



Burnside Camp Meeting Newsletter

May 2026

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Camp website: www.burnsidecampmeeting.org or email danaamandanichole@yahoo.com

If you would like to receive this and future Camp Meeting Newsletters by email, Please email Amanda (*above email*).

Reminder for Camp Meeting Aug 1-7, 2026

Friday

- * *Arrival time: anytime after noon*
- * *no evening meal served (hot dog meals will be offered in the Candy Stand at 5pm)*
- * *no evening service (possibility of a sing-along depending on attendance)*

Saturday

- * *Continental breakfast and a simple lunch will be available in the Dining Hall*
- * *Official start of Camp Meeting – 5pm Dinner followed by an Evening Service*

- local pastors will preach for various services over the weekend
(Evangelist is asked to preach Monday – Friday Evening Services)

This year the Spring Business Meeting was held on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Following is a summary of the meeting. (A full copy of the Minutes is available by request)

Programs

- Evangelist for 2026 Camp Meeting is Bro. Harold Kelly
- Things are in the works for an evangelist in 2027.
- Camp meeting Youth: No report
- Camp Meeting Children: This year's Theme is: "Road Trip" based on Joshua 1:9.
- Bro. Tom H stated he would like someone else to take over as chair of this Program committee. He explained the main responsibility of the Program Chair/Committee is to find the evangelists.
- Trudy Williams asked if a representative from the India mission would be present this year. Bro. Dryden will look into this. He also said he'd be willing to give a presentation on Cuba. Bro. Tom said one service should be set aside for missions and mentioned several other ideas, such as: Haiti, Dominican Republic and Jamaica. Motion by Jerry to consider this. Second-Konrad.

Burnside Community Fun Fair

- The Fun Fair will be held at the campground this year again and will be open to the community.
- Scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Flyers will be passed around Burnside.
- Anyone interested in providing music or entertainment or who can help should contact Jennifer Crowe. jcrowe@atlanticbb.net

Crossroads Youth Camp

- Youth camp is Sunday, June 28 to Friday, July 3.
- 2026 Theme: "Walking with Jesus"
- For more information, contact Sister Regina. Call: (413)-358-5088 Email: rmking@earthlink.net
- Applications for both campers and staff are available online www.burnsidecampmeeting.org
- Reminder that all staff clearances are needed and must have been done within the last three years.
- Anyone willing and available to be a worker is appreciated.
- **Special prepare for Youth Camp Work days are planned for 6/13, 6/14, and 6/27.**

Publicity

- Thank you to everyone who posted flyers and shared the information about Camp Meeting.
- If anyone would like to submit an article for the Fall Newsletter, please give your article to Amanda by Aug 15, 2026. Danaamandanichole@yahoo.com
- Due to rising postage costs, we plan to try to cut our postal mailing list to those who do not receive emails and or have access to online. Mailing Newsletters to churches will continue.
- This Newsletter and future ones will be available online www.burnsidecampmeeting.org for anyone to view and print on their own.
- Please Email Amanda Sherry at Danaamandanichole@yahoo.com to let her know if you would be ok to receive emailed Newsletters or call/text her 814-229-3078 to let her know your preference.

Financial Report

- There is much Appreciation to all who carry the burden of this camp and donate. We do continue to need your support
A full Financial Report is Available by request
- **Donations Payable to: Church of God Campground at Burnside, Inc.**
- **May be mailed to the treasurer: Evelyn Booth, 404 Vineyard Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044**

Housing

- Angie stated housing is a collaborative effort. She welcomes any ideas and working together.
- Jerry added that others should not be removing any items (from beds to refrigerators and other items) from rooms. He suggested having an inventory of each room to make sure items stay in their proper location and for insurance purposes.
- ****Reminder: Everyone who plans to stay on the grounds during Camp Meeting MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS!! Contact Angie Lewis: ae.lewis700@gmail.com (864) 979-9025**

Camp Management

- Jerry stated there is always a long to do list. No work days are scheduled, but as work days get planned, people will be made aware. If anyone wants to come to do work on other days, people are to contact him to make sure it will be okay to do so and to get the code to the electric house door. (301)867-0268
- Jerry mentioned several big projects that are top on the to-do list this year, namely: new roof on the preacher's quarters, replace stone house windows, roof on women's restroom, check roofs on cabins and girls' dorm, siding & windows on cookhouse, sinks in men's and women's restrooms. Addison informed all that these items have been tabled many, many times and are now a priority.
- Bro. Dryden inquired about someone looking into the safety measures needed on the grounds. Addison said Jerry's input would be vital.

Board of Directors

- Three board members' terms expire this year: Dave Bish, Angie Lewis, Evelyn Booth. Nominations and voting will occur at the summer meeting during the week of family camp. Current 9 Members of the Board of Directors are as follow:
-Addison Hockins, President -Jerry Crowe, 1st Vice President -Dave Bish, 2nd Vice President
-Evelyn Booth, Treasurer -Andrea Deible, Secretary -Tom Hannold
-Jennifer Crowe -Angela Lewis -Larry Rapp

Other Topics

- Evelyn Booth received a letter from the Pearce Family this past Fall. A copy of the letter is included in this Newsletter. The Pearce Family has made a generous donation to the campground. We are so grateful for this blessing and are praying for God's guidance in being good stewards with the money.

Greeting from the Pearce Family, and the Gibsonia Church of God in Lakeland, FL. We write you to give a brief family history as it relates to the Church of God Burnside Camp, and an update regarding the Gibsonia Church of God.

Many decades ago, during the early to mid-20th century, Ezra and Mary Jane Pearce lived and raised their family in the stone house at Burnside Camp. Ezra served as a minister at the local church, worked at the coal mine, and he also operated the filling station next to the stone house. Mary Jane was the mother of 10 children and a homemaker. Wallace Pearce (also know as Wally, one of Ezra and Mary Jane's sons) grew up in the stone house at Burnside with his siblings, playing baseball, helping at the filling station, attending church and camp-meeting, and helping his father Ezra keep the campground maintained. Wally attended Harmony High-school, and eventually married Barbara Westover, from the town of Westover, and they settled into the stone house and started a family.

In the early 1960's, the Pearce clan decided to move to Florida in search of economic opportunities. The family settled in Lakeland, Fl and thrived there. The Gibsonia Church of God (Independent) was founded, and Ezra served as the Minister. Wally and Barb led the music ministry and raised their family in the church. Many generations were raised there, and the church family was strong for several decades. The Gospel of Christ was shared and service unto others was conducted. A mission to Guatemala was ongoing, and there was a Christian Scouts program for children. There were many church picnics, prayer meetings, gospel-sings, revivals and camp meetings.

Over the Last decade, the church family began to wane, and the numbers greatly dwindled, as many brothers, sisters and family fell ill and passed on. The church building and parsonage fell into disrepair, and so it was decided to close the church doors and sell the property. Thankfully, another church organization was the buyer, and the site will continue to serve as a church spreading the Gospel of Christ.

In Conclusion, it was decided that the proceeds from the sale of the church property shall be donated to the Church of God Burnside Camp, in honor and gratitude for the roots from which the Gibsonia Church of God (Lakeland, FL) was sprung forth and seeded. It is our hope and desire that these funds be utilized to support the ongoing operations of the Burnside Camp, including general maintenance, as well as continued improvements and preservation of the grounds and facilities. A certified check with cover letter shall be sent to Church of God @Burnside Camp Treasurer Evelyn Booth from the real estate attorney, Robert Stanz, PA.

Sincerely,
Kerry Pearce, Director



CAMP CROSSROADS YOUTH CAMP 2026

AT BURNSIDE CHURCH OF GOD CAMPGROUND

Camp Crossroads is for youth ages 9-18

June 28 – July 3

Camp Crossroads offers plenty of fun and Son-soaked days. At camp, you will get to meet lifelong friends, eat great meals, stay overnight in a cabin dorm, learn about Jesus, and have a great time! Each activity and service is designed to provide an unforgettable, life-changing experience where campers will learn and grow in their faith.

Youth Camp Applications can be found at www.burnsidecampmeeting.org
For all other information please Contact PASTOR REGINA KING at
RMKING@EARTHLINK.NET OR TEXT (413) 358-5088

**WALKING
WITH JESUS**





Church of God Camp Meeting

Burnside, Pennsylvania

Saturday, August 1 – 7, 2026

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SCHEDULE

- 7:30 Prayer Meeting
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 10:30 Morning Service & Youth/Children Classes
- 12:30 Lunch
- 2:30 Afternoon Service
- 5:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Evening Worship Service

MEALS

Three meals a day are provided on a free-will offering basis.

Candy Stand opens after lunch each day (closed during services)

Various other Ministers for the Morning & Afternoon Services

Camp Meeting is for the whole family!!

There are special Children & Youth Classes and Activities throughout the week



2026 Nightly Evangelist
Pastor Harold Kelly
Christian Fellowship Church of God in Clay City, KY

LODGING

RESERVATIONS TO STAY OVER NIGHT AT THE CAMP ARE REQUIRED*

Contact the housing manager:
Angie Lewis: (864) 979-9025
ae.lewis700@gmail.com

- *Accommodations available
- *Camper Spots available

Physical address:

(use this for GPS)

**9 Gospel Lane
Cherry Tree, PA
15724**

(Please do not send mail to this address.)

Donations can be mailed to:

Evelyn Booth
404 Vineyard Drive
Gibsonia, PA 15044

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