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Jungle Adventures at Camp Evangel 2026



While the theme "Into the Jungle" was selected to provide interesting crafts, games, and decorations, the primary purpose of Camp Evangel is to get young people out of the jungle of everyday life and teach them about God and the eternal life they can have in Him. Children and teenagers may come for fun and good times, but they

leave knowing that they are loved by God and everyone at camp. They first and foremost hear the Gospel presented in chapel, in missionary time, in cabin devotions, and in personal time with their counselors. Through counselors and speakers using God's Word, campers were walked through the imperative need to be one with Jesus and that without Him, we can do nothing. This summer there were 16 first-time professions of faith and many other decisions to serve the Lord more faithfully.



As the children filled the facilities at camp, they reminded us why the ministries of sharing Christ are essential. We saw new campers each week as well as reconnected with returning campers. One new feature this year was a week of Day Camp for ages 5 – 8 and it was well received and was a blessing to those who worked with them.

The summer staff this year was great and worked with a heart of service. The selfless kitchen staff worked long hours providing healthy and delicious meals. We saw the joy of wonderful and exciting counselors connecting with each camper as they showed "Christ In Everything." Each staff member was a blessing needed to complete a summer dedicated to the Lord and only eternity will reveal the results of each seed planted in the hearts and minds of those who were there.



There is so much we would like to do to improve the grounds and add other activities. We are only able to do this as the Lord provides and individuals join alongside us. We need your help in continued support and prayer as we move forward. We are very thankful that we were protected from the worst of the storms that went through this summer, but our new tent didn't fare so well and we will need to replace it or get the roof on the deck before next summer. We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we serve the Lord at Camp Evangel.



Tabitha Tegeler



Enjoying Heavenly Adventures Carol Maxine (Adams) Warren

September 4, 1935 ~ July 12, 2026

Carol Maxine Adams Warren entered her heavenly home on July 12 at the age of 90. She accepted the Lord as her Saviour at the age of 16 and after graduating from High School, attended Midwest Bible and Missionary Institute in St. Louis, MO. She has been affiliated with Southern Highland Evangel and Camp Evangel since the late 50's and said in an early testimony, "I have always believed the Lord called me to do children's work and how I praise Him for the privilege of giving forth the simple

plan of salvation to boys and girls in school visitation, VBS, and Bible Clubs here in the mountains." And, through the years of her life, she gave her greatest attention to that endeavor. From being a Sunday School teacher to hosting Bible clubs in her home, she taught children and young people about her Lord and Saviour. In the summertime she would load up her van full of young people and head to Camp Evangel. Later in her life, she held after school Bible Clubs at local schools and housing communities. Her teaching and love for children never ceased, even after her retirement. During her lifetime she reached many children and young people with the gospel and only eternity will reveal the results of her faithfulness.

Maintenance Adventures at Southland with Michael Fletcher

Our Head of Maintenance, Michael Fletcher, was raised in a Christian home and accepted the Lord as His Saviour at the age of ten. After being raised in church, he answered the Lord's call to service and has faithfully served the Lord throughout his life. The Lord was preparing him for this ministry before we ever knew him, with Bible College training and carpentry training. He holds a two-year degree in carpentry, which includes training in electrical work, plumbing, reading blueprints, and various aspects of construction. With forty years of experience in building homes professionally, he has developed a strong foundation in the construction industry. He is certified in small engine and marine engine repair and has also worked in respiratory care for over 20 years.



He began helping us part time about 3 years ago and last October became a full-time volunteer staff member living on campus. Today, he serves as the Head of Maintenance and Supervisor of Dormitories, where he is dedicated to supporting both staff and students. His work is driven by a desire to further Southland's mission and ensure the well-being of everyone within the organization. He has been a tremendous blessing since he has been here, and we are grateful for all he has accomplished. Most of the summer you can find him on the mower or with a weed eater in his hand, or on the tractor repairing driveways, but when he isn't doing that, he is making repairs, cleaning out buildings, and doing everything that needs to be done. He has been working hard to replace and restore things that were lost in the maintenance building fire last year. Maintenance is a never-ending job, and we are very thankful for his strong work ethic and willingness to go above and beyond to keep our grounds looking great and to keep everything operating smoothly.



Mike's Maintenance Memos

Upon accepting my current position, I was filled with enthusiasm. My primary objective was to address the substantial loss incurred due to the fire that devastated our maintenance building on April 30, 2025. Concurrently, I embarked on a comprehensive renovation and enhancement of the dormitory, commencing with the installation of heat pump units and concluding with the repair of numerous bathrooms. However, I quickly recognized that the extent of the damage and neglect was far greater than anticipated. The repairs required were extensive, and the workload was overwhelming.

However, in less than a year, we have successfully remodeled the dorm downstairs apartment, constructed an apartment within the upstairs "men's" dorm, replaced the water pumping station, gutted the upper warehouse, turning it into a new maintenance building equipped with a car repair section, wood shop section, sand blasting section, welding and cutting section. Additionally, we have installed essential shelving and designated each 4-foot section into electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and hand tool areas.



Despite the progress made, we continue to face challenges in replacing the lost and deteriorating equipment. Our 4x4 truck, which serves as our primary means of transporting equipment for repairs and maintenance, has recently had another breakdown. This vehicle is indispensable for transporting necessary equipment and facilitating campus maintenance. Furthermore, we need a second zero-turn or a commercial-sized riding lawn mower to maintain the nearly 14 acres of land we mow each week. Using only one machine has us operating 6 days a week for 3-4 hours a day just cutting grass and is wearing out our new zero turn. Having a second one would allow 2 people to cut at the same time.



Regrettably, we lost all our tools, rotor tillers, plumbing and electrical supplies in the fire. Additionally, we are in need of cabinets, washers and dryers, a commercial electric stove, and any other items you may have that you would like to donate. Any contribution to the maintenance department would be greatly appreciated and we would be honored to accept your contribution. Your contributions are never overlooked, and you can receive a gift in kind letter to use for a tax deduction. We do extend our sincere gratitude for the unwavering support you have provided Southland over the past decades through your generous donations. May God bless you.

Michael Fletcher

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Fall Conference Adventures – Oct. 15-16, 2026

"Occupy till I Come" – Luke 19:13

We encourage each of you to join us for this year's Fall Bible Conference! Our morning speakers have long been affiliated with Southland. **Pastor Rock Dearfield** attended Southland in the 90's before moving to GA. After returning to KY, he is now on the Board of

Directors and on the faculty. He currently pastors Second Baptist Church in Ashland, KY. **Pastor Greg Frasure** graduated in 1998 and has pastored several churches over the years. He is currently pastor of Community Missionary Baptist Church in Deering, OH. Our keynote speaker, **Pastor Jim Roland**, and his wife Darlene, have faithfully served the Lord for many years, and currently pastors True Gospel Baptist Church in Quarryville, PA. His simple, expository sermons are always a blessing and a challenge, and their musical gifts only enhance their ministry. Please make your plans now to join us this year for a time of fellowship in the gospel!



Thursday	
10:30	Pastor Rock Dearfield
1:00	Board Meeting
1:00	Ladies Auxiliary
6:30	Pastor Jim Roland
Friday	
10:30	Pastor Greg Frasure
1:00	Alumni Meeting
6:30	Pastor Jim Roland



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