



Outdoor Christian Ministries Informational Newsletter

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From Eugene Pryor – OCM Secretary

It was outstanding that so many youth were baptized last weekend in the ranch swimming pool. When they return home, they will be great witnesses to others (parents/friends). Hopefully, they will be leading others in following Christ.



President's Ponderings

We are currently in the middle of year 2023, which is our sixteenth year of operation. We have had over 230 guests at the ranch thus far this year. In this newsletter you will find comments from our guests as well as numerous photographs. We hope you find these as uplifting as we do. We are planning to add a dimension to the OCM efforts by conducting a retreat at Canyon Lake in the fall. We are calling it a "retreat on the water".

This year's highlights at the ranch include the baptism of 6 youth and 3 adults on Memorial Day Weekend and one adult baptism during the Alamo City Church Men's Retreat in April.

There are numerous volunteers at the ranch. The volunteers that have been most active at the actual retreats include Phil Bynum, Pattie Burnett, Andy Burnett, Clifford Graef, "Big" Dale Hancock, James Crider, Joshua Burnett, Gabriella Burnett, Tracy Green, and me.

It is an honor for all of us to serve through the OCM activities.

Dale Burnett
OCM President



Big Thank You to the Manchaca Optimist Club

The Manchaca Optimist Club has sponsored 1 or 2 youth to attend an OCM event for many years. The Club has identified youth that would likely benefit from an outing and paid their registration fee. In addition, the Club has helped offset fuel expenses for a Club volunteer to attend with the youth. Tracy Green has been the primary volunteer, but OCM wishes to thank the entire Club for its interest and generosity.

Testimonials

Keith Ferguson (from Houston area)

"It never gets old hearing about the success stories of y'all's ministry. All the glory to God."

Daryl Yaw (from Houston area)

"Thank you for sharing the baptism photos. Praise God."

Craig Symmes (College Baseball Player)

"Thanks for the photos. It was a very good weekend."

Retreat Parent

"Thank you for the pictures. Riley had a great time. Thank you again!"

“Big” Dale Hancock (Retreat Leader)

"We had a great turnout of 43 men on our Wilderness Retreat Weekend at the ranch April 28-30. There was great food, plenty of fellowship, and the Word of God. Totally awesome. We baptized one of our men. Thank you, Lord!! Would like to thank Dale Burnett and Outdoor Christian Ministries for allowing the Kingdom to grow. Our God reigns!"

Izael (High School Wrestler)

"Thank you for letting me bring my friends to the retreat."



Vice President's Note

I have been volunteering at OCM for a little over 13 years. In the last couple of years, I have taken a more direct role in preparing and presenting a Bible study for our guest. In 2022 & 2023 I expanded the Bible study "Finding God in Nature" to include a small field activity. We collected biological samples from ponds at the ranch and examined them under microscopes. In the future, I plan to develop other Bible studies and or field activities to highlight and explore the wonders of God's creation.

Phil Bynum, VP OCM



Group Photos



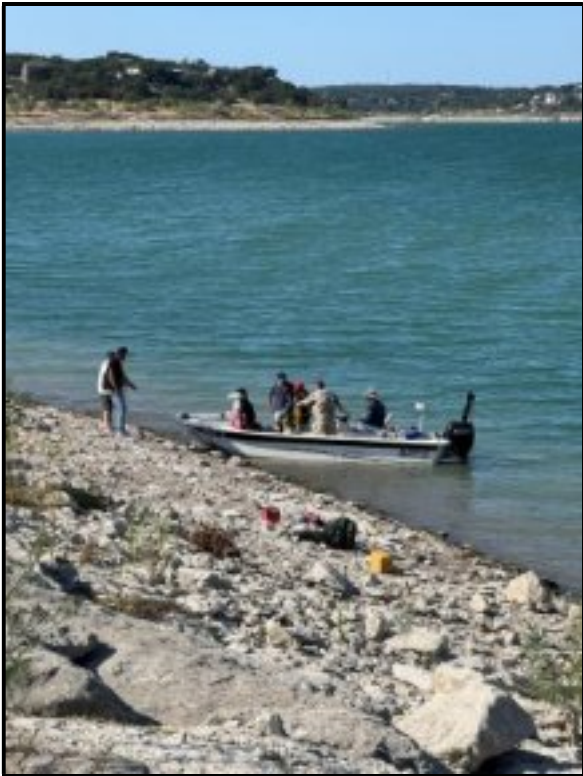
Fellowship



Helping Others



Fishing, anyone?



Buda Methodist Men's Retreat



Roger K. Allen Photography

2021 OCM Leadership

Officers Volunteers:

Dale Burnett	President	512-497-7050
Phil Bynum	Vice President	210-241-2434
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Clifford Graef	512-870-7940
Pattie Burnett	512-750-9770
Andy Burnett	512-415-1247
Robbie Burnett	512-797-6949
Mike Schneider	512-913-5163
Joshua Burnett	512-468-1112
Tracy Green	512-413-7510
Pastor David Walker	210-394-2795

Donations:

OCM has been blessed by many monetary donations, small and large. OCM has also been blessed with non-cash donations including those of labor. OCM is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and all contributions are tax deductible. If you wish to donate materials or equipment, call President Dale Burnett at 512-497-7050.

If you wish to make a monetary donation via credit card, then please use the PayPal "Donate" button located in the upper right-hand corner of our web pages (www.ocmtx.org). You do not need to have a PayPal account; they will simply charge your credit card for the specific dollar amount that you enter. If you wish to donate monetarily, please make your check out to "Outdoor Christian Ministries", and mail it to:

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