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## CAMPING WITH CHRIST

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GLEN ROSE TEXAS

OCTOBER 6-10, 2021

## President's Message

Welcome sunshine after many days of rain. Summer will officially be here soon. Hopefully your chapter has been able to get out and camp or at least get together for fellowship. This first week of June, the Texas chapters will be getting together in Glen Rose for several days of fun, food and fellowship. It will be so good to see people that we haven't seen since October 2019!

Chapter 16 has been working on the National Rally and will finish up the final details very soon. I have included information on The Promise that we can see on Friday October 8th. I will order group tickets 15 or more to get a discount. Notice most of us qualify for the senior tickets. Maturity has benefits!! The group discount is for a particular section. We can order for more than one section if we have enough people for group discount. Friends and relatives that have gone suggested the first rows of reserved center section, and to bring a seat cushion for comfort. I have included information separately on this. Please make sure you get in your reservation with the Oakdale RV Park. All information is on the registration form, which is also attached.

We need out of state group to volunteer for snacks on Thursday, October 7th and Saturday, October 9th. Florida has already volunteered for Friday, October 8th. Thank you Florida. Please call or text me if your group would like to cover these dates. My number is 832-492-5781. Texas chapters will over the 6th. I don't think that we have ever run out of snacks!!

I sent out the call for volunteers for 1st Vice President and publicity secretary. Well, Crystal Jackson has volunteered to do the newsletter after talking with Sandra Shouse. I'm still waiting on someone to volunteer for 1st Vice President. I promise you will get all the help you need from everyone! It's been strange having officers that volunteered and none of us were sworn in, but hopefully this was a once in a lifetime event cancelling the National Rally.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in October in Glen Rose for the National Rally. In the meantime do all the good you can in all the ways you can and stay safe!!

Blessed to serve

Elaine B Jackson, President

## From the 2nd Vice President

Wow! I'm still catching up on my sleep from the wonderful All-Texas get together put on by chapter 16. What FUN. I have two items that I need to address:

First- the location of the national rally in 2023. After talking with the Texas presidents/ reps, I am thinking about trying to find a more central location like TENN., MO., or ARKANSAS. I know this would be harder to work with on restaurants but maybe we would get a good turn-out. I am interested in hearing what you think about it?, what about finding a permanent location that would be central? Please email me your comments at [dxter@att.net](mailto:dxter@att.net).

Second- in getting ready for elections for 2022, we need the following officers: 2nd Vice President and a Director for the Class of 2024.

If you would be willing to serve, please let me know which office you are interested in.

Peace and love to all of you,

Dixie



## THANK YOU!!

All good things come to an end sometime and my time is now. With this issue, Crystal Jackson takes over the Publicity Secretary job. Crystal has done a newsletter before so I'm sure she will do a fine job. Please send her all your articles like you did for me. If by chance you send them to me I will forward to her. Thank you, Crystal for taking on this job. I wish you the very best.

It has been my pleasure to do the newsletter for the last several years. When I took it over, I really didn't realize what a job it was back then. My how it has changed in just a few years. Now it's all done on computer and over the internet, no folding, stickers, going to the post office, etc. Thank you all for your articles and info over the years. Without you there would be no newsletter.

Sandra Shouse

## Membership Secretary

The dues are all collected and we have 138 members. That's the smallest number I have seen since joining NUMC. We have seen a 15% increase in RV sales last year and this year is projected to be even larger. With that increase and all the State and National Parks being booked solid until September, we have numerous opportunities to ask campers to join us. Be sure to keep some brochures in your rig. The brochures can be downloaded from the web site [www.umcampers.org](http://www.umcampers.org)

Harold Darling

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## FROM YOUR NATIONAL COORDINATOR

I hope many are preparing to attend the 2021 National Rally in Glen Rose, Texas in October.

If you do attend, it would be great if you could bring your 2022 camping schedule and officers list.

The web-site is grossly out of date due to lack of submissions from chapters. Let's see if we can bring the site up to date.

Terry Hines

[dxter@att.net](mailto:dxter@att.net)

## From the Chaplain-----

Greetings to all of our NUMC friends,

We have just come through some very difficult times and slowly things are getting better. So do not despair or live in fear. God has promised us that He will be with always, in good and bad times He is there to sustain us and comfort us and strengthen us to live as His children. Nothing can get between you and God. No powers or principalities or illness can take away the knowledge that He loves us and has His arms stretched wide in welcome each time we remember to come to Him in worship, in prayer and in our need. We are leaving the pandemic behind, having an appreciation of coming together, a time of renewal, hope and celebration as we resume our camping to see God's world in all of its glory and to celebrate with our friends once more face to face. I pray that the blessings that God gives to us will help us remember what it means to live every day with joy.

Pastor Steve

*Steve Rowe*

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## Chapter 1—Connecticut

### 2021 OFFICERS

President: Lynda Weeks

Vice President: Larry Martin

Treasurer: Becky Distler

Secretary: Paula Martin

Wagon master: Ken Distler

Chaplain: Ron Weeks or  
Ken Spurrier

Chapter 1 had our first campout at Nelson's Campground. The Potter, Adams and Ellis families joined the Turcottes (who are seasonal campers). The weather was great and everyone had a great weekend. They had their first cookout and the May's joined them.

We will be changing the August 2021 Campout to somewhere near the Massachusetts border. We will keep you posted as we discuss this more and more in June.





### Chapter 3 West MO

West Mo 3 members were excited to get back to camping this Spring . We had a very cold first camp out in April, but we enjoyed the fellowship so much we bundled up And braved the cold. In May, we had perfect camping weather and enjoyed God’s handy work at Crowder State Park in NW MO. During the camp out, we completed 12 Linus Blankets for our mission project. We hope to complete more blankets next camp out. In June, we will be in Branson at Treasure Lake. We hope everyone has a Great camping season,

God Bless,

Laurie

### Publicity Secretary

Hey Y’all!!

My name is Crystal Jackson and I’m with Chapter 16 and I have volunteered to take over the newsletter for Sandra. Thank you Sandy for everything you have done for NUMC for all these years.

I am excited about being able to do the newsletter for y’all.

If you have ideas for would like to add to the newsletter you can always email me at: [jacksoncrystal78@gmail.com](mailto:jacksoncrystal78@gmail.com)

You can always view/print the newsletter from our web site @ [umcampers.org](http://umcampers.org).

**Next newsletter deadline is August 20th.**

- 3” Letters and Numbers (Black).....\$.50 each
- Bumper stickers+++++++ +\$2.50
- NUMC Cloth Patches.....\$2.00 each
- NUMC 4" decals+++++++ \$3.00 each
- NUMC 8" decals.....\$3.50 each
- NUMC Cap (Royal w/embroidered logo) \$10.00
- NUMC Cap (Lt. blue w/mesh top).....\$10.00
- Visors (Lt. blue w/stamped logo)+++++++ \$9.00
- Visors (Royal w/embroidered logo).....\$10.00
- Chapter flag 3’ X 5’+++++++ \$45.00
- Flags (Rig size) 12"X18".....\$18.00
- NUMC Pins+++++++ \$2.00
- Shipping.....\$2.00



If you would like any of these items please contact : [bccarter60@centurylink.net](mailto:bccarter60@centurylink.net)  
Carolyn Carter  
25815 Gift Shop Rd  
Opp AL 36467

Make checks payable to: NUMC :

## Chapter 19 Hill Country Roadrunners

We finally managed to camp together after six long months. And it was wonderful. All through the awful year of 2020, we still met as a group, camping every other month, enjoying the respite of social distancing that was such a huge part of our world. Then as 2021 began, several of our members had health issues and we cancelled our annual January luncheon and cancelled our March scheduled campout. But May brought normalcy to our group and normalcy has never been so appreciated. We camped at Camp Of The Hills, near Marble Falls Texas. There were 11 of us at one point, but only four rigs. Several of our members came during the days only, enjoying meals together, devotions and hymn singing, as well as “assignments” given by the Camp Of The Hills staff. Camp of the Hills is a retreat area for at risk city kids so they can have the outdoors experience many never have any other way. Most of the staff came there as kids or counselors and understand what these kids need in a very personal way.

All our profits from the bracelets we sell go to this mission and we try to support them in as many ways as possible. This time we worked getting the main lodge, clinic and craft room ready for the kids coming soon.

They are hosting between 70-100 kids every week all summer long and since no one came in 2020, things were in disarray and needing organizing. By the time we worked several hours on Thursday and Friday, things were sparkling and READY! Many hands make the burden lighter. It was with a sigh of satisfaction that we gathered each afternoon and evening to relax, enjoy a movie, and share a meal.

In June we look forward to our Texas State Roundup in Glen Rose. Then in July we will camp together again, hopefully in Stonewall Texas. We are not sure if they are accepting campers yet and we may have to make other plans. But we are definitely going to get together in July. If any want to join us, just give us a call when it gets closer to July, and we'll fill you in on our plans. We are in the midst of putting together a suitcase of dolls and wooden trucks to send with a local church's mission team heading to Panama in August. So we'll be painting trucks and dressing dolls while we are together.

Chapter 19 is very much a family group, as I'm sure most of our groups are. We enjoy being together, sharing joys, sorrows, aches and pains, and news of our respective families. There is a sense of loss when we miss seeing each other and likewise a sense of joy when we're together. We thank God for our camping families and helping create National United Methodist Campers.

## Chapter 22 North Florida

Chapter 22 has gotten back to our regular camping schedule for 2021. This year our schedule is a little different than it has been in the past. Traditionally we would travel to a campground on a Thursday and return home on a Monday, but this year there are some camp outs where we travel to a campground on a Monday and return home on a Friday. So far, it is working out simply fine and we will probably continue doing that in the future.

In February we traveled to General Coffee State Park in Nichols GA. There were 4 rigs that attended, 2 members stayed in a motel and we had 2 visitors Gail and Vicki from the Trenton, FL area. We added a new member to Chapter 22, so a big welcome to Vicki Imms!

In March, we traveled north to Ponce de Leon RV Park, in Ponce de Leon, Florida. We had 5 rigs present and two members who stayed at a local motel. The weather was not very cooperative and so we got a lot of rain for the first few days, but the ladies managed to find a day to go shopping in Enterprise, AL. Finally, the sun showed up and we all traveled to Destin for lunch at a lovely restaurant right on the water. We added another new member to Chapter 22!! Welcome Gail Tompkins!! Yeah, we are growing!

In April, we headed south to the Masonic Youth Camp in Wimauma, FL. We had four rigs attending and two members joined us for our group lunch. It was great seeing friends we had not been able to camp with in over a year. Well, the rain followed us there, but we did not let it slow us down. The girls did get together for a day of shopping at an outlet mall.

For May, our group traveled to Salt Springs Recreation Area, in the Ocala National Forest, about an hour southeast of Gainesville. There were 4 rigs camping and three members traveled over for the day for our group meal together and our business meeting. One of the three members who had not camped for several years came with her guest. We had a delicious meal and enjoyed catching up. The next day, another member and her guest took a day trip and joined us for lunch in Palatka. It was a wonderful trip, as we were able to see a few of our members who we had not camped with or seen for several years and we had perfect Florida weather!

## Chapter 13 Kymeth Kampers

We had a great turnout for our last gathering at Lake Malone State Park, April 23-25. It was sooooo cold! Some of us were there for most of the week. I'm not really sure when they came to the campground but I did know that Larry and Gale and Ron and Lynda were there on Sunday. Ken and Becky D. and Ken and Becky S. were there early in the week. Not sure about Marty and Cindy but they were there when Oliver and Trudy and Larry and I got there on Thursday. A new couple to our group, Mike and Janelle Baldwin, were there for their first campout with us. (We hope they will be back with us soon! We tried to be good!) On Thursday we gathered around the campfire and caught up on everybody's news. The Spurrier's and the Stallings's both have new campers. Friday was a beautiful day. We visited a lot during the day and just goofed off. We went in to Central City for supper. We gathered around the campfire again when we got back. Alicia, Oliver and Trudy's daughter, came in for the night.

On Saturday our normal visitor for our campouts came in early and stayed most of the day, RAIN! We still had our potluck at noon; they had a nice shelter we could use. Later in the day Larry and Gale went to pick up one of their granddaughters to spend the night with them. Most of us watched TV, read and slept a lot during the day. It was a very relaxing day. We had our worship service on Sunday morning and then we had our meeting. The National Chapter has contacted us to ask if we could make arrangements for the 2022 campout for the group. They want to go to the Noah's Ark in Williamstown, KY. We decided to look into it a little closer. The 2021 National's are in Oak Dale Park, TX October 6-10.

Paula Martin

## Chapter 18 New York

NUMC MEETING MINUTES, MAY 1, 2021  
BROADWAY DINER  
ENDWELL, NY

In attendance were David Houghtalen; Debbie Williams; Al Rood; Dominic Cipolla and his friend Beverly; Richard and Helen Schubmehl and their Granddaughter and Great-granddaughter; Clair and Betty Jones; and Jim and Judy Schuyler.

President, David Houghtalen called the meeting to order. Clair Jones asked Gods blessing on the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting, November 7, 2020 at the Park Diner, had been printed in the newsletter. There were no corrections and the minutes were accepted as printed as a copy was not available to be read.

Treasurer, Debbie Williams, reported that there is a total of \$497.78 in the treasury, after making approved donations and paying National dues. She collected meeting and past annual dues.

We discussed the work day at Sky Lake United Methodist Camp and decided on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you were planning to help, call Debbie Williams at 237-4177 for information.

We all signed a get well card for Marge Bryant who is in rehab.

We have had to cancel the first campout scheduled this year at Bowman Lake State Park, McDonough, NY. They do not open in time for us to camp there this year.



**National United Methodist Campers, Inc.**

Oakdale RV Park

Glen Rose Texas  
1019 NE Barnard St

October 6 – 10, 2021

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Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact the Park @ 254- 897-2321 for all Camping Reservations – Cabins also available  
Use Special Rate Code – NUMC2021OCT which expires July 31, 2021  
Cancellation fee \$25 if before October 1.

Supreme Site - \$49.95 (site is by the conference room)  
Regular Site - \$39.95 (site is not by the conference room)

**Meals**

Thursday – BBQ \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 15 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday – On your own because of "The Promise" play  
Saturday – Mexican \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 15 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday – President's Breakfast (free) # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies' Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ Golf Shirt  
\_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X Large @ \$ 20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2X Large \_\_\_\_\_ 3 X Large \_\_\_\_\_ 4 X Large @ \$ 23 = \_\_\_\_\_

Men's Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ Golf Shirt  
\_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X Large @ \$ 20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2X Large \_\_\_\_\_ 3 X Large \_\_\_\_\_ 4 X Large @ \$ 23 = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$50.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_

OPTION: "The Promise" on October 8. The doors open at 6:30 and the play is at 8pm.  
Check www.thepromiseglenrose.com for more information.  
Groups of 15 or more there is a discount which will determine the price.

Make Checks payable to NUMC Chapter 16 Deadline: July 31, 2021  
Bring a copy of this form with you. Also bring your Name Tag and a Cokesbury Hymnal  
Mail Registration form and checks to:  
Ann Van Schuyver NUMC, 4604 Starlight Dr, Haltom City, TX 76117  
Questions? Contact Ann - [virgilann@charter.net](mailto:virgilann@charter.net) See You at the Rally!

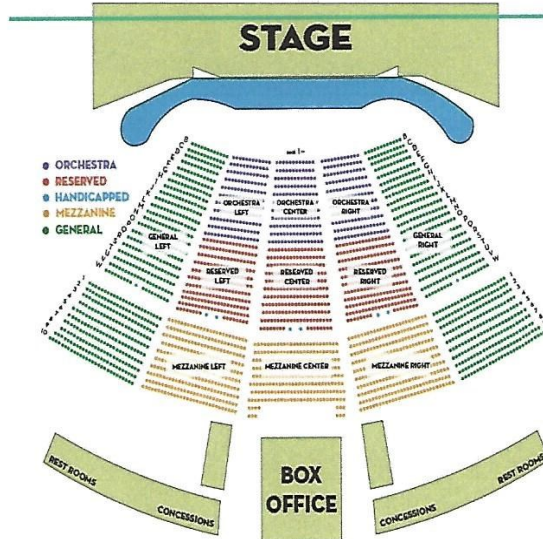
# 2021 GROUP INFORMATION AND NEW LIMITED OFFERS

## • SEATING PRICES AND INFORMATION - STANDARD GROUP SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Group leaders receive 2 complimentary tickets for a group of 15 or more paid tickets. Promise clergy pass good for two tickets for full time or ordained ministry leaders. Prices for seating range from \$30.00 to \$45.00 depending on the section you choose to purchase. **Group discount is \$10.00 off of each paid adult ticket.** Invoice group reservations can be made with a deposit of 25% that will be applied to the total price of the reservation. **Reservations must be paid in full 30 days prior to show date.** \*Call for information on children/youth ticket prices.

**ALL INCLUSIVE TICKETS** will save you \$5 per ticket and includes Promise Show Ticket, Brown Bag Dinner, and Backstage Tour for one low price!

- **Brown Bag Dinners** are available for \$10.00 each and need to be reserved ahead of time with your ticket reservation. Dinners include BBQ sandwich, chips, drink, and a cookie. Tables are located outside for dining.
- **Backstage Tours** are available before the show for \$5.00 each



## TICKET INFORMATION

### Orchestra

Adults - \$48  
 Students Ages 12-18 - \$31  
 Children under 12 - \$22  
 Military/Senior - \$43

### Reserved

Adults - \$45  
 Students Ages 12-18 - \$28  
 Children under 12 - \$20  
 Military/Senior - \$40

### Mezzanine

Adults - \$35  
 Students Ages 12-18 - \$18  
 Children under 12 - \$15  
 Military/Senior - \$30

### General Admission

Adults - \$32  
 Students Ages 12-18 - \$16  
 Children under 12 - \$13  
 Military/Senior - \$27

## • TEXAS AMPHITHEATRE INFORMATION

Seats are fold down plastic stadium type that are staggered for optimal viewing of the stage. The Promise is outdoors so please dress according to the weather forecast or call in advance to check our weather. Gates open at 6:30 pm, Backstage Tour begins at 6:45 pm, Pre-show begins at 7:15 pm, Prologue begins at 7:45 pm, and THE PROMISE begins promptly at 8:00 pm. We are equipped for handicapped seating, have parking and ramps to accommodate. We also have wide stairs with railing for easier access to seating.

## • BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

Tickets may be emailed to print at home, sent to phone app or held at will call at no cost. Tickets may be mailed for \$5.00 per order. Refund policy: All sales are final on tickets, meals or gift shop merchandise. Date changes can be arranged due to weather or emergencies. Please call within 7 business days of your scheduled performance to reschedule your group. If you have any questions or need promotional materials we will be glad to assist you to help you in the process of organizing your group just call us at 254-897-3926.

## • RAIN CHECKS

In the event that the performance is cancelled due to severe weather conditions, your tickets will become rain-checks. Please call the box office at 254-897-3926 to get re-scheduled for another performance. We make a great effort to perform THE PROMISE while keeping our guests in a comfortable and safe environment. In the event of light rain, we will keep the performance going. However, the performance may be delayed due to weather conditions. No decision about a show cancellation due to weather is made before 6:00 PM. If the performance is cancelled, please call our box office within 7 business days to reschedule your tickets for another performance.

## • RAIN CANCELLATION INSURANCE

You may also add weather cancellation insurance to your tickets for an additional charge of \$3 per ticket. Weather insurance allows you to receive a refund should the performance be cancelled due to bad weather conditions. Rain cancellation insurance must be purchased at the time of initial ticket purchase. If the performance is cancelled, you must call our box office within 7 business days to receive your ticket refund.

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