



CHANGED LIVES

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Help Make Memories

As I prepared to sit down to write this article, the smell of smoke filled my nostrils. The pungent smell had permeated everything that I was wearing. From my sweatshirt all the way down to the leather work boots on my feet, the odor of pine, oak and cherry smoke filled the entire room.

The fragrance, while not overpowering, is enough to jolt my mind back to evenings spent sitting and singing around the campfire. My mind wanders off past the busyness of meetings, maintenance projects and paperwork deadlines, to times of praise and worship. My thoughts jump to campers, whose lives have been touched and changed by the Holy Spirit, while they sat around the fire.

Then this scripture pops into my head: 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NLT) ... 14 "But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us, like a sweet perfume, to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere. 15 Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing. 16 To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this?"

As I contemplate this scripture and the impact my life - your life has on others, I smile. I smile not at the deep theological truth of this scripture and our role as

captives and fragrance bearers, but that this thinking started from a memory of campfires. And I smile because those memories of campfire worship started with the smell of smoke. Smoke not from a campfire but from a big ugly wood burner that I load twice daily to heat the Ebenezer building.

Then I smile even bigger as my mind wanders off to all the previous Koinonia campers who God has called back to himself through crazy smells and wonderful memories of camp. The campers who have lost all hope but are reminded of God's love by the smell of oatmeal bake. Those campers whose lives have been devastated by poor choices or life situations, but remember being loved and cared for when they smell a pine tree. Let me not forget those campers who have become fully surrendered followers that are encouraged in their faith as the smell of mud, horses or blue slushies penetrates their noses.

I smile thinking of how great God is and how wonderful his love for us that He would use our noses to remind us of our meeting Him at camp. I invite you to help us make smells and make memories at Koinonia Camp. Come out and volunteer. Maybe the grass you cut, the flowers you plant or the horse manure you pitch will create the smell God will choose to use to create Changed Lives.

Eyes on The Prize
Randy



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Memories ... Winter Bash 2017



I had a great adventure this weekend. I headed off for a hike Saturday morning with a dandy group of folks. The first obstacle was that blasted hill ... it's never been my favorite! It was such a good feeling to have friends lend a hand here and there ... asking for help isn't something I easily do, but to be humbled in the presence of such dear friends filled my heart.

Shelly and I talked about our adventure later on and I said it felt very Peter Panish ... she asked if it was because it reminded me of lost boys (due to some logging going on, the trail was ... well it wasn't ...). And yes, yes it did.

Life is busy ... and sometimes it feels like I have lost a marble or two, and that hike/adventure was amazing! 20 some teens and a few adults, trying to make the best of their situation ... work together, overcome their obstacle, compromise, communicate ... why by golly ... we'd found ourselves in an old fashioned K.A. initiative.

In the end, we overcame ... we are here to tell the tale ... and on the way ... had some real fun ... great bonding ... huge laughs ... and precious memories were made.

Adrian Koontz Looman

Editor's Note:

A special thank you to Adrian Loomis and her daughter Makayla for giving me permission to publish some of their **Winter Bash 2017** photos that were originally posted on Facebook. It looks like they had a great time!



Hug A Tree

When you get lost, hug a tree and sing a Christmas carol. Even though we did get lost, this hike was a highlight of the weekend. *Makayla L.*



Camp people are my favorite people.
Makayla L.



Getting Wrapped Up!

The obstacle in Saran Wrap clearly had me triggered! *Makayla L.*

Upcoming Koinonia Events

2017 Snow and Glow

February 17 - 19, 2017

Kids 3rd - 5th grades



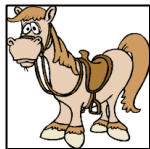
\$85 for the weekend or \$65 each if you bring a friend who has never been to Snow and Glow!

Snow fun, Bible time, games, food and goofiness!

Register online on the forms page of the camp Website (christiancampohio.org).

"IT'S ALL ABOUT KIDS"

*Spur Cross Youth Outreach and
Koinonia Camp Annual Fund Raiser*



Saturday, March 11, 2017

Doors Open at 5 pm – Dinner 5:30 – 6:45 pm
\$25 per person

Catered by Stewarts Smokin' BBQ

Live Entertainment by Country Gospel Artist
Hermon Trulove
Chinese & Live Auction

Live Auction "Open to public" - Starts 7 pm
No Event Ticket required after 6:45 pm

Event Location

Life Brand Cowboy Church
1289 Mentor Avenue,
Painesville, Ohio 44077

For event tickets, questions or to make auction donations, contact Patty Gregory (440-346-0350) Royce Gregory (440-796-1061) or Randy Brookes.

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2017 Summer Camps

Koinonia Summer Camp Schedule



Special Person's Camp June 2-5, 2017
Adult

Senior High X Camp June 11-16, 2017
Grades 9-12

First Timer's Camp #1 June 16-17, 2017
K-1

Elementary Camp June 18-23, 2017
Grades 3-5

Advanced Bible N Saddle Camp June 18-23, 2017
Grades 7-12

Primary Camp June 26-30, 2017
Grades 1-2

Intermediate Bible N Saddle Camp July 2-7, 2017
Grades 7-12

Junior High Camp July 2-7, 2017
Grades 6-8

Youth Bible N Saddle Camp July 9-14, 2017
Grades 7-12

First Timer's Camp #2 July 14-15, 2017
Grades K-1

Elementary Bible N Saddle July 16-21, 2017
Grades 4-6

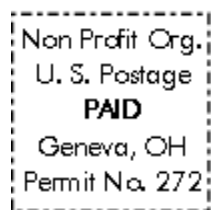
Paintball Camp July 16-21, 2017
Grades 7-12

Youth Special Person's Horse Camp August 6-9, 2017
Grades 4-12

Adult Special Person's Horse Camp August 9-12, 2017
Adult



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Winter 2017



Visit the Koinonia website
(christiancampohio.org)

SWAT SATURDAYS
Third Saturday of every month
at Koinonia Camp



Servants Working All Together!
Contact the camp for more info!

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Please consider helping future generations of campers at Koinonia by including the camp in your estate planning. Thank you!