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Newsletter

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APRIL SHOWERS!



APRIL 2019

KIAMICHI CHRISTIAN MEN'S CLINIC

Held the first week of May for the last 70 years will be

APRIL 30—MAY 2, 2019

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

FINAL CHECKLIST FOR ATTENDING THE GREATEST GATHERING

1. **GET REGISTERED** - You can do this by completing the form in this Newsletter, online by logging on to www.kiamichimission.org, or by calling the office at (580) 244-3473. Pre-registering really helps the staff to prepare even if you do not pay until you arrive.
2. **BRING YOUR WIFE** - This will be the fourth Women's Clinic now called The Kiamichi Women's Conference. There is a great program in store including a terrific breakfast, speakers, crafts, music and more!
3. **BRING THE KIDS** - There will be a "full-blown" youth program called "FORTIFY" for all youth first grade and above. They will have their own speakers, a live band for a worship team and much, much more. Also: **BRING PREACHER BOYS FOR THE CONTEST!**
4. **BRING THE PREACHER AND CHURCH LEADERS** - The Men's Clinic is designed to help Church leaders with tools and ideas they can take home and implement to grow the Church. Many of the speakers will share topics on "how to" be successful in multiple areas of ministry. Adding this to the fellowship, tremendous music, and inspiration, makes this event a winning situation all around.
5. **BUILD AND BRING A PICNIC TABLE** - We sent out an appeal for picnic tables over email and received a tremendous response. If you did not get this information, you can see the plans at www.bobsplans.com for a Traditional 6 Foot Picnic Table. The cost of the tables is around \$100 if you are interested in providing a table or the funds to build one.
6. **BRING TP AND PAPER TOWELS FOR CAMP** - We need these paper products to hold down the cost of our kids' camps. Bring a package of either or both to donate. Thanks.
7. **BRING YOUR OFFERING** - After paying the expenses of the meeting, the remainder will be used for capital improvements most of which are related to the launch of the Kiamichi School of Preaching this Fall.
8. **BRING 1,000 OF YOUR CLOSEST FRIENDS!**



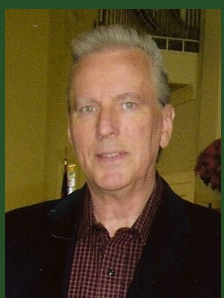
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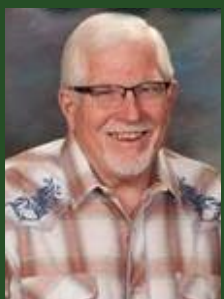
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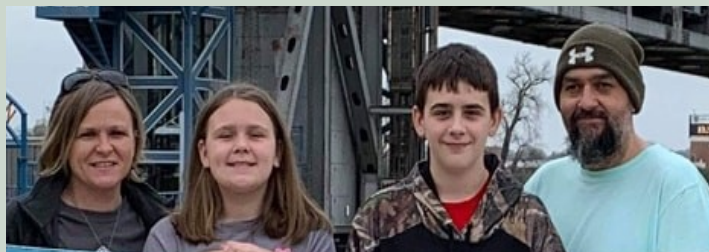


JERRY MACY
Property Manager
Mission Outfitters



Directly from the Director

Thanks to many volunteers from several states, much work is being done at Christ's 40 Acres. We are focusing on the Nurses' Station and living quarters being constructed from the old kitchen pantry and restroom. It should be completed this week. The **Matt Peyton Family** traveled all the way from Kentucky, but after working for two days received word of the death of Matt's Grandfather and had to return home. Please keep them in your prayers.



The duplex pictured below has been repaired from the damage caused by a falling pine tree. It has also been insulated and covered with log siding thanks to a generous benefactor. It is now ready to house preaching students for the **Kiamichi School of Preaching** beginning this Fall. **AC**



World Champion Preacher Boy Contest NOTE IMPORTANT CHANGES!

The Contest is open to all Boys, **7th-12th grades**. Contestants need to prepare a 7-10 minute sermon and come prepared to preach. There will be elimination rounds during lunch and supper beginning Tuesday evening. The top 3 contestants in each of the two age groups will be invited to present their sermons on Thursday afternoon of the Clinic. In both groups, First Place will receive \$400, Second Place \$300, Third Place \$200. More than a dozen Bible Colleges are also offering scholarships of differing amounts to the older winners. Every participant not qualifying for the top 3 in each group will be awarded \$100 on Thursday Evening. You must check-in Tuesday morning and be present Thursday evening to receive an award. **FREE LUNCH TUESDAY FOR ALL PREACHER BOYS PAST AND PRESENT in the dining hall!**

Women's Ministry Report

Dear Friends!

The crew from Dallas led by our college pal **Jim Duke**, completed a huge amount of work on the Nurses' Station. Thanks **Jim, George, Jared, Dwight, and Gary**.



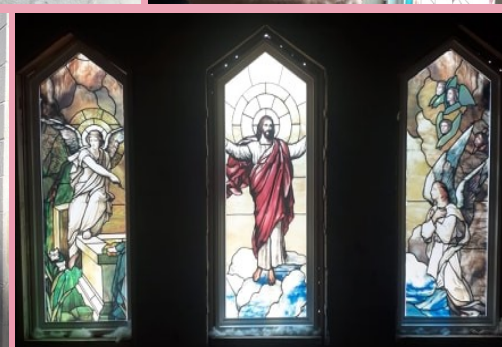
Dora Carnes
Director of
Woman's Ministries



The Southside, lower windows have been installed thanks to



the crew from Kentucky led by **Opie Parrish**. Below, Artie and Opie install the window provided by Opie's family in memory of his sister Jennifer. Pictured with him is his daughter **Kaytee**. **DC**



BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO:

THE GREATEST GATHERING

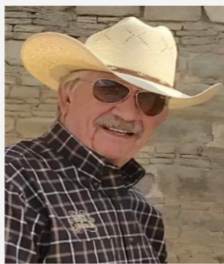
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OKLAHOMA**

THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN

**CHRIST'S
40 ACRES**

April 30-May 2, 2019

Celebrating the 70th Anniversary



Larry West of "We Care Ministries" will be a featured speaker this year. He will speak each day on the topic, **"How to win your neighbors to Christ."** Larry is associated with the Duck Commander Ministry and is father-in-law to Jase Robertson of the show "Duck Dynasty". His dynamic and humorous speaking style appeals to all ages.



Joe Putting of Ormond Beach, Florida will speak each day on the topic, **"How to reach the lost by serving the community"**. Joe leads several, large churches in the Ormond Beach area and is reaching thousands for the Kingdom by obeying the command of Christ to **GO OUT AND SERVE!**



Spoken 4



The Texans

Jaydee Miller

PLUS: The Lone Star Jubilee with Duke Mason and David Little, The Melton Family, Lowell Mason, MX3 Band, Broken Vessels, and more!



**KIAMICHI
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

Empowering Christian Women
The Fourth Exciting Year

Each morning, the women have their own conference at the same time as the Men's Clinic. In the afternoon, they are free to rest, fellowship, tour the sights, or go shopping in some of the unique towns and shops of the area, returning in time to join the men and youth for the evening sessions. The featured speaker for the Conference will be Peggy West, wife of Larry West. She will also be addressing the topic, **"How to win your neighbors to Christ"**. The Conference will include other wonderful speakers and great music by many of the groups at The Gathering. The Kiamichi Women's Conference has grown to take on a life of its own over the past three years. You won't want to miss any of the sessions, activities and great fun & fellowship directed by Dora Carnes.



BRAND NEW PROGRAMING!

Our youth are NOT the Church of tomorrow, they are the Church **TODAY!** Therefore, they need to **FORTIFY**, so they can take a stand against the devil's schemes! This brand, new program will feature speakers and musicians who are scheduled exclusively for them. The praise band for 2019 will be "Broken Vessels" from DeRidder, Louisiana. In the afternoon,



there will be field trips to exciting places in the area such as The Choctaw Council House and Festival Grounds; swimming at "The Beach" at Broken Bow Lake; Go Karts, Mini Golf, and pizza at Hochatown, etc. The youth will join their parents in the big Steel Tent for the evening sessions. Following the evening sessions there will be campfires, Bigfoot excursions in the woods, and other adventures in the mountains.

HELPING THE CHURCH ACTIVATE THE POWER OF GOD IN CHRISTIAN FAMILIES



"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us."

Activating the Power of God simply means to disciple, train, and encourage Christians to recognize the power of God in their lives, learning to walk by faith and accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God. Discipleship follows conversion and is the duty of every Church. The Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission is designed to help the Church in activating the power of God in the lives of their congregation by providing discipleship in a concentrated, accelerated, and extreme atmosphere asking the question, "How can I make my life count more effectively for Christ." Activating the Power of God is not just a "catchy phrase". It is an established fact in the history of the Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission.

Updated Schedule for THE GREATEST GATHERING THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN



Men's Clinic & Evening Sessions

Daily Theme	TUESDAY <u>"70th Anniversary"</u>	WEDNESDAY <u>"Faith and Freedom"</u>	THURSDAY <u>"Operation Jump Start"</u>
	Special Musical Guests "Lone Star Jubilee"	Special Musical Guests "The Texans"	Special Musical Guests "Spoken 4"
7:00 AM	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
	<u>MORNING SESSION</u>	<u>MORNING SESSION</u>	<u>MORNING SESSION</u>
8:00 AM	MUSIC	MUSIC	12 PROACTIVE STRATEGIES
8:15 AM	Phil Wilson	Kevin Ziegler	Flexible Schedule and Music
8:45 AM	MUSIC	MUSIC	SPEAKERS
9:00 AM	Gary Layman	Kendall Faull	Artie Carnes
9:30 AM	MUSIC	MUSIC	Sam Ray
9:45 AM	Doug Dorris	Billy Collier	Mike Baker + Open Mic
10:15 AM	MUSIC	MUSIC	Artie Carnes
10:30 AM	Jerl Joslin	Cody McDaniel	Dr. Mark Berrier
11:00 AM	MUSIC	MUSIC	Social Media Panel
11:15 AM	Joe Putting	Dean Sharp	Artie Carnes/Dave Shaw
12:00 PM	LUNCH Preacher Boy Banquet	LUNCH Faith & Freedom Banquet	LUNCH Jump Start Banquet
	<u>AFTERNOON SESSION</u>	<u>AFTERNOON SESSION</u>	<u>AFTERNOON SESSION</u>
1:30 PM	MUSIC	MUSIC	MUSIC
2:00 PM	Dr. Don Ott	Dr. Michael Householder	Dean Sharp
2:30 PM	MUSIC	MUSIC	
2:45 PM	Dan Corbin	Billy Bob Cox	MUSIC
3:15 PM	MUSIC	MUSIC	3 Top Preacher Boys Jr.
3:45 PM	Steve McClure	Brian Doyle	3 Top Preacher Boys Sr.
4:15 PM	MUSIC	MUSIC	MUSIC
4:45 PM	Larry West	Larry West	Joe Putting
5:30 PM	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER
	<u>EVENING SESSION</u>	<u>ONE NIGHT REVIVAL</u>	<u>EVENING SESSION</u>
7:00 PM	MUSIC	MUSIC & CHOCTAW CHOIR	MUSIC
7:30 PM	PRESENTATIONS & OFFERING	PRESENTATIONS & OFFERING	PREACHER BOYS & OFFERING
8:00 PM	MUSIC	MUSIC - Spoken 4	MUSIC
8:30 PM	Dr. Cecil Todd	Joe Putting	Larry West
9:15 PM	INVITATION	INVITATION	INVITATION
9:35 PM	"Let It Shine"	"Let It Shine"	"Let It Shine"
9:45 PM			<u>AFTER GLOW SESSION</u>
Men are in the Steel Tent for all of their sessions.			5 SSS the Good News



IMPORTANT WORK WEEK
Pre-Clinic—April 22-27
**Come join the fun,
 food, and fellowship!**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO VISIT YOUR CON-
 GREGATION TO SHARE THE VISION!**

April 14th we will be in **Nebo, KY** for the morning service and **Bowling Green, KY** for the evening service. Then we will be with the **Berea Christian Church** in Lexington, KY for a Revival beginning on April 19th thru Easter Sunday. **COME AND SEE US! THANK YOU FOR INVITING US!**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019

Pre-Clinic Work Week	April 22-27
Pre-Clinic Concert	April 29
The Greatest Gathering	April 30-May 2
Christian Service Camp-Senior Week	June 9-14
Christian Service Camp-Junior Week	June 16-21
Choctaw Bible Camp	June 23-28
Evangelist Camp I..... NEW!	June 22-28
Evangelist Camp II..... NEW!	June 29-July 6
Preaching/Teaching Camp..... NEW!	July 7-12
Ole Fashioned Family Fun Camp	July 21-26
Round Robin Revival	September 8-12
Ladies' Retreat.....	September 27-28
Bigfoot Festival	October 4-5
Bigfoot Worship Service	October 6

KIAMICHI CHRISTIAN MEN'S CLINIC 2019

April 30th—May 2nd at Christ's 40 Acres - Honobia, OK

Name _____

Address _____ CITY _____ ST _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Home Church _____

Phone _____ Emer. Contact & Phone _____

___ \$25 Pre-Registration ___ \$35 At the Door Registration ___ First Timer is FREE

YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ON-LINE AT www.kiamichimission.org.

**WOMEN! BE SURE TO GET REGISTERED FOR THE KIAMICHI
 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE HELD DURING "THE GATHERING"**



**To Guarantee you receive all the great extras
 for the Clinic you must Register by April 1st.
 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**
 Register Online @ www.kiamichimission.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

**PRE-REGISTER FOR \$25.00
 AT THE DOOR IS \$35.00**

CHRIST'S 40 ACRES FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



One of the most difficult decisions that had to be made since becoming Director of the Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission is what to do about the “old-growth” pine trees that cover Christ’s 40 Acres and the connected 54 acres. We normally lose fifteen to twenty trees per year to wind and disease except for the tornado of May 2015 which claimed 300 trees, destroyed three buildings, and damaged several other buildings, all from falling trees. When these trees fall, it is usually during a storm and there is no control over where they land. After much counsel with some of our local board members, who have an understanding of the timber industry in this area, and after consulting with others in the logging industry, it has been decided to put the Mission property into a Forestry Management Program to remove the “out of control” old-growth pine trees and replant with a variety of oaks, flowering hardwoods, and suitable fruit trees.

The first step in this program is to remove all the dead, dying, diseased, and dangerous pine trees while they still have market value. This process began the first week of April and should be completed by The Greatest

Gathering (Men’s Clinic) the first week of May. On a side note; bring your chain saw to the Clinic, men, as we could use help cleaning up the limbs. Plenty of firewood this year! These pine trees grow naturally in this area and will be harvested every ten years on a regular schedule in the future. The second part of the program is to plant new trees of more desirable species. This should begin in the Fall. If you have an interest in this, we will need assistance in selecting trees and planting locations. Also, a program will be established whereby one can donate a tree in honor or memory of a person, Church, or organization.

Whenever we have a storm here in the Kiamichis I do two things. First, I move Ms. Dora to a safe place in our living quarters where she will not be injured or killed by one of a dozen potential falling trees in proximity. The second thing I do happens after the storm when I inspect the property to see which trees have fallen and what has been damaged. These trees are a “crop tree” meant to be harvested on a regular basis. They are held in place by a tap root which begins to rot away after a few decades leaving only a small amount of surface roots and deeper roots. As you can see in this picture, the tap root is gone leaving this tree at the mercy of a wind as small as thirty-five miles per hour.

Two years ago, during our Junior Camp, a small storm blew in on Wednesday afternoon resulting in several trees falling into power lines. The power was out for thirty-six hours forcing us to send the children home two days early. That same year, at a camp in California, children were standing in line for the bus when a very small breeze caused a pine tree to fall, killing five children and injuring many more. This will not happen on my watch as Director.

These huge trees have limited value, but any funds received from the harvest will go into the Capital Improvements Account to be used on a variety of building projects.

It is sad to cut down any tree but especially some of these beautiful giants. Some of them have been standing for as much as a hundred years. Many have been here since I began attending the Men’s Clinic with my Father in 1964 and hold much nostalgia for many of us. That being said, we must still make responsible decisions concerning the property and the souls entrusted to our care. Within five years, Christ’s 40 Acres will have a much improved curb appeal and will have the appearance of a beautiful State Park. This will be beneficial to the ministry here and will be enjoyed by many generations to come. Please keep us and the Mission in your prayers as this project develops. If you have interest in assisting with the Forestry Management Program and the Reforesting of Christ’s 40 Acres, we covet your help and ideas. May God bless us all as we continue to move forward with this important Kingdom work.

