



# The Campground Witness

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**Acts 1:8 (NKJV) "And you shall be witnesses to me...to the end of the earth"**

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## **From The President:**

Well, the Holidays are among us. Last weekend we had the opportunity to camp out at our local Wilderness Lakes in Menifee Ca. On Friday we had about 25 CFC Emmanuel Chapter members join us for Thanksgiving dinner. We had an incredible feast of food. Fortunately my sister Vicki lives just a few minutes away and was able to cook a 25 lb turkey and bring out to enjoy. Each attendee brought a predetermined side dish. Wow did we have a meal. After dinner several members stuck around and played games while I attempted to fish with my niece Evalina. My wife Jody spent time fellow shipping with others. On Saturday night about 20 people came back for a campfire, smores and the singing of Worship and Christmas songs (mind you it was 75 degrees). We then finished the evening with our daughter Ashley and grandsons Gavin and Evan's arrival and staying overnight for a fun filled day Sunday. What a wonderful night. Truly a great blessing to be able to spend this time with our extended CFC family.

As I sit by the Christmas tree tonight I am thinking about the upcoming celebrations. Christmas the birth of Jesus Christ, what an awesome time it is to be a believer. A time to celebrate that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten son, so that all who would believe on him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Christmas is a time to celebrate what God has done for us individually and as families. A time to share with others what a Christ life is all about. My wife Jody and I have a radio program on [www.hoperadio247.com](http://www.hoperadio247.com) called Day by Day with Robb & Jody (you can play and download past episodes from the website). On our radio program over the past couple of months we have spent a considerable amount of time talking about the Great Commission, Evangelism and sharing the Gospel with others. Christmas is a natural time to share our faith with others.

The world has become so commercialized with Santa Clause, Reindeer and Snowman. When we as Christians celebrate with more reference to Christ we stand out as a light in a dark world. What a great opening to witness to people. When our decorations include a manger scene, angelic images and references to Christ we show others the real meaning of Christmas. Spending time with those we love represents Christ love more than the latest fad or trend gift we buy. I am encouraged when I come across a home decorated for Christmas and there is a Manger scene or angels present. Sadly it seems that less and less people decorate and celebrate in this manner.

Whether you agree or not with President Trump I am excited to see his stance on Christmas. He and Melania have returned the real reason of Christmas to the White House by once again displaying a Manger Scene and by his many comments made about Christmas. It is my prayer that the believers of this nation will come together and celebrate Christmas as the birth of Jesus Christ once again.

Jody and I pray blessings over you and your families as we prepare for this great day. May God Bless You this Christmas and as we enter into the New Year.

Be Blessed Camping in the Shadow of the Cross.

Reverend Robb Judkins, President Campers for Christ Ministries

## **Chaplain's Corner:**

Blessing and greetings in the most high name of Jesus Christ!

Campers, Did you know that you can have; "Victory Over Guilt"? John 3:16-17

John 3:16-17 (NASB) 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His [a]only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

At times, people are bound by guilt long after the feeling should have been resolved. Some rightly live with it because they refuse to give up the sin that brought it on. Meanwhile, others suffer the weight of false guilt because they harbor shame that doesn't belong to them. Whatever the root cause of your condemnation, the battle plan remains the same.

Victory over guilt begins with understanding that Jesus took our shame to the cross and paid our penalty. There is no way that we can pay for our own sin. But we do need to honestly identify the source of our guilt and confess before God. That means we agree with His perspective on what we've done. In other words, we admit when we're wrong. Repentance goes a step further: we turn away from the wrong and choose to do right.

Confronting guilt in this way replaces the weight of shame in our heart with peace and joy, which are far lighter and more freeing. And an amazing side effect is that we have wisdom to share. Openness about our past mistakes, resulting consequences, guilt burdens, and forgiveness can reveal the Lord to those in our sphere of influence. Through our witness, God may reach others who need their guilt chains broken.

The battle to overcome guilt is one that should not be delayed. The feeling won't just go away. Whether your condemnation is true or false, it needs to be dealt with quickly. Stop running, and face the source of your guilt. It's time to end your captivity and start walking in the joy of God's blessing.

Until we meet again, KEEP LOOKING UP!

In His service, Dusty Guy, Senior Chaplain, CFC

## **Rally Reports**

### **Emmanuel Chapter Fall 2017 Rally Report**

On Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Campers For Christ 26 members, friends, and guests met at Wilderness Lakes RV Resort in Menifee, CA, with a fellowship dinner provided by the chapter. We gathered outdoors next to Robb and Jody Judkin's motor home, conveniently located near the restrooms, trash receptacles, and not far from the entrance gate.

After the meal, President Robb read the rally events schedule and then allowed time for fellowship and testimonies. George Maraccini told of a recent experience when his truck broke down on a deserted road in 102\* heat. A lady dressed all in white with a white car came by to see if she could help. She drove George's wife back several miles to their trailer, then back to George's truck and had him sit in her air-conditioned car until AAA arrived 30 minutes later. She then left the scene and seemed to vanish. AN ANGEL! Betty Bergfalk gave her testimony about an incident in the northern Calif. mountains when she and her husband were lost trying to get back to their campground. On a deserted road with no cell phone service and GPS unavailable, a nicely dressed man in an unmarked

car stopped near them and began sweeping the middle of the street with a large push broom, inching closer to their car. Betty rolled down the window and asked if he knew where "Such and Such" campground was located. He said he wasn't from around here, took out his cell phone, looked up toward the sky, and proceeded to give Betty directions to the main road leading back to their RV campground. As Betty turned her car around, the gentleman and his vehicle were nowhere to be seen and no other cars had been on that road.

Betty Pommer told of several unusual instances when she was able to give homeless individuals a Bible. She has been involved in passing out New Testaments for 16 years.

Jody Judkins told how she and Robb hand out N.T. Bibles along with a large wrapped candy bar to the children in their mobile home park on Halloween. They include a children's gospel tract. The response has been gratifying.

Mina Conner announced that it was Bill's birthday. She presented him with a cake, reserving enough slices for everyone. The evening fellowship continued with several people staying to chat with friends and meet new guests. One guest joined that evening. He had not attended any prior CFC rallies.

Circle of Prayer began at 8:30 a.m. outdoors at the rally site, with 15 present. Coffee and coffee cake was provided by the chapter. At 9:00 a.m. the morning service began with Amber and Emma leading praise and worship, driving to the campground just for that event, from Corona, about 30 miles away. The morning speaker was Dave Johnson. 22 folks were present. Dave's topic was "What is Your Passion?", from Matthew 28:18, and other inspirational Bible verses. It was his first time speaking to our group and he did a very good job.

The afternoon was free time. At 5:00 p.m. we all gathered again at the campsite for Pot-Blessing Supper, provided by the members. Larry Shea and his wife had a family emergency so Larry was unable to play his guitar for the evening service.

At 6:15, Jody Judkins spoke on the Jewish Calendar. We are in the Jewish month of Tishra, the 7th month for Jews. The 10th day of Tishra is the beginning of the Jew's Day of Repentance or Yom Kipper. She referenced Leviticus 23:27-28.

Then, Robb began speaking on "The Great Commission". He referenced Matthew 28:19-20 and Mark 16:15, and challenged us to be a Christian influence among our friends and to develop our testimony to share with others we meet. Then, he reiterated how he and Jody attended a CFC/CA rally 6 years ago at Lake Elsinore, became immediately interested in the organization ministry. They joined on the spot and he immediately was elected president - - as Betty Bergfalk had been trying to hold the Emmanuel Chapter together with just a few attendees and members.

Circle of Prayer met again at 8:30 a.m. at the rally site, followed by coffee, snacks and fellowship with 16 present. Robb made announcements followed by Communion Service led by Betty Bergfalk. Jody Judkins spoke on Healing, using James 5:14 as the main scripture, then Matt. 11:28, Prov. 4:20-22, Ex. 15:26, and several verses from Psalm, Proverbs, and Isaiah. She also mentioned Charles Capp's book, "God's Creative Power for Healing". Terry Maraccini gave her testimony of how her arm and shoulder were healed at our spring rally prayer service. 25 people were present for the healing service today, led by Jody Judkins. Nearly everyone in attendance was anointed with oil and prayed for by Jody and Robb. We are looking forward to exciting testimonies.

As is customary, the group goes to the main lodge for lunch and then stays for afternoon candy BINGO. Then, at 5:00 we gather again for a pot-blessing supper at the campsite. This was followed by Dr. Don Johnson giving an inspirational talk. He is a former atheist, a scientist, and now a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ as Creator and Savior. Besides speaking at our rallies, he also speaks at RV parks while traveling around the USA, giving inspiring Christian messages, especially tying science to the Bible.

On Sunday at 11:00 a.m. we all met for chapel service by the RV park pastor, Bob Neral, in the Family Lodge. It was a pleasant surprise that Lynn Sears brought her husband Jerry in a wheelchair to the service. They have both been very ill this past year.

Another pot-blessing meal was held at the campsite and from there we adjourned to the Family Lodge for the variety show provided by some of our members. Following that we held our rally fundraiser auction, with Robb as the auctioneer. This year we brought in \$409.00, including a few

personal donations. It is the custom of Emmanuel Chapter to donate a tithe of that income to CFC, Int'l, and about \$50.00 each to two families in need of assistance at Wilderness Lakes Park. Members also bring non-perishable foods to be distributed.

Sunday evening fellowship closed with fellowship in the hall.

Betty Bergfalk, Secretary

### Special Prayer Requests

- **Campers For Christ Ministries and its members**
- **For the peace of Jerusalem and its leaders for salvation & wisdom, (Psm 122:6)**
- **United States of America and its leaders (1 TIM 2:2) for salvation & wisdom**  
**“Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer**  
**except that which lies outside the will of God”**

### IN MEMORY OF...

Campers for Christ Ministries extends condolences to the families of the following CFC members who have departed earth and entered their Heavenly Home, to spend Eternity with Jesus. Our hearts and prayers are with the families as they adjust to the loss of their loved one.

May the love and peace of God comfort and strengthen you at this time.

**Chaplain Bill Owens** – Arizona – September 4, 2017

Bill was the past president of the Arizona chapter many years ago. Preceded by his wife Jan.

**Jerry Emmons** – Arizona – November 16, 2017

Jerry was a praise & worship leader in Campers For Christ for years. Recently he was singing solos at his church in Chandler

**Note to Regional Vice Presidents and Chapter Presidents:** Please notify International Editor with notifications of any deaths of members from your areas. This information is falling between the cracks so we need to close the holes. Thanks for your assistance in this important activity.

### **\*\*NEWS & NOTICES FOR ALL\*\***

- Hello friends, we currently have a member owned business that would like to put up a poster to promote Campers for Christ in their business. We are looking for some help designing this poster. Do you have experience in this area or some ideas. If so please contact me so we can discuss some criteria.

Also if you have a business that you would like a poster for please let me know.

Be blessed Camping in the Shadow of the Cross.

Robb Judkins, President

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- Hello. I'm a new RV'er and interested in traveling w/other Christians to help spread 'His Word'. Is there a Florida affiliation or local area chapter somewhere closer to me than Arizona or California? Thank you for any helpful information you can send my way... Blessings  
Currently our Southeastern chapter is inactive. We are always looking for new people who would be willing to start it up again. Almost no cost involved to do so, just 4 willing Christian folks who love the Lord, like to travel-camping style-and can serve as chapter Pres, VP, Sect'y, Treas. for a 2 yr. period.  
If interested please reply to me at above email address or to our Nat'l president, Robb Judkins: [robbjudd@juno.com](mailto:robbjudd@juno.com)  
Thank you for your inquiry. Betty Bergfalk, Nat'l secretary
- I occasionally get the paper Campground Witness Newsletters returned to me as undeliverable due to an address change that we don't have. Please let your chapter members know if there has been a change in address that they notify both the webmaster and the editor of the newsletter. Thanks, Leesa Verdot, Editor CGW

### **2018 SCHEDULE OF RALLIES- Listed by date**

**EXODUS Chapter Spring Rally is scheduled for February 21-23 in Quartzsite, Arizona!  
Contact Ken or Ronnie Pixley, 928 246 8889 for more info or go to the website!**

Please send **DIRECTLY** to the Membership Chairman any changes in your postal Mailing Address / E-mail Address / Telephone (indicate whether cell). **THANK YOU!** Send to:

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#### **Note to Secretaries of chapters:**

- Send rally reports, announcements, and prayer requests no later than the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month before publication is due, i.e. Feb 16<sup>th</sup> for the March newsletter. Send it directly to the editor at [cgweditor@hotmail.com](mailto:cgweditor@hotmail.com) not the website manager
- Send rally reports ASAP via email (preferably) or postal mail to the editor. Please check your punctuation and grammar before submitting. Corrections will be made before publication.
- To be able to keep the reports at a reasonable length mention attendees, topics of different speakers and a detailed teaching by one of the speakers.  
(We would like to see more teaching being sent so everyone can benefit from them)
- If a rally is cancelled or has changes of any kind, notify the editor and the website manager.
- Send to the editor and the web master all rally schedules as soon as you get them so they can be published in the next newsletter.