

SEYFERT CAMP COMMUNICATOR

Summer 2019

From the President's Desk:

Summer has arrived and things are heating up. Both the weather and the busyness of preparing for and hosting church groups keep many of us very involved. As we look forward to these summer months and all its activities, it is also interesting to look back.

At our first work days in March, Betsy, my sister Mim and I started cleaning out old files stored in the camp office. There were lots of papers, receipts, old deeds, and records from the Evangelical Christian Church, which merged with the Wesleyan Church. What really caught my attention were the hundreds of copies of the denomination's periodical, *The Christian Messenger*. Some of them went back to the 1930s and there were many copies of each issue in the files up until the publication was discontinued.

I briefly glanced over some of them and the memories almost overwhelmed me. Names and pictures of so many people I knew who are now in Heaven! There were articles by missionaries and pastors. There were bits of news from various churches. Also included were pages of advertising about Family Camp - pictures of the singers and evangelists, and the schedule of services - and each day was packed from early morning until the evening rally.

When we celebrate Seyfert Camp's 100th anniversary in 2021, we plan to make these old Messengers available to anyone who wants them. Perhaps you might see a picture of yourself or your name mentioned. You might take a trip down memories lane as I did.

I say this because I hope each year those who attend our camp - whether for Family Camp or a group using the grounds for a weekend - will make new memories that will be cherished and will remind them of wonderful days at Seyfert Camp.

Newest Camp Board Member - Cheryl Thompson



Cheryl Thompson is no stranger to Seyfert Camp, having attended there since she was a small child. She joined the Camp Board in August, 2018. She has many contacts and expertise in the music field, and is an excellent pianist and singer who will bring lots of experience, especially in helping with the music of the camp. A private music teacher in piano and guitar and a vocal coach, Cheryl maintains 55-60 students in two studios. She also accompanies three choirs at Holly Grove Christian School for rehearsals, concerts and competitions.

Married to her loving husband, Danny, Cheryl is a member of Cross Pointe Church of the Nazarene where she serves in music ministry, as a Sunday school teacher, and as a board member. Things she enjoys include spending time with family and friends, yard work, music, reading, teaching and traveling. Cheryl feels blessed and grateful to God for a fulfilled life and a rich legacy from Godly parents, the late Rev. Charles and Fern Kramer.

Founders Fellowship Report

Our annual fund raising banquet in April was a success. Eighty-four persons attended and were treated to an good meal, excellent singing by "A Servant's Heart" trio, and updates on projects and improvements. It is always a time of great fellowship with others from the camp families and really helps the camp with projects.



Beautifying the Camp

This spring several ladies spent a lot of time preparing flower beds and containers, planting flowers, and mulching the flower beds. Some landscaping was also done and grass seed was planted. The golf cart trails are now “marked off” so cars and trucks will not drive on them, and some new parking spaces were added. We have dedicated volunteers who come every week to mow the grass, weed whack, and keep the grounds clean. Other volunteers are making improvements and doing maintenance around the camp. A group from a Spanish church came one day to help with the many jobs. We appreciate all the hard work, the love and the interest shown to the camp. THANK YOU!



Update on Schedule of Services at Family Camp

The annual Family Camp Meeting will be held August 3 to 11. Our camp singers, The Mark Dubbeld Family, will arrive on Monday, Aug.,5 and remain for the week, and perform in the closing concert on Sunday, the 11th. The camp evangelist, Rev. John Symonds, will begin his ministry with the Monday morning Bible Study and then continue throughout the rest of the camp.

Family Camp will begin on Saturday, the 3rd, with a picnic from 4:00 to 5:30. Here is a schedule for the first weekend:

Sat., Aug. 3: Opening Praise Concert 7:00 p.m. Music: The Thorpe Family, one of Keymar, MD Wesleyan Church's praise teams, and several camp musicians.

Sun., Aug. 4: Service 10:00 a.m. Music: The Byron Mikesell Family from Carlisle, PA Wesleyan Church. Sermon: Rev. Daniel Taylor, camp president.

Sun., Aug. 4: Afternoon Praise Gathering. Orchestra Prelude at 2:50; At 3:00, congregational singing, choir numbers, orchestra songs, and specials by various local talent.

Sun., Aug. 4: Service 7:00 p.m. Music: Pastor Gabe Wickstrum & Family of Cross Pointe Church of the Nazarene, Salisbury MD; Sermon: Rev. Dwight Mikesell, pastor of Wesleyan Church in Bethlehem, PA.

Other points of interest include:

Bible Studies - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m. with Rev. John Symonds

Missions Service - Weds., Aug. 7 at 9:30 a.m. with Beverly Schmelzenbach, missionary to Africa

Ladies Luncheon - Weds., Aug.7 at 12:00 noon; Speaker: Janene Dubbeld (see below)

Kentucky Mountain Bible College - Singers - Aug. 8 at 6:15 before evening service

Bluegrass Band - Fri., Aug. 9 after evening service at the snack shop

Annual Membership Meeting - Saturday, Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Supervised Afternoon Activities - for children, youth, and adults, Monday through Friday

Golf Cart Parade - Saturday, Aug. 10, including golf carts, tricycles, bicycles, wheelchairs

Closing Concert - Sunday, Aug. 11 at 3:00 with The Mark Dubbeld Family

Youth Bible Studies, Children's Ministry, Toddler Ministry, Evening service Infant Care.



We are looking forward to seeing you at
FAMILY CAMP MEETING



Ladies Luncheon

On Wednesday, August 8th at noon, a luncheon for ladies will be held in the Lutheran Church in Gibraltar, PA. Janene Dubbeld will share about her compositions of songs, poems, devotionals and stories. The cost is only \$5.00 but if you purchase a season meal ticket the meal is covered. There is limited space, so please contact Clara Rash if you plan to attend: (484) 904-6292 or clararver@aol.com.

You can help support the camp!

Do you shop Amazon? Dolly Owens has set up an Amazon account for Seyfert Camp. She has been using this program for about 3 years and the camp gets a check periodically from SmileAmazon for her percentage of purchases. It's easy and you too can help by signing up for [SmileAmazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), then go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/01-2081723>. Follow the instructions and select Seyfert Camp Meeting as the charity. Be sure to bookmark the page so that you can always come back to [SmileAmazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) Seyfert Camp Meeting.

Also, we are now on Facebook. Feel free to join, post pictures or comments and share them with your friends. Dolly manages the account and tries to update it with events that are going on, any repair work, maintenance and construction, or pictures whenever she visits the Camp. You're invited to do the same thing each time you go to Facebook/Seyfert Camp Meeting. Help get the word out about Seyfert Camp.



We Need Volunteers John Fleece is looking for painters. The camp needs some inside and outside painting, so if you can volunteer a day or more it would be greatly appreciated. Call John at (717) 203-1677 and let him know when you can come. We will provide the paint, brushes, etc.

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