

THE CIRCUIT RIDER



Indian Springs Holiness Camp Ground Newsletter

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Camp Meeting 2021

A Time of Celebration

After the COVID pandemic caused camp meeting 2020 to be cancelled last year, the Indian Springs family rallied to make the 2021 gathering a most memorable time for all. Like the festivals of the Old Testament, God's people gathered to celebrate His covenant faithfulness in our lives during our year in quarantine, making this summer's gathering the most welcome camp meeting in memory.

As attendees were reunited on the campground, there were hugs, tears and laughter. Cottages opened again, and the hotel filled. The children, tweens and youth were as excited as Christmas morning! A sense of gratitude followed us into the tabernacles where we gathered in His name to listen, to learn and to praise. Joy Griffin, Vice President, reflected, "We were filled with anticipation to hear God at His most sacred place."

God came and met us in a special way during the 2021 encampment, and we look forward to gathering again in 2022.

*Then our mouth was filled
with laughter, and our tongue
with singing... The Lord has
done great things for us,
and we are glad.*

Psalm 126:2-3.



New Property Purchased for Campground



Trustees on new acreage (L-R): Dr. Ken Banter, Dr. Hiram Johnson, Steve Luce and Caretaker Winky Carlock.

With an eye on future growth for Indian Springs Holiness Camp Meeting, the Board of Trustees purchased 28 acres that adjoins our property to the north, towards Jackson. The acreage has rolling hills, wooded areas, a creek, and open meadows.

Steve Luce, President, said, "Our primary reason for the purchase was to create a buffer zone while controlling the use of the property that adjoins our campground. We are working on an updated site plan. Our new property connects to the northern boundary of the campground with access to State Highway 42S."

The purpose of the property will be determined by the Vision Committee of the Board of Trustees. Walking trails may be developed through this beautiful natural space as other ideas are discussed for an overall plan.

Ken Banter, Chairman of the Buildings & Grounds Committee said, "We look forward to God's leading for the utilization of this new acreage. The purchase is part of the Indian Springs Capital Campaign that ensures that the campground will have growing room to continue our mission in all areas."

Congratulations, Maddie!

Dr. Kevin Brown, President of Asbury University, presented the annual JPL Scholarship to Indian Springs youth, Maddie Atkins. This \$2,500—\$3,000 scholarship (for four years) is awarded annually to a youth who has been actively involved with Indian Springs and desires to attend the university.

Maddie is excited about attending Asbury and is interested in pursuing a career in Intercultural Studies. She is from Marietta, Georgia, and is the daughter of Leslie and Matt Atkins and the granddaughter of Susan and Tom Atkins. May God bless you on your journey, Maddie!

See our website for scholarship criteria.





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Meet Our Newest Trustees

The Indian Springs Board of Trustees is made up of different generations who provide wise leadership and godly perspective. They have a cross-section of professional skills needed to steward our campground. During our 2021 camp meeting, the Board elected three new dedicated trustees:



Ed Vinson, Pecan Farmer, Fort Valley, Georgia. Ed grew up coming to Indian Springs after Helen Rhea Stumbo invited his family to attend. His parents built a cottage when he was 11. “The Lord led me back to Indian Springs after my salvation in 2015 in search of the meaning of holiness. My heart for Indian Springs is to see a renewed fire in our own lives, to be Holy as He is Holy, and to spread this message in our churches.” Ed and his wife, Stephanie, have two teenagers.



Dr. David Hafner, Retired Vascular Surgeon, Marietta, Georgia. David has a passion for the children and youth programs while helping young people become part of the larger Indian Springs family. He is profoundly grateful for the missions emphasis of Indian Springs. “My hope is that our founding principles will be maintained, will be spread to our children, and be taken into the world.” David and his wife, Susanna, have two adult children. He has attended Indian Springs for almost 40 years.



Joe Frank Harris, Jr, Attorney, Cartersville, Georgia. Joe has practiced law for over 30 years and is currently at Harris Georgia Law, PC. While he was growing up, he observed both sets of grandparents involved in leadership and spiritual roles at Indian Springs. Joe’s passion is to faithfully propel Indian Springs and its mission forward for generations to come. He and his wife, Brooke, have two children. The Harris family’s favorite place is Indian Springs!

Happy 25th Anniversary, Tweens Ministry!

During our camp meeting, Tween leaders Sadie and Logan Stoltman and Aaron and Kari Kline hosted a celebration for the 25th anniversary of the Tweens program. In 1996, this ministry was birthed in the heart of Joe Luce who had a deep concern for the kids “between”

– between elementary school and high school. The Tweens program has become a highlight for camp meeting, training the younger generation to love Jesus and follow Him in discipleship.

For the anniversary celebration, the Tweens Tabernacle was festively decorated with balloons and streamers. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and games. Tweens, parents and tween leaders, past and present attended. It was a time to celebrate all that God has already done and all that He will do in the lives of the young people of Indian Springs.

In the book of Jeremiah, one of the marks of the presence of God in any group of people is celebration. At the Tweens Anniversary Party, we found God in our midst as we celebrated the vision of this ministry to the ones “between.”



Camp Meeting Friends

Watching children play in mud puddles at camp meeting may seem endearing, but the impact is far greater. It is not unusual to hear, “I have made good friends since my earliest memories from Indian Springs.” That statement isn’t unusual, but it is a common occurrence.

“My wife and I first attended Indian Springs when our two children were toddlers,” said Charlie Artmann. “Now as adults, they have close friends from across the US and the world as they became close to children of missionaries who attended Indian Springs.”

Being involved in our ministries for all ages is often a gateway to friendship. Children get to know one another easily through worship, learning and play. Early camp meeting relationships for children and youth can be eternal and anything but fleeting.

Message from Our Treasurer

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$360,000

MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$30,000

Many are aware that Indian Springs has begun a capital campaign. Although this is a very important project for us, please continue your support for our normal operating expenses. They have not changed!

Would you 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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Thank You, Ray Shaw!

The Indian Springs Board would like to thank Ray Shaw for his many years of faithful service as a Trustee. At the October 2021 board meeting, Ray requested to transition to emeritus status. He will remain an active part of the Indian Springs family.

Ray is a multi-talented, energetic and enthusiastic individual whose professional skills have benefited Indian Springs.

During his tenure on the Board, Ray oversaw security functions and music ministry areas.

Many people are unaware that Ray had a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. While we were sleeping safely during the night, Ray and his team members kept a watchful eye on the campground!

His musical expertise contributed to worshipful song services in the Main Tabernacle over the years. Ray is a versatile musician with a beautiful voice. Hearing Ray sing at Indian Springs was always a highlight of our worship services. The camp meeting family wishes him and Camille great blessings in the days ahead. *Thank you, Ray!*

Indian Springs Begins Capital Campaign

For more than 130 years, Indian Springs Holiness Camp Meeting has provided the foundation to live in accordance with the Biblical teaching of the Wesleyan Doctrine of Scriptural Holiness to countless individuals. In an effort to ensure this legacy is available to future generations, the Board of Trustees is pleased to announce *Foundation to the Future*, a capital campaign to provide funds for projects which will broaden our spiritual impact and influence on families, churches and communities.



The master plan for *Foundation to the Future* will include renovation and expansion of the RV park, seed funding for affordable cottages, and development of a safe and creative playground area for our children. In addition, there are needs to upgrade paving and sewage infrastructure, along with maintenance and

repair to current facilities and infrastructure. We anticipate the campaign will provide approximately \$1 million towards these plans.

We are pleased to affiliate with WPO Development, a national firm that provides mission-driven planning and campaign management services to the most prominent non-profit organizations in the country. CEO Keith Waters and Executive Vice-President Terry Israel have generously volunteered to provide us with campaign strategy, guide us in the development of materials and assist in launching this visionary initiative.

In the next months, the Capital Campaign Committee, headed by Ron Houpp, will be finalizing the project list and announcing the opportunities for those who wish to support the campaign and actively participate in providing a *Foundation to the Future*.



Missions Impact

International flags emphasized our world-wide connection to missions on Missionary Day. The flags were provided by The Ladies' Fellowship and added a vibrant touch on the altar and choir loft.

Main Tabernacle "Showing Its Age"

Winky Carlock, our caretaker, and various Trustees are carefully watching changes in our 125-year-old Tabernacle. There are foundational, structural and drainage issues that warrant review and recommendations (if needed) by structural and civil engineers.

At this time, costs for infrastructural repairs are not known. However, these expenses will be part of the *Foundation to the Future* campaign.

The Main Tabernacle is the heart of Indian Springs. It has blessed and impacted lives since 1893 when it was completed on the campground.



Water damage is eroding floors and foundations.

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Together Again
Campmeeting 2022
July 14 - 24, 2022

Upcoming 2022 Events

See our website for details!

Ladies' Fellowship Winter Prayer Retreat

March 11–13, 2022 | For Men and Women
Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA

Men With Vision 2022 Spring Events

April 4–9, 2022 | At the Campground
For Men, Spouses & Families
Work Week: April 4–7
Missions Retreat: April 8–9

Ladies' Fellowship Spring Retreat

April 29–May 1, 2022 | For Women
At the Campground

2022 Speakers

Evangelists: Rev. Gary Bond,
Rev. Bert Jones & Rev. Dave Smith.

Bible Teachers: Dr. Timothy
and Mrs. Julie Tennent.

Indian Springs Holiness Camp Ground
c/o Mr. Matthew Gambill
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Cartersville, GA 30120

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Back in Step with our ALMOST 5K

The ALMOST 5K for Missions was again prominent in the ministries of Indian Springs this summer. In its 11th year, the ALMOST 5K was a fun, fellowship-filled time which raised significant funds for the missionary outreach of Indian Springs. Funds raised for this year's event were \$18,863, bringing our total for all years to over \$131,000.

This summer, Leslie and Matt Atkins assumed the helm of the mission fundraiser. Leslie said the event combines their family's passion for missions with their passion for running. The Atkins added online registration to the race this year which helped streamline the operations of the event.

As always, the ALMOST 5K gave the Indian Springs family the opportunity to fellowship and work together to advance the Christian missionary outreach of Indian Springs.

The winners of this year's event were Benji Sparks (17:40) and Kari Kline (26:03) for the men and women categories. Jonah Probst had the best time (23:47) for the under 13 category.



Benji Sparks has been a frequent 5K winner over the years.