

Spring  
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# Summit News

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

## Tea Time

Over forty cottagers and friends of Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting came out on May 20<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the Ladies Auxiliary Annual Tea Party. There were lots of scrumptious treats, interesting conversation, and the chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Many thanks to Tom and Dolores Kirby for providing pictures of the event!



## Special Corporation Meeting

Please plan to attend an important special meeting for Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting corporation members on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in Biddle Hall. The meeting will follow the noon Faith Fellowship luncheon.

Your Board of Trustees has been pursuing tax exempt status for our Camp Meeting, which would save roughly \$15,000 per year. For this to happen, we must amend our corporation by-laws to include a "dissolution clause" that would require assets from the camp to go to another tax exempt organization or governmental unit for charitable purposes in case the camp is dissolved or sold in the future. This is a standard requirement for tax exempt corporations to prevent officers or others from profiting if the corporation is ever dissolved.

All cottagers should have received a mailing announcing this meeting and giving the full text of the proposed amendment. It is essential that at least 25 cottagers attend this special meeting for us to have a quorum and allow a vote on the proposed amendment. Please make every effort to attend so that we can move forward with this important step and significantly improve our finances.

## Upcoming Events

Our popular **Covered Dish Dinners** restart on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in Biddle Hall.



Bring your family and watch the two *Transformations* movies at Biddle Hall on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.



**Faith Fellowship Day** will be held on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> with a service at 10:30 am and luncheon at noon.



**Praise and Prayer** meetings restart on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Tabernacle.

## BSCM Website

Coming soon to a computer near you, the BSCM website will be up with news, program events, photos, Camp history, and more. Watch for it at [www.bscai.org](http://www.bscai.org)!

## 2006 Photo Directories

The 2006 color photo directories are here and they look great! Bob and Ruth Stober put in many hours of effort over the past year to make this project possible.

The directories were available at the Spring Fling Luncheon and Auxiliary Tea. If you missed those opportunities, you can still purchase a copy for \$5.

Thank you Bob and Ruth!

## Donations Needed for Children's Camp

Children's Puppet Camp will run from July 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Bill Scott, who is running the 5-day camp for the kids this year, asked for the following items to be donated:

- 1-gallon plastic milk and juice jugs with handles
- Plastic detergent bottles, preferably the kind that taper at the center
- Flat wooden paint stirrers

Please don't pitch those plastic jugs and bottles out for the next few weeks. Rinse them out, and bring them to camp with you for the youngsters' use!

Pastor Bill would also greatly appreciate the help of anyone willing to donate a couple of hours of their time on any or all of the five days to assist with the program. Please contact Simon Shute for more information or if you can volunteer. Thank you.

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## From The Auxiliary

Here are some of the Auxiliary activities and important dates for this coming Camp season. Please mark them on your calendars!

**Sunday Fellowship Dinners** 12:30 pm on July 23, July 30, August 6

Come and enjoy Sunday dinner after church service in our newly air-conditioned Biddle Hall. Please note time change this year!!!

**Auxiliary Meetings** 11 am on July 8, August 5, September 2

Meetings will be held in Biddle Hall. Congratulations to Shirley Heiselmoyer, our new Financial Secretary.

### Covered Dish Dinners

These will begin June 17<sup>th</sup> and continue through September 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 5 pm in Biddle Hall. Please note that there will be no covered dish dinner on July 1<sup>st</sup> due to the picnic that day at 1 pm.

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## Keep Safety Number One

Safety is of utmost importance at Camp. Please be aware that all cottages are required to have the following items in place by the start of camp season:

- a working hose attached outside of the cottage
- numbers large enough to readily identify your cottage for emergency vehicles, mounted on both the front and back of your cottage
- a working smoke alarm (check the battery!)
- a fire extinguisher

As we look forward to another season, please remember to not encourage visits from local wildlife (cats, raccoons, squirrels, etc.) by putting out food for them. Doing so has led to costly property damage from "home invasions", as they come inside cottages looking for more tasty treats. This also creates a potential health hazard for everyone at camp.

## Transformations

Please join us to watch the two *Transformations* videos on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Biddle Hall. These are documentaries of several communities around the world that were dramatically changed by the power of God when Christians came together to pray. They are powerful and exciting to watch, tremendous testimonies to the awesome power of prayer and the faithfulness of God. You are strongly encouraged to come to these evenings and be reminded anew that God works mightily through our communal prayers. There will be a discussion time after each showing.

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## Note of Thanks

I want to thank you all for your many thoughts and prayers for God's healing in my life after my accident. In early March, I fell 28 feet from a ladder. I was medi-evacuated to the Thomas Jefferson/Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia where my condition was critical, with head and facial injuries and numerous fractures. After 3 weeks in intensive care, time at the Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, and several weeks at Rose Tree Assisted Living, I am now "back home" at our Camp meeting.

At my most recent visit to Jefferson for a followup procedure, several of the doctors that attended me initially remarked that my recovery was incredible. We know it was God, don't we? Thank you again for your intercession on my behalf and for your concern and continued prayers as I proceed with extensive/intensive therapy.

Jerry Liddell, cottage #103

## Youth Program News and Schedule

The Program Committee is excited to announce that we hired three youth workers for the coming Camp season. Raquel Lopez, age 24, and Luke McDermott, age 18, will combine their spiritual talents this summer as Youth Leaders. They each bring strength and experience from previous activities. Raquel was a Youth Leader and part of the Music Ministry at Love of Christ Church. Luke was committed to Child Evangelism Fellowship as a summer missionary. Both have committed their life to Christ and are anxious to share God's love and see it benefit others.

Mike Dunn, age 22, will counsel our Camp Meeting kids in structured recreational activities. Mike is a school teacher with Chichester Middle School; he excels in academic and sports experiences. He has been involved in the "Big Brother Mentor" program at Elizabethtown College, was a camp counselor, coached lacrosse, and refereed both soccer and basketball. Listed below are some of the planned recreational activities for our kids this summer.

We ask you to encourage your children to participate in the programs planned for them this summer. We worked hard to organize a strong program and provide resources for them. Now, please do your part to support these efforts and help your children come to fellowship. These young people are the future of our Camp Meeting.

Jun 17	1:30-2:30 pm	Introduction and Social
Jun 24	11 am - 12 pm	Dodge Ball
Jul 1	12 - 1 pm 3 - 4:30 pm	Dodge Ball Tournament Parents vs Kids Softball Game
Jul 8	11 am - 1 pm 2 - 4 pm	Basketball Games (Knock Out and Hot Shots) 3 on 3 Basketball Tournaments
Jul 15	11 am - 12:30 pm 2 - 4 pm	Volleyball Parents vs Kids Volleyball Game
Jul 20	6 - 8 pm	Pool Party and Raft Races
Jul 22	11 am - 12 pm 2 - 3 pm	Wiffle Ball Badminton
Jul 29	1 - 2:30 pm	Open (play any game)
Aug 2	6 - 8 pm	Movies and Games
Aug 4	11 am - 12:30 pm	Pool Party, Crafts, and Luncheon

## Youth Program Needs

Doesn't the youth recreational program look great? Want to help make it a success? We need the following items and are looking for some "angels" who could donate or loan them. Please contact Margaret Mayo, Simon Shute, or any other member of the Program Committee if you can help. Thank you.

- Volleyball net and balls
- Badminton racquets and birdies
- Softball bat, bases, home plate
- Wiffle ball set
- Basketballs, softballs, soccer balls, nerf balls
- Board games
- Snacks, snacks, and more snacks (those kids can eat!)

## Finance Notes

Ground Rent was due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. You are considered in arrears if it was not paid by then, unless you previously made a budget arrangement. A budget means that you agree to pay a set amount every month for the number of months agreed upon: 8, 9, or 10.

Please note that you are obligated to pay ground rent for the current season even if your cottage is for sale. If there is an outstanding balance on your account, the Finance committee cannot approve transfer papers.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

## Walk-A-Round

Our annual Walk-A-Round will be held this year on Sunday night, August 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:30 pm in the Tabernacle—right after the “Money Tree” ceremony.

Pastor Bob Garrett, a favorite visitor to BSCM, will be “in concert.” We encourage you to support your Camp meeting by coming to fellowship with us. Come to the service in the Tabernacle then join us as we walk through Camp with our voices raised in prayerful song.

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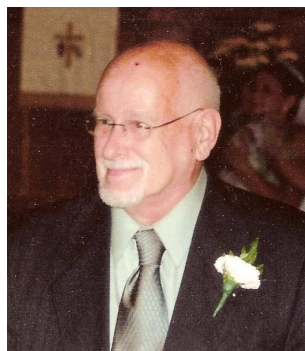
## Looking Ahead

These past few weeks I have had the joy of discovering a book, *Captured By Grace* by Dr. David Jeremiah. He writes about the life of John Newton who wrote the lyrics to *Amazing Grace* and the Apostle Paul who wrote of “grace” again throughout the New Testament. He parallels the lost-to-found journeys of the lyricist and the scripture writer.

As we look forward to “summer at the Summit” on our 140<sup>th</sup> year, it appears that we too have been on journey through the past and now into the future. Read in your Bible II Corinthians 4:7-9. In his ministry, Paul found himself in the middle of some controversy or another. Public immorality, divisions and false prophets challenged him. Paul wanted his readers to realize that the glory of the Heavenly Father makes the difference in life. “God has been revealed in human form through Jesus Christ, the ultimate treasure in an earthly vessel—flesh and blood. All the eternal and infinite glory of God shined through His Son who was fully human and yet fully divine.”

We share that glory. As the Father dwelt in the Son and the Son dwells within us through the Spirit. “We have this treasure, the ministry of Christ, in our ‘earthly vessels’, our frail and imperfect bodies.” Thank you Dr. David Jeremiah for this reminder, as we journey ahead.

Jack Grafton, President  
BSCM Board of Trustees



## “Cottage Treasures”

Now open for business, “Cottage Treasures” is our new Camp thrift shop that features a wide variety of useful and novelty items at very reasonable prices. This ministry is a labor of love, uniting cottagers in work and bringing revenue to the Camp. Be sure to stop by and see what’s on offer. Also, please consider it for donations of good quality items that you no longer need.

## Anniversary Celebration

Circle Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendars to join us for the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration service of Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting. The service will begin at 7 pm in the Tabernacle.

Our guests will include Pastors James Van Der Wall, from St. Paul’s UM Church, and Edward Goodley from Siloam UM Church. These are two of our founding churches. Also attending as our honored guest will be James R. Hanby, Sr., an 8th generation direct descendant of founder Rev. Samuel Hance. Rev. Hance was married to Margaret Johnson, whose family owned the land that became home to our Camp Meeting

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## When Disaster Strikes

While Hurricanes Katrina and Rita did not come near us, consider them good warning that our cottages may be at risk of natural or other disaster. It can be hard to obtain coverage as not all providers handle our cottages. The following providers will insure cottages against fire, vandalism, etc.

### Curtis Insurance Service

Ken Curtis  
316 Valley View  
Media, PA 19063  
(610) 566-9022

### Foremost Insurance Company

P. O. Box 2739  
Grand Rapids, MI 49501  
(800) 527-3907, ask for “sales”