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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 24, 2015

AUGUST CAMPOUT

The August campout was held at The Gathering Place, Repton, Alabama, 13 - 15 August, and was hosted by Bob and Robbie Reid. There were six memberships present and one visitor. Our guests for this campout were Wilson and Joyce DePriest. The Reids, Kemps, DePriests, and Ralph Jefferson traveled down on Wednesday; the Spencers and Carolyn & Thursa arrived on Thursday. Regretfully, on the way to the campout, Jack and Deanna Finn experienced brake problems with their truck and were unable to continue traveling south to the campout. The arrivals on Wednesday were treated by the hosts to Birthday Cake for Robbie. The hosts also provided delicious treats during the entire campout, including pastries, muffins, and coffee on Thursday and Friday mornings. On Thursday evening, we traveled to Monroeville, Alabama, to a great Mexican Restaurant, Rancho Grande, recommended by Carol and Jimmy, who drove and led the way. They also usually join us for games and for our cover-dish dinners--providing food, of course. Carol and Jimmy make us feel like family and always share whatever vegetables and/or fruit that are ripe--this time, delicious pears. We so much appreciate their hospitality and generosity. Then on Friday morning we performed our Good Sam National Clean Up Day responsibility by picking up trash on Ryals Road. Later on Friday morning, we played several games of Card Bingo with the Reid's providing interesting and useful gifts for all winners--most were multiple winners. During the weekend, we also played Skip-Bo and Mexican Train Dominoes. There was consensus that the temperatures were too high to play outdoor games. The Friday night covered dish dinner was delicious, as always, and we decided one of our best! For this dinner, Carol Ryals provided a delicious Sweet Potato Casserole and we all asked for the recipe. Also, Joyce DePriest's Apple Dumplings were a big hit, as was Waldo's delicious Peanut Butter Pie, and those recipes were also shared.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS:

1. We learned that Thursa Brown recently suffered severe dehydration. She has recovered and is doing well, other than dealing with continuing back pain.
2. Betty Spencer is on a waiting list to have her right knee replaced--regretfully a 4-6 month wait.
3. Carolyn Gibbs stated that her son-in-law, Mike Anderson, is continuing to recover at home and thanked everyone for their prayers.

REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1/ Ladies will change to wear of Navy pants on 1 September for the winter months.
2. The Hands of Christ Ministry is again asking for good, used clothing and other items for needy families. If you wish to contribute, the following listed items are most needed; please bring to the September campout and Ed Rutledge will deliver and provide receipts, if requested:
FOR WOMEN, GIRLS: Coats, Blouses, Dresses, Hats, Pajamas, Pants, Pant Suits, Purses, Raincoats, Shoes, Skirts, Suits, Sweaters, and Underwear.
FOR MEN, BOYS: Jackets, Pajamas, Pants, Raincoats, Shirts, Shoes, Socks, Sport Coats, Suits, Sweaters, Ties, Topcoats, T-Shirts, and Underwear Shorts,

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(3) This evening, received an email from Roy Galloway providing additional information on the Area Campout, 5 - 11 October, which will be forwarded to you. Schedule highlights:
Wed, 7 Oct, evening: Meet, Greet & Nibble (take finger food)
Thurs, 8 Oct, 11:30: Hot Dog Lunch. Later a Crazy Hat Contest (create your own hat).
Fri, 9 Oct, afternoon: Play Card Bingo. Later, Chili Cook-off (enter your chili to win).
Sat, 10 Oct, 12:00 Noon: Pot Luck Meal (take a dish).
Coffee served each morning at 6:30 in Home Depot Bldg, and also donuts starting Friday.

SEPTEMBER CAMPOUT: Will be held September 10-12, 2015, at Spring Villa Park and Campground, 1474 Lee Road 148, Opelika, AL 36804; Phone (334) 787-0647; hosted by Carolyn Gibbs. Reservations have been made for 12 - 15 spaces and the total cost per night is \$15.00 (paid at the campout by cash or personal check payable to Spring Villa Park--Carolyn will collect). **No credit cards.** Just drive in and pick a parking space. The kitchen contains a range, microwave, and refrigerator. For planning purposes, if you arrive on Wednesday, the host will provide a salad supper; the meal out will be Thursday (noon or evening); and the covered-dish dinner will be Friday evening, prior to the business meeting. If you are not planning to attend the campout; if you are bringing visitors; or if you are an invited guest, please let Carolyn know at least three days prior to the campout. Her telephone number is (334) 277-7459 or (334) 318-2466c, and email address is: gibbs@knology.net.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

- From Montgomery, take I-85 North towards Atlanta.
- Drive for 49.6 miles (Distance from Exit 11);
- Take Exit Number 60 on your RIGHT towards AL-51/Opelika. Turn LEFT on AL Hwy 51.
- .Drive past Raceway and Hardee's. Go under concrete train trestle and go through traffic light at top of hill.
- At about 100 yards past traffic light, turn LEFT onto Lee County Road 169.
- Drive for 3.3 miles (personally measured by Jeff). Turn LEFT onto Lee County Road 148.
- Drive for 1.5 miles. Turn RIGHT into Spring Villa Park and Campground.

If you are driving South on I-85 from east Alabama, the direction are the same after you take Exit Number 60.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Aug 07 Robbie Reid
 Aug 25 Emily Rutledge

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

None

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

Sep 25 Thursa Brown

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None

2015 WAGON MASTERS/HOSTS:

Sept. 10 - 12	Gibbs	Spring Villa RV Park, Opelika, AL
Oct. 05 - 11	No-host	Alabama Area Campout, Muscle Shoals, AL
Nov12 - 14	Brown	Owassa RV Park, Evergreen, AL
Dec 03	Christmas Luncheon	Arrowhead Country Club, Montgomery, AL

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