

# BROWN CITY CAMP NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✳ **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**  
**February 21, 2026**  
Join us in the Oasis for a day of fun competition.
- ✳ **CAMP OPENS**  
**May 15, 2026**  
If you would like to come before May 15, please contact the camp office.
- ✳ **WORK WEEK**  
**June 15-19, 2026**  
Join us as we prepare for our summer camps!
- ✳ **2026 KIDZ CAMP**  
**June 22-26, 2026**  
Welcome all kids who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades.
- ✳ **SATURDAY SPRUCE UP**  
**July 25, 2026**  
Jobs for everyone as we prepare for Family Camp.
- ✳ **2026 FAMILY CAMP**  
**July 30 - August 9**  
A time to pause and focus on spiritual renewal and revival!
- ✳ **MONDAY WORKBEE**  
**August 10, 2026**  
A quick once over after Family Camp has finished.

## BREAKING NEWS

### Welcome Rev. J.T. Mabe, Brown City Camp Director

J.T. Mabe is a life-long Michigander. He started in full-time ministry at First Missionary Church of Clarkston in 1987 and has been working for the Lord faithfully ever since.

He and Trisha married in 1986. They have two sons, two daughters-in-law and three grandkids.



For fifteen years J.T. served as the camp director of Wesleyan Woods in Vassar, MI. As an avid outdoorsman, camp ministry was always near and dear to his heart.

Currently J.T. has been ministering at the Lamotte Missionary Church and also serving on the Brown City Camp board. When the position of camp director came available, J.T. felt the Lord begin to pull him back to full-time camp ministry. After much prayer he and Trisha felt the Lord tell them to take this step.

The board was unanimous in their decision to hire J.T., and we are excited for he and Trisha to lead Brown City Camp in this next season of ministry!

## Important Lot Information

Want to come to camp?

Please contact the camp office with your contact information and, if you have a trailer, the size of your trailer. You will be placed on a waiting list for a lot and will be contacted when one becomes available. We receive cancellations frequently and will do our best to accommodate everyone.

We also have rustic lots available. These lots have no utility hook-ups and come at a discounted rate of \$180.

### 2026 LOT FEES

Both Permanent and Rental Lots are \$300 for 2026. Payments are due May 1, 2026. A \$40 late fee is assessed after May 1.

If you are not using your lot this year, let the camp office know. We would love to put someone on your lot just for this year.

## BCC Financials

We want to say a tremendous **THANK YOU** to all who gave to Brown City Camp in 2025! We have year-round supporters, special gifts, and so many who have been giving faithfully throughout the years.

Here are the numbers:

2025 Operational Budget: \$518,620  
 2025 Year End Income: \$594,467  
 2025 Year End Expense: \$530,056  
**2026 Operation Budget: \$606,000**

## A Message from Rev. Brent Kriesch

As we look forward to the New Year, we thank God for His continued faithfulness to Brown City Camp and the lives touched through this ministry. We are excited to welcome our new Camp Director Rev. J.T. Mabe as we step together into another season of ministry. With great anticipation, we look ahead to all God will do as the camp continues its mission to be a place "Set Apart" pointing people to Jesus, encouraging all into ministry.

In the coming year, we pray that every camper, family, volunteer, and guest will encounter Christ in meaningful ways and be encouraged to use their God-given gifts in ministry. May Brown City Camp remain a space where rest, renewal, and calling come together, equipping God's people to impact His Kingdom far beyond the campgrounds.

Looking forward to another year of Kingdom Impact through Brown City Camp.

Pastor Brent Kriesch  
 BCC Board Chairman



## BCC NEXT UPDATE

### THE OASIS

Projected: \$1,000,000

Actual: \$900,000

**Debt: \$395,094**

(the debt is a \$350k loan from MCIF and money from the camp savings which is to be paid back to the camp)

### THE DORMS

Projected: \$320,000

Raised: \$80,000

### THE RED BRICK BATHROOM

Projected: \$680,000

Raised: \$0

### THE HOOP BARN GYM FACILITY

Projected: \$2,000,000

Raised: \$1,000

### REMINDER:

You can give to any project at any time. Those funds will be set aside for the project.

Projects will be started as soon as the funds are available and the previous project is finished.

Please contact Matt Mendenall with any questions:

[pastor-matt@comcast.net](mailto:pastor-matt@comcast.net)

## SUZIE'S NEWSIES

One of the first cabins on the campground was the log cabin across from the red office. It was built by Rev. John Tuckey in 1940.



There was no running water, and the nearest bathroom was a bank of outhouses near the front gate. It had a fireplace for cooking & heat.

Rev. Tuckey sold the cabin to R.D. Dean. At the next camp the Tuckey's stayed in a tent that burned to the ground when a spark from a campfire landed on it.



The Tuckey's built a second cottage, the Tuckey Cottage, in 1949. Casket shipping boxes were made into

cupboards. A fireplace was built, and a bathroom was added in the late 1950's. Rev. John & Bernice last stayed in the cabin in 2000. It was sold to Darryl Pannabecker who donated it to the camp.

Susie Gardner gathers historical stories for our camp newsletter. If you have a camp story you would like to share, please email it to [office@browncitycamp.org](mailto:office@browncitycamp.org)

