




PORTAGE HOLINESS CAMP



Celebrating 141 years
of proclaiming
scriptural holiness

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

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President's Message



Just a few more months and it will be warm, summer will be here, and we will be getting ready for Portage Holiness Camp 2019. I don't know if I'm the only one, but I look forward to August more than any other month because of what it means to me. At camp, the things of this earth grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. More than ever, Jesus becomes top priority and I find it so much easier to focus on who He is and what he has done.

*"There is a redeemer Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah
Holy one
Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names*

*Precious
lamb of
God,
Messiah
Oh, for
sinners slain.*

*Thank you oh my father
For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit til the
work on earth is done."
(Keith Green)*

Because of Jesus I have a purpose for living. He supplies me with strength and resources enough to do what He calls me to do. How can I not feel gratitude in my heart to follow Him and keep his commandments. After all he says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments", John 14:15. And though I know the two greatest commandments it is the NEW commandment that

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he gave us in John 13:34 that comes to my mind, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." This is the verse that gives me a reason to come to Portage Holiness Camp. I want the opportunity to love Jesus and love the people that come to camp. Camp provides a place to give people what they need most in life: Jesus.

The days at camp provide me a model of what every day of the year should look like.

- wake up: [seek Jesus](#)
- begin the day: [seek Jesus](#)
- meal time: [seek Jesus](#)
- more activities: [seek Jesus](#)
- bed time: [seek Jesus](#)

I know this should be my pattern every day of the year but during camp, when the day is structured so well, in a relaxing kind of way, it is helpful to have that and the examples of others to point me to Jesus.

Are you hungry for Jesus? He is right there waiting for us. Seek Him with all your heart, every day. He wants to be found. We are planning another great camp for 2019 but camp doesn't just happen. We need families to even now be making plans to attend and bring their children and grandchildren with them. We need those who know how to pray to seek God's blessing upon Portage Holiness Camp this year. We need to have lives changed for all eternity and that only happens when we meet God.

Talk about camp with your immediate family and your extended family. We are a family camp. Then talk about camp with your church family. Get people excited about camp because it is an exciting place to be. Just ask those who have been saved, sanctified, or healed there.

As we prepare for camp there are a couple of other ways besides prayer that you might consider helping with. We need volunteers to clean, repair, and build things at camp. Just let

our care taker, Brother Dave Doolittle, or one of the camp officers/trustees know what you're able to do and projects can begin.

Also, be sure to read the rest of this newsletter for the rest of the news about what's going on in 2019 at Portage Holiness Camp.

Blessings,

Jim Brown, Camp President

Meet Evangelist Dr. Tom Hermiz



<http://www.tomhermiz.com>

Dr. Hermiz has been preaching the Gospel and the message of Christian holiness for nearly 60 years. He has been in great demand as an evangelist because of his ability to communicate a clear understanding of the Bible and of Christian Holiness theology.

Dr. Hermiz has served in a wide variety of ministries/positions including 12 years as the General Superintendent of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union. He currently serves as the

President of the Avon Park Camp Meeting.

Tom and his wife, Ella Mae, have three grown children (one daughter is deceased) and seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

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Meet Evangelist Mike Adams



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Brother Mike Adams is a full-time tenured evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. His desire is to bring revivalism and evangelism to the church through a preaching style that is Bible based, relevant and frequently humorous to connect and communicate. He has preached in many venues and denominations including the Church of the Nazarene, United Methodist, Free Methodist, Wesleyan, The Missionary Church, Evangelical Church of North America, Church of Scotland, Baptist

and other interdenominational churches.

Mike is a graduate of Kentucky Mountain Bible College (KMBC). Mike and Elizabeth have two sons, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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Meet Song Evangelists Jeff & Jeanie Shelburne



www.theshelburnes.com

Our Testimony

Jeff and Jeanie use the messages of both new and the wonderful older gospel songs to minister. They feel that a good spirit filled message is the key to a good gospel song. Jeanie has been said to have the voice of an angel, and that Jeff's trumpet sings

the words of the songs when he plays.

Jeff is an ordained elder and a 'Commissioned Evangelist and Song Evangelist' in the Nazarene Denomination but has ministered in many denominations as God opened the doors. Jeff is also a 21-year veteran of the Indiana Army National Guard and served in the 38th Infantry Division Band for 16 years as a bugler and trumpeter.

Next
Year's
Camp:



**AUGUST 1-11,
2019**

Our 2019 Missionaries



The Missionary Group will be OMS this year and The Peters Family.

www.onemissionsociety.org

KMHA (Kentucky Mountain Holiness Association) will also be sending a singing group.

Quotes from 2018 Camp Meeting Services:

"We often say that we want God to lead us to Heaven, but we must first let Him lead us to the cross."

- Dr. Jim Brown

"The more you act in obedience to what you know God's will is, the more sensitive you will be to the voice of God's leading." - Rev. Lane Loman

"Two reasons why people are not godly or holy; 1: They do not trust God to do it. 2: They refuse to let God do it." - Rev. Gary Bond

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

As of September 15, 2018 the camp has raised \$29,934.96 which was just enough to cover all current bills. - **John E. Brown, Camp Treasurer**



The Camp Board is asking for your donations to cover the cost of the camp during the off-season. Thank you for considering the camp during your year-end giving.

Ladies Auxiliary 2018 Christmas Party

We had another great Christmas party for the ladies (and all the great men) who support and lend a hand to the Ladies Auxiliary of Portage Holiness Camp. A big thank you for all the great food, fellowship, and generosity with which we blessed the ladies at the Cocoon Shelter in Bowling Green, Ohio.



PHC BOARD UPDATE

Your camp board met on Saturday, September 15, 2018 to discuss camp business and future plans including: paneling along the back of the tabernacle, camp winterization, camp kitchen use agreement update, and electrical upgrades to privately owned cottages.

NEXT BOARD MEETING & WORSHIP

A worship service will be held **Friday night, May 17th at 7 pm** with Rev. Eric Allen preaching.

The next camp board meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 9 am.

CAMPUS FLOWERS

Flowers & other décor during our camp meeting are always beautiful. It takes a lot of hard work to beautify the camp in this way. If you would like to assist in this project, please email Kalah Harrison at kalahrenee@gmail.com



SPECIAL HELP NEEDED

The camp electrical grid is antiquated and in desperate need of updating. Currently, our campground will not meet electrical code. We have been told that in the next few years we have to make regular updates to our system. This project will cost several thousands of dollars. Please consider including this project in your donations/estate endowments to the camp. We want to preserve our camp for future generations!

NOTICE TO ALL COTTAGE OWNERS

The PHC board urges all cottage owners to update the electrical components/usage in your cottages. Every cottage needs to meet the current electrical code guidelines. At this time, very few of our cottages are up to code. **If you need help determining if your cottage is up to code, please contact Jim Overmeyer at**

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Due to grid overload, we are encouraging every cottage owner to switch your light bulbs to LED bulbs, and other electrical appliances to more energy efficient models.

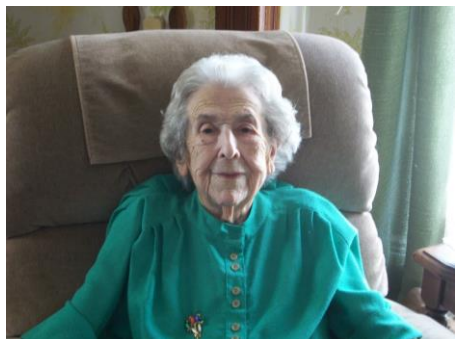
LOOKING FOR A KEYBOARD FOR CAMP

The camp is in need of a digital keyboard for our annual



meetings and other events on the grounds. If you or anyone you know has a digital keyboard (88 keys, with at least one pedal) to donate to the camp, or would like to give money toward this need, please contact Pastor Dan Campbell at pastordan67775@gmail.com

CELEBRATING MS. LORINE OMAN – Born 10/29/1918



When did you start going to Portage Holiness Camp? When I was a little girl. My mother would go and stay in a building that is not there anymore. I was the youngest of the girls so I would get to go with my mother and stay the 10 days. We also would stay in my Grandfather's (Sherman Parker) cottage, which had a cooking stove in it. I had cousins that also stayed. My mother also grew up going to Portage Holiness Camp.

What do you remember about those days? We had rain showers then too. Mother always had a big garden at home and she would bring up produce to the Kitchen for the cooks to use during camp.

When did you start making cookies for the camp to enjoy? I don't remember. I always brought cookies when I was growing up and could make them. Mother encouraged me to learn how to bake so we could bring the cookies to Portage.

Tell me about your cottage? My two sisters and I bought this cottage. My

mother would also stay so we had all 4 of us staying in it for camp. Dad wouldn't go to Portage to stay because he had a farm to take care of. Dad would always take mother down to clean the cottage though.

Tell me about your teaching days? I went to Findlay College and mother went with me. We explained that we didn't have any money. Mother and I went into the President of the college and said that we didn't have any money but that I needed an education. The President said that my dad had a farm and they could get the money from that. I explained that my dad wouldn't approve of using the farm. I had earned some money and saved it but it was not enough. So, the President said that would do and he gave me a job in his home. The President and his wife had 3 children (a girl and 2 boys). I would take care of the youngest boy and get him ready for supper. I was not the main cook but I still had certain things that I cooked for them. I made Lemon pies, cookies and sandwiches for them. The President also had boys from the college do the cleaning. However, I would go after the boys and clean certain things the way the President's wife wanted it done. The boys that worked there would run the sweeper. I usually did the dusting and follow them to do it. The President's staff didn't do the cleaning – the college students did. I also ironed the President's shirts. He liked how I pressed them better than how his wife would press the shirts. The President and family were always nice to me.

After I graduated, my first teaching job was in Paulding County at Haviland. I taught Jr. High and Sr. High grades for 3 years. Then I switched to Arlington School and

taught High School English for 1 year. The Vanlue Superintendent came out to see me at my parent's farm. He said that He didn't think it was right that I was teaching at Arlington when Vanlue needs me. The Superintendent talked me into leaving Arlington Schools. I had graduated from Vanlue so that is why I went back. When I told Arlington School – they said that wasn't fair – we need a High School English teacher too. However, I left and started teaching High School English. Then I became the Principle of the High School for 15 years. I had a good Superintendent above me. He would always back me up with what I had told the kids. I would also take the classes to lunch and back. The kids didn't make a miss-move if I was there.

Tell us how you found Jesus? My mother always took me to camp meeting. The camp had Children's Church and Teen's back then too. I went to the alter during one of those camp meetings when I was a teen in High School. I had to make up my mind to be a Christian and have never regretted it.

What are your favorite memories of Portage Holiness Camp? I enjoy the Ministers that come and preach and sing. I still enjoy them. I have really enjoyed the last few years because I have heard them in Florida at Lakeland Camp that I go to in the winter.

What do you want for the future of Portage Holiness Camp? I would like to see it go on just like it is. We have a good camp!

Interviewed by: Mrs. Linda Ricker



DO YOU HAVE A...

Change of Address or Phone? New baby? Death in your family? Other info you would like to share with your Portage Camp family? Please let our Camp Secretary, Linda Ricker know! Email: ricker@ayersvilletelco.com

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DID YOU Adopt-a-Camper?

Don't forget to send a note of encouragement.

Remember to pray for them!



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