



The Campground Witness



From The President:

Hello Campers!

Well, 2022 is here for better or for worse, and, by God's grace, you and I are still here too! Jesus hasn't come for us yet. Obviously, there are still works foreordained that you and I should walk in them! (see Ephesians 2:10!) I hope and pray that you are ready to do the works Jesus did and more. The Lord is calling his church to stand up and prevail over evil with the Word and the Spirit.

The whole world seems to be more and more in turmoil and chaos day by day. Everything that can be shaken is being shaken. There is no problem discerning spirits any more. Evil no longer hides, it is competing openly with truth and light for the hearts of men and women and boys and girls everywhere.

These are very exciting times brothers and sisters! Do you want to see miracles? Do you want to see healings? Do you want to see God do supernatural stuff? Now is the most amazing time in all of history. The battle between God and his enemies is raging. I am convinced that anyone who is willing will be used by our Lord can go about doing good and healing all who are oppressed by the devil. God is with us!

The phrase "Campground Witness" has been part of Campers For Christ Ministries from the earliest days in the 1970s. Jesus sent Jack White back to start a camping club to minister to people in campgrounds. Right away a few campers joined Jack and his wife and started going around on weekends to do campground witnessing to anyone who would listen. The Lord was with them and people got saved and healed and delivered from all kinds of evil.

That is how the Campers For Christ Caravan Club began. "Campground Witness" was the direction the Lord gave. The idea was anointed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Everywhere the members went and witnessed, God did the supernatural. Lives were changed, God was glorified, and the members got to be a part of the process.

Brother, Sister, I want to ask you a serious question. Would you like to be used by God to deliver a supernatural outcome to someone who is hurting and broken by the works of the devil? If you will ask the Lord to use you for this purpose, he will direct you to the need and anoint you with the Spirit so that you can do the work he needs done. Are you willing? Then ask now!

“The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, because the work of the Son brings glory to the Father.” (John 14:12-13, NLT)

You are chosen and appointed to go and produce much fruit. (John15:16) So go, speak the Word of God with confidence and expect to get the same results that his disciples experienced. “And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked with them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.”

“Campground Witness” is not just for campgrounds by the way. Everywhere you go, Walmart, the gas station, a restaurant, everywhere you go you can be a witness. Go in the name of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, speak the Word and expect the results.

God bless you as you go along in life, camping in the shadow of the cross. Richard Bartz, President CFC

Chaplains Corner

Encouragement

Leaving home behind and living the adventure of camping In the Shadow of the Cross separates us from some of the pressures and responsibilities we all deal with daily. The fellowship we share at CFC Rallies, the time spent in prayer, discovery, learning, and teaching with like-minded people shows how true the statement is that “We are in this world, but not of this world.” The more time we spend on the road, the more we trade troubles left behind for a new set of worries. It reminds me of the Parable of the Sower of Seeds (Matt 13:3-8, 18-23), where the seed falls on ground containing thorns which grow up choking us, bringing us down to where there is lack of faith as we become buried in the busy work of living, consumed by the cares of the world. Examine where you are. If you are in the thorns, perhaps the scripture below will lift you to stand tall and strong. The word admonishes us to keep our eye on the Lord, not our circumstances. There is power in that attitude.

One set of challenges we face are the changes in our economy, our lives, lockdowns, restrictions, mask mandates and health demands all associated with the pandemic. These all may have created an atmosphere of uncertainty for many; worrying about “what’s next,” and being fearful of the future. As full time RVers, we know that our challenges are similar, yet different than those who spend the majority of their time in a stationary home. It is possible to live with the chaos, the apostasies, the craziness, and the decay of our society without it bringing us down! It all lays in our Trust and Faith in the Lord, our understanding and following His ways and holding present the knowledge that we are children of the Most High. As believers we are set apart and given a hedge of protection. Scripture supports this.

It is said that all the answers to life are contained in the Word. The following scripture tells us how to weather the storm. I share them with you here, as encouragement, so that you may proceed in your life unencumbered by the fear and paralysis to which many non-believers are subject.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? PSALM 27:1
2. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? PSALM 118:6
3. Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God I will praise His word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. PSALM 56:3-4
4. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

5. Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you DEUTERONOMY 31:6
6. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me. PSALM 23:4
7. Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God I will strengthen you. ISAIAH 41:10
8. Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. LUKE 12:32
9. Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the Lord will be at your side and will keep your foot from being snared. PROV 3:25-26
10. The spirit you receive does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the spirit you receive brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." Romans 8:15. The Holy Spirit frees us from the fear of breaking the Law. Paul says that those who return to the Law have been alienated from Christ: fallen from grace.
11. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today. MATTHEW 6:33-34
12. Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for us 1 PETER 5:7 Do not be in fear of loss.
13. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sew or reap or stow away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? MATTHEW 6:26
14. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? MATTHEW 7:9-10

I've presented the above scripture in love and support, that you should know you are loved, and the Lord is forever beside you, watching your back, holding you up, making you strong in your weakness.

Alan Kashdan, CFC Chaplain

Rally Reports

The **Sonshine Chapter** met **January 14-16, 2022** in Dothan, Alabama at the Dothan RV Park. Friday evening we started with a meet and greet and finished with a pot luck dinner and fellowship. Saturday after coffee, breakfast and a time together we had a business meeting. The Sonshine Chapter is now back to having all offices filled along with a chaplain and a communications committee leader. We then took time to do lunch on our own and allow for time to be outside and available to talk to others throughout the campground. Due to weather getting colder and the anticipation of rain we met at the local Fazoli's for dinner. The scripture reading by Jim Vann was from 2 Kings 6:8-17. Sunday morning was colder with wind--The chapter continued time of worship and scripture reading from Corinthians 11:24-29 and communion in the campground laundry room! Despite less than favorable weather conditions God was glorified!

Kim Wentworth

The **Exodus Chapter** met for their spring rally at the Hi Jolly BLM area just north of Quartzsite, Arizona **February 2-6**. It was a "circle the wagons" boondocking type rally with a relaxed agenda to encourage everyone to take time to get to know one another, enjoy campfire activities, to be blessed with testimonies, and to get a bit of good Word teaching as well. About twenty-five different people attended.

The first day was windy to the max and most of the days were plenty cool but no one seemed to suffer much. The food was as good as it always is but something special about this rally were the hot breakfast meals with bacon, sausage, eggs, and pancakes grilled to perfection by Brother Charles Sivley.

Something else special at this rally was a toilet / wash station on a trailer provided for car and tent campers by Charles and Leah. A real blessing! That was a very considerate thing to do! Thank you Sivleys!

Music around the campfire was also a great blessing. Special thanks to Sister Leah Sivley and Zoe for the special songs. The trumpet accompaniment was amazing and drew in a few folks. We need more of that! As for the Word, Brother Charles Sivley shared about having spiritual eyes to see and discern what is really going on and Brother Richard Bartz shared about the authority we have in the Name of Jesus.

The rally business meeting saw Maggie Lopes appointed as secretary to fulfill the term of Kelly Banks. The rally ended with communion as usual and more than a few of us sad to be having to go our separate ways again. I think that everyone had a good time! Wish you all could have been there.

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.

John Chandler – Jan 28, 2022

From his daughter Laurie Hyde

Harold (John) L. Chandler, Jr. – RIP 9/7/29 – 1/28/22

I had my last “father-daughter” time with my dad last night as he went to be with the Lord around 12:45 am Friday, January 28th. I am both sad and rejoicing. Sad that I lost my father, and the Chandler family lost their Patriarch, but rejoicing that I have assurance that he is in Heaven, reunited with my mother who he was married to for 68 years, and is with friends and family. He was 92 and lived a full life. I will remember him in his bright blue truck rumbling up the hill outside our house, baking pies in his cottage – yes, he baked apricot and rhubarb pie often, taking the trash down each week, and getting the mail each day. And my favorite memory is after we ate dinner and he cleared the table, I would go to his place and we would work a puzzle together for an hour. His last words

were that he was ready to go and that he would see us on the other side. He is reuniting with so many of your loved ones as well that have gone on before, and that brings me great joy.

Yvonna Blunk, New old CFC Member, said "Going to miss you, John! You and Dolly are rejoicing right now! Along with a lot of our friends and CFC family! Say hello to everyone for us! And tell Jesus we love Him and Thank Him !"

2022 SCHEDULE OF RALLIES- Listed by date

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME – MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED!

Blue Sky RV Park, Mountain View, Arkansas

Full hookup sites are \$30 for 50 amp and \$25 for 30 amp.
There is a clubhouse that will be available in case of inclement weather.

Make your campsite RESERVATIONS directly with the RV Park at (870) 269-8132. Address is 20843 AR-5, Mountain View, AR 72560. Their email is blueskyrvpark@yahoo.com. **Be sure to tell them that you are coming for the Campers For Christ rally.** Check out their website! <http://blueskyrvparkmv.com/>

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 (VA, WV, Ky, Tenn, NC, SC) Chapter Spring Rally

When: May (*5th) 6 – May 9th

For All To Come As You Are & Can!! Membership Not Required
An Opportunity to Ask Questions, Fellowship, and Just Hang Out With Christian Campers

Location:

- Lake Reidsville Recreation Park Campground, (North of Greensboro NC), 630 Water Works Rd, Reidsville, NC 27320
- Park offers 3 hiking/bike trail, kayak/canoe rentals, fishing, disc golf

Reservations: Please call (required) 336-349-4738 asap

Camp Sites:

- The on-line campground map is under development (to date)
- There are some sites along the lake with Electric and Water only, others nearby off the lake also include Waste (they are all nice and close by)
- CFC ACTS officers and member sites already reserved are: 34,36,38,40

Planned Schedule – As you can make it: (look for the CFC banner/signs)

- § * Thur 5/5 - some will arrive PM (if you do, please stop by)
- § Friday 5/6 – AM ACTS Officers only business meeting
- § Friday 5/6 – PM for All around 7:00 - Meet/Greet, fire, smores, snacks and good fellowship
- § Saturday 5/7

- o 8:30 –10:00 AM for All - Breakfast (provided), Fellowship, and Praise
- o 10:00 – 6:00 Open Day for All with your families or others (bring or rent a kayak/canoe at reasonable costs or maybe biking together, etc)
- o 6:00 PM for All - Pot Luck Dinner (a main course will be provided) around a fire followed by Fellowship/Prayer
- § Sunday 5/8 - 8:30 – 9:30ish AM for All - Lite Breakfast (provided) followed by a brief time of worship
- § Questions/Updates:
- § Please text/e-mail David Stankavich if you plan on attending the ACTS Spring Rally or have any questions at: 804-350-5087 or salvowaves101@gmail.com
- § OTHER NOTES:
- o The ACTS Chapter will join the International Campout Rally 8/24-8/29 at the NC Mayberry Campground (see International Rally website details to make your reservations now)
- o The ACTS Chapter will have a Fall Rally in late October (TBD)

Sonshine Chapter (AL, GA, FL) Rally, May 13th – 15th. Strawberry Fields RV Park. 1043 N.E. 4th Street, Chiefland, Florida 32626. 352-507-7035 for reservations (mention you are with Campers for Christ). Itinerary coming soon. Contact: Jim Vann 850-510-9856 or odiev186@hotmail.com

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.

CENTRAL REGIONAL RALLY EVENT

September 7-11 at Salmon Lake Campground in Grapeland, TX

All are Welcome – Membership Not Required! Make Plans to Attend — More Details to Come!

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.
- Try to keep the rally summaries to 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.

****NEWS & NOTICES FOR ALL****

- 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

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