



NCCOM SPRING OF 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Message From Our President
Bill Benfield



It is getting close to Spring Rally time again! We have had a wet and cold winter in the mountains. We are definitely ready for Spring!

In 2023/2024 we lost friends and loved ones. Peggy Butler, DC Thompson and Wes Pike entered heavens gates. Please continue to remember their families in prayer. They are all our NCCOM family.

Spring Rally is the time to elect new officers for the position of President and Vice President for the next three years. I would like to thank everyone for their support of me during the last three years as your President. It has been an honor to serve you in this position. We accomplished a few things together - background checks, new logo, a streamlined budget, revised Constitution and By-Laws, and a new Rally location. We have also gained new members.

I feel, as well as the other officers, that we have turned a corner in the future of NCCOM. There is still a lot of work to be accomplished. Standing together we will make NCCOM even better in the coming years.

I hope to see everyone at the Spring Rally at Mayberry Campground. The Rally dates are: April 4th through April 7th.

See you there, safe travels.

"Sharing Christ As We Go "
Bill Benfield
President NCCOM



Vice President

Keith Smith



“This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!” Psalm 118:24.

Everyday is a good day as we continue to follow our Lord and seek out opportunities to share His blessings and do His work. I am thankful for those who are serving in other areas and for those who are taking advantage of opportunities here. NC COM is alive and well and so many of us feel rejuvenated as we see new members coming in and getting involved.

We have also been saddened by the homegoing of several of our members just in the last month. Peggy Butler, D.C. Thompson, and Wesley Pike were such faithful partners in ministry and helped our organization grow and mature in many different ways. They, along with others who are no longer able to participate, made NC COM one of the most active chapters in our national organization. When you lose part of your foundation, it could be challenging to stay on such a high level. That being said, we owe it to God, to those who have gone before us and to those who can no longer serve with us, to continue serving and witnessing for His Kingdom. Our attitude determines the altitude to which we soar; so, let's commit to a higher level of service as we approach our Spring Rally. I'm looking forward to hearing about all that has been going on and lives that have been touched. I am, also, looking forward to seeing each of you!

Our National Rally will be In Elkhart, Indiana, June 4-6, 2024; registration information is on our website. I am praying that many of us can attend to represent NC COM. I know you would enjoy it.

I will see you in Mayberry, April 4-7, 2024. Make your reservations to come a day or two earlier if you can.



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Weeeellll!!! Here it is! Already 2024 and I'm still finishing up 2023! I'm looking forward to our Spring Rally at Mayberry (without the rain hopefully!) We are currently in Florida for 3 months ministering at Lake Yale Conference Center. I've been busy remodeling a bunkhouse and building wooden bunk beds. Dell, Toni and Wanda have painted the outside of 6+ buildings. Gray and Tony are working to replace the timing chain on a LY worker's car, who has just left an abusive relationship, trying to get her life in order to live for the Lord.



In Galatians 2:20, it says, "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me. The life I now live, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loves me and gave himself for me". Because of that love is the reason we as Campers on Mission 'share Jesus as we go', whether it be a building project, at street festivals, assist at a children's home, or share at a campground ministry, etc.. The love of God compells us to work for him!

I want to bring you up-to-date on our background check project. As of right now, I am in the last 2 months of being finished. If you have not heard from me about doing your background check, don't panic, we will get to your name.

One last thing, at this Rally we will be displaying our new NCCOM flag. This is the flag that will be used at our rallies, at the Baptist State Convention, and the Vice President will now have a flag to proudly display at National Rallies that is unique only to NCCOM!

Lee Wolfe
State Director for NCCOM



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Everyone has heard the joke that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer we get to the end, the faster it goes. A lot has changed since the fall rally.

My prayer book has filled up with every sickness known to man. Family trouble, children in prison, churches who have abandon their first love, children who have lost their way, and christians who have become lukewarm. I know my limitations as a counsolor, All I can do is point people to Jesus, and the word of God.

I want to take an opportunity to pay tribute to Wes Pike. He and James Brown talked me into becoming state chaplain in 2017. To say I was anxious doesn't begin to say how I felt. He nurtured and encouraged me. He always had one verse of scripture for me. Zachariah 4:6 Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit; Says the Lord of Host. Our loss is heavens gain.

I encourage everyone if you have a prayer request, send it to me in a text message. I miss a lot on the computer.

I have one final word for you. I Love You. Chaplain Rex

Hello Campers on Mission.



It's rally time again. I look forward to seeing everyone again to see what everyone has been up to.

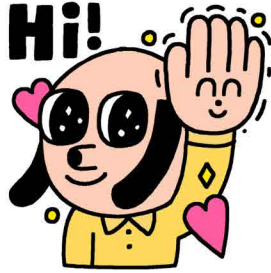
It's the western area turn to do our Friday night meal. They are treating us to ham, green beans, sweet potatoes and dessert. Saturday night will be our pot luck meal. That's always a treat with so many different dishes to choose from. We have so many good cooks.

As always remember to bring your plates, utensils and drinks. Be ready for a good time.

Safe travels everyone.
Marsha



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The Western Area North Carolina COM began our year at Black Mountain Children Homes to take down Christmas lights and decorations on January 5th. We currently have two couples working in Florida. I am still awaiting replies from our COM about working the Strawberry Festival in Florida and going to Camp Truett in June. We're scheduled back at Black Mountain

Children Homes in May, August, and October to work their fall festival. Of course we'll go back to Black Mountain Children Homes to decorate for Christmas in November 2024. Many of us have already made reservations for both the Spring and Fall rallies at Mayberry. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Wanda Ledford Wagon Master

Our Spring Rally is rapidly approaching and I'm looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces and catching up on what's been happening to you and in your areas. Rex has lined up speakers for our daily devotions and Sunday morning worship and I know they will be a blessing to us, as they always are. We will not be having a Prayer Walk at the Rally as we have had in the past, but we will have morning prayer time at our meeting place for those who would like to join in (see program for times). As our guest



singer and speaker on Friday evening, Keith and I have invited our Music & Worship Minister, Mr. John Conrad, to join us. He is a delightful, dynamic, talented and energetic Christian who will bless your heart with his contagious smile and outgoing personality. We know you will love him and enjoy the time he spends with us. Saturday evening, we will laugh and be entertained by three couples as we play the "Oldie Wed Game". It will be a lot of fun and no embarrassing questions will be asked; please say "YES!" if you are asked to participate. Following the game, I will bring a short devotion to close

out the evening. If you are like me, I love toasting marshmallows around a campfire. I am working on making this happen one evening after we dismiss, but have not yet been given approval. If approved, I will inform you at the rally.

Safe travels to Mayberry and our 2024 Spring Rally!

Jean Smith Program Coordinator



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The State Fair was good. We had 10 salvations which was a great praise. The 2024 STATE FAIR will be October 17 through October 27, however we need people to help set up and breakdown which will be October 14 through October 28. If you would be interested in helping for all the time or for a day we will be glad to have you. We have camping sites available on a first come first serve basis. We have electric and water hookups. We have ways to empty the sewer also. We would ask you to Come and See. We will have a sign up sheet at the rally.

Tony and Toni Moore NCCOM State Fair Coordinators

From the NCCOM webmasters.



After serving as the NCCOM webmasters for the past 18 years, supporting multiple NCCOM presidents over the course of that time, and utilizing different technologies and multiple web designs; we want to let you know that we will no longer be webmasters for NCCOM after October 2024.

We are currently working on a transition of the NCCOM webpage to the National COM service provider. This will provide a continued cost savings for web hosting to the chapter and the NCCOM webpage will reside along with webpages from other state chapters. You will still be able to find our webpage at <https://nccampersonmission.org>; and also at <https://campersonmission.org/northcarolina>.

The webpage will look a bit different due to the software utilized by National COM. A great new feature will be online submission of Praise Reports and Project Update & Status Reports.

We have been blessed to have participated in NCCOM rallies at Caraway and Denton Farm Park, as well as, serve on various committees and as NCCOM webmasters. We will work with the NCCOM leadership to complete the transition of the new webpage before the 2024 National Rally. We have been told that there will be training opportunities at the National Rally for anyone who wants to learn more about supporting webpages.

Thanks to all who have provided information to be included on the webpage over the years, and for the services provided by NCCOM.

Blessings to all,

Craig and Sherri Davis



Mona Sadler

Communications Coordinator



As the new person on this job I know you have noticed some changes. One being a recent email about how to communicate with me concerning NC COM news and prayer requests for release to all members. Here is a reprint of that information:

1. Where does my email go when I reply to an email sent to all members? When I send out emails I send the main message to my personal gmail account so that all of your email addresses remain private and no one can start emailing everybody. I do not check that email as often as the NCCOM's email. If you reply to an email it goes to my personal gmail address, and I only check it once in a while because it is not my main email address. If you email nccomers@gmail.com it pops up on my phone and I see it immediately. You can text message me also but email is best.

2. What happens if you want to reply to an email or send an email to our NCComers gmail account? Your email does not go to everyone and only I see it. If you want to let someone know you are praying for them, please email them directly. Their email address is in your roster. You can also contact Rex for prayer requests and he can forward them to me. I will do my best to accommodate your emails but, particularly if they go to my gmail address, I will not see them for a few days.

3. How many emails does Mona send out? I try to keep the number of emails I send out to a minimum but I also try to accommodate urgent requests as soon as possible. That being said, please email nccomers@gmail.com if you have an urgent request or to get prayers going faster contact your area chaplain or Rex.

I am currently working on updating the roster and the email addresses in our email account. It will take a while but if any of your information, such as phone number or address, have changed please let me know at the rally.

One thing that you will notice different in our newsletter is there will be no email addresses or phone numbers of members. Because our newsletter gets published online, including this type of information does cause problems if the wrong person gets hold of it.

Lastly, most of you know that I am a retired CPA and a photographer. I will have my camera at the Spring Rally and will take photos of anyone who wants one so you will have an up-to-date photo for your use.



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Spring 2024 Rally Program

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Welcome to Mayberry Campground

Early Arrivals Check-In

Greeters will be on hand to assist you with parking and setup.

5:00 PM - Out to Eat (Place to Be Determined)

7:00 PM - Welcome to the Spring Rally

Recognition and Introduction of First Time Attendees

Recognition and Introduction of Area Wagon Masters

Meet & Greet

7:15 PM - Evening Vespers – Rex Shuping, State Chaplain

7:55 PM - Dismissal Prayer and COM Song

8:00 PM - Nominating Committee Meeting

Friday Daytime, April 5, 2024

8:45 AM - Morning Prayer Time

9:30 AM - Devotional – Dr. John McBride

10:00 AM - Executive Committee Meeting

10:45 AM - Wagon Masters Meet with Keith Smith
New Members Meet with Lee Wolfe

11:30 PM - Lunch on Your Own

2:00 PM - Meeting with Area Wagon Masters

2:30 PM - Sit 'n Chat – Paul & Esther Shogren
COM Store – Richard & Dawn Smith
Cards of Concern to COM Members

5:00 PM - Evening Meal – Provided by Western Region

(NOTE: BRING YOUR OWN PLATE, UTENSILS AND DRINK)



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Friday Evening, April 5th, 2024

- 6:30 PM - Group Singing led by John Conrad, Special Guest
- 6:45 PM - Evening Worship – Guest Speaker: John Conrad, Worship Minister
Mount Home Baptist Church, Morganton, NC
- 8:00 PM - Dismissal Prayer

Saturday Daytime, April 6th, 2024

- 8 45 AM - Morning Prayer Time
- 9:15 AM - Devotional – Rev. Ray Ledford
- 10:00 AM - Business Meeting
- 12:00 PM - Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30 PM - Sit ‘n Chat – Paul & Esther Shogren
COM Store – Richard & Dawn Smith
- 2:30 PM - Focus on Missions – Dave Bowen, Mission Coordinator
- 5:00 PM - Pot Lunch Dinner

(NOTE: BRING YOUR OWN PLATE, UTENSILS AND DRINK)

Saturday Evening, April 6th, 2024

- 6:30 PM - Group Singing – Stephen Scott, COM Worship Leader
- 6:45 PM - “Oldie Wed Game”
Hostess: Jean Smith
- 7:45 PM - Devotion – Jean Smith
- 8:00 PM - Date & Place of Fall Rally – NC COM Vice President
COM Song – Stephen Scott (Words on Back of Program)
Dismissal - Closing Prayer – Stephen Scott



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Sunday, April 7th, 2024
Morning Worship Service

9:30 AM - Welcome & Opening Prayer – Bill Benfield

9:40 AM - Group Singing with Stephen Scott, COM Worship Leader

10:00 AM - Morning Worship – Rex Shuping – State Chaplain

Prayer of Thanks and Blessings Over COM

Closing of Rally – Campers on Mission Song

Stephen Scott, COM Worship Leader

Note: Remain for Group Picture



**Black Mountain
Children's Home
Campground**



Spring 2023 Rally



NC State Fair 2023



(Photo taken at DCs funeral)



Kennedy Children's Home Pantry





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CAMPERS ON MISSION SONG

Verse 1: As we travel the highways and byways,
Thru the fields white with harvest we'll go.
In the strength of the Lord we will share His Word,
And let glory to God overflow.

Chorus

We are campers on mission for Jesus.
We are laborers with God here below;
And wherever He leads we will follow,
Sharing Christ, sharing Christ as we go.

Verse 2: With the talents God gave us we'll serve Him,
We will labor before it is night;
And whatever our hands find to do for God,
We will do it with all of our might.

Repeat Chorus

Verse 3: We will be a bold witness for Jesus;
Ev-'ry day we'll proclaim His great love;
We will tell of His mercy and grace so free,
And the home He's preparing above.

Repeat Chorus

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North Carolina COM STATE RALLY Registration Form

April 4, 2024 - April 7, 2024

Make your own reservation with Mayberry Campground!!!!

**Mayberry Campground
114 Bryon Bunker Lane
Mt. Airy, NC 27030
336-789-6199**

**This form is for registering at the rally. You can bring this with you or Dell will have some at the rally for you to fill out.
!!! DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM !!!**

Please print in black ink

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Circle Area WESTERN CENTRAL EASTERN

Are you a first timer to our rallies? Yes (Circle)

Emergency Contact with Phone _____

Do you have any Special needs: _____

Registration Fee Per Family Unit	Drive in	\$	10
	Camping	\$	20

Make checks payable to: NC CAMPERS ON MISSION

Registration Forms and Checks or Cash must be in the hands of the Treasurer
by NOON, Saturday, April 6, 2024