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Winter/Spring 2012

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MILL '12**

2012 DATES

February 10-11
March 4
March 9-10
Mar. 30-Apr. 1
April 14
April 28
May 6
May 17-19
May 31-June 9
June 3-8
June 10-15
June 16
June 17-21
June 24-29
July 1-3
July 8-11
July 8-11
July 15-20
July 21
July 22-27
July 29-Aug. 3
Aug 31-Sept. 3
September 21-22
October 13
October 23
November 2-4

EVENT

2nd – 5th Grade Winter Retreat
Mystery Preacher Exchange
Men's Breakfast & Retreat
High School Retreat
Great Day of Service Workday
Golf Scramble @ Riviera Country Club
Camp Kickoff
College Retreat
Mountain Top Experience- CO (ages 16+)
Middle School 1
High School 1
Day Camp 1: (Pre-K - 1st)
Upward Sports Camp (3rd – 5th)
Middle School 2
First Chance Camp (1st – 2nd)
New River Gorge, WV (Canoe, Hike, Climb) (9th-12th)
Red River Gorge, KY (Hike) 9th – 12th
High School 2
Day Camp 2 (Pre-K to 1st)
3rd – 5th Grade Camp
Mission West Virginia
Family Camp Weekend
Ladies Retreat
Paint & Splat (Serve & Paintball)
Fall Annual Meeting
Middle School Retreat

DEANS

Joey Lewis/Mike Hawkins
Dean Jackson
Scott Ford
Todd Young
Tim Hall/Tim Yankey
Larry Lambert/P.C. Roy
Tim Yankey & Camp Board
Tracy Tooley/Jeff Patrick
Russell Jordan/Greg Hutton
Tim Carper/Rob Durst
Tracy Tooley/ Matt Steinhour
Joey Lewis
Dan Bartlett
Steve Harley
Candy Payne
Brenton Hutton/Tim Yankey
Brian Baldwin
JT Thomas/Chris Fox
Aubrey Morris
Mike Hawkins/Dan Bartlett
Teen Mission USA, Greg Herriford
Dean Jackson/Willie Purdee
Ladies Planning Team
Tim Hall/Tim Yankey
Tim Yankey & Board
TBA

COST*

\$35
N/A
\$35
\$60
N/A
\$70
FREE
\$49
\$525**
\$180
\$180
\$30
\$180
\$180
\$85
\$180**
\$180**
\$180
\$30
\$180
\$325
\$25
\$40
\$20
FREE
\$60

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Great Day of Service:
April 14th
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Paint & Splat:
October 13
9:00 am

HMCA MISSION TRIP PARTNERS

- **Mission WV:**
July 29-August 3rd:
Teen Mission USA
www.teenmission.org
- **Mexico Trips:**
Borders & Beyond,
Ron & Anita
Lindeman: <http://bordersandbeyond.blogspot.com>
- **Haiti Trips:**
Help Haiti Know
Jesus Ministries:
Paul Ronk
www.helphaitiknowjesusministries.com

*HMCA Full Rates, Save \$10 or \$20 with early bird discounts if you pre-register.

** Check online for deposit deadlines.



Men's Breakfast and Retreat March 9-10

This year we are offering a weekend retreat for men. I love the verse from Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." We want to create an opportunity for men to come to camp and be fed. First, fed with a great big breakfast platter and then fed spiritually during 2 interactive sessions with other Christian men. More information will be coming to your churches in a few weeks. Scott Ford and FCC in Grayson are taking the lead on this great event.

New Programs in 2012!

Upward Sports Camp Football, Basketball, Soccer: June 17-21

Upward is the world's largest Christian sports league for children, and currently several of our churches are hosting Upward leagues at their church. Dan Bartlett, from Bridges Christian Church will be our Dean for this camp. Bridges has been averaging over 400 children in their Upward sports program per season. This summer we will be incorporating their



programs into a week of camp. This is a great outreach tool for reaching children that otherwise would not come to summer camp.

Upward Sports provides a fun kids sport experience based on healthy competition. Upward programs encourage friendship, sportsmanship, and skills training in a specific sport throughout the day. In the evenings, their teams will also have Bible Study, larger gatherings, and normal camp programs that encourage spiritual growth. Last year, more than 550,000 Kindergarten through sixth-graders had a great basketball, soccer, or flag football experience through one of Upward's 2,400 leagues or camps. This year HMCA will be hosting the area's first Upward Overnight Camp. Encourage kids from your church who are sports fanatics to sign up this summer.



Mountain Top Experience Rocky Mountains, CO: May 31 – June 9

"Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord" (Micah 4:2). If one takes a snapshot of the Bible, one will discover a multitude of people who went up on a mountain to meet the Lord (Moses, Abraham, Jesus are just a few). There is something special and powerful when God's people leave "the world" behind for a spiritual adventure being surrounded by God and his creation. This summer we are planning such a trip for anyone 16 years and older (including adults) who would be interested in leaving their smart phones, work/school, stress and worries behind to go hike in the Rocky Mountains of Buena Vista, Colorado for about 10 days. We will attempt to summit at least three 14,000 ft. mountains while camping and building community at campsites throughout the Rockies.

If you are the least bit interested in this sort of spiritual emphasis week, please plan to attend a "Get more info" meeting at Guyandotte Church of Christ on Jan 28th at 9am. We will need to have a \$200 deposit in March to secure a spot. For more information before the meeting feel free to contact Russ Jordan at 304-525-0553.



Paintball Course: Coming This Summer!



High School Adventure Trips Hike, Canoe, Climb: July 8-11, 2012

Opportunities to take 3 day adventure trips in New River Gorge, WV or Red River Gorge, KY. There will be canoeing, hiking, and climbing. More details in the summer camp information this spring and on our website soon. These trips will fill up fast, so be ready to sign up by early spring to guarantee your spots.

New Programs in 2012!

Mission WV

Partnering with Teen Mission USA/ Mission Journeys: July 29- August 3

We want to use the camp as a tool to provide affordable mission and service trips to youth groups. Many youth groups pay hundreds of dollars in travel expenses to go far away when there are needs right here in our local community we are failing to reach. Whether we are painting their home, fixing a leaking roof, or cleaning up yards, we can show the love of Jesus here in Huntington WV.

Teen Mission is a mission outreach of the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ based out of Lexington, KY.



This year Teen Mission and HMCA are starting a partnership called Mission West Virginia. HMCA will be used as a missions base camp for several short-term trips working in the Tri-

state area of Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Upon arrival at camp, a team of 3-4 interns along with Teen Mission staff members will lead volunteers in working on homes in the community as well as learning songs, skits, stories and games for an outreach VBS/ministry activities. Mission teams will reach out to nearby communities in great spiritual and physical need.

Teen Mission USA and HMCA's Mission WV week of camp holds two primary goals in their mission statement:

1. To encourage spiritual growth in American Christians in their personal and working relationship with God through genuine commitment and "hands-on" service experience.
2. To provide American Christians opportunities to see the larger world picture God sees, as they experience His love and use their testimony to lead others to a saving relationship with Jesus.

Food & Supplies Drive List

Last year HMCA saved nearly \$6,000 in our food and kitchen supplies budget thanks to the generosity and overwhelming support from 20 churches who bought their items to camp. Take the lead and encourage your church family to participate in this great opportunity to support your camp. Please collect these items throughout April and bring them to camp for our Camp Kickoff on May 6.

Church Name	Camp Kickoff Item
Allen Chapel Church of Christ	2 Liters of Pop
Antioch Christian Church	Paper Towels & Napkins
Beech Street Christian Church	Large Cans of Spagetti Sauce (32 oz or 64 oz)
Beverly Hills Church of Christ	2 Liters of Pop
Bridges Christian Church	Cereal: (Lucky Charms, Cocoa Puffs, Captain Crunch, Frosted Flakes)
Central Christian Church, Ironton	Large Marshmallows, Graham Crackers, Smores Supplies
Central Christian Church, Gallipolis	Toilet Paper
Central Church of Christ, Portsmouth	Lysol Spray 19 oz cans & Strophome Bowls (100 ct.)
Chesapeake Christian Church	Fruit: #10 cans (Mixed Fruit, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple) SAMS
Crooked Creek Church of Christ	Chocolate Chips & Large Cookie Mixes
East Point Church of Christ	Boxes of Tissues
Farmdale Church of Christ	Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
First Christian Church, Elkins	32 oz Ketchup Bottles
First Christian Church, Paintsville	Paper Plates
First Christian Church, Rio Grande	Disposable Paper Plates
First Church of Christ, Elkins	Bags of 12 oz Plastic cups
First Church of Christ, Grayson	Large Brownie Mixes
Fly Branch Church of Christ	2 Liters of Pop
Fourmile Christian Church	Wasp & Hornet Spray Cans
Gallipolis Christian Church	Pool Supplies (13 lb. Bags Baking Soda, 3" Stabilized Chlorine Tabs)
Gateway Christian Church	Cereal: (Honey Nut Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Trix, Cinnamon Toast Crunch)
Gregoryville Christian Church	Bags of Corn Chips/Tortilla Chips/Salsa
Greenup Christian Church	Fruit: #10 cans (Mixed Fruit, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple) SAMS
Guyandotte Church of Christ	VEGETABLES #10 cans (Corn, Green Beans, Peas) SAMS
Highlawn Ave. Church of Christ	Large Cans Sausage Gravy (Sams)
Hurricane Church of Christ	Round Up Concentrate (Weed & Ivy Killer)
Jackson Church of Christ	Toilet Paper
Journey Christian Church	Ice Cream Sundae Toppings
Kanawha City Church of Christ	2 Liters of Pop
King's Way Christian Church	Large Disposable Latex Gloves (100 ct. box)
Lakeview Christian Church	2 Liters of Pop
Norway Ave. Church of Christ	Large Marshmallows, Graham Crackers, Smores Supplies
Oak Grove Church of Christ	Large Bags of Sugar, 25 lbs.
Oldtown Christian Church	2 Liters of Pop
Olive Hill Christian Church	Antibacterial Handsoap 12 oz. Bottles
Quincy Church of Christ	2 Liters of Pop
Princess Church of Christ	Toilet Paper
Raceland Christian Church	Ice Cream Sundae Toppings
Richwood Christian Church	2 Liters of Pop
Ripley Church of Christ	Bags of Corn Chips/Tortilla Chips/Salsa
Sciotoville Christian Church	Dixie Cups (8 oz and 12 oz)
Sixth Avenue Church of Christ	Handsoap 12 oz. Bottles
South Point Christian Church	#10 can Sausage Gravy (Sams)
So. Portsmouth Church of Christ	#10 can Apple Sauce or #10 can Pudding (Sams)
South Shore Christian Church	Toilet Paper
West Liberty Christian Church	Lysol Max or Cling Toilet Bowl Cleaner 32 oz
Westmoreland Church of Christ	VEGETABLES #10 cans (Corn, Green Beans, Peas) SAMS
Westwood Christian Church	Large Brownie or Cake Mixes
Wheelerburg Church of Christ	Maple Syrup

Please call the camp office at 304-743-4332 if you have any questions about this great opportunity to support our ministry and help us keep summer camp costs down for parents.



New Director's House and Facilities House Addition: "Square Footage Campaign"

We currently have two homes on site. The Director's House is the original Girls dorm built in 1950 of cinder block and remodeled into a home after the new Girls Dorm was built in 1977. It is drafty, has old windows and no siding, is expensive to heat and cool, and recent tests confirmed that it is infested with 12 types of mold throughout the home. The Yankey family has been getting sick for the past 18 months, one sickness after another.

After being put on hold for years, the board voted to start building a new home in 2012. The cost to remodel the older home, and fix a long list of issues, was nearly the cost to build a new home. Even today as I write this letter, our roof is leaking through our second story where the roof is failing. We hope to build a reasonable 2,000 sq. foot home in the location of the original Caretakers house that burned down in 1980.

Tim Hall is our Facilities Director. Tim and his family live in our 960 square foot cottage. It was built in 2008 for a family of 3 and for what we could afford at the time paying in cash. The Hall's have a family of 5 and currently their son doesn't even have a room of his own. He is sleeping in a temporary loft in the living room and his sisters share a small 10' x 12' room. The Hall's have been a huge blessing already to HMCA and we want to make their home more comfortable for their family as well. Our goal is to add at least a couple bedrooms and a larger living room addition to the left side of the cottage.



The Director's House front and rear views



The Cottage occupied by the Hall Family of five

"It is time to put hands and feet to our prayers and take care of our staff families. We will be raising money with two goals in mind this spring. First, for the camp to remain debt FREE by trying to raise cash to build these additions. We are proud that the camp continues to grow, improve our facilities, and live within our means. Second, we plan to break ground in early spring so we can get our families out of the current situation by the end of 2012."

Paul Ronk, President of the Board

Square Footage Campaign

We are asking families and individuals to sponsor each "Square Foot" of these homes. The goal is to raise \$50,000 before we break ground in the spring and raise \$100,000 towards these important projects in 2012. If you would like to help with this, please fill out the form below and send it to camp.

Two Ways You Can Help

Key Contractors and Trademen: We hope to recruit key leaders with expertise in these areas to help complete a part of the homes. Donated professional labor or reduced rates can help cut our costs by up to 50%. If you have experience in one of these areas and would like to help the camp or could recommend someone to us, please contact the camp.

- General Contractor/Framer
- Foundation/Excavating
- Plumber
- Roofer
- Siding & Metal Trim
- Sheetrock
- Electricians
- Chimney & Fireplace
- Heating/AC/Ductwork
- Windows & Doors



The Hall and Yankey Families



Christian Hall in his "loft" bedroom

"Someone not quite famous said, "The prices are going to go up, and the kids are going to grow up." She was, of course, talking about campers, but that little saying is true about many things. One of those is housing. It is time to replace the Camp Director's house and add on to the Facilities Director's house at Howell's Mill.

"The block house that now serves as the home for the Yankey's is well past its expiration date. The current house has major mold issues, a leaking roof, poor insulation, no siding, a decrepit chimney, just to name a few.

The Hall's house, the Cottage, needs to be enlarged. A two-bedroom house for five people is not enough. It's that simple. This project should have been done years ago, but there were always other projects that took priority. No more!

No more children living in a moldy house. No more putting off the inevitable. Now is the time. Not only do we want these children to grow up, we want them to be healthy as they grow up. None of us would live in a damp, moldy house. We cannot expect our camp staff to, either. Our Board is unified to make this happen in the next year. Now is the time."

Tim Secrist, Secretary of the Board

SQUARE FOOTAGE CAMPAIGN RESPONSE FORM:

I would like to support our camp families by donating to this great cause.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

I would like to sponsor:

[] 1 square foot for \$120, Just \$10/month for 1 year.

[] 2 square feet for \$240, Just \$20/month for 1 year.

[] 3 square feet for \$360, just \$30/month for 1 year.

[] This amount per month _____

[] I would like to donate a one time gift in the amount of: \$ _____

Mail to: Howell's Mill Christian Assembly • 99 Christian Camp Road • Ona WV 25545

Facilities Director Update

By Tim Hall, Facilities Director

Hello to all my new HMCA family and friends. This is my first official letter as your new Facilities Director and I am so happy to be here! So much work has been accomplished in only six months and hopefully you have seen it too! I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 4, verse 9. "Two are better than one, because they have a good return on their work." We had a good return of work this year! So let me take this opportunity to thank some volunteers and business owners who came along side HMCA to help carry our load and invest in the camp.

- Our continued support from the Camp Board, our VIP's and our 39 Supporting Churches.
- **Richard Plybon** and **Kyle Hall**, – our primary lawn care men who mowed almost every week this year.
- **Tom Hall** (Hall's Refrigeration) and **Will Paterson** (General Heating & Air Conditioning) – our HVAC guys.
- **Ed Murriner** and **Joe Kay** (Kay's Tree Service) -our tree removal specialists.
- **Ed Blankenship** (Sootshaker Chimney Sweep), – installed wood stoves in Shop and Boys Dorm.
- **Russell Blake** - for discounts on auto repairs to our camp truck and personal vehicles!
- **First Christian Church** from Kenosha, Wisconsin: for painting and organizing the shop, and for re-roofing and painting the paintball building during their WV Missions trip.
- **Bob Hine, Bobby Fischer, and John Warnock** from Greenup Christian Church who helped install our new garage door on the shop.
- **Dave Martin** (D.L. Martin Construction & Excavating Company) – for reinforcing our failing shop roof (the original Dining Hall built in 1948) and walls with new steel beams.
- **Bob and Kelly Newland** (JMK Electric) – donating a 200 amp disconnect for the Shop.
- **Josh Yankey** for helping install a new digital phone system in the camp offices.
- **Ona Fire Department** for donating (4) – two inch fire hoses to our camp.
- **Todd Townsend** (Design Roofing Inc.) – for re-roofing the Dining Hall and Girls Dorm. (Todd also covered the cost to replace the old gutters on the Dining Hall, and is installing new gutters on Boys Dorm and Snack Shack this spring).
- And last but not least, anyone who gave of their time and volunteered on a mower or one of our camp work days this fall.

"YOUR" camp benefits so much every time you serve as the hands and feet both physically and spiritually. If you are not physically able to serve, there are many other ways you can support your camp.

First, continue to promote and send people to camp. Second, we keep a running needs list ranging from \$20 hand tools to \$5,000 bleachers. Check to see if you can provide or purchase any of the items on list for the camp. (Find it on our web site under the Support Tab, or contact Tim Hall at the camp.) Third, the camp often needs professional services donated or billed at a reduced rate. If you can provide or connect us with someone who can be of service it would be greatly appreciated. Resources are the biggest way to keep camp costs low and our expectations high!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! My family and I are so proud to serve here with you.

Great Day of Service for Saturday, April 14

Our goal is to have 100 people here from 9:00am - 3:00pm to help get camp ready for the summer. Please plan to participate and bring out a van load of men, women, and youth to help. We will have projects for all ages and this is a great opportunity to serve. We have several big projects we hope to tackle this year, including:

- Paint the Dining Hall to seal and protect the wood siding.
- Build new picnic tables to replace old rotten ones
- Clean out the pool and get it ready to fill for the summer
- Split and cut up downed timber from the winter months
- Install the Paintball Course Safety Netting and Poles for the New Course



Major Projects Completed This Fall

It has been a busy Fall here at the camp with numerous projects completed. Some of which were the installation of a new office digital phone system with voicemail, a new gas oven replaced in the dining hall, and emergency lights updated in the gym and dining hall.

There are always projects and maintenance needs at camp. Consider bringing a group from your church to work on a service project sometime next year. The biggest day will be on our April 14th "Great Day of Service". Hope to see you here.



Dining Hall and Girls Dorm roof work



Shop painting before and after



Top 10 Needs List

- (25) Plastic Pool Chairs \$15 each
- (10) Emergency Lights and Exit Signs for Buildings (\$39)
- (2) Heavy Duty Jack Stands (\$40)
- Misc. Hand Tools: Hammers, Tape Measures, Shovels, Rakes.
- Electrical Lights and Supplies to re-wire the shop
- 2 Ring Buoys for Pool and Canoe Dock (\$45)
- 12 New Telephone Poles (\$75 each)
- Paintball Gear & Safety Masks (\$135 a set)
- Framing Nail Gun (\$199)
- (2) Powered Monitors & Sub Woofer for worship (\$800)

Note: A larger and more complete list is always available online under our Support Tab, click "Needs List".



Fixed Shop roof that was failing - addition of three steel beams



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Church Visit Schedule 2012

- Jan. 8: South Portsmouth, KY
- Jan. 29: Oak Grove, KY
- Feb. 5: Westwood Christian, KY
- Feb. 12: Crooked Creek, WV
- Feb. 19: Westmoreland, WV
- March 4: Mystery Preacher Exchange
- March 25: TBA
- April 15: Bridges Christian, KY
- April 29: Gallipolis Christian, OH
- May 6: Gateway Christian, WV

If you would like us to visit your church to update you on the camp, please contact us.

Special Donations: Aug. 1, 2011 to Dec. 22, 2011

- Supporting Churches: \$34,763.37
- VIPs: \$7,165.00
- Church Groups/VBS: \$547.00
- Ladies Retreat Talent Dollar: \$2,251.25
- Stacie Coomer Memorial Scholarship: \$150.00
- Individual 1x Gifts: \$950
 - Annte Wetherbee: Landscaping Donations
 - Quentin & Ethel Rooper: 6 Lifejackets
 - Paula A. Caudill: New Circular Saw
 - Catlettsburg 1st Christian Fund: Dewalt Battery
 - Highlawn Church of Christ: Loyal Women's Class: needs list donation
 - Quincy Church of Christ: Donation towards staff housing

SAVE THE DATE...

2nd—5th
Grade Winter
Retreat
February 10-11




**High School
Retreat
March 30-April 1**



**Great Day of Service
April 14**



**GOLF
SCRAMBLE
April 28
Riviera Country Club**