

June 2017 Newsletter

GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM CAMPGROUND



ON THE COVER

An impromptu youth photo was scheduled during the June 2015 Camp Meeting. This was only a fraction of those who attended the Camp Meeting and wish we could have pictured them all. We are encouraged and blessed to see so many young people taking an active part in the work that is going on here at Gospel of the Kingdom Campground.



2017

Work Week/Youth Meeting
May 8 - 12

Camp Meeting
June 12 - 16

September 28 - October 1



Camp Meeting Schedule:

Prayer: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Dinner: 3:00 p.m.

Evening Worship: 7:00 p.m.

**Diabetic Lunch served daily.*

Snack Bar open nightly after evening service.

All proceeds go back to the Campground.



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YEAR IN REVIEW

2016



A few photos from WORK WEEK 2016...



Work Accomplished by Youth at Campground Work Week 2017

May 8, 2017 marked the beginning of another Work Week on the Campground. On Monday morning, eighty-nine young volunteers gathered in the tabernacle to form a workforce. When Tuesday morning came that number had increased to over one hundred and sixty representatives hailing from thirty-six churches located in three countries. Their purpose for gathering was, in part, to prepare the Gospel of the Kingdom Campground for the upcoming meeting. The campground consists of over one hundred buildings and one hundred and eighty-three acres. It is surely an understatement to say that it is a huge task to prepare this campground to host God's people.

The first thing that had to be done was get this workforce organized. The youth were separated by gender and then were further broken down into teams of five and assigned a group leader. The group leaders were responsible for supervising their team. The group leaders received their tasking from the team leaders. The team leaders, Bro Duane Catron, Sis Kay Hale and Sis Rebecca Hummel, assigned the group leaders jobs. The jobs included general maintenance and repairs, landscaping, and deep cleaning. As jobs were completed, the group leaders would report to their team leader for additional assignments or reassignment to another team leader.

Bro Catron managed the general maintenance repairs. His tasks came from a list provided by Bro Feltenstein. From that list, he directed groups in the painting hand rails, air conditioning units, and doors; demolition and rebuilding of concrete step, pressure washing of numerous buildings, repairing of gutters and siding, minor repairs to plumbing issues, installation of a new handrail on Guest House #2 and the creation of a new "Cry Room".

This is just a sample of what was accomplished as the work groups completed forty-four jobs!

I am sure that all would agree that the landscaping around the campground has improved every year. Under Sis Hale's watchful eye that trend has continued. Under her leadership her groups pulled weeds, turned mulch, trimmed bushes, trimmed trees, removed dead bushes and planted replacements, removed trees, cleaned flower beds and installed brick borders.

As you can imagine, the cleaning that needs to be done after these buildings have been sitting idle for months is formidable. Sis Hummel and her groups addressed this task with great enthusiasm. They began by helping vacuum, dust and wipe down the sanctuary. Next the groups cleaned dorms wiping down the walls and baseboards. Each day they helped clean bathrooms and other daily tasks. She gave some of our younger saints an opportunity to contribute by sweeping and picking up trash.

Each group also took a turn helping in the dining room during meals. They set up, directed traffic, cleaned up and at times helped with the dishes. One work group of young ladies was assigned to the kitchen for the week to help the cooks and serve on the serving line.

Looking back at work week, it is clear that those that gathered were up to the task. Their enthusiasm, and willingness to work was remarkable. Collectively they invested approximately 4830 hours of their time. These young men and women worked, worshipped and fellowshiped in a way that will yield a return that can't be measured in the natural.

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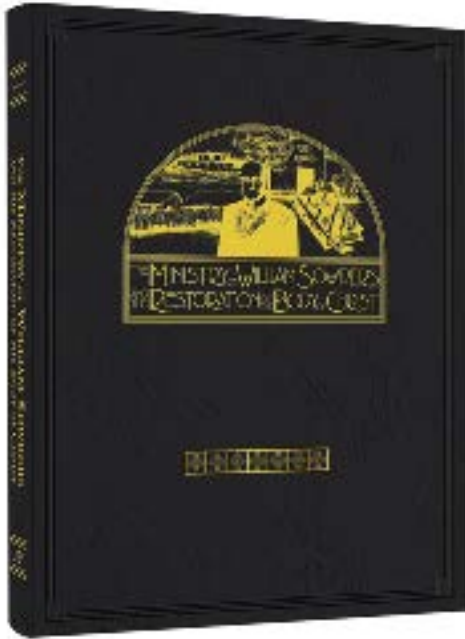
Since the June Camp Meeting 2016, their have only been three days where someone around the world has not been on the website watching the meetings.

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United States	13819	3398
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Canada	166	42
Russia	152	5
United Kingdom	74	57
France	60	16
Bahamas	50	15
Haiti	50	29
India	50	48
Dominican Republic	37	12
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The Ministry of William Sowders and the Restoration of the Body of Christ - BOOK UPDATE -



We would like to thank the hundreds of families and member churches who submitted materials for our upcoming commemorative book.

Good News! The book is now at press and scheduled for release in June 2017!

Copies will be available on during the 2017 Camp Meeting in the Market Place. Books will be \$59.95 each. Credit Cards will be accepted.

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SHARE YOUR STORY

On the week of March the 13th a group of men and women assembled at the campground. Their objective was to complete part of the infrastructure of the grounds. Working from sun-up till sun-down several teams were able to complete sewer drainage and electrical hookups east of Mt. Elmira Rd. Of the sewer, several pumping stations were installed during the pervious work week in 2016. This week they had to connected so that they could pump the waste water to the waste station west of Mt. Elmira Rd. Along with this a water main was installed allowing for the hook ups of additional cabins along Mack Drive. The second accomplishment was to provide electrical stations for these same hook ups. Upgrade on the electrical grid will allow all of the cabins as well as future cabins to have full service. All of this was accomplished with the express image of restoring and expanding the Campgrounds so that more of Gods people can be a part of the spirit of the Gospel Kingdom Campgrounds.

- Bro. Duane Catron (Jonesboro, AR)

SHARE YOUR STORY

This year was my first time being able to make it all week. I can't even begin to explain how blessed I feel. The Spirit was so incredibly wonderful and I truly went home changed. Brother Finnicum's devotions with us really made an impact in my life. I have decided to set goals for myself to do better and to grow stronger with the Lord. The work was such a blessing. It really is a wonderful way to learn how to work with others and to help each other. The youth really needs that interaction and I am so grateful we have the opportunity to meet together to work for the Lord.

- Hannah Burns (Owensboro, KY)

The Least of These - Workweek 2017



Spiritual and natural preparation for the 2017 Camp Meetings commenced in force in May when nearly four hundred saints assembled on the Campground to continue the vision established by Brother Sowders. Excitement on the hill grew with the arrival of every new van and bus. Rarely has a Work Week been filled with such a large group of saints of all ages thrilled to have a part in the ongoing work of God in this special place. Their eager participation assures the perpetuation of God's work on this Campground for generations to come.

The young people arrived with a sense of urgency and a mind to work. With detailed plans and careful order, the work crews accomplished more the first day than had been planned for the first two days. The grounds were full of groups painting, framing, cleaning, landscaping and remodeling. Farther down the road next to the cemetery, skilled tradesmen made significant progress on the new recreational vehicle park.

Twice a day, the young people gathered in the Tabernacle for devotions. Practical messages prepared a new generation for leadership in their local assemblies, at the Campground, and in the body of Christ. Lives, and perhaps even generations, were changed by the commitments made and decisions settled. The natural labor progressed so rapidly that many who are often too busy to be able to attend daily devotions were free to participate.



Each night, the young people gathered in the Tabernacle for youth services. Young music leaders lead powerful worship services with dynamic moves of the Holy Ghost. Children received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Young ministers brought messages of conviction and repentance which were received by open hearts. Spirit-led testimonies confirmed the work of God in the lives of His people gathered there.

Work Week and Camp Meetings continually offer unique opportunities for the "least" among the Body of Christ to serve the Lord by serving his people in the general Body. Many wonderful servants of God are called to local assemblies that lack the numbers and resources to host a general meeting. By volunteering at the Campground where no one assembly nor any one minister gets the credit, these saints get the opportunity to lay up treasures in heaven by serving the general Body.

When we give account to our Lord for what we did and did not do to the least of these His brethren (Matthew 25:31-46), some faithful saints will gladly recall their time spent in Shepherdsville, Kentucky, feeding, clothing, and serving God's people. Others will no doubt wonder how they missed such an obvious opportunity to serve the people of God. Whichever one we are, let us remember that everything we do to the least of these His Brethren we do unto Christ.

When men are sometimes tempted to reason among themselves which of them should be the greatest, let us recall that the least among all, the same shall be great. (Luke 9:46-48). Where will you find the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? The answer is as clear now as it was in the gospels. As the apostles repeatedly learned the hard way, God's greatest are not in a group distracted by heated discussions of their own importance. Quite the opposite. They are in a back room anonymously cooking meals. They are faithful stewards whose overalls splattered with mud, paint or grease are the only outward signs of their service. They are washing dishes, cleaning toilets, hauling garbage, or digging ditches, compelled by their love for Jesus and His people. No Camp Meeting could take place without them. And we owe them an eternal debt of gratitude.

Take time to thank one of God's greatest today. You never know when it may be your last opportunity.

To God Be the Glory for it ALL...

In June of 2013, Gospel of the Kingdom Campground published an its first official newsletter. This printing is our 6th issue. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep all of God's people informed and involved in the exciting changes happening in this special place.

The articles and photographs published in each issue are written by our "TEAM" of talented volunteers.

We are always looking for dedicated volunteers as writers, editors, proofreaders, and photographers. If you would like to share your story, testimony or photographs of the Campground for consideration in a future issue,

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HERITAGE HOUSE

The Only Time You Should Ever Look Back, Is To See How Far You've Come.

The following photos were taken at Gospel of the Kingdom Campground in what has gone down in infamy as the "1953 Experience". If you enjoy these old-time photographs and would like to learn more about the history of this Campground, we encourage you to visit the Heritage House.



Bro. James Tibbits and Bro. Andy Andrews from Houston, Texas.



The theater seats now located in the balcony have been around a long time.



Woman in foreground with flower dress and hand on hip is Sis Dorothy McConnell. Bro Fred McConnell's wife. She was one of the head cooks on campground for years.



We appreciate all the contributions of photos, and memorabilia, as it will be displayed for future generations to enjoy.



The "prayer line" exiting out the side door.

The Dawning of a New Day

by Paul Dyal

It was in the early part of the first half of the last century that God touched a man's mind and spirit with the revelation of a church restored. This man was a poorly educated, roughly hewn Kentuckian, working as a corker on a river boat on the Ohio River. The Lord veritably shouted at him, "*I want you to preach My gospel.*" At the time this man did not even know what the Lord's gospel was much less how to preach it. Thus began the journey of a man who proved to be one of the greatest restorers of truth and The Church since the time of the apostles.

Just south of Louisville, and west of Shepherdsville, Kentucky, on the top of a high hill called Mt El Mira, (Gods Pasture) is a campground that God inspired this man to establish and build. By revelation God gave this humble servant, but great man of God, to both know and understand this high place would be one of the places which throughout the ages to come for all of Gods people to gather and restore again that which was torn down.

God had earlier spoke to this man by His Spirit making him to know and understand the apostasy spoken of by Paul the apostle in [Acts 20:29-30](#), [II Thessalonians 2:1-8](#), and proven to have happened in [Jude 1:1-5](#). With this understanding God commissioned him to restore again that which had been torn down. Subsequently many truths, which had been lost and buried under traditions and pagan teachings, were uncovered by a ministry which gathered in what was called the school of the prophets became to be known as "The Shepherdsville Hill Campground." It was in 1952 this man passed from this mortal life joining those of like faith who had preceded him in this gospels journey.

Another generation arose who knew not the vision, nor the works God had commanded, [Joel 2:10](#), saying the days of the camp meetings and the threshing floor are past. The leaders of this generation presented the thought that it was time for polish and protocol to present something beautiful to the natural eye. Furthering this presentation with such statements as "We need to get as close as we can to Babylon without becoming Babylon." Believing by closing small churches and building large ostentatious centers of worship they erroneously thought being like Babylon would influence and win Babylon. There came a great division lasting over forty years



dividing those who were once one into camps of disarray.

These divergent camps were joined together again by divine intervention in March of 2004. The Lord is again blending His people together to accomplish the thing He began in His pasture, the top of Mt. Elmira. This is the dawning of a new day.

This very week hundreds, over five hundred, of the people of God from all the once divergent camps of this vision, children, adolescents, young adults, mature adults, joined with aged men and women all came to the top of the hill to labor without earthly pay, a labor of love with a determination of divine purpose unto the conclusion of the vision God gave Brother William Sowders so long ago. They call it WORK WEEK, [Nehemiah 4:6](#), God gave the people a mind to work.





The RV Park is expected to be completed for the Fall Camp Meeting. Rain during the May Work Week prohibited us from completing it in time for the June Camp Meeting.

Another work week has come and gone with this one being the biggest one yet! It has been said there was between 400-500 volunteers there and, oh, what a week it was. There were so many works that they divided them up into groups and a lot of work got done. One group of men worked on the new RV Park, which is located up by the cemetery. The plan is to have spaces for 30 campers. We watched as they laid sewer lines, water lines, and electrical lines. I was amazed at all the “stuff” it takes to do a job like this. There were huge piles of sewer pipe and water lines, and rolls of electrical wire. Another group was working across Mt Elmira Road doing the same thing; laying sewer lines, water lines and running electrical wires to prepare the land for cabins.

Another group of men took out the old crumbling concrete steps on the East side of the dining room at the Emergency Exit door to be replaced with new ones, as well as the steps on the back of the Tabernacle. While tearing out the steps on the back of the Tabernacle, they discovered an old geological land survey metal bench mark dated 1948.

Everywhere you looked there were groups of young people working too. Some were raking leaves, some were digging up old plants and bushes, and some were planting new ones. Other groups were painting, cleaning the Tabernacle, wiping down the tables in the dining room, and pulling up tape off the concrete floors. Whatever their hands could find to do, they were doing it with much laughter and camaraderie; with new friendships being formed.



Every morning they met in the Tabernacle for devotions and were given the schedule for the day. In the evening, they all met in the Tabernacle again for a church service overseen by the youth with some of the Ministry attending. This year we were blessed by the “younger” youth group as they sang “I Have Been Blessed” with 11-year-old Lillian Shaw (daughter of Samuel and Gina Shaw, Jerseyville IL) playing the piano.

My part of the Work Week is to clean the rooms in the Handicap Building. I was given this job by Sister Tommie Daves several years ago since it is where I stay during the Camp Meetings. I try to attend every Work Week that I can and count it a privilege and an honor to get the rooms ready for God’s people. Since I have reached the ripe-old-age of 80+, I’ve recruited my daughter, Sharon Waggoner to help me. Brother and Sister Anderson from Jacksonville, Florida also help and together, our little group get’s the job done.

It was a very productive week with a lot of work getting done at every age level. Next year, make plans to come and be with us! - Sister Radine Rowe (Godfrey, IL)

**Am I of a servant's heart?
Do I forgive in all or part?
Has mercy become me?
Do I qualify for meek?
Is my spirit pure within?
Have I been cleansed from all my sin?
Search me, Lord, I pray.
I'm willing to be changed.**

When I open that door and allow Him to really search me, His light is so very bright and my sin, the person that I really am, my faults, my weaknesses all are exposed. Am I willing to let Him work on me, to change me? In order for that to happen, I have to see the ugly that His light has revealed and I have to be willing to clean it up. It is easy to let go of what is obviously sin and those things that everybody know displeases the Lord. But what about the subtler things?

My mind goes back to our music meeting in Houston prior to the convention. The Lord spoke to us so clearly, asking us to make some changes.... Asking ME to make some changes, to clean up my music. Now, I do not listen to secular music, I rarely even listen to the popular Southern Gospel singers But I have picked up some styles and fancy chords (*don't ask me what they are, I have no idea*) over the past few years that the Lord pricked my heart about during this music meeting. We don't want anything – NOTHING – to hinder the spirit in our midst. Our music should be uncluttered from the world. Pure, clean, edifying, full of doctrine and truth. True Body Of Christ music should not bring attention to the musician but rather direct our attention to the working of the Lord at that moment. Music is a tool to bring us to a higher plane in the spirit. It can also be a distraction if we don't protect its purity.

Several years ago at Camp Meeting, Brother Brown spoke on **creeping worldliness** and how subtly it can make its way in. We have seen this in obvious things, such as standards, but can we recognize it in our music as well? Could we purpose together to raise the bar, to make an even greater separation from the world, to offer a pure, clean, sweet savor unto the Lord? I say that we can!! When we allow Him to shine His light and truly search us, He will reveal to us those dirty corners, those areas that need cleaning up..... and you know what's even better? He has given us the grace and the tools necessary to get the job done!

-Sis. Lydia Oelschlaeger (Humble, TX)

SHARE YOUR STORY:

As I've heard about this year's Work Week on the Campground, the outstanding attendance and all the work that was accomplished, I began to think about my own memories of working at the Campground. My family was first introduced to the Body of Christ in an old storefront mission in Bowling Green, Kentucky with Brother Ben Dalton as Pastor. We moved to Louisville and began to work on the Campground as Brother Dalton was one of the Trustees at that time and had a burden for the work there. As warm weather would approach in the 1960's, the Bolin's, the Martin's, and my mother and father and I would head up to the hilltop to begin to prepare for the June Camp Meeting. The Feast's would also come in from Indiana. We would begin to clean above the dining room, the restrooms, and the Tabernacle. Weekend after weekend, all of our Saturday's would be spent together working at the Campground. This effort planted the seeds of loyalty and faithfulness to this wonderful Body of people. I didn't always enjoy the work, but was blessed anyway.

My family later moved to the Campground and I graduated from High School in Shepherdsville.

My parents worked day after day on the Campground, along with many others like the Schacklefords, Sister Winkinson, the Young sisters, The Sadler's, The Scroggin's, and the Peek's - just to name a few. Some worked until the very end of their lives and loved it all the while. So many of "us" young people, way-back-when, received experiences that changed our lives forever on this hallowed ground. I am encouraged with the work I am seeing. My heart is made glad to know the work continues on in a new generation of young people. - Sis. Marla Turner (Godfrey, IL)

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