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from the editor



CHUCK MILLHUFF

CAMP MEETINGS: OUR BIRTHPLACE...OUR FUTURE?

Along the Red, the Gasper and the Muddy rivers in Kentucky, the camp meeting movement was born in about 1800. James McGreedy a Presbyterian pastor with a passion for evangelism organized these sacramental grove meetings that were to grow in size and influence. By the 1860s, these meetings had lost much of their dramatic evangelistic excitement and spiritual value, becoming cultural events with lectures and classical music the main attractions. These great camp meeting sites still exist and are magnificent Victorian-styled cultural centers known today as Chautauquas.

One my wife and I visited is dramatically splendid. It is in Jamestown, New York, on Lake Chautauqua. It was opened to this style of cultural program in 1874. Here you will see the beautiful mahogany speedboats and cottages of another era. Some of them are resplendent summer homes. A volume of history could be written that space does not allow that relates to the spiritually invented camp meeting in America. The camp meeting is truly an American phenomenon.

Some 40 years after these beginnings, two women by the names of Mrs. Phoebe Palmer and her sister Sarah started the "Tuesday Meetings for the Promotion of Holiness." This was the outgrowth of a prayer meeting started in 1835 as a joint venture of the Allen Street and Mulberry Street Methodist churches in New York City. Phoebe was to effect a lasting influence on the Holiness movement. She saw the value to the camp meeting in spreading the truth of Entire Sanctification as a second crisis subsequent to Initial Sanctification or the born-again experience. So was launched the camp meeting again under new influence in the 1860s. The movement roared across America, creating Holiness Associations by the scores. As an example of the movement's influence, by 1873 the publication "Guide to Holiness" that stressed the instantaneous aspect of the second work had more than 40,000 subscribers.

It was out of these camp meetings—to a large degree—and their associations that the Church of the Nazarene was born as these groups merged into one denomination. That pivotal meeting in Pilot Point, Texas, was the greatest

An Old-Fashioned Revival by Stan Toler

At the dawn of the 20th century, General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, listed six points of departure from the faith for a backsliding 19th century church. They are the following:

1. Christianity without Christ. People found it popular to claim to be a Christian, but didn't want to commit to Christ and His Lordship.
2. Forgiveness without repentance. Many craved forgiveness but clung to their sins.
3. Religion without the Holy Spirit. They feigned "a form of godliness" while "denying its power" (2 Timothy 3:5). In other words, they didn't long to go deep into the heart of holiness.
4. Salvation without regeneration. Church members wanted to be saved but didn't desire the change of heart brought about by regeneration.
5. Politics without God. Booth lamented the crookedness of politicians and how God was left out of national decisions.
6. Heaven without hell. Preachers enjoyed talking about heaven but were reluctant to talk about hell.

My pastor's heart is stirred that these same issues exist as we enter this new millennium. Yet the issues are not new. They are as old as the problem of sin. Moses himself would have easily agreed with Booth's six points of departure as he watched the children of Israel fling themselves in debauchery at the feet of the golden calf. Simply put, human beings without a radical encounter with God are far from holy, regardless of the generation. Yet, the remedy for the children of Israel, the 19th century church, or the church in the 21st century is exactly the same: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

We need an old-fashioned revival in the land! A revival of prayer, of love, of evangelism, of generosity, of power, of genuine faith.

A revival of prayer. In Acts 4:31, early Christians experienced the incredible force of prayer: "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly." That same power is available to us. If we are to have an old-fashioned revival in the land, laypersons and pastors must become prayer partners, and all-church prayer vigils must be a way of life.

A revival of love for one another. 1 Corinthians 13 stresses the magnitude of love. When this type of supernatural love exists, there is no issue of wicked power struggles or fighting within the church. A dose of this love results in a turning from wickedness that leads to restitution and reconciliation in relationships, especially within the church.

A revival of evangelism and outreach. Once those called by His name have experienced divine love and divine forgiveness, they will be driven to share Christ's love with the world.

Jesus' final recorded words to His disciples were, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The word "go" here is not used as a command. Instead, it takes on the nuance of a compulsion. In other words, a revival of outreach and evangelism will happen when Christians are so awe-struck by God's grace and forgiveness that they are literally compelled to share it with everyone they meet.

A revival of generosity in the Church. In 2 Corinthians 8 and 9, Paul clearly reinforces the tithe principle found in Malachi 3:10 and even urges Christians to sow generously (9:6). In short, when there has been a revival of generosity in the church, we will become like those who "urgently pleaded...for the privilege of sharing" with those in need (8:4).

A revival of power and demonstration. One of the most radical demonstrations of God's power is healing, whether it is mental, emotional, spiritual or physical. The word "salvation" means to be made whole. As Christians did in the 19th century, often 21st century Christians want healing but don't want to seek God or turn from wicked ways. Still, the avenue through which healing will occur involves seeking and turning.

A revival of genuine faith and obedience to the will of God. We will not see any revival if 21st century Christians don't exercise a genuine faith in God and radically abandon themselves in obedience to Him. The dragon of materialism has robbed many of their faith and weakened our belief in the fact that God can and will do anything but fail. Many have become like the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:16-30, available to do anything but sell everything they have, give to the poor and then follow Christ. True following of Christ involves the kind of abandonment that says, "God, I will obey you no matter what."

Abraham experienced this kind of abandoned obedience when God asked him to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19). Abraham became like a child before his Creator. God cannot and will not move in the 21st century until Christians are willing to likewise become like children (Matthew 18:3). A child is born naked. If we are to see the outpouring of God's Spirit, we must become spiritually naked before Him, stripped of possessions, solely focused on Christ, cherishing no relationship above the one with our Creator. Then, and only then, will we have a revival in the land—a revival that will revolutionize our churches and ignite our world with the Holy Spirit. **ep**

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Family Camp: Created for Community

by *Kenneth L. Mills*

I admit it right from the beginning. I borrowed this thought of community from a book I read a few years ago called *The Connecting Church* by Randy Frazee. In this book, the author takes a radical look at the church and community. It was radical enough to significantly impact my own views of ministry and how I view the mission and various expressions of the church. One story from this book is worth quoting:

A few years ago my wife and I finally cracked under the pleas of our children to add a dog to the family. We gave in after eleven years of begging. Two days before Christmas, we purchased a full-bred Beagle puppy we named Lady. She had lived with us for about a year when we took a family vacation without her. The children were very concerned about the well-being of Lady while we were away and insisted that if we couldn't take her with us that we get her the best possible accommodations. Through the help of another pet-obsessed friend, we located a place, The Pet Hotel—imagine that, a hotel for pets! This was the first I had ever heard of such a thing. Each pet is assigned an individual room. There is a television playing during the day for the dog to watch. The feedings are at precisely the time we offer them in her normal routine. The pets are actually walked and doted on more in The Pet Hotel than at home. This made the children feel better and made me feel a little poorer. (I have never been able to tell my father that I spent hard-earned money for an animal to stay in a pet hotel. For anyone born during the Depression this would be an incomprehensible decision.)

The family returned home on a Friday night, too late to pick up Lady. So, the first order of business on Saturday was to head to The Pet Hotel. We gathered all her personal belongings, received a report ensuring us that they had done everything they promised, and paid the bill. When we got into the car, each of us eagerly petted Lady, genuinely happy to have her back. However, as we petted her, large clumps of hair clung to our hands. While I tried to convince the children that everything was okay, I was thoroughly concerned.

When we arrived home, I called the veterinarian in a panic. After I explained our dog's symptoms upon picking her up from our seven-day

vacation, the doctor told me that Lady was stressed by our absence; he suggested we spend about two hours with her at home, and then her hair would stick once again. I seriously doubted the prescription, but the thought of avoiding a visit to the vet after paying the pet hotel bill worked for me. I kid you not, within fifteen minutes of being with us in our home, we couldn't pull a hair from Lady's body. It was quite unbelievable. The doctor was right after all.

If a dog starts to fall apart after just seven days of being robbed of community, how much more is it true for humans, who are created in the image of God for fellowship? We were designed by God physically, emotionally, and spiritually to require community for our health.

In this day of horrendous calendars, schedules, events and deadlines, such community even within the church (that was created for community) is overlooked, neglected, lacking, and at times hard to attain—even on the good days! This is not “finger-pointing” or a “blame-game.” This is a reality of the times, yes, even within the church.

When North East Camp in Maryland was placed on the market due to the financial constraints and demands upon a district to maintain a camp ground in a busy corridor, many of us were forced to ask questions about the future (as well as the present). After decades of great camp meetings and the move in recent years to a family camp format, what impact would that have on our district? What impact does that have on some of our churches? What will we have to forfeit due to the loss of the facility (or possibly the experience of family camp)? What will this do to the movement of God in this area of the nation?


I recently read hundreds of emails, all suggesting various reasons why we would be hurt by this loss—and some of these are valid reasons. Many were called to the ministry at camp. Others met their life long partners in those camp experiences. Still others (Praise be to God) found Jesus Christ and were established and rooted in His love at camp. Many others were baptized and scores of others grew in the knowledge and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. In recent days a lot of ministerial preparation took place in that environment.

Yet there is one other component that stood out to me. Not to minimize all the fruit listed above (and I never would), but another significant loss for us will be the creation and sense of community that occurred at North East Camp! Some



avoided it to be sure, but community happened between people, churches and even districts. A renewed sense that we belonged to each other as well as to the kingdom (we had bigger pictures of the kingdom developed for us in camp). The hope and support we received from one another in prayer, in worship, in sharing and in fellowship, while eating together, laughing together, and crying together for those needs that were too heavy for us to carry alone. Camp became rich times and moments of community. Randy Frazee added to his story, suggesting, "...that community is not a luxury but a necessity for life." This necessity has been experienced and embodied at family camp in North East, Maryland.

I deeply appreciate what William Easum suggested a few years back in his book, *Dancing with Dinosaurs*: "The emerging new world of the twenty-first century may be new to us, but it is not new to our spiritual ancestors. They developed Christian community in the midst of a very similar culture." The challenge for us today is to rediscover in this new culture and in this century, the means, the methods and relevant ways to help create this "necessity for life" we call community. And by God's grace we will!

As for us, we found another camp to use this year. It will not be North East. It will not feel like North East Camp. We cannot afford for our new identity to be in buildings or properties or programs. By God's grace we will develop new memories and discover new traditions. We will celebrate miraculous victories once more but always with an eye to "being" the community of Christ together—no matter where that is, and allowing Him to surprise us with His grace once more. 



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evangelists give witness to...

The Call

December 13, 2006

Dear Dr. Millhuff,

Several months ago I wrote you a letter expressing my desire to become a Nazarene Evangelist, and you were good enough to call me on the phone and encourage me. I enjoyed our conversation, and I greatly appreciated your servant spirit. It was quite a special thing to have the Nazarene Revivalism Coordinator call me—a young man with only a local preacher's license—and offer the kindness and support that you did. God bless you, sir!

I am writing again, this time to respectfully request your prayerful support of a great adventure that I am about to embark on. At the request of District Superintendent Lionel Brown of the Jamaica West District of the Church of the Nazarene, I will be entering into my first big event as a preacher. It will be a one month long holiness-evangelism crusade all across the Island of Jamaica. For four weeks I will be preaching at our various Nazarene churches in that great island country, and even now my heart is beating fast with a sense of expectation and excitement at what the Lord will do through this wonderful opportunity.

If you are able, would you make this a special matter of prayer during the month of January as I am holding meetings in Jamaica? I ask you this favor for many reasons. First of all, because I respect you, your preaching, your wisdom and your dedication to evangelism. Secondly, I ask you to pray for me as I'll be leaving behind my little boy and my little girl with their momma. I leave with my family's full support, of course, but it still kind of hurts to leave them for so long. I've heard many of your sermon illustrations about Chip and Melinda, and I know that if anyone knows what it is like to be separated from loved ones so as to build the Kingdom, it would be you.

In conclusion, allow me to say that I believe that the days of evangelism "as it once was," are not over. I am 26 years old and am fully aware that my generation is a lost generation. However, I have a holy vision that propels me forward and encourages me to be a faithful expositor of Scripture, this with others who say that winning a generation such as mine would be a long-shot. Thank the Lord! Our God has always been about long shots.

Yours,

Evangelist Rhett Crabtree

It's Camp Meeting Time!

by *Jeanne Millhuff*

I scrambled up the steep hill behind the district parsonage, finding my way through the woods to the top and emerging on the sandy road that would lead to the encampment. I was only seven years old. It was the shortcut rather than taking the long, winding road to the front entrance. School was out and it was the week before camp meeting. That's where my dad would be.

As I neared the tabernacle, I could see the wooden sides had been propped up to air it out. We had a new concrete floor this year so the straw was gone, a sign of major progress. Entering the building, I quickly looked up through the rafters. I remembered how Dad had hurried up on the roof one frigid, gray afternoon after a major snowstorm and taken on the heavy task of shoveling off the snow lest it cave in the roof. The piano needed tuning and the songbooks taken out of their boxes and neatly stacked on the altar. One of the pastors on this workday saw a willing helper and quickly put me to the task of dusting off benches.

Some things never changed—like my dad's signs. Along the walls at intervals the oilcloth posters with their bright red and yellow block letters shouted: "Prepare to meet thy God!" or "Today!... is the Day of Your Salvation!" Across the front stretched a banner: "Holiness unto the Lord."

Maybe this would be the year I could sing in the choir.

My greatest interest was the snack stand. I could see the big red Coca-Cola truck had arrived with the iceman close behind. I hurried to catch up with Dad. I would rather unpack the cherry popsicles as to dust benches.

Through the window of the next small building, I could see Mr. Dixon from Valley Stream Church hard at work, unpacking the brand new books from the Nazarene Publishing House. Dad quickly scanned the new selections and said, "Save several boxes of this one for the first night. It'll be a good one to sell. Can you give me a good price?"

Somebody yanked on the new rope on the old camp bell on the dining hall, giving it a quick test. With a little thrill of anticipation I thought of the services to come.

Of course, there would be more people attending the New York District Camp Meeting than came to our little church in Beacon. Some would take the train up from metro New York City; others would cross the Hudson River by ferry from Newburgh and make their way out to the camp by bus or car. I would see them come trudging up the dusty road with their valises from the bus stop.

It was wartime 1946, but we could forget it for awhile. As a child it was the most thrilling event in my young life. It birthed a love for camp meeting that no amount of contemporary thought would ever be able to squelch. But the more important thing is that my enthusiasm extends to

this day.

Over in the dining hall they were mopping the kitchen floor and unpacking boxes of canned food. I ran up and down between the tables, pretending I was one of the teenage workers serving or helping with the dishes.

Years later as a teenager in Northwestern Illinois, I was to comprehend the importance of the dining hall. I wandered into the kitchen on a hot afternoon where Mrs. Wellman held forth as camp cook. Her face was red from frying chicken and behind her were racks full of home-made rolls just ready to be put in the oven. I found a stool in front of Mrs. Hollis's baking table and watched her as she rolled out the pie dough. It was hot. Ninety-five degrees hot! But it was hot everywhere, and these women worked in spite of it. I knew then what my dad had always known—camp meeting cannot function without good food. The people won't come and stay if the fellowship isn't as great as the services.

Over in the corner there was a brand new restaurant quality mixer and a few other finds Dad had bought secondhand at the Peoria Restaurant Supply. I realized I was as proud of those as if I myself had paid for them and personally installed them for the cooks. It was then I realized, somehow Dad's enthusiasm had worked itself into my DNA.

Along with the visitors, the Evangelists would come: people like the Teasdales and the Rakers, Dr. Williamson and Estell Crutcher, the Files Sisters and Glen Griffith. And there was Mendell Taylor, the Greens and Paul Martin. The place would suddenly come alive with their music and preaching. What could be better than a crowd of Nazarenes singing "Victory In Jesus"!

Far above the nostalgic atmosphere, the thing I came to love the most about camp meeting was the services. Across the years I witnessed people moved by the Holy Spirit, sometimes with repentant tears, sometimes with hilarious celebration, sometimes in quiet, moving contemplation, but all as the result of the power of God moving unhindered. It was the atmosphere and the strong conviction that made me determine that this, the anointing and the presence of God is the thing to be coveted far above anything else in life. I was to learn that when people tried to make it a pattern or moved predictably, it was ruined. It wasn't something you could schedule or produce on demand. It had to be bathed in prayer thus the early morning prayer and the ring prayer and praise meetings under the trees. There had to be time for it to develop. Folks soaked in it for ten days. It was something that was borne of a deep need for God. And it usually resulted when a group of people gathered in great expectation.

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A TIME FOR TRUTH AND TOGETHERNESS

by *G. Stuart McWhirter*

Doom hangs on the near horizon. The next generation could come crawling out of the ashes of an earth scorched, barren and desolate in a nuclear winter. Some years ago such words might have been considered the wild exaggeration of an alarmist. But today no sane and sober person should deny them. The darkness is deep. And a church with an unclear and half-hearted message cannot bring light. A shallow, sick contemporary society is entrapped by trivia, possessed by the peripheral and charmed by cheapness. Another dark age is falling across the world. Lights are going out. The very collapse of civilization is now possible. A wasting world is waiting for a word from beyond, a word good and sure. And largely prostituted segments of Christianity remain shamefully silent. Spiritual warfare is raging. The enemy grows bolder. The faithful church must not fail to enter the battle.

In view of the fearful possibilities, the church at all levels in the hierarchy must be the unifying light in the present darkness to bring hope to our derelict world and to announce the unimaginable happening. God has visited our planet. He arrived on Earth, incarnate in Jesus Christ who is the focus of all God is doing. The church is the focus of all Christ is doing. Philip Yancey wrote of Christ that when that Word-become-flesh ascended, He left behind His actual presence in the form of His body the church. Yancey also wrote that the church is the reason behind the entire human experiment. These are breathtaking words. Our ecclesiology, our doctrine, of the church is too weak.

We need increased awareness of the unique, sublime place that the New Testament scriptures give to the church. It is impossible to love Christ without loving His church. Our love for the church should be so strong that even the thought of the church being wounded should cause us deep grief.

While the church holds a lofty place in the purpose of God, its location in the world is a very lowly place even from the top of the hierarchy to the lowest man or woman in the kraals of Africa, the huts in India or the mansions in America. The church is not some abstract, nebulous thing. It is composed of ordinary, flesh-and-blood individuals, people who toil, sweat, hope, dream, suffer and struggle in the harsh actualities of everyday life. The church is always local, always geographically located in a city, town, village or open country, totally earthed in this real, present world. And the amazing thing is that these finite mortals who make up the church are God's eyes, ears, hands and voice in this world. And being God's voice means it is through the church that the Gospel is brought to the world.

The church consisting of humans cannot avoid times of disagreement. But before we raise an issue that we know will most likely cause considerable controversy, we need to think whether or not the issue is worth the injury it might cause to the church. Whatever else might be said about the challenges and changes that face the church, the earnest pursuit of unity must persist. While unity is not to be pursued at the cost of orthodoxy, it is a jewel to be prized and protected. And although our love for the church must never blind us to

heresy, even heresy can be opposed without arrogance or acrimony.

A biblical doctrine of the church should provide guidelines for priorities within the church. What priority is to be given to each role in the church? Should the theologian or the pulpit preacher be given the most priority? Should nourishing of believers or evangelism be given precedence? All these roles are of vital importance. But evangelism is on the front line where the church meets the unbelieving, secular world. What happens on the front line is a true measure of whether or not the church is being the church. Theological discussion and debate, through twenty centuries, has been and remains an essential part of the life of the church. But theological discussion alone is not evangelism, but it must lead on to proclamation. Proclamation is not speculation. Evangelizing is not theorizing. The heralds of God are more than philosophers. The Gospel is supported by historicity, not hypotheses, news more than views, events more than ideas. The Gospel first heard among the hills of Galilee long ago is as fresh, powerful, transforming and liberating now as then. An age drunk with cynicism and nihilism needs a church imbued with a gospel unequalled in adequacy by all the wisdom of the world.

Rise up, oh church of God. Be done with lesser things. History and, above all else, God himself will judge us faithful, or He will judge us as having failed. [✠](#)



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ADAMS, MICHAEL

Jul 20-29, Jackson, KY, Mt. Carmel
Campmeeting

ARMSTRONG, B. T.

ARMSTRONG FAMILY MINISTRIES
Jul 16-22, Greensboro, NC, Concord Friends
Meeting
Jul 23-29, Pinnacle, NC, Friends Union
Church
Jul 30-Aug 5, Crewe, VA
Aug 6-12, Buckingham, VA, Virginia District
Family Camp
Sep 7-9, Pulaski, VA, Christ Fellowship
Church
Sep 12-16, Portland, IN, Sugar Grove
Sep 18-23, Kempton, IL
Sep 26-30, Smithfield, IL
Oct 3-7, South Lebanon, OH, Crossroads
Oct 17-21, Greensboro, NC, First

BAKER, JUDITH

JUDITHBAKERMINISTRIES
Jul 1, Lakeville, MA,
Jul 22, Marcellus, MI, Newberg Norton Bible
Church Concert

BALLARD, DONALD

Jul 1-29, Germantown, TN,
Plantation/Southerland Community

BELZER, DAVID

Sep 18-23, Lees Summit, MO, First
Sep 25-30, Arcola, IL, First
Oct 7-10, Vassar, MI

BENDER, TIMOTHY T.

Jul 11-15, Oak Hill, FL, Grace Fellowship
Jul 16-20, Lucasville, OH, Candy Run
Wesleyan YCMA
Jul 22-27, Crandell, GA, Bible Methodist
Children's Crusade
Aug 7-12, New Lexington, OH, Community
Holiness Children's Crus.

BEVILLE, W.

Jul 1-29, North Vernon, IN

BOLICH, JEREMIAH

CROSS STYLE INTERNATIONAL MINS.
Jul 1-4, Oakes, ND
Jul 12-22, Sebring, MO, Interdenominational
Holiness Camp
Jul 23-28, Windsor, NH, New England Dist.
Teen Camp
Aug 3-12, Brown City, MI, Missionary
Church Teen Camp
Aug 19-22, Shipshewana, IN
Aug 26-29, Ossian, IN
Aug 31-Sept 4, Rapid City, SD, Real Life
Sep 7-9, Portland, TN
Sep 16-19, Lutz, FL, Tampa CrossPointe
Sep 21-23, Sebastian, FL, Church at the
Cross
Sep 28-30, Flemingsburg, KY, E. KY District
Teen Retreat

BOND, GARY T.

GARY BOND MINISTRIES
Jul 2-8, Hendersonville, NC, Hendersonville
Holiness Campmeeting
Jul 20-29, Northbridge, MA, Douglas
Holiness Camp
Aug 6-12, West Chester, OH, SW OH District
Camp Meeting
Aug 24-Sept 3, Louisville, PA, Louisville
Holiness Camp
Sep 4-9, Greeneville, TN
Sep 16-19, Monticello, IL
Sep 23-26, Quincy, IL, Emmanuel
Sep 30-Oct 3, Rock Hill, SC, Trinity
Oct 7-10, Helena, AL, Trinity
Oct 21-24, Richmond, KY, First
Oct 28-31, Mount Sterling, OH

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BURKHALTER, G. T.

BURKHALTER MINISTRIES
Jul 22-25, Imperial, NE, Imperial Valley
Holiness Camp
Jul 26-Aug 5, Imperial Valley, NE, Holiness
Camp Meeting
Aug 29-Sept 2, Danville, IL, Westside
Sep 5-9, Menomonie, WI
Sep 12-23, McConnellsville, OH
Sep 26-30, Sherwood, AR, First
Oct 3-7, Mountain Home, AR, Twin Lakes
Oct 10-14, Baytown, TX, First
Oct 17-21, Royaltown, IL, First
Oct 24-28, Burlington, IA, Flint Hills
Oct 31-4, Point Pleasant, WV

CANFIELD, DAVID

CANFIELD EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES
Jul 15-22, Rutherford College, NC,
Evangelical Methodist Camp Meeting
Sep 7-9, Anderson, IN, Parkview
Sep 30-30, Canton, OH, Calvary
Oct 5-7, Warren, OH, Champion
Oct 14-17, Brandon, FL, First

CASH, JAMES

Sep 9-16, Canvas, WV,

CASSELMAN, GERALD

Jul 1-Sept 30, West Memphis, AR
Oct 7-10, Elkhart, IN, Heart Cross
Conference
Oct 13-18, Covington, IN
Oct 21-28, West Memphis, AR

CHAFFINS, BRYAN

Jul 26, Charlotte, NC, Evangelical United
Methodist Camp

CHAPMAN, JAMES

BIG CHAP MINISTRIES
Jul 2-6, Logan, OH, OH District Jr/Sr High
Youth Camp
Jul 23-27, Manville, IL, NW Illinois District
Jr/Sr High Cmp
Jul 30-Aug 3, Howell, MI, Eastern MI Sr.
High Youth Camp
Aug 8-12, Buckingham, VA, Virginia District
Family Camp
Sep 9-12, Monett, MO

CHRISTENSON, BARBARA

RHYTHMS OF GRACE MINISTRIES
Jul 2-7, Brainerd, MN, WGS Vill.
Jul 8, Brainerd, MN
Jul 15, Brainerd, MN
Aug 12, Merrifield, MN

COVINGTON, NATHAN, LIFE MENDERS

Jul 8-11, Hutchinson, KS, Bethany
Jul 13-15, Richmond, IN, First
Jul 17-22, Many, LA, Ft. Jesup Camp
Meeting
Jul 29-Aug 5, Many, OH, NW OH District
Camp Meeting
Sep 9-12, Grenada, MS, First
Sep 16-17, Kilgore, TX
Sep 23-26, Peoria, IL, First
Sep 30-Oct 3, Arkansas City, KS
Oct 5-7, Cleburne, TX, W. TX Lay Retreat-
Camp Arrow Head
Oct 14-17, Brownstown, IN
Oct 21-24, Spooner, WI
Oct 28-31, Haywood, OK,

DABYDEEN, ROBERT T.

Jul 15-18, Fort Lauderdale, FL, First
Jul 28-29, Phoenix, AZ, First
Aug 26-29, Deer Lodge, TN, Pleasant Green
Sep 3-9, Andalousa, AL, Antioch
Interdenom'l Holiness Camp
Sep 15-19, Mannington, WV
Sep 23-26, Lakewood, CO
Sep 30-Oct 3, Selma, IN, Harris Chapel
Oct 7-10, Versailles, KY,
Oct 14-17, Paulding, OH
Oct 21-24, Eldon, MO
Oct 28-31, Fort Mill, SC, First

DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM

Jul 9-12, Clymer, PA, Penns Manor
Jul 12, Hughesville, PA, Mission's Day-
Hughesville Camp
Jul 13-15, Clymer, PA, Penns Manor
Jul 20-25, Butler, PA, District Assembly &
Camp Meeting
Jul 26, Conneaut Lake, PA, Peniel Holiness
Camp-Mission's Day
Jul 27-29, Butler, PA, District Assembly &
Camp Meeting
Sep 2, Sheridan, IN
Sep 8, New Albany, IN, Hour of Power
Mission
Sep 16-19, Erie, PA, Millcreek
Oct 2-7, Howard, PA, Wesleyan Church
Oct 19-21, Tipton, IN, Wesleyan Church

DELL, JIMMY T.

JIMMY DELL MINISTRIES
Jul 20-29, Prescott, AZ, AZ District Camp
Meeting
Aug 6-12, Traverse City, MI, Northern
Michigan Camp Meeting
Aug 24-26, Vancouver, WA, Fourth Plain
Sep 5-9, Spiceland, IN, Greensboro
Sep 16-19, Page, AZ, Lake Powell
Sep 23-26, San Pedro, CA, Peninsula
Sep 30-Oct 3, Dinuba, CA
Oct 4-7, Conway, AR, First
Oct 9-14, Anna, IL, First
Oct 21-24, Jasper, IN

DONNERBERG, JOHN

JOHN DONNERBERG MINISTRIES
Jul 15, Lubbock, TX, Turning Point Church
Jul 18-22, Coshocton, OH, North Central
OH District Camp
Jul 30-Aug 5, Capitan, NM, New Mexico
District Camp
Aug 26-29, Duncan, OK, Heritage Oaks
Sep 2-5, Ropesville, TX
Sep 9-12, Springfield, OH, First
Sep 14-16, Euless, TX
Sep 19-23, Pittsburg, TX
Sep 30-Oct 3, Zelenople, PA
Oct 7-10, West Milton, OH
Oct 14-17, Carey, OH, Ridge Chapel
Oct 21-24, Tulsa, OK, Regency Park
Oct 28-31, Neosho, MO

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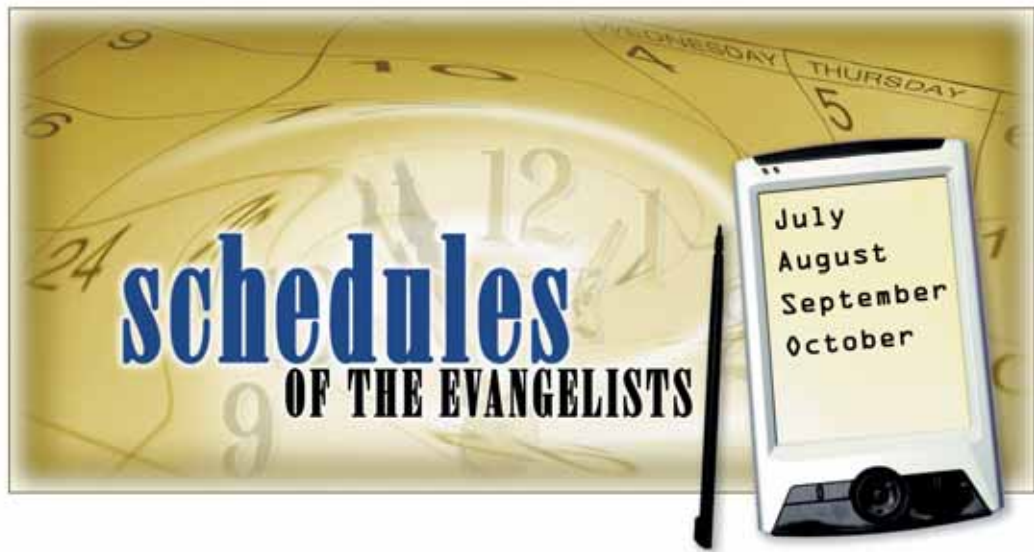
ANN DOWNING MINISTRIES
Jul 6, Moselle, MS, Unity Baptist Church
Jul 7, Pelahatchie, MS, Concord Baptist
Church
Jul 10, Murray, KY, Christian Music Conf -
MSU
Jul 26, Nashville, TN, Gospel Music Fan
Festival

DUBBELD, MARK AND JANENE

EXALTING CHRIST MINISTRIES
Jul 5-13, Butler, GA, Taylor County Holiness
Campmeeting
Jul 15-20, Copper Hill, VA, Blue Ridge
Campmeeting

FLINT, ROBERT

LIFE THROUGH THE WORD MINISTRIES
Jul 6-7, Marysville, OH
Jul 12-22, Sebring, OH, Holiness Camp
Meeting
Aug 5-7, Indianapolis, IN, Seminar 4
Worship
Aug 12-12, Salem, OH, Salem First
Aug 13-24, Findlay, OH, Winebrenner
Seminary
Sep 6-15, Marysville, OH, Ministry Training
Center
Sep 20-22, Marysville, OH, Ministry Training
Center
Sep 23-26, Andover, OH, Cherry Valley
Sep 27-Oct 25, Marysville, OH, Ministry
Training Center



GALLIMORE, DAVID

DAVID GALLIMORE INTERNAT. MINS.
 Jul 5-13, Butler, GA, Taylor County Camp
 Jul 15-22, Nippen, OH, South Central OH
 CCCU District Camp
 Jul 23-27, Hinton, WV, Mt. Olivet Camp
 Jul 29-Aug 5, Oklahoma City, OK, SW OK
 District-Salyer Lake Camp
 Aug 5, Oklahoma City, OK, Trinity
 Aug 6-12, Circleville, OH, Mt. Of Praise Camp
 - CCCU
 Aug 25-Sept 3, Hinton, WV,
 Nondenominational - Peyton Camp
 Sep 9-12, Parkesburg, WV, Newark Baptist
 Sep 16-19, Lockbourne, OH, CCCU
 Sep 23-26, Shreveport, LA, Huntington Park
 Sep 27-30, Natchitoches, LA
 Oct 7-10, Huntington, WV, First
 Oct 14-17, Mentor, OH, Lighthouse
 Community
 Oct 21-24, Springfield, IL, Trinity
 Oct 28-31, Beckley, WV, Wesley Chapel

GEMEINHARDT, KIMBERLEY

Jul 8, Melbourne, FL, First
 Jul 29, Melbourne, FL, First
 Sep 16, Melbourne, FL, First

**GEISSNER, DON AND SHIRL
 GEISSNER MUSIC MINISTRIES**

Jul 6-15, Logan, OH, Central OH Nazarene
 District Campmtg
 Jul 23-29, Fairmont, IN, NO. IN Wesleyan
 District Campmtg.
 Aug 6-12, West Harrison, IN, SW OH
 Nazarene District Campmtg.
 Aug 13-31, Indianapolis, IN, Grace Pointe
 Sep 1-30, Indianapolis, IN, Grace Pointe
 Oct 1-31, Indianapolis, IN, Grace Pointe

**GOSS, MIKKI, M & J MINISTRIES, INC. /
 THE KING'S DAUGHTERS**

Jul 22-29, Imperial, NE, Imperial Valley
 Holiness Campmtg.

**GRAY, ROBERT, BOB AND BECKY GRAY /
 SINGING UNTO THE LORD**

Jul 3-8, Hendersonville, NC, NC District Camp
 Jul 17-20, Louisville, TN, East TN District
 Assembly
 Jul 22-29, Butler, PA, Pittsburgh District
 Camp Meeting
 Jul 30-Aug 5, Capitan, NM, New Mexico
 District Camp Meeting
 Sep 7-9, Des Moines, IA, Iowa Lay Retreat
 Sep 16-19, Indianapolis, IN, Southwest
 Sep 23-26, Weirton, WV, First
 Oct 7-10, Meade, KS
 Oct 14-17, Elkhart, KS
 Oct 21-24, San Jose, CA, Cambrian Park

**GREENWAY, KENNETH
 GREENWAY MINISTRIES**

Jul 9-15, Waycross, GA, Okefenokee Camp
 Jul 27-29, Lincolnton, NC, Christian Life
 Aug 12-16, Burlington, NC, Wesleyan Christ
 Memorial Christian
 Aug 19-22, Denver, NC, Wesleyan
 Aug 26-29, Chesnee, SC, Wesleyan
 Sep 9-13, Spartanburg, SC, Wesleyan Indoor
 Camp Meeting
 Sep 16-19, Greensboro, NC, Southeast
 Sep 21-23, Sophia, NC, Hope Baptist
 Sep 30-Oct 5, Concord, NC, Broadus Baptist
 Oct 7-11, Burlington, NC, Shamrock
 Evangelical Methodist
 Oct 14-17, Troy, NC, Callicutt Wesleyan
 Oct 21-28, Trinity, NC, Mt. Olive Wesleyan

HAINES, GARY

GARY HAINES EVANGELISTIC ASSOC.
 Jul 22-29, Howell, MI, E. MI District Camp
 Aug 6-12, Traverse City, MI, N. MI District
 Camp Meeting
 Aug 26-29, Columbia, KY
 Sep 9, Dumas, TX
 Sep 17, Colorado Springs, CO, NBC Golf
 Scholarship-Air Force Acad
 Sep 23-26, Harrison, OH
 Oct 4-6, Scottsville, TX, Dallas District Prime
 Time Retreat
 Oct 7-10, Sulphur Springs, TX
 Oct 21-24, Pasadena, TX, First

**HAMPTON, DEBORAH, SINGING PRAISES
 TO THE LORD MUSIC MINISTRY**

Jul 6, Valparaiso, IN, In Canterbury Place
 Aug 1, Portage, IN, In-Fountainview Place
 Aug 3, Valparaiso, IN, In-Canterbury Place
 Aug 18, Shelby, IN, Gospel of Lighthouse
 Gospelfest
 Sep 5, Portage, IN, In Fountainview Place
 Sep 7, Valparaiso, IN, In Canterbury Place
 Sep 15, Portage, IN, In Gospelfest
 Oct 3, Portage, IN, In-Fountainview Place
 Oct 5, Valparaiso, IN, In-Canterbury Place

HANCOCK, TIMOTHY

Jul 1, Mount Sterling, OH
 Jul 6-8, Summersville, WV, West VA South
 Lay Retreat
 Jul 16-22, Flemingsburg, KY, Eastern KY
 District Family Camp
 Jul 25-29, Pittsburgh, PA, Pittsburgh District
 Family Camp
 Aug 16-19, Alexandria, MN, Minnesota
 District Family Camp
 Sep 2-5, Lewisburg, WV, Greenbrier Valley
 Sep 9-12, Goose Creek, SC, Charleston
 Calvary
 Sep 16-19, Decatur, IL, West Side
 Sep 23-26, Springfield, OH, Maplewood
 Sep 30-Oct 3, Birdsboro, PA
 Oct 7-10, Oak Hill, WV
 Oct 14-17, Woodward, OK
 Oct 21-24, Mattoon, IL, East Side
 Oct 28-31, Fremont, OH

HARRINGTON, F.

Sep 28-29, Spartanburg, SC, First
 Oct 26-27, Spartanburg, SC, First

**HICKS, JOHN DAVID
 FAITH ENCOUNTER, INC.**

Sep 9-12, Pixley, CA
 Sep 16-19, Loon Lake, WA, Lakeside
 Sep 30-Oct 3, Victor, MT, Bitterroot
 Oct 7-10, Jackson, MO
 Oct 21-24, LaMoure, ND

HISE, RON, RON HISE MINISTRIES

Jul 21, Portage, IN, Lighthouse Christian
 Center
 Jul 27, Washington, IL, Evangelical United
 Methodist Church
 Aug 17, Bourbonnais, IL, River Valley
 Fellowship Church
 Sep 22, DeMotte, IN, Kankakee Valley High
 School
 Oct 20, North Judson, IN, North Judson High
 School

**HUDDLESTON, BILLY
 BILLY HUDDLESTON MINISTRIES**

Jul 8, Portsmouth, OH, Rubyville Community
 Jul 15, Cincinnati, OH, Fellowship Tabernacle
 Aug 19, Mackey, IN
 Aug 20-26, Oakland City, IN
 Sep 2-5, Muscle Shoals, AL
 Sep 8-12, Oxford, OH
 Sep 16-19, Edinburg, IN,
 Sep 23-26, Portage, IN, Grace
 Sep 30-Oct 3, Sikeston, MO, First
 Oct 7-10, Corydon, IN, Community of Hope
 Oct 14-17, Cory, IN, Community
 Oct 21-24, Portsmouth, OH, First
 Oct 28-31, Cincinnati, OH, Lockland

**HUTCHISON, GORDON
 BARNABAS MINISTRIES**

Jul 27-Aug 5, Salem, IL, Grace
 Sep 7-9, Maryville, TN
 Oct 23-27, Madison, IN, First

JONES, MARVIN

Jul 17-22, Atlanta, GA, Gideon International
 Convention
 Aug 31-Sept 3, Nashville, TN, SoloCon '07
 Oct 2-5, Ridgcrest, NC, SE Regional NMI
 Conference

KYONKA, JAMI

Jul 3-31, Belfontaine, MO, Missouri Division
 Youth Services
 Aug 7-28, Belfontaine, MO, Missouri Division
 Youth Services
 Sep 4-25, Belfontaine, MO, Missouri Division
 Youth Services
 Oct 2-30, Belfontaine, MO, Missouri Division
 Youth Services

**LEAGUE, PAUL
 EAGLES' WINGS MINISTRIES**

Sep 9-12, Glen Carbon, IL, Glenview
 Sep 16-19, Olney, IL
 Sep 23-26, Kurtz, IN
 Sep 30-Oct 3, Kearney, NE
 Oct 7-12, Kalispell, MT, First
 Oct 14-17, Pablo, MT
 Oct 21-24, Brookfield, MO
 Oct 28-31, York, NE, New Life

**LECKRONE, LARRY
 LECKRONE MINISTRIES**

Jul 1, Durand, MI
 Jul 2, La Grande, OR
 Jul 4, Grangeville, ID, Boarder Days
 Celebration
 Aug 5-12, Sommersville, WV, West Virginia
 Family Camp
 Aug 13-19, Wapakoneta, OH, District Camp-
 Mt. Lookout
 Aug 20-26, Saratogo Springs, NY,
 Sep 1-5, Millington, MI
 Sep 8-12, Gagetown, MI
 Sep 15-19, Grand Ledge, MI
 Sep 22-26, Sparta, MI
 Sep 29-Oct 3, Hermitage, PA, Gentle
 Shepherd
 Oct 6-10, Manchester, CT
 Oct 13-17, Keene, NH,
 Oct 20-24, Lake Placid, NY
 Oct 27-31, Syracuse, NY, Christ Community

**LEIDY, ARNOLD
 UPWARD CALL MINISTRIES**

Aug 16-19, Pittsburg, CA
 Sep 23-26, Cushing, OK
 Sep 30-Oct 3, Grove City, PA
 Oct 6-7, Shadyside, OH
 Oct 11-14, Virden, IL
 Oct 17-21, Newton, IA, Newton New Life
 Community
 Oct 24-28, Sayre, OK

**LIVERSAGE, JERRY
 JERRY LIVERSAGE MINISTRIES**

Jul 8, Buena Park, CA, Crescent Ave Family
 Min
 Jul 15, Buena Park, CA, Crescent Ave Family
 Min
 Jul 29, Buena Park, CA, Crescent Ave Family
 Min
 Sep 23-26, Great Falls, MT, First

LORD, J.

Jul 1-31, Madison, TN
 Aug 1-31, Madison, TN
 Sep 1-30, Madison, TN
 Oct 1-31, Madison, TN

MADDEN, JOSEPH

Jul 1-31, Fairborn, OH, First
 Aug 1-31, Fairborn, OH, First

MANLEY, STEPHEN, SMEA

Jul 6-15, Logan, OH, Central OH District
 Camp
 Jul 22-26, North East, MD, Sandy Cove
 Ministries-Family Camp
 Jul 28-Aug 5, Port Huron, MI, Simpson Park
 Camp Meeting
 Aug 6-10, Denver, NC, Pine View Camp
 Aug 12-15, Oak Ridge, TN, New Life
 Aug 19-19, Lenoir City, TN, Crossroads
 Aug 26-29, Muncy, PA, Twin Hills
 Aug 31-Sept 2, Mornence, IL, First
 Sep 9-12, Amelia, OH
 Sep 14-16, Tallmadge, OH
 Sep 23-26, Delaware, OH, Highpoint
 Sep 28-30, Columbia, SC, First
 Oct 7-10, Harrisonburg, VA
 Oct 14-17, Waynesburg, PA
 Oct 19-21, Lapeer, MI
 Oct 24-29, Abilene, TX, First

MILLER, C. WESLEY

C. WESLEY MINISTRIES
 Jul 13-15, Vici, OK, Woodward Children's
 Camp

**MILLHUFF, CHARLES
 MILLHUFF MINISTRIES**

Jul 6-15, Logan, OH, Central OH District
 Camp
 Jul 16-22, Mechanicsburg, IL, Illinois District
 Camp
 Oct 3-7, Montgomery City, MO
 Oct 17-21, Iberia, MO
 Oct 29-31, Branson, MO, Retired Ministers &
 Missionaries

MILLS, HENRY

Oct 7-10, Sharpsburg, GA, First
 Oct 21-25, Gladewater, TX

MITCHELL, ROYCE, LIBERTY QUARTET

Jul 1, Meridian, ID, Assembly of God '07
 Family Fest
 Jul 1, Eagle, ID
 Jul 2, La Grande, OR
 Jul 4, Grangeville, ID, Boarder Days
 Celebration
 Jul 11-15, Nampa, ID, Intermountain District
 Campmeeting
 Jul 20, Richland, WA, First
 Jul 22, Seattle, WA, Calvary Christian
 Assembly
 Aug 10, Gerber, CA, Bible Fellowship
 Aug 11, Lake Almanor, CA, Community
 Church
 Aug 12, Truckee, CA, Sierra Bible Church
 Aug 12, Carson City, NV, Good Shepherd
 Wesleyan
 Aug 18, Mosier, OR, Bagge Gardens
 Aug 19, Tillamook, OR
 Aug 19, Wood Village, OR, Wood Village
 Baptist
 Aug 24, St. Joseph, MI, First Baptist Church
 Aug 25, Stanton, MI, First Baptist Church
 Aug 26, Waterford, MI, Williams Lake
 Sep 8, Victor, MT, Bitterroot
 Sep 9, Helena, MT, First Assembly of God
 Sep 9, Manhattan, MT, Bethel Christian
 Reformed Church
 Sep 10, Gillette, WY
 Sep 11, Fremont, NE
 Sep 12, Inman, KS, Bethel Mennonite Church
 Sep 13-14, Louisville, KY, National Quartet
 Conv-Freedom Hall
 Sep 15, Clearwater, SC, Midland Valley First
 Oct 6, LaPine, OR, Performing Arts Center
 Oct 7, Redmond, OR, Redmond Assembly
 Oct 7, Redmond, OR, Highland Baptist
 Oct 8, Hussum, WA, Hussum Community
 Church
 Oct 28, Redding, CA, First
 Oct 28, Medford, OR, First

**MOORE, BENJAMIN
 INTERACTIVE MINISTRIES**

Jul 12-15, West Des Moines, IA, District
 Campmeeting

MOORE, NORMAN

Jul 3-8, Fresno, CA, Central CA District
 Family Camp
 Jul 22-29, Howell, MI, Eastern Michigan
 District Camp
 Aug 5-12, San Luis Obispo, CA
 Sep 16-19, Wright City, MO
 Sep 30-Oct 3, Findlay, OH, First
 Oct 21-24, Roanoke, VA, East Gate
 Oct 28-31, McMinnville, OR

NAJARIAN, BERGE

Jul 14-15, Waynesville, NC, Waynesville
 Lakeview

NICHOLAS, CLAUDE**RENEWING LOVE MINISTRIES**

Aug 2-12, Portage, OH, Portage Camp Meeting

Sep 9-12, New Hampshire, OH

Sep 15-19, Tipp City, OH

Sep 23-26, Revina, KY

Sep 30-Oct 3, Red River, KY, Red River Community

Oct 7-10, London, OH

Oct 21-24, Defiance, OH

Oct 28-31, Springfield, OH, High Street

PERDUE, DR. NELSON**PERDUE MINISTRIES**

Jul 2-8, Hendersonville, NC, NC District Camp Meeting

Jul 19-22, Stoutsville, OH, Stoutsville OH Camp Meeting

Aug 6-12, Cincinnati, OH, Southwest Ohio District Camp

Sep 5-9, Charleston, WV, Southeast

Sep 12-16, London, OH, Church of Christ in Christian Union

Sep 19-23, Wellston, OH

Sep 26-30, Bradford, OH

Oct 10-14, Blanchester, OH

Oct 17-21, Pekin, IL, Pekin First

Oct 28-31, Uhrichsville, OH

PERRY, DAVID

Jul 8, Indianapolis, IN, South Side

Sep 9-12, New Castle, IN, Westview

Sep 19-23, Shirley, IN

Oct 14-17, Clarence, MO

Oct 31-Nov 4, Lock Haven, PA,

PETTIT, BENJAMIN AND AMANDA**ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES**

Jul 11-15, China Lake, ME, Maine District Campmeeting-Teaching

Jul 20-21, Fairfield, ME

Jul 22-27, Auburn, PA, District Youth Camp

Sep 9-12, Bradley, IL

PETTIT, ELAINE**ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES**

Jul 11-15, Farmingdale, ME, Maine District Camp Meeting

Jul 20-25, Fairfield, ME

Aug 19-22, Montgomery, AL, Capital City

Aug 24-29, New Smyrna Beach, FL

Sep 9-12, Danville, IL, Northside

Sep 14-19, St. Louis, MO, Trinity Tabernacle

Sep 23-26, Tiffin, OH

Sep 30-Oct 3, Colona, IL, Grace Community

Oct 7-10, Xenia, OH

Oct 14-17, Willard, OH

Oct 21-24, Vandalia, OH

Oct 26-31, Pennington, NJ, Trenton

PETTIT, JEREMY**ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES**

Jul 11-15, Farmingdale, ME, Maine District Camp Meeting

Jul 20-25, Fairfield, ME

Aug 19-22, Montgomery, AL, Capital City

Aug 24-29, New Smyrna Beach, FL

Sep 9-12, Danville, IL, Northside

Sep 14-19, St. Louis, MO, Trinity Tabernacle

Sep 23-26, Tiffin, OH

Sep 30-Oct 3, Colona, IL, Grace Community

Oct 7-10, Xenia, OH

Oct 14-17, Willard, OH

Oct 21-24, Vandalia, OH

Oct 26-31, Pennington, NJ, Trenton

PHELPS, PHILLIP**PHILLIP PHELPS MINISTRIES**

Jul 8, Sulphur Springs, TX

Jul 24-29, Scottsville, TX, Dallas District Camp Meeting

Sep 23-26, Florien, LA, Cenchrrea

Oct 21-24, Burkburnett, TX, New Hope

PICKLE, ROBERT**SET FREE MINISTRIES, INC.**

Aug 6-10, Summersville, WV, WVA North/South District Cmpmtgs

Sep 9-12, Elgin, IL

Sep 16-19, Lansing, MI, Woodview

Sep 20-24, Centralia, IL

Sep 30-Oct 3, Malden, MO, First

PORTER, REVA

Aug 2-3, Selma, AL, Selma West Village

Oct 12-14, East Point, GA

RAEBURN, JANET**RED NOSE MINISTRIES**

Jul 1, St. Louis, MO, St. Louis South County

Jul 8-13, Decatur, IL, First

Jul 16-20, Calera, AL, AL South District Children's Camp

Jul 22-27, Mackey, IN

Aug 5, Ravenna, OH, First

Aug 12, Swanton, OH

Aug 13-19, South Lyon, MI, New Covenant

Aug 20-26, Adrian, MI, First

Sep 9-12, Jonesboro, AR, Forest Home

Sep 14-16, Little Rock, AR, S. AR Dist Children's Worker's Retr

Oct 13, Northville, MI, Detroit First

RAEBURN, STEPHEN**RED NOSE MINISTRIES**

Jul 1, St. Louis, MO, St. Louis South County

Jul 8-13, Decatur, IL, First

Jul 16-20, Calera, AL, AL South District Children's Camp

Jul 22-27, Mackey, IN

Aug 5, Ravenna, OH, First

Aug 11-12, Swanton, OH

Aug 13-19, South Lyon, MI, New Covenant

Aug 20-26, Adrian, MI, First

Sep 9-12, Jonesboro, AR, Forest Home

Sep 14-16, Little Rock, AR, S AR Dist Children's Worker's Retr

Oct 13, Northville, MI, Detroit First

REAGLE, RONALD**REAGLE EVANGLISM MINISTRY**

Jul 1-29, Butler, PA, First

Aug 5-26, Butler, PA, First

Sep 2-30, Butler, PA, First

Oct 7-28, Butler, PA, First

REED, SHERMAN**LIVING TRUTH MINISTRIES**

Jul 1, Winchester, TN, Brownington

Aug 21-23, Hemlock, NC, Kinlaw

Sep 14-16, Atlanta, GA, Military YTP

RICHARDS, LARRY AND PHYLLIS**SINGING RICHARDS**

Jul 2-8, Nashville, IN, Brown County Holiness Camp

RITTGERS, DELBERT**DEL RITTGERS MINISTRIES**

Sep 12-16, Fairfield, IA

Oct 10-14, Rogersville, MO, Harvest Community

Oct 21-24, Cedar Rapids, IA, Oakland

ROACH, JERRY AND BARBARA**ROACH EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES**

Jul 1-31, Paris, TN, First

Aug 1-31, Paris, TN, First

Sep 1-30, Paris, TN, First

Oct 1-31, Paris, TN, First

ROTH, RONALD, RON ROTH MINISTRIES

Jul 21-27, Grafton, WV, Independent Holiness Camp

Sep 9-14, Grafton, WV, Blueville

Sep 16-19, Masontown, WV

Sep 23-26, Weirton, WV, First

Sep 27-30, Marlinton, WV, First

Oct 2-7, Inez, KY, Turkey Creek

Oct 9-14, Charleston, WV, North Side

SCUTT, M.V. (BUD)

Oct 7-10, Pittsfield, IL

Oct 14-17, Portsmouth, OH, First

SEMHRAN, CINDY**PROCLAIM & PRAISE MINISTRIES**

Jul 29-Aug 5, St. Mary's, OH, NW OH District Camp Meeting

SHANK, GARY AND MARLA

Jul 1-31, Olathe, KS, Westside

Aug 1-31, Olathe, KS, Westside

Sep 1-30, Olathe, KS, Westside

Oct 1-31, Olathe, KS, Westside

SHARP, JOSEPH**JOSEPH SHARP MINISTRIES**

Jul 1-29, Fort Wright, KY, Central

Aug 5-26, Fort Wright, KY, Central

Sep 2-30, Fort Wright, KY, Central

Oct 7-28, Fort Wright, KY, Central

SHARPE, VANCE AND JEANNIE**SHARPE MINISTRIES, INC.**

Jul 15-16, Circleville, OH, First

Aug 8-12, Buckingham, VA, VA District Camp Meeting

Aug 28-31, New Castle, IN, First

Oct 5-7, Skycroft, MD, Solo-Con East Skycroft Resort

SHAVER, CHARLES**CHIC SHAVER CENTER FOR EVANGELISM**

Jul 1-12, Anchorage, AK, Pastor's Evangelism Training

Sep 8-13, Caldwell, OH, First

Sep 15-19, Marietta, OH, First

Sep 22-26, Grafton, WV, Parkview

Sep 29, Pryor, OK

Sep 30-Oct 3, Claremore, OK

Oct 6-10, Jasper, AL, Saragossa

Oct 13-17, Birmingham, AL, Forestdale

Oct 27-31, Columbia, MO, Rockbridge Church of God Holiness

SHELLENBERGER, SUSIE**SUSIE SHELLENBERGER MINISTRIES**

Aug 26, Pueblo, CO, Belmont

Sep 8, Picayune, MS, Resurrection Life Center

Sep 15, Nampa, ID, First

Sep 22, Burlington, NJ, Fountain of Life Center

Oct 4, Nashville, TN, Southeast Regional NMI Convention

Oct 12, Nashville, TN, Trevecca Naz. University

Oct 19-20, Fort Wayne, IN, Wesleyan Women's Retreat

SMITH, DUANE**DUANE SMITH MINISTRIES, INC.**

Jul 7-15, Wilmington, NY, Interdenominational Holiness Camp

Aug 6-12, Nebo, IL, Hillcrest Holiness Camp

Aug 19-26, Murphys, CA, Wesley Family Camp

Sep 5-9, Newell, WV, First

Sep 12-16, Homer City, PA

Sep 19-23, Montpelier, IN, Union Chapel

Sep 26-30, Churubusco, IN

Oct 3-7, Mount Vernon, IN, Point Township

Oct 14-17, Decatur, IL, Parkway

Oct 21-24, Fostoria, OH, Trinity United Brethren in Christ

Oct 28-31, Newport, TN

THOMPSON, L. ALAN**L. ALAN THOMPSON MINISTRIES**

Jul 22-25, Pittsburg, PA, Pittsburg District Family Camp

Sep 8-12, Jonesboro, AR, Forest Home

Sep 15-19, Kansas City, MO, First

TIMKO, KIMBERLEY

Jul 21, Marion, SC, Wing and a Prayer

Jul 22, Candler, NC, The Dwelling Place

Jul 29, West Columbia, SC, Bethel United Methodist College

Aug 31-Sep 3, Gatlinburg, TN, Gatlinburg Gathering

Sep 7, Jackson, GA, Buckner's Restaurant

Gathering

Oct 14, Fountain Inn, SC, Nighton Chapel Wesleyan

TSO, ALVIN

Aug 1-5, Page, AZ, Wheatfields' Bible 2007 Conference

Aug 8-12, Blue Gap, AZ, Big Valley Campmeeting

Aug 30-Sep 3, Winslow, AZ, The Ranch 07 Campmeeting

Oct 1-7, Page, AZ, Nazarene Tso Ranch Campmeeting

ULMET, WILLIAM**ULMET MINISTRIES**

Aug 15-19, Somerset, KY, First

Aug 26-29, Odon, IN

Sep 9-12, Hot Springs, AR, Lake Hamilton

Sep 16-19, Cranberry, PA, Kossuth Faith

Sep 23-26, Marksville, LA

Sep 30-Oct 4, Irvine, KY, First

Oct 7-10, Uniontown, PA

Oct 12-17, Newell, WV, Glendale

Oct 20-21, Muncie, IN, South Side

Oct 23-28, Alma, MI

VINEYARD, JOANN, M & J MINISTRIES /**THE KING'S DAUGHTERS**

Jul 22-29, Imperial, NE, Imperial Valley Holiness Campmtg.

WALKER, JAMES**JAMES WALKER MINISTRIES**

Jul 1-29, Tuscaloosa, AL, First

WESLEY, RONALD**WESLEY MINISTRIES**

Jul 1-29, Elkton, KY

Aug 5-26, Elkton, KY

Sep 2-30, Elkton, KY

Oct 7-28, Elkton, KY

WETNIGHT, RICHARD

Sep 1-5, Abernathy, TX, First

Sep 7-9, Spencer, IN, United Methodist Church

Oct 24-28, Plainfield, IN, United Community

WHITWORTH, MARCUS

Jul 10-15, Calera, AL, Alabama District Camp

Jul 20, Pittsburg, PA, Pittsburg Dist. SS Convention

Jul 24-27, Henryetta, OK, SE OK District Assembly

Sep 16-19, Kilgore, TX

Oct 7-10, Burlington, IA, First

Oct 14-17, Carey, OH, Ridge Chapel

WILLISON, RICK**THE X-TREME TEAM**

Jul 11-15, Royal City, WA, Community Days

Jul 17-20, Marion, IN, Rookie Camp

Jul 20-22, Indianapolis, IN, First

Jul 23-27, Marion, IN, District Pre-Teen Girl's Camp

Jul 29, Marion, IN, First

Jul 30-Aug 3, Marion, IN, NW IN Dist. Pre-Teen Guys Camp

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Why I Value Camp Meeting With All Its Blood, Sweat, Tears and Expense

by Harold Graves, Sr.

Camp meeting has been a vital part of my ministry from my beginning days. As a young pastor with two small boys, both of whom are now in the ministry, my wife Bettie and I gave much time to the beginning of the first camp on the Tennessee District. I well remember those summer camps and especially the summer camp meetings—those days when great preachers came and scores of people found new life in Christ Jesus.

Then for a period of time we served on districts where we had no campground and no summer camp meetings, and we missed it a great deal. In 1980 while serving as superintendent of the San Antonio District, I was elected superintendent of the Southwestern Ohio District. Upon arriving there, we found that the assembly had voted for the new superintendent to organize the District Center Board and charged the new board with the responsibility of locating a district center.

This board worked long and hard on this project, and during the course of the year, found a very attractive district center. After consulting with pastors and church leaders and a vote by the District Advisory Board, along with the approval of the Board of General Superintendents, our district purchased from the Cincinnati Boys Club, Camp Olden, a 264-acre camp at a price of \$500,000. And the work began.

The camp had 14 cabins, a barn, a swimming pool and two caretakers' homes, all in need of repair. The district gave good cooperation to getting things in order. This required a lot of work and dedication on the part of many of us. It was amazing to see how God helped us get ready for that first camp meeting.

The district had been without a camp since the division of the Western Ohio District into the Southwestern and Northwestern Ohio Districts, and therefore for some ten years, they had not experienced a summer camp meeting. I remember speaking to our assembly one week before our first camp meeting and challenging them with these words; "Next week we will have our first annual camp meeting. I am praying that God will make this a sacred place where boys and girls and men and women will find the deep needs of their lives met. Our district will experience a real revival, and where we will be able to train our people to become stronger and more dedicated Christians."

That first camp meeting, held under two large tents and with General Superintendent emeritus Dr. Edward Lawler, Dr. Edward Cox and Jim Bohi as special workers, was tremendously blessed of the Lord with hundreds in attendance and the altars filled night after night. It was amazing to see young people give their lives to Christ, to see some called into Christian ministry, and to see older people who had strayed from Christ find their lives revitalized. Revival surely had come to visit Southwestern Ohio through this summer camp meeting.

Finances, too, came easily with some \$100,000 raised for future improvement to the camp. Well, some might say that that was a long time ago and no doubt that new adventure brought lots of enthusiasm, and that is true; however, the spirit of that first year continued to live on, and the camp has continued to grow. We saw the completion of new buildings, new roads and a new family life building that seats 2,000 people. Under the continued leadership of District Superintendent Dr. Carlton Hansen, Camp Directors Chuck and Brenda Hale and a dedicated staff and Camp Board, this facility—now valued at more than \$5 million—operates year round, and camp meeting is at the center of the operation.



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NAZARENE DISTRICTS NORTH AMERICAN CAMP MEETING SURVEY 2003

Do you hold a yearly family camp meeting on your district?

	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENT
Yes	39	66.1%
No	20	33.9%
	(59)	(100.0)

Schedule type: Does your family camp include one Sunday or two Sundays?

	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENT
One Sunday	21	56.8%
Two Sundays	16	43.2%
	(37)	(100.0)

Do you hold some other variation of the traditional camp meeting on your district?

	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENT
Yes	17	32.7%
No	35	67.3%
	(52)	(100.0)

Do you own a campground that is used for a yearly family camp meeting?

	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENT
Yes	29	49.2%
No	30	50.8%
	(59)	(100.0)

Information in the tables is excerpted from a 2003 survey of 82 Nazarene District Superintendents in the United States and Canada. In addition to questions regarding the operation and frequency of Nazarene camp meetings, the survey also asked respondents to list the names of Nazarene Evangelists employed for camp meetings during the year. The responses showed that nearly half of all Evangelists who participated were Nazarene credentialed Evangelists, with 21 of 53 Evangelists and 14 of 26 Song Evangelists being credentialed. A majority of camp meeting workers who were not Nazarene credentialed Evangelists were Nazarenes from other preaching pools such as educators, pastors, missionaries and laypersons from headquarters.

Research Center
Church of the Nazarene
Kenneth E. Crow
November 26, 2003

The survey was mailed in October of 2003 and, by November 28th, 59 (72%) of the superintendents had responded.

DISTRICT	DATES
Alabama North	July 10–15
Alabama South	July 10–15
Alaska	May 29–June 1
Arizona	July 20–29
Canada Atlantic	July 31–August 5
Canada Central	July 27–Aug. 5
Canada Pacific	July 26–29
Canada West (2 Camps)	August 5–12
	August 13–19
Central Ohio	July 6–15
Colorado	Sept. 1–3
Dallas	July 24–29
East Ohio	August 12–19
East Tennessee	June 4–10
Eastern Kentucky	July 16–22
Eastern Michigan	July 22–29
Georgia	July 10–15
Illinois	July 17–22
Indianapolis	June 18–24
Iowa	July 9–15
Joplin (Hispanic)	July 19–22
Kansas	June 17–20
Louisiana	June 5–10
Michigan	July 14–22
Mid-Atlantic	July 2–8
Minnesota	August 16–19
Mississippi	June 5–10
Missouri	June 25–July 1
New Mexico	July 30–August 5
North Central Ohio	July 18–23
Northeast Oklahoma	Feb. 23–25
Northeastern Indiana	June 24–July 1
Northwestern Illinois	July 3–8
Pittsburgh	July 22–29
Rocky Mountain	June 11–14
Sacramento	August 6–12
South Carolina	June 17–24
Southeast Oklahoma	May 29–June 3
Southwest Oklahoma	July 29–August 5
Southwestern Ohio	August 6–12
Tennessee	June 5–10
Upstate New York	June 30–July 7
Virginia	August 9–12
West Texas	June 4–10
West Virginia North	Aug. 5–12
West Virginia South	Aug. 5–12

FAMILY CAMP MEETINGS

PLACE	TELEPHONE	SPEAKERS
Rolling Hills Conf. Ctr; Calera, AL	205-668-1168	Gary Henecke; Phillip Fuller; Marcus Whitworth
Rolling Hills Conf. Ctr; Calera, AL	256-539-3228	Gary Henecke; Phillip Fuller; Marcus Whitworth
Jewel Lake Church; Anchorage, AK	907-243-2344	
Camp Pinerock; Prescott, AZ	866-448-8357	
Big Lake, Nova Scotia		
Cedardale Cmp; Pefferlaw, ONT	705-437-2050	
Dogwood Valley Camp., Hope, BC	604-841-2453	
Alberta-Camp Harmattan		Oliver Phillips, Jack Eyestone; Pat Weins; Bob Tattrie
Manitoba-Lakeshore Bible Camp		David Felter
Logan, OH	740-756-4433	
Golden Bell; Divide, CO	719-687-9561	
Scottsville, TX	903-938-5847	
Canaan Acres; Louisville, OH	330-491-0115	
Foothills; Louisville, TN	865-984-5975	Alan Thompson, David Clardie, Larry and Cheryl
Mt. Hope; Flemingsburg, KY	606-849-2429	Foster
Water's Edge Camp; Howell, Michigan	517-546-9683	Gary Haines, Norman Moore, Brian Arner, Mike Benson
Adrian, GA	478-668-4817	Tal Johnson; Roy Nix; Bill McCumber; John Gillespie, music
Nazarene Acres; Mechanicsburg, IL	217-364-4534	
Camby Cmp; Camby, IN	317-856-3715	
Naz. Cmp; West Des Moines, IA	515-225-7249	David Leeder; Frank Moore; Kevin Borger
Son Campground, Shell Knob, MO	417-858-9222	
First Church, Wichita KS	316-686-2332	
Rocky Creek; Pineville, LA	318-640-1280	
Indian Lake Camp; Vicksburg, MI	269-649-2281	Jim Bond, Ted Lee, Brian Arner, Morris Weigelt
Roxbury Holiness Camp; NJ	443-557-0450	
Lake Geneva Chr. Cent., Alexandria, MN	763-561-2785	
Rocky Creek; Pineville, LA	318-640-1280	
Pinecrest Camp, Fredericktown, MO		Norman Moore; Mike Adams-music;
Bonita Park Nazarene Camp, Capitan, NM	505-336-4404	
MVNU; Mt. Vernon, OH	740-397-5740	John Donnerberg
Tulsa Central, OK	918-496-0022	Stephen Manley
Shiloh Park; Marion, IN	765-664-8950	
Manville Camp, IL	815-358-2522	
Mt. Chestnut Naz. Ctr.; Butler, PA	724-287-5867	
District Center; Billings, MT	406-259-1861	James Tharp
Diamond Arrow Ctr.; Nevada City, CA	530-265-3295	
D. Moody Gunter Cmp; Batesburg, SC	803-917-1727	Tim Hancock, Robert Dabydeen, Vance & Jeannie Sharpe
Camp Bond, Tishomingo, OK	580-382-5756	
Salyer Lake Conf. Ctr; OK	405-283-0527	
Higher Ground Ctr; West Harrison, IN	812-637-3777	
Garner Creek; Dickson, TN	615-446-3279	David Gallimore; Robert Dabydeen; VanHornes
Brooktondale Ctr; NY	315-593-7577	
Buckingham, VA	804-739-4884	Tal Johnson, Jim Chapman, Sharpes
Camp Arrowhead; Cleburne, TX	254-897-2323	
Summersville, WV	304-363-5767	Moody & Nina Gunter; Leckrones
Summersville, WV	304-768-5015	Moody & Nina Gunter; Leckrones

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THE “GOOD OLE DAYS” ARE NOT ALL PAST


*by Jim Chapman, “Big Chap Ministries”
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The good ole days. That phrase is used a great deal in some circles in the Nazarene church, I believe I know exactly what they are talking about. I was raised in the Nazarene church and I recall many camp meetings and revivals where the Holy Spirit moved in such a way that most people in the services responded. Shouting, running the aisles—you all have witnessed it. Although some of you may not have experienced it in awhile.

When God moves on His people like that it should be considered a priceless moment. His blessings come, lives are restored, hearts are mended and people are made whole again. This is why I became an Evangelist: to see God move like this again. He did—at a youth camp of all places. (Please insert sarcasm here.)

It was the Wednesday night service at the Joplin District youth camp. The music was finishing, and a youth pastor stood up to pray. Students began to come forward, and they kept coming for almost two hours. We sang, students testified and the Holy Spirit came in a powerful way. I did not get a chance to preach. District Superintendent Jim Dillow said that it was the best message I could have preached that night. Students were giving their hearts to Christ. Other students were praying for healing. It was an awesome experience. This would be a fine story if it ended here, but it doesn’t.

The following evening the same exact thing happened. God came and broke the service wide open. I eventually got to preach. It was nearly a 4-hour service. PRAISE THE LORD! God is moving among this generation! A young man who was a baseball player for a competitive team realized that sports had become his god. He surrendered his life that night and accepted a call from God. After the service he phoned his parents to tell them that he would be quitting the team in order to put God back in His rightful place—first.

There is hope for the future. The students of this generation are experiencing the moving of the blessed Holy Spirit. 

**Has God been
working in an
unusual way in
your church or
camp meeting?
We encourage
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written accounts.**

CAMP MEETINGS: OUR BIRTHPLACE...OUR FUTURE?

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culmination of these mergers from the West, the East and the South. There have been several since as well. We are greatly influenced by what has been labeled the “American Holiness Movement.” Though European Wesleyanism has been our guiding theological construct, we are most definitely a mixture of these movements on both sides of the Atlantic.

The camp meeting was very successful in the early and mid-19th century for a few obvious reasons. On the lonely American frontier (Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas), it created a place for people to socialize, to receive the sacraments served by an ordained minister and to be entertained. However in today’s culture, especially in the United States and Canada, these issues are no longer relevant. Socially, we are literally crammed together. We have 24/7 television church and entertainment as well. So why would we have camp meetings in this day?

There are ten reasons why I believe in camp meetings in the 21st century.

1. They give us a chance to express our corporate conscience. At the heart of denominationalism is the idea of oneness in belief and function. Camp meetings are a place where no one votes on the way that we do things. Altar-call methods, the office of Evangelist, prayer and the distribution of literature and the time to read are made possible. The modern campgrounds have facilities that are ideal for the family vacation.

2. They get us away from home with its familiar sights and sounds. This creates perspective not possible at home. The prolonged stay on a campground allows for the development of spiritual depth and for very meaningful convicting introspection.

3. The camp meeting encourages the small churches. Load up the van and bring your few folks to the camp meeting, and they will see a much larger church than they would ever see at home. This creates an atmosphere that fosters a special kind of joy and conviction.

4. At a camp meeting, leaders can get lost in the crowd. How many times have I seen a Pastor kneel at the altar filled with folks weeping over his or her needs. That Pastor arises with new hope for his or her ministry.

5. Camp meetings take advantage of Spirit-led group dynamics.


6. Camp meetings separate the nice from the hot. The conviction in a camp meeting is far more than coercive manipulation. The revival we all pray for is blown across the crowd as obedience creates courage like in no other place.

7. At camp meetings the unsaved are reached. Once at the end of a service when all had left, I met a man out by the ropes of the tent. He was troubled. The crowd was long gone. After a short conversation, we went to the empty altar and the D.S. and I helped the unsaved brother to victory. His words, “I can’t leave without it.”

8. Camp meetings remind us of our past. Names like C.W. Ruth, Bud Robinson, Paul Martin, the Keller Yorks and many more fill our minds as we create memories as God helps us. The young have now so much to remember as they sit under the anointed preaching and singing as well.

9. Camp meetings give us hope for the future. God saves, sanctifies and heals in this atmosphere.

10. Camp meetings. I love them. That is my main reason, which of course includes all the above and more. A camp meeting going full tilt—why there’s nothing like it.


I know camp meetings are hard to keep up and expensive to maintain and develop, but in my many years of Evangelism I know of nothing that matches them. The best are now air-conditioned and have great food and wonderful comfortable motel units. The issue is leadership and a willingness to see the potential. We no longer have to be in a brush arbor along the Red River. We can dream a dream big enough for God to see and bless. We can dream of retreat centers that appeal to the young families of this generation. These camp meetings do exist in our church. Remember, the biggest surprise we are all going to have when we get to heaven is when we see how much of it there was and how little of it we used. The camp meeting and the site can become the spiritual and psychological center of any district or group of districts. Our birthplace can become a great part of our future! 

“Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:” Psalm 118:15

IT'S CAMP MEETING TIME!

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Now for almost 50 years, I have been married to an Evangelist. Each summer our station wagon or van has headed out on the camp meeting trail, but the years have brought changes. The old tents and one-room cabins have given way to air conditioned motel units, RV trailer parks, even permanent residences and year round facilities. Innovative leadership, in many places, has risen to the need and created vacation parks for families, commodious dining halls, enclosed air conditioned tabernacles capable of handling large crowds, and beautiful natural settings. But what hasn't changed is the power of what happens in a camp meeting: the spiritual group dynamic, the synergy of the crowd and the blessings that occur when people come together seeking God and longing for fellowship. All kinds of people still come to faith kneeling at the altar, lives are still salvaged from what might have been, people are still called to the realization of God's will for their lives. The result is still possible: unity, clarity of purpose and a clearer resolve for holy living, a center for so much good and blessing on any district. Why would anyone not want this?

Chuck and I have been workers in well over 100 district camps across the United States, and as I view things from the front bench where I often sit, I am certain of one thing: the thrill of camp meeting is still there because God is. When God moves and people obey, there is no telling what can happen. The needs are the same for most of us: we hunger, even long for a brand new touch from God and the chance to move from the valley to higher ground. The camp meeting is still one of the best places for this to happen. 

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WHY I VALUE CAMP MEETING

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As I write I can think of different people whose lives were changed. I remember one older man who had once been a vital part of his church and because of some events had gone away from God and had lived that way for many years. It was in that first camp meeting in Southwest Ohio that he came back to God and was wonderfully transformed. He did not live much longer but those days were happy days filled with joy and gladness. That summer camp helped him live his last days with abundant life and make it home to heaven. What happened to this man has happened to many across the days because of a summer camp meeting.

One young pastor wrote recently of his plans to become a country music artist, so he enrolled in college with a music major. It was at a summer camp meeting that this all changed. Without the spiritual emphasis of the summer camp meeting, his life may have followed a much different track. What is true of this young pastor is true for many that I have known. Times of spiritual emphasis, such as camp meeting, are very important in the lives of many, for it is at this time that their sensitivity to God's voice is often heightened. What camp meeting does for individuals it can also do for churches. It has been interesting to see what happens in a local church when strong promotion has been given to camp meeting. Those churches often receive rich spiritual benefits. What a wonderful way for smaller churches to have the opportunity to hear and benefit from the outstanding speakers and singers who come to our summer camps. I have witnessed over the years that districts also benefit from the summer camp. I have found that a great camp meeting does for a district what a great revival does for the local church. It helps to develop unity and loyalty to the work and spirit of the district.

A district superintendent friend of mine recently said, "I do not believe a price can be put on the value of camp meeting because of the results we see over the long haul. We continually hear stories of people whose lives have been transformed at camp meeting and were called into the ministry or became effective laymen in their local churches." Some feel that we live in a time when it is difficult to get our younger people to camp meeting. I am sure that this is true. We live in a busy day with many demands on our time. This means that we may have to make some plans to help them attend—things like special events for children and teens during the day and in the evenings, things that will help make the time special for families. Also, morning Bible studies with credits for the pastors also helps to get pastors and people there.

I would encourage you to make time for camp meeting in your schedule this year and join with others on your district as they come together to worship God, to hear from God and to obey God's call upon their lives. 



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TO CAMP OR NOT TO CAMP?

by *Stephen Manley*

It has been my privilege to travel the country and preach on the camp meeting circuit for many years now. Each summer has given me multiple opportunities to enter into heated discussions about the value of camp meetings. The benefits compared to the cost are always at the forefront. Could we do more for the Kingdom of God by using the money to plant new churches? There have been discussions evaluating the camp meeting crowd compared to the non-camp meeting crowd. The debate goes on and on!

I believe the issue is completely beyond the campgrounds and the finances. As in all other issues we must come to grips with our own spiritual desire and hunger. There is a strong biblical example given to us in Acts chapter 2. Luke begins the chapter by describing the Pentecost event and then focuses the rest of the chapter on a single group of people (with one exception—verse 13). It is a story of how God gives all of His attention to touch this group.

This group is described as *from every nation under heaven* (Acts 2:5). They are the Jews of the Dispersion. More Jews lived outside of the Holy Land than lived inside because the exiles of the Old Testament scattered the people. As Paul entered a foreign city on his missionary journeys he would first preach in the Jewish synagogue. In the Jerusalem Council, James said, *“For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath”* (Acts 15:21).

This group is characterized by openness and seeking. Their permanent homes were in the foreign lands of the world, yet they came to Jerusalem for extended periods of time. They purchased second homes in Jerusalem in order


to be there during the feast days. They were motivated by the awareness that God was going to do something new and they did not want to miss it. They put their money, their time and their attention into seeking.

God honored this group in a tremendous way! They experienced the *sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind* (Acts 2:2). As they gathered around the disciples they were amazed at the miracle of people from Galilee speaking in the languages of their home nations (Acts 2:6-7). The motive for this miracle was not communication of the message. They all spoke the common language of Jerusalem. When Peter preached a sermon of explanation to this group, he did it in one language. Three thousand of them responded to the movement of God and were converted (Acts 2:41). This group formed the basis for the early church.

In contrast to the seeking Jews of the Dispersion, Luke focuses one verse on the Jews of Jerusalem (Palestine). He refers to them as *“others mocking”* (Acts 2:13). They were born and raised in the Holy Land. They parallel the “elder brother” in the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). They were stale and unenthused, narrow and shut down. They focused on traditions, ceremonies and programs. God did nothing for them in this chapter.

It is true! For the people who are interested in building an institution, maintaining the established traditions, or measuring resources spent, there is little value in camp meeting. Camp meeting is a spirit. It will live on whether we do or do not get together in the summer underneath a tabernacle. It is a spirit of openness and seeking. It involves a commitment to focus my life on the desire of experiencing His person. It is an expression of those who *hunger and thirst for righteousness* (Matthew 5:6). It is *seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness* (Matthew 6:33).

More importantly, God seems to respond to this spirit. This is the group who are filled (Matthew 5:6). *All these things shall be added* to this group (Matthew 6:33). God does new things, provides a voice of explanation and abundantly changes the hearts of those who are open and seeking. The mockers crucify His Son, scorn the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and block the evangelism of the world. Their temple is eventually destroyed and their political prestige removed.

What frightens me is that I am a “Jew of Jerusalem.” I fit into this category. I have always been here. I started coming to church before I was born and have not missed a service since. I am keenly aware of all the traditions which dictate how things should be done. How can I stay open to Jesus? What will keep my heart seeking and sensitive to His movement? I believe it is found in the spirit of camp meeting and that is what I want to experience. 



Stephen Manley,
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GYRUS HAMPTON

by Chuck Millhuff

Cyrus Hampton was a blacksmith and he lived in my hometown
In front of the flying embers he bent the steel bars round
Beneath the leaves of a great Bay tree Cyrus Hampton lived and died
And he beat on iron and he beat on God and His mama sobbed and cried
The soft wind blew through an old junk pile where the battered hammers lay
Yet Cyrus pounded on solid steel was the anvil from Grandpa's day
He wore out many hammers like the preachers in our town
But like that black ole anvil God never let him down

God loved him in his cussin' and He loved him when he's mad
He loved Him just the same when he was good as when he's bad
And on the way to the ole camp meetin' we'd pass that ole Bay tree
Good folks would pray for Cyrus for the day he'd bend a knee
Mother Hampton's prayers like hammer blows rang out against his soul
And years of that camp meetin' began to take its toll
We watched ole Cyrus weaken if in you can call it that
Hot July in the ole camp shed and there Cyrus Hampton sat

The air was hot and heavy and the singin' took its toll
Ole Cyrus watched the preacher and he felt conviction roll
Then he stood up worn and weary just inside that old camp shed
And stumbled down the hard dirt isle some felt he fell as dead
Then like a piece of hot white steel our blacksmith met his match
God's hammer blows found his ole bonds and Split Hoof lost his catch
The Bay tree seemed to clap its hands for Cyrus Hampton then
And everyone in my hometown forgot how he had been

CHORUS

What a day for Cyrus Hampton What a day for my hometown
The day our big ole smithy fell with tears upon the ground
He stood up warn and weary back in 1883
But what he did in that camp shed will last eternally

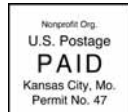
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*In 1965 while preaching in the Upstate New York Nazarene Camp Meeting with Dr. Mendell Taylor in a very old tabernacle, I wondered what the place must have been like many years before it was a Nazarene camp meeting. This historical place made me try to imagine the horses and wagons and cooking tents and all the rest of that bygone era. This was and is our heritage. The American Holiness Camp Meeting Association is at the very roots of who and what we are. I wrote this song one hot, sweltering afternoon during that experience.
—Charles R. Millhuff, D.Min.*

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