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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:

Wow, where has this year gone? I don't know about you, but for me it seems like only yesterday we celebrated New Years. This is a time when people begin to look at their personal growth and progress in their life and to make goals for the next year. So, what has this year brought for Campers for Christ? It certainly has been a year of great growth. Together we have made considerable progress in promoting Campers For Christ and increasing our kingdom for God. Recently the Sunshine Chapter in the Southeastern US has been reactivated led by Greg "Bubba" Wages and Blaine Gossett. Discussions continue regarding the reactivation of several more chapters. In addition, four new Chaplains have been ordained over the last couple of months with a new Senior Chaplain being appointed as well. Please welcome Ken Pixley into this position.

So, what does all this growth mean to you? As we continue to develop, once again there will be a network of believers across the United States. As you travel, you will find believers wherever you go. Strangers who can help you find services, campgrounds, etc. People who enjoy camping and fellowship in the Lord. People who can help in a time of need.

As we celebrate Christmas may you be blessed knowing that 2000 years ago a young couple traveled and "camped" their way to Bethlehem. They counted on the kindness of a stranger when there was "no room at the Inn". People helped in a time of need. Complete strangers came together to fellowship as our Lord was born.

What future goals do we have for next year? Continued growth is certainly in store. The number of people reaching out to CFC increases each month. Social media has become a great means in which to spread the Word. If you are on social media, please be sure to share post from CFC and the individual chapters as they share. When notices come out promoting a rally share with your friends via social media or email. Help get the word out. We will continue to add chapters as the opportunity arises and membership rises in certain areas. Individual Chapters will continue to host rallies in their areas. We are planning to have some regional rallies next year perhaps a Western, Central and Eastern Regional Rally. Then again in 2020 will be the next International Rally. Can't wait to see where we are as an organization come 2020. In the meantime, may we continue to be available to others as they travel. May we continue to share the joy of the Lord with all those we come in contact with as we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world, one campground at a time.

Jody and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019.

Be Blessed Camping in the Shadow of the Cross.

Pastor Robb Judkins, President Campers for Christ International Ministries

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"But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness." 1 Timothy 6:11

From the Chaplin's Heart

Greetings in Jesus Name,

This will be the first letter I write as Senior Chaplin. I am writing from the 2nd day of our Exodus Rally in Quartzite, AZ. I keep waiting until I get time to sit down and write this. The time never comes so I am sitting down and write it anyway.

Our lives are so often just like this when it comes time for prayer or Bible study. The same thing happens in all of Gods work. We know that we should witness for Christ but hesitate a little and it never gets done so we feel guilty.

Our problem is we feel so inadequate because it all seems so difficult. I believe the answer is just getting started. The Lord never fails to meet you where you are.

Just like me sitting down here and doing this, I finished with prayer around the camp fire and had a few minutes. I know if I wait a little it may be too late to do it.

Jesus was not lazy when it came to dying on the cross for us. And he never fails when we need his help with anything. He has said to us that we can do it.

Prayer life, Bible study, or witnessing. I say to you he is waiting for you to ask. The only thing you need is to get started. He rarely does that for you.

The real concept is Christ is never far from you, in fact he lives in you. He knows your every thought. When you are struggling with any issue, he is there wondering why you don't ask him for help.

Please remember to Pray for Campers for Christ and seek the Lord in how you can help in this Ministry. There are so many ways you can help with the work.

I promise a blessing if you just get started.

In His Grace, Ken Pixley, Senior Chaplain

Members and Moments in CFC History

During the International Rally back in October the nominating committee asked me if I would be willing to serve as the Historian for Campers for Christ. I was honored to be asked because I have always had a love for history of all kinds. I started thinking about what I could do with this position where it would be a benefit to all our members past, present, and future. In praying and thinking about it I came up with the idea to do an article in the quarterly newsletter called "Members and Moments in CFC History". The idea is for me to interview different members both past and present, and write an article based on my interviews that tell us about our History as an organization and some experiences

had by members during their times. I would appreciate anybody else that has served in this position in the past that might still have some of the recorded history to please get in touch with me at my email address: gregbubbawages@gmail.com, so I could possibly get a copy of that information. Also, if any member knows someone who they would like to see featured in an article interview in the future please send me their information at my email address. I have already lined up and began my first interview with an almost 20 yr. member that I will have ready for the next newsletter.

Psalm 78:3-4 ESV Things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children but tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Thanks and God Bless, Greg "Bubba" Wages-Historian

Rally Reports

Campers For Christ Int'l Rally October 3-7, 2018 Stay-Awhile RV Park (formerly Staway Ranch), Murchison, TX

The rally began on Wednesday evening with a delicious rib and pulled pork BBQ prepared by Dennis Theiss from North Carolina. Residents and other campers at the RV park were invited to the BBQ, as a way of outreach. About 28 folks came and there was food for all. Some stayed for the evening service. After eating our fill, Jimmy Gardner brought praise and worship music on his guitar while his wife sang at the mic. Wagonmaster Rich Bartz showed a short video from President Robb Judkins to open the rally; he is unable to attend until Friday, flying into Dallas from California. Twenty-four (24) people attended. As a means of getting acquainted, each person gave a short biography or testimony, as some had not met prior.

Thursday, Oct. 4th. A few met at 7 a.m. for prayer in the large barn meeting hall with Ken Pixley leading, followed by a continental breakfast and fellowship. A few men cleaned the large rented BBQ cooker and returned it to town. Ken Pixley led the morning service and opened it to individual testimonies. He then brought a contemporary message on Biblical politics, starting with Lucifer in heaven who wanted to be above God. Next, he spoke about Saul becoming the 1st King of Israel; a handsome man who was well liked by the Israelites, but who did not lead the people according to God's commandments, so David, the giant slayer was anointed to become king. Ken created a comparison between good and evil in the world, both then and now. He then encouraged the members and guests who want to start or revive a Campers For Christ chapter in their area. Each of us has a God-given gift to be used as an officer, worship leader, musician, wagon master, chaplain, etc. - just use the gift God gave you!

At 2:00, a small group met with a panel of RV living 'experts' for discussion, questions and answers. At 5 p.m. we all enjoyed a delicious pot-luck supper. 28 folks met for the evening service. Guitar and vocal music were provided by Jimmy and Del Gardner. Rich Bartz brought the message on the topic of "Arrows." On power point, he showed a straight arrow as opposed to one that is crooked, without direction. He explained that an arrow has three parts, the top, shaft, and flight (feathers.) The arrow tip represents ministry skills. Tips were carefully chipped from flint, which takes time and is stressful. It represents our spiritual gifts. The shaft shows character development to use those gifts. It must be straight to operate effectively. The flight (feathers) equals the Holy Spirit who guides us. A properly constructed arrow keeps us on target so that we do not miss the mark of God's will.

Friday 8 a.m. morning prayer led by Ken Pixley, then breakfast in the red barn, followed by praise and worship by Jimmy G. and Paula Key. Betty Bergfalk brought a message on "Eagles." She described

eagles who swoop on their prey, they have large wings, full of feathers and long pinions. They are swift, they nest up high, as opposed to the ostrich who lays its eggs in the ground to be stepped on or be destroyed by the elements. An eagle often resides on the rocky part of a cliff – a stronghold. She referred to Ex. 19:4, God brought the Israelites out of Egypt on eagles' wings. He encourages us to wait upon the Lord to renew our strength, to mount up with wings like eagles, Isaiah 40:31.

About a dozen of the ladies went out for lunch in Murchison, enjoying the food and getting better acquainted with each other. The men had lunch on their own; some ate at the park Café. At 2 p.m. several met with the 'experts' on using the Internet while camping. At 5:30 the evening meal consisted of International Hot Dogs and condiments prepared in the native style from various countries. This was a new experience for most.

After dinner, 28 people gathered outside around the campfire with an inspiring message brought by Dennis Key, followed by roasting marshmallows and singing led by Jimmy and Del Gardner with Roger Hollar on the harmonica.

Saturday 8:00 breakfast was in the big red barn, followed by the Int'l Rally Business Meeting. Robb opened the meeting with prayer and announced those who were running for office. Nominations from the floor were opened. New elected officers were: President, Robb Judkins. V.P., Rich Bartz. Secretary, Pat Vance. Treasurer, June Bartz. Membership, Ronnie Pixley. Editor, Leesa Verdot. Congratulations to each officer!

Items that folks put on display were raffled off to those who purchased raffle tickets for \$1.00 apiece. All proceeds will go to the Risley Family Ministries, our missionaries in Mexico.

Dinner was a Chili Contest, with Mariafrancine Long as winner, and Ken Pixley as runner-up.

Evening worship service (21 present) began with Jimmy on guitar, Del singing and Betty Bergfalk playing the Q-Chord. Roger gave another lively rendition of gospel music in song and on the harmonica. Robb Judkins gave a short speech before calling Ken Pixley and Greg "Bubba" Wages to the pulpit where he conferred the title and position of Chaplain upon these two men of God. He then announced the appointed officers as follows: Webmaster: Rich Bartz. Historian: Greg Wages. Music Director: Jimmy Gardner. Ken Pixley will serve as Western Area Ass't to the V.P., and Greg Wages as Eastern Area Ass't to V.P. Greg will also be president of the reactivated Sonshine Chapter. The Central Area Ass't: Position is Open. The service ended with testimonies and praise reports.

Sunday breakfast at 8 a.m. followed by the closing service, led by President Robb. He gave a recap of the rally and suggested that we remember to post a positive review about the Park and management on Facebook or other social media. Worship leader, Jimmy Gardner opened with prayer. He and Del led the singing on guitar and introduced a medley for us to sing as a 'round'. Roger again blessed us with his harmonica and vocal songs. He talked a bit about Jonah and the King of Ninevah. Prior to communion, Robb announced the appointment of Ken Pixley as Senior Chaplain. Chaplain Ken invited each person to come forward to receive their communion cup, laying their burdens at the foot of the cross (on the wall behind the pulpit,) then, walk back to their seat taking the elements together as a group.

Robb closed the rally with the admonition to meet again in two years and invite others to come. If each one brings one, we can double our size and membership easily. He closed with Matthew 1:23 – Emmanuel: God with us, and 1 Tim 6:11, the Man of God scripture.

The rally ended before 11:00 a.m. as some had to leave the campground at that time.

A special thanks to Rich and June Bartz who did a wonderful job as Wagonmasters. Holly and Bubba Wages, and Ronnie Pixley were especially helpful to them in the kitchen. Many others helped in various ways to make the entire rally a huge success. God bless ALL of you.

If I left out anyone or anything it was not intentional. Newsletter space is limited and event details seem to quickly disappear from my memory. It has been a pleasure serving as secretary of Campers For Christ for the past several years.

Betty Bergfalk, outgoing secretary

Campers For Christ International Ministries, Annual Business Meeting Minutes, Stay Awhile RV Park Murchison, TX Oct. 6, 2018

President Robb Judkins opened with prayer and called the biennial business meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. with 18 members present. Officers Present: President Robb Judkins, Secretary Betty Bergfalk, Treasurer June Bartz, Membership Ronnie Pixley. Quorum established. Officers Absent: Vice President Ron Keller, Editor Leesa Verdote. New Member Joyce Sutton was recognized. No guests present.

Reports:

- Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Betty Bergfalk. Greg Wages moved to accept as read, 2nd by Jim Long. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's report was given by June Bartz. Discussion of funds and disbursements followed. Vern moved to accept as read, 2nd by Pat Vance. Motion carried.
- Membership report was given by Ronnie Pixley. It was accepted as read.
- Campground Witness Editor was absent. No report given. Newsletter is published once each quarter. It is available online or by mail.
- Wagon masters Rich and June Bartz gave a recap of their duties.
- Correspondence: Robb read a letter from John Dial regarding the renewal of the Campers For Christ logo. Robb will take care of it.

New Business:

1. Robb reminded us that the International rally is every two years and suggested that regional rallies could be held in off years. Ken, Greg, June, and Robb made suggestions and comments regarding regional rallies. No action taken.
2. After discussion of calendar dates for the next international rally, Greg moved to hold the rally in Sept/Oct. of 2020. No location established. Vern 2nd. Carried.
3. Locations were suggested. Pat suggested Utah/Colorado. It was mentioned that the middle of the USA is better for an International rally to draw folks from all regions. Ken suggested Iron Mountain area of Arkansas. Greg (Bubba) made a motion to pursue a location within the central USA. 2nd by Ken. Motion carried.
4. Greg asked about funds for starting or reactivating a chapter. Discussion centered on the fact that some of the funds in the treasury are monies that were donated back to Int'l from chapters that are no longer active. He made a motion to provide \$250.00 to start up a chapter or reactivate one if that chapter has no previous funds in reserve. Vern 2nd the motion. Discussion followed. Greg retracted and revised his motion to state that a chapter may ask Int'l for financial assistance if needed. Ken 2nd that motion. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Secretary Betty announced the slate of officers that the nominating committee selected. Jimmy nominated Betty Bergfalk from the floor for the position of president. Greg moved to accept and Ken 2nd that nomination. The position for president had two names on the ballot, so a

secret ballot was distributed and counted by June Bartz and Ronnie Pixley. The other officers were elected by affirmation unanimously. New officers are as follows: President, Robb Judkins. Vice President, Rich Bartz. Secretary, Patricia Vance. Treasurer, June Bartz. Membership, Ronnie Pixley. Editor, Leesa Verdot.

Other:

1. June asked for approval to get a bank debit card for incidental CFC Int'l purchases, as she had trouble paying with a check at Wal-Mart. Robb moved that we acquire a bank debit card for necessary CFC purchases. Rich 2nd the motion. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

Suggestions for revisions to the By-Laws had been presented to the board in writing within the 60-day deadline. Those items were not discussed at this meeting and will need to be brought up at a future rally or by the new board. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betty R. Bergfalk, outgoing secretary of Campers For Christ, Int'l

Addendum to Campers for Christ International Ministries Annual Business Meeting Minutes October 6, 2018

Addendum: A meeting was held on October 6, 2018 with the intent to reactivate the Sonshine Chapter of Campers for Christ. Greg Wages requested permission to proceed to reactivate the Sonshine Chapter. He was advised he needed 3 officers – President, Vice President, and Treasurer; letter requesting reactivation and by-laws must be submitted to President of International for Board approval. At that meeting by-laws were adopted.

October 29, 2018 a letter of intent to reactivate Sonshine Chapter and by-laws was sent to the International Board of Campers for Christ from Greg Wages as President of the Sonshine Chapter, Vice President Blaine Gossett, Secretary/Treasurer Holly Wages.

A vote of the Board for the International approved reactivation of this Chapter effective 11/07/18.

Respectfully Submitted, Pat Vance, Secretary; Campers for Christ International

Emmanuel Chapter Fall rally, October 19-22, 2018

Wow, what another great time we had at the October 19-22, 2018 Emmanuel Chapter Fall rally in Southern California. Once again our rally was held at Wilderness Lakes RV Resort. This has proven to be a central location for Southern California members. There is a mis-conception because this is a 1000 trails park that the public can't get in. That is simply not true. Public spaces are available and although the almost \$50 per night may seem high this is actually very good rates for Southern California where many campsites can be \$90 per night. We met Thursday night for our usual welcome reception with catered sandwiches and salads and lots of fellowship time where we all shared a little about ourselves and how we learned about CFC. Friday morning began a busy weekend. After a morning prayer meeting, we had some great worship from April and Brenda. Dr. Don Johnson then taught on "Blind Faith". Friday night we had special guest from Breath of Christ Ministries. Nick portrayed his rendition of Zacchaeus as a one man show, while Lucy provided narration. A great message closed out the presentation. We then had a campfire with s'mores and

much more fellowship. Saturday morning another prayer meeting and worship by Larry Shea. Today Dr. Don Johnson was ordained a Chaplain in CFC. Additionally Jody White-Judkins was appointed Senior Chaplain of the Emmanuel Chapter. Immediately following, Chaplain Dr. Don Johnson served up communion. A great message of Fundamentals of Faith was shared by Chaplain Dr. Jody White-Judkins immediately followed by laying on of hands by Jody and Robb to all in attendance. A short business meeting followed and then we attended the Candy Bar Bingo held by Wilderness Lakes. Saturday night Larry Shea again led us in worship and President Robb Judkins brought a message "What is my responsibility as a Christian", focusing on community and the upcoming election. Sunday morning we all attended church with Pastor Bob Neral in the Wilderness Lakes Chapel. Sunday night we held our usual variety night and auction. Throughout the weekend we of course had our wonderful potluck dinners each night and had a food drive throughout the weekend and again able to bless families in need with non-perishable food and a cash donation. Monday morning we met for a departing donut social and struck camp until next time. Next Emmanuel Chapter rally is April 11-15, 2018 once again at Wilderness Lakes. Be blessed camping in the Shadow of the Cross. Submitted by Emmanuel Chapter President Robb Judkins

Sonshine Chapter Mini Rally Report - November 9-11, 2018

The Sonshine Chapter of Campers for Christ mini rally was held from November 9th-11th at North Shore Landing RV Resort, in Greensboro, GA meeting indoors at the clubhouse, in RV's, down at the lake on the dock, and other various locations in the resort area.

Friday was a day of fellowship and getting to know each other better. We talked, fellowshiped, prayed, and planned what we would do during this and future rallies. We used this day to meet fellow campers and staff and share with them about what we were doing with Campers for Christ.

Saturday saw the rest of the members coming in and more fellowship, some local thrift store shopping, lunch, sharing with staff and members, etc. That afternoon there was talk between chapter President Bubba Wages and Vice President Blaine Gossett about that if we could get someone to join that Blaine would take a polar plunge into the lake. An hour or so later Ken and Diane Curnette became our first membership commitment. So, Blaine took the plunge and a challenge was issued to all other chapters with a specific challenge issued to the Emmanuel chapter and their president Robb Judkins to gain members at a rally and take the plunge. The evening was a potluck held by the resort honoring all the veterans where we were introduced to everyone and we got a chance to bless the meal. This was followed by us being able to see the Georgia Bulldogs football team putting a whooping on the Auburn Tigers on the 72-inch TV in the clubhouse.

Sunday morning everyone gathered in the clubhouse for the regular weekly church service, led by Pastor Joey Alfonso who was part of the University of Georgia's 1990 National Championship Baseball team. Pastor Alfonso introduced us and gave us a few minutes to talk about Campers for Christ and president Bubba Wages invited everyone to come join us in our ministry efforts. We had the opportunity to talk with many members of North Shore Landing and pray that many more new members will come from our efforts here. Everyone said their see you later, until the next mini rally which may be in the Florida area sometime after the 1st of the year.

Greg "Bubba" Wages-President Sonshine Chapter

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.

None reported at this time

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****

- If anyone sends an email to prayer@campers4christ.org YOU will get a copy. If you don't want them, let me know. There is a mailing list program on the website that you can use to send emails to everyone we have an email address for at once. It is not too difficult to use. If you would like to take advantage of that, let me know, I can give you a login and train you online in about 15 minutes.

As CFC moves ahead more and more into the digital age, developing and using online resources will become more important. We are 5 to 10 years behind the times. Please pray we can figure out how to connect to a new generation of CFC members who will come to us online if and when we open that gate as well as those we already have and those we will bring in from just going around. I think CFC is at a crossroads where we will either find ways to grow or CFC will slowly die of old age! Richard & June Bartz

- 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 Campers for Christ Ministries, 951-520-5100, Robbjud@juno.com
- 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

2019 SCHEDULE OF RALLIES- Listed by date

CFC Emmanuel Chapter Rally
April 11-15, 2019
Wilderness Lakes Resort, Menifee Ca.

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, death notices and prayer requests no later than the 15th of the month before publication is due, i.e. Feb 15th for the March newsletter. Send it directly to the editor at 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.