

November, 2024

**Important  
Information Enclosed**

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***CAMP POOL RENOVATION  
CAMPAIGN BEGINS***

**CAMPAIGN PRESENTATION PHASE: NOVEMBER—JANUARY**

If your church has not yet arranged for a pool fund campaign presentation, please call the association office to arrange a presentation date as soon as possible. We ask for five minutes to present a brief overview of the needs and renovation plans for our camp pool, and how the pool improvements will be funded. A Sunday morning service is suggested. The presentation includes a brief camp pool project video.


**CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT PHASE: November-January**

This is a very important phase of our pool renovation fund campaign. This is a time we are asking all of our member churches and concerned individuals to prayerfully consider and decide the amount of their financial commitment to our pool renovation project. If possible, we need to receive the amount committed by January 30. If you can not respond by then, please let us know when you plan on making a commitment decision. We will need these figures to project our financial expectations and construction plans. To fully fund our building program we need to average over \$8,000 in commitments from each association church over the next two years. Obviously some churches will not be able to give this much. Other churches will need to give over this amount. Commitment cards are available for use in sending in your commitment to the association. Also, campaign commitments and donations can be made on the pool campaign page on our association website: [franklinbaptistassociation.org](http://franklinbaptistassociation.org)

Special Pool campaign points of interest:

- Each church is asked to prayerfully seek God’s guidance on what sacrificial commitment God would lead them to make toward the pool renovation project, and to give accordingly.
- Each individual is asked to pray for the success of the pool renovation campaign and to prayerfully consider God’s will for making any personal donations.
- Each church and individual is asked to notify the association of their campaign commitment amount by January 30.

**CAMP POOL RENOVATION FUNDING CAMPAIGN CALENDAR**



April—October	Pool Renovation Research and Planning
November—January	Campaign presentations in each church
November—January	Church and individual commitments to be made and received in association office
January 2025-December 2026	Contributions Received
September 2025-March 2026	Pool Renovation

# FRANKLIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## *The Camp Story*

Spring Bluff Retreat Center is a 21-acre setting where there is constant activity of children and youth, and even more importantly, it is a place where God moves! Since 1951 there have been camps held at this holy site. In the 73 years it has been operating, thousands of children, youth, and even adults have encountered God. In just the last 10 years alone, 2044 campers from our association churches have attended camp, and we have witnessed 215 of these children and youth trust Christ as their Savior and Lord, and 93 rededications and other spiritual commitments. Many other churches and groups from outside our association have also held camps and retreats on these hallowed grounds through those 73 years, and have had similar experiences.

At the center of the Retreat sits the pool – the place where campers not only cool off, but engage in conversation, forge friendships, have great fun and watch staff members as they live out the love of Jesus and witness God using them in everyday life. Often staff members counsel campers about making commitments to Christ and living for Jesus while sitting on the side of the pool. Most of the campers say that the pool time is one of the top highlights of the week.

## *The Camp Need*

That pool, which greatly helps draw campers to this place, needs some help. Our pool is over 60 years old and has had many leaks in the plumbing for many of those years, especially in recent years. Almost every year the pool has required uncovering a part of the pool plumbing to make repairs. There have been so many prayers regarding those leaks – and every year, as camp days approach, the leaks get fixed or lessen to almost none. We believe God has honored our prayers, but it's time we take care of what God has given us by installing new plumbing and filters.

In addition to the many plumbing issues, we have painted and repainted the pool surface multiple times! The buildup of paint layers causes problems with cracking and peeling that requires even more painting. This issue definitely must be addressed.

## *The Plan*

**Our plan** is to totally renovate the pool for future generations to use. We plan to:

- 1) Resurface the pool with a special coat that has a 25 year warranty;
- 2) Install all new plumbing, pool pump and filters;
- 3) Replace and expand the concrete area around the pool;
- 4) More than double the current pool house to allow for more storage, changing rooms and bathrooms;
- 5) We will replace the fencing and pool lighting.

**Our timeline** is for the pool renovation to begin in the fall of 2025, and be ready to use the summer of 2026. Our current and best estimates are that this work will cost approximately \$300,000. That's big goal, but we serve a big God!

## *The Resources*

In order to do this, we need the support and generous donations from our Association churches and church members over the next two years. We have 38 member churches. So that would average approximately \$8,000 per church over the next two years. Obviously, not every church can, or should, give that amount. Some will need to give less, but some will need to give more. We ask each church to prayerfully seek God's guidance for what He would enable them to give for this great missions project.

### **Ways to Give As a church:**

- Put a monthly gift into your budget for one or two years;
- Give a year-end gift;
- Receive special church-wide offerings;
- Challenge the children and youth to raise funds;
- Encourage individual members to give over and above their current church giving for the pool project.

**As an individual:** Make a one-time, monthly or annual pledge of funds, or other assets.

However you choose to be involved, we know that God has blessed what happens at Spring Bluff Retreat Center, and, we pray continually that He continues to do so.

## *A Call for Commitment*

**Goal: \$300,000**

## **“CAMP POOL RENOVATION”**

### **Sample Commitment Card**

After prayerful consideration, I/we believe it to be God's will to make the following commitment so that the Franklin Baptist Association may renovate the association camp pool to help reach future generations.

It is my/our intention to help renovate the pool by giving in the following manner\*:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for 12 months

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for 24 months

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ annual gift for 2 years

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ lump sum/1 year gift

Other gifts (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*This statement of intent may be revised or canceled should circumstances make it necessary.

### ***Tax Advantage From Donations***

People with stocks or other assets that have appreciated in value over time can receive significant tax advantages by donating them for our pool renovation campaign. You can support renovating our camp pool to help reach future generations and perhaps even save yourself significant money in the process! Call our association office for more details on this option.