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# Newsletter

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG!  MARCH 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

### Featured Speaker Wednesday Night is Joe Putting



Tomoka Christian is a non-denominational, missions-oriented church spreading God's love by reaching out to people in the community, the nation and throughout the world. Services are designed to lead people to a personal encounter with God. The goal is to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the Worship Center, contemporary music accompanied by multimedia enhances the messages presented each week by the pastor, who guides the congregation in applying God's Word to everyday life. The main services on weekends feature communion.

Established in 1970, the church has been led for 25 years by **Joe Putting**, lead pastor, who is overseen by a team of elders. Under the leadership of Pastor Joe, the church has adopted a mission-focused mentality: Bringing the hope and love of Jesus to those locally and abroad who are struggling, marginalized

or seeking connection. The church's guide are scriptures such as Acts 15:19: "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God." Our vision, as a part of the body of Christ, is to change the generation in which we live. We need to do everything in our power to help people find Jesus so that they are prepared for eternity."

An unusual feature of Tomoka Christian is that those who choose to join the church are called partners, not members. This wording shift underscores the importance of participation and giving, implied by partnership, rather than receiving, implied by membership. Partners regularly are offered a wide variety of interesting and fulfilling opportunities to make a difference for Christ to those in need.

Through the grace of God and a commitment to give, Tomoka has helped launch hundreds of churches and has built or funded orphanages, medical clinics and food pantries all over the world. Gifts to missions also rebuild homes and lives following disasters, assist with adoption fees, provide free medical care to those without insurance, support evangelists, feed and clothe the homeless, share the love of Jesus with inmates, and train pastors in politically sensitive countries. This support typically yields annual gift totals of one million dollars. The church leadership desires to set an example of tithing, so the first 10 percent of undesignated gifts goes to missions. Meanwhile, each year the church sends dozens of short-term mission teams consisting of church partners.



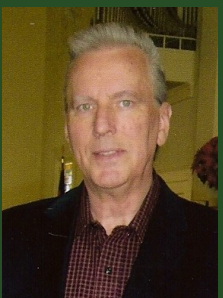
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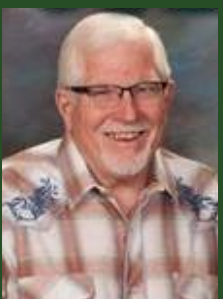
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## Directly from the Director

A friend of mine used to say, “If God blessed me any more I’d have to be two people to receive it all.” I feel just that way so often with the ministry of The Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission. God continues to bless and do “Amazing Things” week after week and even day by day. Several building projects are underway and moving along with generous donations and committed volunteers; **THE GREATEST GATHERING THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN** is developing in a miraculous way; the youth camps and programs are blossoming; and the **Kiamichi School of Preaching** is right on track for August with four full-time students and eight part-time students to date. We are praying for many more by the launch date as there are several expressing interest.

I am so excited because of all the good things coming from God and His Word. And for all the opportunities to share His word with others. **The theme for The Gathering this year is “LET IT SHINE”!** You will not want to miss this. Bring as many as you can as I believe your folks will leave here with new energy and many tools for sharing the Gospel with the lost world beginning with their neighbors. **“Five Simple Steps for Sharing the Good News”** is a program we have developed which will equip Christians, as young as ten years of age, with the ability to obey and execute The Great Commission to go into all the world. Don’t forget! **THE GATHERING is for the whole family** and will include The Men’s Clinic, The Women’s Conference, and FORTIFY—a youth program for boys and girls first grade and older. You will leave Christ’s 40 Acres CHANGED! Hope to see you there! **AC**



## Women’s Ministry Report



**Dora Carnes**  
Director of  
Women’s Ministries



### Dear Friends!

Be sure to register for the Kiamichi Women’s Conference to be held April 30th—May 2nd the same time as the Men’s Clinic. You will save ten dollars if you register by April 1st.

Please notice the “WORK WEEKS” on page 5. We could really use help in the Pattie Lou Smith Memorial Chapel and the Library as well as preparations for the Conference. Let me know if you can come and I will arrange housing for your stay if you don’t have a camper.

The first week of April a crew is coming from Kentucky to install most of the windows on the South side of the Pattie Lou. Plans are to install the remaining windows by Summer. **DC**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019

Pre-Clinic Work Week .....	April 22-27
Pre-Clinic Concert .....	April 29
The Greatest Gathering this Side of Heaven .....	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
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

## 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!**

# KIAMICHI CHRISTIAN MEN’S CLINIC 2019

**April 30<sup>th</sup>—May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Christ’s 40 Acres - Honobia, OK**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://www.kiamichimission.org).



BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO:

# THE <sup>GREATEST</sup> GATHERING

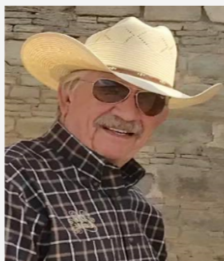
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OKLAHOMA

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!

KIAMICHI CHRISTIAN  
MEN'S CLINIC



HONORING the PAST, IMAGINING the FUTURE



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



Ephesians 3:20

**"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	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b><u>"70th Anniversary"</u></b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b><u>"Faith and Freedom"</u></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b><u>"Operation Jump Start"</u></b>
	<b>Special Musical Guests</b> <b>"Lone Star Jubilee"</b>	<b>Special Musical Guests</b> <b>"The Texans"</b>	<b>Special Musical Guests</b> <b>"Spoken 4"</b>
7:00 AM	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
	<b><u>MORNING SESSION</u></b>	<b><u>MORNING SESSION</u></b>	<b><u>MORNING SESSION</u></b>
8:00 AM	MUSIC	MUSIC	<b>12 PROACTIVE STRATEGIES</b>
8:15 AM	Phil Wilson	Kevin Ziegler	Flexible Schedule and Music
8:45 AM	MUSIC	MUSIC	<b>SPEAKERS</b>
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	<b>LUNCH</b> <b>Preacher Boy Banquet</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> <b>Faith &amp; Freedom Banquet</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> <b>Jump Start Banquet</b>
	<b><u>AFTERNOON SESSION</u></b>	<b><u>AFTERNOON SESSION</u></b>	<b><u>AFTERNOON SESSION</u></b>
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	<b>SUPPER</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>
	<b><u>EVENING SESSION</u></b>	<b><u>ONE NIGHT REVIVAL</u></b>	<b><u>EVENING SESSION</u></b>
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	<b>"Let It Shine"</b>	<b>"Let It Shine"</b>	<b>"Let It Shine"</b>
9:45 PM			<b><u>AFTER GLOW SESSION</u></b>
Men are in the Steel Tent for all of their sessions.			5 SSS the Good News





## IMPORTANT WORK WEEKS

**April 1-6 and 22-27**

**Come join the fun,  
food, and fellowship!**



## WE WOULD LOVE TO VISIT YOUR CONGREGATION TO SHARE THE VISION!

January 27<sup>th</sup>, **Dora** and I were with the **First Christian Church in Murfreesboro, AR** and March 10<sup>th</sup> we were with **Denton Christian Church**. March 31<sup>st</sup> we will be with **Mulhall CC** for Sunday School, **Orlando CC** for Worship, **Remnant Church** at Guthrie for lunch, and **Blackwell CC** for Evening Service, all in Oklahoma and on the same day. April 4<sup>th</sup> we will be in **Nebo, KY** for the morning service and **Bowling Green, KY** for the evening service. Then we will be helping the **Berea CC** in Lexington, KY with some building remodeling and begin a Revival with them on April 19<sup>th</sup> thru Easter Sunday. **COME AND SEE US!**

**Sam Ray and The Texans** represented the Mission at the Church in **Shattuck, OK** on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The small congregation gave an offering of over \$2,600 to help the School of Preaching. WOW! Thank you so much! The Texans will be at **Pleasant Grove in Texarkana** on March 24<sup>th</sup>, then at **Town & Country CC in Yale, OK** of March 31<sup>st</sup> to present the Mission. **GO SEE 'EM!**

**Mark and Paula Berrier** visited with the **Mission Christian Church in Sand Springs, OK** on March 10<sup>th</sup>. This is where John Sands lives and preaches. The congregation was so sweet and accommodating and gave a generous offering for the Mission as did all of the other congregations mentioned. **THANK YOU FOR INVITING US!**

Some of the wonderful folks from Denton Christian Church in Denton Texas. Preacher Paul will be a guest speaker for the 2020 Men's Clinic. Also, pray for my new sister, Debbie. She has been a cook for church camp and would like to serve at some of the camps at C40A. The man sitting between Dora and Artie is **MIKE SANDS**, son of our good friends John & Louise Sands. We have the total scoop now, John!



## 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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Register Online @ [www.kiamichimission.org](http://www.kiamichimission.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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



was preaching a revival in Texas last Fall when the local minister requested to meet for lunch and discuss ideas as to how he could help their small, struggling congregation have a more powerful effect in their community. He simply asked, *“If you were the preacher here, what would you do to get this church moving forward?”* I wrote down ten things from my 45 years of ministry and building congregations and shared them with him. At the conclusion he asked, *“I don’t know what you planned to preach tonight for the revival meeting but could you cancel that and preach this?”* So I did. The response was very positive but in the discussion that followed one fact became very clear. This small, struggling church would not be able to accomplish these things without some outside help.



Upon returning home I began to share these ideas with the “Mission Possible” leadership team consisting of myself, **Jaydee Miller, Sam Ray, Dr. Mark Berrier, and Dean Sharp**. As a result of this discussion **“12 Proactive Strategies to Activate the Power of God in the Smaller Church”** was born. We gleaned material from **Jackie Miller** of Versailles Kentucky, Jaydee’s father, who taught both Jaydee and me personal evangelism and church building and is still building churches at the age of 84. Then we contacted **Mike Baker** of Olney, Illinois, who is one of the most dynamic Evangelists in our Brotherhood today for a contribution to the discussion. After that we involved the veteran missionary **Reggie Thomas** who contributed much discussion and materials to the effort. Both **Cecil Todd** and **Murray Hollis** contributed much advice; then we gleaned material from a book by **A. B. McReynolds** entitled Plans For A Three Months Christ Centered Crusade. We spent many hours in study of the New Testament teachings on The Great Commission and related verses as well as the history of the First Century Church as to how they evangelized the

world so effectively. The result is a new program which will be offered as an outreach ministry of The Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission to struggling congregations. This program will be presented in its entirety on Thursday morning of the Men’s Clinic. The Mission will be limited as to how many congregations they can serve so the program is duplicatable for others to use the material.

As a part of **“Operation Jumpstart”**, Dr. Berrier and I have spent several months developing a presentation of The Great Commission which mirrors the approach of the First Century Church. It is called **“Five Simple Steps for Sharing the Good News”**. This

**12 PROACTIVE STRATEGIES**  
TO  
**ACTIVATE THE POWER OF GOD**  
IN THE  
**SMALLER CHURCH**



approach is not only Biblical and effective, but so simple a ten-year old child can use it to fulfill The Great Commission. Why have we made personal evangelism so difficult that many adults cannot share the Gospel, when it was common in the early Church for women and children to do so? It is because we have a tendency to skip the first step of sharing the Good News and jump right to the process of salvation.

This is all a “God Thing” but the following is a **MAJOR GOD THING!** I invited Larry West to be a featured speaker for the Men’s Clinic this year on the recommendation of others I fully trust. I did not completely research all the ministry in which Larry is involved until after we developed “12 Proactive Strategies”. I knew he was a dynamic preacher and evangelist and on staff at the Church where the “Duck Dynasty” group was involved in West Monroe, Louisiana, and that he was father-in-law to one of the Robertson boys. But here is what I did not know: He has led a ministry among our non-instrumental brethren called “We Care Ministries” for 45 years which serves struggling congregations in the same way. He is 45 years ahead of us and has agreed to help us develop our program in many ways so we do not have to “reinvent the wheel”. We will be allowed to duplicate some of his material, and he has invited our leadership to West Monroe for a training session. **WOW!** I would like to think I am such a genius and skilled developer to organize things this good on my own but it would not be true. What I have is a friend who can. He is God, and my Father who makes me the best I can be.



**We Care Ministries** offers a campaign that runs 12 days and involves gospel preaching, door knocking, classroom training in the We Care Approach and the presenting of Gospel of Jesus to lost people. Thirty-five to 100 outside campaigners come in to train the local members to reach their friends and neighbors. And they do it by going out with them into the field.

We now offer **We Care Small Church Campaigns**. These are designed for churches with 25 to 75 members. The SCC involves fewer outside workers and one or two of the full-time staff workers to come and train members over a shorter span of time. These campaigns begin Friday evening with lessons designed to motivate the members to participate in the door knocking effort or to take our outside trained workers to their friends and family members.