

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3:20 NIV





A Great Adventure Began Back in 1963

Back then, a camp property in Ravenna was put up for sale by the YWCA.

The YWCA was about to sell that property to Kent State University, until Dave Burnham, pastor of The Chapel at the time, asked them to consider selling it to the church.

Dave shared the story: "If we would come up with \$50,000, they would take our offer...That was 1963 - that was a lot of money in those days...And that Sunday we bowed our heads, and we put a basket in the front."

The congregation was challenged to drop something in the basket: either a financial gift or a card committing to pray. And no one knew who was giving money or who was committing to prayer. Both were necessary.

"And that morning that congregation came, and they put those envelopes and those prayer cards in there and at the end of the morning without anyone else knowing what anybody else gave, we had \$50,254. That's how Camp Carl began - it began because it was an adventure."

"And I want to tell you, it's been one of the greatest soul-winning adventures The Chapel ever had. It's been one of the greatest training grounds. It's produced young men that have gone out to preach. It's produced couples that met each other and married each other. I thank God for camp because it's one of the adventures that God gave this great church to do and you did it!"



Camp Carl's visionary and beloved founder Dr. David L. Burnham. peacefully passed into the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 26, 2025. His legacy continues through Camp Carl, lovingly named after Dave's father and founding pastor of The Chapel, Carl Burnham.

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Prayer Requests

- For a continued strong foundation laid at Camp Carl for future generations
- That young leaders continue to be raised up to share the gospel
- For campers to know Jesus and be transformed
- For continued discipleship and growth long after the camp week ends

Resources





A Message from Camp **Carl Executive Director, Tom Sullivan**





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