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Indian Springs Holiness Camp Ground Newsletter

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Together Again

A team from Men With Vision gathered on the campground September 28—October 2, 2020, for their annual fall work week. Nine men and six ladies were in attendance. The team's work list included repair on the Glenn Tabernacle, Hotel porch and Girls' Dorm windows.

The team also replaced joists and re-installed flooring in the old Benson Farmhouse located across Highway 42. The Board plans to divide this house into compartments for rental during campmeeting. (Note: This is a long-term project that may require a couple of years to complete.)

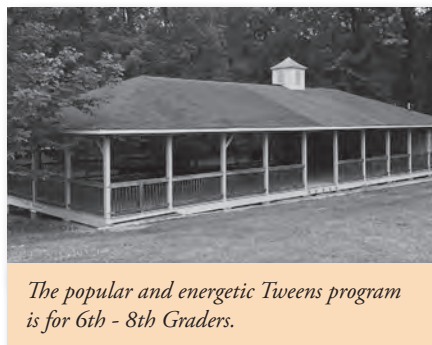
The team gathered at the MacGregor's Cottage for meals. Dr. Allan Coppedge led thoughtful evening devotionals and fellowship times. After having their Spring Work Week in April canceled due to Covid, it was meaningful to come together again.



Left to Right: Gentry Cobran, John Scudder, Wesley Taylor, Darrell McGinnis, Peggy McGinnis, Geary Russell and Al Coppedge. Not shown: Rev. Richard Gantz.

Passing On Their Faith

We are excited to announce that Logan and Sadie Stoltman and Aaron and Kari Kline will co-lead the 2021 Tweens ministry.



The popular and energetic Tweens program is for 6th - 8th Graders.

Sadie Stoltman is the daughter of Dan and Katy Beth Searls who have led Tweens for the past two years. Sadie has participated in Tweens for six years, and she and Logan are excited to see what Jesus will unfold for the middle schoolers at Indian Springs. Aaron Kline is also a long-time Tweens team member, and he and Kari will bring energy and joy to the program.

Indian Springs is thrilled to have the next generation take over the leadership of the Tweens for 2021. The Tween leaders are already working

on next year's theme and activities for the high energy Tween participants! Be prepared for a wonderful plan that conveys the message of a clean heart and how to live it out as a disciple of Jesus!

Dan and Katy Beth will attend a missionary conference in Hungary this summer during campmeeting. "Dan and Katy Beth have been amazing in their leadership," said Joy Griffin, Vice President. "The Searls made the lessons incredibly fun and biblically strong. The Board of Trustees acknowledges the Searls' hard work and investment in the 2021 leaders. They have had a lasting influence on many lives!"

Sometimes People Wonder...

Q. Why does the Indian Springs logo depict an old-fashioned man on a horse (above)?

A. Our logo represents a traveling clergyman who preached in two or more rural places called circuits. The circuit rider traveled, visited people, conducted worship, and established churches approximately mid 1700s – early 1900s. They also performed weddings and served sacraments.

John Wesley and Bishop Francis Asbury were two of history's most prominent circuit riders. They faithfully preached the Wesleyan doctrine of salvation and holiness, traveling thousands of miles annually. This image reminds us of our Wesleyan spiritual heritage.





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“What I did on summer vacation...”

When asked to write a story about a summertime experience, Crosby Thorson, age six, wrote about his experience at Indian Springs:



“One day I went to Camp Indian Springs. I went to the kids service. My grandmother went with me. My favorite part was when we went to the mission area. We learned about people who told people that didn’t know God about God. And we even got to watch a video about what people did when they were poor and they didn’t know God. After the kids service was over we went home. I want to come back next year.”

Crosby’s grandmother, Sonia Papagan, recalls that Crosby was tentative when taken to the Glenn Tabernacle on the first day. However, he immediately became best buddies with Daniel

Morton, son of Jonathan and Lupita Morton, our OMS missionaries. The boys later became pen pals.

“Crosby had never been to Indian Springs before. He was there for only three days,” Sonia said. “The crafts, activities and depth of Bible stories were incredible. Crosby had gone to a famous amusement park that same summer, yet he chose to write about his time at Indian Springs. This experience was very impactful to him.”

Crosby lives in Peachtree Corners with his parents and brother Miller who also attended Indian Springs.

Seeing the World through Christ’s Eyes

A twenty-five member team journeyed to Honduras this year on a mission trip on behalf of The Lizzie Project. Rhonda Holton, president of Indian Springs Ladies’ Fellowship, led the group. The team was made up of 10 members from Indian Springs and 15 members from the Fellowship Evangelical Church (FEC) from Lizella, Georgia. They traveled to Choluteca, Honduras in February before international travel was suspended. The team had remarkable opportunities to minister and serve at the WGM compound managed by Angie and Larry Overholt.



The Lizzie Project is a USA based ministry that shares Christ’s love through scholarships, backpacks and evangelism to students in Choluteca, Honduras, and outlying villages. TheLizzieProject.org

prayer meetings for the trip and three church fundraisers. The trip was fully funded two months before actual departure.”

The team’s main mission was to distribute backpacks with school supplies to children of various villages. Tami reminisces, “When a child is given a backpack, his or her face lights up. It is a light that changes a person’s world perspective.”

The Young Adult Ministry of FEC worked for two years to raise \$30,000 to cover travel expenses for their 15 team members. Coordinator Tami Bozeman recalls, “God revealed Himself to our group even before we arrived in Honduras. The entire Lizella community got behind our trip with corporate sponsors giving financial gifts from \$100 - \$1,500. We had weekly

Looking Forward to 2021



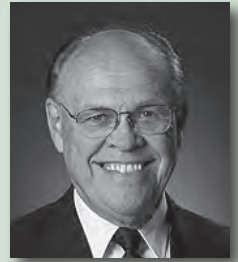
Dr. Gary Henecke
Evangelist



Dr. Stan Key
Evangelist



Dr. Nelson Perdue
Evangelist



Dr. John Oswalt
Bible Teacher

Buildings and Grounds Update

Our 130-year-old infrastructure and buildings are in constant need of repair or renovation. Winky estimates over \$100,000 is required. The Board asks your consideration for supporting these much-needed projects.

\$20,000: RV area for electrical and sewer work

\$12,000: Glenn Tabernacle – rebuild east porch/room and redirect water runoff

\$9,000: Main Tabernacle & Annex work, water runoff and equipment repair

\$12,000: Refurbish 8 rooms in the Motel

\$12,000: Hotel work – windows, roof on Papa Joe Lodge and clean siding

\$40,000: Cafeteria roof

\$10,000: Contingency

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IndianSpringsCampMeeting.org/about/officers

Giving Opportunities

In light of our unusual fiscal year, please support the campground at the same level you would normally pledge.

Important Budget Facts:

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$360,000
MONTHLY BUDGET: \$30,000
COTTAGE ASSESSMENTS: 10% are outstanding.

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

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A Tribute to Rev. Dr. Joe Peabody, Sr. *Indian Springs Trustee*



The Indian Springs family lost a faithful servant and trustee on January 27, 2020. Rev. Joe Peabody loved Indian Springs and the Indian Springs community. He served the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church for 52 years.

Joe was born in 1943 and welcomed as the middle child of five sons into a loving, Christian family. The Peabody family had deep roots at Indian Springs Holiness Campground for generations. Joe was grateful for his spiritual heritage and passed his faith on to his own family. He was famous for hosting the preachers on

his porch every year during campmeeting, encouraging them through fellowship and prayer. His commitment to Indian Springs and his love for pastors never wavered.

Joe communicated love and kindness to everyone he encountered. As a trustee on the Indian Springs Board, Joe had a unique ability to speak at critical times, bringing clarity and focus especially when the Board faced challenging decisions. He assisted with the Memorial Service each year with love and compassion. When Indian Springs began the tradition of offering the Lord's Supper on the last Sunday of campmeeting, President Steve Luce chose Joe to preside over the sacrament. This service has become one of the holy moments of campmeeting each year.

A graduate of Emory University and Asbury Theological Seminary, Joe valued higher education and life-long learning. He retired from full-time ministry in 2013 and resided in Conyers, Georgia. Joe was preceded in death by his loving wife Anne. He is survived by his sons, Rev. Joe Peabody, Jr. (Allison) and Rev. Andy Peabody, and grandchildren Parker and Ashton. In addition to his service on the Indian Springs Board, Joe was also active in the Emmaus Community and participated in many leadership matters of the United Methodist Church.

Our campmeeting family will celebrate Joe's life at the Memorial Service during 2021 Campmeeting. We are grateful that Joe's spiritual legacy and love for Indian Springs will live for years to come.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

Lessons from Our Memorial Oak Tree

For over one hundred years, a majestic oak tree stood near the present-day location of the Main Tabernacle. The tree had historical significance to Indian Springs, as our four founders knelt under the tree in 1890 and felt God's assurance that they had found the appropriate site to build our campmeeting.

Through the years, the oak tree has symbolized many facets of spiritual growth:

- Oak tree roots extend two and one-half times the tree's height. The root depth gives the tree the ability to withstand the winds of time. Bible study and prayer can become our own roots that hold us firmly in the storms of life.
- Acorns are the fruit of our spiritual journeys. They are symbolic of the thousands of people who have heard and live by the message of heart holiness at Indian Springs.

Sadly, in 1990, the Memorial Oak Tree had to be removed. Many of its acorns were scattered throughout the campground that have become beautiful oak trees today.



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Upcoming Events 2021

Ladies' Fellowship Winter Retreat

- March 12-14, 2021
- Epworth by the Sea, St. Simmons, GA
- For Men and Women

Men With Vision

Spring Missions Retreat

- April 8-10, 2021
- At the Campground
- Ladies and family members welcome!

Ladies' Fellowship Spring Retreat

- April 23-25, 2021
- At the Campground
- For women

Annual Prayer Day & Spring Board Meeting

- Saturday, May 1, 2021
- 10:30 am; bring a pot-luck dish!

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c/o Mr. Matthew Gambill
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Adventure to the Philippines

Michael Albertson was the first recipient of the new Earnest "Winky" Carlock Missions Scholarship Fund. This fund was generated from our annual 5K Run for Missions in 2020 for short-term missions opportunities. Michael had the opportunity to accompany his grandfather, Al Coppedge, to the Philippines. Al was invited to lead a retreat on discipleship, and he asked Michael to travel with him. Michael received one of the Missions Scholarships which enabled him to travel to the Philippines in January 2020.

Michael and Al spent most of their time in Baguio City for the retreat and then journeyed up into the mountains for church services. Michael said, "I gained a new appreciation for God's world and His people. I had the privilege of meeting many Filipinos and learning from them. The conversations with the young adults made an impact on my mind and my heart. I also enjoyed the time spent with my grandfather. It was fun to watch him train church leaders in discipleship and mentoring."

Michael discovered a love for the Filipino people, food and culture. He is enthusiastic for the next opportunity and grateful to Indian Springs for making funds available for short term missions projects.

Michael is the son of Matt and Cricket Albertson. He lives in Wilmore, KY, and is studying business at the University of Kentucky. *The Mission Scholarship Program is on hold for 2021 due to Covid travel bans. We will let the Indian Springs Family know when this opportunity opens again.*



Michael shown with his new Filipino friends.