



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:

It seems there is fear everywhere we turn today. The Coronavirus seems to be a big topic of fear. Should we fear? Absolutely not. God has promised to protect us. What we are seeing today is what the Bible defines as Pestilence.

Pestilence is a deadly disaster, usually a disease, that affects an entire community. Pestilence is contagious, virulent, and devastating. For example, the Black Plague in Europe that killed over thirty percent of the population during the late Middle Ages was a pestilence. So how do we combat fear of this pestilence? Psalm 91 the best source.

Psalm 91 New King James Version (NKJV)

91 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the [a]fowler And from the perilous pestilence. ⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and [b]buckler.⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. ⁸ Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. ⁹ Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, ¹⁰ No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; ¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. ¹² In their hands they shall [c]bear you up, Lest you [d]dash your foot against a stone. ¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. ¹⁴ "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will [e]set him on high, because he has known My name. ¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. ¹⁶ With [f]long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

As we remember this always put on the Whole Armor of God.

Ephesians 6:10-18 New King James Version (NKJV) ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ^[a]wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of ^[b]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

With this we will be better equipped to share the message of Salvation in Jesus Christ with the World. 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

This morning as I read the account of Jeremiah buying land (Jer-32:24/25) in a city that has been overrun by the Chaldeans and will be destroyed. Israel had turned their backs on God, and he gave them into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar. God had told Jeremiah buy this land is there anything too hard for Me. Though it looked like all was lost and it was. It would seem that, as they were carried off captive to a faraway land it would be impossible for them to ever return. God said to Jeremiah buy this land and have it recorded it is not over yet. Looking back into history we see the return of Israel in Ezra and Nehemiah the Lord did bring Israel back to the promised land. He did it all over again when Rome conquered Israel and they were scattered all over the world. It would be even more impossible for Israel to return. I just get the chills when I read about Israel's return and know for sure that God has done it. This demonstrates to us that our God is in control of everything. We need to remember not to turn our backs on God. You ask how can I do such a thing? I attend Church every Sunday; I read my Bible and pay my tithe I try to live a good life and be a Christian. What am I doing wrong? You know you are missing something. We feel there is just not quite the consecration we should have. We all feel this way and wish we could find our way into a closer walk. Remember that old song of Stuart Hamlin just a closer walk with thee? Oh, how we used to sing with all our hearts and mean it. But life keeps getting in the way our problems, bills, taxes, Family, work, work, work. and back to Church again and sing Just a closer walk with thee. What is missing? Do you ever think if I could just go to Church every day that would do it? When you look closer at the Lords relationship with Israel what did they do? They would memorize scripture a book at a time, yet they still eventually fell away. God said to them that they would turn their backs on him. The answer is right in front of our eyes. God is God 24/7 and he wants to be so with us. Don't we know he never sleeps and is always looking over us. We think he comes and goes, sometimes close and sometimes not so close. Well nothing could be farther from the truth. You see when he seems far away, he is closest to us. When Israel

was still in Egypt and the Lord was putting all those plagues on Pharaoh, he was demonstrating his miraculous power and Love. We have an Egypt too, in the world we live, all the attractions good and bad. There is a promised land for us, a land flowing with milk and honey. In Heb the 4th Chapter there it is. What is it? Well we can be a Church unto ourselves. Yes, we are Gods Tabernacle and he dwells there, and He is the great pilot of our lives. I know this may seem to be too simple. It is not. You see He is the pilot and navigator and we are the back-seat driver we don't see the road ahead and He does. What do we do wrong? We grab the wheel and try to steer we get all off the road and in a mess and cry out to the Lord please help me. He would finally get fed up with Israel and just let them go on their own and they would eventually begin to worship gods of their own making. Can you see all they did was think they could handle the small stuff and let God take care of the big stuff. What is it then but self, self, self? Oh yes, it is the little things when we demand we want to drive and why trouble God with this when I can do it. No, you cannot. Satan is smart and pushes us off the road a little at a time. We need God to take our next breath. Jesus said come unto me all you who are weak and heavy laden, and I will give you rest, learn of me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. If your burden is not light and your yoke is not easy you have your hand on the wheel. When you are driving do you like someone grabbing the wheel? Well God does not like it either. We love to sing that old song He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me that I am His own. Can you not see that he does if you let him? It is after all a love affair. There is another song that comes to mind, every breath that I take every moment I am awake, Lord have your way with me. Yes, we knew it all the time just concentrate, don't turn your back on God in everything, give him praise. He wants to walk with you, yes little ole you.

IN HIS WONDERFUL GRACE

Chaplain Ken Pixley

Rally Reports

None reported

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****

As CFC moves ahead more and more into the digital age, developing and using online resources will become more important. We are 3 to 5 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 Emmanuel Chapter Spring Rally

April 16-20, 2020

Wilderness Lakes 1000 Trails Resort
Menifee, California

The 2020 Campers For Christ Ministries International Rally

CMA Iron Mountain Campground, Mena, Arkansas, September 23 -27, 2020

- There will be teaching and preaching of the Word, worship times, healing times, fellowship, food, fun and more!
- FREE Registration, FREE Event, and **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend!
- \$25 a night full hookups, \$10 a night tent sites, many cabins available.
- Wagonmasters Richard and June Bartz – 928 502 2375 – rbartz@campers4christ.org
- See attached flyer

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.

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.