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Want To Make History ?

Riverside Youth Camp is growing and making history—the kind of history of which we are proud.

Last year there were nearly fifty campers and by the close of the camp each boy and girl possessed a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ. That is history for time and eternity!

Prospects for this summer's camp are bright. Prayerful planning has provided consecrated Christian workers. This causes us to believe that we are about to receive history-making blessings in our camp this summer.

Attend Riverside Youth Camp and make history!

Milton W. Bagley, Camp Director

KNOWLEDGE

The desire of knowledge is a universal principle in man, fixed in his inmost nature. It is not variable, but constant in every rational creature, unless while it is suspended by some stronger desire. And it is insatiable: "the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear with hearing"; neither the mind with any degree of knowledge that can be conveyed into it. And it is planted in every human soul for excellent purposes. It is intended to hinder our taking up our rest in anything here below; to raise our thoughts to higher and higher objects, more and more worthy our consideration, till we ascend to the source of all knowledge, and all excellence, the all wise, and all gracious Creator.

John Wesley, The Imperfection of Human Knowledge

PERSPECTIVE

Whistler once explained to a friend why he liked to paint his portraits in the twilight. "As the light fades," he said, "and the shadows deepen, all the petty and exacting details vanish; everything trivial disappears, and I see things as they are, in great strong masses."

James M. Lichliter, Whose Leaf Shall Not Withers

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Church people all over the U. S. are becoming concerned about the widespread trend toward looseness in Sunday observance as a day of rest and worship. A spontaneous, unorganized, "grassroots" wave of protest has been noted in many areas of the country where Christians are protesting and combating the problem as it arises. Special targets of the protests are: department stores which take telephone orders on Sunday, supermarkets which remain open on Sunday, used car and appliance dealers who advertise special Sunday sales.

An incomplete survey reveals that last month a dozen state legislatures were reported considering bills that would put teeth into Sunday closing laws. Protestant and Roman Catholic groups led movements in some communities to curtail business activity on Sunday. Stickers on automobiles in Idaho bore the legend, "I'm not a Sunday shopper." Roman Catholic laymen's organizations picketed markets in Ohio.

From Conquest Magazine

WHERE TO BEGIN?

You have a right to ask, "Just where shall I begin? Where shall I take hold? I'll let a small boy answer that question. A teacher asked a class of children, "How many of you can name the four chief points on the compass?" A small boy said, "But there are five chief points." The teacher replied, "I always thought there were four. You name the five." He replied, "North, South, East, and West. And the place right where you are." That's the place to take hold, right where you are.

WISE WORDS

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

—Psalms 1:1

RIVERSIDE YOUTH CAMP

July 27 - Aug. 5

ROBINSON, MAINE

Sponsored by Reformed Baptist Denomination

CAMP PROVIDES

- Vacation with profit
• Bible studies
• Christian environment
• Christian leadership
• Organized sports

PRICE OF CAMP

\$10.00 per camper to be paid on arrival.

Registration fee 50c to be sent with registration form to Camp Director.

REQUIREMENTS OF CAMP

- Must be a good sport
• Must keep camp rules
• Be ten years old

LOCATION OF CAMP

Riverside Camp Grounds

1 mile off Highway No. 1

between Bridgewater and Mars Hill, Me.

Additional information may be obtained by writing:

Camp Director,

REV. M. W. BAGLEY,

51 Wilson Avenue,

Presque Isle, Me.

The King's Highway

THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT

By Rev. C. W. Ruth

in "Pilgrim Holiness Advocate"

God does not purpose that we should be left in doubt and uncertainty relative to things pertaining to our eternal salvation. Hence we read, when a soul truly has repented and been regenerated by the Holy Ghost, and adopted into the family of God, that, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16).

And just as certainly and distinctly as the "Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God," so surely he in like manner bears witness to the subsequent work of sanctification. We read in Hebrews 10:14-15, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us."

To what intent is the witness of the Spirit if it is not to give us positive assurance and knowledge of our relation to God? Hence none should take things for granted and assume and presume that they are in possession of grace to which the Spirit does not bear witness. This was the teaching of Mr. Wesley: "None, therefore, ought to believe that the work is done till there is added the testimony of the Spirit witnessing his entire sanctification as clearly as his justification."

However, we would note that faith precedes, or rather is the condition of the witness of the Spirit. We cannot come into possession of either justification or sanctification until we believe for it; and we cannot exercise heart faith until we come on believing ground, where every scriptural requirement has been complied with. So the divine order is that we first meet the conditions, lay down the price, and having done this, which is our part, we now believe that according to his promise God does now perform and accomplish his part; and that when we thus come where the soul "believeth on the Son of God (for the blessing sought) (he) hath the witness in himself." That is, the instant faith really lays hold on the promise, God sends a telegram from the skies by the Holy Ghost that the bank of heaven has honored the draft and "counted" out to us the sum that faith had appropriated. The man or woman who has this certificate, bearing the witness and signature of the Holy Ghost, has no occasion to "hope" he has the blessing, nor will it matter much to him what any person may think or say about it, even though he be the preacher, presiding elder, or bishop, seeing he has heard from heaven. He does not require visions nor the witness of men and angels, having heard from higher authority.

What constitutes the witness of the Spirit? This may be difficult to explain, seeing the Spirit has innumerable ways of bearing witness. In brief, the witness of the Spirit is the divine assurance, the voice of God in the soul, that gives the conviction or knowledge to our inner consciousness, that the blessing sought is now mine. Many have supposed that it consisted in great ecstasies and rapturous joy; or a something in which one would experience a sensation similar to that which one might realize in taking hold of an electric battery. That there are cases where such manifestations are experienced we do not question. But it is nevertheless well to remember that the Holy Spirit can bear testimony to our inner consciousness without exciting our emotions.

The King's Highway

FROM OUR PASTORS

Dear Highway Friends:

We write this letter from Beulah Camp. Praise the Lord for the privilege of being here again, and for the sense of the presence of the Lord upon these sacred grounds.

On July 1st we farewelled on the Millville Circuit. It was not easy to leave after being there seven years. Surely these dear people won our hearts and we wish them God's best as they carry on under the leadership of their new pastor.

We were given farewell parties at Central and Lower Hainesville, and on Monday night, July 2nd, friends gathered at the Millville school auditorium for an evening of hymn singing and social enjoyment, in our honor. Just before the ladies served refreshments, Brother H. C. Greenlaw, on behalf of those present, presented us with a generous purse of money, and a beautiful tri-light lamp. The Hainesville people also gave us a gift of money. We can only say, God bless them for their kindness and generosity. Other personal gifts were gratefully received, including a purse of money from our Caverhill friends.

In closing we wish to report on the meetings held in April in Millville with Brother Wm. Pratt as evangelist. Our brother's ministry proved a great blessing, and a number of souls found the Lord. As a result of these meetings, seven were baptized on June 17th. We only pray that each one will go steadily on with the Lord, and make real soldiers of the Cross.

After Camp Meeting we take up our pastoral duties at Hartland, and we ask an interest in your prayers that God will bless and use us there for His glory and the upbuilding of His Kingdom on that circuit.

Yours for Holiness, Arthur and Hazel Owens

SELF-EMPTYING

It was in His sacrificial love for men that the perfection of Christ's character shone forth, even more than in His righteous treatment of them. Christ Jesus never pampered or pleased Himself. He did not stop short with self-emptying and self-humbling, costly as they were, but kept on giving Himself, even unto death, yea, the death of the Cross.

The God-man pouring out His soul unto death in sacrificial love is the perfect Pattern. And He said, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you."—Selected.

It may be just an unmistakable impression or conviction that will bring great quietude and restfulness; a divine enabling to appropriate and consciously rest on the Word of God.

It was the same Holy Spirit who came upon Jesus in the form of a dove, that came upon the disciples as "a rushing mighty wind." There is not much demonstration in a dove—simply the gentle, subdued cooing. Perhaps we are safe in saying that the manifestations of the Spirit are rather the result of the witness of the Spirit. We are not to seek any certain manifestation, but we are to believe God, and then the Holy Ghost will bear witness, and lift us out of the region of doubt and uncertainty into assurance, knowledge, and victory. "It is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth" (I John 5:6).



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Bethany Bible College wishes to announce the appointment of Miss. Vaunda Moore, B. A., of Truro, N. S. as a High School teacher at Bethany Bible College.

We are grateful that Miss Moore has consented to come to Bethany to teach in our High School Department. We believe that she will make a valuable contribution to our College.