



Dear Friends of WCRC,

As you prepare for the holiday season, I hope you'll take a moment to be inspired by what God is doing here at WCRC, and I hope you'll consider partnering with us to reach young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Almost forty years ago, our founders were concerned that their youth groups were shrinking. They said, "We gave our hearts to the Lord at revival meetings, where are young people doing that now?" As they asked around, many said that kids often get saved at camp. They responded, "If that's the way the Holy Spirit is working, then we need to make a place for the Holy Spirit to work."



Bob Mast and Lloyd Weaver

Today that vision lives on as every summer, campers at WCRC give their hearts to the Lord --making first time commitments of faith or recommitting themselves to put God first. Here's one exciting story...

Several years ago Gordon Miller, a pastor from Lyndhurst VA, began to send kids from his church to camp, first utilizing the WCRC scholarship fund, and then by holding an annual church fundraiser. In 2018 they sent 6 campers, and each year the number has gone up. In 2023 they sent 16 campers! Gordon says,

We are very grateful for our relationship with Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. We know our youth are loved, cared for, and fed spiritually. This is a ministry that has helped our youth grow and has given them courage to take on a significant role during our worship times.



Gordon Miller

This fall, after attending camp for several years, one of the campers from Lyndhurst, Chloe, decided to get baptized! She said,

I have learned so much about God over the years but I definitely think camp was what got me going in the Word and being more engaged in the Bible and God. Today I start a new life and focus more on God and not the troubles of the world.

We are so excited about Chloe's decision. We're also excited about the process that brought her to that decision. From a pastor who cared, to church members who gave, to folks willing to drive the church van, to the counselors and camp staff who poured into Chloe, and to **you**, our giving partners who fuel this ministry so stories like Chloe's can happen,

God is using your gifts to make a way for spiritually hungry youth to come to know Jesus.

I hope you'll make a generous donation to WCRC so that we can see more and more campers like Chloe "...start a new life and focus more on God." Please make your check to WCRC and use the enclosed envelope, or give online at wcrcc.info/support.



Chloe (middle)

Sincerely,

Bob Briscoe
Executive Director

P.S. Once again, a generous family has agreed to match your gift up to \$25,000. So, your gift has twice the impact!