

**"BCE
BRANHOLM
REUNION"
OCT. 9-10**

CHRISTIAN ACRES CHRONICLE

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C/A TO HOST BRANHOLM DAY AND BCE ALUMNI REUNION ON CAMPUS OCTOBER 9-10

In May of 1971, men from the C/A General Board traveled to the Kiamichi Clinic in Oklahoma to ask David Branholm if he would be willing to start a college on the campus of the newly built Christian Acres Service Camp, which had its first two weeks of camp that summer. In August of that same year, Dave Branholm, Reggie Webb, Joe O'Neal, and Rick Mathena arrived on campus to say yes to the C/A leaders to begin BCE with 12 students. Four years later on March 23, 1975, Dave was tragically killed in his airplane in Indiana. In his honor and to commemorate 50 years since his death, the Branholm family and BCE alumni will meet on campus beginning Thursday evening, Oct. 10 at 6:00 p.m. with a catered dinner. Please RSVP to Ima Jean Brooks at imajeanbrooks@yahoo.com or call the college at 276-228-7585; reservations are required. That evening will be dedicated to a time of sharing old memories.

On Friday, various former professors and BCE alumni will be delivering short messages. That day will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30, a luncheon at 11:15 and end about 1:30 on the C/A campus. All who can will travel to Wytheville to the BCE campus to be a part of the Open House and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony from 2:30 to 4:30 that Friday. Go online at bce.edu for a complete schedule of events.

Housing is available at both the Christian Acres campus and at Blueridge College of Evangelism. Contact Rick Mathena at 304-320-0947 or 304-589-6296 at C/A for housing or Lorin Sloan at 304-952-1064 to reserve housing at the Wytheville location.

GYM REPORT

The gym will have the power, the water, and the sewer all hooked up this month at a cost of \$38,500.00. During the winter months just ahead, this will allow us to begin the inside work with hopefully everything inside done before the 2026 camp season begins. Pray daily for this project.

AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER: Classes on the book of Revelation with Rick Mathena continue each Wednesday night for the next several months with supper at 5:30 and the class beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Crossroads Church of Christ/College location in Wytheville, VA. The book is also being taught each Saturday from 10-12 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. for at least 6 more weeks.

OCT. 5-8: Revival at Falls Mills Christian Church with Rick Mathena. Messages will be on the 7 Churches of Revelation. The first session will be at 10:00 a.m. in S.S. with services after that at 10:45 and 6:00 on Sunday, and services M-W at 7:00.

Oct. 9:10 Branholm Day and BCE Reunion at C/A starting Thursday evening at 6:00 with catered meal; Friday at 8:30 until 1:30; 2:30-4:30 at BCE in Wytheville for Open House and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Oct. 12: C/A Youth Rally at the C/A chapel from 6-8 p.m. The speaker will be Jonah Havens from the Chilhowie Christian Church. A meal will be provided.

TEEN WEEKEND REPORT

The Teen Weekend had a great turn-out of 58 teens and 14 workers for a total of 72. Both the teens and adults had a great time of enjoying the fellowship, the fun, and the food. A special thanks to Zack and staff for organizing this grand event on campus!

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CHRISTIAN ACRES—SEPTEMBER, 2025

BEGINNING BALANCE: 8/26/25		\$49,923.24
Dublin Christian Church		\$209.00
Athens Church of Christ		\$131.00
Grandview Christian Church		\$335.00
First Christian Church		\$200.00
Macedonia Church of Christ		\$200.00
Memorial Church of Christ		\$211.54
Maple View Church of Christ		\$350.00
Maple View Church of Christ A.C.T.		\$150.00
Tannersville Church of Christ		\$150.00
Rocky Gap Church of Christ		\$225.00
Laurel Fork Church of Christ		\$250.00
Charities Aid Foundation America		\$88.00
Glen Lyn Church of Christ		\$116.89
Chilhowie Christian Church		\$650.00
Pikeview Christian Church		\$75.00
Seneca Trail Church of Christ		\$25.00
Cedar Grove Church of Christ		\$125.00
Mount Hope Christian Church		\$143.65
Springville Christian Church		\$300.00
Mid+Way Christian Church Pool		\$208.00
Dublin Christian Church		\$209.00
Peterstown Christian Church		\$200.00
Falls Mills Christian Church		\$400.00
Claypool Hill Church of Christ		\$245.00
Rick and Joanna Mathena		\$369.00
Gary and Nancy Morris		\$350.00
Eddie Almond: Mem: Rachel A. Kirkham		\$50.00
Rick and Joanna Mathena		\$238.00
Emory and Cami Maxwell		\$100.00
Anonymous		\$1,000.00
Patti Barton		\$50.00
Eddie Via		\$50.00
Rick and Joanna Mathena		\$134.00
Tax Refund		\$1.03
Eddie and Winnie Newberry KEY		\$15.00
Arlyss Jones KEY		\$100.00
Bob and Ruth Smith KEY		\$50.00
Dickie and Janet Meadows KEY		\$10.00
Grandview Primary Church KEY		\$10.00
Sylvia Stalvey KEY		\$50.00
Gary and Trish Bugg KEY		\$20.00
Terry and Nancy Kornegay KEY		\$50.00
Randy and Robin Compton KEY		\$30.00
Roger and Beverly Dalton KEY		\$20.00
Danny and Bonita Meadows KEY		\$10.00
Joe and Pam Mooney KEY		\$20.00
Bobby Duncan KEY		\$50.00
Anita Barilla KEY		\$50.00
Larry and Paula Stiltner KEY		\$20.00
Brittany Jones Birthday Party		\$75.00
Maple View Pool		\$116.00
Athens Church of Christ Pool		\$100.00
Dublin Christian Church Camp Tuition		\$577.50
Athens Church of Christ Camp Tuition		\$210.00
Athens Church of Christ Manna		\$150.00
Mudfork Church of Christ Camp Tuition		\$262.50
Pop Cash		\$585.00
Pool Cash		\$149.00
Teen Weekend Checks and Cash		\$738.00
Mid+Way Christian Church Teen Weekend		\$62.50
Oak Grove Christian Church		\$280.54
Montcalm Church of Christ		\$250.00
Athens Church of Christ		\$142.00
Bozoo Christian Church		\$200.00
Goodwyn's Chapel Church of Christ		\$141.00
Anonymous		\$600.00
Anonymous		\$100.00
Karen Leonard Gym Fund		\$500.00
Steve and Vicki Morris		\$50.00
Rob and Sherrie Hale KEY		\$10.00
Greg and Lisa Pruett KEY		\$50.00
Philip and Janet Weiss KEY		\$20.00

Bozoo CWF KEY		\$50.00
Roger and Debbie Whitt KEY		\$20.00
Sylvia Stalvey KEY Aug./Sept.		\$100.00
Harry Yates "In Christ's Name" KEY		\$60.00
Rick and Joanna Mathena		\$300.00
N.T. Church of Christ, Pearisburg		\$100.00
Crossroads Church Church of Christ		\$100.00
Grandview Christian Teen Weekend		\$50.00
Church of Christ at Pettry		\$50.00
Rick and Joanna Mathena		\$393.00
Elizabeth Long O/L BAM		\$36.00
Steve and Teresa Wills O/L KEY		\$20.00
Bob and Ruth Smith KEY		\$50.00
Brice & Ashley Marden O/L Mem:		
Oscar and Eliza Schwitzerlett		\$30.00
Tim and Tonya Roberts O/L KEY		\$50.00
Karen Leonard Gym Fund		\$500.00
Kerry and Susie Stauffer O/L KEY		\$60.00
Jay Meadows O/L		\$250.00
Scooter and Dori Breisch O/L KEY		\$25.00
Chester and Edie Bratton O/L		\$10.00
Jeff Anderson O/L		\$100.00
Josh and Mandy May O/L		\$100.00
Mike and Janet Honaker O/L		\$150.00
Riverfront Restaurant O/L KEY		\$20.00
George and Benita Taylor O/L KEY		\$20.00
Will Estep O/L Teen Weekend		\$12.50
Sarah Tuggle Edwards O/L		\$20.00
Jean Owens O/L KEY		\$20.00
Jamie and Megan Davis O/L		\$100.00
Justin and Cindy May O/L		\$50.00
Adam and Katelyn Maxwell O/L		\$100.00
Chris and Nicole McKlarney O/L		\$100.00
Karen Leonard A.C.T.		\$400.00
Adrean and Michelle Harris O/L		\$100.00
Becky Goins O/L		\$50.00
Ben Poe O/L		\$5.00
MONTHLY INCOME:		\$17,014.65
SUB-TOTAL:		\$66,937.89
LESS DISBURSEMENTS:		
Rick and Joanna Mathena Med. Supp.		(\$664.69)
Bank Service Charge		(\$44.15)
Federal Taxes		(\$3,017.98)
WV State Taxes		(\$480.00)
Bailey Counts	18391	(\$594.30)
Zack Thompson	18392	(\$379.34)
Russell Mathena	18393	(\$793.97)
Robert Harvey	18394	(\$548.88)
Robert Harvey Ins.	18395	(\$900.00)
Komax Copies	18396	(\$178.13)
Sam's Club M/C Supplies	18397	(\$5,365.86)
Zack Thompson Mileage	18398	(\$364.00)
USPS Chronicle	18399	(\$120.00)
Zack Thompson	18400	(\$379.34)
Bailey Counts	18401	(\$594.30)
Russell Mathena	18402	(\$793.97)
Lusk Disposal	18403	(\$256.10)
Bailey Counts	18404	(\$594.30)
Zack Thompson	18405	(\$379.34)
Russell Mathena	18406	(\$793.97)
Joanna Mathena Cook T/W	18407	(\$75.00)
Janice Lusk Cook T/W	18408	(\$50.00)
Jennifer Thompson First Aid T/W	18409	(\$75.00)
MacKenzie Hottinger SWAT T/W	18410	(\$30.00)
Alivia May SWAT T/W	18411	(\$30.00)
Brynley Carpenter SWAT T/W	18412	(\$30.00)
A.E.P.	18413	(\$1,509.35)
Robert Harvey Ins. Oct-Dec. 2025	18414	(\$2,700.00)
DLL Financial Services Copier	18415	(\$80.00)
Brotherhood Mutual Ins.	18416	(\$1,779.23)
Bailey Counts	18417	(\$594.30)
Zack Thompson	18418	(\$379.34)

CHRISTIAN ACRES SERVICE CAMP 2025 REGISTRATION REPORT								
NAME OF CHURCH:	SE	JR3	FC	JRH	JR1	SR1	JR1I	GT
Advent Christian			1					1
Appalachian Christian Center				1				1
Athens Church of Christ		2						2
Bear Spring Methodist			1					1
Berwind House of Praise							2	2
Big Cub Missionary Baptist		1				1		2
Bluefield VA United Methodist		1	1					2
Bland St. United Methodist					3			3
Bluefield Church				1				1
Bluefield Church of God					1			1
Bluwell Baptist			1					1
Blue Ridge (Narrows)		1			1			2
Boissevain Baptist				1				1
Bozoo Christian Church	1	1	3	4	5	1		15
Bramwell Church of Christ					4		2	6
Brushfork Baptist				1			1	2
Carr Memorial Methodist		1		1	1		3	6
Cashmere Baptist				1				1
Castle Rock Baptist				1				1
Central Baptist (Hinton)			1					1
Ceres Baptist		2			1			3
Chilhowie Christian Church	4		7	4	1	3	4	23
Christiansburg Mennonite Fellowship				1				1
Church of Jesus Christ (KY)		1	1					2
Church of New Beginnings				1	1			2
Church of the Living God				1		1		2
City on a Hill					1			1
Claypool Hill Church of Christ				1			1	2
College Ave Baptist							1	1
Community Life Church				1				1
Cooks Chapel Baptist		1					1	2
Cornerstone Family Church			1	1	1	2	2	7
Cornerstone, Narrows				2		1		3
Crossroads Church, Bluefield							2	2
Cross Point Beckley		1						1
Destiny Outreach Ministries				1		2	1	4
Divine Hope Ministries		1						1
Draper Valley Baptist				1				1
Dublin Christian Church			1	4	1			6
Duhring Church of Christ				1				1
East River Church	1							1
Ebenezer Global Methodist Church					1		2	3
Edgemont Baptist							1	1
Fairview Christian Community				1				1
Faith Community		3	2				6	11
Falls Mills Christian Church	5	1	3	3	1	5	3	21
First Assembly of God, Princeton		1						1
First Baptist, Bluefield, Va	1							1
First Baptist of Princeton						1		1
First Baptist of Rich Creek		2	3	2	1	1		9
First Baptist, Bluefield	1							1
First Christian, Narrows				1				1
First Church of the Nazarene, Princeton		2						2
First United Methodist, Narrows	1							1
First United Methodist, Princeton						5		5
First United Methodist, Rich Creek				1			1	2
Glen Lyn Church of Christ	2	7	4	4	15	1	1	34
Goodwyn's Chapel Church of Christ				2		1	1	4
Grace Coventry				1				1
Gracelift Baptist					1			1
Grandview Christian Church	2	5	11	2	1	5	4	30
Grapefield Community Church							1	1
Highlands Fellowship		2		1			4	7
Hollybrook Church of Christ	6	3		1	2	6	5	23
Hope Church		1		1		1		3
Immanuel Baptist		2	1			2	1	6
Johnston Chapel				2	1		3	6
Legacy Church				1	2			3
Liberty Baptist			1	1				2

Liberty Church of Christ								2	2
Lifeline Princeton	1	3	3	1	3	2	11	24	
Lifepointe							1	1	
Lilly Grove					1				1
Lindside Christian Church			1	1			1	3	
Macedonia Church of Christ	1			1					2
Marantha Baptist						1		1	
Maple View Church of Christ	21	17	7	12	15	7	8	87	
Memorial Church of Christ					3	1		4	
Mid-Way Christian Church	5	6	5	7	7	2	15	47	
Montcalm Church of Christ	3	1		2	1		1	8	
Mountain View Church of Christ							1	1	
Mt. Hope Christian			1	6					7
Mt. Jackson Baptist		2							2
Mudfork Church of Christ			1		2			3	
New Life Tabernacle				1	1	2			4
N. T. Church of Christ, Pearisburg					1	1		2	
Oak Grove Christian Church		1							1
Orchard Hill Church						1	1	2	
Our Refuge, Blacksburg				1					1
Painters Chapel		2							2
Parkview Baptist				1					1
Parkway Church on the Mountain		2		1					3
Peaceful Valley Church		1		2		2			5
Pentecostal Church		1					1	2	
Peterstown Christian Church		1	1	1	3		1	7	
Peterstown Pentecostal Holiness					1				1
Peterstown Worship Center				1	1				2
Petry Church of Christ		3	3	1	1				8
Philippi Church of Christ, NC				1		2			3
Rich Creek First United Methodist	1								1
Sacred Heart, Princeton							1		1
Simple Rhythms						1			1
Springville Christian Church			1	1					2
Tannersville Church of Christ			1				1		2
Trinity United Methodist							1		1
Westminster Presbyterian				1	1	2	2		6
Victory Baptist		1							1
Wikel Community Baptist Church				1					1
Willowton Christian Church	1					2			3
Other (No Church Listed)	6	17	11	28	19	19	19	119	
GRAND TOTALS:	63	100	78	125	108	82	120	676	
SUMMARY:	SUMMARY:								
29 NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES	349 N.T. CAMPERS 51.6%								
80 DENOMINATIONAL GROUPS	208 DENOM. CAMPERS 30.8%								
STATES REPRESENTED: WV, VA, NC	119 NON CHURCH CAMPERS 17.6%								
SC, TN, OH, KY									

EVERY C/A GIVER IS SPECIAL!

(FINANCIAL REPORT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

Russell Mathena	18419	(\$793.97)
Zack Thompson	18420	(\$379.34)
Bailey Counts	18421	(\$594.30)
Russell Mathena	18422	(\$793.97)
MONTHLY EXPENSES:		(\$27,136.42)
CHECKBOOK BALANCE: 8/29/25		\$39,801.47
BAM SAVINGS: 8/29/25		\$15,518.82
PROJECTS: \$2,226.00		
PICKLEBALL COURT: \$6481.00		
GYM FUND: \$260.00		
SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:		\$51,000.00
GYM FUND: 9/29/25		\$731,478.37
HISTORICAL RECORD SINCE 1968		
TOTAL INCOME: \$8,604,349.23		
TOTAL EXPENSE: \$8,564,547.76		

RICK BEGINS 46TH YEAR OCT. 1

Thanks for the memories! What a joy it has been to be your camp manager since October 1, 1980. I want to thank all the area churches for allowing me to stay so long!

BAM RECEIVES \$232.00

Grassy Spur	\$15.00	Peterstown	\$22.00
Pikeview	\$96.00	Goodwyn's Chapel	\$44.00
Cedar Grove	\$19.00	Elizabeth Long	\$36.00

SPECIAL GIFTS

MEMORIAL: For Kathleen Honaker: Ann Forbes—\$50.00

GYM FUND: Karen Leonard—\$1000.00

A.C.T. INCOME SINCE JULY

We simply haven't had the space to report all the generous donations for the A.C.T. program that really helps to keep the cost of tuition down. We would like to thank those listed below who have given since July: Jena Wellman—\$500; Karen Leonard—\$1600; Maple View—\$450.00; Ken Overdorf: Mem: Becky Overdorf—\$100; Danny and Bonita Meadows—\$200. This brings the total given this year to \$18,750 with 750 campers sponsored! Thanks, everyone!

CHANGES IN AREA MINISTRIES

ATHENS: Jim Stophel and his wife Barbara, began their new ministry here the first week of August. Glad to have you in the area Jim and Barbara!

CHRISTIAN ACRES

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