



PORTAGE HOLINESS CAMP

CELEBRATING YEARS OF PROCLAIMING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS

Camp Newsletter

www.portageholiness.org

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

In 2015 Rev. Lane Loman and Dr. Roy Lauter will be our evangelists this year. I spoke with Dr. Philip Speas recently and he says they will schedule our KMHA missionary for this year's missionary day. Our pre-camp concert

will be Jonathan White.

I don't know about everyone else who attended campmeeting 2014 but as for me I found quite a blessing there this year. Yes, I know, the emotional charges that came in August come and go. But, as I remember the specific workings of the Lord in my own life and in the testimonies of those who shared I have an anchor that cannot be moved. I know in my heart that God is alive; He is active in our lives; He provides for us; He shelters us; He works out the major and the minor details in an amazing display of his loving kindness. That doesn't mean we are without trials but it does mean that we do not walk through the valley and the shadow of death and evil alone. He is with us. Every day since camp I have found Him faithful to His Word. If you have found the Lord sufficient for your life and you are not ashamed to say so send me your testimonies to be shared in the next camp newsletter.

In camp business this past September the board passed three motions regarding cottage owner guidelines. A motion was made to add the following beginning in 2015, *"Cottage owners must sign current cottage owner's guidelines each year and return to the Board Secretary. Failure to do so, the cabin will revert back to the camp board."*

Also, a motion to rewrite guideline # 5 as: *"Utility fee for cottages will be \$30 per camp or \$50 per camp with air conditions."*

And also guideline #9 is changed to read: *"A cottage owner that comes to camp for work, recreation*

or etc. the fees will be \$3. per night or \$5 per night with air."

As was mentioned during camp we need to be working on getting our electrical works upgraded. We want to start with adding weather heads to the places where the lines enter the buildings. Then go to restrooms, dorms and Tabernacle. Cottage lines will need to be the responsibility of each individual cottage owner. All of this at once would put us into debt so the board agreed that when money comes available we will begin the work. In a few cases we think that it might be cheaper in the short-term and long-term to lay some of the lines underground. If this is the case and we have the funds we would like to begin trenching some of the lines this spring.

During the board meeting it was learned that there might have been people that would have attended more of camp if they had a place to stay. The board discussed this issue but decided that the Cottage Owner's guidelines already addresses this issue and people should just be reminded. Guideline #2 says:

"2. It is expected that cottage owners and other campers attend as many of the camp's services as possible. Your cottage is not intended to be a summer home. If you are unable to use your cottage in any given camp time please rent it out, or notify the camp leadership so that arrangements can be made to let others use your cottage."

Basically that just means if you can't be to camp try to find someone else who could benefit from your cottage. If you are unable to find someone please contact one of the officers or trustees of the camp for suggestions. We usually have a waiting list of people who would like to come.

Another topic of discussion was upkeep of buildings as addressed in Guideline #3, *"It is expected that you carry your own insurance on your buildings and contents and that you have in your cottage a smoke alarm and a fire extinguisher. It is expected that your cottage be kept in good repair and that after camp you will put away or move all personal possessions from around your cabin."*

Brad Buhro has the 2015 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 2015 camp flier visit:

www.PortageHolinessCamp.org

<http://newhopeinternationalministries.wordpress.com>

<http://www.kmbc.edu/>

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

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

Ladies Auxiliary & Youth Camp

May the Lord Bless and keep you. Looking forward to seeing you at camp in August 2015. God Bless, Marlyn Stukey
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.

CAMP NEWS

Glory to God by Miss Tara Parson



Children's Meeting at Portage Holiness Camp

If you attended Children's Meeting at PHC in 2001 you might be as old 24 years old now. You would have had Miss Barb Deaton, from KBMC as your teacher. For 14 years she faithfully taught our children from the Word of God, plainly showing them the way of Salvation through Jesus Christ, and how to walk a sanctified life totally sold out and committed to God our Creator.

In 2015 she has asked that we find a replacement for her. She recommended one of her former students Miss Tara Parson. Miss Tara Parson is not new to children's ministry but has been working in this area for some time now. As she comes to us at camp this year be in prayer for her so that the Lord can work through her to teach the Word of God and point the way to Jesus.

"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."



Pre-Camp Concert/Sing *** Jonathan White *******

The Wednesday evening concert for 2015 will be led by Jonathan White from Canton, OH.

Jonathan White found a deep love for singing at an early age. He has been singing since before he can remember. His mom and dad would stand him up in the front of the Church and have him sing with his brothers and

later his sister. Jonathan's father was a pastor, and eventually, he became an evangelist. Jonathan would sing along with his siblings and parents, and later in the service, his father would preach. Those first several years were important in developing a heart for ministry in Jonathan. The seeds were planted, though Jonathan never pursued any kind of professional career in music until later in life. In 1991, Jonathan was married to Sheila. However, despite this happy time in his life, tragedy soon struck his family. Nine months after he was married, May 16, 1992 to be exact, a drunk driver ran a red light going 90 MPH and hit his parent's car. His father died instantly, and his mother lived for 16 days in the hospital before she went home to Heaven. Despite having only been married nine months, Jonathan and his wife Sheila took on a new role, as both his 10 year old sister and 16 year old brother were now under their care. This was a tremendous burden on a new marriage. However, they learned that with God all things are possible, and though it was not what they had planned, they learned to find the "silver lining" and learned what Trusting God was all about. It was amazing to watch the Lord take care of them during this time.

Jonathan has had the opportunity to sing for many different kinds of audiences. From the Grand Ole Opry, to the Bill Gaither Homecoming Concert Series, to the little church down the street. Jonathan is willing to sing for God just about anywhere to any size crowd. He has learned, it's not about the size of a crowd, it's about ministering to each individual that has come to the concert. He gives the same emotion and heart regardless of who or how many are there. It's all about reaching others for Christ. It is so exciting to have someone come forward and accept Christ as their Savior. It continues to amaze him that God would use him in this capacity to further His kingdom. Please visit his web site and share this information with others who might not have email. <http://www.jonathanwhitemusic.com//index.html>

Remember our missionaries

Our own Bekka Rogers, who has served as one of our best dish washers and camp counselors in the past few years is still headed to SE Asia to serve the Lord there. If you would like to play a spiritual part she asks for us to pray for:

- Patience and peace. It's looking unlikely that I will be able to leave in 2014. That breaks my heart because I am itching to go, but He will sustain me.
- The sooner I reach 100% of the needed funds, the better. I will not be certain of my departure date until I reach that point. Pray God works in people's hearts to partner with me!
- That the rest of my preparation will go smoothly. I need to make sure I have everything ready medically (prescriptions, shots, etc.) there is still a handful to do.

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, CA 80120-4413, or simply give on line: <http://omf.org/us/give>

OMS/WGM Missionaries: Rev. Michael and Elaine Peters are serving in Asia and Rev. Storly & Kate Michel are serving with Radio 4VEH in Haiti. You can support the Peters or the ministry of Radio 4VEH by making a donation by mail: Make your check payable to One Mission Society. Visit www.onemissionsociety.org for more details. For updates, prayer points, photos, video and to listen live to the broadcasting, visit www.radio4veh.org/en One Mission Society, PO Box 1648, Monument CO 80132-1648. In 2014 our missionary at camp was our own Shushan Richards formerly of KMBC serving in the former Soviet Union.

Hospitalized

Pastor Mark Ralph, of the Mt. Zion UB church, was hospitalized briefly in November. We praise the Lord for a quick recovery.

Charles Nietz was also hospitalized in November. Continue to pray for him and Phyllis as he is on the mend.

Becky Shaffer continues to be in and out of the hospital with various infirmities. You can stay in touch with her through Facebook and send her encouragements that way but please remember her in prayer too that the Lord be sufficient for all her needs.

Vince Zelenak had his surgery in November and is home recovering. Pray for his full recovery.

Richard and Marilyn Grogg (sister of Jonathan Brown) continue to be on a slow mend after spending several months in the nursing home. Continue to pray for their strength and that the Lord continues to give them ministry in His Kingdom.

Naomi Koch, Kevin's mother, has been hospitalized recently. They attend the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene. Eileen Perkins friend, **Lorene Oman**, has gone to Florida for awhile but her leg is healing slowly. **Rosemary Moffitt** (Nadine Thomas's sister) is in Heritage Nursing Home in Findlay.

Home-goings



Howard F. Munn, 92, of Bowling Green passed away on Thursday October 23. He was born August 5, 1922 in Bowling Green to Vernon and Mabel (Hill) Clayton. He was adopted by Fred and Estella Munn in 1932. Howard was one of six boys adopted by the Munns. Four of the boys formed the Munn Brother's Quartet, singing for several years throughout the country. Howard played piano, organ, vibraharp and accordion and was a great lover of sacred music. He was married to Dolly E. Livingston on September 1, 1941.



Vernon B Young, 90, of Defiance, was ushered into Heaven on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at the Defiance CHP Hospice Center, Defiance, OH. Vernon is survived by 9 children. One of his daughter's is Wanda (Sam) Suman of Findlay, OH.

Carole Hahn, 72, sister to Bill Stukey, passed away, Saturday, November 22, 2014. Carole was a member of the Swanton Church of the Nazarene, where she was involved with various women's organizations. Please keep the family in your prayers.



David L Stephens, 67, of Bellefontaine, passed into the Lord's presence Thursday evening, October 16, 2014 at his home. He was born in Fostoria, Ohio on January 15, 1947 to the late Dale and Pauline (Staley) Stephens. Dave was also preceded in death by a sister Dalene Barnett. Dave was the director of Camp Cotubic for 28 years where he was known to thousands as "Uncle Dave." Prior to becoming camp director, Dave was a Pastor in the United Brethren in Christ denomination and served churches in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Ohio. Dave served as youth director for Portage Holiness Camp.

With the passing of our former president, Bob Spackey, we run the risk of losing track of members who are hospitalized or pass on. If you hear of any camp members who have been hospitalized or who have had a funeral please contact Eileen Perkins (419)422-6708 or email Betty Brown at bab862@gmail.com.

Financial Update: We are hoping for a surplus for 2014 so that we will be able to begin upgrading our electrical situations at the campgrounds. The board has taken the position that we want to avoid going into debt. However, we do have a need that was pointed out by several knowledgeable electricians and the several power outages that we experienced last year.

My Contribution to the Financial Responsibility of
Portage Holiness Camp

From John E. Brown, treasurer:

Thank you all for your faithful giving.

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