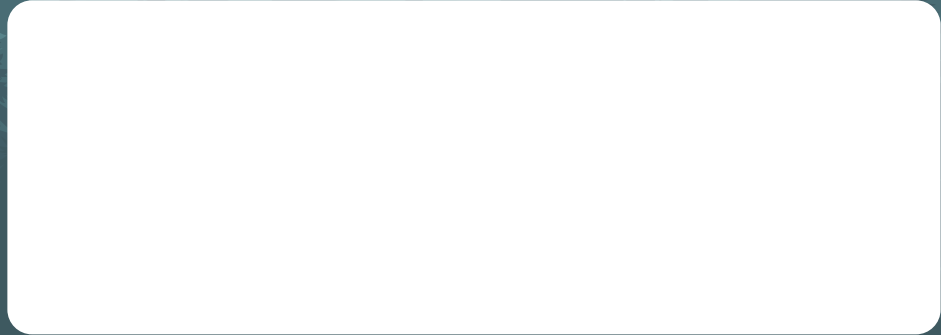


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## Max's Minute



"...this property (Camp Allendale) will remain in the hands of those who are loyal to the teaching of the scriptures...."  
- Marie Allen, during the formative years of Camp Allendale

One year, 12 months, 365 days, 52 Weeks, 8760 hours, 525600 minutes, 3153600 seconds. Around this time last year, I accepted the job offer to become Camp Allendale's next Executive Director. I can confidently say that my life has never been the same with the greatest intentions, joy, and thankfulness in my heart. YOU (The Camp Allendale community) have shown me and my family nothing but the warmest of welcomes and how much pride and joy you take in YOUR camp. Because of the support, prayers, sweat-equity, time, and intention God's people have put into Camp Allendale over the past year, I'm ecstatic to report how our summer turned out.

**2112** CAMPERS  
**630+** VOLUNTEERS  
**85** BAPTISMS  
**\$24,901.23**  
RAISED FOR MISSION ALLENDALE

I'm excited about Camp Allendale's future. Along with the incredible staff and board, we ask for your continued prayer and support. We could not do what we do without you.

*~Max*

## Camper Spotlight Keziah E.



Longtime Camp Allendale camper & Summer Staff Team member  
Teacher's Assistant at Mount Pleasant Christian Church Preschool  
Aspires to continue working with children but follow wherever God leads!

Hello! My name is Keziah. I want to thank the camp leaders I've had over the years: Jen, Kim, Noah, Mark, Dennis, and Tom. These people have seen me grow through the years, and I'm so thankful that they devote some time every summer to pouring into us every single year.

was, and I made my relationship with Him my own. I've learned so much through the years, not only about God but about trust and teamwork, about loving and serving others. I have made so many long-lasting friendships here at Camp Allendale.

I highly recommend it if anyone feels called to do Mission Allendale. We get the satisfaction of doing a job for a greater purpose. Our projects will be enjoyed for years to come, and so many kids will get to know Jesus here just like I did.

Mission Allendale allowed me to help the camp, which helped me develop a relationship with Christ.

We have a very well-known verse here at Camp Allendale: Romans 8:28. It says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Some of the projects I've had the opportunity to work on these past five years include mulching, graveling, sanding, trimming trees, planting bushes, building three bridges, painting a mural, helping build the Bunkhouse campfire, and our newest project, the hillside deck. I'm so incredibly thankful for the people I've met and the things I've learned because I wouldn't be the person I am today without it.

As I say goodbye to my final year as a camper, I am left with this. I am known, I am valued, and I am loved.

*~Keziah E.*

## Memorial Gifts February 15, 2024 to August 7, 2024

IN MEMORY OF  
**Tim Willoughby**  
Lilly Endowment Inc., Paul Olekson

IN MEMORY OF  
**Gary & Phyllis Brown**  
J. Rick & Suzanne Cox

IN MEMORY OF  
**Deborah (Debbie) Deer**  
Kathryn Porter, Ginger Lull, Martha & Dennis Sandefur, Gary Deer, Virginia Haun, Frank & Sara Wilble

IN MEMORY OF  
**Lewis Burton**  
Charlotte Burton

IN MEMORY OF  
**DeWayne Calvert**  
Shirley Calvert

## Fall Keenagers

September 10, 2024 | 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Join us this fall for worship, food and fellowship at Camp Allendale!

**Standing on the Banks of the Jordan:  
Where is God When Everything Changes?**



SPEAKER  
**Luke Proctor**  
Plainfield Christian



WORSHIP LEADERS  
**The Dillons**  
Plainfield Christian



SPECIAL PROGRAM  
**Induction of Max Aper**  
Allendale's next Executive Director

**Registrations Due Sept. 6th**  
\$10 Registration Fee

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## Notes of Appreciation from the Allendale Board

"Just a great big thank you to Randy and Nancy for the seeds they have planted over the years at Camp Allendale. Those seeds have taken root and produced wonderful fruit. Looking forward to the orchards that will continue to develop fruit in the years to come!"  
**Chris Fowler | Connection Pointe Christian Church | Allendale Board**

"In every meeting I had with Randy, the Kingdom of God and the wellbeing of children were always his chief concerns. He was truly committed to creating a safe space for kids to encounter the life-changing grace of Jesus, and it was evident in everything that happened at Allendale. I'm so excited to see the future ahead of us, with the foundation laid by Randy and Nancy's ministry!"  
**Evan Denief | Divergent Design Co. | Allendale Board**

## Needs List

Want to help meet some specific needs at the camp? Here are our top needs this season:

**Zero Turn Mower**  
\$20,000

**60" Round Tables**  
\$250 EACH

**Plastic Canoes**  
\$800 EACH

**Chainsaw**  
\$350

**Sandbox Toys**  
\$25 EACH

I have struggled for weeks on writing my last article. I have chosen to focus on my greatest accomplishments during my time as Camp Allendale's Executive Director. In 2005 when I arrived here, I brought with me my wife Nancy. For our 37 years in Christian Camping, she has been right beside me, always willing to take on any role that was necessary to make our ministry successful. She has been the one to take my scribbles and ideas and turn them into properly formatted appeal letters, newsletters, and flyers. Her love for plants and trees is evident throughout the camp landscape.

When I became the director, I "inherited" Steve Burkett and Mike Proctor. Their expectations of excellence and quality in our facilities have been second to none. Parents, campers, and retreat guests have always commented on the cleanliness and quality of our facility and grounds. Steve was on staff until 2018; he now regularly volunteers. Mike is completing his 22nd year as our Facility Manager.

I hired Linda Rice as our Food Service Manager in 2010. Linda oversees a staff of 20 in the summer, preparing over 1500 meals a day. Our Retreat guests consistently give high marks throughout the Fall and Spring months for the meals her team prepares.

In 2011 I recruited Sam Willard to serve as our Guest Services Director. Sam played a critical role in helping the camp navigate the school balanced calendar challenge when we lost two full weeks of summer programming. He was instrumental in expanding our off-season retreat ministry to what is now over 175 events annually. We survived the crazy Covid years of 2020 and 2021 together!

Paul Burton served as a Summer Staff team member in 2006 and 2007. We quickly recognized his multiple talents

and commitment to serving God with his abilities. With a little coxing from Mike and Steve, Paul was hired as our Facility Coordinator in 2013. His past experience as a cabinet maker, car enthusiast, and all-around handyman has blessed the camp beyond measure.

Coreliss Graves approached me with her resume long before I knew we needed her skills. A few months later, we made some shifts in staff roles, and she was the perfect person to fill the newly created bookkeeper position. Her greatest passion is assisting children of incarcerated parents with getting camp scholarships through Prison Fellowship.

In 2022, Marley Butler came on board as our Guest Service Director. Marley has brought our retreat ministry to even greater heights. She has a true customer service heart which is evident in her dealing with our Program Directors and retreat guests.

It has been my honor and privilege to lead this awesome team. They have made my job easy, many times stretching me more than I have them. With Max in the driver's seat, Allendale's future impact on people's lives for Christ will definitely exceed what one can imagine.

Thank you for partnering with us for the past twenty years! We have truly coveted your prayers, words of encouragement, and financial support.

Yours for Christian Camping,

*~Randy*

The adage is "great minds think alike" and before I read Randy's farewell note, I was already thinking along the same lines as him for a fitting thank you message for Randy and Nancy for their twenty years of service at Camp Allendale.

Anyone who knows me can tell you that I'm a huge fan of The Ohio State University football team. Growing up in Columbus, Ohio, my eye was always drawn to a book by legendary OSU football coach Woody Hayes that sat on my dad's home office bookshelf.

The title of the book was "You Win With People." While I never read the book, the truthfulness of the title always struck a chord with me, and it's a principle I've tried to remember and apply throughout my life when working with teams.

You win with people—good, godly, and generous people. Randy and Nancy have exemplified these qualities in their years of service at Camp Allendale. Randy's note identified the quality people who served faithfully and consistently on his team over the years to help advance the camp's mission and ministry.

Most winning teams are led by great coaches. Randy has also been a great coach, as he's guided his team and the camp to many victories over the years. Successful coaches wear a variety of hats and must be willing to invest the time and energy needed to guide their team. Randy has done all of those things as he's served with humility and grace. He's been willing to lead the way and also to stop and ask for input from his team and the board when needed. He's put the good of the camp first, and he's made personal sacrifices along the way.

Wise coaches also know when it's time to "pass the baton" and make way for the next leader. John Maxwell said, "There is no success without a successor." Randy has done a great job over the last several years, especially this last year, assisting the Board and staff to make sure everything is ready for Max to follow his lead and build on the camp's history of success and ministry effectiveness.

One of the unique characteristics of the Apostle Paul in the Bible is that he's rarely mentioned without someone else by his

side. We read about Paul and Silas, Paul and Barnabas, and Paul and Timothy throughout the pages of the New Testament. Randy's name has been rarely mentioned for the last twenty years without adding "and Nancy."

Randy and Nancy have been a dynamic duo in the world of Christian camping for almost four decades. They've been role models for young camp directors and have graciously mentored many through the years. Randy and Nancy are a great team, and they have left a lasting imprint on the ministry of Camp Allendale that will continue to bear fruit for years to come.

Quality college football teams often recruit what they call "athletes." An "athlete" is someone who is so talented that you can't pigeonhole them into one position because they have the gifts and abilities to play several spots to help their team win.

Nancy is a true "athlete"! She has used her variety of gifts to serve in so many roles throughout her time at Allendale and has always had a "do whatever it takes" attitude that has blessed the camp, staff, volunteers, and many others in so many ways.

I've always appreciated Nancy's quiet confidence, servant's heart, and "get 'er done" spirit. She has worked tirelessly to contribute in whatever way she's been needed or asked to over the years.

Randy and Nancy, you will both be missed. We're better for knowing you, and the ministry of Camp Allendale is better because of everything you've contributed to providing a dynamic environment for thousands of people to engage with the living God.

Thank you, Randy and Nancy, for your years of faithful service! It's been a privilege and a pleasure to have a front-row seat for the last 16 years as a board member to see how God has worked in and through you both. Blessings to you both as you turn the page and start your next chapter of life and ministry!

*~Kent*  
Allendale Board President

