



Illinois Campers On Mission

July 2021

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President's Letter—John Lindeman

Praise the Lord! "Working With The Son In 2021" is now history. All of our planning and preparation came together flawlessly. Each of you went above and beyond to make the rally successful, enjoyable and spiritual. Each of the committees performed perfectly. I want to thank you all for your spirit in making the rally happen. We have had so many compliments on what a great job Illinois COM did in presenting the 2021 rally. The fairground people said we were welcome back anytime. God was good to us in everyway because we honored Him and sought Him throughout the process of planning and conducting the rally. Thank you all so much!



Our July project planning is coming together. We will be working at the IBSA mission house in Urbana, Illinois July 18-23. We will be camping at the Church of the Cross in Mahomet, Illinois. Details of this project are found on page 3 of this newsletter. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

Psalm 40:4-5

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

God bless you

John and Francie

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2021 IL COM Schedule

Tentative 2021 Schedule ****

(all locations are tentative pending restrictions & availability)

July 18—23	TBD	
August 15—20	Baptist Children’s Home	Carmi, IL
September 19—24	Streator Baptist Camp	Streator, IL
October 10—14	Fall Rally	Lake Sallateeska
December 4	Christmas Luncheon	Farina, IL

Praise God. . .

For taking care of camper and motorhome problems that came up during travel
 For preventing Karen Watson’s hand from sustaining any breaks in her accident with the door
 For a sweet attitude among workers and attendees—- no matter the heat, rain, fatigue, etc.
 For the people willing to be flexible when changes came up or adjustments had to be made
 For a gracious caterer and her team to handle all of our last minute additional meals and prepare delicious and ample meals each night
 For a flexible concession crew who adjusted easily and professionally to big, appreciative crowds of people grateful for the wonderful meals

Calendar of Birthdays and Anniversaries— July

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|--------------|----------|----------|
| 2 Kim | Watson | |
| 25 Jim | Barnes | |
| 13 Philip | Hall | |
| 15 Francie | Lindeman | |
| 16 Mike | Wendi | Young |
| 18 Bev | Laechelt | |
| 18 Bryan | Keller | |
| 18 Sonny | Sondra | McKenzie |
| 21 Bill | Martin | |
| 24 Stephanie | Hall | |
| 28 Beth | Harding | |
| 29 Cliff | Waller | |
| 29 Gary | Watson | |
| 31 Dan | Denise | Golden |



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News Notes and Information

July Work Week Information

July 18—23

Parking Location: Church of the Cross, Mahomet, IL Address: 2904 Rolling Hills Dr., Mahomet, IL 61853

Working Location: IBSA Mission House, 1008 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana, Illinois

Job Specifics: We will be renovating a basement area for student housing. We will have to clean out the unit first and then build walls, painting, dry wall, install appliances, etc.

Meals: breakfast on your own, COM will furnish brown bag lunch, COM will furnish evening meal
Bring snacks that do not need to be refrigerated and are individually wrapped. Bring water, Gatorade, bottled ice tea, pop or whatever you would like to drink at the site. We will have ice & ice chests to keep things cold.

National Rally Statistics—Final Counts

231 people attended for at least part of the week

183 COM members and children

48 speakers, musicians, DR workers, entertainers, IBSA representatives

78 camping units on the grounds

16 units in local hotel, driving from home or stayed with someone else

632 people attended seminars during the 3 days of the rally.

Served about **500 meals** at the concession stand

Served about **500 meals** at catered evening dinners

Had **14 children** in the childcare area

1 child accepted Jesus during childcare/Good News Club activities

3 special singing groups: The Red Letter Quartet, The Clarks and The Redemptions

Devotional Speakers: Nate Adams, Brad Lovin, Tim Lewis, Eddie Pullen and Michael Nave

Inspirational presentation by Steve Hamson and Waves of Glory

Chaplain's corner by Francie Lindeman

Hallelujah the rally is over, but boy was I blessed and had fun. Thank you girls and guys for the awesome help you gave me. I was so blessed – you are all so precious!

John said he did a years' worth of smiling in one week. I could feel God's strength every day of the rally. His presence was welcomed because we had covered the rally in prayer from the beginning. So He blessed mightily. Our guests even commented on that.

Rest up and enjoy the break; hope to see you next month. It's going to be different and we are going to need to be flexible. John will fill you in soon.

Donna, the caterer, said three things came out of her being there: a) She needed to be back in church. She enjoyed the fellowship. b) Her niece that helped her needed to get into church. She was blessed being there. c) She thanked us for the opportunity.

Ephesians 5: 1-2 Follow God's example therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love.

Francie

**Thank you**

Speakers: *Nate Adams, Brad Lovin, Eddie Pullen, Tim Lewis and Michael Nave*

Musicians: *James Kragness, Paul McCormick, Jason Henry, Pennie Nelson*

Musical Entertainment: *The Clarks, The Redemptions, The Red Letter Quartet*

Horse troupe: *Steve Hamson, Waves of Glory*

Seminar Speakers: *Andy Smith, Arnold Ramage, John & Curt Oetjen, Dennis Felix, Elliot Johnson, Glenn & Eileen Ansley, Tim & Gayle Jones, Irma Burnett & Sondra McKenzie, Cindy Minard & Anita Evans, Jeanette Cloyd, Steve Livengood, Jerry McGovern, Jill McNicol, Josh Hunley, Libby Morecraft, Eddie Pullen, Paula Joy, Pennie Nelson, Sylvan Knobloch, Wintford Haynes, Flinn & Ikey Gregory*

Prayer Walk Leader: *Martha Haynes*

Team Leaders: *John Lindeman, Don Kragness, Emil & Lois Nattier, Jan Kragness, Dick Mowers, Bryan Keller, Gary Watson, Dan Golden, Terri Keller, Denise Golden, Leroy Burnett, Francie Lindeman, Alberta Woodside, Debbie Shelton, Sondra McKenzie, Irma Burnett, Debbie Whyers, Karen Mowers*

Transportation drivers: *Terry Odum, Missy Kragness, George Meese, Chet Whyers*

Sound techs: *Dick Mowers, Rick Mott, John Goldermann*

Management team at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds

IBSA support personnel and leadership for all they did to support the rally

Campers On Mission National Rally 2021 Workers = 67

Illinois = 42

Barnes, Jim & Judy
Burnett, Leroy & Irma
Evans, Richard & Anita
Golden, Dan & Denise
Hunley, Josh
Keller, Bryan & Terri
Kragness, Don & Jan
Kuh, Sarah
Lindeman, John & Francie
McKenzie, Sonny & Sondra
Meese, George & Penny
Mills, Harold & Susan
Mowers, Dick & Karen
Muller, Andy & Debbie
Nattier, Emil & Lois
Rentfrow, James & Catherine
Riley, Fred & Paula
Riley, Linda
Shelton, Paul & Debbie
Thomson, Andy & Marilyn
Watson, Gary & Karen
Whyers, Chet & Debbie
Woodside, Alberta

Indiana = 2

Miller, Jerry & Barbara

Michigan = 1

Truesdail, Cindy

Iowa = 4

Golderman, John & Glenna
Mott, Rick & Sarah

Others = 18

Bogard, Walter & Cindy
Stewart, Thurman & Carol
Robertson, Debbie
Good News Club—5 people
Kragness, James & Melissa
Odum, Terry & wife
Henry, Jason
McCormick, Paul
Culver, Tim
Nelson, Pennie





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Rally
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Photos**



