded leaves fall to the ground, is really a sign of growth and successful preparation for the next year.

See, if a tree doesn’t shed its leaves now, it can never grow new branches or leaves in its replacement in the spring. The fall is really a sign that the tree is making improvements for the future. Just as the trees continue to grow, so does the camp. And so should you.

In 1 Corinthians chapter 9, Paul writes about staying strong in the race of life, in relation to our life in Christ. In verses 26 and 27 he says “ I do not run without a definite goal....but I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave.” While growth and discipline are difficult at the time, they reap an abundant crop in the future. That’s our goal at Whitehall, to be making improvements now, that will benefit us and more importantly future generations to come. And it’s our prayer that this camp provides a place for you to grow in Christ as well.

Oh, and words cannot describe how blessed I am to be working alongside the staff here at Whitehall! I knew that wouldn’t be long enough.

In Christ,  
Andy Gundlach - Maintenance Manager

## Words to Live By

**“Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”**  
**1 Corinthians 9:26-27 NIV**



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## Summer Camp Recap

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What an amazing God we serve! We had a phenomenal summer of youth camps and day camps full of testimonies of lives transformed by the redemptive power of Christ! Our theme for the summer was “One in Christ” based off the verse in Philippians 2:1-2 which challenges us to be “like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.” We truly believe that God was at work in the lives of campers, counselors and staff alike—drawing us together as one unified body. There were a lot of beautiful moments this summer that evidenced the Holy Spirit at work. In the upcoming months, we will be featuring some of the testimonies of how God worked in the lives of our campers this summer. Check out our website, [www.whitehallcamp.org](http://www.whitehallcamp.org) to see more! If you have a story or testimony to share of how you encountered Christ, or were challenged in your faith, PLEASE send us your stories ([trim.whitehallcamp@gmail.com](mailto:trim.whitehallcamp@gmail.com))! Let’s share what God is doing and how He is working beyond the grounds at Whitehall Camp.

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## Labor Day Recap

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PC: Stacy Gudyk

We had a great turn out and wonderful time of fellowship at our annual Labor Day picnic this year! This is one of the last events for the season that brings many who love Whitehall Camp together to reminisce and soak in the last bit of the summer camping season. We enjoyed many annual activities such as our bike ride on the Allegheny trail, and “pot luck” dinner. Congratulations to team TSM All Stars (the student leadership team from Trinity Point Church of God in Clarion) for winning the annual Family Feud game! Thank you to everyone who came out and for your love and support of Whitehall Camp.



PC: Daphne Vogie

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## Leaseholder News

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Thank you to all of our leaseholders who have made improvements to their units this past year and who volunteered their time and money to help the ministry. You are all part of the Whitehall Family and we appreciate you! We pray you had a wonderful summer season here at Whitehall and were able to encounter our loving God in some way. As the camping season is now coming to a close here are a few reminders of what’s going on in the “Leaseholder” area of camp:

- **Seasonal Water Shut-Off:** We will begin our seasonal water shut off in the next 2 weeks.
- **Fall Leaf Clean-up:** Our staff will be collecting leaves until November 15th. Leaves raked into piles, free of sticks and stones and placed next to the road will be removed then. The removal of leaves during any other time is the responsibility of the leaseholder.  
*(They may be hauled to the compost pile across from the RV Overflow area).*
- **Winterizing Your Unit:** We cannot encourage you enough to properly winterize your unit for the winter season. If this winter is anything like last winter we could see some cold nights and unfortunately some broken pipes. Properly winterizing your unit can prevent a mess left behind.
- **Golf Cart Storage:** If you would like to store your golf cart at Whitehall during the winter months you may do so for a rental fee of \$50.00. Please make arrangements with the office by calling: 724-867-6861.



## Testimony of a “Yellow”

Many of you are aware of our Summer Missions Team Program. We would not be able to do what we do during the summer without the help of our teens and young adults who commit their summer to serving the Lord here at Whitehall Camp. Here is a testimony from Keyana Ehouse, a member of our 2019 SMT Program...

“I almost didn't' come to yellow this summer. I had someone telling me I would hate it and ‘don't do it.’ This person is a good friend of mine and I trusted her judgment. So, I got a different job that I thought I would like. Before I started, I came to PYLI (Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Institute). Once I was there, I was feeling called to yellow and I was regretting my decision of getting a different job. I thought it was too late and I had to go with the other job I already got; so I did. I worked there for like 2 weeks and it was the worst two weeks of my life. I had an anxiety attack almost every day. So I quit. The day I quit, Trimmer messaged me to talk about the SMT program and I took this as a sign from God, a real obvious one in bright yellow with flashing lights.

The first week, I had a lot of anxiety and actually went home to calm down. I almost didn't come back but after praying and talking to Trim and my mom I realized that satan didn't want me at camp and it was a battle I wasn't going to let him win. And I'm glad I didn't. If I did let him win, I wouldn't have met some amazing people. I wouldn't have seen [the camp baby] take her first steps in the dining hall. I wouldn't have made all the new friends I made and would have missed out on a lot of jokes and fun times. Overall, I'm glad I didn't let satan win or listen to my one friend. I'm so filled with joy that I got to

work with this amazing team this summer and make an impact on the lives of anyone who came on the camp ground.”



## Pioneer Hall Makeover

As many know, a few years ago the dream was cast to renovate and repurpose Pioneer Hall. Once a frequently occupied building that was part of the heart beat of camp, it had become run down and neglected over the past years. Seeing its potential to be a part of our year round facilities, we began the renovations trusting God to provide the resources necessary...and He did! This summer our youth camps were the first official events held in our newly renovated facility. It was also used for Camp Meeting, Labor Day weekend, Frontline Men's Retreat and 2nd Harvest Food Bank. We have several guest groups booked to use the space during our fall and winter retreat season. Not only does it offer a space for 250 people to meet, it also serves as a recreation facility for our guest groups to play basketball, volleyball and other activities!



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## Upcoming Programs

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### Winter Blast 2020

7th – 12th Grade: February 7-9, 2020

3rd – 6th Grade: February 14-16, 2020

### Revive Ladies Retreat

April 24th-26th, 2020



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## 2020 Youth Camp - Dates Set

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### 2020 Youth Camp Dates:

- Sr. High: June 14-19, 2020
- Jr. High: June 21-26, 2020
- Elementary: June 28-July 2, 2020



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