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# BROWN CITY CAMP NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* CLEAN UP DAYS**  
**May 2 & May 9**  
 Help us get ready for the season. 9am-4pm each day.
- \* 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.

## BCC SPRINGS TO LIFE!

As the weather warms and we look ahead to another camp season, we are working hard to keep you as informed as possible. Here are some reminders for this camp season:

- 1) Lot Rent - Bills were emailed on March 15 to everyone with an email on file. Paper bills were mailed April 1. Permanent lot fees postmarked after May 1 will incur a \$40 late fee. Temporary lots not postmarked by May 1 may result in forfeiture of your lot. Feel free to use the online pay option through the camp website.
  - 2) Update Your Info - If you have moved or changed your contact information, please remember to update the camp!
  - 3) Not Using Your Permanent Lot This Year?  
 No problem! We would love to let another family use it for 2026. We have a long list of families waiting to come to Family Camp. Let the office know!
  - 4) Permanent Lot Maintenance - If you have a permanent lot, it is your job to keep it clean and tidy.
  - 5) Water - Camp officially opens May 15. You can come earlier, but you need to notify the office at least 24 hours in advance. Utilities may not be on if you come early. Follow the camp Facebook page or check the camp website where we will announce when the water is on.
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## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS AT BCC

### LIVE AUCTION FOR KIDZ CAMP

Saturday, May 2, 6:00PM

We are hosting a live auction led by our Camp Director and (spoiler!) auctioneer JT Mabe. The goal is to raise funds for Kidz Camp scholarships and Kidz Ministry needs at camp. Attenders are encouraged to bring items (new or nearly new, baked goods, ect.) to be auctioned off.

### A DAY FOR PASTORS

Thursday, May 21, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

As a gift to our pastors, the camp is pulling together a day of fun, fellowship, and food for our pastors. There will be pickleball and cornhole tournaments, a delicious lunch, great worship with Brad Stuart and a powerful message brought by speaker Greg Williams. All of this is free. Pastors can sign up at Regional Conference.

### SPRING CLEAN UPS

Saturday, May 2 and Saturday, May 9

We could use the help getting camp cleaned up as we get ready to open for the season. We will meet from 9:00am to 4:00pm with lunch provided. We are getting ready for our camps as well as weddings and other camps throughout the season.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FALL RETREAT

August 21 through August 23

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" is the theme for this year's Women's Fellowship Fall Retreat at Brown City Camp. Grace McCulloch will be leading worship, and Katy Beth and Annie Searls will be our tag team speakers.

Check out the Facebook page "Brown City Women's Fellowship Fall Retreat" for more information. Registration opens June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are looking for 'Cottage Hosts' who would allow their cottages to be used to house the ladies during the fall retreat. If you are willing to let your cottage be used, please email wfretreat25@gmail.com to let them know. Thank you in advance!

## WANT TO COME TO CAMP?

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 temporary lot fees are \$300 for 2026. Payments are due May 1. A \$40 late fee is assessed to permanent lot holders if not postmarked by May 1. **Unpaid temporary lot holders risk forfeiting their lots and returning to the lot waiting list.**

## BCC FINANCIALS

Our goal is to keep you as informed with the most current information as we have available. This includes a financial snapshot for the year thus far.

**2026 Operation Budget: \$606,000**

**2026 General Income: \$90,645**  
(through March 31)

## WANTED: GRANT WRITERS

Do you or someone you know have experience in grant writing? As we raise funds for our BCC NEXT projects, we received a great tip to reach out to the camp community and see if anyone knows about grant writing.

If you do, please email Matt Mendenhall:

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

## REGIONAL OFFICE ADDRESS

The Regional Office will now be housed at Brown City Camp. Although the regional staff primarily operates remotely, any correspondence with the Region will now flow to the camp.

The new Regional Office address is:

8700 Wilcox Rd.  
Suite 200  
Brown City, MI 48416

"Suite 200" refers to the office space on the second floor of the Oasis.

## CAMP STORE NEWS

We want to **THANK** Jim and Carol Vibbart for their years of service leading the Camp Store! Their time, care, and many upgrades over the years helped make the store one of the most popular destinations during camp. We are also grateful for Pastor Kent Modlin and the team from Bethel Missionary Church in Yale who have volunteered to lead the store into the next season of camp ministry.



## BCC NEXT UPDATE

### THE OASIS

Actual Cost: \$892,671  
 Remaining Debt: \$483,511\*\*

\*\*This number is up from January's newsletter. While I had the loan number correct, I forgot to add in monies borrowed from the BCC general operating budget that will be paid back to the camp.

### THE DORMS

Projected: \$320,000  
 Raised: \$180,000

### 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 that project.

Contact the camp if you have any questions about the BCC NEXT campaign. We would love to fill you in about what God is up to at Brown City Camp!

## SUSIE'S NEWSIES

Located at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Division, the "Francis Cottage" was built by Charles Francis in the 1960s. It was passed down to Dick and Donna Francis and used by four generations of the Francis family before being donated to the camp in the 1990s. For thirty years the Francis Cottage has served as housing for evangelists, worship leaders, and missionaries.



### STORIES OF GRATITUDE

We put a call out for stories of those who are grateful for the ministries of camp. We received one such story from Phyllis Crotser.

She wrote, "It began 40 plus years ago during our first Family Camp. It is a place I can come and be filled and refreshed with the presence of God. It's a place where I can rest in the Peace of God, even after volunteering during work week or when serving during Kidz Camp."

Thank you Phyllis for sharing what Brown City Camp means to you. If you would like to share how you are grateful for BCC, please email us at [office@browncitycamp.org](mailto:office@browncitycamp.org)

Susie Gardner gathers stories and historical tidbits for our camp newsletter.

