

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Indian Springs Holiness Camp Ground Newsletter

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Ministry “Talk”



When John and Beth Muehleisen arrived at Indian Springs this summer to represent WGM as our 2018 missionaries, they were accompanied by a talkative puppet named Lazarus. Lazarus is a “knee-pal puppet” colorfully dressed in sports attire. Lazarus finds his voice through John’s unique ministry of ventriloquism.

In 1986 when the Muehleisens were preparing to go to Africa, they came to Indian Springs, and the children at the Glenn Tabernacle raised money to buy Lazarus. Since then, Lazarus has been a constant traveling companion of the Muehleisens. He makes frequent appearances at children’s programs in Africa and the USA.

Lazarus’ conversation style is described as “witty, energetic and always making a point.” Children worldwide are fascinated by the puppet who tells them about Jesus.

John learned ventriloquism as a college student at Asbury University. He intuitively knew the skill would be an asset to future ministry endeavors. For 32 years, Lazarus has spoken boldly about Christianity, bringing many children (and adults) to a relationship with Christ. We should never underestimate the power of our children’s love gifts to Jesus.

Hearts Changed at the Tweens

The theme for the Tweens program this year was entitled, “Come Follow Me.” Dan and Katy Beth Searls and their team led approximately eighty-five 10-14 year olds in discovering what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Not only did the tweens learn about Bible study, missions, tithing and prayer times, they were also invited on the greatest adventure of all: *Following Jesus with all their hearts.*

Several of the tweens responded to the invitation wholeheartedly. A couple of them volunteered to share their testimonies with the larger Indian Springs family.

Loulou is a ten-year old, and this summer was her first time in the Tweens program. After Bible Study one day, Loulou asked to pray with her small group leader. She said, “I want to say ‘Yes’ to Jesus.” She was given her own Bible and was taught how to read God’s Word so she can grow in her walk with Jesus.



Tweens Loulou (left) and Jayla (right) responded to an invitation to accept Jesus during camp meeting.

Jayla was another tween who wanted to share her testimony. Jayla has known severe grief in the loss of her mother to cancer. This year during the Tweens program, Jesus met her and brought comfort and strength to her heart. She is learning to walk with Him every day.

Let’s pray for the next generation that Jesus would protect, strengthen and teach them about the joy of following Him!

The Basics of Sharing a Testimony

During camp, Dan and Katy Beth Searls gave each tween the assignment of listening to as many personal testimonies as they could. Next, the tweens were assigned to share their own testimonies with a family member or their small group leader. Tweens raced all over camp, asking for personal testimonies of when people met Jesus and telling their own stories.

The Searls provided some simple principles to follow in preparing and sharing testimonies. We hope that it might inspire us to share our testimonies as well.

1. Focus on Jesus and not your sin. He is the answer to every human need, and He will apply His truth to each person’s own situation.
2. Answer the questions: Who, what, when, where, why and how. If you only have two minutes and you answer these questions, you will have covered the basis of your Jesus story.

Practice! You can practice in the mirror, in the car, on your dog, with your children, with the neighbors, with your co-workers and with a stranger. Get in the habit of sharing your testimony!



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A Few of Their Favorite Things...

When asked about aspects of our 2018 Indian Springs camp meeting that were the most meaningful, several camp family members offered their perspectives:



Stacey Wood, Women's Ministry Leader, Powder Springs, Georgia:

Every summer I look forward to my time at Indian Springs. Even though our cottage was built in 1904, I would never consider staying anywhere else. Although the memory of family and friends runs deep, the richest aspect about camp is the memory of how Jesus has met me in the pews and at the altar. Indian Springs is my "fill-up station," and I praise God for all the people there!



Jacob Thome, Bank Vice President, Gainesville, Georgia: Camp meeting helps us step back and focus on the most important things in our lives: God and family. Our four children reap the biggest benefits of camp meeting by unplugging and learning about the Bible for ten days. Robin and I are always fed through Bible study and worship. We are a five-generational camp meeting family. It is a great joy to see how Indian Springs has become important to each new generation.



Lori Howell, Homemaker, Cartersville, Georgia: I first attended Indian Springs as a youth in 1989. Since then I have married, had three wonderful children and purchased a cabin on the campground. Indian Springs has been a constant anchor in my spiritual life and that of my family. Camp meeting has a way of breathing fresh air into my soul. It embodies community and fellowship while providing a lasting heritage for generations to come.

Share YOUR favorite thing about camp meeting on Facebook!

Meet Our New Trustees

Rusty Tate pastors the Langdale United Methodist Church in Valley, Alabama, which is just across the state line from West Point, Georgia. The mission of the Langdale UMC is "Driven to Know and to Share Jesus." Rusty comes on the Indian Springs Board with this same passion. He will be responsible for internet and electronics; he is hoping to increase the internet wireless capability across the campground which will make him a general favorite with everyone.

Rusty married into an Indian Springs family in 1982. His wife's parents, Tina Sue and Ray Lane bought a cottage in 1964, and the family has attended every year since then. Rusty shares his heart for Indian Springs in these words, "I am a pastor at heart. My desire and calling are to help people experience the fullness of Jesus Christ. I look forward to being a part of the Indian Springs Board, proclaiming the doctrine of scriptural holiness."

Cricket Albertson currently works alongside The Francis Asbury Society in Wilmore, Kentucky, as an editor and a speaker. She served for 18 years as a theological assistant to her grandfather, Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, as he promoted the doctrine of Biblical holiness through speaking, writing and study. She continues to edit his work to make it available for publication.

Cricket's passion is to help the next generation know the joy and freedom of full surrender to Jesus Christ. Cricket will be involved with the Hospitality Ministry, continuing the tradition set by Dr. Amanda Hutcherson who made the grounds lovely and inviting. She will also help with the Communications and Archives Committees. Cricket's family has faithfully attended Indian Springs for three generations. She and her husband Matt have three teenage children and live in Wilmore, Kentucky.



Flipping for Missions

One of the joys of camp meeting is watching the children from the Glenn Tabernacle develop new ways to raise money for missions. This year found them more creative than ever.

Cousins Ella (left) and Anslee (right) applied their gymnastic skills to fund-raising as they charged \$1 for an enthusiastic "flip." Although flipping was sometimes challenging on the unlevel, rocky terrain of our campground, they raised \$90 for missions! Ella is the granddaughter and Anslee is the niece of Rhonda Holton.

Other children sold jewelry and lemonade, swept porches and took trash to the dumpster for a donation. We have some amazing and talented Indian Springsers!

TEXT2GIVE Instructions

Electronic giving to Indian Springs is available through text on a cell phone or iPad. (See full instructions on DONATE page of our website.)

Simply text: GIVE to (770) 749-7552. The system walks you through a quick set up.

Year End Financial Update

Thank you for your continued faithful support of Indian Springs Holiness Camp Meeting.

Treasurer Kevin Thompson reminds our camp family of the need to keep pledges up-to-date to ensure positive cashflow through the end of the year. It is helpful to give monthly, if possible.

Outstanding pledges: \$40,500

Important budget facts:

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$360,000

MONTHLY BUDGET: \$30,000

Please consider a year end gift. For your convenience, a self-addressed envelope is enclosed. You may also donate online with a credit card through PayPal or use TEXT2GIVE.

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A Spiritual Adventure: Discovering Indian Springs

Jason and Becky Morrow and their children first visited Indian Springs the summer of 2011 at Sarah Luce's invitation. The Morrors had no idea that the one-day visit would result in an enriching spiritual experience for their entire family. The Morrors returned in 2013 and have become whole-heartedly engaged in Indian Springs ever since.

"After the first summer, we specifically studied the holiness message that is preached and taught here," Becky says. "We listened to sermon videos by Dr. Kinlaw and other speakers. We purchased books on holiness so that we could better understand how to live a holy life. We always leave desiring to know more, study more and grow more."

Jason says, "We want to create a family/home environment for our children to have an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We can't force the relationship, but everything we do at home and in our leisure time with our children is conducive for their knowing what God can do in their lives."

He continues, "We come here to worship, fellowship and just be together. We've made Indian Springs a priority. We hear things here that are opposite of what the world says is important." The Morrors reside in and enjoy the close community of the RV Park where they invited nine families from the Atlanta area to join them this summer.

The Morrors appreciate that Indian Springs' message is biblical and transformational. "The gospel and truth is not watered down," Becky says. Jason and Becky recognize that spiritual leadership is modeled every day to all age groups through the various camp ministries.

"We want more for our kids than a 'wet noodle faith.' Indian Springs gives a spiritual foundation that our family can stand on." Becky & Jason Morrow



The Morrors live in Winder, Georgia, with Caleb (12), Jacob (14) and Micah (8). Jason owns a technology company.

Becky is a busy homeschool mom who helps the boys raise cows, goats and chickens on their farm. The boys sell eggs to neighbors and friends, using the money for tithing, saving and spending.

A Heart for Africa

In January 2019, Mary Howell Hafner will move to Kenya, Africa, where she will assist high school juniors and seniors in next-step-decisions about their futures. She will work full-time as a School Counselor at the Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe. Mary Howell is excited to use her unique gifts and talents to glorify Christ by serving missionary children and youth who need an excellent school to attend.

Mary Howell credits her passion in missions to many sources: her family, the ministries at Indian Springs and her home town church in Atlanta which had a strong mission emphasis. She traces her family's roots to Indian Springs all the way back to her great grandfather, Dr. Marvin Thome. He built the family's original cottage on the grounds in the early 1950s.

A native of Marietta, Georgia, Mary Howell has attended Indian Springs Holiness Camp Meeting since her parents, Dr. David and Susanna Hafner, brought her when she was a month old. Today the Thome/Hafner families reside in three cottages and an RV as they faithfully attend camp each year.



"I credit Beth Reed, Jenny Shattuck, the Coppedge, Searls and Griffin families for walking alongside me and shaping my spiritual life. Indian Springs helped prepare me for my life's calling."
Mary Howell Hafner

As a child, Mary Howell learned biblical truths that were taught at Indian Springs. She always loved Missionary Day and the teaching and preaching in the Main Tabernacle. At age of 10 she was called to be a missionary, but it was not until her senior year of high school that she surrendered to the call. While a student at the University of Georgia, she became involved in the Wesley Foundation, and she was able to spend two summers interning with World Gospel Mission at the African Gospel Church Baby Centre in Kenya.



Pray for Mary Howell's ministry journey!

Rift Valley Academy is a boarding school for missionary kids that provides sports, fine arts, activities and academic opportunities. The K-12 school educates 500 students whose parents serve in over 20 African nations. If you would like to learn more about Mary Howell's ministry, email her at maryhowellhafner@gmail.com.

Important 2019 Dates

Men With Vision at the Campground

Work Week: April 10-11, 2019

Mission Retreat: April 12-13, 2019

Ladies' Fellowship Spring Retreat

April 26-28, 2019 Campground

Annual Prayer Day & Board Meeting

May 4, 2019

Campground

2019 Speakers & Bible Teacher

Evangelists: Dr. Chris Bounds, Dr. Timothy Tennent and Dr. Dave Ward

Bible Teacher: Dr. Joe Dongell


Leave a Legacy:

Continue the work of Indian Springs...

A financial gift to Indian Springs Holiness Camp Meeting in your will or revocable trust enables you to support our mission and make a difference in the lives of future generations. A bequest is simple to arrange, will not alter your lifestyle in any way and can be easily modified to address your changing needs. Questions?

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Camp: July 11-21, 2019

Honduras Mission Trip

Choluteca, Honduras | February 7-19, 2019

Join the Indian Springs Mission team as they share God's love through backpacks, work projects and evangelism to students and families in villages. A variety of skills is needed for the mission trip.

Cost is approximately \$2,200; register by December 31, 2018. Questions? Contact Rhonda Holton nnprhonda_2006@yahoo.com

"Stir Us, Lord"

Winter Prayer Retreat

Sponsored by The Ladies' Fellowship

March 1-3, 2019 | For Men and Women

Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island

Based on Haggai 1:13-14 & Nehemiah 4:14

Prayer Facilitators: Allan and Beth Coppedge; Dan and Katy Beth Searls.

\$220 Double Occupancy | \$50 Attendance Only | www.IndianSpringsCampMeeting.org/ministries/ladies-fellowship for Registration.

Questions? Contact Brenda Smith at bren23smith@gmail.com

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Campground Lots Available for Cottages

The Board of Trustees announces that six new lots will be developed on the northern side of the campground. One of the six lots has been spoken for.

Buildings & Grounds Chairman Dr. Ken Banter said, "We are excited to have these lots available to potential cottage holders. This wooded area of the campground is beautiful. Roads have already been placed. Lots will include basic water and sewage lines; some trees will remain for shade and play."

"Cottage ownership at Indian Springs is a significant way to invest in your family's spiritual heritage," said Steve Luce, President. "We encourage you to take advantage of the cottage-building resources available to the campground."

Cottages were built on the campground as early as 1892. Then, as now, they are a means for friends and family to share the camp meeting experience.

Dr. Banter can provide information to families about local contractors who want to be involved in cottage-building.

Susanna Homes provides turn-key manufactured cottages on the campground. Contact Sarah Luce at sluce9@yahoo.com for information.

Site Map Schematic shows six lot locations at the intersection of Swift Avenue and Second Street. Lots will be cleared and available for building in 2019.

Need more information? See COTTAGE HOLDER Section on our website about Lot Forms to fill out.

