



# PORTAGE HOLINESS CAMP

CELEBRATING 139 YEARS OF PROCLAIMING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS

Camp Newsletter

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Camp Dates  
Aug. 3-13



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.

At Portage Holiness Camp we hear a lot about the Gospel. But we never want it to grow old. It must remain fresh and alive every day in our lives. Our

familiarity with the Gospel often dulls us to history's most spectacular truth: Human beings can have a relationship with an unimaginably awesome God. Perhaps having heard this so many times has led us to take it for granted, but it's Scripture's most startling claim and a truly overwhelming thought for anyone who will let it sink in.

There used to be a Bible Verse that would scare me every time I would read it. I didn't see much hope in it and it was very confusing. But just recently in my devotions the Holy Spirit showed me that this verse is full of hope and as plain as can be. It is Matthew 7:21, *"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."*

The reason it was scary to me is because of who the Lord was saying it to. These words were meant for those in the church, those who were doing good works, even miracles on behalf of the Lord. My first conclusion to this is that if even those working for the Lord are going to be rejected then what hope is there for the average person in the pew or even me? This verse didn't seem to agree with many other Scriptures that I knew. For a long time I was confused.

Then recently, as I was rereading that scripture again I held that verse 21 up to the light of verse 23, *"And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."* It was then that

I realized who Jesus was speaking to at that point. He was talking to those He did not know. To me the Holy Spirit was saying, "Your top priority should be making sure that Jesus knows who you are." From there I developed a strong hunger for the person of Jesus. I want to know Him, talk to Him, walk with Him, I want to spend all day, every day with Him. When it comes time for me to stand before Jesus and give an account for myself I don't want Him to be a stranger to me nor do I want to be a stranger to Him. I want us to be so familiar with each other that whether I'm in my flesh, or out of it, we can just keep our conversation, our communion going.

The 355 days when I'm not at Portage Holiness Camp do not compare with the 10 days a year when I am at camp. But campmeeting time is sweet. I come to seek Jesus and find Him. I feast at the table that He sets for me and His banner over me is love. I hope you are making plans to attend as much of camp as you can this year. Bring your entire family including your grandchildren and great grandchildren. If your having trouble with a place to stay let me know and we'll see what we can do for you. There are places for campers and tents, there might be room in the dorms or a cottage. Either way, come, seek to know Jesus more fully this year.

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 missionary this year is our own Shushan Richardson from WGM. Our pre-camp concert will be Eternal Vision on August 2.

Brad Buhro has the 2017 youth camper information posted online at [portageholinesscamp.org](http://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.

Blessings,

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P.S. Copies of the 2017 camp flier are located at:  
[www.PortageHolinessCamp.org](http://www.PortageHolinessCamp.org).

## "What Meaneth This -- This is That!"

Acts 2:12-16

By Dr. Nelson Perdue

Pentecost is the most outstanding event which has taken place since the ascension of Christ. Jesus gave His disciples the following instructions and promise in Acts 1:4-5 when He told them to, "wait for the promise of the Father...and ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." This promise gave hope and faith to the 120 as they waited in great anticipation for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. The fulfillment of this promise would give further proof of the resurrection and ascension of Christ. It also validated all the prophecies of the Old Testament. The Christian religion is the only religion that places its confidence in prophecies made hundreds of years before their fulfillment. Joel 2:28 foretold of this event over five hundred years before it occurred and Luke recorded its fulfillment in Acts 2:17. The phrase "in the last days," is referring to this Holy Ghost dispensation. The Father's dispensation was revealed in the Old Testament; the Son's dispensation took place during His earthly ministry and this last dispensation began at Pentecost and will continue until Jesus returns.

Pentecost means "fiftieth." The Jews had three great feasts: 1. Feast of Passover which pointed to Christ's death on the cross. 2. The feast of the Harvest which, with its first fruits offering, typified the resurrection. 3. Then the feast of Pentecost. On the Day of Pentecost God came, by way of the Holy Ghost, and clothed Himself with man. His presence came to indwell and abide in the hearts of His believers. In them He found a body and in Him they found the power of expression and execution. Jesus, who had been with His disciples 3 1/2 years, was now going to the cross. Before He left He gave them a promise. "I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter (Holy Spirit) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you." (John 16:7) To the disciples Christ's promise of the coming Holy Spirit became a beacon in the night. Jesus devoted much of His time in the closing days of His ministry on earth explaining and enlarging on this promise. Pentecost marks the day that the Holy Spirit came and, from that day until now, the hearts of men and women have been the dwelling place of His Presence.

When the question was asked, "what meaneth this?" It meant that the disciples' hearts were purified by faith. He who is holy will not dwell in an unholy and unclean temple. John the Baptist prophesied, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Jesus told His disciples in Acts 1:5, "John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." That promise was consummated in Acts 2:3-4, "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Having been forgiven of their individual sins, He now cleanses them from inbred sin by purifying their hearts by faith. Such an experience purges from all the dross of base desire in a manner desired by the poet when he prayed:

"Refining fire go through my heart,  
Illuminate my soul;  
Scatter thy life through every part,  
and sanctify the whole."

Pentecost gave them a power to be a holy witness and to do His will and work. He gives power to love, and serve. Only the fullness of the Holy Ghost can make us to be steadfast and enable us to stand in the face of adversity. Without the power of the Holy Spirit the church is nothing more than another social organization. The power of His purifying Presence is what makes the difference. When He fully possesses our lives He impassions our souls, quickens our obedience, empowers our praying, unctionizes our service, anoints our testimony and witness and will strengthen us in our suffering for Jesus sake. "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry....until ye be endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

On that inaugural day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2 it was recorded that 17 different languages heard them speak in their own tongue the wonderful works of God. There was a time when the whole earth was of one language and the people tried to build a tower to reach heaven. "The Lord confounded their language so they did not understand one another's speech and He scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth." The name of the place was Babel. One stated that on the day of Pentecost God "unraveled Babel" so all could hear and understand the miracle that God had wrought. In response to their question, "what meaneth this" Peter recounts the events that led up to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the upper room. Hearing his words they fell under conviction and asked, "men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Peter further stated that the promise of the Spirit was not only to them but to their children, "and to all that are afar off." (Acts 2:14-47) That includes every one Jesus died to redeem. The same day 3000 souls responded to God's call.

We must be reminded that to reject our personal Pentecost is fatal to Christian experience. In Ephesians 4:30 we are warned to "grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." In I Thessalonians 5:19 we are told, "Quench not the Holy Spirit." In Acts 7:51 we are cautioned of the danger of "resisting the Holy Ghost."

As it was on that day, so it is to us today. Every truly born again child of God is a candidate for the promise of God. Every believer can have carnality burned out of their hearts by His refining fire and be sanctified wholly. It is then that one becomes a holy vessel and made usable for God to reach a lost world. As the Spirit draws us to the exalted Christ for pardon and purity, let us tarry until our forgiveness is certain and our personal Day of Pentecost is fully come. Then our lives will be lived for His glory, Christ centered and  
Christ controlled.

	Ten AM	Two PM	Seven PM
08/03/17			Perdue
08/04/17	Huddleston	Perdue	Huddleston
08/05/17	Perdue	Huddleston	Perdue
08/06/17	Huddleston	Perdue	Huddleston (6pm)
08/07/17	off	off	WGM
08/08/17	Perdue	Huddleston	Perdue
08/09/17	Huddleston	Perdue	Huddleston
08/10/17	Perdue	Huddleston	Perdue
08/11/17	Huddleston (memorial)	Perdue	Huddleston (healing)
08/12/17	Perdue	Business Mtg	Huddleston
08/13/17	Perdue	Huddleston	Perdue (6pm)



## Ladies Auxiliary News

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. (see the Portage Holiness Camp Facebook page)  
 May God Bless you all keep the Faith.  
 Marlyn Stukey Ladies Auxiliary President.

### Remember:

Our Concerts: Don't forget the concert Wednesday August 2, 7pm. Also, on the Monday 7pm service the KMBC singers will be with us as well.

Our 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. 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

Saturday, July 8, 2017, 9:00AM starts the work day at Portage Holiness Camp. Lunch that day will be a tureen dinner at noon. Bring a dish of something and plan to be a happy camper. (Yard work, building work, cleaning, etc...)

Our missionaries:  
 OMS Jeff & Danni DeMerchant / Mike & Elaine Peters / Storly & Kate Michael  
 KMHA Austin Shuck / J. Eldon Neihof  
 WGM Shushan Richards

Our need for prayer  
 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. (Luke 10:2)

May 15 Jan Dauterman (Rod's wife) has gone to be with the Lord. Pray for her family. Norma Fillhart (former camp caretaker) passed away March 22nd, and Martha Oman (wife of David) passed May 16th. If you hear of any camp members who have been hospitalized or who have had a funeral please contact Linda Ricker or Betty Smith.

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 for more information. This spring we rented a digging tool to lay new water pipes to the boys and girls dorm for a simple toilet/sink connection. Stop by and take a look.

## CAMP NEWS

### 2017 Workers

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	 <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Dr Nelson Perdue and wife, Barbara</p>			
Shushan Richardson: missionary	Nelson Perdue: evangelist	Billy Huddleston: evangelist	Larry and Tamla Leckrone song-evangelists	Tara Parson will be returning as our children's ministry worker.
				
Brad Buhro: Youth Director	Brent Beggs: Musician	Randy Boquist: Musician	Linda Ricker: Secretary	Jim Brown, President
	<p>Coming to Portage Holiness Camp August 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM. Eternal Vision is an exciting and energetic group that has been a favorite of Gospel music fans for more than 20 years.</p>		<p>The KMBC singing group, The Redemption Trio, on August 7-8 for our worship services. The group will include 3 members, Garrett Sparks, Caleb Jack and Sung-min Lee, plus a staff member for a total of 4 people.</p>	

Financial Update: We finished in the black last year and the camp board has authorized expenditures for adding a toilet in each of the youth dorms this year. As funds come in other projects need to be considered as well.

### 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:

Amount Pledged           \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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