

## SEYFERT CAMP COMMUNICATOR

### Spring 2021

#### **From the President's desk:**

With all the recent snow and cold weather, it is hard to envision the heat and humidity we often experience during Seyfert Family Camp. Yet time relentlessly marches on and the seasons change. Before we know it summer will be here. Soon the flowers will begin blooming, the trees will sprout new leaves, the grass will green up and we will begin our warm weather activities. If you are like me, it will be a refreshing change. Between the days of short daylight, the Corona virus, and the bad weather, getting "out" was very restricting and too much of my time was being spent watching TV and eating. Betsy and I had to find other things to occupy our time.

Now talking on the phone, and sending cards and emails has increased dramatically. Personal devotions became longer and praying for our friends and church family took on a new meaning and urgency. I personally still eat too much, but I started spending a half hour on the treadmill which gives me a little exercise. When nice weather finally comes, some of these activities will drop off. Yet I want to continue some of the good habits I've developed. In I Timothy 4:8 the Apostle Paul said, **"For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."** KJV Keeping my spiritual body fit is vital. In II Corinthians 4 the Bible also says, **"...but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."** KJV

It is inevitable that we will grow older, weaker, and less able to perform even simple tasks. But we don't become useless. While younger people must step up and provide leadership and take on the responsibilities of maintaining and conducting Seyfert Camp, everyone can pray and support the camp financially. While the younger generation will have to do the planning as well as much of the hard, manual labor, everyone can give encouragement and attend Family Camp.

When we gather for worship and our spirits are uplifted by the music and songs of praise, when the Word of God is preached and our souls are fed, encouraged and challenged, when sinners are saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit - then all the work, expense and effort is worth it all.

On a personal note - I do try to adjust to the many of the changes that come along in technology. I know how use the computer for some things, but there are many things I can't do on it. I have a cell phone but I don't text or use facebook. I say that because just recently my daughter sent Betsy and me a lot of facebook messages that were sent on my birthday back in December. I did not acknowledge them because I never saw them. So - two things: If you sent me greetings last year - thank you. And if you want to communicate to me - please call me on the phone or email me.

#### **Camp Centennial - 100 years of meetings**

We are still making plans and preparing for the 100th anniversary of Seyfert Camp. On this side of Heaven, we will never know how many people's lives were changed, encouraged and disciplined. While many have gone on to glory and some have moved to other areas of the country, the Camp's spiritual influence continues to reach out with the "Good News."

We will have more information about this celebration in our next Camp Communicator, but in the meantime our planning committee will be compiling pictures, videos, and other types of "memories" that will review the ministries and accomplishments of the camp.

I think it is exciting that the camp is open to and used by more groups and people than ever before in its history. And we can't even imagine what God has for us as we begin the next one hundred years. Like one lady told me, "Hold on to your hat!" So we hope you all will come and help us celebrate this important milestone in our history.

## **Founders Fellowship Banquet**

As you are well aware, because of the Corona 19 virus, the year 2020 had some rather unexpected and negative consequences concerning Seyfert Camp. Along with canceling Family Camp, we also had to cancel all groups that were scheduled to use the camp. We also had to cancel our annual fundraiser, the Founders Fellowship Banquet.

While God has marvelously provided funds to keep our camp operational, last year was our lowest income year since we incorporated in 2001. We really need our annual fundraiser. We are asking all of our camp family to consider attending our fundraiser and supporting the camp this year.

There are a few things I need to mention:

**-We have changed the date from April 24, 2021 to May 22, 2021. The meal is at noon.**

-We hope to have the banquet in the dining hall. If that's not allowed, weather permitting, we may have our meal outside (either in open tents or on the deck at the dining hall. Or, if rainy weather, it may be held in the tabernacle). This would allow us to observe social distancing if the Corona 19 virus is still causing restrictions.

-We will do everything we can to sterilize all equipment, chairs and tables, and the restrooms so everyone can feel safe.

-There will be camp updates and special singing.

-Big John Nolt's Catering will be providing the meal.

-Finally, this meal is free but we hope you will bring a generous donation to help us continue the ministries of our camp.

If you can attend, please let me know by either calling me (302-875-3266) or email me at [pastordht@aol.com](mailto:pastordht@aol.com). If you feel uncomfortable about gathering in groups, perhaps you could still consider sending a donation for the camp.

## **Water and the Pump House**

It seems that some things that should be relatively simple can turn into something complex. For some time now our Camp Board has been wanting to build a new pump house and install a new water meter. It turns out that this will be a bigger and more expensive project than we anticipated.

After talking to township leaders and water treatment experts, we were told we will need to install a purifier for our water. This is not optional. We did not anticipate the scope of what is required or the added expense - and it will be expensive. In the past few weeks a new pump house was built and installed, and the water pump has been replaced. Now we must install some type of purifier and we are still getting information about which system would be best. This must be taken care of before our Summer activities begin. Having clean, safe water is imperative.

I spent quite a while looking through the hundreds of pictures on my computer because I wanted everyone to see the condition of the old pump house and why we are replacing it, but I couldn't find a picture of it. (Betsy said she doesn't take pictures of ugly things!)



A few weeks ago this shed replaced the old cinder block pump house. There is still a lot of work to do to install a new pump, new pipes, and a water meter. Then a water purification system will be added.

These improvements should give us cleaner water with less minerals like iron, magnesium, etc.

We appreciate those who donated toward this project and those who are doing the work. John Fleece took this picture of the new shed when he was working on it recently.

## Wooten Building Addition

In the past Camp Communicators, we shared that the Camp Board is planning to add onto the Wooten Building in order to have adequate room for our toddlers and juniors during Family Camp. Getting permits, blueprints and engineering plans is taking much more time than we expected and is very frustrating, as more paperwork is required.

Now we must resolve our water situation before we can move on with this addition. When it is resolved and we finally get all the paperwork for the addition done, Dave Taylor will begin a fundraiser to pay for it. He will be contacting many of you personally, telling what is needed and the costs for certain items. We hope you will prayerfully consider what you can give to help us get much needed rooms for our children.

## Spring Work Days and Opening the Grounds

Welcome spring! And with the coming of spring, camp activities begin. In early March the buildings were opened; however, the water to the cottages and RV sites will not be turned on again until we have the pump house and purifier operating. (In the meantime, the Wooten building restrooms will be open.) There will be cleaning to do and repairs to make. Also, painting, carpentry work, lawn and flower work, putting out the park benches and picnic tables, power washing buildings, cleaning rooms, and setting up tables and chairs.

We have often mentioned how much we appreciate the volunteers who do so much of the maintenance and upkeep of the camp. Without these wonderful people, we would have to pay lots of money to have the necessary work done. We would also have to raise the camp fees significantly.

We invite you to come to our next work days. They will be held on **Friday, April 16th and Saturday, the 17th**. We will start the days with coffee and donuts. Meals will be provided - the noon meal on both days and the evening meal on Friday.

John Fleece has asked that if you plan to attend, to call him so he knows how to plan the work. His number is 717-203-1677. Vicki Fleece will be planning the meals. Since some ladies often bring dishes of food, casseroles, or desserts, she asks if you would call her if you plan to bring something for the meal. Then she will know what must be provided and there will be a good variety. Her number is 717-203-1633.

Just remember, we have had a lot of snow and rain these past few months and the ground is very soft - so stay on the roads.

## MEETING OUR WORKERS

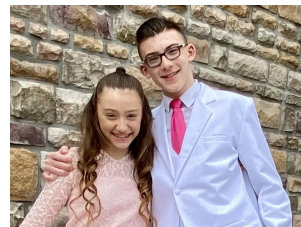
We have enclosed this year's brochure for our coming Family Camp. We try to include as much information as possible and often have little room to tell about our workers. So here is some additional information.

Since the Mark Dubbeld Family, our engaged singers, cannot arrive until Monday, we have engaged others for the first weekend. (See the brochure for more information on the Dubbelds.)



On Saturday night a worship team from Keymar Wesleyan Church will lead the congregational singing and then present a concert.

The Byron Mikesell family will be in charge of music on Sunday morning. This talented musical family is made up of Byron, his wife Malinda, and their two children, Kellen and Seneca. They play musical instruments and sing together.



On Sunday afternoon and evening, Rick Green and his daughter Ashleigh will provide the music.



Rick Green is originally from Canada, with a rich heritage in music. His ministry includes serving as worship pastor, soloist, choir director and is presently a member of Real Hope, a gospel trio that ministers throughout PA, DE and MD. Rick has been married to his high school sweetheart for 51 yrs and been blessed with 7 wonderful kids and 26 grandkids.

Ashleigh, Rick's daughter, is a stay-at-home Mom of 5 with a heart for Women's Ministry and the community. She has over 6 years' experience traveling with chorus groups such as Indiana Wesleyan University chorale and Kingswood University chorale. Ashleigh continues her ministry through praise and worship with her church and opportunities with her Dad.

## **Evangelist**

Dr. Samuel Carl W. Vassel serves as the District Superintendent of the Metro New York District of the Church of the Nazarene. Before migrating to the United States from Jamaica in 2000, Dr. Vassel was for ten years, Senior Pastor for the Bethune Avenue Holiness Christian Church. He also served as the presiding Bishop of the Holiness Christian Church in Jamaica for two years.

Dr. Vassel has worked extensively over the years in various student ministries, mainly in Students Christian Fellowship & Scripture Union (SCFSU) - incorporating the Inter Schools/Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship (IS/IVCF), Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) and the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES). He has also served as a Seminary Lecturer at the Jamaica Theological Seminary and the Alliance Theological Seminary in New York.

Dr. Vassel holds a Doctorate in Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary, (Doctoral Dissertation: Understanding and Addressing the Absence of Men from the Jamaican Church, a Masters of Arts in Theological Studies, New Testament Concentration. (Wheaton College) MA Thesis: The Socio-political Concern of the Gospel in the Gospel of Luke and a Bachelor of Science in Natural Sciences (University of the West Indies.)

Dr Vassel is married to Angela since July 1980 and they have two children, David, married to Deidre and Kara-Beth, married to Greg. He & Angela have five grandchildren Karis, Pax, Che, Gabriella and Dhiya.

## **Missions Speaker**

Tony Lee\* (from NW PA) and his wife (from South NJ) have been working in Asia for over thirty-five years. The focus of the work for almost thirty years has been leadership and theological training and pastoral care and counseling for pastors and leaders in sensitive regions. His wife has worked in international school setting for almost 30 years as well. Recently, because of the political climate, they have bought a house here in the U.S. and are trying to continue ministries through other medias. line. They have 3 married daughters and sons-in-law and 7 grandkids.

\* not actual name due to security concerns

## **Youth Workers**

Pastor Allen Dunlap and his wife Macy moved to Salisbury, MD in the summer of 2020, where they currently lead the youth at Cross Pointe Church of the Nazarene. Previously, they had lived in Oklahoma City where they both graduated from Southern Nazarene University. While they did date during their college days, their friendship actually began back in their days in the youth group in Amarillo, Texas. They have been married since December 2018, and now Allen serves in pastoral ministry and Macy in elementary education.

After receiving his bachelor degree from S.N.U., Allen has continued to pursue higher education at Nazarene Theological Seminary, where he is seeking to get his Masters of Divinity. He has continued finding passion for ministering to youth and young adults, longing to see spiritual and relational growth among them. Both Allen and Macy are very excited to join the camp this year and bring some youth of their own from Salisbury.

## **Children's Directors**

Kristine Mills has been involved in kids' ministries for many years. She is well qualified for this, having assisted her mother in conducting Kids Camp for the NorthEast District of the Wesleyan Church at Seyfert for almost 20 years. There has been a significant increase of children coming to camp in recent years.

Megan Franco is very involved in the children's ministry of her church. She loves Seyfert Camp and grew up coming to it with her family. She has a passion to work with the preschoolers and over the past few years they have outgrown their meeting place. (That's why we need an addition on the Wooten Building.)

## **Estate Planning**

What happens to all your possessions when you pass on? The Bible tells us that we are to be good stewards and God will reward us according to how we handle our talents and resources. In Psalms 24:1 we read, "The earth is the Lord's and all it contains, the world and all that live in it." The New American Standard says, "Everything we have comes from God."

I know many people who don't have wills and have no idea what will happen to their estates. While we want to leave our families as much as possible, without a will the government will dictate the distribution of assets and, usually, take its share.

Why not consider including Seyfert Camp in your will? It is a worthy cause and any bequest could help fund some necessary projects and improvements. Investing in God's kingdom is always a good investment and could have long-reaching rewards and effects.

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