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Jim Book Leads 2026 Leadership Event

On October 10, Christian Acres hosted its annual Leadership Event, designed to encourage and equip local ministers and church leaders. This year's speaker was Jim Book, Associate Director of the Christian Restoration Association, who has spent years ministering in Florida and helping grow two large churches in the Orlando area.

We welcomed 40 attendees from seven local churches for three inspiring sessions and a delicious lunch prepared by our camp cooks. We still have 26 leadership packets available from the event. Please contact the camp if you would like a copy!



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Danny Hazelwood led our final Fellowship Luncheon of the year! Thank you to the 44 adults representing seven churches who joined us for a wonderful afternoon on the Mountain!

New Look, Same Information

On October 21st Microsoft ended support of Publisher. This was the software and format Rick had used since 1997. You will notice a new look for this month's *Chronicle* as we switch to new publishing software. Please let the Office know if you would like a printed copy mailed to you.



Members of the Christian Acres Board and staff recently visited Howells Mill Christian Assembly, the only other Christian Church/Church of Christ camp in West Virginia. We enjoyed touring their campus, sharing lunch, and discussing camp policies and purpose. We look forward to welcoming Tim and his staff to Christian Acres in the coming months!

September Finance Report

BEGINNING BALANCES: $19,752.23
Athens Church of Christ $160.00
Pikeview Christian Church $125.00
Bozoo Christian Church $765.00
Liberty Church of Christ $215.00
Tannersville Church of Christ $270.00
Grandview Christian Church $335.00
Grandview Christian Church $1005.00
Dublin Christian Church $105.00
Claypool Hill Church of Christ $210.00
Midway Christian Church $98.00
Peterstown Christian Church $420.00
Glen Lyn Church of Christ $106.48
Bozoo Christian Church $200.00
Bozoo Christian Women's Fellowship $50.00
Philip and Janet Weiss $20.00
Mount Hope Christian Church $176.78
Chilhowie Christian Church $650.00
New Testament Church of Christ $100.00
Rocky Gap Church of Christ $225.00
Macedonia Church of Christ $200.00
Montcalm Church of Christ $250.00
Falls Mills Christian Church $400.00
Peterstown Christian Church $200.00
Midway Christian Church $300.00
Laurel Fork Church of Christ $250.00
Memorial Church of Christ $250.00
Goodwyns Chapel Church of Christ $126.00
Springville Christian Church $350.00
Cedar Grove Church of Christ $100.00
Pikeview Christian Church $75.00
Robin Compton $30.00
Terry and Nancy Kornegay $25.00
Bobby Duncan $50.00
Charles Via $50.00
Joe and Pam Mooney $50.00
Roger and Debbie Whitt $20.00
Danny and Bonita Meadows $10.00
Joanna Mathena $140.00
Larry and Paula Stiltner $20.00
Joanna Mathena $45.00
Clyde and Charlette Collins $200.00
Oak Grove Christian Church $385.02
Kaula Blankenship $150.00
Anita Barilla $50.00
Crossroads Church of Christ $100.00
Pettry Church of Christ $100.00
Claypool Hill Church of Christ $260.00
Steve and Vicki Morris $50.00
Sherrie Hale $10.00
M and S Rentals $500.00
Seneca Trail Church of Christ $25.00
Dublin Christian Church $418.00
Nancy and Gary Morris $360.00
Garry Bugg $100.00
Anonymous $100.00
Hinton First Christian Church $200.00
Tannersville Church of Christ $150.00
Harry Yates $60.00
Teen Weekend Deposit $200.00
Ruth & Robert Smith $50.00
Teresa Wills $20.00
Pam Taylor $25.00
Timothy Roberts $25.00
Jay Meadows $125.00
Susie Stauffer $65.00
Jean Owens $20.00
Scooter & Dori Breisch $25.00
Chester and Edie Bratton $10.00
Mike Honaker $100.00
Sarah Smith $25.00
Jeffry Anderson $60.00
Anonymous $100.00
Riverfront Restaurant $20.00
George & Benita Taylor $20.00
Elizabeth Long $12.00
Barbara Anderson $50.00
Timothy Roberts $25.00
Jay Meadows $125.00
Jamie and Megan Davis $100.00
Mike Honaker $100.00
Jeffry Anderson $60.00
Cindy Steele May $50.00
Adam Maxwell $100.00
Nicole McKlarney $100.00
Lori Wright $500.00
Adrean & Michelle Harris $100.00
Elizabeth Long $12.00
Jay Meadows $125.00
CampWise Transfer $4995.50
BAM Transfer $600.00
Sub-Total $19,287.03

Expenses
WV Tax Payment $329.00
Federal Tax Payment $2,451.06
Truist Payment $1,500.00
Joanna Medical $422.86
AEP $2,743.07
Bank Fee $5.00
Bailey Counts $596.42
Zack Thompson 1,063.50
Zack Thompson $500.22
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Cameron Coppla $15,500.00
Lowes's Pro $2,512.65
Conner Thompson $390.53
Ian Bailey $415.90
Bailey Counts $596.42
Ian Bailey $508.02
Conner Thompson $401.95
State Farm Insurance $1,053.63
Bailey Counts $596.42
Zack Thompson $ 500.22
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Bailey Counts $596.42
Ian Bailey $508.02
Conner Thompson $340.85
Sarah Slatton $431.75
Sean Maxwell $157.61
Chance Fergusson $270.05
Total: $35,391.01

Checkbook Balance $3,648.25

BAM Savings $16,382.62
Sewer Project $15,003.12
Gym Project $1,280.00

Scholarship Trust
$53,789.42
Project Fund
$50,630.00
Memorial Scholarship Fund
$37,551.00

Trunk or Treat



Christian Acres hit the road during the last week of October, participating in three local Trunk or Treat events! Zack and Jenn greeted 572 trick-or-treaters, handing out candy and camp cards reminding families that 2027 camp registration opens March 13!

We also hosted a Facebook giveaway for a camp hoodie. Congratulations to Goldie Kiser, our lucky winner! Be sure to follow our Facebook page for future giveaways and to stay up to date on camp events!

October Fininace Report

BEGINNING BALANCES: $3,648.25
Maple View Church of Christ $500.00
Winnie Newberry $15.00
Memorial Church of Christ $230.00
Larry and Paula Stiltner $20.00
Robin Compton $30.00
Bobby Duncan $50.00
Grandview Christian Church $335.00
Mount Hope Christian Church $745.16
Terry and Nancy Kornegay $25.00
Rocky Gap Church of Christ $225.00
Charles Via $50.00
Soda Machine Deposit $1,275.00
Glen Lyn Church of Christ $87.60
Springville Christian Church $350.00
Macedonia Church of Christ $200.00
Joe and Pam Mooney $20.00
Pikeview Christian Church $75.00
Peterstown Christian Church $200.00
Montcalm Church of Christ $250.00
Mudfork Church of Christ $300.00
Laurel Fork Church of Christ $250.00
Falls Mills Christian Church $400.00
Cedar Grove Church of Christ $100.00
New Testament Church of Christ $100.00
Anita Barilla $50.00
Oak Grove Christian Church $232.71
Chilhowie Christian Church $650.00
Roger and Debbie Whitt $20.00
Goodwyn's Chapel Church of Christ $72.00
Midway Christian Church $525.00
Grandview Christian Church $50.00
Maple View Church of Christ $150.00
Seneca Trail Church of Christ $25.00
Bozoo Christian Church $200.00
Falls Mills Christian Church $75.00
Bozoo Christian Women's Fellowship $50.00
Phillip and Janet Weiss $20.00
Hollybrook Church of Christ $175.00
Danny and Bonita Meadows $10.00
Roy Massie $100.00
Joanna Mathena $276.00
Liberty Church of Christ $600.00
Steve and Vicki Morris $50.00
Claypool Hill Church of Christ $200.00
Sherrie Hale $10.00
Tannersville Church of Christ $150.00
Joanna Mathena $139.00
Anonymous $1050.00
Anonymous $2000.00
Nancy and Gary Morris $360.00
Bob and Nesta Logan $5,000.00
Shirley Pennington $20.00
Anonymous $100.00
Hinton First Christian Church $200.00
Ruth & Robert Smith $50.00
Teresa Wills $25.00
Pam Taylor $25.00
Timothy Roberts $25.00
Jean Jean Owens $20.00
Mike Honaker $100.00
Susie Stauffer $65.00
Scooter & Dori Breisch $25.00
Chester and Edie Bratton $10.00
Sarah Smith $25.00
Jeffry Anderson $60.00
Joshua May $100.00
Riverfront Restaurant $20.00
George & Benita Taylor $20.00
Elizabeth Long $12.00
Jay Meadows $125.00
Timothy Roberts $25.00
Jamie and Megan Davis $100.00
Mike Honaker $100.00
Jeffry Anderson $60.00
Cindy Steele May $50.00
Adam Maxwell $100.00
Nicole McKlarney $100.00
Adrean & Michelle Harris $100.00
Marc Goldin $500.00
Elizabeth Long $12.00
Jay Meadows $125.00
Mike Honaker $100.00
CampWise Transfer $589.36
Sub-total: $21,055.83

Expenses
WV Tax Payment $231.00
Federal Tax Payment $1,737.83
Truist Payment $522.78
Joanna Medical $422.85
AEP $2,992.51
Bank Fee $5.00
Brotherhood Mutual $2,174.41
Bluefield Sanitary Board $3,111.99
Zack Thompson $1,063.50
Zack Thompson $500.22
Bailey Counts $596.42
Conner Thompson $162.25
Ian Bailey $566.28
Zack Thompson $500.22
Bailey Counts $596.42
Jim Book $600.00
Bailey Counts $596.42
Zack Thompson $500.00
Jennifer Thompson $192.61
Joanna Mathena $373.95
Janice Lusk $249.20
Megan Kenny $211.82
Zack Thompson $500.22
Bailey Counts $596.42
DLL $252.00
Lowes Pro $278.82
Komax Printing $59.05
Lusk Disposal $130.65
Motive Power $288.60
Conner Thompson $115.80
Ian Bailey $79.20
Bailey Counts $596.42
Zack Thompson $500.22

Total Expenses $21,305.30

Checkbook Balance 10-31-26
$3,398.78

BAM Savings $16,527.62
Sewer Project $15,003.12
Gym Projects $1,250.00

Scholarship Trust
$53,795.62
Project Fund
$50,637.89
Memorial Scholarship Fund
$37,589.12

2026 Jesus Birthday Offering

This past year was a productive season of projects on the Mountain! However, the unexpected break in our main sewer line was an eye-opening experience for our Executive Committee and staff.

With many buildings now over 50 years old, Christian Acres is conducting a Buildings and Grounds evaluation to identify needed repairs and improvements. Our goal is to proactively maintain our aging facilities and infrastructure to prevent future emergencies.

The 2026 Birthday Offering will support our Project Fund, but the work doesn't stop there! As we prepare for another year of improvements, would you consider helping us kick off the 2027 Project Fund?

Our Christmas giving goal is $15,000! Your generosity will help us care for the Mountain and preserve Christian Acres for generations to come.

2026 Camp Season Stats

66 first time campers

During Junior Two, staff tracked their steps throughout the week. One staff member recorded an impressive 92,000 steps, that's over 30 miles of walking in just one week of camp

53% of our 2026 campers listed a Christian Church or Church of Christ as their home church

62 camp tuition scholarships awarded

19 baptisms

572 total campers

47% of 2026 campers listed no home church or a church from another denomination

167 people volunteered during the summer season

We ate 447 Domino's pizzas during the summer season

The cost per full-time camper in 2026 was $184.77

We welcomed campers from nine states! Our farthest-traveling camper came from Michigan, while our farthest-traveling staff member came all the way from Alaska



Keep the Fire Alive

On October 11, the final campfire of 2026 was lit at Christian Acres! Eighty teens from eight churches gathered to be reminded that while the camp season may be ending, the fire continues to burn within us!

The Falls Mills Praise Band led worship, and Eli Basile, young adult leader at Maple View, shared a message centered on Romans 12:11. Due to the cold, rainy weather, we ended the evening in the cafeteria with snacks and fellowship. Christian Acres is excited to host two additional Youth Rallies in 2027! Watch our calendar for more details!