



Illinois Campers On Mission

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President's Letter—

Hi to all of the COM family!

We had a great dinner at Farina First Baptist. We want to say thanks to Catherine, James and Deb's Catering.

I believe everyone had a great time, good fellowship and enjoyed singing some Christmas songs.

I know it is going to be a busy couple of weeks leading up to Christmas for most of us so lets remember the birth of Jesus Christ as our focus.

We are at the end of the year so let's give thanks for the birth of Christ, for the work God has allowed us to do for others this year and for the friendship and fellowship we have with each other.

Bible verse

Luke 2:10-11

And the angel said unto them, Fear not for behold. I bring you good tiding of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior which is Christ the Lord.

Have a great Christmas and Happy New year!

Yours truly,
Fredrick Riley



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27	Karen	Watson
29	Sky	Diercks
29	Ella	Diercks
30	Ronnie	Donoho
31	Marianne	Collins



Chaplain's Chatter—

As we flip the calendar to a new year, we come face to face with the fact that our days on earth are numbered. As the psalmist wrote, "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

No thoughtful person can approach New Year's Day without some introspection. We are reminded of the brevity of time. We also look back over our failures, mistakes, and missed opportunities, and vow that we will make better use of our time during the coming year.

We should take time to be pleasant, to smile, to extend the small courtesies we often omit – to show love to our family. Psychiatrists tell us that most people are starved for love. Take time for the goodbye kiss; we shall go to work with a sweeter spirit.

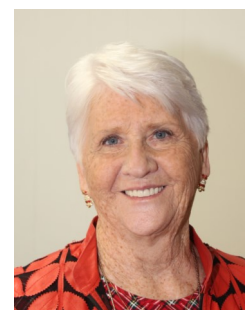
Let us take time to get acquainted with our families. We are not machines. We are not robots. The secret of a happy home is that members of the family learn to give and receive love. Let us take time to express our love in a thousand ways.

"...forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead." Philippians 3:13 (TLB)

Prayer

As I begin a new year, Lord Jesus, I pray that my walk through the days ahead will be filled with Your love for others, a love that does not count the cost.

Taken from the Billy Graham, Devotional for a new year.



2024 Tentative Schedule

Feb 23 & 24	February Fling Planning Meeting, Lake Sallateeska, Pinckneyville
April 21—27	Lake Sallateeska Work Project, Pinckneyville Spring Rally & auction (April 26 & 27)
May 13—17	Streator Baptist Camp, Streator, IL
June 3-7	COM National Rally, Elkhart, IN
July TBD	Morningstar Mission, Joliet, IL
Aug. 18—23	Baptist Children’s Home, Carmi, IL
Sept. 15—20	New Hope BC, South Pekin, 114 2nd St., Pekin
Oct. 21-25	Fall Rally, Lake Sallateeska, Pinckneyville

Additional Dates at The Great Passion Play (See Don Kragness for info)

March 13—29	opening up the set, cleaning from winter, doing repairs
Oct. 21—Nov. 2	closing up the set, putting things away, doing repairs
Jan. 2025	traveling to Piney Woods Camp, Texas

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Pray for the lost, for our families, for our nation and the upcoming election for President in 2024, for renewal of our hearts to continue on serving others, for the health of many of our COM members, for the Lord to bring more new members to help us carry the load of requests and needs, for our Pastors as they lead our flock, for our children and grandchildren as they face struggles everyday and need God’s guidance and for the days to come.



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Front row: Dick & Karen Mowers

2nd row: Catherine & James Rentfrow, Gary & Karen Watson, Kay & Randy McClellan

3rd row: JoAnn, Sky, Ella, Eve, Jim and Marilyn Diercks, Judy & James Barnes

4th row: Richard & Anita Evans, Fred & Paula Riley, Lois & Emil Nattier

5th row: Sonny & Sondra McKenzie, Debbie & Terry Odum, Bryan & Terri Keller

6th row: Jerry & Margaret McDowell, Leroy & Irma Burnett, Doug & Suzy Kingsbury

back row: John & Francie Lindeman, Logan Diercks, Andy & Marilyn Thomson