

CAMP ECCO

2018 would be considered a year of changes for the ministry of Camp ECCO. Throughout the year, we lost several key members of our leadership to different circumstances and it was an emotionally trying year. Yet, we give all the thanks to God because we had a fantastic camping season with a number of campers giving their hearts to God. One of the highlights of the camping season was our youngest camping program. This camp is designed for Kindergarten and 1st Grade campers who stay for 2 nights, along with their parents or guardians. We had over 30 campers participate in 2018, many of whom will be moving up to Junior Camp, our elementary age program, within the next two years. God is working among our youngest children and I'm excited to see what the future brings.

This year, 2019, Camp ECCO is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. As we celebrate our history and our past, we also look to the future as well. We want each camp to be filled with campers who are yearning for Jesus, as well as, staff who truly want to invest in the lives of these kids. One of goals we have is we don't want camp to be their only outlet. We want camp to cultivate a passion and desire to follow Christ in their lives and then take that passion back to their families, churches and communities. We need our churches, especially the ones in the Buckeye & Allegheny Districts to help invest in the ministry of camp so that passion can be used throughout the year and not for just one week out of the year. Because, our weeks of camp cannot only save the spiritual life of a camper but through their excitement and passion, we can influence our churches as well.

Our new vision at Camp ECCO is to be "a place apart" as we create a Christ-centered experience in which people of all ages hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, explore the Word of God, pursue God's call for their life, engage in Christ-centered relationships and connect with God through His creation.

I'm grateful that God has called me to lead this ministry into the next chapter of its history and I cannot wait to see how God will use the ministry of Camp ECCO to influence the next generation for Jesus Christ.

Blessings to each of you as we serve Christ "for His glory"!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Reigle
Chairperson