

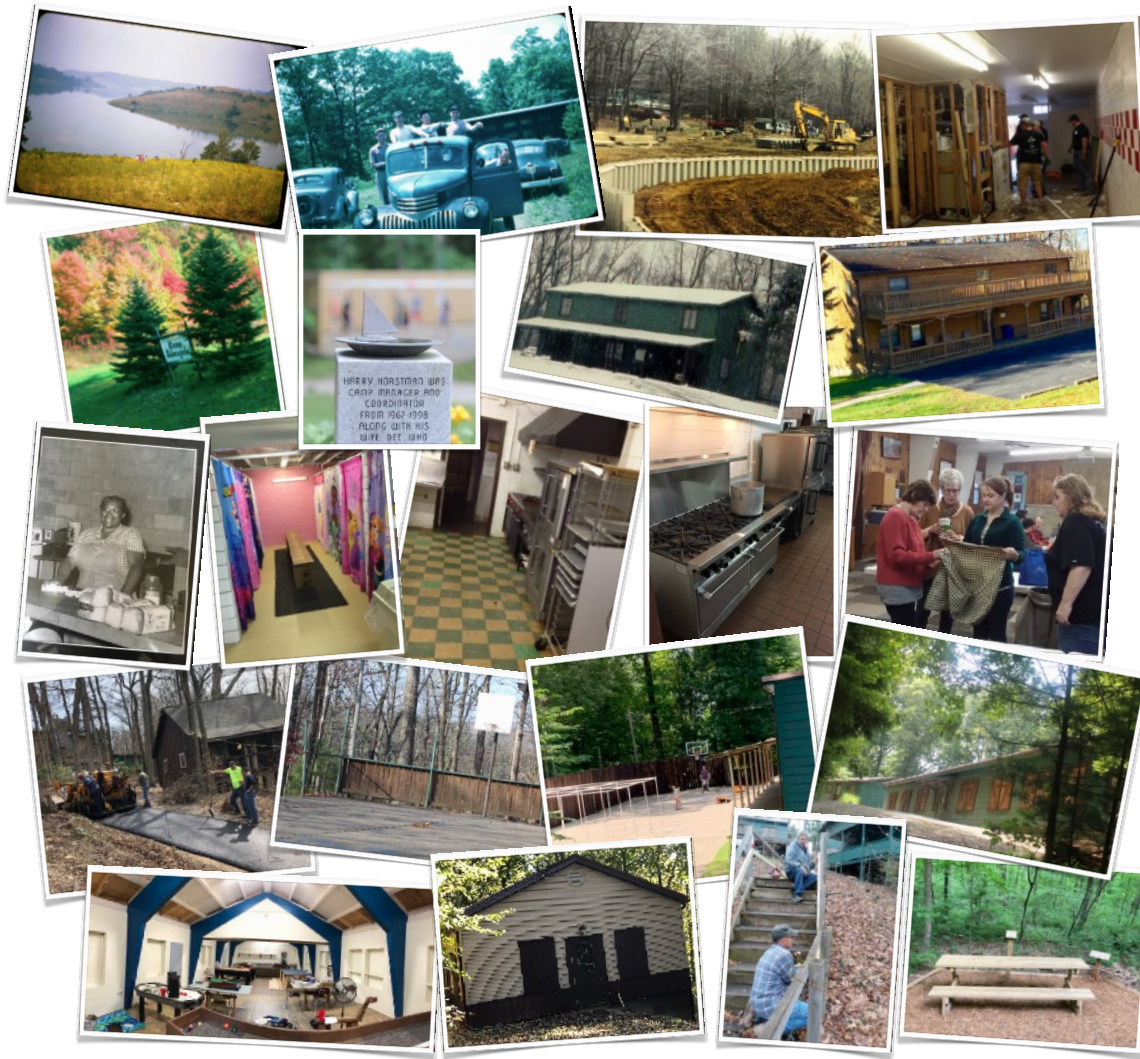
# The 'GATE

*Camp Aldersgate's Annual Newsletter 2022*

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## 75 Years of Hearts Being Warmed



### Anniversary Celebration Day

On Sunday, July 31st, a large group of current campers, staff, and alumni gathered for a 75th Anniversary Family Lake Day and time of worship and celebration. We enjoyed the lake, cooked hot dogs, pie irons, and banana boats over the fire, and gathered to sing songs from today (like My Lighthouse) as well as songs from “back in the day” (like His Banner Over Me and Sanctuary). Camp Director Dan shared a message that challenged us to not only celebrate the history of camp and to anticipate what God will do next, but more importantly, to take the love we feel at camp and not leave it here at the lake, but rather to take camp to the world through our love of others. At the end of the day, that’s what camp is all about: making the world away from camp a better place, as a result of our time at camp with the Lord.

### Three Things Remain The Same

We are proud of the fact that every time you come back, the site has moved forward and improved in some way. Thinking about what camp looked like 75 years ago, there are many things that have changed over the years. There are three things that have stayed the same: 1) **WHY** the camp exists- as a place for both youth and adults to have a place to get away from distractions, to focus on time with God, and to feel the love of an intentional Christian community. 2) The beautiful backdrop setting being in **CREATION** and 3) **HOW** the camp has been able to improve. Aldersgate’s fees have always been just enough to pay for the operations of the site and it has funding to maintain roofs and things that break. But any real significant improvement/expansion to the site is all done through gifts of our generous donors. Thinking about how the site has grown in the past 75 years, we are passionate to keep that momentum going and to think about what the readers of the 150 year newsletter will see in the next 75 years.

## Staff Photo Wall

We have started a new tradition in the dining hall. Check out the new Aldersgate Summer Staff Photo Wall. If you were on staff in the past decade, try to find yourself next time you are at camp! If you have staff photos from back in the day, please send them to us.



## Summer Staff

A huge shout out goes to the incredible summer staff who made this year's camp season possible! Applications for Summer Camp 2023 will be live in December!



## Sung Graces

A long-standing tradition at camp is Sung Graces! Before each meal, campers gather for both a sung and a spoken grace. This week, when your family sits down for a meal together, we challenge you to do a sung grace together! If you can't be together in person, try a meal via Zoom and include a sung grace. Here are the lyrics to a current camper favorite:

### Rock You Grace!

To the tune of: "We Will Rock You"  
Motions: Stomp, Stomp, Clap

Heavenly Father, Lord and King,  
You provide us with everything.  
We've got food on our plate, tastin' great.  
We thank you for the food we already ate.

Singin' Thank You, Father, Thank you! (Huh!)  
Thank you, Father, Thank you!

## Thank You to Our Volunteers & Donors

The beauty of Aldersgate is made possible through the support of our Volunteers and Donors! Thank you to all those that gave of their funds, but also those who gave of themselves and came to camp to get their hands dirty, volunteering in the kitchen, helping with flower beds, rebuilding benches in the outdoor chapel, and more!

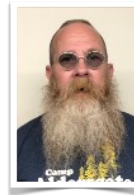


## What Is Next?

Aldersgate has several large upcoming projects that we are not quite ready to announce (think Lodge Bathroom Reno and Waterfront additions- more info coming soon). In the mean time, we hope to tackle an expansion of the Dining Hall Ball Court Porch Area that will extend the roof, add picnic tables for covered outdoor seating, and expand our capacity to serve larger groups in the dining hall. We also hope to tackle converting our lighting to LEDs around the site to save on our electric bill.

## Introducing Buford

Aldersgate is excited to introduce our new Maintenance Manager, Buford! Buford brings a wide variety of knowledge to camp and a strong work ethic. Be sure to say hello and welcome him to the family next time you are at camp.



## How Can You Help?

At Camp we have our eyes on the next 75 years! If you believe in the Power of Camp, would you consider one of these options to help camp continue to thrive and reach more people?

- Organize a small group to volunteer with projects around the site
- Consider a financial gift to help with projects. Recent larger improvements such as paving the road, adding Air Conditioning, and replacing Pontoon Boats were made possible through our donors.
- Support Camp by purchasing merchandise on our Online Camp Store for Christmas gifts.
- Give a partial or full Campership (\$494). Help a child experience camp that otherwise could not.
- Remember Aldersgate in your will (contact Gary Jones at 330-499-3972 ext 120).
- Please continue to pray for the ministry at Camp Aldersgate!

### Two Ways To Give:

Online at [www.campaldersgate.org](http://www.campaldersgate.org) or mail a check to Camp. Gifts are tax-deductible.

