

## Camden Baptist, Wellington Offers a Challenge!



On behalf of the Camden Baptist Church family we would like to invite you to join us this fall at the annual OARBC conference. We are honored to have been asked to host the meetings and are looking forward to seeing and serving you. There is a special bond among the churches of our fellowship and we look forward to strengthening that bond when we meet in October.

Some have asked us how we can host a conference when our church is located “out in the middle of nowhere”. It is true that we are surrounded by corn and soybean fields and that no matter how much you strain your eyes you can’t see any restaurants or hotels from our church parking lot. However, we do have both food and lodging available to meet everyone’s needs. The food will be served family style in our fellowship hall. The cost is included in your registration. Hotels are all located within 15-20 miles of our church which translates into a 20-25 minute commute with little to no traffic. One of the joys of life in the Camden area is listening to the traffic reports on the Cleveland radio stations while driving down a quiet, picturesque country road. It is both relaxing and ironic. Another joy is watching the farmers, our neighbors, working the fields. Since so much of the Bible has an agricultural, rural backdrop, it is not hard to imagine the parables of Jesus or the illustrations of Jeremiah coming to life everywhere you look.

Maybe you have never attended an OARBC Conference or have not done so in a few years. Let us extend a **two-fold challenge** to you. In true preacher fashion both **challenges** begin with the letter “p”. The first is to have a ministry of **presence** by making every effort to attend this year unless providentially hindered. There will be others who attend to whom you can be an encouragement. If you are absent the opportunity is lost and the blessing is forfeited. The second challenge is to have a ministry of **provision** by taking a love offering from your church family for the OARBC sometime between now and the middle of October to be given at the conference. Every church giving a little could go a long way to meeting the ministry needs of the OARBC and the Warrens who serve the Lord by serving us.

We look forward to seeing you here in Camden Country this October.

Your Fellow Servants,

Larry Nocella Bill Kopas



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# A Word from the Rep

## Speaking of Friendship . . .



While speaking this summer at New Life Island (a family camp in Pennsylvania) on the topic of "Friendship," I thought of my relationship to the pastors and people of the OARBC. As many of you know, my favorite descriptor of my role as State Rep is "designated friend."

As a friend I do not have authority over you and in no sense do I seek to control you. In this capacity it is my privilege and responsibility to be available, to be interested, to be helpful, to be prayerful, and to be present for you. I have discovered the truthfulness of that maxim, "To the home of a friend the way is never long!"

The text for one morning's family camp session was 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13. In those verses we discovered that a true friend praises, pursues, and prays for his friends. One of the emphases that stood out to me was that true friends "show up." Paul assured his Thessalonian friends that he had made every conceivable effort to return to them but had been hindered by Satan in his attempts. Paul understood that he could make a statement to them simply by "showing up" once again and comforting them in their distresses. He pursued them as much as possible.

Like Paul, we, too, must understand that we make a statement by "merely showing up." In this case I am not speaking of showing up for special events like birthdays, anniversaries or even for difficulties. I am speaking about the OARBC annual conference. We make a statement about our friendship to the OARBC simply by showing up at its annual conference.

Our very presence alone "says" that we are interested and glad to be a part of the group. The opposite could also be true. I am appealing to you, unless providentially hindered, please show up at Camden Baptist Church, Wellington, Ohio, October 20-22, 2014. Paul may have put it something like this, "Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct" your way to us. Hoping to see you there!

Your designated friend, *Dave Warren*

# The C-12 Connects

The Council of 12 serves as the elected officers of our association of churches and works alongside our State Representative, Dr. Dave Warren to encourage our churches and pastors in their mission to glorify Christ. The Council of 12 provides a connection to the fellowship through two particular aspects that are highlighted below.

For one, the Council is made up of Association pastors from across the state of Ohio. The process of nominating and voting has meant that our Council provides a broad representation of the OARBC, both geographically and practically. This broad representation has helped nurture unity and mutual affection.

For another, the individual members of the Council make regular friendship calls to sister churches and pastors. These calls have helped keep our churches and pastors connected to their respective Council members through sharing prayer needs as well as victories and joys in ministry.

*Tim Kenoyer,*  
Council Chair

## 2014 OARBC Conference Schedule, October, 20-22

### Monday, October 20

- 12:00 Noon – Registration
- 1:30 – General Session, Dr. Warren
- 3:00 – **Ladies' Tea/Workshops**
  - Serving as a Chaplain, Chaplain John Murdoch, Director of Chaplaincy Ministry for the GARBC
  - Creating a Culture of Service in the Local Church, Pastor Don Workman
- 4:00 – Business Session
- 5:30 – Dinner/Welcome Banquet
- 7:00 – General Session, Dr. White

### Tuesday, October 21

- 8:30 – Prayer time
- 9:00 – General Session, Dr. White
- 10:00 – Noon – Business/Reports
- 12:00 – **Lunch/OWM Officers' meal**
- 1:30 – OWM –Ohio Women for Missions Speaker, Dr. Stephen Little, BCP
- 1:30 – Softball/Golfing options
- 3:30 – Workshops
  - Serving as a Chaplain, Chaplain John Murdoch, Director of Chaplaincy Ministry for the GARBC
  - Creating a Culture of Service in the Local Church, Pastor Don Workman
- 5:30 – Dinner
- 7:00 – General Session, Dr. White

### Wednesday, October 22

- 8:30 - Prayer Time
- 9:00 – CU Symposium, Q and A With Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 – Break
- 10:30 – Final General Session, Dr. White
- 12:00 – Boxed Lunches for all

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Reviving the Church  
Expanding the Church  
Perfecting the Church



# 2014 Conference Keynote Speaker Dr. Thomas White, Cedarville



Dr. Thomas White became the 10th president of Cedarville University on July 1, 2013. Serving in a variety of leadership roles and responsibilities, Dr. White has more than a decade of administrative, teaching, and research experience and combines strong leadership with a pastoral heart for ministry while standing for biblical truth.

As the son and grandson of Baptist ministers, Dr. White grew up with a firm spiritual foundation and was saved in September 1993. Little time passed before he felt a call to vocational Christian ministry. While Dr. White attended a Christian university, he also opened four karate schools and began to fight competitively, having been involved in the sport through high school. These competitions led to his being inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame and winning the Black Belt Middle Weight World Amateur Championship. Still pursuing a call to ministry, Dr. White used his karate schools as his mission field, seeing students come to Christ and watching them go into ministry. After selling the karate schools, Dr. White attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina.

At seminary, Dr. White met his future wife, Joy Martin. Joy was pursuing a Master of **Divinity in women's studies**. **They were married in July 1999. Throughout seminary**, White combined theological depth with evangelistic passion. While studying with astute theologians, he put the Gospel into action by participating in missions and itinerate preaching. Dr. White was ordained jointly by Chiquola Baptist Church in Honea Path and Riverside Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina.

From 2001 to June, 2013, Dr. White also served in various capacities at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary — Director of Student Life, Director of Leadership Development, Vice President for Student Services and Communications, and as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology. He and his wife, Joy, also were visiting professors for the Word of Life Bible Institute in New York.

Dr. White has been active in research and writing. Early in his career, he received an academic excellence award and a study grant, which led to his publishing a three-volume series on James Madison Pendleton. He also co-authored *Franchising McChurch: Feeding Our Obsession with Easy Christianity* in 2009 and served as editor of *First Freedom: The Baptist Perspective on Religious Liberty, Restoring Integrity in Baptist Churches*, and *Upon This Rock*. White has contributed to other books, written numerous articles, and is active in social media through Facebook, Twitter, and his blog.

In January 2005, the Whites adopted their daughter, Rachel. Through this adoption, **God taught him much about the theological concept of adoption and about a father's love**. In May 2011, God blessed them again with the birth of Samuel. The Whites also have two dogs that they treat like children — Princess, a German shepherd, and Shadow, a black Labrador retriever. ∞

## Conference Hotels - Bed & Breakfasts!

*Note Miles from Host Church  
Camden Baptist, Wellington*

Best Western Inn  
636 Griswold Rd.  
Elyria, OH  
Phone: 440-324-5050,  
877-574-2462  
Rooms - 58  
(19.61 miles away)

5 Corners Bed & Breakfast  
175 Beaver Ct.  
Amherst, OH  
Phone: 440-984-3084  
(15.19 miles away)

Sandstone Suite  
103 Milan Ave.  
Amherst, OH  
Two bedroom unit with kitchenette –  
sleeps 4  
440-984-3084  
(15 miles away)

Holiday Inn Express  
2417 State Rt. 60  
Vermilion, OH  
Phone: 440-967-8770  
Rooms – 66  
(17.44 miles away)

Oberlin Inn  
7 North Main St.  
Oberlin, OH  
Phone: 440-775-1111,  
800-376-4173  
Rooms – 65  
(7.91 miles away)

Red Roof Inn & Suites  
641 Midway Boulevard  
Elyria, OH  
Phone: 440-324-4444  
Rooms – 98  
(22.85 miles away)

Country Inn & Suites  
645 Griswold Rd.  
Elyria, OH  
Phone: 440-324-0099  
Rooms – 72  
(20 miles away)

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## Ohio Women FOR Missions—OWM

Warm Greetings to the Ladies of Ohio,

God is good! Ladies, you have been doing many great works. Thank you. I have made numerous deliveries of rolled bandages and baby layettes to Grand Rapids to be shipped overseas. One person has taken on making denim bags for our women veterans and others with needs. If you would like to fill some of these bags with toiletries and other helpful items, let me know. Your local fellowships have completed many projects.

We met our GOAL. Tactica was given \$10,000 to complete the kitchen and serving items. Praise The Lord. You will find information on our new project in our packet coming soon to your churches.

Ladies, we want to be good stewards of what God has given us through you, I have a heart and burden to encourage our missionaries. Would YOU help us get those who are pre-field, home on furlough or retired to our retreat? They will be able to for half price. Consider helping them with the rest of the cost or encouraging them in another way. We want them to bring some information about their ministry that we will share. We are Ohio Women for Missions.

October 20-22, 2014 will be the OARBC Annual State Meeting. On Tuesday, October 21 there will be two meetings at Camden Baptist Church. At noon, all officers of your ladies' group will have a lunch meeting. Ladies you are included if you are an officer of your local (church) group, any fellowship or have an interest in the future. It has been a long time since we have met together. At 1:30 p.m. we will have a meeting for all ladies. Dr. Stephen Little will be our speaker as the new president of BCP which is our 2014-2015 project. Please be looking for more information from OARBC.

The Ladies' Retreat has to be adjusted due to some unexpected issues. We will ONLY have an overnight retreat this year on November 13-14, 2014. We will be blessed and honored to have Dr. Roseanne Coleman and Dr. Joy Fagen share with us. We will be holding the "basket" (creative and fun ideas welcome) auction and the W.A.R. store will be available. We're looking forward to a Godly, blessed time together.

Serving Him and serving you,  
Linda M. Luedeman, OWM President

## Fall Area Meetings

### Akron

Place: Mogadore Baptist Church  
Date: October 25, 2014  
Time: 9:00 Breakfast—Noon

### Bethany

Place: Bethel Baptist, Warren  
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Speaker: Colleen Murphy, BCP Builders

### Canton

Place: Perry Baptist Church, Canton  
Date: Sat., October 18, 2014  
Time: 9:00—Noon  
Speaker: Kerry Woolford, ABWE, Ecuador

### Hebron

Place: Calvary Baptist Church, Sandusky  
Date: Saturday, October 4, 2014  
Time: 10:00—Noon followed by lunch

### West Moriah

Place: Walnut Creek Baptist Church  
Date: Saturday, October 18, 2014  
Time: 10 am—12 pm  
Speaker: Kristie Boingeanu, ABWE, Romania  
Theme: His Strength in Our Weakness



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## TFC Nationals



The OARBC congratulates Ohio's two winners and encourages other young people to use this opportunity to sharpen their skills for serving the Lord. Remember! Participating colleges also offer scholarships to 1st & 2nd place winners.

### Art

**Samantha Parsons**, from Fellowship Baptist Church, Wadsworth, Ohio, won second place in the Art Category. The contestants entered two paintings or drawings and explain their purpose.

### Female Public Speaking

**Hannah Frederick**, from First Baptist, Niles, won 2nd place in Female Public Speaking. Hannah spoke about the importance of our words. ∞



Hannah Frederick, Samantha Parsons

# Tenure Awards 2013

For Faithful Service to One Congregation

5 Years



Boyd and Brenda Elliott,  
Bailey Road Baptist, North Jackson

10 Years



Bruce and Ellen Snyder,  
Emmanuel, Toledo

10 Years



Dave and Deb Garlich,  
Calvary Baptist, Hubbard

15 Years



Merle Weems,  
West Bethel Baptist, Cleveland

30 Years



Dan and Sharon Douglass,  
First Baptist, Stryker

35 Years



Steve and Mary Jane Olsen,  
Pleasant Hill, Smithville

50 Years



David and Shirley Shimp,  
Litchfield Baptist, Litchfield

## Council of Twelve 2013

*2011-2014*

Dave Ryan, Grace Baptist, Canton, Treasurer  
Dave Chapman, Nottingham Baptist, Willoughby Hills  
Tim Kenoyer, Maranatha Baptist, Columbus, Chair  
Jeff Willetts, Calvary Baptist, Bellefontaine

*2012-2015*

Ken Spink, Berea Baptist, Berea  
Dave Burman, First Baptist, Niles  
Dave Hixson, Calvary Baptist, Sandusky  
Dave Kisner, Washington Hts., Dayton, Vice Chair

*2013-2016*

Tom Alexander, First Baptist, Wellington, Secretary  
Jamie Beight, Abram Creek Baptist, Brook Park  
Eric Cuenin, Berean Baptist, Pickerington  
Dave Conrad, Calvary Baptist, Xenia

### *2014 Tenure Awards*

Please Note: Each year we honor the longevity of our pastors in five-year increments. We give Ohio-shaped plaques with a plate showing the years of their service. These plaques are hand-made by friends of the OARBC in Cedarville. These will be given out on Monday night at the Fall Conference. We look forward to rewarding these. ∞

# Hope is Born—from Brown Street Baptist Church, Highview Avenue Baptist, and First Baptist of Green



Ken and Amy Lowe

Hope Baptist Church was birthed out of a merger with three congregations from Brown Street Baptist, Highview Avenue Baptist, and First of Green. Brown Street and First of Green have sold their buildings and the new Hope Baptist is meeting in the former Highview Avenue building at 1822 Highview Avenue, Akron. Pastor Dennis Gamber and Nancy have taken a church in New York State, and First Baptist's Pastor, David Robertson, and his wife, Susan, have been called to be the Associate Pastor of the new Hope Baptist. Pastor Ken Lowe with his wife, Amy, current senior pastor and wife at the former Brown Street Church will be the senior pastor and wife at the new Hope Baptist.



David and Susan Robertson

Most of these changes are being implemented this summer with the official move completed by September 1. In the meantime, remodeling is ongoing at the Highview building. Guests are invited to a special service September 7.

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In addition to added members from the merger, Pastor Lowe reports that there is solid growth from unchurched people who have accepted the Lord. Additionally, Pastor Lowe reports that there is good unity throughout the body. The OARBC commends these friends for their vision, care and sensitivity in making this transition. ∞

## New Website! New Baby!



The OARBC thanks Ryan Simmons and his Numinous Media for his work on redesigning the website. We also rejoice with Ryan and Michele in the recent birth of their first child, Elissa Renee. Our church secretaries will remember how helpful Ryan's workshops were for our last Secretary Seminar. Ryan will be returning for the 2014 Seminar. Save the Date! April 21, 2015. You won't want to miss his very practical helps.

## Berean Burns Mortgage!



Berean Baptist of Pickerington moved into their new auditorium on Easter Sunday 2010 and burned the mortgage just four years later on Easter Sunday 2014. They rejoice in God's provision and for His laying His hand on the hearts of His people to pay off this debt so quickly. ∞

Sept. 6  
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**Scholarship Bike Ride**



# Gallipolis Honors the Pollards for 40 Years!



Sunday morning, June 22, 2014, the crowd was gathering, the parking lot was full, the program was planned. Pastor Alvis Pollard of First Baptist, Gallipolis, didn't suspect a thing - since family members had theoretically gathered to celebrate a family engagement—but why had Aaron Young, one of his teens who now pastors in Nevada, slipped into Sunday School without calling him ahead of time as he usually did? It was always good to catch up on his ministry.

But that question and others began to get answers as the morning service began.

**Following the choir number and opening hymn, Pastor Patrick O'Donnell, OVCS**

Administrator, announced what everyone else already knew, that this Sunday would be a special service honoring Pastor Alvis and Brenda for 40 years of ministry at First Baptist,

10 years as youth pastor, 20 as associate, and 10 years as senior pastor.

As State Rep, Dave Warren, and other guest pastors slipped out of hiding, Pastor Pollard began to realize this was no ordinary Sunday. **Dave Warren invited Alvis and Brenda to the platform and told Alvis to put away his notes since he wouldn't be preaching** today. Associate Pastor, David Harkleroad, presented roses to Brenda and began introducing several community leaders who had words of appreciation for Alvis, including the announcement of Alvis Pollard Day in Gallipolis. Aaron Young, the visiting pastor seen by Alvis, one of the many influenced by Alvis' teen ministry, made a special presentation to Brenda for her ministry as pastor's wife. The message was then brought by longtime pastor friend, Bob Spradling. A video history, special music by daughter, Amy, and prayer by son, Bo, personalized this service. The service concluded with a barbecue lunch in the church outdoor pavilion. ∞

# Emmanuel, Toledo Honors the Snyders



On June 22, 2014, Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo, celebrated the many ways Pastor Bruce Snyder and Ellen have served Emmanuel over the past fifty years. Emmanuel is grateful to have benefitted from so many years of their pastoral ministry. A powerpoint pictured many of these highlights.

**Pastor Bruce Snyder's ministry started out in a rescue mission camp in Mishawaka, Indiana.** In November, 1964, Pastor Snyder was asked by Pastor Don Sewell to candidate at Emmanuel as his associate. Pastor Snyder moved his family from Auburn, Indiana to Toledo in January, 1965. His responsibilities included Youth Pastor, music and worship leader, and assistant in visitation.

In 1967, Pastor Snyder served on the Steering Committee with the vision of starting a Christian School at Emmanuel. In the fall of 1967, Emmanuel Baptist Christian School started with 13 kindergarten students. Pastor Snyder served as DeFacto Principal that first year. In November, 1968, Pastor Snyder was called to pastor a church in Indiana.

In 1970, Pastor Snyder moved his family to Elida, Ohio and started a new church from "scratch." In 1975, Pastor Don Sewell asked Pastor Snyder to return to Emmanuel to head up a new internship program for seminary graduates that Emmanuel was planning to begin. **The Snyders returned to Emmanuel in September, 1975. Pastor Snyder's main responsibility was Administrative Pastor.** When Pastor Sewell left in August, 1977, the church voted and asked Pastor Snyder to become Interim Pastor. He served as Interim until Dr. Ernest Pickering was called as Senior Pastor in September, 1978. During these years, he and Ellen, with their love of music, were involved with many aspects of ministry by serving in the choir, Good Life Singers, a pastors' wives trio, and the men's quartet. Pastor and Ellen are known for their beautiful ministry in music as a couple singing duets. Pastor Snyder was known for breaking out in song when he was preaching to illustrate or emphasize a point in his message. It was during these years of service that Ellen was the Home Economics teacher at the high school (first offered in 1977) and she also was a permanent sub in the elementary school prior to that. **WPOS (now Proclaim Fm) introduced MidDay Manna, which was the original name of the broadcast that Emmanuel produced.** Pastor Snyder, known as "the voice of Emmanuel" MC'd that broadcast for many years. Pastor Snyder continued to serve as Administrative Pastor until November, 1983, when he was called as pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

Later, Pastor Snyder pastored a church in Idaho, and then was called to First Baptist Church of Horseheads, NY. In August, 2003, he retired as Pastor of the New York church. He and Ellen moved back to Toledo and Pastor De Courcy asked him to serve as Pastor to the Senior Citizens. **The congregation approved Pastor De Courcy's recommendation and Pastor Snyder was added to the Pastoral staff.** At that time, he and Ellen began heading up the Emmanuel Lights ministry. For the past 10 years they have faithfully served our Senior Citizens through the monthly programs and hospital visitation.

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Pastor Snyder was again called and served as Interim Pastor when Pastor De Courcy left in the fall of 2007 until Pastor Crawford came to pastor the church in May of 2009. Since their return, Ellen became a prominent leader and teacher in the children's ministry and created a "Teaching Babies" video that demonstrates how babies can be taught God's Word from the earliest years. Ellen has also mentored many pastors wives who were new to the ministry by sharing with them her experiences on how to be a pastor's wife and mother. Pastor Snyder, until recently, has continued with hospital visitations and plans to continue to teach his 3E class. Pastor Snyder and Ellen have followed their Savior, serving in many capacities, with a willing spirit, and always glorifying their Savior whom they love so dearly.

**Pastor Snyder and Ellen have been faithful...following their Savior....cheering us on, encouraging us, serving with devotion unselfishly...inspiring us. We are not saying goodbye to them because they will continue to worship at Emmanuel.**

The words of the song, "Find us Faithful" describe Pastor Bruce and Ellen Snyder.

"We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,  
And those who've gone before us line the way  
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,  
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.  
Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
Let us run the race not only for the prize.  
But as those who've gone before us let us leave to those behind us  
The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives.  
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.  
May the fire of our devotion light their way.  
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe  
And the lives we live inspire them to obey  
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful."

Thank you for your godly example. May we follow faithfully! ∞

## Champion Celebrates 50 Years!

Taking advantage of an entire weekend, Champion celebrated its 50 years with the Heaven-Bound Quartet from Cedarville, Ohio giving a concert on Friday night, a special dinner with updates from four of its former pastors and wives, on Saturday evening, followed by Sunday services, with its founding pastor, Wesley Smith preaching in the SS hour and its last pastor, John Perkey preaching in the morning service. A highlight for the returning pastors and wives was lunch at Pastor Keith and Theresa Easton's. ∞

## Pastors on Mission Trips!

Several of our pastors have gone on recent mission trips. It is always good to hear how the Lord is using our pastors and their churches around the world. Pastor Jeff Willetts from Calvary Baptist, Bellefontaine, went to Kenya and Uganda and reports, "This summer I had the privilege to travel to Kenya and Uganda to help release the first ever complete Bible in audio format in the Somali and Luanda languages. Due to the unrest in Somalia, we delivered the first copies of the Audible in Somali to the Kenyan Bible Society. Kenya is home to the largest Somali refugee camp. Calvary Baptist Church raised the funds to complete the translation of the Audible as well as the first 500 copies to be distributed. Due to a low literacy rate, over 80% of the Somalis are oral learners. Most Somalis need the oral word so they can know the Living Word." ∞

## Conference Preview

Calling all Chaplains and "would-be" Chaplains! A special workshop will be presented for you by Chaplain John Murdoch, Director of Chaplaincy Ministries for the GARBC. Business-wise, four new members will be elected to the Council of 12. Our Fellowship will also be privileged to vote on two churches desiring fellowship with us. One church is a returning church, First Baptist of Blanchester. The second is also First Baptist, in West Mansfield, Ohio, a healthy work pastored by David Craft. Pastor Craft has enjoyed fellowship with area pastors and looks forward to having his church join with us. The Council will examine their constitutions and will be making a recommendation to our Fellowship at our October meeting. Further, we will vote on some changes in constitutional wording regarding gender roles. We look forward to your participation. ∞

## Camps Who Serve the OARBC Churches

Does your church support one or more of these camps?

