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# WHITEHALL WHISPERS

Spring Newsletter



## Let's Get It Together

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Let's Get It Together! I'm sure you've heard that before, but the church really needs to take it to heart. Now the church I'm talking about is not your church or my church. It's the fellowship of believers, it's God's Church. Our oneness with Christ unites us, the body of Christ (His Church). Unity should be our goal as followers of Christ. Why? Because Jesus tells John 10:15 that there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Unity is a springboard for service and witness. Division on the other hand hinders, distorts, and often destroys the witness of the church. Jesus knew this all too well as He prayed for all believers in John 17:21, "that all of them may be one. Father just as you are in me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent me." The world has got to see it to believe it. Unity must be visible. It's not enough to say, as some do, that all Christians are spiritually one, even though we are divided. This is contrary to Christ's intention for unity, which must become visible on all levels- beginning with you and me.

Come on Church - Lets Get It Together!



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## A Look Back at Winter Blast 2024

This February, we hosted Winter Blast where God completely blew us away. We had a total of 129 campers for Jr/Sr High Winter Blast and 98 campers for the Elementary Camp.

During the Jr/Sr High camp we didn't have any snow but there was sunshine! We had Joey Vegerano as our speaker for the weekend. He was very vulnerable and Holy Spirit led. The discussions and breakthrough that happened after every session was beautiful to see and hear about. We also had a new worship leader with us, Daniel Krotz! He led us in so many special times of worship. It is always a spectacular sight to see a room full of teenagers unapologetically worship the Lord!

We did end up getting snow for the Elementary Camp and they loved it! Josie Bates, a former yellow shirt, did a fantastic job speaking to the 3rd-6th graders. At the end of every service she had a response time for the kids to come up and be prayed for. There were around 20 kids that responded during these times over the whole weekend. It was so special to see these kids chase after a relationship with Jesus!



## Summer Chapel Services

Summer Chapel Services will be taking place again this summer here at camp. The first service will start on May 26th. Services start at 10:45a.m. each Sunday in the Chapel. On holiday weekends the service will take place in Pioneer Hall. We'd love to see you there if you are staying at camp for the weekend. Various Pastors and Guests are lined up to preach each Sunday throughout the summer.



## Our New Lake Addition!

WE ARE ADDING A NEW DOCK TO THE LAKE EVERYONE KNOWS AND LOVES! THE DOCK WILL BE GOING UP IN MEMORY OF JOEY SHAFFER. THIS ADDITION WILL BE ACCESSIBLE FROM LAND. IT WILL ALSO HAVE A SLIDE AND ZIPLINE! OUR MAINTENANCE TEAM STARTED PRODUCTION ON THE DOCK IN THE FALL AND THEY WILL BE FINISHING IT UP THIS SPRING! WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR THIS ADDITION AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO WATCH IT GET USED THIS SUMMER!





# Flashing Back

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## Summer Missions Team

We are currently seeking applicants to be part of our Summer Missions Team. This isn't just a regular summer job. All summer you'll have the opportunity to serve Christ, impact others, build long-lasting friendships, and grow a deeper relationship with Christ. The positions we have available are:

- Program Assistant
- Waterfront Coordinator
- Programming Staff
- Lifeguards
- Kitchen/Hospitality Staff
- Maintenance Staff
- Camp Store Staff



God never ceases to amaze us as He brings together a team of passionate young people who love Him and approach the summer excited to serve Him and grow deeper in relationship with Him. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in joining our team call the camp office at (724) 867-6861 or apply at [www.whitehallcamp.org/summer-missions-team](http://www.whitehallcamp.org/summer-missions-team)

## Discovery Days Day Camp

Once again, we are partnering with the Boys and Girls Club along the Allegheny to put on a week of day camp! Camp will be happening from **August 5-9, 2024**. We are inviting anyone interested to join us for a week of playing games, learning Bible stories, discovering nature, and growing in their faith. This camp is for kids ages 6-12 years old. This week is a great warm-up for Youth Camps. The kids experience most activities that happen during youth camps without having to spend the night away from home or family. There is an optional overnight on Thursday night. Registration information will be available in the next couple of months on our website ([www.whitehallcamp.org](http://www.whitehallcamp.org)).

Contact Ashley Trimmer at [trim.whitehallcamp@gmail.com](mailto:trim.whitehallcamp@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Leaseholder Reminders

As we begin another camping season here are some reminders for our leaseholders:

- **Water Turn-on:** Water is turned on by May 1st each year. There is a possibility that all water is on prior to May 1 (this is dependent on weather and any maintenance issues we run into along the way). Please be aware that it's not uncommon for an area that has been turned on to get turned back off in following days when a water leak turns up that needs repaired. So if you come up in April and your water is on, that does not mean it is officially on. There is a chance it could be off in the following days as we are continuing to turn other areas on.
- **Leaf Clean-Up:** Leaves raked into mower accessible, long narrow piles, removed of sticks. Leaves will be removed by the Camp Staff the beginning of each week in the month of May up to Memorial Day. After Memorial Day weekend any leaves will need to be taken on your own to the leaf pile back beyond the RV overflow.
- **Maintenance Requests:** If you encounter a water leak, downed tree, or have another maintenance issue that occurs that is camps responsibility, we ask that you contact the office and put a request in with Desirae. This will then get passed on to the maintenance department.
- **Policy Updates:** All RVs, by physical examination, or by submission of the size, make, model, manufacture, year, and accompanying pictures, must be approved by the camp director prior to the placement on a leased lot. Whitehall Camp Board reserves the right to condemn and demolish any structure that is declared unsafe or structurally unsound by designated and approved inspectors.
- **Electric Upgrades:** There have been electrical upgrades on rows G&H, I&J, and C&D. Our team has been working hard to complete this job by the time camping season starts. We are elated to tell you that the electric will be back on May 1st!

## 2024 Programs:

### YOUTH CAMPS:

SR HIGH (9-12):  
JUNE 9-14

JR HIGH (6-8):  
JUNE 16-21

ELEMENTARY (3-5):  
JUNE 23-27

DISCOVERY DAYS  
DAY CAMP:  
AUGUST 5-9

FAMILY FUN  
LABOR DAY:  
AUGUST 31-  
SEPTEMBER 1

REVIVE LADIES:  
OCTOBER 4-6





# 2024 Western PA Camp Meeting

**DATE: JULY 20-28, 2024**

The Whitehall Camp Office handles the lodging reservations for camp meeting. If you have any questions regarding lodging availability (Dorm Rooms, Hogan Cabins, or RV Overflow site) please contact Desirae at the Whitehall Camp Office: (724) 867-6861.

A reminder for those who lodged with us during camp meeting last year that the deadline to reserve your room/site for this year is May 3rd.



Another Camp meeting is quickly approaching! We are so excited to see what God is going to do here during the week of camp meeting. This year Jeannette Flynn will be the guest speaker and Pastor Jodi Poorman will be leading us in worship!

If you have questions regarding the programming for this event please direct them to Western PA Ministries office at: (724) 867-9601. Info regarding the Program Booklet and Kids Korner info can be found on the Western PA Ministries Website: [www.wpamin.com](http://www.wpamin.com) once available.



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## Youth Camp 2024

We are gearing up for our annual summer Youth Camps and would love to see your kid/teen here! This event is always a nice way to start the summer season. The week will be filled with lots of fun activities including group games, lake activities, food, worship, and teaching from God's Word. The theme for this year is: Transformed, based off the scripture "We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit," 2 Corinthians 3:18.

**Senior High Youth Camp:  
June 9-14, 2024**

**Junior High Youth Camp:  
June 16-21, 2024**

**3-5 Grade Youth Camp:  
June 23-27, 2024**

More information is available online. If you have any questions please contact Ashley Trimmer at: 724-867-6861, or by email at [trim.whitehallcamp@gmail.com](mailto:trim.whitehallcamp@gmail.com).

**Registration is now open!**



## Plea for Adult Counselors

Youth Camps wouldn't be possible without the help of our volunteer counselors. We are in need of more adult female counselors for our Senior High Camp. Also, adult male and female counselors for Junior High and Elementary Youth Camps. Please prayerfully consider serving during the Senior High week or one of the other weeks. In a world where kids and teens are being bombarded with distortions of God's truth, they need strong Bible believing role models in their lives to point them to their Creator! Maybe God is calling you!

Visit our website to fill out an application for consideration.

[www.whitehallcamp.org/counselors](http://www.whitehallcamp.org/counselors)

## Scholarship Fund:

WE INVITE YOU TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH US AND GIVING TOWARDS OUR YOUTH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND. WE NEVER WANT TO TURN AWAY A KID BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL CONSTRAINT SO WE HAVE CREATED THIS FUND TO HELP OUT. OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE SEEN SEVERAL YOUTH BE ABLE TO ATTEND YOUTH CAMP THROUGH THIS PROGRAM! IF YOU FEEL LED TO GIVE TOWARDS THIS FUND YOU MAY DONATE ONLINE OR SEND A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO WHITEHALL CAMP. JUST PUT "SCHOLARSHIP FUND" IN THE MEMO LINE. ANYONE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MUST FILL OUT AND SUBMIT THE PROPER APPLICATION REQUEST AND THEN FUNDS RAISED ARE DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO NEED.

THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
724-867-6861.

