



# GOSPEL *of the* KINGDOM CAMPGROUND

*Newsletter*

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## **Did You Know...?**

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**ON THE COVER:** "The Bell" is located on the north side of the dining room. In the past, cooks would use the bell to notify everyone on the grounds that it was meal time.

# A School on the Campground

On March 11, 1945, in response to a question from a sister in the congregation, Bro. Sowders expressed his desire that one day, if time permitted, there could be a school for children on the Campground. Foretelling the challenges of raising godly children in a modern culture, Bro. Sowders expressed serious concerns about the influence of the world on the children of the church. History reveals that plans for an academic school at the Campground were ultimately not pursued.

Today, one of the goals of the Campground remains to come alongside families and to assist them in training godly children in an ungodly world. During the work week, young people are given ample opportunity to learn skills and trades that will assist in practical living. During Camp Meetings, young people are welcome to serve the Body of Christ, developing character that will last a lifetime. Scores of young people have found these gatherings to be a source of positive peer pressure to encourage and inspire them to continue in this race.

To you dear parents, whether your children are the youngest of newborns or young adults, know that you and your children are welcome in this place. It is our desire that these grounds would be a sanctuary for your family, a place where you can grow together, worship together, and serve God's people together. While the lame walking or the blind seeing might gather more attention, there is no miracle so wonderful as a young child coming through a prayer line, or a snack line, speaking in a heavenly tongue.

This Campground belongs to you. It is here to assist you in training young ones to clean a toilet for Jesus, to support you in praying through with a prodigal, and to welcome you in joining the next generation. Let the little children come unto Him, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. ▪

# Of Blessings Received

Each time we gather together here, abundant opportunities for blessings arise. Many of these blessings are divinely disguised as surrendered seats, uncooked meals, unwashed dishes, and dirty toilets. Just like those sitting in the Tabernacle, those who partake of these special blessings give up time, money, vacation, and other things to be here. Yet, if we were to ask those faithful saints who gave up their seats, cooked those meals, washed those dishes, and cleaned those toilets, they would testify with one accord that they have often received the greatest blessing from these unrecognized moments of service rather than in the great sermons and prayer lines in the Tabernacle.

As the crowds attending the Camp Meetings continue to grow with no signs of slowing, the need for volunteers to partake of these special blessings continues to grow with it. The overflow tent has become a fixture at the June Camp Meeting, and it has been warmly received as an alternative to the old dining room seating. As Bro. Jason Daves aptly explained in June, we must shake ourselves from our familiarity with these surroundings and remember that each of us is needed in service to the Body of Christ.

If you, too, desire a blessing from God, we invite you to partake of these behind-the-scenes sacrifices. In so doing, we also encourage you to trust a sovereign God to bless you from the abundance of His heart. He alone knows how He will bless you for your sacrifices, but come to Him without negotiation or bartering. As the heavens are above the earth, so are His ways and thoughts above our ways and thoughts. We could fill endless pages with the spiritual, physical, relational, and financial blessings that the faithful servants of God have received for their time and energy invested and sacrifices made in these Camp Meetings. To give just one example from last June, of the 13 children who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the snack line on Thursday night, many of them had spent the entire meeting with their parents in the overflow tent after surrendering seats inside the Tabernacle. There is no blessing that compares to watching your children be born from above. With hearts overwhelmed by the blessings received in June, we invite each of you to lay aside the quest for the best seat in the Tabernacle or the first spot in the prayer line and pick up the mantle of service.

The path of servitude was chartered by our Lord and followed by great men of God, including the famous story of Bro. Patton cutting meat to feed the people during his early Camp Meetings. It is a path followed by hundreds of faithful servants who dedicate their lives to helping these Camp Meetings proceed smoothly. **We invite you to be blessed.**



# The Time

When we most recently gathered together at the Campground, it was quickly apparent that the brethren came with heavy burdens and serious business on their minds. The gathering tempest in the ungodly and religious worlds brought a sense of expectancy to this hilltop. The wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit christened this growing sense of urgency. A unique anointing led many to conclude that God was doing something special in our midst. The testimonies of men formerly of the Assemblies of God, Church of God, United Pentecost, and other denominations mixed with reports of God's work in Haiti, the Philippines, Kenya, Mexico, and Honduras compelled an undeniable conclusion--the time to labor is upon us. Our salvation, and the salvation of all God's people, is indeed nearer than when we first believed. With the writer of Hebrews, we can say that time and space would fail us to address all that was said, but we nevertheless fondly recollect in these pages some of the highlights of a meeting we will long remember.

Bro. Jason Daves opened the meeting with a reminder that God is calling His people out of Babylon, a theme that would become central to all that followed that week. The following morning, Bro. Alfred Daves stirred the brethren to warn the people and preach God's gospel for this hour. He then challenged the saints to be aware that the day of salvation is now.

Bro. Wright from Humble, Texas, quickly followed in this theme, reminding us that we are living in Bible times and will be held accountable for the vision we have received. Bro. Wright warned against delayed overcoming, asking how long we can procrastinate overcoming and still expect eternal life. He explained that the

ingathering of God's people as they flee from Babylon should compel us to run faster least another steal our crown. The time to judge ourselves is now.

Bro. Goodwin rose with another warning, explaining the easy steps that lead people to abandon the ones they once loved and the churches they once built. The first step is to act autonomously. This step is naturally followed by people becoming offended. Third, people become passive, and then become critical. Fifth, people play politics, seeking validation by recruiting others. Next, people are deceived into believing they are actually correct, which is followed by open rebellion, as these individuals destroy the people and ideas they once embraced. Finally, these people leave, continuing their campaign of iniquity. The time to make a decision is now.

Bro. Green from Wichita, Kansas, brought an invitation to remember the slow work of fasting and prayer, poignantly reminding us that we must remain faithful on behalf of those brothers and sisters who we yet know not, who are crying themselves to sleep at night praying for a better way. Bro. Snipes from Jacksonville, Florida confirmed this reality with a declaration that God is seeking a true Pentecostal church with power from on high to continue the work for another generation. Bro. Albert Adams followed with a celebration that we are entering another dimension in the Lord. He compelled us to be an overcomer now.

The next morning, Bro. Budd encouraged all to realize that just as the body of the beast is assembling, so the Body of Christ is more unified now than ever before. He exhorted us to remember that God fights battles for men of

# is Now

covenant, and that though we be outnumbered, outmaneuvered, and outgunned, God can bring us victory now.

Bro. Dycus reminded us that God can slow the rise of the beast as He wills, a statement that proved accurate when Tony Palmer, the Anglican bishop dispatched by the Pope to entice the Pentecostal denominations back to Rome, was suddenly killed in a motorcycle accident only a few weeks after the last Camp Meeting. Bro. Dycus further admonished us to realize that Christ's commands are not grievous and that we can follow His commands now.

Shortly thereafter, Bro. Moore added his warning concerning the gathering forces of Rome and the end of the Protestant protest. He compelled all to train up their children to keep covenant in opposition to the beast, noting that the baptism of the next generation in the Holy Ghost is cause for celebration across Heaven and Earth. He again encouraged us to shout the invitation of welcome to God's one Body of Christ to those faithful saints fleeing from the crumbling Christian denominations. That evening, God brought witness of His supernatural work through brethren from Haiti, the Philippines, Honduras, and Mexico, who in one accord glorified God for His marvelous work in these foreign lands. We are beginning to find the thousands who have not and will not bow a knee to this modern Baal. The time to shout the call, "Come out!" is now.

Bro. Finnicum stood to stir the people to labor in evangelism and missions, noting that this people is pressed up against the vail, one step from another dimension in God. Bro. Sharber joined in celebrating our earnest expectation, noting that this work of God is more expansive than ever. They encouraged all to labor now.

The same day, Bro. Wilkerson delivered a message instantly recognized for its depth and import. Noting that we are without excuse if we fail in our mission, he unpacked the plan of God for the Gentiles through a careful examination of Romans 15:9-13. In a message that must be heard in full to be properly appreciated, he demonstrated that Psalm 18 linked the Gentiles to Christ's rejoicing for His personal victory, that Deuteronomy 32 gave the Gentiles part in the rejoicing of His chosen people for the grace He shed upon them, that Psalm 117 invited all the nations to praise together for His steadfast love, and that Isaiah 11 gives the Gentiles the hope of the Millennium. God gives us all this although we were without strength, ungodly, irreverent, sinners, and enemies of God. Let us rejoice now!

Thursday night, Bro. Sturgeon reminded us of God's divine providence in starting this work and leading people from pagan fires and religious efforts to this more excellent way. In the final service, Bro. Coles and Bro. Blevins encouraged us to do the will of God in charity now.

Brothers and Sisters, let the whole world know. Luther's protest may be over, but God's restoration, of which His steadfast, stubborn love has made us each a part, is alive and well, being daily strengthened by a spiritual downpour from Heaven and reinforced by the faithful refugees seeking sanctuary in spiritual Jerusalem. Whether our Lord returns in this generation or one hundred years from now, our time is now. ▪



# The Cedar Is Fallen

The June Camp Meeting brought us clear, repeated alarms about the awakening beast. As the Pentecostal denominations abandon their Lord and embrace the Pope of Rome with open arms, the reality of a healed beast confronts us. Like John the Apostle, we are often tempted to wonder and marvel at the influence of the Mother of Harlots and the spineless surrender of her daughters. Yet, as the first king of Babylon's meteoric rise was the predecessor to the angel's command to cut down the tree (Daniel 4:14), so the present potentate's ascension is only a sign that another mighty angel will soon cast the millstone of modern Babylon into the sea (Revelation 18:21).

In one sense, we thrill that our sovereign God will one day avenge the blood of the saints (Revelation 18:20). On the other hand, we know that when a tree of such magnitude is felled, it crushes many beneath its fall. Many godly men, holy women, and beautiful families serve God in the shadow of a system that will crush them when it finally collapses beneath the weight of its own iniquities.

This sober reality makes our calling increasingly urgent. For thousands upon thousands of the remnant that has not bowed a knee to Baal, time is quickly running out. In every opportunity God gives us, we must raise the battle cry, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Revelation 18:4). Babylon

is preparing to receive double her wrongs. In a short time, her songs shall grow silent, her craftsmen shall vanish, her millstone shall cease grinding, her candle shall dim, and the voice of the Bridegroom and His bride shall be heard no more at all in her. (Revelation 18:22-23).

As God stirs His remnant to flee from the pending destruction, we are blessed with the pleasure of not only shouting the alarm to "come out," but also extending the wonderful invitation to "come in." All who God brings out, He intends to bring in to the place appointed.

(Deuteronomy 6:23). Our last Camp Meeting was a lovely reminder of how many of us are only a generation removed from our own invitation to come out and come in.

This Campground endures as a home for all God's people, many of whom will soon realize how desperately they need that new home in the Body of

Christ. Each time we gather here, we find that God has added to our number new strangers and pilgrims whose excited testimonies remind us of how we, too, started on this journey. For as long as God permits us to gather on these grounds, these weary wanderers will be welcomed with open arms. To the stranger snared in the hoar's abominations, come out! To the virgins without number, come out! To the thousands who have not bowed a knee to Baal, come out! To all God's people, wherever you may be found, come out. Come in. And come home. ▪



# In One Accord

As Bro. Wilkerson well explained in June, the condition of being in one accord in one mind is not some unique experience of the day of Pentecost, but a command to the Body of Christ as a normal state of being. These general meetings provide some of the greatest opportunities for that to occur. It is not a description we hope to achieve someday in the future, but rather a condition that we strive for every time we assemble together here.

It has oft been suggested that many who would like to attend the Camp Meetings do not or cannot come because of lack of seating in the Tabernacle. While we recollect fondly of days long ago when such comforts were not a concern or limitation to the people of God, it is sometimes difficult to lay aside such concerns in the pre-

sent. Yet, as the sermons reminded us in June, we gather together here with an earnest expectation and a beautiful covering from the Holy Spirit. As Bro. Jason Daves predicted from the opening of the last meeting, we have received beautiful testimonies of those who surrendered their seats in the Tabernacle and spent almost the entire meaning in the overflow tent.

However crowded it may have been in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, none of those seeking the Holy Spirit were willing to miss out on the opportunity. Our desire to be together in one accord is only as great as the thing that makes us quit. A healed beast necessitates a healed Body of Christ. We pray that no seat, or lack thereof, prevents anyone from being a part of that healing.▪

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