

PORTAGE HOLINESS CAMP

CELEBRATING 139 YEARS OF PROCLAIMING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS

Camp Newsletter

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Grace and peace in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, He alone is our reason for life. Let us rejoice in the One who died so that we might live.

Often times at camp I will begin the service by asking the question, "Why did we come here to Portage Holiness

Camp?" That's a good question and there are many good reasons for coming to camp. But as you just opened this newsletter you might be asking yourself, "Why should I read this newsletter from Portage Holiness Camp?" Another good question.

To answer that let's remember why we live and breathe. Jesus answered those questions for us in John 10:10 and John 20:22. He came so that we could have life and have it more abundantly, He also breathed the Holy Spirit onto his disciples. Therefore since we owe our very life and breath to Jesus we owe him all our love, our heart, our soul, and our mind. When our heart belongs to Him our mind seeks the things of Christ. We do not find contentment in the things of this world but only in seeking His best for us.

The things of this world are temporary and fleeting. They will not last much longer. We are constantly reminded of that as we see our friends, family members and loved ones leaving this earth. That's why we have a memorial service at Portage Holiness Camp.

2016 came and left. 2017 will do the same. We may or may not be here on earth at the end of 2017 but we do know, beyond a shadow of any doubt that if we are with Jesus on this earth He will not forsake us when we leave this earth. (Hebrews 13:5).

The world does not understand this. Many have not put their trust in Jesus. They do not have that peace that passes all understanding. I remember before

I put my trust in Jesus it was no fun to go to sleep at night knowing that in the morning I could wake up in hell. Life was not pleasant and full of joy. There was no hope for me in that state.

*Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died
On Calvary.*

But when Jesus came in the heavy burden of sin was gone. My soul was light and free. All I could do at first was say "Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus."

*Mercy there was great, and grace was free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty
At Calvary.*

At that point I finally had a reason for being alive. I have the hope now that tomorrow is safe in His hands.

*Now I've giv'n to Jesus everything,
Now I gladly own Him as my King,
Now my raptured soul can only sing
Of Calvary!*

That brings us back to the original question. "Why am I reading this newsletter from Portage Holiness Camp?" For the past 139 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 2017, leading us in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs are Larry & Tamla Leckrone. The preachers are Nelson Perdue and Billy Huddleston. Our missionaries this year are coming from WGM though we don't have the exact names available as of this date. Our pre-camp concert will be Eternal Vision on August 2.

Brad Buhro has the 2017 youth camper information posted online at 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 being remodeled.

To bring you up to date on the business of the camp at the last board meeting a couple of cottages changed hands and we were reminded that cottage owners need to have the cottage owner's guidelines signed with the camp secretary. Also, cottage owners are reminded that the caretaker should have a spare key for emergency usage. It is expected that every cottage be occupied with as many people as possible during camping days. If you lack family members perhaps you could invite folks from your church to come visit camp too.

We've started scraping the tabernacle to get a new coat of paint on it before the next campmeeting. Gardening, yard work, and maintenance volunteers are always welcome. Contact our caretaker, Dave Doolittle or myself for more information.

In October we were planning to rent a digging tool to lay new water pipes to the boys and girls dorm for a simple toilet/sink connection. But cold wet weather interfered with that project and it's been postponed

until the spring. We will post something on the camp Facebook page when it gets rescheduled.

Blessings,

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P.S. For a peek at this year's workers and a copy of the 2017 camp flier visit:

www.PortageHolinessCamp.org.

<http://www.wgm.org/>

<http://www.leckroneministries.org/>

<http://www.perdueministries.com/>

<http://www.billyhuddleston.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MissTaraMinistries/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pastorbuhro>

Ladies Auxiliary News

The Ladies Auxiliary had their annual Bake Sale at the Apple Butter Festival. Van Buren High School Saturday, Oct 8 where they made \$860. Later on December 5th they had their Christmas party. They described it as great fun, food and fellowship that was enjoyed by all. Thanks again for all your generosity in giving to those less fortunate at the Cocoon and Her Choice in Bowling Green. (see the Portage Holiness Camp Facebook page)

We are praying for a wonderful camp this year and that the Lord will send His Holy Spirit and we will have an old fashion camp meeting.

May God Bless you all keep the Faith.
Marlyn Stukey Ladies Auxiliary President.

Remember the youth campers that you adopted at the end of last camp. Cards, prayers, and gifts are a nice way to show that you and Jesus care for them. ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

What does Portage mean to me?

This is the question that keeps coming to my mind. Portage means fellowship with other believers, encouragement from brothers and sisters in Christ, sharing my burdens and concerns and knowing that they will be praying for them. Portage is like a Bible Study for me to learn and understand what the scripture says and sheds a new light on a passage that I hadn't looked at from that angle before.

But I think the one thing that stands out is the LOVE that everyone shows to each other. Portage is a place to come and get a taste of heaven, which is our entire goal at the end of our life here on earth. It is 10 days to take a break from our normal life and re-adjust our priorities to better reflect Christ. Portage is like a Revival to my soul.

All in All....I'm just so thankful that I was invited to Portage in the first place several years ago by a couple who cared about my soul and where I would spend eternity!

Linda Ricker



CAMP NEWS

Glory to God by Miss Tara Parson

Children's Meeting at Portage Holiness Camp

“Miss Tara” Parson has been involved in children and youth ministry for ten years. Being saved at a young age, she sees the importance of teaching children about salvation early in life. The Lord greatly used the influence of several children’s ministry workers in her life to lead her into the calling. She believes in giving your whole life to fulfill God’s calling on your life. To begin fulfilling that calling, she graduated from Kentucky Mountain Bible College in 2009 and went on to start Miss Tara Ministries. Miss Tara Ministries has been doing original VBS programs in local churches for five years. Miss Tara currently continues to work as a schoolteacher and in her local church with the children and youth. She strives to live everyday according to Colossians 3:23, “Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.”



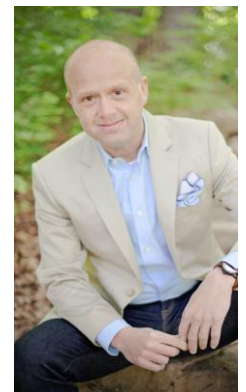
Dr Nelson Perdue and wife, Barbara

Meet Nelson Perdue

Dr. Nelson Perdue is a tenured evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene having served full-time since 1974. His ministry has taken him to four continents of the world. He is a faithful exponent of the message of scriptural holiness. He formerly served as the Revivalism Coordinator for the Church of the Nazarene. He is the founder and former executive editor of the periodical, **The Evangelists’ Perspective**, and has authored a booklet entitled **Holiness: Our Heritage**. Dr. Perdue’s second book, **The School of Christ**, is a compilation of 12 holiness expositions and was published in March 2006. He has also written a study on sanctification entitled **Holiness Horizons: A Purview of Sanctification**. This book was released in April 2007. The most recent book published by Dr. Perdue was written in 2010 and is entitled **The Beauty of Holiness**.

Meet **Billy Huddleston**:

Rev. Billy Huddleston is an ordained elder and a tenured evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. (This means he does what he does fulltime and is committed to continuing in evangelistic ministry until he grows hair again or the Lord returns.) He’s an alumnus of Olivet Nazarene University, Kankakee, Ill. During his time there he was a four year member of the Orpheus Choir, participated in the spiritual life program, held revivals and youth revivals across the educational region and sang with the southern gospel quartet United. Billy’s music is played nationally on Southern Gospel Radio. Billy has appeared in the Christian Voice and Singing News magazines—as well as charting on the Singing News National Top 80 Southern Gospel Chart.



Billy enjoyed a successful three-year stint in youth ministry before entering the field of full-time evangelism. His passion? Leading people into a powerful encounter with the living Christ. Billy delivers in-depth messages with an intensity and intelligence that aren’t forgotten.

Meet **Larry and Tamla Leckrone**:

Rev. Larry Leckrone of Kurtz, Indiana is an ordained elder, a commissioned song-evangelist, and one of about 16 tenured evangelists in the Church of the Nazarene. He has devoted his life since graduating from Olivet Nazarene University to itinerant ministry in the field of evangelism. He has traveled full-time, conducting revivals, camp meetings, concerts, family



life festivals, and Kids' Crusades. He is a gifted preacher, singer, and trumpet player.

Tamla, his wife, is also a musician and contributes greatly to ministry through the keyboards and singing. Her passion is to see people saved and sanctified and grow in grace. Her devotion is evident through her tender spirit and deep surrender.

They have a number of musical projects to extend their ministry beyond the walls of the church. Ministry in many world areas has expanded their overall effectiveness in personalizing the gospel to many cultures and customs. They are in demand in a variety of settings and carry a burden to see God's Church revived in this day of nominal-ism. Their spirit is contagious and their message is pertinent.

The Leckrones' involvement with all ages emphasizes the great need for renewal in everyone. Their thirst for the Word and desire to proclaim the need for holy living helps others to catch a glimpse of the process and adventure in serving God through a surrendered life.

Pre-Camp Concert/Sing 2017 Eternal Vision

Eternal Vision is an exciting and energetic group that has been a favorite of Gospel music fans for more than 20 years. The group is known for a progressive sound that is still respectful to the "old standards" that Gospel music fans have come to love. Eternal Vision uses music, comedy, and testimony to capture the audiences attention while they deliver the Gospel of Jesus Christ that culminates in salvation for the lost, and encouragement for the saved. When you attend an Eternal Vision concert, you will have no doubt that this talented group is ministry oriented and talented beyond belief.



Remember our missionaries

Our own Bekka Rogers, who has served as one of our best dish washers and camp counselors in the past, is serving the Lord in SE Asia. If you would like to play a spiritual part she asks for us to pray for: If you would like to play a financial part in this ministry you may send checks to: Bekka Rogers, OMF International 10 Dry Creek Circle, Littleton, CO 80120-4413, or simply give online: http://omf.org/us/give .	Past missionaries to Portage Holiness Camp:
	2016 OMS Jeff & Danni DeMerchant
	2015 KMHA Austin Shuck
	2014 WGM Shushan Richards
	2013 OMS Mike & Elaine Peters
	2012 KMHA J. Eldon Neihof
	2011 WGM Shushan Richards
	2010 OMS Storly & Kate Michael

So far this past fall/winter we have not heard of any of our camp family who have passed away. But do remember brother Roger Overmyer who was briefly hospitalized a month ago while visiting with his family in the south. He is home recuperating now. Continue to pray that the Lord strengthen him and give him peace of mind. If you hear of any camp members who have been hospitalized or who have had a funeral please contact Linda Ricker or Betty Smith.

My Contribution to the Financial Responsibility of Portage Holiness Camp

From John E. Brown, treasurer:

Thank you all for your faithful giving.

Unless hindered by some unforeseen circumstance, I will give:

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