

OKLAHOMA CAMPERS ON MISSION
SPRING RALLY
May 18-21, 2011
Attendees: 77 + guests

Wednesday May 18, 2011

Early arrivals gathered to eat at Golden Corral. Following the meal the group gathered for our evening prayer time. John Barnes led the session where prayer needs were shared and then prayed for. Games and visiting followed for those who chose to stay.

Thursday May 19, 2011

A.M. The ladies gathered to begin work on our sewing project of special vests. Additional projects were cancer bags, quilts and baby blankets.

P.M. The evening session began with the flag salute and prayer led by Johnny Barnes followed by the meal which was catered by T & D Catering. After the meal Bobby Burnett led in group singing. Special music was presented by Dave Westgate. Our speaker for the evening was James Swain, Director of Conference Centers, Falls Creek and Cross Timbers. He discussed how Cross Timbers came about as well as what is happening at Falls Creek. He talked about how various personnel had been reassigned as well as what new personnel being added. He shared about the increase in personal decisions following the changes that have been made.

Friday May 20, 2011

A.M. Our morning devotional began with prayer by John Barnes. Curtis and Amy Smith, Mission Service Corps, Motorcycle Ministry shared about their work at the motorcycle race track and the success they have had in witnessing to this specialized group. Amy shared how she has initiated a back yard Bible club to involve the children who attend these events.

After the morning session, the ladies returned to working on the sewing projects.

P.M. Following prayer by Bill Reed, the group enjoyed the meal catered by Regina's. Bobby Burnett led in group singing. Our speaker was Sam Porter, BGCO Specialist, Volunteer and Partnership Missions. He shared how teams of volunteers have assisted after various disasters. He told about how partnerships are being formed between churches and locations in other countries such as Mexico and China. He said that fifteen OK churches are needed to partner especially with churches in China which is the fastest growing work in the world. Additionally, partnerships are being formed in Utah-Idaho, Colorado and in Haiti.

Saturday May 21, 2011

The session began with prayer by John Barnes followed by our world famous covered dish breakfast. Our devotional was led by Bill Barnett, Shawnee. After OK COM was started in 1976, Bill's church in Shawnee was the first project of COM. He shared his ministry experiences as well as his experiences in running track and field both state wide and nationally. He also shared about Indian Week at Falls Creek which is a "family camp" with an attendance between 2000 and 3000

persons. He told about a new program where the Chickasaw Nation and the Federal government will supply free meals to those who are eligible for free lunches during the school year. He asked about the possibility of volunteers to come during that week to help serve, etc. Many indicated that they would be willing to help in that area.

Praise reports were shared. Projects included Glorieta in this past fall, Newkirk, First Baptist East in Lawton. Beth shared about the sewing projects while at Glorieta as well as the sewing projects completed while at Lawton.

Possible upcoming projects include Cox City, Sand Springs (sheetrocking), Lawton First Baptist East, Lake Texoma led by Bobby Burnett and Duncan led by Jack Hawkins. Verla also mentioned the Salt Creek Retreat close to Ringling started by a couple from their church. She also mentioned a request for cancer bags for Norman Oncology Center. Cancer bags were made by the ladies during the work project at Woodland Hills in Newcastle. Someone at the Norman Oncology Center saw one of the bags and expressed a need to have a supply to give to their new patients.

Fran stressed the need to send in work report forms to Dolores Mohr. Any activity done in the name of COM should be reported. An example given was the time area representatives spent in calling members in their specific areas. This should be reported under Administrative.

Business Meeting:

Officers for the upcoming year were elected. They are:

President: Tom Goins
Vice Pres: Joe Becker
Sec: Delores Ireton

Area Representatives

SW: Joe Young
NW: Billy Bob Mikles
C: Jim Dudley
NE: Marvin Smith
SE: Audie Urquhart

Discussion for future consideration:

1. Possibility of having only one rally per year.
2. Forming committees such as Correspondence, Program Chairman, Publicity, Events. Perhaps the officers could form a Committee on Committees to meet and determine what committees are needed.

Fall rally is scheduled for September 14-17, 2011. Verla Parker offered to make a special cake to celebrate the anniversary of the forming of OK Campers on Mission.

Janice Goins made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jack Davis. Motion carried to adjourn.