



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, didn't I just write a message for the newsletter like last week. Hard to believe it's been 3 months since the last newsletter but a lot has happened in that time. The Exodus Chapter (AZ.), Emmanuel Chapter (So. Cal.) and the Sonshine Chapter (Fl, GA, AL) have all had a rally since the last newsletter. Moving forward the Exodus, Emmanuel, Sonshine and Seed Sowers (IA, KS, MO) Chapters have all announced plans for rallies later this year. This is incredible to think that just a couple years ago there were basically 4 rallies a year (2 in Arizona and 2 in California). By the end of this year it seems we could see 8-10 rallies take place across the country. Not sure what measurement most of you use but in my book that is growth. Don't get me wrong, I am not a numbers guy, however in order to sustain what this organization does it is vital to have growth. Our natural process of life means that people will reach a point when they no longer travel or they go home to be with the LORD. This is why we need to be looking at growth. We need to be attracting new members and be certain we are having rallies that provide fellowship and sharing the Word of God. No doubt we are all called to share the Gospel on our own, you don't need to be a part of a group to do so. What we need to do is provide an environment where people are loved and nurtured in the love of Jesus Christ. A place where people can be renewed & strengthened in their beliefs. I have said before you do not need to wait for a Chapter to have a get together. Send a notice through the Campers for Christ Website www.campers4christ.org of where and when you will be and invite others to join you. Check with campgrounds you attend and see if they have a bible study or church service. If they don't ask if they would mind if you had one and do so. Invite others to your campsite or to a central gathering area and have an informal bible study or just fellowship. Anything that strengthens and encourages the body of Christ is worthy of doing. Don't worry about how many or who shows up. I have heard many stories over the years of Pastors starting a church with one person other than their wife and children showing up. Just be faithful in sharing with others. When our turn comes to meet the Lord He is not going to be concerned with how many people we served and shared with but rather how we handled the ones he sent our way. Take the opportunity to share the gospel with someone today. Come share the Gospel with the world one campground at a time. Mark 16:15 (NKJV) And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Be Blessed Camping in the Shadow of the Cross.

Pastor Robb Judkins, President Campers for Christ International Ministries

From the Chaplin's Heart

Greetings in Jesus Name.

What a joy it is to sit here and ponder the things of God and Know that He is coming soon.

When you see political problems like I have never seen before, sin being so common that you just kind of shine it on. It is all around us so we get numb to it and all we can do is turn away when we should be on our knees praying. I want you to know I include myself in this. We are like the frog in the pot of water. I ask you, when you watch T V and commercials have sleazy women showing more of themselves than we want to see, can you turn it off soon enough?

Our Government and Congress spend more time worrying about sexual issues than our real problems. Do you see the cost of living being really being worked on? They never think about how much a gallon of gas or the price of beef cost. I could keep on talking, but that is not what is on my heart. I have come to the conclusion that all of these depressing things are signs that our Savior is on his way very soon. It is time to pray and rejoice and look up for our redemption is very near. Think about it.

The Old Testament is full of stories about God destroying people who lived like we are. The important thing is that when you see this corruption you are cut to the heart for the lost people that think nothing about it. We have a message about a pure Holy Savior, who knew no sin and died to make us Holy. He gave us a direction to go and make disciples and preach to them a message of reconciliation. To repent which is to turn from unholy ways and seek God. Tell them if they will hunger and thirst for righteousness they will be filled. I am here to tell you when you are filled with the Holy Spirit sin will become your enemy and he will give you what you need to fight it. Joy will replace depression and hope will fill your sails toward a happy land of faith. Can you feel it, the presence of God no matter what we see He is always near right at our side?

I was asked today to describe faith, and I thought for a while before answering. Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the Word of God. Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. Do you really believe in Jesus, in his death and resurrection? Oh yes, I do, I feel him. He is my life I can't live without him and I don't want to. I know you feel the same way so let's just praise the Lord he is worthy to be praised. Let's do the work he has called us to.

Senior Chaplain, Ken Pixley

Rally Reports

EXODUS RALLY REPORT, MARCH 6 – 8, 2019

The Exodus Chapter Rally was held at the Assembly of God campground in Quartzsite Arizona March 6-8, 2019. Those attending were: Ken & Ronnie Pixley, Jesse & Rosa Yates and her Mother Rosa, Richard & June Bartz, Allan & Sarah Hart (our new members), Sandy Guy, Steve & June Loudin, Greg Fehr, Barbara Levine. Guests were Laverne Megee & friend Sandy, Gary & Valentine Young, Brandy Backer, Derick Mat and Dennis.

The Lord blessed us this rally with beautiful sunny Arizona weather. We circled the wagons and used an old wash tub for our fire pit. Our mornings started off at 7:30 AM with coffee and pastries and 8:30 AM Ken Pixley led our Intercessory Prayer.

Wednesday 10:00 AM ~ Following Praise & Worship led by Greg Fehr, Richard & June Bartz gave their testimony on their missionary trip to Indonesia. June was very reluctant to go. They went and talked with their leaders and were told they were too old to go but after a lot of discussion they were on their way to Indonesia. They trained over a hundred people. (Scripture Ephesians 4 vs 12) Everyone is called by God to do his ministry.

Wednesday Afternoon ~ At 1:30 we had our Weenie roast put on by CFC Exodus Chapter followed by a game we played that was a lot of fun and laughs. Each person had to tell two stories. One story had to be a lie and the other had to be the truth. The story's that came out of that wow!! Wednesday night we went to Bible Study held by our CFC member Janelle McKuen.

Thursday 10:00 AM ~ Following Praise & Worship, led by Greg Fehr. Greg gave a sermon and shared his heart with us in the morning service.

Thursday Afternoon ~ The CFC Auction did quite well this year and well attended. Praise the Lord. Our Auctioneer was none other than Ken Pixley. Everyone enjoyed his humor. Ken tried to auction off Richard Bartz's \$1,000 camera that was left unattended. I have never seen Richard Bartz move off his chair so fast. That was quite funny. Thursday noon was lunch on your own.

Thursday evening service 6:30 PM ~ Speaker Sandy Guy, Greg Fehr led the singing. We sang More Love More Power. Sandy's Sermon – A couple weeks ago as I was discerning the Holy Spirits leading regarding this service and I was told there would be many different levels of Christian maturity and many different levels of education at this meeting. I was also told that God has something for everyone whether saved or unsaved. You are individually important to him and that he wants to speak into each one of your lives. He will not force only wants what he has to say to you. As Campers of Christ, mothers, fathers, wife, husband, friend and neighbors, we must be obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading and do what God tells us to do. He knows all things and sometimes our human mind wants to question his direction and leading. Grow in God by transforming your mind with the Word, daily eat the Word and spend time in prayer: get in your secret place with God 'and shut the door to the outside world and listen to Him as he directs your path in His agenda for you in the world. We all have a part in His work and we must go to the secret place to get our marching orders and refreshment from Him. To be in His presence. To let Him breathe on you. Moving in the Spirit is important, that is where the presence of the Lord is, where the power of God is, where people are set free. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, are we letting the Holy Spirit move through us unto others? When Ken asked me to speak for this Campers For Christ Rally, he said, would you speak and tell us some of your stories? I love telling stories of experiences I've had with God, because God is so amazing, but I'm so cautious to be led by the Holy Spirit when doing so as we must never be lifted up. Never! It is only because of who He is that we would ever, any of us, have stories or testimonies to tell. We must never forget that, He gets all the glory. How do we foster God's presence in our lives? Matt 15:29 – Proverbs 16:9 – Philippians 2:13 – Psalm 91:1-2. What a wonderful Sermon. God wasn't finished with Thursday evening service. The Lord spoke to our friends from Yuma, Tim & Son Tim and told them that they are to make their trip to Campers for Christ rally Thursday evening to lift him up. They came late evening with their guitars and equipment and we worshiped the Lord and then we had prayer for people that needed healing. That's what God does. Tim was obedient to the Lord when he told him go home and get ready to make the trip to Quartzsite.

Friday morning speaker was Ken Pixley.

Lunch: We all went as a group for lunch to Quail Restaurant then at 3:00 PM we held our Business Meeting. This meeting was the election of Officers.

Elected Officers :

President - Ken Pixley

Vice President - Jesse Yates

Secretary – Ronnie Pixley

Treasurer – June Bartz

We had our Pot Blessing at 5:00 PM. There was so much food you couldn't help going up for seconds.

Charles Sivley preached followed by his HEALING SERVICE. I asked one of our new members that just joined this CFC rally to write what he felt during the HEALING SERVICE. This is what he wrote. I had met Charles at the CFC rally Bible Study the previous night and was excited to hear him speak. I had never been to a HEALING SERVICE before, so my wife Sarah and I attended the Service. Charles quoted a lot of Bible Scriptures about healing and faith. He seemed to be saying if you were faithful enough God would heal you. The service and message was filled with an excitement for what God can do in our lives if we accept him and truly believe he is our salvation. At the end of the service Charles prayed over the folks that came forward for healing. The feeling of faith and hope filled the room. The anguish of people needing healing moved me to tears and a feeling that I needed to pray for them. Charles is a very powerful Preacher. Allen Hart

What a wonderful Rally this has been. We were so Blessed.

Respectfully Submitted by Ronnie Pixley
Arizona CFC Exodus chapter Secretary

Emmanuel Chapter Spring Rally Report April 11-15, 2019

Emmanuel Chapter held its Spring Rally April 11-15, 2019 at Wilderness Lakes Resort in Menifee, CA. It was unusually cold and very windy. But we had a very dedicated group who suffered through the weather for Jesus. Wrapped in blankets, jackets and make shift wind barriers we made it bearable. We started off Wednesday night inviting everyone at the campgrounds weekly bible study to attend. Thursday night was our welcome dinner. We had a catered dinner from Jasper's Street Kitchen featuring pulled pork and pulled chicken sandwiches with potato salad and cole slaw with a carrot cake for dessert. Yum, Yum. We then spent the evening getting to know each person in attendance sharing who they were and how they learned about CFC. This is always an exciting time as we reconnect with friends and spend time getting to know new friends. There were 30 people in attendance this first night with about 1/3 of them being new people. Friday morning started out with a prayer meeting where we shared the prayer needs of each in attendance, we then heard from Larry Shea as he shared a message on Christianity and some of the history he and Elaine have experienced first hand. Friday afternoon was free time and we met back Friday night for a potluck dinner and CFC Chaplain Dr. Don Johnson sharing a message on the Passover and the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Saturday morning found us again sharing our prayer needs and then Emmanuel Chapter Senior Chaplain Dr. Jody White-Judkins brought us an inspiring message on healing. At the end of the message Pastor Robb Judkins and Pastor Jody Judkins anointed with oil and laid hands on anyone who desired prayer. Not surprising almost everyone in the group came up for prayer including a couple that we had not seen before and never saw again. I personally believe we

“entertained angels unaware” with this couple. Following prayers, we held our business meeting and voted on the next rally being October 17-21, 2019 at Wilderness Lakes. We hope you make plans now to attend. Following our meeting we went to the family lodge and joined 100+other campers playing Candy Bar Bingo. Saturday night saw us having another great pot luck. After which Pastor Robb Judkins preached on life lessons from Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from Daniel Chapter 3.

The weather finally cooperated and after the sermon we had a campfire and roasted smores. A great time of fellowship took place here. Sunday morning we went to church at the campgrounds Wilderness Lakes Chapel. After an afternoon of rest we then met for another pot luck. Following the pot luck we held our usual auction to raise funds for expenses and to support a needy family living in the park. Monday morning we had a donut social and then struck camp. At this time we took all of the non perishable foods that people had donated and some money generated from auction and went to share it with a family in need. You see not everyone at this park is there on vacation or full timing by choice. Particularly here in Southern California housing has gotten expensive with people paying over \$2000 a month for a simple 1 bedroom apartment. As a result there are many families living in RV parks where they can get a monthly space for \$500-\$600. Many of these families are very low income, disabled or retired with very little monthly support. Monday morning I went to the activities office to seek information about a family in need. The office was not open and was not going to open until unusually late that day. I started back to campsite. I stopped about halfway and prayed asking God what to do now. I clearly heard “go to the General Store”. I went over to the store and found the clerk Kelly sitting outside on a bench with a young lady. I introduced myself and told her about what we do with food drive and a needy family. I then ask her if she knew of a family in need in the park. To my surprise she said “as a matter of fact this young ladies family is in need”, and pointed to the young lady. I then learned this 17 year old girl lived with mom and dad and her younger brother in an 18 foot trailer. Both parents had minimum wage jobs and found it very hard to support the family. The young lady told me how they would go to the grocery store and then have to put items back because they didn’t have enough money. Kelly and I went with the girl and delivered the food to her campsite and gave her the money we had collected for perishable foods. We then headed back to the store. At the store Kelly and another store clerk were in tears as was the young lady. Hugs and high fives all around and I departed. As I went back to my campsite I began to cry thanking God for what I have. I walked into the motor home very emotional and shared with Jody the experience. Over the years I have presented many families with food. This one was special and I will remember for a long time. Thanks to all of you for food donations and contributing to the auction to cover not only expenses but a donation to this family. May you all share in the blessing of this experience knowing that you were a part of it.

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Submitted by Emmanuel Chapter President Robb Judkins

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...

None reported

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.

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

NOTE THAT FULL DETAILS OF ALL RALLIES IS AVAILABLE ON THE CFC WEBSITE

Seed Sowers Chapter Summer Rally, August 8-10 in Nevada, Missouri

EVERYONE IN THE CENTRAL USA IS INVITED

The rally will open at noon on Thursday, August 8 at the Osage Prairie RV Park in Nevada, Missouri and run through Sunday, August 11. Most of the agenda will go on within the air-conditioned meeting rooms at the RV Park! There is a pool and mini-golf on site, children and pets are welcome!

The Osage Prairie RV Park has excellent accommodations. RV sites are \$35 a night with full hookups. Tent sites are available. Please take time to go to their website and check the park out. Free extras include a nice pool and miniature golf course. Go to <http://osageprairie.com/>. Make your reservations directly with the park by calling Elgina or James at 417-667-2267. BE SURE TO TELL THEM IT IS FOR THE CAMPERS FOR CHRIST RALLY!!!

The rally agenda will include breakfast and morning prayer and share times, evening shared meals and services, Sunday morning service with communion, and much more.

For more information and to register for the rally (FREE!) please contact Seed Sowers President John Cayton at 816-617-3372 or Richard Bartz at 928 502 2375. Email John at forensiclab@msn.com or Richard at rbartz@campers4christ.org.

CFC Emmanuel Chapter Fall Rally October 17-21, 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.

Please check in with Wagon Robb Judkins or Don Johnson when you arrive (be sure you have your 1000 trails reservation), if you arrived previous to today please be sure to let us know you are here. Please bring your chair and bible to meeting area. Also any meals please bring your table setting (plates, silverware, etc.)

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.

**CFC Exodus Chapter Fall Rally
November 6-10, 2019
Pilot Knob RV Resort**

3707 West Highway 80
Winterhaven, California 92283
1-800-378-3709

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

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. Aug 15th for the September newsletter. Send it directly to the editor at cqweditor@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.

WELCOME NEW CFC MEMBERS

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WE BELIEVE:

1. The Bible to be the inspired Word of God, authoritative and infallible in all aspects for living a holy and righteous life, the purpose of our creation.
2. There is one God eternal, manifested in the persons of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. In the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, in His atoning sacrifice through His blood, ascension and return for His Bride, the Church.
4. That regeneration and conversion through faith in Jesus Christ is essential for salvation of a lost humanity
5. In the bodily resurrection at the last day.

OUR AIMS:

1. To provide a means for Christian campers to get together for fellowship at local and national levels.
2. To provide a way for recognition of Christians on the road or while camping.
3. To encourage a witness to others, while camping, regarding the claims of Jesus Christ, the club crest being an effective opener when asked to explain its purpose.
4. To provide a Chaplain service to campers if requested, especially to those who have no church affiliation.