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LIFECCHANGE CAMP SPECIALIZES IN LIFE CHANGE

This summer, hundreds of young people will fill LifeChange Camp, which covers 80 acres of Ozark land, with laughter, songs, and **life-changing experiences**. Many of them will make the life-changing decision to follow Jesus while there, either through the influence of their counselors or a speaker.

LifeChange is the kind of camp ministry that Bill and Carol Anderson envisioned in the 1980's, so they prayed and waited. Then, in 2003, while on staff at Harrisonville Community Church in Harrisonville, Missouri, 80 acres in the Ozark Mountains became available. They shared their vision with FEC leadership, and within two years, LifeChange Camp began hosting retreats and summer camps. Since 2003, LifeChange Camp has grown to include 11 buildings, a pavilion, a lake, and a pool.

During the summer months, the camp welcomes 80-100 campers each week and shares the life-changing message about

Jesus. To that end, each morning campers gather for worship and Bible teaching, and each evening, they circle around a campfire. In the campfire environment, campers often share personal needs and seek out prayer. In between the spiritual challenges, the campers are offered a wide variety of activities. Afternoons are filled with activities like swimming, kayaking, archery, and hiking.

In most cases, the counselors who lead the camps also attended LifeChange Camp as children and made the same life-changing decision to follow Jesus while there. When they share their testimonies, they have an impact. This summer, two counselors shared their stories around the campfire on the first night of the 3-5th grade camp. Afterward, a 10-year-old girl raised her hand and said, "I've never accepted Jesus into my life, but I'd like to." Then, another little girl said the same thing. That week, the staff saw at least ten children place their faith in Jesus. **Life-changing!**



Helping Pastors Achieve Financial Health

"90% of pastors in America today don't bring home a paycheck big enough to meet their family's financial needs," according to Lilly Endowment research. The organization's research also found that pastors across America face financial challenges like retirement savings, student loans, and medical bills with no apparent solution. That kind of problem has been at the forefront of Brian Kluth's work for nearly forty years, and now, with the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) and a grant, he heads a project aimed at addressing the economic challenges that pastors face.

This year, Brian Kluth will kick off the 2018 Annual Conference, Thursday, August 2, at 1:00 p.m. with his message, "10 ways that God provides when the paycheck isn't big enough." He desires to encourage pastors to move from frustration and fear about finances to faith in God, who is able to meet every need. In another session, Brian will teach church leaders "5 ways to grow joyful givers in any church." He believes that every church can develop joyful givers no matter its size or location. He takes that message and training all over the world.

Kluth emphasizes, "If we operate in faith, we'll experience fantastic adventures in trusting Him."

Grimwoods Begin Church Planting by "Taking the Next Step"



In 2015, Greg Grimwood left his job as a pastor, tired and burned out. He and his wife, Cara, moved their family to Wooster, Ohio, Greg's hometown. There, he began seeking God, and in time, Greg's passion for ministry reignited. His vision for the people around him began to shift from a place for rest to a place for ministry.

During this time of rest, a friend connected Greg with Jesse Kahler, an FEC pastor in Archbold, Ohio. Jesse introduced Greg to the other pastors who make up the Tri-State Co-op, a Midwest church-multiplication center. The seven churches that comprise the Co-op became a part of Greg's exploration for a new church in Wooster. Then, Greg met with Jay Nickless, Church Planting Field Coordina-

tor, who invited the Grimwoods to the Church Planter's Assessment last March to explore their call to church planting. Of his experience with FEC, Greg remarks, "There's so much value in planting with a larger network of churches."

Greg sums up the last three years by saying, "I just took the next step in front of me." So far, God has opened the doors for a new ministry, and one day soon, Greg and Cara Grimwood hope to open a new church and welcome the people of Wooster inside.

God opens door for new church plant in Northeast Ohio!