PORTAGE HOLINESS CAMP

CELEBRATING 138 YEARS OF PROCLAIMING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS

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2016 Camp Dates Aug. 4-14

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

Have you ever felt that the coming of our Lord and Savior was going to take place sooner, rather than later? I hardly ever open my Bible in devotions without thinking, "Soon!" Yes, 4 times in Revelation Jesus told us "I come quickly." We have no reason to doubt Him. He is faithful. Rev. 22:20 "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Now if we truly believe that He is coming, just as he promised then **what** should we be doing? **Who** should we be loving? **Where** should we be and **when** should we be there? As we read the Word of God and listen to Godly men preach from His Word we will learn **what** we should be doing. As God brings people across your path He will plainly tell you **who** you should be loving. As for **where** and **when** let me suggest to you that Portage Holiness Camp is the place to be August 4-14 this summer.

Why do we make this annual pilgrimage back to the camp? Well, for me it is because I yearn to be with Jesus. I see how temporary and transient this life on earth is becoming. I want to put my faith in something greater than myself. I need to be cleansed from my sins and only Jesus can be that and do that. I want to keep myself in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. (Jude 1:21) But I don't want to do this alone. We can't forsake the assembling of ourselves but rather we do need to exhort one another in Jesus.

This year, come to Portage Holiness Camp with a hunger in your heart for Jesus. Bring your Bible. Bring your family, friends, and grandchildren. Come expecting to meet Jesus and continue to pray that this will be a campmeeting to remember for all eternity. Praise the Lord.

The campgrounds are getting ready for people to return but not by themselves. Already we've had several work crews come in to take care of the things that need to get done. If you haven't had the chance to come work at the grounds yet this year plan to make a visit. If you're not sure what needs to get done yet check with our camp caretaker, Dave Doolittle.

Rev. Brad Buhro and Dave Doolittle have the 2016 youth camper information posted on-line at our website. In a few weeks we need to be cleaning out the boys' and girls' dorms getting them ready for campers. Miss Tara Parson will be heading up our children's meetings this year. What a wonderful opportunity for the children to hear of Jesus.

Blessings,
Jim Brown
President, Portage Holiness Camp

P.S. *For another copy of the 2016 camp flier visit:* www.PortageHolinessCamp.org.

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(Jon and Theresa Purdy from Lima, Ohio)

The second year we started going to Portage is when Jon and I were struggling to find a job. In one of the evening prayer times I was crying to Jesus for help. As I was crying so hard, I opened my eyes and looked on my right and there was Jesus kneeling down praying with me. This is where I learned about faith. God said have faith in Me. So I must give ALL my worries and not take them back, this image of Jesus tells me He is here by my side at all times and carries me through the tough times and good times. I want to thank you Portage family for letting us in your camp and showing us your love and compassion. I praise God for Toby and Debra Allen for being there for us.

Theresa Purdy

Remember our missionaries
Jeff and Danni DeMerchant - OMS Missionaries

Missionary Night is Monday, August 8, 2016 with One Mission Society. The evening Service with Jeff and Danni DeMerchant @ 7:00 pm Jeff grew up as a missionary's kid in the Central Plateau of Haiti, while Danni spent part of her childhood in Saudi Arabia & Kuwait. They now are blessed to serve the Lord in Haiti. The Lord has extended their initial commitment of 2 years, as Jeff & Danni prayerfully feel led that they are to remain in Haiti for now. Picnic supper @ 4:00 pm.

Past missionaries: Shushan Richards, KMBC, is serving in the former Soviet Union. Bekka Rogers is serving in SE Asia. Rev. Michael and Elaine Peters serving in Asia and Rev. Storly & Kate Michel serving with Radio 4VEH 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.

2016 Evangelists

Dr. Marlin Hotle has served in a number of ministry settings. He served for 15 years as a pastor. He taught for six years in a Bible College and served as an Academic Dean. For 6 years he served as the Executive Director of the Christian Holiness Partnership. For 22 years he was a District Superintendent in The Wesleyan Church. He is the author of seven books and has contributed to several others. But his greatest love has always been preaching. Over the years he has served as an evangelist in revivals and camp meetings for 23 different denominations as well as many independent camps and churches. He is now available to speak for local churches and camps on a more regular basis.

Dr. Marlin Hotle; dshotle@yahoo.com

Rev. Claude Nicholas has been a minister in the Church of the Nazarene for over 35 years. As an effective communicator of the Word of God, he preaches clearly, skillfully and to the point. He is described as "a student of the Word who is often referred to as a preacher-teacher whose messages are filled not only with biblical truth but with practical insights as well."

Rev. Jeff and Jeanie Shelburne

Singing to Reach the Lost

Jeff is an ordained minister and evangelist and song evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene and an accomplished professional trumpet player and has won the Indiana Gospel Music Associations "Instrumentalist of the Year" award seven times. In November 2007, he was voted "Instrumentalist of the Year" for 2008. In addition, he was selected for the IGMA 2008 "Hall of Fame Award".

Jeanie is a very talented vocalist, and prior to being called by God to sing His gospel, had always desired to sing opera. She has a beautiful anointed voice that many say sounds like an angel.

Jeff says, "It is our mission to fulfill God's calling to present His Word to reach the lost through full-time ministry with our gifts of music and through preaching the word, and our testimonies and scriptures. Heaven is real and and the gift of salvation is available to those who choose through prayer and repentance to receive it!"

Pre-Camp Concert/Sing

The Lord willing, **Abby Paskvan** is coming to Portage Holiness Camp. She is scheduled to present a concert and lead us in worship on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 7 pm. in the Portage Camp Tabernacle. This will be a free will offering event and will be immediately followed by a time of refreshments in the camp dining hall. Here is more information about Abby from her website, www.abbypaskvan.com

Message From Abby: My experience singing for the Lord has been amazing and I want to thank all of you for supporting me in my music ministry. But none of this would be possible without the Lord. He has been the major part of my life for as long as I can remember, and singing for him and spreading his word has only made my faith stronger. When I sing, I feel his presence and his overwhelming joy, and I want others to feel what I feel. I sing because that's what God has made me to do. I could not have accomplished anything that I have done in my life without Christ. I can do anything if I have his power within me. I love you Lord and I will always serve you.