RED RIVER AWAKENINGS

#33 (August 2024)

Site of the 2nd Great Awakening in Logan County, Ky Website: www.rrmh.org

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Annual Dinner Meeting on the Grounds-Sept 8, 2024 begins at 1:00. A service will follow at 2:00 with Glenda Orme Clark of Goodlettsville, TN as guest speaker. Bring your favorite dish. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Fall Rendezvous and Campmeeting-Oct 11-13, 2024. This is a living history event representing the time period of the great revival of 1800. See our website for more details under the Events page.

Christmas Candlelight Service-December 1, 2024 4:00 p.m. CST (following the Schochoh Christmas parade that begins at 2:00 p.m). Robert Operia will be the speaker.

Spring Encampment 2025 - to be announced.

Non-Denominational Devotional services are on the first Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m. CST (except December)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

- *J.D. Shelton gave his testimony. It was wonderful to hear how God has worked in his life over the years.
- *A report was given about a lady from Colorado, Kristi was here in 2021 and picked up walnut shells to give children at rodeo Bible camp. She ran out of shells and asked us to send more. She said its an object lesson because the inside of the shell looks like a heart. She wanted the shells to be from RRMH due to it being such a blessed by God place. She said her visit here was a life changing spiritual experience.
- *Jim Brooks was invited by the First Nation people who visited RRMH last fall to a conference in Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada. At their request our monthly group anointed and prayed over a sheet which was cut up and used as prayer cloths in Winnepeg. There is revival happening in Canada. Let us pray that it continues.
- *James Talbot spoke about waiting on God. The service was under the trees and we greatly enjoyed his sermon. James and Shamirah were married in May. It was a beautiful ceremony with Ugandan and American traditions.
- **HOW TO GIVE:** RRMH is a 501(c)3 so your contributions are tax deductible. We accept personal checks made out to "Red River Meetinghouse and Cemetery" or you can use Paypal on our website. Thank you for your past contributions and generous support.
- We have recently purged some names and addresses due to the high cost of mailing. We have received many donations and notices of people who want to move from mailing to the email list which we greatly appreciate. Please let us know if you have a change of address or email. The newsletter will also be posted on our website.

If you would like to use the grounds, please see our website under the Reservations page.

BOOKS FOR SALE: Melanie Meadow's historical fictions The Waking Up and They Roared Like Lions. Dreama Ruley's Camping Memories. Glenda Orme Clark's A Table in the Frontier: Pioneers, Protestants & the Presence of God: Amazing Events and Astonishing First-Hand Accounts of the Second Great Awakening in Kentucky and Tennessee. All of these books can be ordered through Amazon. If you are in the area, you can buy these books at The Grapevine in Adairville, KY.

<u>CLEAN UP DAY was MARCH 16, 2024,</u> It's the little things in life that make a big difference. Kowboy Leach and his friend, Kristina installed a wheel on our drive thru gate and what a huge difference it makes in the ease of opening and closing the gate.

The weather was absolutely perfect and all worked diligently. We even had a small group of women arrive that afternoon to fellowship, praise and sing in the meetinghouse as the workers finished their tasks. The Lord blessed us with 19 willing hands and we marveled at the work that was accomplished and relished in the beauty of our labors. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

An Alvaton homeschool group called Classical Conversations met with the Goves and Ruleys in March at RRMH. There were about 20 with most of the kids being under the age of 10. Teaching young ones requires plenty of visual aids and demonstrations, such as Steve's black powder gun and Laura's drop spindle. We appreciate the young showing interest in keeping RRMH alive.

Spring Camp in April was a refreshing time with old friends and new ones. We were blessed with eight Chinese teachers from local counties who camped with us and enjoyed the peace of RRMH. Susan Gore brought the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and CPC in America to visit. They had an all day trip to RRMH, Gasper River and Muddy River in Logan County led by Darlynn Moore. They also went to the South Union Shaker Village and Bowling Green, KY to visit more heritage sites of their faith. Their 4 day seminar and field trip was called "Visiting Our Roots."

An RV group from Old Capitol Church in Corydon, IN, and a youth group from a Franklin, KY church enjoyed the history lesson and demonstrations. A couple from Allen County was trying to find boxes for their beehives and stopped by on a whim. As we shared the history the wife was amazed that the bees had led them to us. God does work in mysterious ways. Our nightly church services were held under the trees and led by Robert Operia.

Lili Pan (a Chinese teacher) wrote: "...Camping was a wonderful time to spend with all of you. The good memories started with the beautiful view on the way to Red Meeting House. I enjoyed a lot of things driving along the road, the green plants, blue sky, and white clouds make the perfect background for my memories. The fireflies brighten our night, and I liked the way we made a circle and got to know each other...The highlight for Saturday was the beautiful costume and your wonderful historic activities introduction...All those wonderful memories will be with me for my lifetime and we're so

blessed to have all of you." Love Lilli Pan

Testimonials: Chris wrote: (paraphrased for space) My family visited in 2023 and were the only ones on the site. After some time my 6 and 7 year olds each took a moment to stand behind the pulpit and deliver a 'sermon'. It was fun and brought us many smiles and laughs. During this time, a man came in alone and sat near the front of the meetinghouse opposite from us. He listened to the kids and seemed to enjoy himself, but he evidently was troubled. Before we left I felt that I should sit with him. As we talked I learned that he is from my home town near St Louis, MO. I shared a word of encouragement and prayed over him. We were both blessed by the Father's kindness and divine encounter that He organized for us.

Marcia wrote: Our family was in Gatlinburg to celebrate our 45th anniversary. As we were heading home to Kansas we realized we were close to RRMH. We welcomed the spiritual ending to our celebration. We met two sweet ladies from TN and had a wonderful time of fellowship and worship with them. We prayed for the Lord of the harvest to bring the lushness we experienced in KY back to our drought ridden western Kansas land. We have been receiving rain every since!

Summer events included a 3 day revival in May; a wedding on July $4^{\rm th}$ weekend; various groups seeking God; and a Homemaker group called "The Sew Fun Quilters" met with the Goves and Ruleys for a history lesson in late July.

Family connections: Alysha Townsend has found through research that her husband is related to the Townsends, and she is a descendant of the Campbells buried in our cemetery. If you would like to connect with her, please contact her at alleytown@yahoo.com. Her testimonial is paraphrased as: ...while traveling with an intercessory group to witness the eclipse at the exact spot where the 2017 and 2024 eclipses made an X over the United States the Lord led me to begin researching my family tree. This led to the Filson Historical Society, Logan County Archives and the RRMH. "RRMH was such a beautiful, peaceful, wonderful place, I don't think any of us wanted to leave. We were astounded at how quiet it was outside the fence, but as we walked through the gate, we could hear the sounds of God's creation rejoicing over this special place. I have never heard the birds sing, the bugs buzz and the trees sway so joyfully and boisterously as they do around RRMH. Truly, the Holy Spirit dwells there-even the rocks cry out!"

Research: Genealogy records and papers concerning RRMH are being moved to the Logan County Archives in Russellville, KY. This is a slow process due to Darlynn Moore's large collection of 29 years and counting. RRMH could definitely use a caretakers home with museum, archives, and a library to greet visitors on site to learn of the history and to be able to conduct research for their family trees. We are working on replacing the Maulding's Station historical marker. If you have any information about the history or about the James

Maulding family, please contact us at redrivermeetinghouse@logantele.com.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For such a time as this.....As the annual meeting approaches, the 2^{nd} Sunday in September, and as president of the association, who would have thought 29 years have passed and I continue to serve in that capacity for such a time as this. God has continued to allow me to be here. In 1995, I honestly attended for the food, but God had a totally different reason for me to be there and then I said for such a time as this....I personally invite you to our annual meeting on September 8.

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