



# NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CAMPERS, INC

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## **Camping with Christ Oakdale RV Park Glen Rose, Texas October 7-10, 2021**

This page is normally reserved for our National President but as most of you all know by now he had a stroke and could not attend last year's rally. Marvin Sloan, we continue praying for you & your family. Blessings on you all.

### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY MESSAGE**

The current membership is 156 rigs. It has been a very different year with the cancelling of the National Rally and the "stay at home" order which most of us have trouble doing with a RV parked outside. Chapter 15 has turned in their charter with only 2 of the remaining members keeping their membership. I hope they do as the rest of us who are "Members at Large" do, hook up with other chapters and camp with them. Texas is having a "State Roundup" in October. Consider coming to Texas for a campout. More information will be coming. On a side note old Chapter 2 made an annual trip to UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin La. each September. This is one of the disaster relief depots. Connie and I are going, if you would like to go and volunteer at the Depot I can get you the information.

Harold Darling

### **1st Vice President's Message**

Wow, a lot has happened since the last newsletter. We were anticipating a fun rally in Florida, with side trips to visit friends and relatives. Then the plague hit. RV Parks and the world shut down. All the Florida chapter's hard work wiped out with call from our Rally campground. So with no election and installation of 2021 officers, we have developed a new way to do this. Please read article about elections. I was very grateful every time I announced a vacancy for a position, someone stepped up and said I can do that. Although we have been faced with many challenges, God has been there saying we can do this with my help, lean on me. I am so very grateful to all that have helped me this year and to Florida for all their hard work for what would have been a grand time. Hope all of you are taking care of yourselves and your families. I look forward to the time when we can all get together again. See ya down the road.

Blessed to serve, Elaine Jackson

Sympathy is expressed to  
the family and friends of:



Tommy Nanyes #1245 Chapter 21  
Died 3-17-2020  
Husband of Norma

## Proposed National Officers for 2021

President: Elaine B. Jackson  
1st Vice President: Tom Shouse  
2nd Vice President: Dixie Hines  
Recording Secretary: Betty Jones  
National Treasurer: Jim Westphal  
National Coordinator: Terry Hines  
Publicity Secretary: Sandy Shouse  
Membership Secretary: Harold Darling  
National Historian: Crystal Jackson  
Storekeeper: Carolyn Carter  
Chaplain: Rev. Steve Rowe

### Directors

2021 Louise Williamson  
2022 John Potter  
2023 Bryant Carter

## ARTICLE EIGHT

### Elections

Section 1: The Nominating Committee shall consist of the First Vice President and four individual members appointed by First Vice President. The names of the members of the Nominating Committee shall be published in the Newsletter preceding the National Rally with the request that Local Chapters or members submit suggestions for nominations to them.

Additional nominees **must agree to submit their name** for the ballot to Betty Jones by **July 1, 15**. Betty Jones will then make a new ballot and send to Terry Hines who will then distribute to all chapter presidents.

**All Chapter Presidents** will be responsible for collecting their chapter votes and submitting the results to Betty Jones ([bettyjones1323@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyjones1323@yahoo.com)) by **August 15**. Betty Jones will notify the Executive committee and the results published in the September newsletter.

Harold Darling will be collection point for At-Large members.

## National Coordinator

Greetings from a confined, frustrated camper. Some days I want to go out and sit inside of/ beside my rig just to think of the good old days. I reported in the May Newsletter that I was considering doing away with the current NUMC website and going to a Facebook format. I have dropped that idea. The link to NUMC photos I inserted on the current web page is working fine - try it. Send photos to me if you have some that you would like to share on the NUMC photo pages. Hope to be back on the road soon - honk if we cross paths.

Terry Hines

## Publicity Secretary Comments

***Next newsletter deadline is August 15.***

Well folks, here we are with a different set of circumstances for voting in officers for the coming year. Please take note of page 2 and read instructions carefully. Your vote is very important and must be timely for all this to work together.

I realize many of you haven't been able to camp yet this year and have no news, hopefully no deaths to report. However, as soon as you have some news please send it to me for the next newsletter by the above date.

Sandra Shouse

## Sheltered In The Arms Of God

Writers: Dottie **Rambo**, Jimmie Davis

Verse

I feel the touch of hands so kind and tender they're leading me in paths that I must trod.

I have no fear when Jesus walks beside me for I'm sheltered in the arms of God.

**Chorus:** So let the storms rage high, the dark clouds rise they won't bother me for I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God. He walks with me and naught of earth shall harm me for I'm sheltered in the arms of God.

## National Chaplain

Freedom, fear, & depression. That sums up what a lot of people are talking about these days of a Pandemic.

First, we just celebrated Memorial Day honoring those who gave their lives for freedom. How blessed we have been all these years not to be told when & where we can go in this country. We now know what people living in foreign countries live with, limited freedom or no freedom. We don't like it, some even protesting the loss of freedom to go and gather together. With Jesus you are always free, never forget that, no matter what you are going through.

Second, many are fearful, living in fear they will become sick with the virus. Many secluded for the last 3 months, literally fearful. [John 14:27](#) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. [Psalms 23:4](#) Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [Psalms 27:1](#) The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? HE is with us all the time, we just have to trust.

Third, is depression many people are going thru. We are a people who need people. Babies do not thrive without love and physical touching. Being told to stay home away from family and friends is very hard on many of us. Nursing homes are closed to loved ones who desperately need that interaction. So how do we negotiate these times without losing our freedom, being fearful and depressed?

[Isaiah 41:10](#) Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. [Matthew 11:28](#) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [Philippians 4:6-7](#) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The answers come out of the Bible. These are only some of the answers among many in the "roadmap of life", The BIBLE.

I'm praying if you have fear and/or depression you will find peace in God's Word. May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace & comfort.

### West MO 3 Missouri

West MO 3 members are anxious to be able to camp together after a long winter, and then the State Parks being closed due to the Governor's orders. On May 15, we were able to get together for a picnic. It was great to see each other and talk about our 1<sup>st</sup> campout coming up in June. We are camping in Branson, MO at Treasure Lake Resort on June 4-7<sup>th</sup>.

Due to our April and May campouts being canceled, we have changed our camping schedule a little. Our July 9-12 campout will be at Watkins Mill State Park, near Kearney MO. The park is well known for its woolen mill and for being within a few miles of Jesse James's birthplace as well as his gravesite. August 6-9 we will be at Camp Farwesta outside Stewartsville, MO, and September 10-13 we will again be in Branson at Treasure Lake Resort. October we have changed our location to Wallace State Park near Cameron, MO for our October 8-11 campout. If any of you have plans to be in MO during any of our camping dates, please feel free to come join us. Just contact me for details.

Editor, Laurie Dunlap

### Chapter 10 Ozark MO

Well, what a year so far. Came home from Texas and had to literally stay home!! Stores, restaurants, & non essential deemed stores closed. Masks, self quarantined, work from home, all kinds of new stuff to do during this Pandemic. That also meant no rally this year and boy were we looking forward to going. Had other travel plans after leaving the rally. All for naught this year.

What's really sad is Florida did all that work for the last 2 years with no payoff for anyone. Thank you for all the work you did anyway!

So many haven't camped yet because campgrounds aren't open. How fortunate we are. We have a very good campground, small, secluded and mostly senior groups that didn't close. So we camped in April & May. What a joy it was to go someplace beside the grocery store and home. June & September we camp with West MO to start getting our ducks in a row for the 2022 Missouri Rally. Without the help of West MO this rally wouldn't even get off the launch pad.

Wishing everyone God's blessings during this whole year and stay safe.

Sandra Shouse, Secretary Ozark 10

MAY FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE

KEEP AMERICA STRONG

ONE NATION.....UNDER GOD

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day



### **Chapter 13 Kymeth Kampers KY**

Looks like things are going well for June 12 at Axtell! The campgrounds are supposed to open on June 11<sup>th</sup>. At least that's what I understand. I can't wait. It seems like it has been forever since we saw everyone.

Hope everybody is doing well. Still being safe at home!

### **Chapter 16 TX Sojourners**

We have been unable to camp since the shelter in place went into effect. We've kept up with each other thru FB, text messages and calling. We are looking forward to our Christmas in July gathering in Hillsboro at El Conquistador if we are permitted.

Crystal Jackson, newsletter editor.

### **Chapter 21 Trinity Travelers TX**

Like everyone else, our chapter has been on hiatus since Covid-19 traveled to our country and abruptly brought a pandemic in its wake. March, April, and May campouts were cancelled, but June promises a welcome resumption of our schedule.

In the meantime, our members have kept in digital communication, thanks to our Monday check-ins instigated by Dale and Allen McClure. Yea!

Weekly reports boasted of time for lots (and lots more) spring cleaning of houses and RVs. Some members discovered curbside shopping. Simple. Just place the grocery order online, select the pickup time, and arrive to have HEB or Walmart associates bring the groceries to the car after texting one's arrival to the store.

Some of our members volunteered to help with food drives or to sew masks for healthcare workers. It wasn't hard to find worthwhile activities to keep us busy. Cedar Creek Methodist leapt to fill spiritual needs by offering weekly services via Zoom.

Looking forward to more good campouts in the upcoming months!

### **Chapter 19 Hill country Roadrunners (TX)**

The only good thing that has happened lately, with all the cancellations, isolation and stress, is I realized I won a 2020 Shirt from Florida as a door prize in Maine. I GOT THE SHIRT!! That makes me feel really good. I didn't get to see everybody, enjoy the entertainment, visit and hear about everyone's travels, but I GOT THE SHIRT! Seems silly but to me it's important.

Chapter 19 is doing fine. We are all safe even if somewhat lonely. We are planning to get together at the end of the month for a campout. We are all ready to get out and about if only at the campground with no shopping excursions or restaurant partaking. It will be enough to be together.

I want to share the words to a song that is speaking to me right now. Read them as a prayer and let them speak to you and through you.

"He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught.

What e'er I do, where e'er I be, Still tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom

By waters still, o'er troubled sea, Still tis His hand that leadeth me!

And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the victory's won,

Even death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me."

Obviously today finds me in a blue mood, but the sun's shining outside, my family is doing well and GOD IS STILL IN CHARGE!

Trish Rowe, Newsletter Editor

### **FUTURE DATES**

**2021 Texas**

**2022 Missouri**

**2023 TBA**



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