

Important 2008 Dates:

- Avon Park Camp: Avon Park, FL
January 31–February 10
- Women's Midterm Prayer Conference:
Epworth by the Sea, February 7–9
- Lakeland Camp Meeting: Lakeland, FL
February 14–24
- Indian Springs Prayer Day: Indian
Springs, May 8
- Taylor County Camp Meeting: Butler,
GA, July 3–11
- Women's Prayer Retreat: Indian Springs
July 8–9

Winky's Wish List

Your Camp Meeting is always happy to receive in-kind donations. Our Caretaker, Winky Carlock, could use the following items in working condition:

Washers, dryers, refrigerators, window unit air-conditioners (110 volt), microwave ovens, shop tools and lumber.

We will be glad to provide you appropriate receipts for your taxes. Contact Winky at 770-775-5721 if you have donations.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the date of camp meeting was originally set for mid-August, around the time when the farm crops were "laid by"? The farmers would then have time to leave their fields and come to camp meeting.

These days, camp meeting is scheduled around school starting dates. Because so many schools begin earlier, camp meeting 2008 begins earlier. Camp Meeting 2008 is July 10–20.



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New Website for Indian Springs

The website has been given a face lift! The original website was primarily an informational source for people who didn't know about Indian Springs or camp meeting. The new site focuses on current news and dates, while continuing to be an explanation of "who we are" to those who may not know about our camp meeting.

"It is important to stay in touch with the Indian Springs family and to let everyone know of current news and significant dates of the camp," said President Fred Harris. "The site now reflects the new image of the camp newsletter, The Circuit Rider, and will be updated frequently".

The new website provides ministry highlights, missionary family updates, building projects, and Board information. Plans include the ability to make contributions or purchase tapes on-line.

Not only can you come to us, we can come to you...via e-blasts! If you want to receive e-mails beginning 2008, simply go the website and provide your e-mail address to us.

Check out the new website at www.IndianSpringsCampMeeting.org

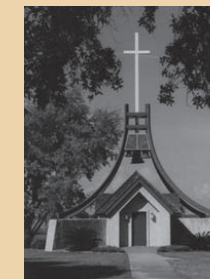
Community Recognition Day Big Success

"You Are Invited" was the emphasis for our 2007 camp. Community Recognition Day was an open door for everyone to experience the various ministries of Indian Springs and to share our history. Promotional efforts included special flyers, newspaper advertising, and website information to increase the community's awareness of Indian Springs and our mission.

Many Jackson residents stated that they drive by the camp ground and wonder what happens behind the fence and the gates. The knowledge that our camp meeting and activities may not be understood by the community was the impetus to create a Community Day for our neighbors in Jackson, Butts County, and the surrounding areas.

Five special activities occurred on Community Day. Approximately 30-40 people participated in both the walking historical tours and the audio visual presentation on camp meeting history. Although these activities were geared to visitors, several cottage holders attended who enjoyed learning more about their heritage. The Ropes Demonstration by the Youth Ministry also drew both visitors and Indian Springs family.

Southern hospitality at its very finest was extended to 47 first-time visitors with their Free-Lunch Coupons throughout camp meeting. At the evening service, an 80-member choir from the Rocks Springs Congregational Methodist Church presented special music. The response to the choral music was outstanding! Many expressions were made "*now, this is camp meeting!*"



The Women's Fellowship of Indian Springs invites you to join us for the
Lydia Prayer Conference
Epworth by the Sea St. Simon's, Georgia
February 7–9, 2008

Speakers: Beth Coppedge and Althea Hinthorn

Conference Fee: \$50

Registration: Go to FrancisAsburySociety.com and click on FAS news for an on-line brochure. See page 2 for more information about the Women's Fellowship.



A Modern Ministry The Women's Fellowship

In 1911, the women of the Indian Springs Holiness Camp Meeting organized the Ladies Auxiliary to assume some responsibilities for the needs of the camp meeting. That first year they spent \$36.20 on lamp chimneys, bowls, pitchers and maid service. In 1940, this organization received official sanction from the Board of Trustees to care for the workers' cottages.

Today, the Indian Springs Women's Fellowship is an inclusive ministry of both hospitality and spirituality. This warm and dynamic fellowship encourages all women on the camp ground to become an active participant in camp meeting.

Hospitality ministries include everything from hostess responsibilities for our workers, visitors, and new cottage owners to providing the greenery for the Main Tabernacle. In addition, the Women's Fellowship sponsors the Women's Luncheon which has become 'quite the social event' for camp meeting! Over 135 women attended this popular luncheon in 2007.



Spiritual ministry involves coordinating the prayer and fasting services during camp meeting. In 2002, the Women's Fellowship began a prayer retreat which is held one day prior to camp. This event combines prayer, devotions, fellowship and worship which grew to over 40 women in attendance this year.

You are Invited to Join Us!

Lydia Prayer Conference: Feb. 7-9, 2008
Women's Prayer Retreat: Jul. 8-9, 2008
Women's Luncheon: Jul. 14, 2008

Contact President Sharon Hodnett:
hodnettlamb@bellsouth.net, 901-772-5534 or Vice-President Sharon Sparks:
sparks553@bellsouth.net, 770-439-0824.

Message From Our Treasurer

As 2007 comes to a close, we remember our many blessings of this year. Thank you for helping meet the needs of our camp. Please consider a year-end gift to ensure that the 2008 camp meeting gets off to a great start. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Mr. Alan Wood
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Macon, GA 31221

2008 Speakers and Bible Teacher:

Evangelists:

Dr. Tom Atkins: Evangelist for Tom Atkins Evangelistic Assn., Monroe, GA
Dr. Martin Hotle: General Secretary of The Wesleyan Church, Clinton, TN
Dr. Benny Tate: Senior Pastor of Rocks Springs Congregational Methodist Church, Milner, GA

Bible Teacher:

Dr. Ron Smith: President of Wesley Biblical Seminary, Jackson, MS

2007 Camp Meeting at a Glance

117
Years of Camp Meeting and still going strong!

1st
Community Recognition Day was very successful!

47
Free-Lunch Coupons were given to First Time Visitors.

80
Voices in the choir from the Rocks Springs Congregational Methodist Church on Community Day.

\$140,000
Missionary offering for our OMS Missionaries.

150 - 200
Average daily attendance for the Youth Program.

75 - 80
Average daily attendance for the 'Tween's Program.

75 - 100
Average daily attendance for the Children's Program.

135
Attendance at the Women's Fellowship Luncheon.

42
Attendance at the Women's Fellowship Prayer Conference.

\$250,000
Needed for Camp Meeting 2008 budget.

Cottage, Sweet Cottage

Camp meeting was very different this year for Bryant Culpepper and his family from Fort Valley. They purchased a modular home on the camp grounds this summer. "I've come to camp meeting all my life," said Bryant, "but I never stayed here before. Camp meeting has a different perspective when you immerse yourself in the whole program."

Bryant and his wife, Donna, both attorneys, enjoyed getting their home ready for camp. It took some effort settling in, but they acknowledge it was worth the time and expense. "Buying a place at Indian Springs is a better investment in my family's spiritual future than a fancy cabin on a lake somewhere," he said. The Culpepper's children, Branham (11) and Alice (8) made many new friends.

In reading the history of Indian Springs, Bryant discovered that his great, great uncle, Rev. John B. Culpepper, was one of the earlier evangelists around 1895.

Indian Springs Board Member, Rabun Smith, was instrumental in helping the Culpeppers find their modular home. Bryant said, "Rabun has a special ministry of connecting people with the right place. He went out of his way to make sure we felt welcome."

The Culpeppers, like several other new cottage owners, found that camp meeting enriched their families' lives. "We got home afterwards, tired, but uplifted. We actually experienced camp meeting withdrawal!"



Snackateria Soon To Offer Wi-Fi

The open-air, 50 year old Snackateria now provides more than peach ice cream. Due to its location near the "Twins Tabernacle," it has become a gathering place for wireless internet access. In 2008, the porches of the Snackateria will be open for getting connected and making connections. Beam us up!

Helping Hands

How You Can Help Indian Springs

A word to individuals or church work teams gifted in plumbing, painting, electrical, construction or handy-man type skills.....

Indian Springs needs your help!

All of us have enjoyed the spiritual renewal and growth provided by camp meeting through evangelists, Bible teachers, missionaries and musicians who have been called by God into this ministry. Sometimes forgotten is another ministry—the ministry of service.

Without this ministry of service, the gates of Indian Springs could not open. Think about what goes on around the grounds all year long and ask who drains the pipes, paints the buildings, trims the trees, and does needed repairs and improvements?

Currently, we are blessed to have Winky Carlock as our full-time Caretaker. Winky is our "behind the scenes" person who moves quietly and efficiently to ensure that we are ready for camp meeting each year. His unique combination of engineering and artistic expertise reflects his own commitment to God.

This year, getting ready for camp included everything from renovating the Shingler building to putting new restrooms in the hotel, adding new sewer lines, to landscaping, and this was just the big stuff!

For a number of years, the Mobile Missionary Assistance Program (MMAP) provided volunteer labor for the upkeep of our camp ground. Due to a change in leadership, MMAP will not be here in 2008. The shortage of helping hands will be dramatic and places a larger burden on Winky.

If you or your church or other ministry group would like to volunteer for some of the tasks to be done this year, please contact our Buildings & Grounds Committee Chairman, Rev. Len Walker at lwalker@nfumc.org or 770-466-3421 to discuss arrangements and possible work projects.

