

SEYFERT CAMP COMMUNICATOR

Summer 2020

From the President's desk:

As I contemplate what to write in this belated Communicator, I can't help thinking about all that has happened since we mailed out the Spring Communicator. At that time, we were planning work days, Founders Fellowship banquet and scheduling groups to use the camp grounds for retreats. We also had engaged an evangelist and singers, as well as other activities for our Family Camp Meeting.

The corona virus was something we thought would fade away or we would have a vaccine for it. Never did we expect so many changes, restrictions and problems, or that they would last this long. And we still face days of uncertainty.

If you listen to the news media on a regular basis, you can really get depressed quickly. To me, listening to the national news is no way to start a day. And the last thing I want to do at night is listen to the news before I go to bed. So, since our churches were closed and we couldn't visit friends and many of our social engagements were cancelled or closed, we chose to fill our minds with "good news," both when we start the day and end the day.

Betsy and I have our private devotions each morning. I read portions from the Old and New Testaments and then read a good Christian book. Currently I am in II Samuel and I just finished the book of Hebrews. I found a book on church history called, "How God Saved Civilization," starting with the New Testament disciples and continuing to our present age. Just this morning I read about the camp meetings in the 1800s. (Did you know that in 1868, 25,000 people attended the camp meeting in Manheim, Pennsylvania?) The one thing the book emphasizes is that sometimes the organized church fails, and sometimes spiritual leaders fail, and sometimes it seems humanity has fallen into total depravity, yet God has always raised up someone to proclaim the message of redemption.

I am convinced that God has a plan and purpose for Seyfert Camp. I do not know how He will accomplish this. I don't know who or what tool He will use. But I wait excitedly and expectantly for Him to work. While Seyfert Camp grounds can't begin to hold 25,000 people, join with me in praying for a mighty moving of His Spirit and then let's wait to see what God is going to do.

Family Camp Cancelled

It is with real sadness and deep regret that the Camp Board has decided to cancel our 2020 Family Camp. We waited as long as we could to make a decision, hoping conditions would improve and restrictions would ease, but that has not been the case. Our greatest concern is for the safety of our camp family and we did not want to risk anyone's life. Also, the problem of keeping the facilities sterilized and providing meals would be very expensive and proved to be a bigger challenge than we anticipated.

I know many will be disappointed with this year's closing. It seems that a vital part of our worship, encouragement and fellowship will be missing. Many families use camp time for vacation and relaxation. Some only get to see friends and family during camp.

We are all hopeful that the corona virus situation will change. Plans are going ahead with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Seyfert Camp. It will be a special time, and various kinds of remembrances will be held throughout the week of Family Camp in 2021.

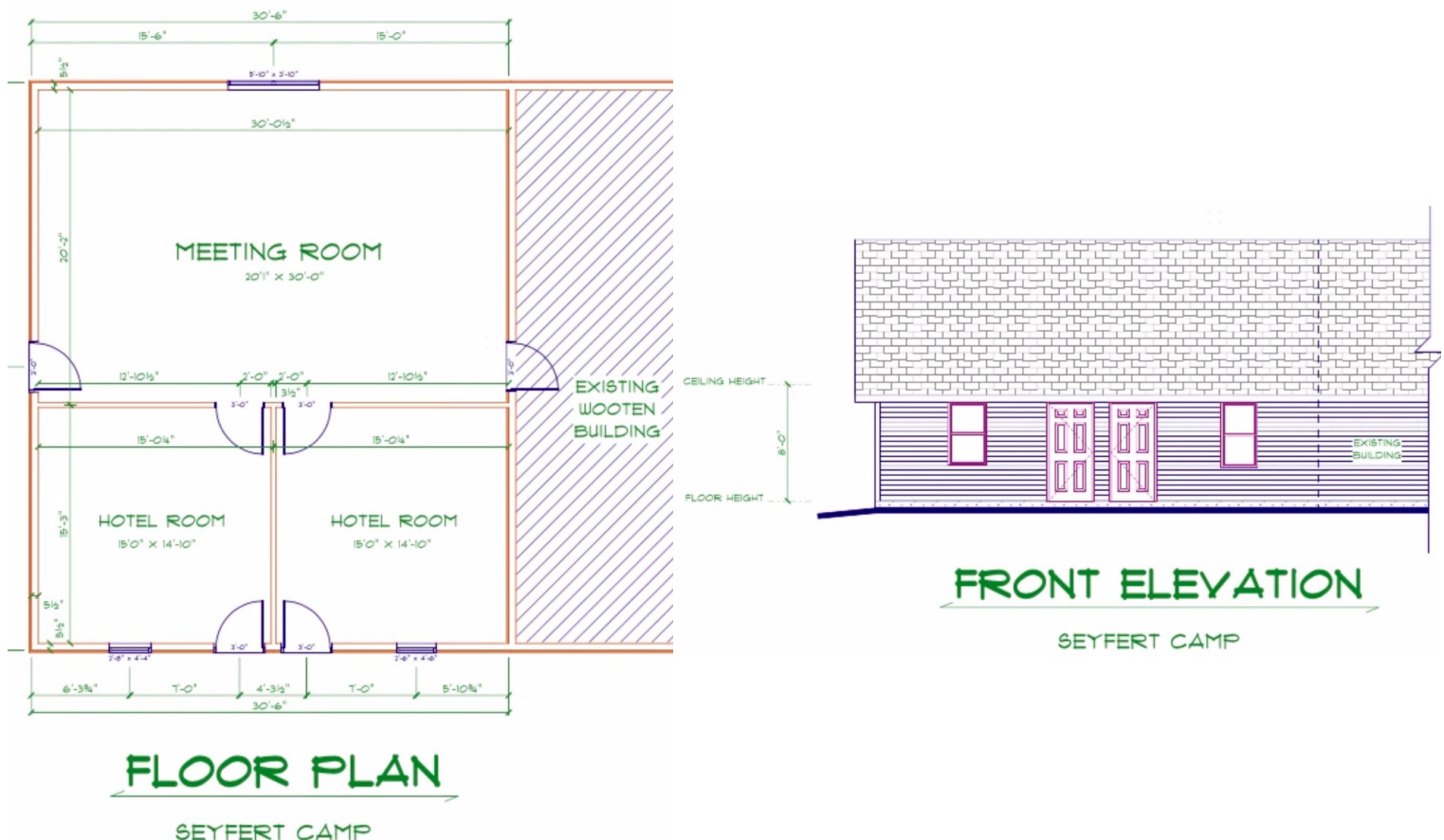
Dr. Sam Vassel, a District Superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene, is scheduled to be our evangelist. The Mark Dubbeld family have been engaged to be the singers. So, mark you calendar and plan to come and help us celebrate. (July 31, 2021 through August 8, 2021.)

Another Project!!!

One of the many exciting things we have seen at Family Camp over the past few years has been an increase in the number of toddlers and children. The children meet in the Wooten Building for their classes and the toddlers meet in Cottage Eleven. (We've GOT to come up with a name for that cottage!) Anyway, the toddlers have outgrown their meeting place. They had twenty-five toddlers in that one cottage. So there has been discussion about what the camp can do. We had discussed a pole building behind the swimming pool or putting up a new building somewhere else on the grounds. However township restrictions have limited us in building any new facilities. But we may have found a solution.

John Fleece and some of his contacts discussed putting a thirty-foot addition onto the Wooten Building. It already has adequate electric and a new air conditioning/heat pump that could handle the new addition. The building already has restroom facilities. The floor plan shows a large meeting room 20 ft. x 30 ft. (to be used by the toddlers) and two additional rooms 15 ft. x 14 ft. for either motel rooms or meetings.

And here's the good part. John has contractors and helpers who will volunteer their time, and most of our expense would be for materials. If we had the funds, they could begin work while camp is closed for services.

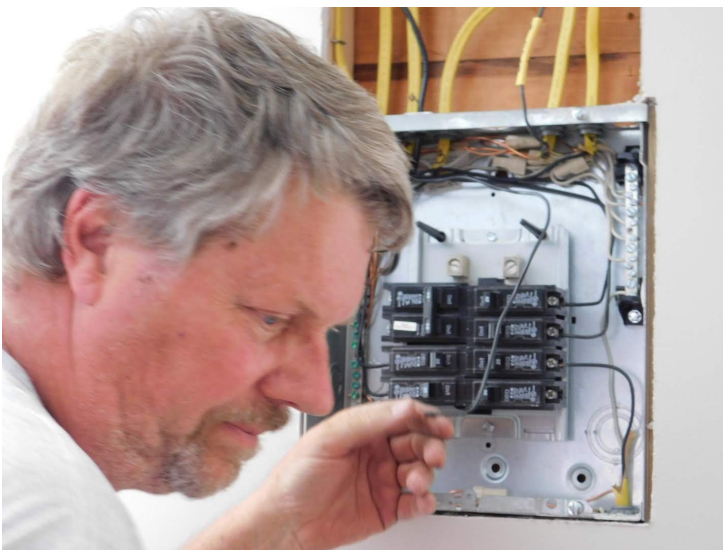


The price for this addition is \$25,000. The Camp Board's minutes state that we cannot begin a project until we have the funds. So, Dave Taylor will begin a fund raiser to raise that amount. This addition is necessary and will greatly benefit the camp. I hope you will prayerfully consider what you could donate towards this worthy cause.

Cancelled! Cancelled! Cancelled!

This word can be used in a positive or a negative way. For instance, if a debt you owe is cancelled, that's great news. But if events are cancelled that are important in order to continue our ministries and outreach, it can really hurt. And that is what has happened this year. We had to cancel our work days and our Founders Fellowship Banquet. Every church group that had scheduled week-end retreats or camps was also cancelled. These three things always gave Seyfert Camp vital income and volunteer labor. So you can imagine what all these cancellations have done to our budget. The positive side is that this has given our volunteers the opportunity to work without interruptions on the electric upgrades and to clean up the piles of limbs left from trees that were removed.

Some of our volunteers have still worked through the spring and summer. They are maintaining the roads, mowing the grass, cleaning up debris and beautifying the grounds with flowers and paint. Work on upgrading electric in cottages was also done.



What is Seyfert Camp's Purpose?

Seyfert Camp is pleased to be a place where we can enjoy good Christian fellowship and also find spiritually refreshing teaching, singing and preaching. Down through the years at Seyfert, we could name many well-known singers and evangelists who shared the good news in impressive, unforgettable ways. This parade of workers has continued to the present and each year we are blessed and encouraged.

In a society that is becoming spiritually anemic and Biblically illiterate, we need to expose our friends, our children and ourselves to clear, Spirit-filled, anointed, preaching. And this can be found at Seyfert Camp. Our society has had enough entertainment, shallow theology, and denominational isolation. It is time for the Church to come together and boldly witness to the lost and bring them to Jesus, because Christ is soon returning for His church, but only for those who are saved from their sins. Many family members, friends and acquaintances are not ready and would be lost for eternity.

I pray that God would revive our souls, our prayer life, our witnessing and our churches. May He bring healing to our land and may we witness a great ingathering of precious souls.

Can you help?

Seyfert Camp operates on gifts and donations from people like you. We will continue to have monthly expenses and repairs throughout the year. Our camp can only continue as you who love the camp support it. Would you consider sending a generous donation to help us meet our obligations? You will receive a receipt and your gift is tax deductible.

Make your check payable and mail it to: Seyfert Camp, 31185 Ross Point Road. Laurel, DE 19956.

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