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THE WALK

There are many important walks in life. One of the first major walks a person can take is that walk with their fellow classmen to receive their high school diploma. Then, there is the walk down that aisle to exchange wedding vows with your intended spouse. As a father, there is the walk down that same aisle with his daughter as she marries.

There are walks in the Bible that have been recorded for our benefit. There is the walk that lasted forty years that the children of Israel took. Peter walked on the water to meet Jesus. There are many records of the crippled being healed, and worshipping and praising Jesus for their miracle.

Recently, a top southern gospel group released a wonderful song entitled "The Walk." The song speaks of that walk we must all take to the altar. I thought I would write of my experience about another unforgettable walk that I have taken.

I have been plagued with multiple sclerosis for about six years, a very painful, progressive disease. Walking has become nearly impossible for me. On good days, I can walk short distances; if I exceed that distance, my body will shut down as I pass out. On bad days, when I am feeling especially ill, I cannot even take one step.

I attend Greater Life Apostolic Church in Middletown, Kentucky. My pastor is Rev. G. Alan Browning. He and my church have seen me suffer with this disease and have continually supported me in prayer and fasting. Rev. Lee Stoneking was scheduled to preach at the Kentucky District UPCI Family Camp. Following the Sunday night service just before camp began, my pastor told me of his wishes for me to go to camp and allow Rev. Stoneking to pray for me.

Riding in a vehicle is very painful for me, and seems to sap all my energy. I knew the two hour ride to Summersville would be a difficult one, but I made up my mind that it would be well worth the sacrifice. On the

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The fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

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Kentucky District Superintendent Ronald Hendricks



Looking Back at Camp 2003

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Psalms 133:1

Without a doubt, the most beautiful family on this earth is the family of God. With all of its variety of peoples, cultures, languages, and backgrounds it continues to be the most precious of all gatherings. Many times, I sit back in wonder as God moves through this body of believers in order to accomplish the goal of furthering His Kingdom. I count it a privilege to be a part of the family of God in the Kentucky District.

This has been the summer when families, teens, and children have all gathered at the beautiful Kentucky District campground in Summersville for a time of fun, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Every service was saturated with the beautiful presence of the Lord and we have been renewed, restored, and refreshed in the Holy Ghost. What a joy it is to be a part of the Kingdom in this hour of revival and influx of souls!

Our speakers this year were most definitely ordained of God. Bro. Charles Grisham from Michigan and Bro. Lee Stoneking from New York impacted us so mightily throughout Family Camp. It was also a privilege to have Bro. Roch minister to us concerning ethnic and multicultural ministries. Bro. Ken Gurley from Pearland, Texas, did such an incredible job of ministering to our senior campers and Friday night was a special night as he challenged them with the "Worth the Wait" message. Bro. Harold Linder preached from his heart to our teen campers, who did a tremendous job of getting right into the move of the Spirit. Finally, Bro. Bob Morgans preached to the junior campers and helped them connect with the Lord in such a special way.

The Bible says in Hebrews 10:25: *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."* I believe that something special happens in the Spirit when we gather together to praise Jesus for all His mighty works and worship Him for who He is. Campmeetings have always been, and will always be, that time of the year when we, as a District, assemble ourselves together that God might lead and direct us to greater revival.

Ultimately, it's all about reaching souls for Jesus Christ! I am thankful for all the new souls that were at each camp and believe that God has begun an eternal work in every life. During one special night of Family Camp, the Lord anointed and used Bro. Dan Stratton in helping to raise over \$130,000 in pledges toward the new children's chapel and the campground deficit. Thank you, Brother Stratton, for a job well done. I would also like to say thank you to each one who pledged their support; it is because of this kind of sacrifice that we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Kentucky District is interested in souls.

The word "campmeeting" has that special ring to it, because we know that it is a special time together with the Lord. Let this year's camps be a catalyst of revival in your church and your life in 2003. Remember, in Kentucky there are **4 MILLION REASONS WHY** we ought to give ourselves to the work of the Lord. Let's reach souls and thereby make a difference in our world!

- Ronald Hendricks

FAMILY CAMP

What a blessing it is to go to Family Camp . . . and this year was no exception. Good fellowship is always found and the food was just delicious, both physically and spiritually! Rev. Charles R. Grisham taught us about various aspects of living a "balanced" Christian life wherein "godliness with contentment is great gain." Thank you, Brother Grisham, for bringing the Word to us with such straightforwardness and simplicity.

Evening services culminated each night with numberless souls at the altar seeking after God. Rev. Lee Stoneking brought forth soul-stirring messages reaffirming we are a part of the greatest miracle of all — tongue-talking people of the name of Jesus; we are the Church, those upon whom God has poured out His Spirit. Truly, "this is that which was spoken through the prophet, Joel." Needs were met as the presence of God filled the tabernacle. Miracles were witnessed as one woman rose from her wheelchair to walk, another with an artificial leg was freed from pain, deliverance from dizziness and imbalance covered another, while still another received her hearing. And that was just the beginning: *God's greatest miracle, the Holy Ghost, was poured out according to His Word.*

Honor was given for 50 years of service to Bro. and Sister Denzil Richardson and Bro. and Sister Mack Carpenter, former missionaries and continuing laborers in the Lord's work.

Time was given to instruction concerning ethnic and multi-cultural ministries, a time for each person to recognize his or her potential in the harvest field, as well as understand the urgency of the times in reaching all souls with the message of truth.

Finally, to all who worked with a desire to make this "the best camp ever," you are greatly appreciated as all your efforts brought that desire to fruition.





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way there, the ride became so painful to me that I was grating my teeth. I almost told my daughter to go back because I couldn't take it, but I persevered on.

Once the service reached the phase of seeking around the altar, I asked my daughter to push me in my wheelchair to the front. My pastor got Bro. Stoneking's attention and asked him to pray for me. He began praying and rebuking the disease, then he asked me if I could walk at all. As he escorted me, he and I walked a great distance across the tabernacle floor. When we reached that limited distance that I can walk, I felt that sensation I feel when I pass out. I must have paused in my walking, because Bro. Stoneking sensed a change in me and said, "No, we can't stop now. We have to go on." By faith I continued. The sensation that I would pass out ceased, and we walked even farther! Trust me, the walk I had with Bro. Stoneking and Jesus was unlike any walk I have ever taken. While we walked, hundreds of my sisters and brothers, whom I don't even know, cheered us on. I wondered if the onlookers realized what was happening. The Creator had stepped down on that floor and told my disease, "Enough is enough. Fear, you have to leave now." Jesus healed me of the passing out symptom! I felt the sensation leave, and I knew it would not return!

Two days later, I took yet another walk. We have lived in my home for nearly two years, and I have never been able to walk to the end of my driveway to retrieve my mail. That day, I did! There may be days when I won't be able to walk as far, but I am not going to pass out. I now even have more freedom in my worship! Along with the passing out symptom had come a lot of fear. I was reserved in my worship because of that fear. When I returned to my church the following weekend, I gave my worship and all I had to the Lord. I left exhausted, but the fear of passing out was gone.

I will never forget this walk: I took the walk, and Jesus healed me of passing out! But, my healing is not complete. I am still seeking Him for the remainder of my healing; I have faith it will happen.

The only walk that will ever supersede this walk will be the walk through the pearly gates, as I view my Savior's face and bow to worship Him. When I take that final walk, every symptom of my multiple sclerosis will be gone, but that won't mean as much to me as seeing His wonderful face and hearing him say, "Well done."

Peggy Riddle
Greater Life Apostolic Church
Middletown, Ky.
Pastor G. Alan Browning
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Senior Camp 2003 was AWESOME! Nearly 130 campers attended and God moved greatly. Most young people anticipate an opportunity to spend a week away from home to worship God, get on fire for Him, and take it back to their home church, and this year was no exception.

Bro. Ken Gurley ministered during night services, Sister Angie Blanton led the choir, and Bro. Porter was in charge of "Wake-Up-Call," where campers are awakened by games, short plays, and fun activities, all having a Godly theme.

A few new activities were put in place for Senior Camp including "The Slam Dunk Contest" and "The Talent/No Talent Show." Each activity was after night service and was a great success; campers were very involved and seemed to enjoy each activity.

SENIOR CAMP

On Tuesday night, the move of God was very strong; by mid-service nearly every person in the tabernacle was shouting, jumping, or on their face praying. After that service, things began to happen like in no other camp I have ever attended before.

A special 2:00 afternoon service was held exclusively for campers who felt the call of God on their life. As Rev. Gerald Adams ministered, the Spirit of God moved in a mighty and powerful way. Many campers began to pray for one another and their youth groups. By 5:30, some campers were still praying!

On Friday, things EXPLODED! In choir practice, campers began to worship and once again the Spirit of God fell. Young people began praying for one another and anointing the seats people would soon sit in during the night service. By lunchtime, the cooks began to wonder where all the hungry kids were — they were

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still praying!

As a Senior camper, I challenge each church in the Kentucky District to send at least one young person to Senior Camp next year. I promise, there will be a change in your youth group and your church. I also challenge each camper who attended this year to bring one person with you to Senior Camp 2004 (that is, if the Lord doesn't come back first!).

Aaron Sutherland
Senior Camper
Carrollton UPC
Rev. Robbie Knox, Pastor



TEEN CAMP

Teen Camp 2003 was an awesome experience for me. It seemed that the Spirit of God was moving in every person there, both campers and workers. God could be felt wherever you went!

The first night, Brother Linder preached an amazing message on "Will God Still Hang Out With Me?," followed next by "Who Let You In Here?" Both messages brought out the fact that we did not get saved by our own goodness, our name, or anything we have accomplished — it was God who saved us! He has done more than any of us could accomplish and we must praise Him for it, giving to Him everything within us. It was a service that changed many lives. It made me realize that no matter how I am feeling, I need to give God my PRAISE at all times.

All in all, every aspect of camp was great, from the teaching to the ministering, and of course that included activities such as softball, basketball, or just meeting friends, old and new. But, no matter what campers came for, many

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lives were changed. We all had a GREAT time!

I think I can speak for most campers when I say I am going to worship at home just like I did at camp; God has done so much for me, I want to give Him all my praise, every chance I get.

Gregory Finch
Teen Camper
Carrollton UPC
Rev. Robbie Knox, Pastor



JUNIOR CAMP



During Junior Camp 2003, there were 26 children filled with the Holy Ghost by Thursday evening! Bro. Morgans' preaching each evening touched the life of each child, and it was a priceless experience observing children so openly repenting, seeking for, and receiving the Holy Ghost.

From the ministering in morning devotions to "adventure time" to the evening service, the Spirit of the Lord was felt throughout the day. A favorite of the eight and nine-year-olds were "Sister Honeybun, Sister Hostess, and Sister Little Debbie," who taught a different ingredient for the bread of life each day.

Marshmallows all over the campground? This was all a part of the wonderful children's minis-

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try of Brother and Sister Crouch, who taught the 10, 11 and 12 year old class.

The children's ministry team from Bro. Conley's church once again captivated children during the afternoon favorite, "Adventure Time." The black light performances, puppets, and skits were all wonderfully presented.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who helped make a difference in the lives of our children. By the end of the week, we truly had experienced a great Junior Camp!

Jennifer Beard
Junior Camp Matron
Carrollton UPC
Rev. Robbie Knox, Pastor



A Message of Thanks

Thank you ministers and saints of Kentucky for the Love Offering you gave us at the Friday night Youth camp services. We love you and pray God's richest blessings upon you.

— Bro. & Sis. Robbie Knox and Family

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