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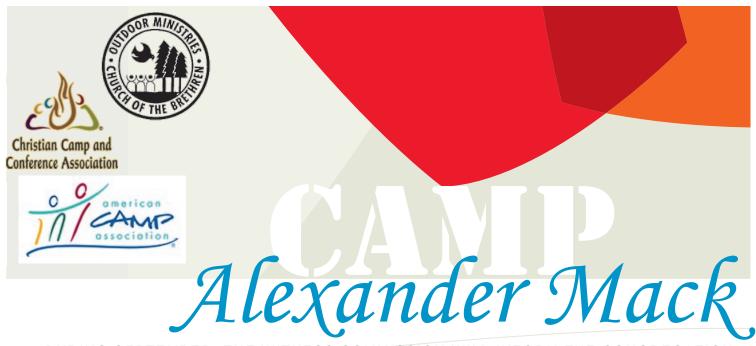
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DURING SEPTEMBER, THE WITNESS COMMISSION WILL INFORM THE CONGREGATION ABOUT THE MINISTRIES OF CAMP MACK.

We will be taking up a love offering for the camp on **September 23**. Please plan to **give generously and beyond** your normal giving!

CAMP ALEXANDER MACK'S MISSION STATEMENT: A SANCTUARY WHERE PEO-PLE CONNECT WITH GOD THROUGH FAITH FORMATION, EXPERIENCING CREATION, AND BUILDING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

Agape has been supporting Camp Mack for years, but have you ever wondered just what all that means? For some background information, we have taken a few excerpts from the Camp Mack website:

Camp Alexander Mack is a Christian Camp, Retreat and Conference Center located on 200+ acres on the eastern shore of Lake Waubee in Northern Indiana. The facility is a ministry of the Indiana Camp Board and affiliated with the Northern Indiana and South/Central Indiana districts of the Church of the Brethren.

Since its beginnings in 1925 the camp has served as a place of leadership development and faith formation for the children, youth and adults who have come through its arches. It is the site of murals depicting the History of the Church of the Brethren as depicted by the artist Medford Neher.

Our summer camp program is intentionally designed to provide campers with life changing experiences that lead to the formation of personal faith within a safe Christian community.



Our leaders are trained to focus on physical and emotional safety, skill development, and age appropriate programming that is exciting, educational and enriching. In additional to training, our leaders have a heart for ministry and kids and a love of summer fun that they share with the campers. A progression in programming makes each summer at Camp Mack more exciting and challenging than the last.

Each year Agape sends 3-6 youth to the summer camp program. This past year the scriptural theme was "Finding the Secrets of the Kingdom," using the parables of Jesus. There are many opportunities for families throughout the year and also individuals or groups to volunteer or have a private retreat for spiritual growth.

So when you have the chance, go and experience Camp Alexander Mack. In the words of those who have been there:

Enjoy the inspiring hike to the "Living Cross".

Feel the warmth of God's presence as you sit on the lake's shore.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Agape Family Picnic* (Following worship service)	3 -Labor Day- No Aerobics No Piano No Tutoring	4 12 noon Agape Seniors FH 5:30-7:30 Tutoring	5 3-5 Tutoring 7:30 Choir	6 5:30-7:30 Tutoring 6:30 Bound4Glory 6:30 Aerobics	7	8
9 Deacon Mtg FH (Sievers hosting)	10 3-5 Tutoring 5:30 Piano 6:30 Aerobics	11 5:30-7:30 Tutoring 6:30 Crafty NG*	12 3-5 Tutoring 7:30 Choir	13 5:30-7:30 Tutoring 6:30 Bound4Glory 6:30 Aerobics	14	15 9 -4 Musser FH
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		Birthday	7\$
1	Carolyn Furry-Brantley	14	Joe Schafer
3	Peggy Burroughs	14	Mary Jo Wort
5	Roger Haupert	16	Jane Stuver
5	Al Glick	19	Kaleb Wagner
6	Seth McComas	20	Jill Jack
7	Tim Scroggs	21	Jeremy McCoy
9	Douglas McComas	21	Elmar Hashimov
9	Jordon Cook	21	Tom Wagner
10	Linda McCoy	23	Jacob Kart
11	Regen Scroggs	29	Anna Glick
14	Judy Cormany	30	Kathy Barnhart

Anniversaries

ı J	erry Brenneman &	Cathy Gilbert	28	Dean d	& Joyce Musse

- 7 Tim & Christine Scroggs 28 Andy & Sara Shipe
- 24 Derek & Wendy Imhoff

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