

## Burnamwood Report

Attendance is slowly but surely rising. The numbers we are seeing at retreats have increased enough that we are once again able to offer separate Middle School AND Senior High retreats this fall. Attendance for the Summer Camps rose by only a few this year but the steady decline that has been seen in attendance the past several years has stopped, to say the least.

Financially, Burnamwood is doing a great deal better than we were last year. There is still work to be done this Fall to make sure we reach our financial goals, but we are in a much better place this year to do so.

Important dates to remember for this fall:

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat- September 29<sup>th</sup>-October 1

Middle School Retreat- October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

Presbytery Women's Retreat- October 21<sup>st</sup>

Senior High Retreat- November 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

I have already spoken to some of you, but I am in the process of trying to make it to as many churches as possible to speak to your youth, your congregations or whomever will listen to me about Burnamwood, what a special place it is, and the ongoing need of everyone's support for it.

We have limited numbers of weekends available this Fall, so call as soon as possible if you want to reserve all or parts of the camp for a retreat for your church.

As everyone knows, we have a new caretaker at Burnamwood, Kevin Turpin. I wanted to report that he is exceeding every expectation the commission and I had for him. The camp is in great shape, we have started some smaller renovations of some buildings that desperately needed it and he has been a joy to work with. After all the great work Jim Olive did for Camp over the years, it is a real blessing that we found someone to come in who cares as much for the camp as Jim did. As a longtime native of Irvine, he is working to connect us even more to the community and bring in more youth to our beloved Burnamwood.