

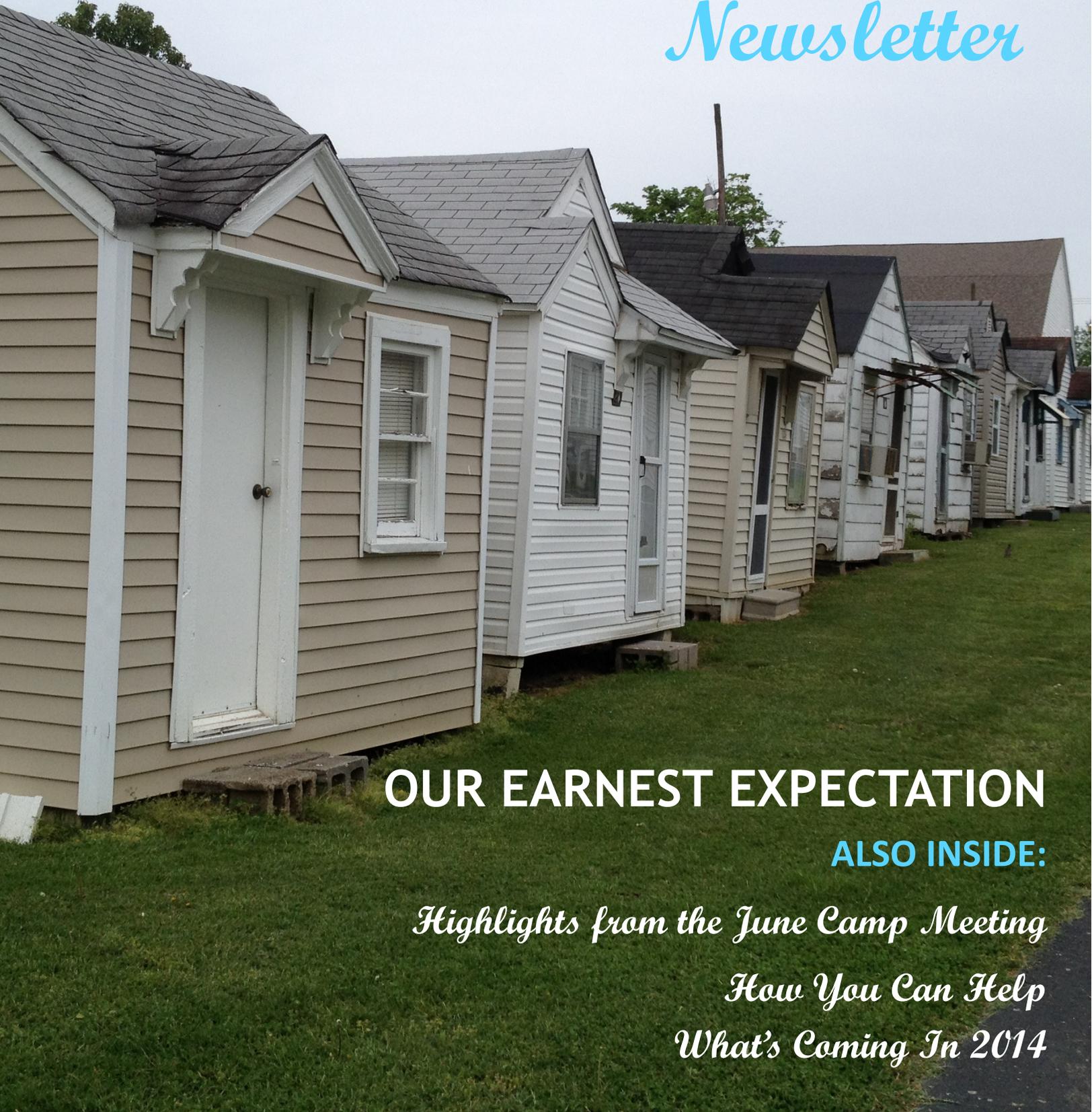
Gospel of the Kingdom Campground

October 2013 • Issue 2

Fall 2013

GOSPEL *OF THE* KINGDOM
CAMPGROUND

Newsletter



OUR EARNEST EXPECTATION

ALSO INSIDE:

Highlights from the June Camp Meeting

How You Can Help

What's Coming In 2014

CONTENTS:

Occupy 'Til I Come...Page 3

Our Earnest Expectation...Page 4

The Trustees invite you to join us for an exciting Work Week in 2014 and explain the plan for further additions in the near future.

Advancing Backward: Highlights from the June Camp Meeting...Page 6

Volunteers Needed!...Page 8

Just like the people of Israel in the Old Testament, each of us has a part in the maintenance and development of this Tabernacle.

Testify...Page 10

Words of praise from the congregation about what the Lord has done in recent Camp Meetings.

How To Make a Regular Contribution...Page 11

How can you help support the work on the campground?

Thank you to all who provided feedback regarding the first issue of this newsletter. It is our desire that this newsletter would play a role in keeping all of God's people informed and involved in the exciting changes happening in this special place.

“To God Be The Glory For It All”



Copies of the June 2013 Gospel of the Campground Newsletter are still available.

An online version will also be available soon on our website:

www.GospelKingdomCampground.org

ON THE COVER:

The cabins on the Campground are maintained by their respective owners. The majority of these tiny one-room shelters were built in the early 1930's and 1940's. Over the years, people have passed by the Campground, not knowing what it is all about, and thought it was a community of "little people".

If you currently own a cabin, it is very important that the Campground have updated contact information, as well as keys to the cabin should an emergency arise. Please contact Sister Alissa Feltenstein, Secretary of Cabins, 911 Webster Blvd., Jefferson, IN 47130. Telephone: (502) 396-0803 or Email: campcabins@yahoo.com. Transfer of ownership must be approved by Trustees.



“Occupy ‘til I come”

When last we gathered at the historic hilltop of the Gospel of the Kingdom Campground, the assembled saints could plainly see the recent improvements to the grounds and facilities. Chief among these improvements is the addition of the new history room that celebrates the heritage that all God's people share here. The many items exhibited in the history room chronicle the vision that God established on this hilltop and the gifted men and women who forged that vision into a reality.

Last June, before the paint could even dry on the history room's walls, exciting new projects were scheduled for Work Week 2014. Yet, in the midst of all these advances, the question begging an answer is whether the signs of the times deny that these investments of capital and labor are grounded in wisdom.



Matthew 24:46 “Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.”

We believe that God is directing these improvements for three reasons. First, Jesus commanded His saints to take such an approach. In Luke 19:13, Jesus compares Himself to a king who orders His servants to occupy until He returns. Having received this command, we would indeed be foolish to allow the Campground entrusted to us to fall into disrepair or disuse due to concern that the

Lord may soon return.

Second, the belief by prior generations in imminent judgment has thus far gone unfulfilled. As mentioned by Bro. Gary Wright at the last Camp Meeting, many prior generations in this body feared that an impending end meant no time remained to even marry and have children, but each of those generations have aged and become grandparents while waiting on the restoration to take place. Without doubt, each generation has its reasons for wondering if it will see the day of the Lord, but those reasons are no cause for idleness. Rather, we are persuaded that if our Lord's return is in fact near, He would rejoice to find us laboring in the field that He provided.

Third, God has prepared and preserved this Campground for such a time as this. As Bro. Sharber so clearly expounded in June, our brotherhood has forecast the end of the usefulness of this Campground many times. Yet, we can all agree that the

opposite has taken place. God has so greatly blessed our efforts and so abundantly supplied His Spirit that we are pressed to make room for all who desire to be here. Faced with such a condition, there is no time like the present for us to invest and labor on this Campground, that it may fulfill its purpose as a home for all God's people.

Did You See The Tent?

Included in the various additions welcoming the saints of God to the hilltop at the June Camp Meeting was a large overflow tent located behind the Tabernacle. This tent provided shade and shelter to the saints while they enjoyed live video and audio of the services inside the Tabernacle.



Our Earnest Expectation

Work Week 2014 and Beyond...

The June Camp Meeting was enjoyed by another capacity crowd, with public declaration that hundreds of additional saints desire to come as soon as space



is available. The addition of the tent allowed the overflow crowd welcome access to the services occurring inside the Tabernacle. Additionally, the June Camp Meeting followed on the heels of Work Week 2013, one of the most successful and dynamic work weeks in recent memory. Be glad and rejoice, saints of God, for the Lord is

doing great things!

The Gospel of the Kingdom Campground again invites all willing laborers to join us for Work Week 2014. Multiple exciting projects are already planned, pending the needed generous support of the people of God. The first project involves the renovation of the old bathrooms through the installation of commercial-grade laundromat equipment. Part of this equipment will be reserved only for official Campground use. This equipment will be a wonderful help to the many faithful saints who work diligently to provide clean linens as needed during the annual Camp Meetings. Another portion of the washers and dryers will also be available for a fee to any saints who need to wash personal clothes or linens during their time at the Campground. The total estimated cost to complete this project is approximately \$35,000.

The second project is the development of a recrea-

tional vehicle (R.V.) park along the roadside headed toward the graveyard. The plans provide for thirty level R.V. spots with full electric, water, and sewer services available.



R.V. parking with electric, water, and sewer connections will be added soon!

The total estimated cost to complete this project is approximately \$75,000. Through the goodness of God and His faithful saints, this project was partially funded at the June Camp Meeting without the use of any of the general offering funds. We invite all who read these words to join in fully funding this project. We believe this addition to the Campground will assist many families in making the Camp Meetings a regular part of their family's calendar. We look forward to

sharing in the wonderful memories that will be made through the use of this park over the years as families gather here to fellowship and experience the good things of God.

Like last year, all young people who attend Work Week 2014 to invest themselves personally in these projects will be welcome to join us for daily devotions and evening youth services. Watching young people labor faithfully on the grounds by day and minister spiritually to one another in the services at night encourages all of us that the work of God here in Shepherdsville is

still only beginning. As one generation of saints faithfully approaches the day to pass the baton that they have carried so well, the new generation of servants, leaders, and laborers is already preparing to continue their legacy.

The labor, both natural and spiritual, that has been invested in this place since the days of Bro. Sowders until now has not been in vain. To the contrary, it has produced the greatest harvest of all, a generation of young people whose lasting love and diligent dedication to this vision ensures that the best is yet to come.



Much needed laundry equipment will be installed during Work Week



Looking Ahead...

As interest in and support for this Campground continue to increase amongst the saints of God, the trustees have developed and implemented a multiple year plan of capital improvements. The laundromat and R.V. park should be commenced before the June 2014 Camp Meeting. After those projects are completed, the next stage involves

building expanded dining and kitchen space that would lessen the waiting time for meals provided on the grounds and double as overflow seating during the services. We can begin this next step in the plan as soon as funds are available. We trust that God will continue to supply the wisdom, expertise, and resources necessary to see that project completed in the relatively near future.

Like many of you, we eagerly anticipate the day when concerns about saving seats in the Tabernacle and reports of people staying home due to insufficient space are things of the past. By God's grace, there is already a generation of saints that can hardly remember those days when the Tabernacle was not regularly filled to overflowing. However, additional seating is of little benefit if the rest of the grounds cannot facilitate the larger crowds awaiting those seats. The projects outlined here that are now within reach will prepare the other facilities should God at some point direct and provide for additional space in the Tabernacle itself.

God continues to show Himself mighty on our behalf, and every Camp Meeting reveals more interest in the future of the work that God planted here in Shepherdsville. With God's help, we will continue to develop and maintain this Campground as a place of spiritual worship, a haven for godly families, a witness of a unified body, and a home for all God's people.



Additional dining and kitchen space would decrease the familiar wait for meals.



Empty seats were not always the rare find that they have now become.



Highlights from the June

Advancing Backward

In June of 2013, this Campground once again welcomed the people of God for a joyous, old-fashioned Camp Meeting. Saints, young and old alike, filled the Tabernacle and the surrounding grounds. A wonderful dispensation of the Spirit of God brought fresh anointing. Many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit for the first time. The ministry delivered present truth to the congregation, as this Campground continued again in the purpose and vision established by Bro. William Sowders so long ago.

A complete summary of the June Camp Meeting is beyond the scope of this newsletter. Yet, some of the memories made here in the heat of summer should be remembered as the first winds of autumn welcome the people of God back to Shepherdsville, Kentucky, one more time.

Bro. Alfred Daves opened the Camp Meeting with a challenge to the men of God to focus on fundamental truths like salvation, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the healing power of God. He challenged everyone listening to consider why God had brought us to that meeting. Bro. Bob

Livsey had great admonitions for the young and old to be examples for the world to follow. Bro. Michael Hunt reminded all that our fathers in the faith expected us to carry this vision farther than they did. Bro. Hunt encouraged the congregation to experience true salvation with a transformed heart illuminated by the Word of God. Bro. Jason Daves gave a wonderful tribute about Bro. Lionel Joseph's funeral and the work that continues on in Haiti.

Bro. Gary Wright challenged us to consider our ways and make sure that we hold fast to the foundational teachings of the Word of God. He challenged each individual to use the power and training we have already received rather than waiting for an infusion of additional power. He warned that those who wait on the restoration to overcome will not overcome then either.

Bro. Clyde Sharber delivered a message that without doubt edified many. Reminding us that God invested His name in this work, he challenged the people of God to stand for righteousness. He brought attention to the fact that the vision first revealed to Bro. Sowders has now



Gospel of the Kingdom Campground band is an orchestra of brothers and sisters from all over the world who have come together to blend their talents in worship and praise.

the 2013 Camp Meeting



been declared and received across the nations. As he said, *"There is plenty of work to do if you don't care who gets the credit for it and you're willing to give God all the glory for it."* He reminded us that we celebrate the move of the Spirit among us while other groups seek to hide the demonstration of God's Spirit in a back room somewhere. While recalling the gifted men in our collective past, he reminded us that our best days are still to come. He elevated the commission received by Bro. William Sowders as the common thread uniting this body, and he challenged everyone to hold their father's doctrine loose enough that we can fulfill that original vision of restoration by building strong local churches that stand together in unity.

Later, Bro. Glen Goodwin reminded the church of

the foundational principles of worship in the body of Christ. Bro. Craig Jackson continued that focus with a stirring warning against Bethel worship that would be mere noise unto the Lord. Bro. Jackson reminded us that no sacrifice is too much when it means doing things the right way. He finished his message with a detailed warning against building on any other foundation than that which was first laid.

With thankful hearts, we receive the challenge from these men of God to remember our foundation and take heed how we build thereon. With a full awareness of the heritage we share and a diligent acceptance of our opportunity to further this vision, we look forward to even greater things at this Camp Meeting!



June Camp Meeting 2013

What Kind of Heart Do You Have?

In an age of crystal cathedrals and corporate churches, our method of abstaining from debt, using volunteer labor, and depending upon freewill offerings may seem like an odd way to maintain and develop this Campground. Yet, as with everything else that we do in our quest for restoration, we take the Scriptures as our teacher and example. The means by which the people of God build, maintain, and support a Tabernacle are the same whether that Tabernacle is in an ancient Arabian wilderness or on a modern Kentucky hilltop.

For this Campground to develop in the stages described earlier, we must rely upon the people of God to be wise-hearted, willing-hearted, and warrior-hearted.

Before, during, and after every Work Week and Camp Meeting, this Campground is dependent on the saints and ministers of God to be wise-hearted. Just as in Exodus, God has anointed and prepared skilled laborers among us for such a time as this. As an example, a few months ago, God inspired the trustees to begin the laundromat project using the old bathrooms. As the project was announced, God provided a brother among us with years of experience in installing commercial laundry equipment. In the coming years, we will need to know who the wise-hearted are among us and how to contact them when a need in their specialty arises. If God has blessed you with a trade or profession that could be of assistance, we invite you to fill out the wise-hearted form available on our website.

The wise-hearted can only use their expertise if the willing-hearted fulfill the special call they receive from God. Our God is the same today as He was in the days of Moses. We are thoroughly persuaded that God can and will inspire such a willing-hearted offering that the funds will be sufficient for all the work, and too much. The laundromat and R.V. park are currently in need of funding so that labor can begin at the next Work Week. If you would like to be a key part of funding this project or additional future projects, please fill out the willing-hearted form available on our website.

Finally, if we could add one group to the Old Testament pattern, we need warrior-hearted men and women of prayer. These individuals will commit to praying for fund-raising needs and for the safety and success of the workers during the projects. To commit to this responsibility and receive specific prayer request updates, please fill out the warrior-hearted form available on our website.

From Exodus 35-36

Every **wise hearted** among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded; For God filled them with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; And He put in their hearts that they may teach. Then wrought every **wise hearted** man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded. And all the women that were **wise hearted** did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a **willing heart**, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD. And they came, both men and women, as many as were **willing hearted**, and brought an offering unto the LORD. And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

More Camp Meeting Highlights

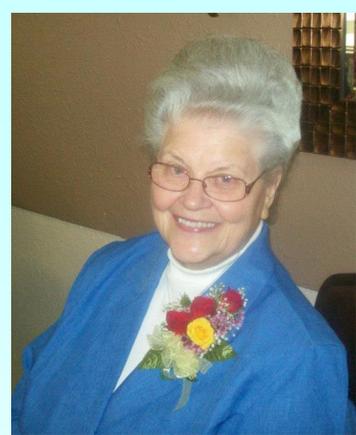
Recently I was asked to write about what the June Camp Meeting meant to me, and I counted it an honor to be asked for my thoughts. To me, the campground is a special, hallowed place since it was purchased by Bro. William Sowders back in 1935. It was chosen by him and God to be a place where all of God's people could come together to worship our Lord and Savior.

I wasn't there in 1935, but I have heard the stories and read about how the truths that we hold dear today were thrashed out by men of God. My mother told me that the Spirit of the Lord was so strong in those meetings that people sat on the edges of their seats straining to hear every word brought forth. These truths have been passed down through the generations of people and we are still receiving them today. It is amazing to me that after all these years it still excites me as the time draws nearer to start packing to go to Camp Meeting. I can hardly wait to get there and mingle with the wonderful family of God.

In June 2013, I was still just as excited to get there and it thrilled my soul to see a huge tent set up behind the tabernacle for the expected overflow of people. They installed a big flat-screen television and brought in a huge fan to try to make it as comfortable as possible.

The meeting started on Monday night, and oh, how my soul rejoiced when the band started playing, "Lord, My Heart Is Open". How appropriate for the first night of Camp Meeting. Bro. Robert Livsey from Jersey-

ville, Illinois was the first and only speaker for this evening and what a mighty job he did. On Tuesday evening, Bro. Bill Bass from Paragould, Arkansas spoke and did an excellent job. Little did we know that this would be the last time we would get to see him or hear him speak—Bro. Bass passed away shortly after the meeting on August 29th.



Radine Rowe, Godfrey, IL

On Wednesday, Bro. Daniel Sturgeon from Stillwater, Oklahoma spoke. He is always such an inspiration to me for the way he loves the Lord and His people. Soon after that, the youth choir sang and filled the tabernacle with praises. Thursday, Bro. Glenn Goodwin from Des Moines, IA spoke and gave us ten points to look for in a Body of Christ song. This was so edifying. On Friday, Bro. Rick Moore of Green, Ohio talked about the issues of the heart and getting back to the basics and the practical side of pastoring.

Going to the Camp Meetings never get old. I come away refreshed with a new zeal to keep going on with this wonderful Body of people as we count down the days until the next meeting on Shepherdsville Hill. • by Sis. Radine Rowe

My grandson, Broch Holmes, age 12, was helping Sis. Joines in the P.A. booth in the balcony of the tabernacle, Wednesday night while the young people were getting a blessing. He was sitting on a stool next to Sis. Joines when Sis. Joines heard someone speaking in tongues next to her and looked and it was Broch! He was speaking in tongues and then fell off his stool on to the floor face down in a spiritual condition. Praise God that was a prayer answered. • by Bro. David Emmons

I enjoyed every talk given at the June camp meeting. It was an outstanding meeting. However, the report that Bro. Jason Daves gave on Bro. Joseph's funeral was really touching and such a tribute to Bro. Joseph and then the spirit that touched Bro. Jason as he gave his report and it went into "temple worship" of the congregation was amazing; just wish it could have lasted longer!

I think someone was asked to start a song in the middle of that; too bad we aren't taught more that sometimes music at the wrong time can run off the dove. We were always taught here in our church that "temple worship"

doesn't require music. Bro. Goodwin gave a wonderful talk on music but I don't recall if he mentioned anything about this aspect of music. I thought Bro. Jason's report of Bro. Joseph's funeral was such a wonderful tribute to

Bro. Joseph's life; what an example Bro. Joseph was and the spirit witnessed to it! • by Sis. Donna Mofley



Jimmy & Donna Mofley, Humble, TX

June Camp Meeting 1953—Testimony

As a young child of twelve years, I was privileged to go to the Shepherdsville Campground. Two years before the June 1953 Camp Meeting, I had contacted a life-threatening bone disease and was in the hospital two months and four days before I was sent home with a body cast for eighteen months, and then a restrictive brace and crutches.

My Grandmother, Jesse Davis, had always been a "prayer warrior" and faithfully traveled to Elcho Hill, Galena, and Shepherdsville. On Sunday morning, March 15, 1953, I went to church with my Grandmother. It was just a small humble church with few dedicated Christian people. I had not walked on two feet for two

years, and our pastor, Brother Short, had passed away, but there was a strong bond of love and worship in the people. The "saints" prayed for me and the braces came off, and crutches hung over the windows. I walked home-eight blocks- that day March 15, 1953....healed!

I really wanted the Holy Ghost and it was soon time for the June Camp Meeting....I got to go! I even got to serve in the dining room carrying buckets of water to fill the cups of the people. It was Thursday night June 3, 1953; kneeling down at an old, wooden chair near one of the tabernacle pillars, that I received the Holy Ghost. *Praise The Lord – I feel it now!*



Bud & Lula Walls, Tulsa, OK

I am blessed with a wonderful Christian family with four generations faithfully attending Shepherdsville, serving the Lord and His people. I have sat under the ministry of Brother Ralph M. Angelo, Ralph W. Angelo, and presently Bro. Thomas Iglar. Am I blessed? YES!!! Praise the Lord!!! • by Sis. Lula Walls

"You Won't Leave There Like You Came"

When Camp Meeting rolls around, I cannot help but get excited about the prayer meetings, I look forward to each and every one. The prayer meetings are chocked full of everything you would need to feel like you've been to Camp meeting. We are blessed to hear testimonies from saints around the world, who tell us of their trials and triumphs, some sing their testimonies, some preach, some just weep, and we always have a season of wonderful, spirit filled prayer.

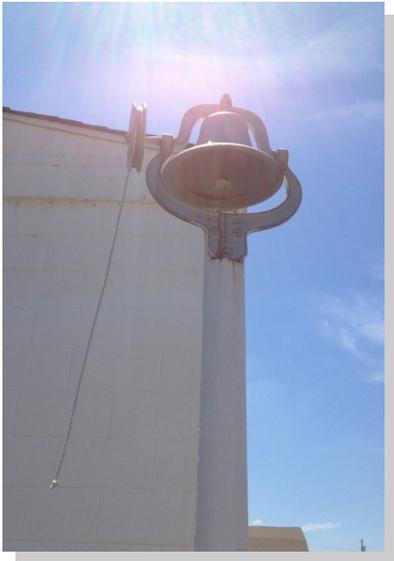
We are only there for one short hour, but last June we heard a Haitian sister tell of how the Lord showed her and then gave her the victory over vengeance. Another young man told us of his addiction to drugs and a life of sin and his journey to healing and health and a purposeful life in Christ. Last fall, Bro. Finnicum spoke to us about the name of Jesus, the Warren sisters sang to us of the 'City of Gold', Sis. Johnson, never fails to give a wonderful testimony of blessings and healings and Sis. Carolyn Wood, who has now passed on, gave a precious testimony of a healing and miracles the Lord blessed her life with.

I could go on and on telling of the testimonies, the healings, the miracles and the remarkable courage the saints of God have given us in these prayer meetings. I could tell you that The Lord is gracious to meet with us each morning, that His precious name is magnified, and that you won't leave there like you came. But you need to come and see for yourself what I'm talking about. I never leave there without being encouraged and my faith increased in God and his people. • by Sis. Carmen Rowe



Danny & Carmen Rowe,
Godfrey, IL

How You Can Make A Difference...



The bell used to ring when dinner was ready. It is still located near the kitchen entrance to the dining hall.

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter!

These are exciting times at the Gospel of the Kingdom Campground. The winds of autumn will soon embrace these Kentucky hills, and within only a few days each of the buildings will be secured for the coming winter. Although several months will pass before spring brings us to another Work Week, the labor of preserving and developing this Campground never stops. We prayerfully invite you to claim your part in supporting this work of God.

With our roots planted firmly in our past, and our vision cast boldly into the future, the Gospel of the Kingdom Campground invites you to participate in the exciting projects that will be coming in the near future. Please use this form to send a weekly, monthly, or one time, tax deductible donation to the Campground.

Thank you in advance for your loving support!

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matt. 6:21



Yes, I want to help support the Gospel of the Kingdom Campground.

I would like to contribute: \$5 \$25 \$100 \$500
 \$10 \$50 \$250 Other Gift: _____

I hereby pledge to send my payment: Now Monthly Quarterly Yearly

I have enclosed a check made payable to: **Gospel of the Kingdom Campground**

I want to make my payment online using a credit/debit card.*

Name

Address

Phone

Fax

Email

**Please return this form with
your payment and mail to:**

Gospel of the Kingdom Campground
c/o Gene Wyatt, Treasurer
277 Adrian Ave.
Mt. Washington, KY 40047

For online donations,
please visit us on the web at:
www.GospelKingdomCampground.org *

*Available soon

"I stand here tonight looking back with no anger or bitterness. I stand here tonight looking in the future without fear. But I stand here tonight with an awareness of where I am and what God is doing in this great hour."

—Bro. Craig Jackson, June 2013 Camp Meeting

GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM
CAMPGROUND

ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE WELCOME

Founder: William Sowders

www.GospelKingdomCampGround.org