




**PORTAGE
HOLINESS
CAMP**



Celebrating 140 years of
proclaiming scriptural holiness

WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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*President's
Message*



Grace and Peace from Portage Holiness Camp!

Though I am not physically on the grounds as I write this winter letter to you I daily make it my goal to keep my soul fed from the Living Word of God and to fellowship with Him in prayer and meditation, just like we learned and practiced at Portage Holiness camp last August. I have to admit it is more difficult to maintain the same level of relationship with God half way through the year as it is in August. Maybe that is because we don't have the preaching 3 times a day or

the early morning group prayer meetings or the constant fellowship we have with like-minded believers. But if what we learned at camp has any meaning or weight at all we know that we are called unto Holiness and just because we don't have all the spiritual benefits in the winter that we do at camp in August doesn't mean we are exempt from the claims that God has placed on our lives.

We cannot play games with God. If we meant business with Him at Camp then it

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should mean business all 365 days of the year. We should continue to:

- Say “no” to sin.
- Pursue holiness.
- Reject the culture.
- Be passionate about our faith.

True, most of us don't go to churches with 3 daily services or a daily prayer meeting but our hearts need to stay just as hungry for the things of God. As the deer pants for the waters so our souls should long for Him. Let me encourage you to fast a meal or two now and then as you use that time to seek His Glory. *But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God’” (Matt. 4:4).*

If Portage Holiness Camp is to mean anything at all it should mean that the Grace and Light that God pours out on us there is not so weak that it is just good for living at camp but that there is strength and power in the gospel teachings we learn there and that His Grace is sufficient to see us through to the day that He comes for us or that we go to Him.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

[Heb 12:14](#)

Please continue to remember the projects that various members are working on such as the tabernacle garage restoration. Some of this work was done in the fall but there will be another work time scheduled for the spring to get that job finished. We sure don't want those walls to come apart and the roof to collapse.

In addition to that the board members have discussed adding more camper locations on the east side of camp. This would entail electric, water, and sewage provisions.

On the north side of camp, the trustees are looking into the possibility of installing an extra sewage line so that those buildings could tie into it for services. If the Lord lays a burden on your heart for any of these projects or the camp in general offerings can be sent to our treasurer, John Brown, throughout the year (see page 4).

This past November Cheryl and I were blessed to visit the Francis Asbury Society conference for Holiness Camp presidents. There were about 20 camps represented from around the country and it was a refreshing time of spiritual renewal. I wish that you all could have attended as it did our souls good to see that Portage Holiness Camp

is not alone in its purpose of promoting Biblical Holiness.

As winter gets colder and spring warms things up for us let each new day be a reminder to pray for Portage Holiness Camp. Pray that Holiness be promoted there. Pray that people will draw closer to God. Pray that families and people who need Jesus will be drawn to Portage Holiness Camp and that the doors will open to allow them to come.

In Jesus Name,

Jim Brown, Camp President

Meet Evangelist Lane Loman



Lane Loman is a native of Greensboro, NC. He has been lead pastor of churches in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, and Indiana. Lane has served in The Evangelical Methodist Church, The Church of the Nazarene, The Friends Church and The Free Methodist Church. Lane is associated with the Southeastern Evangelistic Group, and a Francis Asbury

Society Endorsed Speaker. He is an ordained elder and commissioned evangelist with The Church of the Nazarene.

Of his 53 years in the ministry, he has traveled 30 years in itinerant revival ministry speaking and singing in 15 denominations and 50 different denominational and independent camp meetings.

Lane also produces *The Lights of Spiritual Guidance*, a radio ministry started in 1937 by his father, the late Dr. J. Harold Loman. The program is heard over a network of 14 stations in North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky.

Lane is a graduate of Atlanta Christian College with a degree in Christian Education. He also studied Evangelism in the Local Church at Scarritt Graduate Center, Nashville, TN, and holds a Master of Arts in Religion and Spiritual Formation degree from Northwest Nazarene University. Lane has recorded 15 song albums and authored three books; "The Fruit Still Falls From The Tree", "The Fruit Is Still Falling", and "Road Moments - Memories of Living Life Out of a Suitcase."

Lane's wife, Gretchen, is a native of Bedford, Indiana.

When travel logistics permit, she travels and sings with Lane in revival ministry. Gretchen also serves as the secretary for Loman Ministries and assists in the production of ministry product. Lane and Gretchen have three sons and seven grandchildren.

Meet Evangelist G.C. Bond



Since 1969 Rev. Gary Bond has traveled throughout the United States and Canada proclaiming Christian holiness in song and sermon. Gifted with a rich bass-baritone voice, he is comfortable both in the concert hall and revival service. Rev. Bond received his training at Purdue University and Olivet University and holds elders' credentials with the Church of the Nazarene. Gary and his wife Beth live in Sturgis, Michigan and are members of The Sturgis Church of the Nazarene on the Michigan District.

As of October 1, 2009, the Board of General Superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene appointed Rev. Bond to the office of Revivalism Coordinator for the denomination. In 2015 Olivet Nazarene University awarded Rev. Bond the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Bond is also the executive editor of *The Evangelists' Perspective Magazine* for the Church of the Nazarene.

Meet Song Evangelist Ken Osborne



Our Testimony

I am thankful for the privilege to serve the Lord in my daily life and through the music ministry He has entrusted me with. I love the Lord with all my heart and simply seek to do His will and be used of Him to reach the World with the message of salvation in Jesus Christ.

I was raised in a Christian home in Northern Michigan. At

an early age, I asked the Lord to forgive my sins and to make me His child. Music was also a big part of family life. My Mother played the piano and taught my two sisters and myself to sing. From time to time we would sing in our home church and some churches we were visiting while on family trips.

In 1962, I went to Owosso College and got my first experience with singing in a male quartet that represented the school. My wife Ann and I met while in college and were married in 1965. In 1968, we moved to Traverse City, Michigan and started to attend the College Terrace Wesleyan Church. In a few weeks, I was asked to be the song leader for the worship services and soon took on the duties of forming and directing a choir and the entire music program of the church, a position I served in for 21 years.

I also sang with two quartets spanning ten years, putting on concerts in Michigan and the Midwest. With this experience, I believe the Lord helped me to develop my talents in the area of concert ministry.

In March of 1990 my wife Ann and I started our full-time ministry in southern gospel music. Ann operates the prerecorded music accompaniment system, enabling me to minister through the message of the songs. Our desire is that the music and the words of the songs will draw the listeners into the presence of God and help them to see that Jesus is the answer.

PRE-CAMP CONCERT

Who: The Morse Family Singers

What: Pre-Camp Concert

When: Wednesday, August 1st @ 7 PM

Where: Camp Tabernacle

Jonathan & Heidi Morse have witnessed The Lord's hand move powerfully in their lives. Through difficult times God has been so faithful. Experiencing how HE has brought them through the storm allows them to identify with those who are hurting and are thirsting for the Lord's touch in their lives. Through music, testimony and the preaching of God's word they want to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a dying world.

Jonathan has traveled with Gospel Quartets for years and is thrilled to be serving the Lord with his family. He is also the youth pastor of his church. Heidi leads a youth praise, drama and singing group called Ablaze. When not raising the eight children she is also involved with leading the youth group and counseling those in need.



Six of Jonathan and Heidi's eight children take part in the ministry as well. Carlie sings and plays her violin. Hope is learning violin and Holly and Gabriel will sometimes pick on the mandolin for a song. Gideon isn't afraid to get on the microphone (well, most of the time) and Jonah was born in April 2015 and has been exposed to Southern Gospel music early as he crawled around on the floor during practice! Now he sings along at home and one of these days will make it on the stage.

Also joining in at concerts is Jonathan's dad Bill. Bill has been playing the piano for over 60 years and is known by many in the area for his beautiful music. He plays along with the family while they sing in addition to piano solos.

The Morse Family desires to see the lost saved and to see their lives changed through the message of Jesus!

GOT ANY ADDRESS CHANGES?



Have you moved since our last Camp Meeting? Do you know someone who has moved that is on our current mailing list? Then please forward new address info to:

LINDA RICKER, CAMP SECRETARY

ricker@ayersvilletelco.com

15835 Highland Center Rd,
Defiance, OH 43512

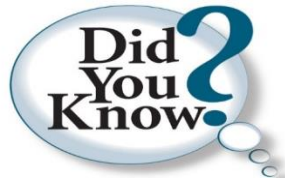
Donations for Camp Kitchen:

An effort is being made to coordinate food donations from area business. If you have any special contacts with managers/owners, please forward the contact information to:

Winnie Doolittle, Kitchen Coordinator (567) 208-6236

Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party

Another great CHRISTMAS PARTYLadies Aux of Portage Holiness Camp. A wonderful time of fellowship and a great time to help those less fortunate. Thanks guys and gals for a job well done.
By: Rose Waldman



While many individuals own their own cottage on campus, the camp owns and maintains 17 buildings on the grounds. These buildings need to be cleaned in the spring before our camp meeting, and in the fall when camp is over. We are always looking for volunteers to help clean and beautify these public areas.



If you can help in any capacity, please contact David Doolittle, Camp Caretaker. (567) [208-8693](tel:5672088693)
itsthatdoolittle@cs.com

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AUGUST 2-12, 2018

For a peek at this year's workers and a copy of the 2018 camp flier, please visit:



- www.PortageHolinessCamp.org
- www.kmbc.edu
- www.lomanministries.org
- www.bondministries.com
- www.themorsefamily.org
- www.facebook.com/MissTaraMinistries
- www.facebook.com/pastorbuhro

Our 2018 Missionaries

The Kentucky Mountain Holiness Association is a Christian association and denomination in eastern Kentucky. The Association was begun in 1925 by Lela G. McConnell, a deaconess in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Association maintains a Wesleyan-Holiness doctrine with a strong emphasis on sanctification. The association maintains an elementary school, a high school, a four-year Bible college, and a farm. Dr. Philip Speas is the current association president. Learn more by visiting www.kmbc.edu

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

So far in 2017, we have received over **\$26,500** in offerings. Adding to that: membership dues, electric fees, kitchen donations, youth camp fees, etc, we have received over **\$32,000** to meet our obligations for the year. Thank you to all who have contributed with prayer, labor and financial gifts.



John E. Brown, Camp Treasurer

Nearly 18%

Since its beginning, nearly **18% of all KMBC graduates** have become missionaries in more than **60 countries!**

KidChurch



Led by: Miss Tara Parson (during 10 am & 2 PM services)

Holiness Quotes

by **A.W. Tozer (1897-1963)**

"Has it ever occurred to you that 100 pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So, 100 worshippers met together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become "unity" conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship." -from his book The Pursuit of God

"Holiness, as taught in the scriptures, is not based upon knowledge on our part. Rather, it is based upon the resurrected Christ in-dwelling us and changing us into His likeness." -from a pamphlet Preparing for Jesus' Return

"No man should desire to be happy who is not at the same time holy. He should spend his efforts in seeking to know and do the will of God, leaving to Christ the matter of how happy he should be."

Teen Camp



Led by: Pastor Brad Buhro



Current Camp Board Members 2017-18

Jim Brown, President
 Dan Campbell, Vice President
 John Brown, Treasurer
 Linda Ricker, Secretary

Trustees (in order of terms):

Kevin Koch
 Roger Overmyer
 John Smith
 Sue Doolittle
 Kalah Harrison
 Ron Wentling
 Eric Toby Allen
 Thomas Poe
 Jim Overmyer

David Doolittle, Caretaker
 Marilyn Stukey, Ladies Auxiliary

PHC BOARD UPDATE

Your camp board met on Saturday, September 23, 2017 to discuss camp business and future plans. Several projects are being completed around the camp grounds including wall reinforcement of the old choir loft in the tabernacle, cleaning of camp-owned buildings, discussion regarding installation of new camper hookup locations, and the installation of a sewer line to reach the adult dormitory and back cottages among other things.

Next board meeting scheduled for:

Saturday, May 19th, 2018.

Any camp member who has an item of interest or concern, which you would like the board to discuss, please send a note to Linda Ricker, Camp Secretary.



Please let us know...

If you have a new baby, death in the family, or other news/prayer request you would like to share with your Portage Camp family! We'd love to share in your experiences and pray with you.

**DID YOU ADOPT-A-CAMPER
 LAST SUMMER?**



Please remember to send a card or note of encouragement to your teenager that you adopted last camp. It really does make a difference in their lives!

PORTAGE HOLINESS CAMP

C/O Linda Ricker, Secretary
15835 Highland Center Road
Defiance, OH 43512

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Thank you all for your faithful giving!

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Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

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