

## California Emmanuel Chapter Rally Report Spring 2017

The California Campers For Christ rally was held from April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> at Wilderness Lakes RV Resort, in Menifee, meeting in the outdoors with folding chairs, tables, and a food canopy tent next to President Robb and Jody Judkin's motor home. On opening evening we gathered for assorted croissant sandwiches, chips, and macaroni salad provided by the chapter. After eating, each of the 23 members and guests present told something interesting about themselves. Others came on successive days. We were saddened to learn that Ralph and Jeanette Hood and Jerry Branam and Lynn Sears would not be able to join us due to ill health. Our hearts and prayers go out to each of them.

Friday morning coffee was ready at 8:30 a.m., thanks to Dave Johnson. Fellowship time was followed by corporate prayer in a circle outdoors, praying for those we know who are sick or have certain needs, for Campers For Christ, for the USA including President Trump and other elected officials, and for Israel. Larry Shea led praise and worship with his guitar. The morning message was brought to us by Bill Whorton. He gave an inspiring talk and referenced verses in both the old and new testaments, speaking on Biblical prophecy relating to current events in the world. Friday afternoon was free time. We all met back at the campsite for a filling pot-luck supper with delicious foods prepared by the members and guests. Evening service praise and worship was led by Judy Wise on her guitar, followed by an intellectually inspiring message by Dr. Don Johnson. He spoke from his vast knowledge of scientific matter, telling us how it relates to God and Jesus and ultimately to our bodies and personal lives. He talked about Laminine which is the protein substance that holds ALL things together, and somewhat surprisingly, the structure is in the shape of a **cross**.

On Saturday, after coffee and corporate prayer. Robb Judkins read a profound prayer for us to use and follow on a daily basis. Larry Shea again led the group in praise and worship and guitar accompaniment. Then Chaplain Jody White-Judkins presented the Communion elements with scripture verses from I Cor. 11:23-26. Then Robb and Jody spoke to the group about healing. Various ones briefly shared how God had healed them according to the scriptures. Robb called for anyone who wanted to be prayed for to come to the front and be anointed with oil. Robb prayed for everyone as Jody applied a dab of oil on their foreheads. Each person's need was personal and not shared. However, by that evening, Terry Maraccini shared that her shoulder had been too painful to raise her arm, but after the prayer she noticed a great difference and was able to raise her arm without pain. Following the morning service CFC/Emmanuel chapter had a business meeting to elect new officers replacing those who had resigned. New officers are Vice President Dave Johnson, Secretary Betty Bergfalk, Treasurer Jody White-Judkins, and appointed positions of Wagon Masters Dave Johnson and Don Johnson, Praise and Worship Leader Larry Shea, and Sunshine Chairperson Betty Johnson.

At noon the group met in the Family Lodge for lunch followed by candy BINGO. Those from CFC who attend were asked to wear their CFC logo T-shirts or vests as a testimony to other people in the park. The 5:00 meal was another pot-blessing meal, followed by praise and worship and Rev. Robb Judkins speaking on Psalm 23 . The wind came up briskly, so the auction was postponed until Sunday evening in the Lodge. Sunday morning everyone gathered in Family Lodge for the regular weekly church service, led by Wilderness Lakes Pastor Bob Neral. Lunch was 'on your own'. Rather than an evening speaker, the group gathered again the Lodge for a fun time with members and guests presenting a variety show. This is a chance to share a song, play an instrument, read a poem, or tell a short story, usually with a Christian theme. After the entertainment we had our semi-annual Auction of donated new and used or hand-made items. It generated \$215.00 of which a large percentage is then given to needy families who also receive an assortment of non-perishable foods donated by our members. Following the auction everyone enjoyed coffee, punch, and cupcakes provided by Emmanuel Chapter.

Monday morning activities at the campsite was a time for coffee and donuts, putting equipment away, and say goodbye until the next rally, which will be held from 9-28-2017 to 10-02-2017, at Wilderness Lakes RV Resort, Menifee, Calif.