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Higher Ground

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From Our President

Greetings in Jesus' name,

Hurricane force winds and rain pounded the Avon Park Holiness camp grounds. Dale Dorothy and his team are working hard on the needed repairs. We are confident that everything will be in excellent shape very soon.

I want to thank each of you who have already responded to our disaster relief appeal. Your generosity is a great source of encouragement. May the Lord bless you for your kindness and prayers.

I want to remind you that camp starts this year on Sunday night, February 4th. I will be speaking in that service. Monday, February 5th will be missionary day all day. Our camp meeting team and schedule will begin with the early morning prayer meeting, Bible Hour and the two regular morning and evening preaching services thru February 11.

We have an outstanding team of workers once again. Our evangelists Nelson Perdue and J.K. Warrick are outstanding holiness preachers. Our Bible teacher, Chris Bounds, is a brilliant scholar and excellent communicator. Mike and Denise Cork sing beautifully and will lead us in worship. I am genuinely excited about having this excellent team.

You really will not want to miss camp meeting 2018.

Warm Regards,

-- *Tom Hermiz*

From our Director of Operations

Dear friends of Avon Park Camp,

I bring you greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. He is our shelter in the time of storm isn't He? We rejoice in the fact that everyone here at Avon Park Camp came through Hurricane Irma safe and sound. I'm told that the eye of Hurricane Irma came right over Sebring and Avon Park. We are thankful that the Lord protected all of us from bodily harm.

There is a lot of damage in and around Avon Park. At least 21 of our camp owned buildings received some sort of damage. On most of the buildings it was soffit, fascia, and gutter related damage. Three of our buildings experienced some water damage. There was some serious shingle damage on the Kelley apartments and Morrison (the office building).

Much of the debris has been picked up and we are waiting now on the insurance adjustor to come and

assess the damage on the buildings. He is scheduled to be here the second week in October. Some of the homes on the campgrounds received roof damage and some of the units on our RV sites received some damage.

We have been praying for all of you who will be joining us this winter and are looking forward to a great time together at camp meeting in February. We would encourage you to be in prayer for us as we work with the insurance company and contractors to repair the damage inflicted by Hurricane Irma. Pray also that there will be a great spirit of harmony and a real sense of God's presence among us on the grounds of Avon Park Holiness camp as we spend these winter months together.

Blessings!

-- Dale Dorothy

From our Treasurer

Dear friends of Avon Park Camp,

Deuteronomy 7:9 NIV "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments."

We thank the Lord for His keeping Avon Park Camp in His hands and encouraging all of you to be His faithful providers in the camp's ministries. At a slow time in summer giving Hurricane Irma put extra stress on our cash flow. We are trusting the Lord and you to help us keep the bills paid for all the regular and extra expenses for maintenance and repairs. We thank the Lord that the camp was spared so much more that could have happened and thank you for your love and support of the camp.

-- Bonnie Hudson

Prayer Opportunities

Please pray for Jean Alexander, Grace Anderson, Marco and Phebe Bartolomeo, Geneva Beck, Lois Bower, Elza Bond, Jim and Suzy Bryce, Burnis Bushong, Flossie Coller, Dale and Glenna Dorothy, Dean and Carol Ellicott, Joanne Gamber, Walter and Genny Hackett, Tom and Ella Mae Hermiz, Imogene James, Glenn and Wahnita Learn, Jack and Dorothy Luckert, Bette McVety, Reba Peters, Jim and Heidi Rahenkamp, and Bob and Arlene Sanger.

Please pray for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Marie; the victims of the Las Vegas shooting and their families; for our country, our president, and our leaders at all levels of government.

Please pray for our camp leadership team, and each member of our camp.

Announcements

CONCERT SCHEDULE

The concert schedule for the 2017-2018 Camp Year includes a Christmas Cantata on Friday, December 1, the Mark Dubbeld Family on Friday, February 2, and The Lore Family on Friday, March 2. In addition, the KMBC Trio will be part of our worship on Saturday, February 10.

AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

The Ladies' Auxiliary annual luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, January 25th, at noon. This year we will be having a baby shower for Choices. More information to come.

COUNTRY STORE CRAFT SHOW

The Ladies' Auxiliary presents the Country Store Craft Show on Friday and Saturday, February 23rd and 24th. Come ready with your items to show or sell. More information to come.

COMMUNITY INTERNET

We hope to have the camp community internet up and running by November 1, 2017. Please pray there was no major damage from hurricane Irma to the internet infrastructure.

FELLOWSHIP CAFE

We are still need volunteers to help in the Fellowship Cafe for January and February. The commitment would be for approximately 2-3 hours, 7 or 8 different days. For those who have already volunteered or anyone else willing, please email or contact tonyarlance@gmail.com (517-416-3448). Looking forward to a wonderful time with all of you.

SNOWBIRD REUNION



The Ohio Snowbird Reunion was held Saturday, August 19, at Der Dutchmann Restaraunt with 55 people present. Dr. Hermiz greeted us by phone, and Rev. John Morris delighted us with an interactive devotional. Thank you, Lori, for your time and effort putting this day together!



Mark your calendars so you can join us next year: Saturday, August 18th, 1:00 pm, same place.

ATTENTION WOLVERINES!

If you are from Michigan and attend Avon Park Holiness Camp, please email Dawn Miller at Batterbee@aol.com with your contact information. Ray Bachman and Dawn are making a list.... hmmmmmm..... Wonder what they are planning?

HOMES FOR SALE

We still have some houses and park models for sale on the campground. For more information, call Beverly Cowles at 863-368-1107.

NAZARENE CHURCH DAY

Church of the Nazarene Day is Tuesday, February 6. Following the morning service the group will gather in the Dining Hall to share dinner and fellowship. Invite your friends from the area to join us!

MISSIONARY CHURCH DAY

We've listened to what you said and Missionary Church Church Day 2018 has a Big New Look!

First of all, we will have a new day in the middle of Camp Meeting which accommodates the shortened Camp Meeting. Our day is Wednesday, February 7. Get it on your calendar now and if you are any ways close to Avon Park, be sure not to miss.

We will start the day with the 10:30 preaching service in the Tabernacle with Dr. J. K. Warrick bringing the message. Following the service we will move to the Clubhouse at Oaks Village at the Southeast corner of the Campgrounds. We will kick-off with a catered meal with easier to carry-on conversations and no rush to finish eating and chatting.

Our program will feature singing, a short musical concert, testimony time and a message from Dr. Gregg Choneweth, President of Bethel College.

To be sure that you are updated on all the details of the day, including how to make reservations for the catered meal, please be sure and send you email address to Dawn Batterbee Miller at batterbee@aol.com Also, send to her any addresses of other persons who would have an interest in this special day so that they can be invited as well. Be sure and watch for your Camp eNews in January for all the last minute information.

We're hoping to see you MC folks at Camp on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.!

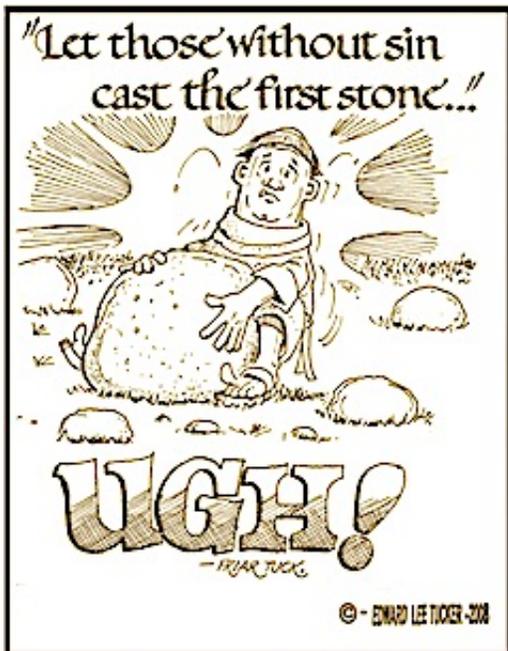
CAMP MEETING 2018

The 79th annual Avon Park Holiness Camp Meeting from Sunday, February 4, through Sunday, February 11, 2018 promises excitement and spirit-filled worship with Preaching Evangelists Dr. Nelson Perdue and Dr. J. K. Warrick, Bible Teacher Dr. Christopher Bounds and Mike and Denise Cork, song evangelists.

Dr. Hermiz will open the camp on Sunday evening. Monday is MISSIONARY DAY, and Tuesday begins our schedule of Morning Magnification at 7:00 am, Bible Study at 9:00 am, Morning Service at 10:30 am, Missionary Moments at 6:15 pm, and Evening Service at 7:00 pm.

Please reserve your room, apartment or RV slot early, as those who only come for part of Camp Meeting will have fewer available openings. Brenda will be pleased to help you with your reservations. Call her at the office: 863-453-6831

The Strange Preacher's Kid



John 8:7b NKJV *"He raised Himself up and said to them, 'He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.'"*

GUEST AUTHOR: REV. ED TUCKER

It took me years to realize the most critical and fault-finding folks I knew actually deserved my sympathy and not my scorn. With experience and the grace of God, I discovered their need to frequently find fault was but an inefficient effort to overcome a poor and self-critical image. The temporary relief they felt through pointing out the shortcomings of others was often short-lived. Of course, it also prevented them from seeing their own less than perfect picture of themselves. But getting to such truth can really make one free. What a relief and joy that realization brought

to my own life. In time I found ways to show acceptance and compassion to aid these self-tortured folks to lessen their load of self-loathing...to overcome their power over me. Acquiring such a new and better approach, especially when under attack, isn't easy. But if prayerfully achieved, those we once considered enemies and even avoided can become friends and allies. Wouldn't it be a great relief for every one to let go of such a burden?

-- Friar Tuck

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