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# Summit News

The Newsletter of the Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting  
119 Beaver Valley Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

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## Get Ready For the New Camp Season!

Only one month to go before our next season begins at Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting. A great way to get started will be to come out to the *Spring Fling Luncheon* on March 17<sup>th</sup> to meet old friends and make new ones. The event will be held at the Old Country Buffet, located in the Shoppes at Springfield Park, Springfield, PA, just off of Route 420.

Camp Meeting opens on April 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by two work days: April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 3 pm. Come early to get some coffee and breakfast treats, then off to the job board in Biddle Hall to find ways to help get the Camp in shape for its 141<sup>st</sup> continuous season. Many volunteers are needed to get everything done and to help share the workload. The Grounds Committee already started by having the septic tanks for the upper and lower bathrooms cleaned out and clearing the pipes of roots and debris.

After readying the Camp facilities and grounds, it will be time to get our own cottages in shape. Please be sure to have the following required items in place to ensure a safe Camp season:

- a working hose attached outside of your cottage
- identification numbers large enough for emergency vehicles to spot, mounted outside on the front and back of your cottage
- a working smoke alarm—check that battery!
- a fire extinguisher

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## Cottagers' Connections

As we start a new season, please take some time to think about ways that we can support each other and the Camp. See any new faces? Don't be shy, say hello and make a new friend. You just might help bring someone to Jesus. Look for ways that you can improve Camp unity and fellowship. Invite some neighbors in to share refreshments. Hold a Game Night. Help clean before or after a cottage rental. Put plantings around your cottage or a Camp area. Adopt part of the Camp grounds and keep it clean. Be a Secret Angel for someone in need. Take a turn hosting the Saturday night Covered Dish Dinners. There are many opportunities for us to serve Christ and His ministry here.

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## In Memorium

We sadly note the passing of long-time cottagers and friends Dwight Rash and Elaine Beard, as well as cottager Lori Policastro's mother. They have all gone home to glory within the embrace of Lord Jesus. Our prayers go with them and we extend our sympathy to the families and friends left behind.

## Upcoming Events

Come for food and fun to the **Spring Fling Luncheon** on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.



**Spring Work Days** will be on back-to-back Saturdays, April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 3 pm.



The **BSCM Auxiliary annual tea party** will be held on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3 pm in Biddle Hall.



Memorial Day **picnic and service** on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.



**BSCM Auxiliary Faith Fellowship Day** will be Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There will be an evening program after the covered dish dinner

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## Without a Paddle . . .

. . .ping-pong paddle, that is. We're looking for a ping-pong table and gaming gear to go in the new Youth area (downstairs of Biddle Hall). Do you have an old table and set, or know of someone that does, that could be donated for our Youth's use? Please contact any member of the Board of Trustees if you can help.

Thank you!

## Updated Pool Rules

New pool rules were approved by the Board of Trustees that go into effect this camp season. Additional information pertaining to changes in pool supervision and maintenance will be communicated later.

Cottagers may use the pool during regularly scheduled hours without charge. Guest passes may be purchased for a fee of \$1 per day. Any guest under age 18 must be signed into the pool by their sponsoring cottager. That cottager must remain on the camp ground while the guest uses the pool.

1. A lifeguard must be on duty during all pool use. The lifeguard has full authority to administer pool rules.
2. At the direction of the lifeguard, a swim test may be requested.
3. Children under age 10 must be supervised by a parent or a guardian when in the pool area.
4. Behavior and language at the pool must be consistent with our Christian witness and the spirit of Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting.
5. Suitable covering will be worn to and from the pool and model bathing attire is expected. No two piece bathing suits are permitted. If a visiting guest does not have a one piece suit then a tee shirt is required.
6. Babies must have swim diapers on when in the pool.
7. "Horseplay" is prohibited, including running, shoving, pushing, dunking, or other behavior seen as unsafe by the lifeguard.
8. Diving is prohibited.
9. No pets are permitted in the pool area.
10. No smoking is allowed in the pool area. Drinks and snacks in safe container are permitted—NO glass.

## Welcome New Cottagers!

The following cottager families recently joined Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting. Please stop by to say hello and welcome them into our fellowship.

Jorge and Linda Santiago with daughters Leana, Linda, and Victoria	Cottage #117
Kate Murray	Cottage #104
Edward and Dawn Booth with children Nicholas and Gabriel	Cottage #14

## Cottages For Sale

**George and Janine Phillips** have Cottage #4 for sale at \$10,000. The ground rent is approx. \$675.00/year. This is a cute cottage at the top of the hill, close to the bath house. It is in move-in condition with a large eat-in kitchen, tongue-and-groove paneling, ceiling fans, bathroom with shower, separate bedroom, and a spacious living room with wall-to-wall carpeting. Exterior features include maintenance free siding, Victorian covered front porch and gingerbread trim accent, with a stained glass window. Includes: most living room and bedroom furniture, kitchen appliances, some kitchen furniture, hot water heater, two propane heaters, and window treatments.

**Barbara Sayles** has Cottage #110 on sale. The asking price is \$3,000 but she will take the best offer. The cottage has knotty pine paneling and has a kitchen dining area, and screened porch. It comes furnished and equipped, including a single bed, shower stall, and RV toilet.

**The Benedicts** offer Cottage #92 for sale at \$5,000. It has 2 large rooms, a full kitchen, a fully functional bathroom, two entrances, and lots of closet space. The roof and rest of the structure are in excellent condition. Contact them at (610) 431-2105 or (484) 888-8434 for any inquiries.

**Dwight Rash's cottages** (# 88-89) will be sold furnished for \$20,000. They feature an eat-in kitchen, two living rooms, full bath, propane heat and stove, large dining room with remote control ceiling fan, and a vinyl siding exterior. One porch faces the Tabernacle. Contact Susan Watkins at (302) 378-8479 for more details.

## Notes From the Program Committee

The season's program will start off, as usual, with the Memorial Day picnic and service on Monday, May 28. Then, from June 16 through September 1, there will be a covered dish dinner each Saturday, followed by a concert in the Tabernacle or a family movie in the Biddle Building.

Wednesday, July 4 will be full of the usual Independence Day fun, from Continental breakfast to bike parade to picnic. The afternoon activities will culminate in an evening pool party.

There will be just two long Christian Fellowship weekends this year:

- The first (July 6-8) will feature Jonathon Baker on Friday evening. Evangelist Ron Susek will lead Bible study on Saturday and Sunday mornings and preach at both Sunday services. Debi Irene Wahl will be back again this year to give the Saturday evening concert.
- For the second long weekend (August 3-5), Bill Scott will preach on Friday evening. Abraham Phillips will lead Bible study on Saturday and Sunday and preach at the Sunday morning service. The Linton Family musicians will give the Saturday evening concert. Sunday evening is the money tree and Walk-around, and will feature Diane Susek in concert.

There will be three Saturday evening concerts, held between the Christian Fellowship long weekends.

July 14	Morning Star Singers and Chalk artist Cathy Patnovic
July 21	Jim and Wendy Allshouse
July 28	Crossings/Messenger

Children's Camp Week will be July 23-27 from 9-11 am. It will be run by Child Evangelism.

Praise and Prayer services will be held Wednesday evenings between June 27 and August 1, except for July 4. The Siloam Church picnic will be on July 11 at 5 pm, and Pastor Goodley will officiate at the service that evening.

The BSCM corporate Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, August 11, rather than on the traditional Thursday evening. This change is to encourage a higher attendance at this important meeting.

The Program Committee is really excited about those who will be coming to minister to us this summer. We solicit your prayers for them all, and pray that you will be both blessed and a blessing, as you participate in this 141st consecutive season at BSCM.

## BSCM Auxiliary Meetings

The BSCM Auxiliary will hold its meetings the first Saturday of each month, June through September, at 11 am in Biddle Hall. Anyone with an interest in serving in this ministry, or just finding out more about it, are welcome to attend—gentlemen, this includes you as well! Please contact Barbara Sayles, President of the the Auxiliary, for more information.

## Use of Camp Facilities

Cottagers are welcome to use Camp owned facilities and buildings for gatherings or other activities. Please check with the Board of Trustees member responsible for overseeing Camp facilities (George Phillips, at this time) to schedule your request. This will prevent conflicts between multiple groups wanting to use a facility at the same time. Thank you for complying with this protocol.

## No Place Like Home

Some cottagers have been using the Camp address as their permanent mail address. This is not allowed and needs to be discontinued. Mail may be forwarded to your Camp address during the Camp season. Likewise, cottagers cannot claim the Camp as their home address for legal, school, business, or other purposes.

## Waiting on the Tax Man

No decision yet on our request for tax exemption. Our representation continues to press for approval, with Chester Heights as precedent. We hope for resolution soon and will keep you advised of any updates.

## Notes From the Finance Committee

A reminder to all cottagers—electric bills are due within thirty (30) days after receipt. Effective with the 2007 Camp Meeting season, all electric meters must be located outside of cottages without exception. An estimated bill of \$250 will be charged to any cottager who has not complied by August 1, 2007. The only electric reading that will be acceptable for billing purposes will be the one made by the BSCM Financial Secretary.

**Budget Plan**—this is an agreement between the Camp and a cottager for the payment of ground rent and/or electric bill. The plan is created for a specific amount to be paid over a specified number of months. The plan requires a payment every month until the balance is paid in full. If a payment is missed, the Camp may—at its discretion—cancel the agreement and request that the full balance be paid within thirty (30) days. Any cottager who fails to keep to this agreement will not be considered for future budget plans.

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## Connect With Believers at Camp Meeting

As we anticipate the new summer at Brandywine Camp meeting, let us make ourselves more spiritually attuned than ever before.

Please read and understand these scriptures, in contemplation of a new commitment:

“ . . . You are a chosen people . . . ”

1 Peter 2:9

1 Peter 4:7-11

When we become Christians, we become connected with others. We become part of a larger body, the body of Christ, the church. Not only are we Christians connected, we also need each other for worship, fellowship, encouragement, learning, and support.

Let our Camp Meeting be your spiritual family. The Christian life involves other believers. “Living for Jesus, a life that is true.”

Jack Grafton, President  
BSCM Board of Trustees

## Just For Fun

The following announcements are collected from actual church bulletins collected over the years.

“Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.”

“Miss Charlene Manson sang, “I will not pass this way again,” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.”

“For those who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.”

“The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: “Break Forth Into Joy.”

“Potluck supper Sunday at 5 pm, prayer and medication to follow.”

“The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Tuesday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.”

“The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.”

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## Got News?

*Summit News* is looking for items of interest to cottagers and suggestions for improvement. Space permitting, this could include short pieces such as poems, prayers, thoughts for the day, etc.

Please give your information, ideas, or comments to any Board member or send them to *Summit News* c/o:

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