



2025

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2025 **MEMORIALS**

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Session 1

May 31st-June 5th

Session 2

June 7th-June 12th

Session 3

June 14th-June 25th

Session 4

July 5th-July 16th

Session 5

July 19th-July 24th

3 Session 6

July 26th-July 31st

SPRING RETREAT!

Dates: April 17-19

Ages: 8-18

Cost \$100



Bailey Knappier

2025 Janie Kirby Award Recipient

Every summer since 2014, the Wyldewood Staff selects a fellow counselor to receive the Janie Kirby Award. Janie served as a counselor in the 1970s and is fondly remembered by those she worked with as a great example of what a Wyldewood counselor should be.

The 2025 staff selected Bailey Knappier as this year's recipient of the award. Fellow counselor Kendra Gavin said Bailey is a quiet doer who is "always running to fix and help with anything and everything. She is a gentle and kind soul that doesn't need recognition to feel complete but deserves it beyond anything." Another counselor, Nonyerechim Nze said "She is such a light to her camper's lives because her fervent love for the Lord overshadows all, and makes her light hard to dim. I have learned a lot from her over the years and truly don't think there is any person more deserving of this award than Bailey Knappier."

We are so blessed to have young, faithful leaders like Bailey on our staff who glorify God with their servant hearts and willingness to spend their summer pouring into the people around them! We love you Bailey!



Michael Burchfield

2025 Chad Hudelson Servant Leadership Award Recipient

This new award is named after our former director Chad, whose emphasis on servant leadership left a lasting impression on Wyldewood. His willingness to quietly do the "dirty jobs" and serve his staff left an example for us to follow as we learn to lead like Jesus. This award is voted on by the summer staff, recognizing a staff member who always went above and beyond to serve their coworkers, leading with humility and willingness to jump in wherever was needed. The first recipient of this award is Michael Burchfield.

Fellow staff member and Michael's younger brother Joe says, "Michael is my best friend. He is incredibly hard working. When I was on staff, he would be the first up, and the last to bed. He served campers, staff, and counselors from the moment he woke up until he went to bed. I'm proud to call him my brother, in flesh and in Christ."

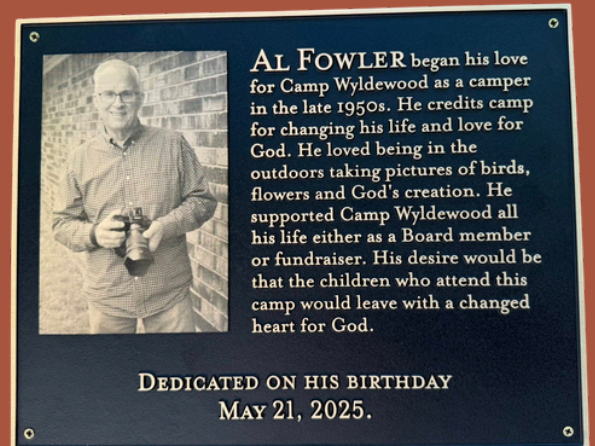
Maggie Bradford said, "Michael leads with humility, is consistent, and has a heart for God. With change can come difficulty, but with Michael you would never know. If you know Michael, you know joy, you know fun, you know Christ. Everything he does is for others and not himself, showing the leadership and humility we should all strive to have."



Remembering **AL FOWLER**



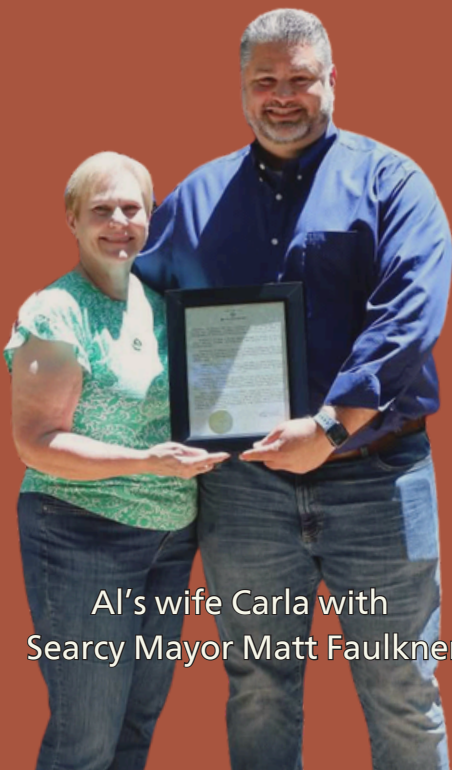
We are deeply saddened by the loss of Al Fowler. Al supported our mission here at Camp Wyldewood in many ways. He was exceptionally generous with his finances, his advice, his time, and of course, his gift of photography. Even when he retired from being a board member of over 30 years, Al continued to support Wyldewood in monumental ways. Too many ways to count. A consistent presence since his time as a camper and counselor, Al made Wyldewood a better place and he will be dearly missed by our camp family.





On May 21, 2025, the Searcy community gathered to honor and remember the remarkable Al Fowler with a heartfelt cabin dedication on his birthday. It was a day full of warmth, laughter, and love, just like Al always brought to those around him.

To know Al was to love him. His deep devotion to his adoring wife, Carla, his family, his town, and every person he met was evident in all he did. As the ribbon was cut and birthday cake shared, those in attendance were invited to tour the newly dedicated cabin—a space now marked with his legacy and the love he so freely gave.



Al's wife Carla with
Searcy Mayor Matt Faulkner

Al had a way of showing up. Whether through his lens or his presence, he captured the heart of Searcy like no other. His photography wasn't just about images—it was about feeling. He made every moment he documented feel timeless, and through his work, Al will continue to inspire, to connect, and to leave a lasting impression on all of us.



Summer 2025

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Facebook!***

Camp Photos



2025 BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

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2024 Wyldewood Awards



Latina Dykes Award

Caleb & Kelsey Ingram were the 2024 recipients of the Latina Dykes Giving Heart Award. This award is given to a group, or individuals who support Wyldewood financially. The Ingrams have been generous by helping with a variety of year-round needs here at camp. We are so thankful for their family and for their willingness to partner with us and our mission.

Hugh and Mildred Groover Award

The Hugh and Mildred Groover award is given to someone who uses their talents as a service to Camp Wyldewood. Our 2024 recipient was Chuck Hicks who has given so much time, year after year teaching Group Bible and taking time to form relationships with the campers he teaches. Thank you Chuck for being so willing to share the gospel with children year after year!



Michael and Shelley Lincoln Award

This award is given to a business or organization who uses their expertise to support Camp Wyldewood. Thompson and Associates was our 2024 recipient. Owned by former camper Carlotta Thompson, Thompson and Associates generously takes care of our accounting and assists with other needs around camp. We are so thankful for their expertise as they generously pour into our mission.

John and Gertrude Dykes Award

The John and Gertrude Dykes Award is presented to someone who has shown a life-long commitment to Camp Wyldewood. Chad Hudelson is the recipient of the 2024 award. A former counselor turned Assistant Director turned Executive Director, Chad left his mark on this ministry through years of committed service. We are so thankful for our relationship with Chad and all that we have learned from him!



Joyce Rushton Award

The Joyce Rushton Award is given to a volunteer who dedicates their time and energy to the campers of Camp Wyldewood. Elizabeth Thomason was our 2024 recipient having joyfully volunteered as our camp nurse for many summer sessions and retreats throughout the year. Elizabeth delivers a high quality level of care to campers and loves Wyldewood deeply-and we love her right back!

2025 Wyldewood Awards



Latina Dykes Award

Jeff and D'Anna Milburn are last year's recipients of the Latina Dykes Giving Heart Award. This award is given to a group, or individuals who support Wyldewood financially. The Milburns have partnered with Wyldewood and allowed this ministry to flourish through their generosity.

Hugh and Mildred Groover Award

The Hugh and Mildred Groover award is given to someone who uses their talents as a service to Camp Wyldewood. The 2025 recipient was Manny Rivera. Manny volunteered to teach Bible class to children who attended camp, but he quickly became the "yes-man" of the session. Manny is a true example of a willing heart in service to Christ.



Michael and Shelley Lincoln Award

This award is given to a business or organization who uses their expertise to support Camp Wyldewood. This year's recipient is the Harding University Ganus Athletic Center. The GAC has allowed us to use their pool and first aid training equipment to train our lifeguards for the past several years. We are so thankful for that resource and the way they make our lives a whole lot easier in the summer!

John and Gertrude Dykes Award

The John and Gertrude Dykes Award is presented to someone who has shown a life-long commitment to Camp Wyldewood. The 2025 recipient is Avayd Lacy. Avayd camped and later counselled and has a big heart for Camp Wyldewood and its mission. If camp had a "breaking news" page, Avayd would be first to know. She is also a treasure trove of camp lore!



Joyce Rushton Award

The Joyce Rushton Award is given to a volunteer who dedicates their time and energy to the campers of Camp Wyldewood. Erin Perring is the recipient of the 2025 Joyce Rushton Award. Erin has been involved with Camp Wyldewood in one capacity or another for many years and now volunteers as our camp nurse. We are so thankful for Erin and all that she has done!



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