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Message from our President Keith Smith



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Thank you!!, for placing your confidence in me this past Spring. I am humbled and I pray that I stay that way as we go forward. I am excited at the prospects of our growth as an organization and at the addition of several projects, just in the last month. I am excited to be working with several of you to make sure we stay true to God's word and that we share as we go. We have accepted two new couples and two work projects and have two more applicants going through the membership process just in the last two weeks. There are several others who have come on board in the last several months who are excited to get started. Let's make sure that they all feel welcome and are part of our family. I am finding out fast that there are few days when I'm not working on something that is COM related and I really don't expect that to change.

Our Fall Rally is coming up Sept. 5-8 at Mayberry Campground in Mount Airy. If you haven't made your reservations, please don't wait any longer. I hope to

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see a larger than normal group who are just as excited about the rally as I am.

Please participate in your Area work projects and rallies. Each area has scheduled several projects so if you're not sure when or where, please contact Wanda Ledford, Western Wagon Master, Marsha Powell, Central Wagon Master or Bob Hobdy, Eastern Wagon Master. I'm sure they can provide you with as much information as you need to get involved.

Jean and I attended the National Rally in June in Elkhart, Indiana along with Scott and Diane King and were totally blessed by great preaching and singing. We have new National Coordinators in Rick and Cindy Truesdale and I feel their enthusiasm is contagious. I will speak more about this at the rally. Go ahead and make plans to attend the 2025 National Rally which will be at the Western Carolina Fairground in Aiken, SC June 3-5, 2025. You won't be disappointed! The 2026 National Rally will be in Iowa, June 6-9, 2026 at the Amana Colonies. Sandwiched in with that is our Spring Rally next year on April 24-27, 2025 at Mayberry Campground. I encourage you to go ahead and make plans for that if you haven't already done so.

Last but certainly not least, we have several positions that need to be filled. Missions Coordinator, Song Leader, Corresponding Secretary, and Webmaster. Please be much in prayer for your involvement in one of these positions. They are vital to our overall organization and effect all that we do. If a member of the Nominating Committee contacts you, please be open to the idea of God using you in such a way. We're only as strong as our weakest link.

See you in September at Mayberry!

Keith Smith, President

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**Vice President
Wanda Bodford**

Our NCCOM fall rally (September 5-8) at Mayberry Campground is quickly approaching and I am excited! The theme is "Walking in the Light of God's Word."

There will be some changes in the schedule and I hope that you will be accepting of these changes and I welcome your feedback. PLEASE begin to pray for this event to be a Spirit filled experience.

Come prepared for a weekend full of good food, fun and Christian fellowship!

Feel free to contact me with any questions. at the phone number in our membership roster.

Wandabodford@gmail.com



"Most of my education came from mistakes I made. Those are the ones I don't forget. Pray for our young people." --Rex Shuping

**NC State Director
Lee Wolf**



It's hard to believe that I am writing this article from a campground just outside of Seattle Washington. Most of you know that we are on a 5.5 month trip across the United States along with the Bodfords and the Moores. I can't describe the awe, the beauty and the magnificent things we have witnessed. All of this beauty was created by God and He has allowed us to be a part of it! In America we have a lot to be thankful for! Every state has it's own beauty. Yes, we've had struggles (flat tires, fuel problems, a/c going out, campground problems, emergency care visits, etc.) BUT God has been faithful. All I can say is, if you can, you need to see our beautiful country for yourself. This is a once in a lifetime experience.

I'm happy to report that all of the background checks have been done. We are in the process of doing a couple of new applications for membership as I speak. (Continued)

"When somebody tells me they are involved in mission work, how is it that nine times out of ten when somebody tells me they are involved in mission work there's no gospel involved?" --Dr. Voddie Baucham (He needs to attend our fall rally or visit us at the NC State Fair.)

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I'm also happy to report that in the 1.5 year process of doing background checks we have gained new members also. If you see a new face at the rally, introduce yourself.

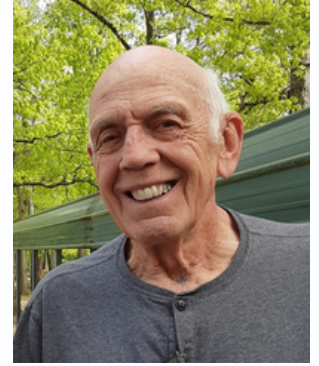
NCCOM is in a new phase as Keith Smith and Wanda Bodford have stepped into new roles as president and vice president. I'm excited about some of the new ideas and ministry plans that they have shared with me for the future. Please remember that we can't just do the same old things the way we have always done them because if we do, we will become stale or stagnant.

With that being said, I need to mention that we have some openings in a few positions that if God leads you to fill, please do so. Thanks to all that have stepped up and took on roles when they were asked. I look forward to seeing you at the rally in Mayberry! May God be glorified!

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From the Reverend Charles Wesley's journal while in Ireland in 1748,' Feb. 9th - I took horse for Tyrell's pass... Near seven we got, half choked with fog, to Mr. Force's. The town immediately took the alarm, and crowded in after us. I discoursed on, "A certain man had two sons." &c...Never have I spoken to more hungry souls. They devoured every word. Some expressed their satisfaction in a way, peculiar to them, and whistled for joy...'

Chaplain Rex Shuping



In the Lord's Prayer, it says "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors".

I have been counseling with a friend who was wronged by someone in the church. His idea is that several started a rumor that hurt his family. Angry! Bitter! He said "I can't pray". Have you ever been there?

Forgiveness is a subject we all have to deal with. The Bible says when we go to altar, if we have anything against our brother, go make it right. Then come to the altar and God will accept our prayers and offering." Eph 4:32 says "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Jesus was mocked, beaten, spit upon, a crown of thorns put on His head. Crucified! His prayer is forgive them for they know not what they do. Satan uses the words of our mouth to curse. God uses the words of our mouth to Bless. Satan tests us to make us weak. God tests us to make us strong ! My last words are: Be careful!!!! God loves you and I love You, Chaplain Rex

Send me your prayers rpshup@gmail.com
You can text me (see our roster for #).

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Program Coordinator Jean Smith



Whew, this has been a hot summer! I'm looking forward to cooler weather, which means our fall rally is right around the corner. This year, your leadership came up with the theme, **"Walking in the Light of God's Word"**, which will be our focus throughout the rally. God gave us a mandate to "Go, Tell and Teach"; which is the ministry of Campers on Mission. Keeping that in mind, we are going to reach out to Mayberry Campground guests, by providing fliers inviting them to participate in a Popcorn and Bingo event on Saturday afternoon. A copy of the program will be on the reverse side of the flier and campers will be encouraged to participate in activities if they so wish; meals will be removed from the schedule they will be given.

Now, I need your help, please! I'm sure you have things around your house that would make nice bingo prizes, so I'm asking you to bring them so we do not have to incur the expense of buying them. Ideas include decorative plants, lotion, kitchen items, camping décor,

word art, CD's, picture frames, puzzles, baskets, shopping bags, crafts and books, to name a few. Bring what you can, and if there is more than we need this time, we will save it for our next event!

As our bodies have many members that are all needed to work effectively, so it is with Campers on Mission. We need everyone to be willing to step up and help us make our organization better and more efficient. Don't just sit back, watch from the sidelines and enjoy, jump in and let's do this together. Looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Jean Smith, Program Coordinator



**Welcome from us to our
New Members!!!**

**'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings...'
Isaiah 52:7**

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State Fair Coordinators Tony & Toni Moore

We had a great State Fair last year and we pray that this year will be even better. The dates are October 17 through October 27, however we need help to set up and breakdown which will be October 14 through October 28. If you would be willing to help in an way either for a day for for the whole time we will be glad to have you.

We do have limited camping sites available on a first come first serve basis. We have electric, water, and ways to empty sewer.

We just ask for you to Come and See what the State Fair is like.

Toni Moore Corresponding Secretary



I would like to thank everyone for their hard work. So far we have over 3,600 hours this year When you go on a project only the person in charge needs to send in the report.

Since we are on the road it would help to either email or text the reports this year. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Toni Moore

‘Jesus lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide. Oh, receive my soul at last!’
-The Reverend Charles Wesley

‘An act of our judgment must be the ultimate foundation of all our beliefs...’ George Salmon “*The Infallibility of the Church*”



Communications Coordinator Mona Sadler

On the day I am preparing this newsletter I worked at our church's food pantry. No matter what we do it needs to be preceded in prayer. No matter where we go, we need to be prepared. So as I was leaving home, I placed "Steps to Peace with God" in my pocket. Today, because God still moves those mountains in folks hearts, He moved a lady's heart to accept Jesus and become a new sister in Christ. Praise be to God.

Please pray for our new members and each other, and for God's work to be done as we canvas the campground inviting campers to our rally. Let's be prepared.

Also please, be sure to sign the compassion cards that will be on a table in our meeting area. That is an **extremely** important mission area of this group.

Lastly, be sure to let me know if you have changed phone numbers, address, email, or emergency contact person so that I can keep our roster up to date.

Mona Sadler

5 canvas bags with NCCOM's round logo on them have been donated to our COM Store. The price will be \$22 each which covers the costs to reorder. They are nice. See photo below.

Heavy canvas
Full length top
inside zippered
pocket.
22" Long self-
fabric handles.
Reinforced at
stress points.
Squared-off
bottom.
Size: 20"W x
15"H x 5"



Wagonmasters

Western Wanda Ledford



The Western Area Campers On Mission have once again been to Black Mountain Children Homes to work. We have already signed up for. August 15-23, October 9-15 for their Fall Festival 🧊🧀 and November 21-24 to decorate for Christmas. We also have reservations at Timber woods for our Christmas party on Saturday, December 7 at 1:30pm . We look forward to the Fall Rally and introducing several new members.

Thank you, Wanda Ledford

Wagonmasters



**Eastern
Bob Hobdy**

You are all invited to spend some time at the beach. Update from planning events and previous posts at spring NCCOM Rally. The 11-18 August time frame is almost here. We will be at the Cedar Point NFS Campground, a couple of miles from the Baptist Childrens Home McNeal Cottage on Emerald Island. Monday through Friday will be fun and work. Projects are to power wash the storage building and paint it, staining the new picnic tables and some staining on the walk to the beach from the cottage, trimming some overhanging branches and growth along the entrance so that they wont scrape vehicles entering the cottage and/or allow small rv's to access the cottage parking lot and grassy area to park. (Not intended for big rigs.)

will be bringing the power washer, spray painter and general paint supplies, BCH will provide paint and stain. There is not that much work to do as a lot has been done over the past 2 years by Eastern COMers. That means,,,we will have time to explore and beachie things, so bring your suntan stuff, etc. Don't know how many are coming and planning for fun events will be decided among those present.

We are arriving Sunday 11 Aug and staying till Sunday 18 Aug and look forward to seeing and sharing happy times with any NCCOMers who show up. There will be a group of children from one of the cottages at the Odom Home BCH staying at the McNeal Cottage during this week (we work at the pantry at the Odom Home and are good friends with them) so we will be saying HI! to them.

Please let us know if you are coming for the day or several days. Would love to have you. Don't forget the suntan lotion.

Shema - Hebrew for "to hear." The prayer called the Shema is in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. The word shema implies action - an invitation to listen, to respond, to appreciate, to understand, to act. 'He who has ears, let him hear.'

Wagonmasters



Central Marsha Powell

Hello Central Area. Our rally is coming quickly. It's August 15-18 at Salem Breeze in Winston-Salem. We need to make our reservation if we haven't done that already. Please send me a note so I'll know how many to prepare for.

We'll have our same schedule. We'll go out Thursday night. I'll need a number for reservations. We'll have a meal Friday night. Everyone bring a covered dish Saturday night.

I know our group will be smaller than normal because we have travelers. We'll miss them but we'll have a good time.

If anyone from the other areas want to come. We would love to have you. Our rally is always open to everyone. The more the merrier.

I can't wait to see everyone.

Be safe, Marsha

Note: If in reading this newsletter you have felt the call to put Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in your life and would like to talk to someone, please call or text our Chaplain Rex Shuping or call the Billy Graham prayer line at 888-388-2683. If you are in a crisis situation and need help immediately please dial 988 (the suicide hotline) and if you are veteran call that number then dial 1.

The Gospel Message is a message about *God*. It tells us who He is, what His character is, what His standards are, and what He requires of us, His creatures....The gospel starts by teaching us that we, as creatures, are absolutely dependent on God, and that He, as Creator, has an absolute claim on us.

The Gospel Message is a message about *sin*. It tells us how we have fallen short of God's standard, how we have become guilty, filthy, and helpless in sin, and now stand under the wrath of God. It tells us that the reason why we sin continually is that we are sinners by nature, and that nothing we do, or try to do, for ourselves can put us right, or bring us back into God's favor. It shows us ourselves as God sees us, and teaches us to think of ourselves as God thinks of us... Not till we have learned our need to get right with God, and our inability to do so by any effort of our own, can we come to know the Christ who saves from sin... For the very idea of sin in the Bible is of an offense against God, which disrupts a man's relationship with God. Unless we see our shortcomings in the light of the law and holiness of God, we do not see them *as sin* at all. For sin is not a social concept; it is a theological concept. We never know what sin really is till we have learned to think of it in terms of God, and to measure it, not by human standards, but by the yardstick of His total demand on our lives.

The Gospel Message is a Message about *Christ--* Christ the Son of God incarnate; Christ the Lamb of God, dying for sin; Christ the risen Lord, Christ the perfect Savior.

Two points need to be made about the declaring of this part of the message. (i) *We must not present the Person of Christ apart from His saving work.* (ii) *We must not present the saving work of Christ apart from His Person.*

--J I Packard "Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God"

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Spring 2024 Rally



'The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taken away the sin of the world.' John 1:29

Fall Rally Schedule Walking in the Light of God's Word

Thursday Sept 5, 2024

- Early Arrivals Check-in at camp office.
- 4 PM Fellowship Meal (location to be announced)
- 7 PM Fall Rally Welcome
 - Recognition & introduction of First Time Attendees
 - Recognition & introduction of Area Wagon Masters
- 7:15 PM Evening Vespers - Rex Shuping
- 7:55 PM Dismissal Prayer - Rex Shuping
- COM Song (Words on back of program)
- 7:50 PM Nominating Committee Meeting

Friday Sept 6, 2024

- 9:00AM Morning Devotion - Ray Ledford
- 10 AM Executive Committee Meeting
- 11:00 AM Wagon Masters meet with Wanda Bodford, New members meet with Lee Wolf
- 11:30AM Lunch on your own
- 1:00PM Meetings with Area Wagon Masters
- 2:00PM COM Store - Richard & Dawn Smith

- 2:00PM Campground Blitz - Distribution of Saturday's Event Fliers
- 3:00PM Compassion cards for COM Friends
- 5PM Evening Meal Provided by Eastern Region
- 6:30PM Testimony-Gwen Frazier, Central Region
- 6:45PM Guest Speaker - Marty Dupree - Little River Baptist Assoc. Director of Missions/AMS
- 8 PM Dismissal Prayer

Saturday Sept 7, 2024

- 8:45 AM Morning Devotion - Rex Shuping
- 10 AM Business Meeting
- 11:30AM Lunch on Your Own
- 1:00 PM COM Store - Richard & Dawn Smith
 - Compassion cards for COM Friends
- 2:00 PM Missions Report Dave Bowen
- 3:00PM Popcorn & Bingo for Campground guests
 - Fun & Balloons Creations for Kids - Jean Smith
- 5 PM Pot Luck Dinner (See Note below)
- 6:30PM Marsha Todd & Friends-Country Bluegrass Band
- 7:00PM Read the Book!!-Skit -Debra Easter & Jean Smith



- 7:15PM Guest Speaker - Rev. Brad Quesinberry, Paster-Community Baptist Church, Mount Airy, NC
- 8:00PM Date and place of Spring Rally--Vice President Wanda Bodford
- NC COM
- Dismissal

Sunday Morning Sept 8, 2024

- 9:00AM Welcome & opening prayer- Keith Smith, President
- 6:40 AM Group singing
- 10 AM Morning worship-Dr. John McBride, Pastor
- Prayer of Thanks & Blessing
- Closing of Rally
- **Remain for GROUP PHOTO**

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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(Note: At close of rally remain for the group picture)



North Carolina COM STATE RALLY Registration Form

September 5, 2024 - September 8, 2024

Make your own reservation with Mayberry Campground!!!!

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

Please print in black ink--DO NOT MAIL--Turn in form at Rally

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Circle Area WESTERN CENTRAL EASTERN

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

Emergency Contract 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, September 7, 2024
Contact NCCOMERS@gmail.com if you need more information

Sharing Christ as we go.....