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Camp Meeting

Sitting Together In Heavenly Places

By Michael Smith

With building excitement, the weariness of driving 2,000 miles across the country began to dissipate as we neared the national campground. Fond memories of anointed singing, fervent prayers, inspired preaching, Holy Ghost conviction, and friends and fellowship of past years filled our minds with anticipation for another camp meeting. Those experiences as a child traveling yearly from Oregon to Missouri to be in camp meeting had a great impact on my spiritual life.

Many of us meet weekly with just a few. It may be two or three, twenty, or even a hundred; but there is no substitute for leaving behind the normalcy of life and entering into fellowship with a larger number of God's people for an extended time. As a child, our small congregation was relatively isolated from many of the other saints. Camp meeting was an encouragement and reminder to me even as a young person that there were others around the country with a common desire to follow God in holiness. Camp meeting is important to remind our families that "we are not alone." The

meeting of the saints can be a wonderful oasis of fellowship and love. As David said in Psalm 133:1, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" It is a time to sing, pray, exhort, preach, and share—together.



Camp meeting is a special time in worship that gives the Holy Spirit opportunity to bring revival to our hearts. I made many trips to an altar of prayer at camp meeting, and it brings joy to my heart to see the Lord still convicting our children and visitors for salvation and for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. There is power in collective worship and there is depth to the moving of the Spirit in camp

meeting as people are gathered from many different places to worship in Spirit and in truth.

Acts 3:19b states that "...times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Camp meeting is a time of spiritual renewal and refreshment in the Holy Spirit. At these times, we often gain a fresh perspective of our walk with Jesus Christ after months of carrying the

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burdens of life. It is a time of self-examination and a place for burdens to be laid at the cross. It is a time of victory and praise and healing. The songs of Zion sung with inspiration give us just a "foretaste of glory divine." At camp meeting, we oft experience the truth of Ephesians 2:6: "And [God] hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Great benefit is derived from the body of Christ coming together and members exercising their respective spiritual gifts. Hearing the Lord speak the same truth through different ministers reinforces and builds upon that which is heard in local congregations. Through unique vessels, the truth often resonates and reaches areas that might have previously been untouched. It is God's will that members edify one another in this way, and it helps to keep us spiritually balanced.

Camp meeting is a place to be stirred and invigorated with a renewed burden for lost souls. It is a place to have our vision enlarged to the mission work. It is a time to hear and respond to the call of the Spirit. "Come closer my child. My way is best. Follow me. I have work for you to do."

It is worth the time, sacrifice, money, and effort to make camp meeting a priority. The blessings of camp meeting are found not in what man does, but in the sweet presence of the Lord amongst people who gather in His name. Truly, it is rewarding to "...behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple" (Psalm 27:4b)



ON THE MONARK SPRINGS CAMPGROUND

On the Monark Springs campground
Peace and joy and love abound;
Lovers of the truth are found,
Doctrine that is pure and sound.

Saints of God in modest dress,
Unconformed to worldliness,
Meet, God's holy name to bless,
As He wills, in holiness.

On this sacred ground they meet,
In God's love embrace and greet;
Fellowship both pure and sweet
Flows from heart to heart replete.

Shouts of glory rend the air,
Heav'nly anthems rich and rare,
Purity seems ev'rywhere;
'Tis like heaven to be there.

Saints come in from far and near,
How it fills our hearts with cheer
Just to see their faces dear,
When camp meeting time is here.

Father has His table spread,
Breaks to us the living bread;
Those who serve are Spirit-led,
All who're hungry will be fed.

'Tis a pure delight to share,
Testimony, song, and prayer;
We have joy beyond compare,
For we feel God's presence there.

What a blessing just to be
Part of God's great family,
Where there's peace and harmony,
And love flows so warm and free.

When the season rolls around
'Tis so precious to be found
With the saints all vict'ry crowned,
On the Monark Springs campground.

by Harlan Sorrell

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Editorial

It is our prayer that this issue of the Faith and Victory will stir your hearts as much as it has ours as we prepared it. When remembering the blessings that have been poured out as we assembled together with God's people, our hearts are overwhelmed with thanksgiving. It is impossible to be in the presence of God in a Holy Spirit-anointed service and not leave a changed person. "For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life." II Cor. 2:16. The pleading invitation of God's spirit, whether through song, prayer or exhortation, is a precious thing.

The scriptures teach us that in the last days perilous times shall come. We are seeing the forces of sin bidding high for the souls of our children and young people. We who are established in the truth of God's Word and have had the opportunity to profit from the teachings and godly examples of the champions of faith who have gone before are now given the commission of providing the same opportunity to those who follow in our footsteps. One verse of an old song says, "Brightly beams our Father's mercy, From His lighthouse evermore, But to us He gives the keeping of the lights along the shore." Let us fervently pray for God's anointing to be felt in our services. Let us plead for His convicting spirit to touch the hearts of the unbelievers. Let us contend with the enemy for the souls of our loved ones. May we work to provide an environment in our camp meetings that will be conducive to souls obtaining the spiritual help they need.

Thank you each one who took the time to contribute some of your memories of camp meeting. We trust these few comments will be a means of helping others recollect their own memories and recall the blessings of the Lord in their own lives.

“Monark Springs” *A Personal Testimony*

Two months before he passed away, Willie C Murphey was at the Monark Springs camp meeting for his last time. In the morning service of July 22, 1985, he left a clear testimony of his love for the Lord and requested the congregation to sing with him the song, “Glorious Peace.”



I am just going to take a few minutes here and then whoever the Lord has given a message to, you are going to be at liberty to do whatever the Lord wants you to do. I

just want to do my little chore—my little duty—and tell you we need to be reminded sometimes of the goals of the present, the anticipation of the future, and what we are looking forward to.

“This morning it was my and Frances’ privilege to walk down the hill, down through the park. There were many things that came back to our minds as we looked over the grounds, of the days that are gone, of those who have been with us through the years that are passed and how we miss them today. They were old saints who stood for the truth, lived for the truth, and preached the truth. We miss them today, as we look for a steadying hand or a steadying word of advice. There are others coming on that are



living for God, too, and how wonderful that is! We hope there will be a flood of saints to just go

right on down through the years. That is what we want, isn’t it?

Anyway, we walked down and thought about the tent that used to be down on the other side of the road. You know, the Lord gave many victories in those days, just as He is still giving victories today. There are those of us who remember some of those victories, how God



worked, rebuked the devil, and gave deliverance. We are still enjoying the blessings of the Lord by the victories we had then.

One thing was a little bit impressive to me. Others were with us, and I walked by where the springs used to be, Monark Springs. I did not find any springs. Evidently they have been filled in. I did find one place where the water was kind of seeping up; the springs had evidently been covered up. But you know, there was a time when we had the meeting over there that we took the buckets and went down there and dipped up water; that is what we used for water—out of the springs! Now, I can’t find the

springs. I wonder how many springs were springing in those days, the springs of the joys of salvation, which some people have covered up today? The water isn't flowing any more. Maybe there is debris, dirt, and various things that have gotten in the way. The scripture says, "He that believeth on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" – just good fresh, running water. This is one thing I like about Missouri and Arkansas; MO, Missouri and ARK, Arkansas. Monark. The old train used to run



down there. That is one thing I like about Monark – Monark Springs. You know, salvation is free. The water just runs free over the rocks and hills, through the valleys and purifies itself. I am glad today for the springs of salvation that are still springing up in my heart.

Now, I am going to bring this to a very short conclusion here, but I just wanted to say a few words and let you know I still have the joy flowing in my soul. I enjoy living for the Lord. It is the greatest thing on earth and we are looking forward one of these days – we are going to have a homecoming like we have never been in before if we are faithful to the Lord. I think of those who have been faithful. They went through valleys of tears. They went through days of hardship and deprivation. And many conveniences we have today, they didn't have; but they loved God, they served him, and they have gone on to their reward. I am looking forward to this one of these days—that day when there is a great homecoming of the saints of God.

Bro. Kenneth asked me this morning – he said, 'Why don't you get up there and lead these songs, you know like in the good 'ole days?' Well, I tell you, I am glad other people are coming right on and able to do these things for the Lord and I don't have to do that. But I tell you, I do want you to help me sing one song. Will you do that? I believe it is #149 (*Glorious Peace*). I would like for everybody that would to help me sing this song; it is one I have learned to love down through the years. I just want you to help me sing it:"

Glorious Peace

*I came defiled and guilty, to Jesus the mighty to save,
He took my sins and sorrows, and beauty for ashes gave.*

*I came to Jesus repenting, confessing my every sin,
My heart's door swung wide open, and glorious peace flowed in*

*And since that joyful moment of glorious peace to me,
My soul has ceased its pining, my heart has been light and free.*

*Roll on, ye changing seasons, or turbulent seas of sin;
I've found a blessed shelter, and glorious peace within.*

Recollections and Memories of

Attending the Monark Camp Meeting was never a debate in our home. We counted the days until we could finally make that trip from Louisiana. Without fail, when we reluctantly attended the last service and headed for home, we were already anticipating the next year when we could repeat the experience all over again.



Monark was the highlight of our year and the grand finale of our summer vacation! Meeting friends was wonderful, but the inspired singing and preaching fed our hungry souls and equipped us with renewed spiritual energy!

At 61, I can only remember missing one Monark Camp Meeting, and even then I was watching the clock the whole week, thinking about what I was missing out on.

As a child, I loved seeing my friends; but at a very young age, God touched my heart and from then on, Monark meant so much more to me than just meeting my friends. My soul was fed and I left prepared to face the real world again with renewed inspiration to reach out to those around me.

One outstanding memory is the picture I later saw of so many saints standing around the telephone singing and praying for us as we fought one of the toughest battles of our lives in a little motel room in Malawi as our daughter, Karen, lay at the brink of death with malaria. As a result of those prayers, Karen and her family are still attending Monark Camp Meeting with us. The many testimonies shared each year remind us the days of miracles are still alive and well!



I remember as a child sitting under the tabernacle drawing circles with my toes in the sawdust floor while we waited for the dinner bell to ring, then carrying the heavy stainless steel trays through the serving line and pouring water into the tin cups. As young people we were recruited to gather around the big sinks and wash dishes, which also served as an opportunity to visit other young folks.

I am reminded of a dear brother who, knowing it was his last trip to Monark, left a letter to be read to the saints. Part of it said, "...you taught it, I lived it and it worked." Within a week he was called Home to join the many saints who have gone on before.



Who can forget Sister Kathrine Williams, hand(s) raised, walking down the sawdust aisles praising God with such joy in her heart! It was so real and genuine, her joy just overflowed on all of us.

"I remember filling our straw ticks for beds from a big pile of straw at the back of the tabernacle. We stayed in tents with dirt floors, and when it rained we would get wet from the holes in the tents. In the 1940's the dining hall was across the railroad tracks in an old building. We walked down there for our meals."

I was 14 years old, accepted by the "in crowd" at school, and knew I had to make a choice. God sent Sis Opal Wilson who preached, "That which is far off and exceedingly deep, who can find it?" I surrendered all that night and never regretted all these wonderful 54 years. Monark holds many special times!

Monark Springs Camp Meeting

From a child to this day, it was always a thrill to help clean and prepare the campground for the meeting to begin. Everyone was busy with a job for their particular skill. I remember after the new restrooms were built, Sis Ruth Murphey recruited a few of us youngsters to tear down the old "outhouse"! No matter what sacrifices were made to get everything in order, when the saints blended their voices together in singing and praising God, it was worth it!



Letting the Holy Spirit lead in the services is a trademark of the Church of God. I remember occasions when we had services without any preaching. One time, during a special song, Sister Margaret Eck said to them, "Sing another verse, here comes a soul to the altar." They kept

singing over and over as the altar was lined with people wanting Salvation.

I remember when the meals at Monark were served "family" style! We all sat down and the bowls were passed around. Brother Pat and Sister Eunice Cole grew and donated all the potatoes for the meeting. The meat and produce were donated from many others likewise. If too much was brought in, it was canned for the next year. I remember a group of us young people having so much fun preparing tomatoes for the sisters to can.

You didn't sleep late in the women's dorm because Sister Wiley was waking the young girls to get up and help with breakfast! Oh, her homemade sweet biscuits with raisins tucked inside were the best!



Oh, the memories of the hot army tents with that distinct smell! You had to get up early to dress or your clothes didn't seem to fit right all day. At night, I loved listening to the tree frogs, locusts and crickets. Dreaded hearing a distant rumble of thunder, yet I knew it was in answer to prayer for rain to cool the weather. There were times the men were out holding to the tent ropes to keep the tents from blowing away.

A memory I have is walking by someone's tent and hearing them pray. Here was the secret to the blessings of the Lord coming down in our services.



I recall when Brother Mart Samons preached so convincingly, "Steady as you go, steady as you go." It made such an impression on every listener.

When I was a child, I loved to hear Sister Wiley sing, "If it wasn't for the Lord, tell me what would I do?"

Long ago on a hot day in the kitchen, Sister Barton heaved a sigh and said, "I must have been called to be a Martha!"

I was so blessed when I was saved during Monark at the age of six. Shortly thereafter, I was baptized. When I was raised up out of the water, I heard myself saying: "Praise the Lord!"

When they were talking about building showers for the campgrounds, one old saint was overheard to say, "Why do we need showers, we're only going to be here ten days?"

Christ Makes A Personal Appeal To Every Human

By Angela Gellenbeck

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice. . . ."

In Titus 2:11 Paul tells us, "For the grace of God, that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men..." John says in John 1:9, "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Paul says again, "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." We are assured that invitation excludes no one, in any time, in any place, or in any condition. No one is forced; it is left up to a man or woman's will in the matter.

Through Creation

In Romans 1:19-20, Paul tells us that the things which may be known of God are made manifest in Creation, even the invisible things—His love, His power, His law (Matt. 5:45). So we all have an opportunity through observing the simplest things—a sunset, a newborn baby, or a raindrop—to hear the call of God, if we will only listen.

Through our Conscience

God also speaks through a man's conscience—a quiet voice within, making him feel "guilty" when he has done wrong, or "happy" when he has done something good—all without really knowing anything about God or the Bible. If a person will follow that voice and seek to know what is good and right, I believe God will lead him further to the Bible, or to a man or woman of God who can instruct him.

Through Miracles

Has God brought you up from death or miraculously spared you from dying when you did not know Him? Have you had a dream that jolted you awake, adrenaline surging, as a scene of the end of time flashed into your consciousness? What have you done with that opportunity of God's hand upon the door of your heart? Is He yet a stranger, knocking still?

Has God intervened in your life, helped you find

your keys, protected you from danger, sent a special person into your life who blesses you?

Through Preaching

God knocks at our heart's door through His Word, and it can be "preached" to us in many ways. Scripture speaks of the "foolishness of preaching" as being a means to draw souls to salvation. The gospel, preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, IS a life-transforming power to the heart that will respond to it.

Through the Printed Word

There is the power of the printed Word—on a billboard, in a gospel tract, in a letter or book written under inspiration. Did you ever consider that God was visiting you when you were struck in your heart by this "Word" that you heard or read? Or did you consider it just a coincidence that the sobering message came just when you needed

it?

Through the Holy Example of Others

We can also "hear" God's Word as it is lived before us in the lives of holy people. Oh, think of it! To have the opportunity to live around someone who knows how to pray and touch the God of heaven! Whether it be a godly father, mother, grandmother, neighbor, pastor, Sunday School teacher, or friend, God has placed someone in your life to draw you to Him. If you will seek, ask questions, request to pray with or be counseled by this holy person that you know, God will begin to speak DIRECTLY to you, and you can throw wide open the door of your heart to Him.

*"Who at my door is standing?
Patiently drawing near?"*

*Entrance within demanding, Whose is
the voice I hear?*

*Sweetly the tones are falling—
'Open the door for me!*

*If thou wilt heed my calling, I
will abide with thee.' "*





By Rodney Smith

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)

Do you remember when David said, "Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end"? (Psalm 73:17) This came on the heels of David feeling envious at the ungodly

because of their seeming prosperity—he was trying to live for God, but it seemed like the ungodly were the ones coming out on top. Have you ever been tempted to feel that way? I suspect we all have at one time or another. But then David went into the sanctuary of God and came face-to-face with an understanding of "their end."

Whose end was David really talking about? He was talking about those that lived to please themselves at the expense of promoting the cause of their Maker—the Lord God of Heaven. This, in so many ways, is similar to how people live today—striving to please the eyes, ears, and flesh, even when it conflicts with being a disciple (or follower) of Jesus. Their "end"? This means how things actually turn out versus what is advertised. There will be a time when an irreversible pronouncement of "depart from me ye that work iniquity" is proclaimed—a pronouncement that quickly negates any and all pleasure that was found while living to please self versus God. And this says nothing about the broken homes, repeated disappointments, heartache, absence of soul-peace, and

emptiness that the world experiences while living what is promoted as "the good life."

Going into the house of the Lord helps enable us to maintain a high sense of awareness regarding "the end" of the ungodly. It goes so much further than that—and this is where the pleasant part starts! I am glad for the opportunity to go into the house of the Lord (Monark being a highlight of the year) because I go away with renewed assurance, purpose, courage, and strength to stay the course. This is how the Lord intends it to be for everyone. The Lord is so faithful when He promises to bless our lives if we put Him first. The friendships forged, relationships developed, stability acquired, and purpose of life realized is immeasurably enhanced when we make attendance in weekly worship service and church camp meeting a priority.

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life...." (Psalm 27:4)

Young folks, be challenged to develop a history for yourselves and

for your children of making the "house of the Lord" and camp meeting a consistent part of your life. This "history" will come to define your future in a wonderful way if you'll let it. The history of camp meeting in my life has contributed to a blessed marriage, happy family, answered prayers (both temporal and spiritual), and a stability and purpose that the world at its best cannot offer. This is why the verse, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," stirs my heart with wonderful memories of the past, blessings of the present, and expectations of the future. Don't allow the life-changing windows of opportunity to "go into the house of the Lord" pass you by. Make them a priority and enjoy the blessings they bring!

The Fallen Trees

Or A Lesson in Christian Conduct

By Clifford Smith

To know J.W. Trimble was to love him. He was the most gentle, sweet-spirited, humble man I ever knew. He was advanced in years, not well-to-do by any means, drove an old car and rickety old pickup truck, and lived in an old farm house with an old barn (another story) on his little plot of land. Lining



both sides of the very long, narrow lane from the main road to his house were magnificent Eucalyptus trees—the subject of this little story. To fully appreciate the story, you must know one special thing about Brother Trimble:

He was a cripple.

Oh, he could walk—sort of, he just couldn't stand still without falling over unless he had something or someone to lean on. He had virtually no strength in his ankles, and when he walked, he "flopped" one foot in front of the other.

His neighbor was not a nice man. To all appearances he must have resented Brother Trimble's Christian profession (nothing new here). One day this neighbor was plowing his field, and out of spite and meanness, plowed his ground just as close to the Eucalyptus trees as he could, thus tearing into the root systems. Sure enough, in time, two or three of the trees died and fell over...across Brother Trimble's lane, thus blocking access to his house. How did he react to this vile and mean-spirited act by his neighbor and the destruction of these beautiful trees? Brother Trimble got his chainsaw going, spent many hours cutting up the trees into firewood, loaded up his pickup—all no small task,

given his age and handicap—and headed for his neighbor's house. Upon meeting the neighbor, he graciously greeted him and said, "You know, some of my trees died and fell over onto the lane. I cut them up into firewood and was just thinking how much you would enjoy having a nice load of firewood for your wood stove." (*wonder what the neighbor thought of THAT?*)

That incident had a profound and lasting effect on us young folks in our little congregation. It said more to us than many sermons on the subject of Christian conduct. I hope you remember this little story, too.

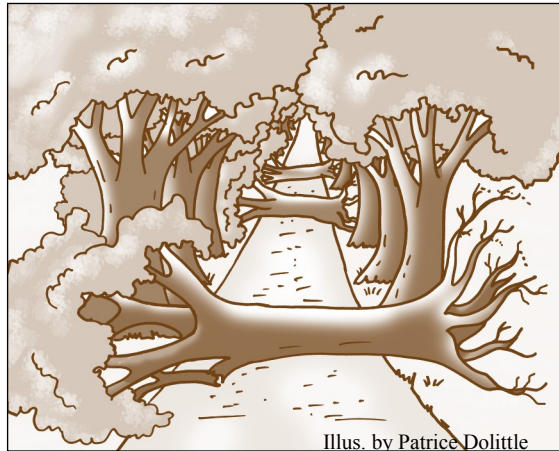
Could it sometimes be difficult for us to respond graciously to unfair and unjust treatment thrown at us? Probably. When vile and despicable things are done to us because of our Christian profession, how do we respond? How about when harsh, thoughtless, unfair, disrespectful, or hurtful words are said to us that cut to the heart, do we respond

in kind or with gentle and gracious words, manifesting nothing but the lowliness and meekness of Christ from first to last? Impossible? Too high and unreasonable a standard of living? The answer is, *no*. Jesus said, "...do good to those... that spitefully use you and persecute you." James reminds us that..."he giveth more grace." The good news is that Jesus would not ask us to do something that is impossible. If we but humble

ourselves and let God's sweet Holy Spirit fill our hearts with grace and love and longsuffering, we can conduct ourselves as Jesus would want us to and maybe win others to Christ.

The Chinese proverb has it right: *A picture is worth a thousand words.*

So are our actions.



Illus. by Patrice Dolittle



In Memoriam

Thomas Dwane Sorrell

December 18, 1957—February 27, 2014



Thomas Dwane Sorrell, age 56, of Edmond, Oklahoma passed away February 27, 2014 at his home. He was born December 18, 1957 in Thayer, Missouri to Thomas E. and Myrtle (Gaines) Sorrell. Dwane graduated in 1976 from Couch High School in Couch, Missouri. He was a former FFA President and enjoyed farming and livestock.

Dwane married Connie Miles on October 15, 1977. He was a member of the Church of God in Guthrie. Family was his priority. He was self-employed and took great pride in the quality of his steel building construction. He also enjoyed raising Rottweilers and German Shepherds.

Survivors include his wife Connie of the home in Edmond, his parents Thomas and Myrtle Sorrell of Guthrie, his children Lyndall Sorrell of Edmond, Susan Cole and husband Douglas of Granby, MO, Jennifer Sorrell of Guthrie, Kevin Sorrell and wife Kimberly of Edmond, Gerald Sorrell and wife Erika of Oklahoma City and Darlene Sorrell of the home. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Kandis, Kurtis and Adelyn, two sisters Marie Benson and husband Earl of Guthrie, Martha Zacharias and husband Ron of Spooner, WI, one brother Dale Sorrell and wife Lisa of Guthrie and a double cousin, David Gaines of Guthrie. He was preceded in death by two children Vickie and Rodney.

Services were held at 1:00 PM on Monday, March 3, 2014 at the Church of God, 304 Lakeview Avenue in Guthrie with Brother Phillip Gellenbeck, Brother Dan Doolittle, and Brother Carl Shaffer officiating. Burial was at Memory Gardens Memorial Park Cemetery in Guthrie.



...From the Mailbox

Carol Jantz

Shawnee, OK

It has been almost three years since my parents have passed on to glory. I can look back and be so thankful God gave the strength to be their care-givers. However, I have experienced ...some health issues. A few weeks ago, God let me know He was going to help me through my weaknesses. I felt very grateful and thankful. During that time, I received word that two family members were in desperate need of physical help. I felt almost overwhelmed and cried out for mercy! Early in the morning, I felt a wonderful presence. I looked up and saw a form standing beside me with long flowing robes. He reached out both hands to me. Such a wonderful blessing filled my soul. I felt a wonderful comforting presence. I began thanking Jesus for dying for our sins in our place. I shall never forget that heavenly experience when hands reached out to help and comfort me. I was feeling much better in body and later learned that my family members had also received a touch. Because Jesus is crowned, we have a hope of being called Home someday where "all is right, and there's no wrong."

Shirley Knight

Wichita, KS

I am still thanking God for all of His daily benefits. He has been so good to me and I praise him. I have enjoyed my journey thus far and mean to go right on until the battle is won. This new year seems to be quickly passing on by and we wonder how near the end is to this old world. The devil is really on his job and being too successful at tricking and deceiving people. We truly thank God for salvation and victory!

May God bless the printing work in every way.



The glorious gospel of salvation is extended to all people of all tongues of all generations. Just as the saints in the United States draw strength and fortitude from Holy Ghost-filled camp meetings, so do our brothers and sisters in Christ of other nations. It is a blessing to hear the songs of praise and worship in other languages. I have experienced some of the greatest anointing of God's Spirit while worshiping in other lands. While



cultures and customs are different, and there are ongoing shifts of philosophy and lifestyle in the world, the spiritual needs of people are the same. Hence, the message of the gospel remains applicable and relevant today. Regardless of skin color and socio-economic status, we all need a saviour to forgive us of our sins. We were all as sheep gone astray, bound by sin, and in need of spiritual deliverance and healing.

Camp meetings and ministers' meetings are being held in various countries in Africa and Pakistan throughout the year. The gospel of deliverance and holiness is reaching hundreds of people and truth is being taught at these meetings. *The Gospel Truth* publication is being distributed at many of these services to people in their native language.

May God bless each one who sacrifices for the foreign missionary efforts—for this ongoing support helps enable these meetings to take place.

Lord willing, my wife and I will be leaving with a missionary team for Kenya and Tanzania at the end of May. Let us continue to work while tis' day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

—Michael W. Smith

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Honduras

Dear Saints:

The trustees for the Honduras missionary work wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the funds for the purchase of a van for the Honduras work. The Guthrie Assembly meeting had many in attendance during the time of a special offering for the van purchase. Since it would be impractical to try to thank each one individually, please accept this note as a big "Thank You" for your love, concern and desire to contribute to this work.

As of this writing, there is a total of \$7,029.00 in the van fund. The trustees for the Honduras work believe that a good used van can be purchased on the Honduras mainland for around \$12,000 and shipped to the congregation on the island of Roatan. We thank the Lord for being this close to the amount needed for the van purchase!

Again, thank you for your support of the work of God in Honduras and in all other places. The needs are great, but our God is greater.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees for the Honduras work,
Brother Ted Bock; Brother Dan Doolittle; Brother Ivan Eck; Sister Judy Trepaigner; Brother Clifford

Attend a Camp Meeting or Revival!



Vanceburg Kentucky Spring Meeting

Friday, May 16 through Sunday, May 18

Lord willing the Vanceburg Kentucky Congregation will be having a spring meeting on the Ruggles Camp Ground. There will be two services a day with morning services beginning at 11:00 am and an evening service beginning at 7:00 pm. There will be dorms provided on the grounds (first-come basis) for those who wish to stay on the grounds, and there are also hotels about 15-20 minutes from the grounds. There will be meals prepared daily on the grounds. The meeting is run on a free-will offering basis. We are praying that the Lord will send the ministers of his choosing. For more information or directions to the grounds, please feel free to contact us. May God Bless you all.

The Vanceburg Kentucky Congregation

Ruggles Campground Rd, Tollesboro KY 41189

Dallas Cooper	Matt Howard
Home (606) 796-3645	Home (606) 796-6729
Mobile (606) 202-1366	Mobile (606) 202-1766

Oklahoma State Camp Meeting

Saturday, May 24 through Sunday, June 1

The annual Oklahoma State Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held at the campground at 304 E. Lakeview Ave Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044

Morning Service: 10:15 am
 Afternoon Service: 2:00 pm
 Young People: 6:00 pm
 Evening Service: 7:30 pm

An invitation is extended to everyone. Your presence and prayers will be appreciated. Three meals per day will be provided, and every effort will be made to provide lodging for those who come from out of town or country.

We have a ladies' dormitory. Sleeping accommodations are also available in the Sunday school rooms. The Lord has provided us with a separate family unit with twelve private motel style rooms. To the extent possible, these rooms will be reserved for families. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to reserve one of the family units and the number of nights you plan to stay. We also request you bring the necessary linens and bath items. Expenses for the meeting will be met by a free-will offering. If you would like to make a contribution, you may send it to the state treasurer:

Sis. Brenda Wilkins
 807 W. Lake Rd.
 Guthrie, Ok 73044

We welcome you to the meeting! Phillip Gellenbeck. Home phone: (405) 282-2999

Holly Hill, South Carolina Camp Meeting

Wed, June 4 — Sun, June 8

The Church of God congregation in Holly Hill, SC, would like to extend an invitation to our Annual Camp Meeting.

Prayer meeting @8 a.m., morning service at 11 am & evening service at 7 pm. There is limited lodging

at the church. For more information, please contact Sis. Beverly Pratt, 1-803-682-4258; Bro. Floyd Crummie, 1-803-516-1632; 803-614-0356 or Bro. Stephen Murphey, 918-884-9806. We hope to see you there! Holly Hill, SC

Greenbank, West Virginia Camp Meeting

Friday, June 13 through Thursday, June 19

The Greenbank, West Virginia camp meeting will begin Friday evening with morning and evening services. The camp meeting will be at the Church of God Chapel.

Meals will be provided, and accommodations will be provided in our homes. All are welcome!

Mike Carpenter	Home (304) 456-3250
Keith Beverage	Home (304) 456-4410
Marty Clevenger	Home (304) 456-3242

Sisters' Retreat

June 20-21
Tulsa, OK

Jefferson, Oregon Camp Meeting

Sunday, June 22 through Sunday, June 29

The Jefferson, Oregon annual camp meeting begins Sunday morning with morning and evening services daily through the last Sunday morning.

There are rooms on the grounds, a women's dormitory, and electrical/water hookups for RV's. Meals are provided and all expenses met by freewill offerings.

Address: 14810 Skelton Rd, Jefferson OR
For more information or to request accommodations, contact Clifford or Patsy Smith. Home (503) 581-4575; Mobile: (503) 428- 6599

Oregon Youth Camp immediately follows the camp meeting. June 30—July 2, Silver Creek State Park.

Fresno, California Camp Meeting

Sunday, June 29 through Sunday, July 6

The Fresno, California camp meeting will be held at the Church of God chapel, 388 N 1st St, Fresno, CA 97302. Come worship with us.

First Sunday: Sunday School 9:30 am; 10:30 am; 2:00 pm; 7:00 pm
Monday - Friday Services: 11: 00 am; 7:00 pm;
Saturday, July 6: 10:30 am; 2:00 pm; 7:00 pm
Last Sunday: Sunday School 9:30:am; 10:30 am; 2:00 pm

Brian Rich Mobile (559) 246-0984
Sheri Rich Mobile (559) 246-0604

Loranger, Louisiana Camp Meeting

Sunday, June 29 through Sunday, July 6

Welcome to the General Southern Campmeeting at Loranger, Louisiana. Morning and evening services are planned daily throughout the meeting. If you can join us, come praying for a blessing.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Electrical and water hookups are available for those with campers. Meals are provided and expenses met by freewill offerings.

From Loranger, go two miles south and about three and one-half miles east on Hwy. 40. For those traveling I-55, the grounds are about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit. (At the exit, take Hwy. 442 which runs into Hwy. 40.)

For more information or to request family accommodations, please contact us. Please label all messages as Re: Camp meeting.

The chapel phone is (985)878-2788.

Please do support this meeting with your prayers.
Eric Doolittle
Mobile 985 606 9660

National Camp Meeting Monark Springs, Missouri

Fri, July 18 through Sun July 27

The National Camp meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the blessings we are expecting from the Lord.

The main services are daily at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 7:30 pm. The first service begins Friday morning.

If you travel to Neosho by bus, contact us for transportation from Neosho to the campground.

The camp meeting is conducted on a free-will offering basis. There is no charge for lodging or meals on the campground. You are welcome to come and enjoy the meeting. We are confident God will supply every need. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space and trailer spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Family units are also available. For lodging contact Randel Bradley. The business managers are Mike Hightower and Paul Cole.

Randel Bradley Home (620) 226-3390
Mike Hightower Home (417) 451-3636

Spooner, Wisconsin Revival

Wed, August 6 through Sun, August 10

Welcome to a Church of God revival! N5354 Ninth St, Spooner WI 54801

Saturday services at 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm
Sunday services at 10:30 am and 2:00 pm
Ron Zacharias
Home 715-635-2994

California State Camp Meeting Pacoima, California

Friday, August 15 through Sunday, August 24

Welcome to the annual California State Camp meeting of the Church of God! The first service will

be on Friday evening at 7:30 pm with three services daily throughout the rest of the meeting. The campgrounds is located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA 91331

A hearty invitation is extended to all. Your presence and prayers will add much to the success of the meeting. Three meals are provided daily and accommodations for those needing them. Expenses are met by free-will offerings.

The phone number for the Sunset Guest home on the property is (818) 899-2022.

The chapel phone is (818) 899-9021.

Paul Phillips Home (661) 251-6956

Herbert Clay Home (818) 897-1396

Myrtle, Missouri Camp meeting

Fri, Aug 29 through Mon, Sept 1,

Myrtle Campground
County Rd 274, Myrtle MO

Welcome to the Myrtle, MO camp meeting! The first service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Friday. General services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each day throughout the meeting, with afternoon services, as announced, on Saturday and Sunday. Children's and young people's services will also be as announced.

We extend a hearty invitation to everyone to come, and desire the prayers of the saints for God's special visitation and blessings on this meeting. Dormitories are available as well as a limited number of cabins. Also, a limited number of electrical hookups are available for campers/ trailers.

In order to help with arrangements, we ask that the owners of cabin units please contact Sis. Carol Sorrell at 417-938-4493 and let her know whether or not you plan to come and use your cabin this year. The campground phone number is 417-938-4682.

Harlan Sorrell (417) 938-4336

Kindness



Cultivate the disposition of kindness. It is a sweet and beautiful grace. It is full of perfume. It will cheer and gladden the hearts

of others. It will brighten your home and make it an Eden. Put on, O beloved saint, put on kindness. Do not allow ugly feelings to creep over you and cause you to act hastily or to speak harshly. Give such no place in your life. Impatient feelings mar the image of Jesus in the soul, and they will rob your life of its sweet fragrance. Always be cheerful, never gloomy; always wear a smile, never a frown; always be kind, and never ill-willed or impatient—if you would have a close walk with God and be like Him.

—C. E. Orr

New Song Books For Monark Springs National Camp Meeting!



If you would like to contribute to the purchase of one or more new Evening Light Songs book(s) for the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs and help replace the worn, older editions now being used, a special Monark Song Book Fund has been set up to do this. Cost of one book is \$20.

Send your check or money order payable to Faith Publishing House, P.O. Box 518, Guthrie, OK 73044

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