

# SMCC

Smoky Mountain Christian Camp

Happy Thanksgiving



Dear Friends of the Camp,

Thanksgiving is upon us. This is a great time of year. Take time to be thankful. It is beautiful outside. The colors have been spectacular. God is good. Ecclesiastes says that there is a season for everything under heaven. This may be the best of seasons, so enjoy it.

## Be Happy Now

This is something I found on the internet when preparing for my last sermon. I really liked it. Hopefully, you will too.

We convince ourselves that life will be better after we get married, have a baby, then another, get a new job, get a new house. Then we are frustrated that the kids aren't old enough and we'll be more content when they are.



The truth is, there's no better time to be happy than right now! If not now, when? Your life will always be filled with challenges. It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway. Happiness is the way. So, treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with... And remember that time waits for no one!

So, stop waiting...  
...until your car or home is paid off  
...until you get a new car or a new job  
...until you go back to school  
...until you lose ten pounds  
...until you gain ten pounds  
...until you finish school  
...until you get married  
...until you get a divorce  
...until you have kids  
...until your kids leave the house  
...until you retire  
...until summer  
...until fall  
...until winter  
...until spring  
...until you die!

There is no better time than right now to be happy...

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and spend quality time with your families. It is always my favorite time of year. I am deeply thankful for all I have. I have truly been blessed.

*Sincerely,*

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## Camp Musings

*Instead of several different sections of this newsletter, I decided to just briefly share several different things going on at camp in one article headline. So here is what is going on: We are working toward getting everything in place to go through with our gymnasium project over the basketball court. Definitely by December's newsletter I will lay out the plans for that one way or another... The budget committee met and is ready to put forth a recommended budget for the year 2011 at our December camp board meeting... The fall months have been busy but good. We have had retreat groups here almost every weekend since summer camp... Summer Camp 2011 is almost set and ready to be put out to the public on the camp web site and summer camp brochures will be made by January 1...*

