

Lower Light Evangelist

Fall-Winter

2019

*“Let us come before His presence
with thanksgiving, and make a joyful
noise to Him with psalms. PS. 95:2.*

*“Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is
given; He shall be called Wonderful,
Counselor, The mighty God, The everlast-
ing Father, The Prince of Peace.” IS. 9:6*

From the Editor's Point of View

Our 2019 family camp ended August 11, with mixed emotions as we departed the grounds for another year, and our hearts were "strangely warmed" by the ministry of our evangelists, Rev. Matt. Smart and Rev. Timothy Wiford. Both were Godsent and God anointed. We were blessed by the singing of Dennis & Brenda Barrick, a godly couple who were new to our camp, having never been in our area before. The altar services were a highlight of the camp with various ones giving both a testimony and evidence of spiritual advancement. These were times when, "Heaven came down and glory filled our souls."

It was a time of joy and excitement for old and young, those seeking to follow in the footsteps of the Savior, Jesus Christ. It was costly; it was time consuming; it was physically tiring, but, oh, what a thrill to spend those ten days with fellow believers, in worship, in prayer, in rejoicing together. Was it worth it? You better believe it!

There are a few comments interspersed among the following pages that reflect the perception of some who attended the camp. I came across the following article by *E. J. Wigley* some time ago which I felt summed up some of the great benefits of camp meetings.

"Camp meetings unite God's people of every denomination and make them better prepared for defensive and aggressive warfare against Satan and his host in these days of false teaching. They give the people of God a missionary spirit, make them liberal in their giving, loosen their shackles, and set them at liberty to go to their neighbors and tell them the glad tidings of salvation. Nothing else will build up your home church better.

"The Holy Spirit honors camp meetings in a special manner and uses them to bring sinners to conviction, repentance, and salvation. Wounded hearts are healed and broken families are restored by His grace.

"Christians are encouraged, strengthened inwardly, and built up in "our most holy faith." Many of the most prominent and useful ministers date their start from a meeting of this kind.

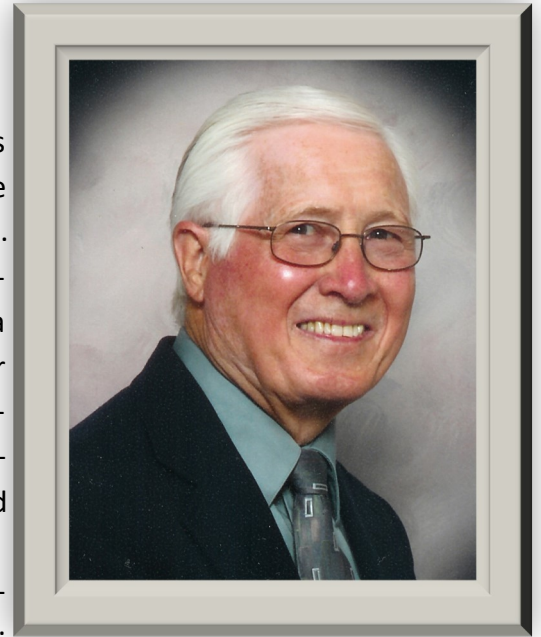
"Camp meetings are the great need of the church to regain and maintain her spirituality and to empower her for the warfare in which she is engaged. There is nothing so good to increase the zeal of God's children as attendance at a good camp meeting.

"The preaching is the best, and you hear helpful testimonies there which you cannot hear elsewhere. You become acquainted with the best Christians in the country.

"You receive new illustrations from a variety of speakers and you are sure to get a spiritual uplift. The singing is inspiring and helpful. It is a good place to see the saints who praise God and shine for Jesus.

"You forget your earthly cares, lose sight of the world, and get a new revelation of your own need and the grace to fill that need.

"A camp meeting is the best place to spend your vacation. The boarding rates are very reasonable, and the food is clean and wholesome and is prepared by people with a conscience. The society is the best and lifelong friendships are often formed there.



“The associating of Christians in the free open country and beautiful woods reminds them of the Creator, their Heavenly Father, who made all these things for all to enjoy. It has a tendency to elevate the mind and improve the morals. It is restful to the body as well as beneficial to the soul.

“The camp meeting has been a blessing to thousands. What it has been to others it can be to you, and you will become one of its strongest advocates.”

=Repairer; July 1920

Campus Updates

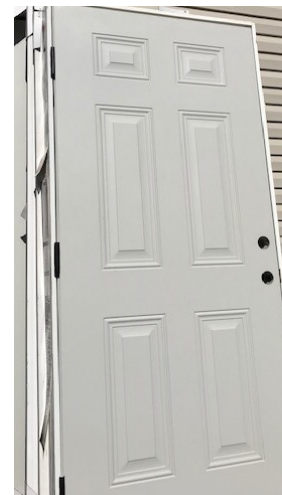
With the approval of our general board, we have begun some major improvements to the camp grounds and buildings. Prior to camp, thanks to generous people, we were able to have six new exterior doors installed on three different buildings. We were also able to replace the 20-year-old commercial dishwasher before camp.



These photos reflect unfinished RV pad in the background of the first pic, David Voss installing the new dishwasher. And new doors installed. We are truly excited and thankful for what God has accomplished for our campus. The Lord has also provided the camp with several lovely pews.



Out with the old, above;
in with the new, below



Comments From Camp Visitors

We enjoyed camp meeting very much. The singing was great, the preaching was great, and the band was good. All of the messages were soul searching and we came home closer to God than when we came there. We also enjoyed the good time of fellowship and want to thank everyone for the fine accommodations. We look forward to being there next year.

John Black, FL

The 2019 camp was excellent in every way. Our guest evangelists had pointed messages. Several were at the altar seeking the Lord, having prayers answered, and finding peace in the presence of the Holy Spirit. I would say God met with us every service. I heard several comments that this was the best camp to date.

Lela Gragg, MI

Welcome to the beginning page of the camp pictorial review. We're so glad you have taken the time to view these pictures, and sense the joy experienced in attending another Lower Light camp.

The 2019 camp workers were L to R: Dennis & Brenda Barrick, song evangelists, Dave Linville, camp president, Rev. Matt Smart, and Rev. Tim Wiford, evangelists.



2019 Annual Conference Review

"They all had a mind to work"

God gave us a gracious 84th annual conference of the Lower Light Mission Association. The Lord blessed us with a good time of conducting church business and the conference ended with peace and tranquility among the officers, delegates, and pastors. Pictures L to R: Rev. Marc Dodrill preached the Thursday evening conference message. Rev. John Kennedy, Assist. Superintendent, brought a warm message on Friday morning that encouraged our hearts. Dave Linville, Superintendent chaired the conference sessions Thursday evening and throughout the day Friday. First camp service began at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening, with Rev. Matt Smart preaching the first camp message. God gave us another wonderful conference with peace and harmony throughout.



Billy Watts, weekend evangelist.



Matt Smart, Evangelist, spoke in the Friday evening opening service.

Dennis Barrick, on his banjo, leading the congregation in some old fashioned camp meeting songs; Evangelist Tim Wiford sharing God's word; Rev. Dave Linville and camp ushers preparing to receive an offering to support the camp, and the camp pianist, providing some beautiful camp music.



Camp dining hall; there just seems to be a great gravitational pull about this time and place. Some lasting friendships are begun here; it is also a place to enjoy not only fellowship, but good food, as well.





PVBI Ladies Trio

We love our Bible schools. We are always blessed
By the representatives they send to us.



UBC quartet (above), and AWC group (below).



A favorite time for our camp people is to gather
around the snack shack after the evening service for a
time of having a snack with friends and family and
also to enjoy some good fellowship together.



Along with the snackshack, the after glow time (including the bonfires) of more fun and fellowship was planned by the camp youth leaders.



It was our privilege to receive Rev. Matt Smart, and Rev. Timothy Wiford as Ordained Elders of the Lower Light Mission Association. Both men are also licensed Elders with ICHA.



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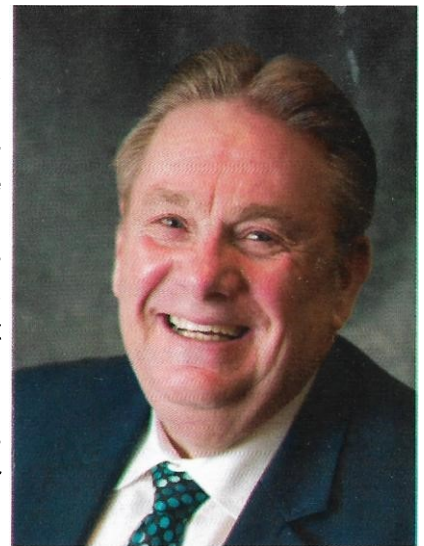
Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him!

As we leave this Thanksgiving, and consider the coming Christmas season, I begin to count my blessings and think of the one who has made this season possible. Yes, "Jesus is the Reason for the season!"

First let's notice the Exhortation. "Oh Come". This term is inclusive. It includes everyone. We see the invitation given for all to participate and respond in giving attention to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This includes rich and poor, young and old, black and white, learned and unlearned, weak and strong, and whosoever will, to commit and respond to this challenge of adoration and praise to the Captain of our Salvation. We see examples of this contrast by the announcing process of the birth of Christ to the simple occupation and lifestyle of the shepherds that were keeping flocks of sheep. This occupation required very little education, or wealth and ability. No doubt it was at the bottom of the pay scale of that day to be a shepherd. Then we see the wise men, who were on the other end of the spectrum. We think they must have been educated and wealthy because of their studying the stars and their expensive gifts given to the Christ Child. Then we see the angels that made this announcement. No doubt they were in perfect harmony and adorned with the glory and brightness of a heavenly world.

Secondly we see Participation. "Let Us" We see a thread of inclusiveness woven into these words. We also realize that we must have a heartfelt commitment on our part. It has to be an act of the will as we give ourselves to praise, honor, and glorifying our King. Let us continue to purpose in our heart to be identified as a participant. So many people are satisfied with being a spectator, but let's determine to be more than a spectator when it comes to giving all of our affection, praise, and thanksgiving to the Lord, for saving and sanctifying us! Let

us participate in giving the Lord praise for his tender mercies and loving kindness toward us when we were unlovable and out of the ark of safety. As we view this phrase, "Oh Come Let us Adore Him", as an exhortation, we can also view it as a command. This is our Christian duty that will help build an atmosphere of worship as we sense our responsibility in praising the Lord!



Marc Dodrill, ICHA Chairman

Thirdly, we see Exaltation and Exclamation: "Adore Him!" Wow! Where do we start? What is our motive in the expression of adoration! The song writer puts it is way, "I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how He could love me a sinner condemned unclean!" Chorus: "How marvelous, How wonderful, and my song shall ever be, How Marvelous! How wonderful! is my Saviour's love for me! He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own, He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone." Chorus; "How marvelous, how wonderful, and my song shall ever be, How marvelous how wonderful is my Saviour's love for me! When with the ransomed in Glory His face I at last shall see, Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me!" Chorus: "How Marvelous How wonderful and my song shall ever be, How marvelous, how wonderful, is my Savior's love for me!" Oh Come let us Adore Him!

Special Notice

This issue of LLE has suffered several weeks of delay due to some significant "infirmities of the flesh" on the part of the editor. Therefore I have combined the Fall and Winter issues into one issue. Please pardon any disruption this may have caused.

I take this opportunity to wish each of you a blessed Christmas season as you pause to worship the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. As the angels sang at His birth, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"