



February 2025

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Illinois Campers On Mission

President's Letter—

Good morning COM family,

The winter months have brought lots of individual projects for all of us. Some have worked at Salem, some at Streator Baptist Camp, some at the Great Passion Play, some at Texas, many of you at AWANA clubs, lots of the ladies have been sewing and embroidering quilt squares, some have served at the Christmas Shoe Box sorting centers, lots of DR guys out attending to the ice/tree mess brought by the big ice and snow storm, others are busy serving in their churches every Sunday leading Bible studies or teaching Sunday School, singing in choir, running computer and sound for worship, others are leading women's mission groups or serving meals or seeing to the needs of others—there are so many ways we all serve outside of COM. Thank you for what you do. May you be blessed for your work.

As you should have heard by now, due to a scheduling conflict, our **February Fling will now be held on March 14 & 15 at Lake Sallateeska.**

Please plan to be there if possible so that we can work together on the coming projects for the year and just have some time together. I don't know about you, but I have missed everyone.

Please get your praise reports in and see you soon.

Fred



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2005 Tentative Schedule

March 14 & 15**Winter Fling, Lake Sallateeska**

March 30 – April 19

The Great Passion Play (see Don & Jan)

April 21 – 25

Lake Sallateeska & Spring Business meeting & Auction

*Easter is April 20 so we will come in on Monday

May 18 – 23

Streator Baptist Camp

June 3-5, 2025

National Rally, Aiken, South Carolina

July 20 – 25

MorningStar Mission, Joliet

August 17 – 22

Baptist Children's Home at Carmi

September 14-19

SICC, Makanda, IL & Fall Business Meeting

September 20

Baptist Children's Home Fall Fest

October 4

IL COM 50th Anniversary Celebration, IBSA Building,
Springfield—11 am gathering reception, noon lunch, 1 pm program

Dec. 6

Christmas Luncheon, Farina FBC

A letter received from a long time member:

Dear IL COM,

I am writing this letter to let you know that my wife, Kim, passed away. I also want to thank you for all the invitations to all of the events over the past years. I appreciate you remembering me.

Thanks so much,

James (Bob) Sparks

Enfield, IL

Thank you, Bob, for the kind letter and we are glad to include you in what we are doing. IL COM is blessed to be able to continue to serve God in many different ways and keep in touch with former active COM members.

Faith Focus— A friend's husband had just undergone stomach surgery. When I asked her about his recovery process, she said "The doctors closed up some of the wounds, but they left others alone because they wanted them to heal from the inside.

Sometimes we long for quick fixes, but the Lord seems to say no to our requests for closure. He tenderly and lovingly invites us to seek him as our helper.

God is the only one capable of fulfilling this verse: Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. Jer. 17:14

We may not require physical surgery, our hearts can shatter and need intensive care. God lovingly stitches some of our wounds shut with help from family and friends, but he wisely leaves some places in our hearts open so he can heal us through the work he does within.

Jesus, I praise you as my Healer. You take my broken heart and stitch it back together. But you also want to heal some places from the inside out. I trust you, Lord, to heal me as you see fit. May I grow stronger as I seek you alone for my healing. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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GALATIANS 2:20

1 JOHN 4:7

1 JOHN 4:19

1 JOHN 4:9-10

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

PSALM 86:5

ROMANS 5:8

EPHESIANS 2:4-5

MATTHEW 5:44

ROMANS 8:39

JOHN 15:12

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8

ROMANS 5:3-5

PROVERBS 10:12

ROMANS 12:9-10

EPHESIANS 4:2

EPHESIANS 5:25-26

GALATIANS 5:13-14

PSALM 36:5-6

1 JOHN 3:16-18

SONG OF SONGS 8:6-7

PSALM 119:64

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

ISAIAH 54:10

ISAIAH 43:4

2 THESSALONIANS 3:5

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

ROMANS 8:35

EPHESIANS 4:15

REVELATION 3:19

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

1 JOHN 4:8

1 JOHN 4:16

JEREMIAH 31:3

JOHN 3:16

PSALM 86:15

DEUTERONOMY 7:9

1 PETER 4:8

JOHN 15:9

JOHN 15:10

JOHN 15:16-17

JOHN 15:13-14

JOHN 13:34-35

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

MICAH 6:8

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14

NEHEMIAH 9:17

GALATIANS 5:22-23

EPHESIANS 5:2

SONG OF SONGS 2:4

JOEL 2:13

1 PETER 1:22

1 PETER 2:17

PROVERBS 3:3-4

PSALM 143:8

PSALM 63:3

PROVERBS 21:21

COLOSSIANS 3:18-19

JUDE 1:2

LEVITICUS 19:17-18

1 JOHN 3:1

1 JOHN 4:11

1 JOHN 4:18

JEREMIAH 29:11

PSALM 36:7

PSALM 136:26

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

1 PETER 5:6-7

ROMANS 8:37

PSALM 40:11

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

JOHN 14:15

COLOSSIANS 3:14

PROVERBS 17:17

LUKE 6:35

PSALM 107:8-9

ROMANS 13:8

1 JOHN 2:9-10

ROMANS 13:9-10

PSALM 89:2

MATTHEW 22:37-39

JOSHUA 22:5

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12

PROVERBS 5:18-19

MARK 12:30

1 JOHN 4:20

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

MARK 12:31

PSALM 103:8

February is a month where there is a lot of talk about love. As Christians, we cannot comprehend a love so great as the love of God who sent His only Son to die for us in our place for our sins.

May we follow His example and love one another as He has loved us. May our hearts be pure and holy and desiring only what He wants for us.



**90 BIBLE VERSES
ABOUT GOD'S LOVE**

February

A few reminders * * * * *

1. Have you sent in your 1975 photo yet for the celebration?
2. Have you completed and returned your 2024 Praise report to Fred?
3. Have you marked the 2025 COM project dates on your calendar?
4. Have you started gathering items for the Auction in April to help offset IL COM expenses during the year?
5. Have you prayed about someone you know who might be interested in working with COM and invited them to come join us?
6. Have you sent in your registration for the 2025 National COM Rally? (see page 8)



3	Susan	Mills
10	Andy &	Marilyn Thomson
11	Judy	Barnes
12	Sara	Hunley
13	Denise	Golden
14	Marilyn	Diercks
29	Dick	Mowers



MARK YOUR CALENDARS -

The 50th Anniversary celebration for Illinois COM will be held on **Saturday Oct. 4, 2025**. There will a luncheon, program, speakers, music, a slide show of past projects and more!

The event will be held at the IBSA building in Springfield. Please make plans to come.



Thanks to the guys who helped out at the Mission Salem project. Mission Salem works with wheel-chair ramps building and removing in their area. They are putting up a new building and needed some help hanging dry wall. Present: Fred Riley, Richard Evans, Terry Odum, Bryan Keller, Gary Watson, George Meese, Jim Diercks and Logan and James.



IL COM goes to Texas to help Pineywoods Camp. Don & Jan Kragness, Fred & Paula Riley, Richard & Anita Evans, Jim & Marilyn, James, Logan, Sky, JoAnne, Ella and Eve Diercks and George & Penny Meese. Good job and thanks for serving there helping to prepare the camp.





Renovations in the Lake View Center (Worship building) at Streator Baptist Camp. This will add more chairs and make a better area for worship bands and speakers for camps, meeting and retreats. Thanks Dick Mowers and Mike Robertson, Andy Muller and Ron Jett from IL DR. Painting will be finished this week.



Campers On Mission National Rally Registration Form
Western Carolina State Fairgrounds, Aiken, SC June 3-5, 2025

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____
Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Spouse Phone _____
Member of _____ State COM Chapter _____ Region _____ Email _____

Additional Guests Children _____ Ages _____ Adults _____ Names _____
Children ages 4-12 are welcome to join the great program planned just for them.

Emergency Contact Name _____ **Phone** _____

Registration Fee (per unit) \$40.00 **\$ 40.00** _____

Registration should be mailed prior to April 1, 2025

After April 1, 2025, register at the gate upon arrival.

Camping Space is limited, register early to secure a site. **Numerous hotels in the area.**

Camping Fee: \$40 per night 30 amp _____ nights @ \$40/night \$ _____
\$45 per night 50 amp _____ nights @ \$45/night \$ _____

Dates Arrival _____ Departure _____

RV Type: MH _____ Class C _____ TT _____ 5th wheel _____ RV length _____

Early arrivals welcome, add to nights above. To stay longer, contact Arthur Zawislak

President's Luncheon: President & Spouse Business Meeting/Luncheon

Circle one President VP Regional Rep Delegate
Moloney Building Wednesday, June 4, 2025 12 noon # @ \$18 per plate \$ _____

Evening Meal Tuesday – Thursday @ 5 pm \$18 per adult & \$9 per child

Tuesday # Adults _____ # Children _____ \$ _____

BBQ Pork and Fried Chicken

Wednesday # Adults _____ # Children _____ \$ _____

Meatloaf and Grilled Chicken Tenders

Thursday # Adults _____ # Children _____ \$ _____

Country Fried Steak and Fried Chicken

No refunds on meals after May 1, 2025

Rally T-Shirts \$18 each S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____
Total T-shirt cost \$ _____

No refunds on T-shirts No T-shirt purchase after April 15

TOTAL OF ALL FEES \$ _____

You will receive a confirmation receipt.

COM CHAPTERS: Table for display of information

If Table needed contact Arthur Zawislak

In case of illness or emergency, requests for refunds must be made to Arthur Zawislak no later than May 15.

QUESTIONS?: Arthur Zawislak, 803-645-5906 or arteryz@yahoo.com

MAIL registration form and money:

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