





September 5, 2022

FIRST, a brief summer camp report: our camper numbers were up 23% to 547, of which 18 were sponsored by Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree, an important ministry to children of incarcerated parents allowing these kids to experience camping. Campers came from 71 UM churches, nine denominations and many not indicating a church. Lots of faith commitments. Counselors, deans, volunteers, and full-time staff "transformed lives through intentional Christian community", fulfilling our mission. Planning is already underway for 2023 camps!

The vision of the Branching Out capital campaign is to provide more and better facilities for campers, staff, volunteers, and everyone in the Fontanelle family of difference-makers.

Construction of Olson Lodge is progressing well – dry walling is complete in the basement and is underway on the main floor. Freiberg Bath House is complete and was used all summer.









Olson Lodge (back side to show basement) – 10,240 square feet. Sleeps 80 in 5 bunk rooms with kitchenettes, offices, storm shelter, kitchen, meeting rooms, bathrooms with ADA and Family, reception, inside stairs and elevator, deck & patio

Freiberg Bath House located by the Lamberson-Mohler camper caves and corn maze – 760 square feet - Men, Women, Family (ADA in all areas) showers, toilets, sinks **Our fundraising totals** are \$ 3,680,550 pledged with \$ 3,570,203 being already paid. This is our status after five+ years of teamwork and many sacrifices.

The building designs: (Latest drawings are on pages 4-6)

- Put all the new bunk rooms in the Olson Lodge.
- Put the Freiberg Bath House (extra showers, toilets, sinks) up by the Lamberson-Mohler camper caves.
- Include an elevated deck (like at Riverview Lodge), fireplace in the large multipurpose room, and nurse's station near a family bath room and "patient" resting area.

To completely finish the project (including installing an elevator), we will need approximately \$400,000 in additional pledges. **Your Site Council and other "Finishing Team" members have shown leadership by pledging \$771,000 in the last twelve months.** Opportunities for naming rights on major donations and inscribing bricks remain available (\$500; \$1,959; and \$5,000).

We are inviting our other donors and supporters to join the FINISHING TEAM by doing the same --- making a pledge over a three-year period to FINISH the campaign. We urge all to prayerfully consider what each can do to help Camp Fontanelle give glory to God as it transforms lives through intentional Christian community.

The Building Team is busy working on final furniture and appliance/equipment details – how and where to economize. **Maybe you would like to be a "Provider"** --- as an individual or by encouraging a group you belong to, to provide for a piece or pieces (or a portion of everything) from the following "needs list". Prices listed are not finalized but these are "ballpark" values useful for your consideration. Donor plaques will <u>not</u> be placed on these items, but if you give \$500 or more, you may inscribe a brick. (see form below). Most importantly, you will know that you made a difference by providing an item that improves the camper experience by meeting a specific camper need. Here is our "needs list" for the Olson Lodge:

40 bunk frames @\$395	80 mattresses @\$125	100 chairs @\$50
11 tables @\$395	6 microwaves @ \$200	2 washing machines @ \$600
2 dryers at \$400	1 refrigerator @ \$800	1 stove @ \$700
3 monitor screens @ \$670 avg	1 elevator @ \$110,000	A piece of everything @ \$

It's an exciting time at Camp-

- Fall Barbecue Fundraiser is Sunday, September 18.
- Family fun continues through October 30 on weekends at the Camp's corn maze and pumpkin patch https://splitoakhollow.org. Camping gives us hope – come for a visit!

Prayers are always appreciated -- for the capital campaign and building project as well as development of effective use of our new facilities that are coming to life with the help of God and God's amazing supporters of Camp Fontanelle. Also, please pray for our Site Council members, our staff, counselors, deans and volunteers for their excellent ministries and to parents and churches for their trust in Camp Fontanelle.

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