

From the President

Dear Camp Family,

Luanne and I greet you with the praises of eternity as we view a new year. There is much wonderful anticipation as we look into the future, because of the way God has led us in the past.

It goes without saying that our December was full of changes and more changes. Both Luanne and I have had medical challenges, but God has remained ever faithful.

On Thursday, December 9, we flew to Michigan to begin immediate medical consultation. On Friday, we met with my Neuro-surgeon, who confirmed the necessity of back surgery. And on the following Monday, I underwent surgery for a ruptured disc between L-2 and L-3 in my back. I began surgery at 11:20 AM; awakened in recovery around 2:20 PM; and I was SENT HOME around 3:00 PM! YES, the same day, less than four hours after surgery.

The incredible leg pain I endured for the prior six weeks, was entirely gone when I awakened from anesthesia. I am amazed at the skill of my surgeon, and every day I rejoice at the question Samuel Morse asked in 1844. On that first message over the telegraph, he asked "What Hath God Wrought?"

I am feeling very well, and walking every day. I can feel my strength returning! We meet my surgeon again on December 30, and plan to fly home on January 3.

We do, however, need your continued prayer for Luanne. We still do not have a definitive answer for the pain in her lower body. She has had many tests without significance. While we praise God for good reports, we know there is still something that needs attention. Please pray that we find just the right doctor for her complete recovery.

Now, we turn our attention and joy to Camp Meeting, 2011. Our camp wide prayer meetings have been very well attended; our Friday night services have been exceptionally blessed by the Holy Spirit; many men and women have given great leadership during my absence, and we know camp meeting will be one of the best ever. Our hearts thrill at what God has done, but know that past blessings will look diminutive beside what God desires to do for those who yet love and serve Him.

Thank you for who you are in Jesus; thank you for who you are to Luanne and me; and thank you for who you are to each other. Remember to pray for those who are sick and cannot return to camp this year; and remember to pray daily for those who are not ready to meet Jesus. Don't forget...Jesus is returning! Are you ready? Luke 12:40, "You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

I love Him, and we love each of you. See you soon.

-- El and Luanne Kelley

From the Treasurer

Last week Congress approved a wide-ranging tax package that includes a section resurrecting the law allowing many older investors to make tax-free transfers of IRA Assets to Charity.

Here is how the law works: Taxpayers who are 70 1/2 and older can transfer as much as \$100,000 a year directly from an Individual Retirement Account to a qualified charitable organization without having to count any of that transfer amount as Taxable Income.

The law is effective retroactively to January 1, 2010, and contains a special provision where taxpayers can choose to have qualified transfers made in January of 2011 and still be treated as having been made during 2010. If interested in using this plan you would need to consult with your financial advisor. In past years we have had a number of you use this method to support the camp and we appreciate this very much.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and the campground is looking great with many improvements and looking forward to seeing you soon.

*-- Robert Hudson
Director of Finances*

Prayer Opportunities

Please pray for Jean Alexander, Mary Allen, Elza & Louise Bond, Dennis Brown, Carl Cain, Gary & Viola Case, Roy Case, Flornell (Flossie) Collier, Betty Dennison, Roy Detweiler, Gordon & Naomi Erbe, Forret Wells, Len and Joanne Gamber, Don Hall, Lois Harkness, Duane & Lois Hetmansperger, Bob & Bonnie Hudson, Anna Kelley, Eldred & Luanne Kelley, Clyde Packer, Jean Tucker, Alwilda Warner, Bill Watson, Lawrence Wilson, Dorothy Wood, and the upcoming Camp Meeting.

Announcements

CAMP MEETING 2011

The 72nd annual Avon Park Holiness Camp Meeting is in just a few short weeks: February 3rd through February 13, 2011.

Scheduled Evangelists are Rev. Jack French, Rev. Nelson Perdue, and Rev. Dave Engbrecht. Dr. Ron Smith, Bible Teacher, and Rev. Leroy Wion, musician, round out the leadership team.

We still have a few dorm rooms and rental units available, so make your reservations now! Call Phyllis at the office 863-453-6831.

Call Sonny and Dianne at 812-945-7828 for RV reservations.

Remember the snack shack is open for breakfast two weeks before and two weeks after Camp Meeting, so come a little early and stay on with us for a while!

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS JANUARY 3

9:00 am, 1204 Bethel Ave, Longshores
9:30 am, 1208 Peniel St, Gambers
9:00 am, 1115 Emmanuel Way, Hudsons
7:00 pm, LUCE LOUNGE

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday morning Bible studies, led by Ray Bachman, begin this week at Avon Park Camp. This year's theme is, "A More Sure Word of Prophecy" with all the studies coming from the New Testament epistles.

Dr. Tennet To Speak



Dr. Timothy C. Tennent, President of Asbury Theological Seminary, will be speaking during the morning worship service at the Camp Tabernacle on Friday, February 4, 2011.

Following the service, Dr. Tennent and other representatives of Asbury Seminary will join everyone for lunch. At 1 p.m. there will be a time of sharing in the Tabernacle, led by Dr. Tennent, as he shares his vision for Asbury Seminary.

Several representatives of Asbury Seminary will be visiting the Camp beginning Wednesday, February 2 and would welcome opportunities to meet with individuals or small groups to talk about the ways God is leading Asbury Seminary during these days.

Friday, February 18, 2011

An Exhibit of
Joanne Gamber's Paintings
In Luce Lounge
~ AND ~
A Showcase of Talent
In the Dining Hall

Featuring the work of all the talented people of the Holiness Campground. This means you!!

This is an opportunity for you to bring your woodworking, paintings, quilting, knitting, etc. -- anything you are proud of. (Surprise us!)

(This is an exhibition, no sales.)

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. -- 1 John 2:17

The Strange Preacher's Kid

The things of the world pass away. If we love the things of the world, we have no real future.

God is eternal. If we love Christ, we do His will habitually and continually. When we are in Him and He in us, we have all we need, eternally, for that is who He is!

Yes, this kind of life I can live forever! --
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