

SEYFERT CAMP COMMUNICATOR

Summer 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We are finally coming to the long awaited event we have been planning and anticipating for the past few years - Seyfert Family Camp and the 100th Anniversary Celebration. Our planning committee has been working hard, and they have come up with a schedule of events that should be interesting, reflective and informative. Because of the many various activities it was necessary to reprint the Family Camp Brochure. **So we have enclosed the revised brochure. Please take time to read it and note the changes.** Also, carefully read the article written by Bruce Schott, chairman of the anniversary planning committee. It's on the next page and has important information about the entire camp schedule. Note that there are deadlines on some events or purchases.

As I write, my mind goes back to when I was a small boy and Dad loaded up the car with clothing and kids and we drove the three hour trip to enjoy seventeen days of Family Camp. There were tents for people to rent and a noisy two-story dormitory, and a circle of small cottages surrounding the tabernacle. The days were packed with services, starting with morning devotions before breakfast and worship services lasting throughout the day, with breaks for meals. We Taylor children were required to attend two services a day - the evening service and one other - including Children's Meeting when we were small.

Many memories like this will be shared at camp this year and we are hoping new memories will be made for our younger campers. If Jesus tarries, who knows what meetings and victories will be made in the coming years. I enjoy remembering what has happened in the past, but look with eager anticipation at what God will do this year and in years to come.

FOUNDERS FELLOWSHIP BANQUET



This year on May 22, fifty-nine people came to Seyfert Camp for our annual fund-raiser banquet. It was held in the camp tabernacle and the tables were spaced apart (in keeping with the corona 19 virus guidelines) with white tablecloths and centerpieces. We were treated to one of the best catered meals I have ever enjoyed. Special music was provided by Cheryl Thompson and Macy Dunlap, and then everyone joined them in singing some old "Camp Meeting" songs. John Fleece talked about the improvements in progress and Bruce Schott gave a brief talk about the upcoming 100th anniversary. Everyone seemed to have a good time and many suggested we have next year's banquet at camp again. Although this was one of our smallest attendances for the event, we were still able to raise

almost \$21,000 for camp operations and improvements. We are so thankful to all who support the camp through these banquets.

LADIES LUNCHEON

During Family Camp on Wednesday August 4th at noon, a luncheon for ladies will be held in the Lutheran Church in Gibraltar, PA. Elena Dubbeld will be speaking. The cost is \$6.00, but if you purchase a season meal ticket the meal is covered. Clara Rash needs to know no later than July 25th if you plan to attend. Call or text 484-904-6292 or email clararver@aol.com

Seyfert Camp 100th Anniversary

Bruce Schott, Anniversary Planning Chairman

“Letting the Light Shine”

In December 1921 a wooded four-acre lot was purchased for \$1,000 in the village of Seyfert PA. Now in the year 2021, we are celebrating the 100th year of Seyfert Camp’s existence. But the real story of Seyfert Camp starts much earlier in 1889 as the Heavenly Recruits held the first camp meetings at various locations around eastern PA. The vision for the Seyfert Camp purchase was to have a permanent campsite that could be developed with better facilities. As our history shows, that vision has played out over the next 100 years. As we have pulled together the historical records and facts about the beginnings of the camp, another storyline took precedence. It is the story of our Christ-sanctified founders who carried a deep love for people and a great burden for the lost. People were drawn to Seyfert Camp in great numbers in the early years as the presence of the Holy Spirit moved mightily, delivering a large number of conversions. The stories of the focus on fervent prayer among the camp attendees and leaders certainly gave rise to these results. Camp has changed over the years as our world has changed. Generations have passed through Seyfert Camp, but we are still “Letting the Light Shine” in 2021. Please plan on attending camp this year, and helping us celebrate 100 years of Seyfert Camp. We plan on sharing more history, pictures, and stories about our camp that you will not want to miss.

ANNIVERSARY CATERED BBQ PICNIC : Saturday August 7th at 5 PM

Menu: Pulled Pork, BBQ chicken, Sausage, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Hot Baked Beans, Ring Bologna & Cheese, Pickles & Olives, Chips & Pretzels, Rolls & Condiments, Beverage, Dessert

Cost: Adults \$15.00, Child \$9.00 (5yrs – 12 yrs), 4 and under free

NOTE Everyone planning to enjoy the BBQ must purchase a ticket in advance by Friday July 30th.

There will **not** be a dining hall meal served the night of Saturday, August 7th. If you plan to purchase a season meal ticket, you still need to pre-purchase and pay for a BBQ ticket. Season meal ticket holders will get a \$5 discount if they purchased a BBQ ticket.

To purchase a BBQ ticket contact: Wendy Schott, bschott@embarqmail.com or call 717-637-5813. **Checks can be made out to Seyfert Camp Association and mailed to 2733 Pleasant Hill Rd, Hanover, PA 17331** or you can pay the first weekend of camp.

100th ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE

Long and short sleeve t-shirts, sweat shirts, fleece blankets and other items with Seyfert Camp 100th Anniversary 1921-2021 logo will be on sale via an online website <https://seyfertcamp2021.itemorder.com/sale> **until July 7th**. Items can be viewed and purchased on line. At checkout you will have option to have items shipped directly to you or delivered to camp. Look for more information to come about a website for purchasing your 100th anniversary items. There will be no items for sale during camp week. This is an online option only.

PORCH LIGHTS

We are asking cottage/camper owners to decorate their porches with white lights. We would like to light up the camp grove each evening by letting our lights shine.

Seyfert Camp 100th Anniversary Schedule

Nightly 100th anniversary highlights during services.

Saturday August 7, 2021

2 PM: 100th Anniversary Service

5 PM: Catered BBQ Picnic- (Tickets required in advance)

6:30 PM: Concert with The Mark Dubbeld Family & Evangelistic Message by Dr. Samuel Vassel

9 PM: Old Fashioned Camp Fire with singing and testimonies, marshmallows and hot dogs

Sunday August 8, 2021

Breakfast

10 AM: Morning Worship Service

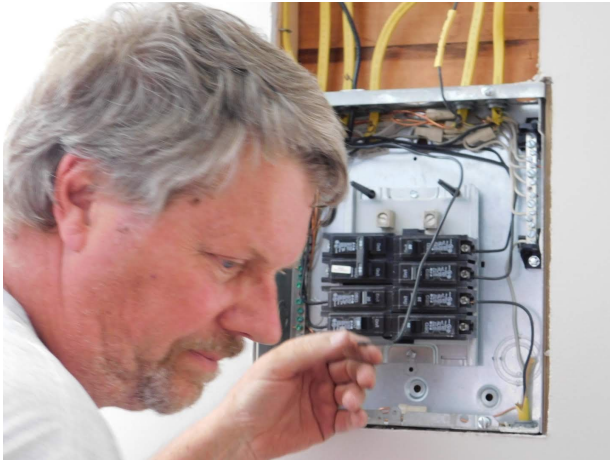
12 Noon: Dinner and end of camp

Please notice the change of the time of the Concert and the close of Family Camp.

We wanted to post some pictures of a few camp activities. This included some pictures of people doing maintenance so our camp will be beautiful and safe. We are continually upgrading and improving many of our buildings and service. Recently motion detectors were installed in the Bath House. This should save a lot of money because the lights were on continually from the opening of camp in March until we winterized the grounds - often in November - and there was no way to turn them off except by turning off the breaker.



So many things take place during Family Camp it is impossible to show all the work, play, fellowship and cooperation that makes a camp successful. And there is the spiritual encouragement through good music and excellent preaching that causes us to leave at the end of camp meeting physically tired but spiritually revived. We rejoice in how God has had his hand in leading and providing down through the years, and we anticipate even greater days ahead.



GROUP CAMP USE

As our grounds are improved and modernized, we often get requests from other groups wanting to use the camp facilities. Last year all services were cancelled because of the coronavirus, and this year requests were slow coming in. In just the last few weeks things are starting to pick up, and church groups are calling to make reservations. Some cottage and RV/trailer owners come to camp for a few days during the summer to do volunteer work or to work on their dwellings, and we encourage them to do so. We also have a few people who are always mowing, cleaning, making improvements, etc. We do ask that everyone would respect the groups' worship times by keeping noise and activities from disrupting their services.

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