

PORTAGE HOLINESS CAMP

CELEBRATING 138 YEARS OF PROCLAIMING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS

Camp Newsletter

www.portageholiness.org

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2016 Camp Dates Aug. 4-14



Grace and peace in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As we reflect back across the years and remember the goodness of the Lord, how He has provided for us and how He has led us, it seems as if the only response that we can have is a

humble thankfulness to Him for His mercies. We continue to daily need His provision and direction. I know it is easy to get ahead of the Lord with our worries and frets often making poor decisions. However His Word admonishes us in Jeremiah 14:22 "Are there *any* among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? *Art* not thou he, O LORD our God? Therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these *things*." Yes, we must wait upon the Lord for that which we need.

I have learned that waiting on the Lord is different that just sitting around doing nothing. When we wait upon the Lord our heart is earnestly desiring to know our Father God and to come into His presence. Thus we have the greatest commandment. "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." To me that means setting aside a special time to seek the Lord and love Him. That has sometimes been called redeeming the time or sanctifying the time. To the world it might look like we are just wasting time but to those of us

who are saved Jesus is much more, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

That brings us up to the topic of Portage Holiness Camp. For 138 years now Portage Holiness Camp has been that place where people can set aside some time and seek God with all their heart, soul, and mind. Camp is where we wait upon the Lord, fully expecting that He will accomplish that what He wishes in our lives and the lives of our loved ones. Are you looking forward to what God will be doing with you?

This year in 2016 Rev. George Holley and Rev. Marlin Hotle are our confirmed evangelists. I spoke with Dr. Garth Cartledge recently and he says they will schedule our OMS missionary for this year's missionary day. Our pre-camp concert will be Abby Paskvan on August 3.

Brad Buhro has the 2016 youth camper information posted online at www.portageholinesscamp.org. In a few months we will be cleaning out the boys' and girls' dorms getting them ready for campers. This year we have the potential to increase the number of youth campers with the upstairs in both dorms getting remodeled.

Blessings,
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P.S. For a peek at this year's workers and another copy of the 2016 camp flier visit:

 $\underline{www.Portage Holiness Camp.org}.$

 $\underline{https:/\!/onemissionsociety.org\!/}$

http://www.georgeholley.org/

 $\underline{http:/\!/marlinhotleministries.weebly.com/}$

http://www.theshelburnes.com/

Ladies Auxiliary & Youth Camp

The Ladies Auxiliary had their Christmas party on Dec. 5th. We had good fellowship and many laughs. Looking back over the year many of us has gone through some rough spots BUT our God has brought us through