



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:

WOW, hard to believe spring is almost here. So, looking forward to getting out to camp again, I hope you are. As I am writing this message, I am admiring the beautiful snow in the mountains here in Southern California. It's a rare sight to see snow like we have the last couple weeks. Come to think of it it's rare to see this much rain too. Not complaining as I know some of you have had to endure far worse winter conditions than the couple of days it got down to thirty degrees here. The good news is this week is supposed to be back in the seventies again.

One of the downsides of this incredible weather is certainly the havoc it has wreaked on the roads everywhere. Here in Palm Springs, CA. Highway 111 has been washed out in several places, Highway 74 in and out of the Idyllwild area has several road closures due to snow and mudslides. Highway 18 and 38 both major routes in and out of Big Bear CA have roads washed out, mudslides and excessive snow. I read a story about a rock-slide near the Tennessee state line on I-40 where they estimated it would take 200 truckloads to clear the debris over a period of 4-6 weeks. I've seen pictures of roads blocked by trees and boulders bigger than cars. Isn't this just like our life. Seems as we go through life, we get blocked routes, roads washed out, and mudslides. When things don't go the way, we think they should and trouble sets in it seems that we can't make progress. It is in these times we must remember that God will never leave us or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6). We must also remember that no matter what the obstacle, a road washed out a mudslide, excessive snow or a downed tree, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). Hopefully this message finds you doing well. For full timers I hope you are dealing with the elements well. For weekenders like myself get ready cause spring is a coming. A new birth will soon be here as the snow melts and roads are cleared. Time to get out and share the new birth of the new creation you are in Christ. No matter if you are new in the faith or have been a believer your whole life, someone needs to hear your story. Someone needs to know that you had road blocks and obstacles that set you back. Sharing these adventures with people you meet in campgrounds is a great way to witness to others and share the good news of Jesus Christ. This spring and in to the summer should give us many opportunities to share Jesus and Campers for Christ with others.

Come share Jesus with the world, one campground at a time.

Be Blessed Camping in the Shadow of the Cross.

Pastor Robb Judkins

President Campers for Christ International Ministries

From the Chaplin's Heart

Greetings to all in Jesus Name,

Because I write this letter to you this morning, my thoughts begin to the issues of God. I think how much we don't know. How much we do know, of His great love of His great power that He is everywhere at once. No matter where He sees you and knows thoughts of your heart.

As human beings we think that when we are alone with our thoughts that we can just think whatever we want. No one but us knows about it, so sometimes we just fantasize. It is only human after all. Perhaps you watch the car races you enjoy that a lot. You see your favorite driver in the lead and you visualize yourself behind that wheel driving that car at 200 mi per hr. I doubt there is any harm in that. What concerns me is it is so easy to let your mind wander into areas not good, not spiritually healthy. Don't tell yourself you have never done that. This is where Satan begins his work on us to get our minds to a place it should not be. Listen there are good thoughts and bad thoughts and a whole lot in between. When we are awake our mind gets going and does not stop until we sleep and then we dream. You see this is where the real battle is. In the 6th chapter of Genesis before the flood God was sorry, he had made mankind. Why? It was because the thoughts and intents of their hearts were always evil. Can you see how important it is to be disciplined in our thoughts. After all we are made in the image of God and I think there is more to it than we know. Everything begins as a thought both good and evil. Bad thoughts do soul damage and cause harm. Good thoughts are healthy and bring good works and a blessing. In second Corinthians 10 verses 3 to 5 the Apostle is talking about spiritual warfare. The battle is not in the flesh but mighty through God for pulling down strong holds bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. You see whether or not we admit it, we are in a spiritual battle and your words are powerful, but it begins in the mind. Can you see it? You can take every thought captive and it is work just like in any war. The undisciplined mind just flits around taking in whatever it sees and letting it fester there until it becomes sin. Then we begin to fight sin in the flesh and most of the time it gets us.

So, what is the best way to approach this and what can we do? Well we make wise decisions. Remember this is a battle we can win. Where is the strength for this? It is Jesus, that simple. He is always there to help, and we only need to ask. How do you ask? I try so hard to be a Christian. I am sorry, being a Christian is not something you try to be. It is something you live. You start first thing every morning. Scriptures tell us to draw near to God and he will draw near to you and if you resist Satan, he will flee from you. Can you imagine a big bully always after you? You have a much bigger and stronger friend and you just hang out with him. The bully won't come near you will he?

Jesus says, I stand at the door and knock and he who opens that door I will come in and sup with him and he with me. The Bible will tell you all you need to know about Jesus. It is important because you cannot love someone you do not know. As you study and pray your love for Jesus will grow and if he be for us who can come against us

In His Wonderful Grace, Chaplin Ken Pixley

Rally Reports

None received

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.

Bill M Ritchey – February 21, 2019 – Longview, Texas

Bill Ritchey has passed on February 21, 2019 to be with the Lord. Bill served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1955. Bill was a long-time member of Campers for Christ, where he served as treasurer. He was well respected and much loved. Bill always had a smile. That's so special in these times. He was known for his outgoing friendly nature, concern for others and his love for Jesus. He was very active at our Rally's, a hard worker, and a role model for all Wagon Masters, well organized and in control. You always knew where to park your Rig and how to get registered. Heaven just got a little bit brighter and Campers for Christ sadder. He was a beloved brother in the Lord and is attending that rally in the middle of Heaven! It will be fun when we all get together for that "Rally in The Middle of The Road". We already miss him.

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

Membership in Campers for Christ not necessary to participate in any of these rallies

CFC Exodus Chapter Spring Rally

March 6-8, 2019

Arizona First Assembly of God

665 Tyson Street

Quartzsite, AZ

Everyone is welcome please contact Ken Pixley at kenpixley@aol.com or call 928-246-8889 for reservations

CFC Emmanuel Chapter Spring Rally

April 11-15, 2019

Wilderness Lakes 1000 Trails Resort

Menifee, California

For camping reservation, please reserve your space through the 1000 Trails or R.P.I. reservation systems.

If not a member, please contact us for reservation information and once your reservation is made please contact Robb and Jody Judkins at 951-737-7030 and let them know you will be attending.

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. May 15th for the June 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.