



The Campground Witness

Quarterly Newsletter

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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 has been a privilege to attend many rallies this year, from the east to the west of the USA. Most of the rallies June and I attended were amazing events. Getting to know so many Campers For Christ (CFC) Ministries members has been a great blessing to me personally. We are a VERY diverse group.

One of the things I love the most about our rallies is that everyone can come and feel accepted and loved. I was pleased to see at most rallies that we had members camping in cars and tents and members camping in trailers and motorhomes and everything in between. All were sharing meals, helping one another, enjoying fellowship, and laughing and loving like a big happy family.

We have something to celebrate regarding our diversity. Our members come from all kinds of backgrounds socially, economically, and spiritually. Rubbing shoulders with people different than oneself is a really good thing. Getting another person's perspective makes us all stronger and better equipped to live and love in this crazy world today.

Campers For Christ Ministries is growing. In the past 12 months we were blessed with 88 new members, more than 150 people! It is inevitable that there will be differences of opinion in any group our size. June and I have differences of opinion in our group size of two! However, we must never let the differences divide us from one another. CFC is about something much bigger and better.

The theme I want to emphasize in Campers For Christ Ministries for 2022 is "campground witness". The Lord watches over the things he creates and anoints them. Our CFC history is clear, Jesus sent Jack White to earth to start Campers For Christ with a mission to "form a Christian camping club to minister to the people in campgrounds".

Ministry in campgrounds. Jesus sent Jack to start the ball rolling. Ministering to people in campgrounds is what Campers For Christ is about! That is what WE members are to be about! Brother, Sister, if you can accept that call to be a campground witness for Jesus, you will have the same anointing the Lord gave Jack, with the call & mission for all those who follow!

Jesus --- Savior, Lord, Healer, Deliverer, our soon coming King and so much more. It is not complicated. Jesus is what we are called to witness about. We can do that in so MANY ways. Feed

the hungry, visit the sick, bind up the broken hearted, preach, teach, much more. How are YOU called to be a campground witness? In whatever way, do it for Jesus!

It is my hope that we will all experience more of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit as we go along "camping in the shadow of the cross" next year. We are called to go and share the good news with everyone, everywhere. (Mark 16:15) When the disciples obeyed, then the Lord went with them and confirmed the word they spoke with signs following. (Mark 16:20) He will do the same for YOU. We are sent to declare the kingdom, heal the sick, cleanse lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons. Freely you have received --- freely give! (Matthew 10:7-8)

Wherever you are, wherever you go my brother, my sister, go in the Name of Jesus and dare to be his witness. Be bold, be strong. The Lord is with you.

Blessings and love, Richard Bartz

Rally Reports

International Rally 2021 / Business Meeting/ 6 November 2021

Winterhaven, Ca. / Pilot Knob RV Resort

Call to Order: 14:12 by Richard Bartz **Prayers and scripture reading:** John 15:9-17

Roll Call of Officers: President Richard Bartz HERE, Vice President Chad Caplinger HERE, Secretary Kim Caplinger ABSENT (Kelly Banks filled in.) Treasurer June Bartz HERE, Membership Chairman Vikki Eady ABSENT, Editor Leesa Verdote ABSENT. Chaplain ABSENT, Web Master Richard Bartz, Worship Leader Leah Sivley, Chapter Development Committee Richard Banks, Chad Caplinger, Bruce McCartney HERE. David Stankowicz, ABSENT Jim Vann ABSENT, Dennis Key ABSENT, Charles Sivley HERE.

Introduction of new members and guest: Bruce McCartney, Kelly Banks, Charles Sivley, Alan & Kay Kashdan, Jeff Mather, Julie Mirrow, Donnalyne LaGiglia, Total present 13

Reading of the minutes of previous meeting for reference only: N/A

A motion to waive the reading of the previous minutes by Chad Caplinger, seconded by Julie Mirrow

Treasurers Report: June Bartz handed out a complete report hard copy to everyone and read it. Beginning balance: 15,786.29 and ending balance is 17,178.88. every transaction in between was accounted for. June Bartz has changed software from money dance to Quicken books, June Bartz would like to retire this position. Prices for merchandise was given by June Bartz Polo shirts \$25., CFC bags \$25., Patch \$5., Flags \$7., Donated CFC shirts \$3., CFC Coins & Buttons Free

Motion to accept Treasurers Report Bruce McCartney, Seconded by Charles Sivley all in favor

Reports of Committees: Membership chairman Vikki Eady could not attend but sent an email to be read as follows: 151 current members, 21 have not renewed, 219 have expired, 18 resigned, 0 were blocked, since 1 October we have 86 new members.

Communications: Facebook, website, business page, (R Village, we are private should we go public?) Geo fencing as an option, Link sharing, URL as an option, we discussed invitations to be printed to invite surrounding campers to all chapter events, bibles to pass out.

Unfinished business: website needed to be upgraded and Richard Bartz said it was upgraded.

New Business :

To develop a committee to discuss and research outreach options such as bibles and advertising and viral networking for CFC to grow in membership and souls won to Christ Jesus.

Motion to accept outreach committee being formed Chad Caplinger, Seconded by Richard Banks all in favor

To increase CFC dues and renewal dues \$5. A year for the funding of the new outreach committee. This would increase dues from \$20. A year to \$25. A year.

Motion to pass the dues increase with extra going toward outreach ministry Richard Banks, seconded by Chad Caplinger, all in favor

Next years International Rally Richard Bartz would like to suggest Mayberry Campground 114 Byron Bunker Ln. Mount Airy, NC.27030 for 24 – 28 August 2022 @ \$25.00 a night lodging.

A motion was given by Chad Caplinger and seconded by Kay Kashdan

Election of Officers N/A

Minutes of this meeting to be read, corrected if necessary, and approved. Motion to adjourn Richard Bartz, seconded by Chad Caplinger at 15:26

Exodus Rally 2021 / Business Meeting/ 13 November 2021 / Quartzsite, AZ. / Hi Jolly BLM Campground

Call to Order: 11:40 by Bruce McCartney (President)

Prayers and scripture reading: John 7:6 by Bruce McCartney

Roll Call of Officers: President Bruce McCartney HERE, Vice President Richard Banks HERE, Secretary Kelly Banks HERE, Treasury June Bartz HERE

Introduction of new members and guest: Charles Sivley, Richard Bartz, Phyllis Gross, Mike & Alyce Branigan, Emerson & Peggy Knowles, Michael Willis Total present 12

Reading of the minutes of previous meeting for reference only: Read by Kelly Banks

A motion to accept by June Bartz, seconded by Peggy Knowles

Treasurers Report: June Bartz handed out a complete report hard copy to everyone and read it. Beginning balance: \$756.00 and ending balance is \$891.00. every transaction in between was accounted for. June Bartz has changed software from money dance to Quicken books, June Bartz would like to retire this position. Prices for merchandise was given by June Bartz Polo shirts \$25., CFC bags \$25., Patch \$5., Flags \$7., Donated CFC shirts \$3., CFC Coins & Buttons Free

Motion to accept Treasurers Report Richard Banks, Seconded by Peggy Knowles, all in favor

Reports of Committees: No Business

Communications: See new Business

Unfinished business: N/A

New Business : We would like 4 X 6 Invitations for campground witness opportunities printed with date, time, chapter open for fill in , and to be sent to each chapter for outreach ministry, to be sent to the International Committee budget for approval. We would also encourage all CFC to gather early before the event to hand out invites and to pray for Holy Spirits favor and will.

Motion to accept Richard Banks, seconded by Peggy Knowles

Richard & Kelly Banks Vice President and Secretary have resigned their positions as of Sunday 14 November 2021 due to travel conflicts. This resignation comes before their term is complete. The board of officers will need to appoint someone for the positions until next years elections.

Charles Sivley was appointed Vice President and all approved

No one was willing to take Secretary position so Kelly Banks will complete the paperwork for this rally and send the history of secretary with June Bartz for next years elections. This position needs filled before the Rally gets started for documentation purposes.

Next Rally Dates 3-6 February 2022 Quartzsite, AZ. Hi Jolly BLM Campground Motion to accept Richard Bartz ,seconded by June Bartz.

President Bruce McCartney seeks counsel on if he should resign his position due to doctrine differences with another member of CFC, Bruce shared his thoughts.

A motion for Bruce to seek Holy Spirits council not mans by Richard Banks, seconded by Michael Willis all in favor.

Election of Officers N/A

Minutes of this meeting to be read, corrected if necessary, and approved. Motion to adjourn meeting at 13:12 by Michael Willis, Seconded by Emerson Knowles

Minutes for ACTS Chapter of Campers 4 Christ- 1st ACT Chapter Meeting

Date: 10/22/21 Location: Kerr Lake State Recreation Area- JC Cooper Campground

Officers In attendance:

David and Jean Stankavich

Donald and Terry McIntyre

Nancy Vincent- not in attendance due to illness

Rally/Meeting Overview

Another exciting CFC event occurred in 2021 with the reactivation of the Acts Chapter with new officers (VA, WVA, KY, NC, SC). God truly blessed the inaugural camp-out rally that occurred on

10/22/21-10/24/2021 at Kerr Lake State Recreation Area NC. It included business and great fellowship with members and other campers in the area. Being a new Chapter, there were many ideas and discussions intertwined with directional prayer about future plans. As seen elsewhere in CFC, there is a desire by all to be obedient and available to God's calling for this Chapter. As it stands now, the ACTS Chapter will have at least 2 separate rallies in 2022 on either side of the August International Rally within the ACTS region. The first ACTS 2022 rally will take place from May 6-8 and the second October 21-23 with locations for both to be announced very soon. We encourage all those interested in ACTS Chapter involvement and participation to reach out to Chapter President, David Stankavich.

Chapters and their Officers

ACTS –, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

- President: David Stankavich, Ph: (804) 350-5087 rodanthe@verizon.net
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- Vice-President TBA
- Secretary TBA
- Treasurer TBA

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- Treasurer: June Bartz, Ph: 928 575-2375 jbartz@campers4christ.org

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- Vice-President: Susan Fonger
- Secretary: TBA
- Treasurer: TBA

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- Vice-President: TBA
- Secretary: TBA
- Treasurer: TBA

TRI-LAKES – Arkansas, Missouri (Southern Lakes Area), Oklahoma

- President: Eric French, Ph: (417) 413-7861 1wayRV@gmail.com
- Vice-President: Mike Vail, Ph: 501-762-2992 kmvcrosswalk@gmail.com
- Secretary: Judy Mefford, Ph: 870-302-9189 c4cjudy1915@gmail.com
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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.

Walt Thayer – 10/16/2021

Joanne Thayer just called and said that Walt went to be with the Lord last night 10-16-2021 Walt had been at home under Joanne care for the last three or four years, he had Alzheimer's. He died in a coma, so went peacefully.

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 in the digital age, developing and using online resources will become more important. Please pray we can continue to connect to a new generation of CFC members who will come to us online as well as those we already have. I think CFC is at a crossroads. 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. Richard Bartz, President Campers for Christ Ministries, 928-502-2375, richard@seamist.org
- 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

2021 SCHEDULE OF RALLIES- Listed by date

Sonshine Chapter – Winter Rally January 14-16, 2022

Cherry Blossom RV Park, 4100 S. Oates St., Dothan, AL 36301
For campsite reservations call (334) 792-3313,
For More Info call or email Jim Vann: (850) 510-9856 odiev186@hotmail.com

Exodus Chapter - 3-6 February 2022, Quartzsite, AZ., Hi Jolly BLM Campground

GATHER just to the east of the entrance about two city blocks in, look for Campers For Christ banners. Boondocking means no electric or water hookups. Water and dumpsites are available nearby in Quartzsite.

We will “circle the wagons” around a common campfire area, enjoy breakfasts and dinners together with some testimonies, devotions, much fellowship and a bit of fun. More information as the time nears...

If you are uncomfortable BOONDOCKING, a few RV parks are just a few minutes away: Split rail, Quail Run, American RV Parks. You are responsible for your own reservations of course...

Encourage those who have never Boondocked to come out and do so with a Christian support group. It will be FUN!

For details contact Bruce McCartney brucemccartney52@gmail.com, cell 307-429-9939 or Charles Sivley godswordkanab@gmail.com, 435-644-8675

TRI-LAKES Chapter (AK, MO, OK) Spring Rally April 7, 2022 - April 10, 2022

Rally Venue is not yet determined, if you have suggestions contact Eric French right away!

This will be the first Tri-Lakes Chapter rally in many years, we are very excited to be restarting the chapter. EVERYONE is invited as always.

For more information contact Tri-Lakes Chapter President Eric French, 1wayRV@gmail.com, cell 417 413-7861

ACTS Chapter- May 6-8, 2022 and October 21-23, 2022 with locations for both to be announced very soon.

2022 Campers For Christ Ministries International Rally -August 24, 2022 - August 29, 2022

NOTICE: 30 Campsites are being held at the Mayberry Campground ONLY until all are reserved or **July 15**. YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS WITH THE MAYBERRY CAMPGROUND **RIGHT AWAY!!!** Contact Chad Caplinger chad@chadcaplinger.com (405) 434-8750 or Richard Bartz rbartz@campers4christ.org (928) 502-2375 for more information.

Make your plans NOW. We have an amazing venue this year. The campground is excited we are coming and is making sure that we will have everything we need for a great rally. Some things being planned:

- Continental breakfast and pot “blessing” evening meals in the picnic shelter with a kitchen!
- Thursday Night Healing Service
- Friday and Saturday night concerts with the Kinders and another group
- Afternoon times with optional training times, games, tour the town
- Annual Business meeting and election Saturday
- “The Auction” where attenders give stuff they want to donate and others buy it for too much money.

Much more will be planned. This is a really nice place to visit, you may well want to reserve a day or two before or after the event just to enjoy Mount Airy, Andy Griffith’s hometown.

We will be mostly in the northwest area and all functions will be centered around the north west picnic shelter and firepit. There are some attractions in Mount Airy.

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:

Editor/Membership INFORMATION

Please take a few moments to read the following:

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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.

WELCOME NEW CFC MEMBERS

MEMBERS: Please access the members area directory for this information.

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.