



## QUARTERLY LETTER

## SPRING MINISTRY UPDATE

Happy Spring greetings from Fernwood! We hope you have all enjoyed the Easter Season as we all celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! We have had a productive post-winter/spring so far. We ended the Winter season with a "bang" at our Winter Conference back in February. The Massillon Baptist Temple in Massillon, OH, was gracious enough to allow us to use their facility for the event. We had a great turnout, with 150+ people in attendance for the first night and around 30 for the conference portion the next day. After the Youth Conference, it was all steam ahead for our spring events and camp preparation.

In March, we began our bathroom project and kitchen remodel. We had three separate work days with groups from our supporting churches in PA and NY. First, we had a work day for anyone in the area who could help. We could insulate half of the chapel ceiling with the foam board that friends of the camp donated to us. Second, the kitchen project involved ripping out the old metal walls, cleaning and sealing the original barn wall/foundation, framing new walls, insulating and drywall. Thank you, Village Baptist Construction from Village Baptist Church, NY, for completing this project! Lastly, we constructed the new bathroom in the girl's dorm area. We built a room next to a girl's dorm with two showers, one toilet, and one sink. This project included framing the walls, installing new plumbing, and digging a ditch to tie into the sewer. Thank you, Lighthouse Baptist Church of Hermitage, PA, for sending a group and installing our sewage pipes. With this new bathroom, there are now five showers and three toilet stalls in the girl's dormitory area of our Lodge.

In April, we had something going on every weekend! Our month started somberly as one of our family friends and generous givers to the camp went home to be with the Lord. Lena was able to travel to MI to attend the funeral. The rest of the month consisted of finishing the bathroom project, preparing the facility for our spring events, continuing to travel preaching, and presenting when given the opportunity. I was privileged to speak at a Preacher Fellowship in central PA and teach a workshop at a men's conference on the second Saturday of the month in Western PA. The Saturday before Easter, we held our annual "Easter Outreach". We had four churches work together to make this event possible. Can you believe it, four BAPTIST churches work together?!? The Lord greatly blessed the day with over 200 people from far and near in attendance. The day started with rain, but the Lord held it off for the outdoor portion of the day.

We ended the month with our Spring Youth Rally. Pastor Michael Jones from SC came and joined us as our guest speaker. The weather was colder than expected, however, we were thrilled to have 170+ young people in attendance and none of the activities were effected by the cold. It could have been colder! Many great decisions were made and 5 teenagers came forward for salvation! Praise the Lord!

In May, we finished our bathroom project with only finishing the drywall and painting left. We are thankful for a pastor in the state who came and finished the walls for us. Lena was able to paint the room and now we are ready to complete the project with trim and flooring. The month has been filled with yard work and facility maintenance. The “grass season” started rough as we had some complications with our mowers. The grass has been getting cut, but we are still working on some of those complications. We opened the pool for the season, and I am praising the Lord for clear water. Little did I know when I became the director here that I would also become the pool boy! However, I’m starting to think that I’m getting good at it, haha. During the month I was honored to fill several pulpits in our area, as well as reaquate local churches with our ministry. The month ended with a busy Saturday on the 31<sup>st</sup> with Park Gate Baptist Church hosting thier annual 3D Archery Target Shoot on our property, while I was able to travel to Shelby OH to hold our first official “Camp in a Box”. Both events went very well. Please pray for our “Camp in a Box” ministry as we look to fill our fall schedule and prepare for Spring 2026. We are also praying that the lord will provide us with a 5x8 trailer to store and haul our equipment for that ministry.

As we enter the month of June, we still have many things to do to prepare for the upcoming weeks of camp. Our first rental week will begin on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and then we will be in operation for 7 weeks straight. In preparation for this, we are inviting local churches and volunteers to join us for “Work Week” June 16th-20<sup>th</sup>. Attached with this letter will be a detailed work list with projects available for all skill levels. We would love to have you join us if possible. As I write this letter, I am currently in WV helping with VBS for one of our supporting churches. This was gthe second opportunity to bring “Camp in a Box” to help reach young people. Please pray that the Lord continues to bless our week, and that many would come to know Christ.

On a family note, we are rejoicing that our eldest son Emmett has trusted in Christ as his Saviour and was Baptized this past Sunday! He is getting ready to turn 7 this month, however, he has been adamant that he got saved when he was 3 after we explained salvation to him. What a blessing to know that your child has a relationship with God and will spend eternity in Heaven! We also celebrated Lenas birthday and we are gearing up for a VERY busy month. Please pray for a safe summer here at Fernwood, and that the Lord will fill our weeks of camp. Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

Because He lives,

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