

ALABAMA CAMPERS ON MISSION FALL 2021 - NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

It ain't over 'til it's over. We thought we had come a long way toward getting our community health back, but then things made a turn in the wrong direction again. Our old "friend," COVID, is rearing its ugly head again. Suddenly, we have gone from empty beds in our hospitals to having our ICUs full again. It is likely that our Governor will have to tell us to put our masks back on again. At the time of this writing, she had not given the order to remask, but I expect that she will. If she does, there is little that we can do but to follow orders. I hate wearing a mask, but I will for the greater good.

A lot of us have been fully vaccinated and we may soon be asked to take a booster shot to stay safe, but let's do it if we need to. There are many who are against COVID vaccinations because of possible side effects and unknowns, but I think it would be better to go ahead and take the vaccine. The odds of serious long-term side effects at our age are not a huge concern. Death by COVID is a bigger problem. If you have not been vaccinated, please get the shots.

I pray that our medical folks have learned enough to keep the number of seriously ill to a minimum. Lots of folks are probably still going to become sick, but maybe we can continue to work our projects. It would really bother you and me both if we have to cancel projects and stop our meetings again.

In the words of the police sergeant in the TV show Hill Street Blues, "Let's be safe out there!"

It is sad that we had to cancel our participation in the National Peanut Festival because of too few volunteers. We had been a part of the festival for 21 years. We had checked tickets at the gates. We had at one time helped with getting cars in and out of the grounds. We had

manned a tent in which we had a chance to witness to people, and we had used puppets to attract kids and then witness to them but our participation had become a drudgery for our people. I hope that there may be a way to restructure the event for us so we can once again be a part.

See you at the Christmas party.

Walt Miller

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What Is Truth

John 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

John 18:38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

Truth has become a grey area or optional opinion to a lot of our world. Not everyone feels this way! For a person to take the stand in Court, you are asked to swear to tell the truth. If you fail to tell the truth, you are charged with perjury and can face jail time. Years ago, there was a TV program called "To Tell the Truth". Regardless of where it occurs, there is no wobble room in truth. The Bible is rich with scriptures referring to the principle of truth, but in the New Testament we find the real truth that will withstand all doubters and naysayers, the only truth that took human form, Jesus Christ. Thank God we have this standard. Jesus referred to Himself as "the way, the truth, and the life". He also tells us that "this is the only way to the Father." Some feel that there are many ways to the Father, but they are WRONG! Jesus is the only Truth that will stand till eternity. Always let your Yea be Yea and your Nay be Nay. Stay firm in your faith and anchor your life in the Truth. Not everyone could be as lucky as Jonah and be swallowed and then spit up on shore. The Truth should be a cardinal virtue and anchor for life so that when we pass from this life to eternity, we will

hear those beautiful words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." May God richly bless you!

In His love,

Roger Woodard

Note from June

Sometimes life situations can be overwhelming and hard to understand, but God's Word tells us to turn to Him for the rock that we can stand on in times of conflict and struggles. Samuel Rutherford wrote, "Believe God's Word and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your rock is Christ, and it is not the rock which ebbs and flows, but your sea." My prayer is that when you struggle with life's journey that you consider this. "I call to you from the ends of the earth when my heart is without strength. Lead me to a rock that is high above me." Psalm 61:2

A little Bible trivia to remember...It didn't rain in the Garden of Eden. Water came up from the ground to make things grow. Genesis 2:5-6

God bless and love,

June Woodard

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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PROJECT REPORTS

CAMP BALDWIN – August 9-13, 2021 – Ken & Loretta Folmar, Project Leaders

Nine couples of Alabama Campers on Mission met for the change-over at the end of summer camp season. Bunk beds are dismantled and stored; carpets are cleaned of pounds and pounds of sand! Regular size beds are assembled to get ready for the adult retreats that take place in the fall and winter season. The weather was extremely hot as is always the case in August in Lower Alabama!



Lamar Folmar and Doug Morris are moving bed springs. Ron McMonagle (inside the trailer), Ken Folmar and a helper are moving furniture.



Greetings, Fellow Campers!

It is time to make plans for the ALCOM Christmas party. We will be meeting at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Talladega Friday, December 3rd.

We will have a business meeting at 4:00, to be followed by a social hour at 6:00 (bring any goodies you prefer for hors d'oeuvres). Dinner will be at 7:00. Menu consists of:

Prime Rib

Twice-baked potatoes

Glazed baby carrots

Asparagus

Rolls

Tea/coffee

Choice of chocolate creme pie or bread pudding with raspberry sauce

...and I am delighted to report that the entertainment will be provided by the Zion Bluegrass Connection from Huntsville, Alabama. Many of you heard them at two of our previous rallies in Gadsden.

As most of you know, Shocco Springs has very nice hotel rooms available, and there will be breakfast provided for anyone who wants it. Cost for the banquet is \$18/per person; hotel rooms are \$25/per room (two double beds); breakfast is \$9/per person. A limited number of RV sites are available at a charge of \$27 per night, but we will need to check availability with Shocco and confirm with you.

Please complete the registration form below and mail with your check (payable to Alabama Campers on Mission) to arrive by Nov. 17 to:

**Jeri Miller
228 Inverness Drive SW
Huntsville, AL 35802**

We will also be collecting gift cards for The Vineyard. Like several of our beloved organizations, The Vineyard has been struggling. Steve Tipton, manager of The Vineyard, is also on our ALCOM board. Cards from Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, VISA, or MasterCard would be appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing everyone together again!

Jeri Miller



**ALABAMA CAMPERS ON MISSION
Annual Christmas Party Registration**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Dinner _____ (**\$18 each**) **Total** _____

Breakfast _____ (**\$9 each**). **Total** _____

Room _____ (**\$25/per room**) **Total** _____

Total for weekend: **Total** _____

Check # _____

RV Campsite (\$27 per night): yes _____ no _____

(Limited number of sites; no assigned sites.) First come, first served. Site availability will need to be checked with Shocco and confirmed to you.

Make checks payable to Alabama Campers on Mission.

**Mail to: Jeri Miller
 228 Inverness Drive SW
 Huntsville, AL 35802
 (256) 527-2059**

I need these reservations in hand by November 17, so please allow enough time for mailing. Thanks!

Jeri Miller

ALABAMA CAMPERS ON MISSION PROJECT LIST AS OF 19 AUGUST 2021

Must have Background Report on File before you can work on a project. (See Below)

Project changes in red.

(Sep 13-24, 2021) **Shocco Springs, Talladega, AL** - Building and grounds maintenance. Some new construction, help with laundry or office work. 18 campsites with full hook-up or apartments. Lunch and snacks provided. All slots are filled. For waiting list contact Danny Stevens (205-405-1718) or Vickie Stevens (205-405-6124 or email vickiestevens@centurytel.net)

(Oct 4-15, 2021) **Camp Baldwin, Elberta, AL**. Contact Ron McMonagle (334-477-2724 or ronald.mcmonagle@gmail.com)

(Oct 12-22, 2021) **Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, KY**. Christian boarding school for grades 6 to 12. Many international students. Plus grades K to 5 for locals and staff children. Maintenance and light construction, staff housing repair & upgrade, painting. Mr. Gritton, OBI president, promised much easier tasks than in 2019. Full hookups for 20+ rigs. 8+ apartments available. Contact Walt Miller (334-400-3095 or wbm3661@gmail.com)

(Oct 25-29, 2021) **Davis Creek Primitive Baptist, Speedwell, TN**. Church established 1797. Present building 1850. Remove wood siding, install insulation, replace siding. On way home from Oneida. Water & electric hookups. Dump station. Snacks & water provided. No meals. Capacity: 8-10 RVs. Signed up: 6 RVs. Contact Walt Miller (334-400-3095 or wbm3661@gmail.com)

(Nov 5-14, 2021) **National Peanut Festival, Dothan, AL**. Cancelled. Not enough volunteers

(Nov 5-14, 2021) **Dothan Outreach, Dothan, AL**. Concurrent with National Peanut Festival. Minister to the Fair workers in the morning feeding breakfast and sharing Christ, then in the community build handicap ramps or home repair. RV hookups behind Mt Gilead Baptist Ch. Water & electric provided. Pump grey & black water. Meal & snacks TBD. Need 6 rigs; 6 signed up. Contact Todd Morton (770-316-0416 or morton071@aol.com).

(Nov 7-20, 2021) **Common Thread Project, Titusville** (Birmingham). Renovate abandoned and rundown apartments so they can be used for crisis and refugee housing. Hanging/finishing sheetrock, painting, hanging cabinets, doors, trim. RV parking on asphalt. Water & electric provided. Pump grey & black water. No meals, some snacks. Need 6 skilled workers, possibly more. 3 signed up. Contact Tom Ray (334-850-1151, kbray49@gmail.com) or Bill Foster (334-646-0478, bjaf@teleclipse.net).

(Dec 2021, Jan and Feb 2022) **Camp Anderson, Marianna, FL** (Formerly Blue Springs).

General maintenance with three small construction jobs included. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us. Let us know when you want to come and how long you want to stay. There are twelve full hookup sites. Motel rooms are also available. They provide two meals a day. Contact Eugene Corley (334-341-3004, joycecorley@hotmail.com). If you wish to come at another time contact William Bloodworth at 770-598-6896.

(Jan 10-Feb 4, 2022) **Mt Zion Baptist Church, Enterprise, AL.** Contact Ron McMonagle (334-477-2724 or ronald.mcmonagle@gmail.com)

(Feb 7-Mar 18, 2022) **Second Bethlehem Baptist, Brewton, AL.** Contact Ron McMonagle (334-477-2724 or ronald.mcmonagle@gmail.com)

(May 2-13, 2022) **Camp Macoba, New Market, AL** - Contact Jr. Stephens (256-656-5666, nanstephens@att.net)

(Year round) **Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove**, 1 Porters Cove Road, Asheville, North Carolina 28801 (Exit 55 on I-40 just East of Asheville). Ministry Recipients are public visitors. On-going: Construction, maintenance, public speaking to visitors to The Cove, grounds, office/clerical, chapel greeters, laundry, and housekeeping. Additionally, there will be the seasonal tasks of leaf blowing and fall/Christmas decorating. Minimum of two weeks required. On-site parking for five RVs, 50 amps. Contact Mary Brewer, (828) 771-4854 or mbrewer@thecove.org for available dates.

(Year Round) **Puu Kahea Baptist Conference Center, Wai'anae, Oahu, Hawaii.** Presently not accepting volunteers or guests due to COVID. Check the website for updates.

Website: www.pkcc.org, Email: office@pkcc.org, 808-696-3467 (subtract 5 hours for time difference),

To apply for Background Check,

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- Go to www.campbaldwin.org
 - Click on "employment" button
 - Click on red "onlineapplication"
 - At the box on the right, click on "yes" -
Fill out the first page then click "continue"
 - Fill out 2nd page.
 - At #5 click on "AL Campers on Mission"
 - Then, mail \$7.50 check payable to
Alabama Campers on Mission
to: Joyce Godwin, 18496 Plywood Mill Rd,
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