



*Camp Okefenokee is the place,
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To learn more of Jesus and of His salvation
Camp Okefenokee is the place!*

*I love to go to summer camp,
I love to go to summer camp;
Camp Okefenokee well it's okey-dokey
I love to go to summer camp!*

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Camp Okefenokee

Dear Camper,

We are so glad you have come to be a part of Camp Okefenokee this year. Let me encourage you as you enjoy the week.

Changes? I don't know about you, but with me it seems that physical and mental changes are taking place almost daily with a new ache or pain cropping up in a new spot. (Am I the only one?) How many times do we forget unless we write it down? Even then there is the inevitable question, "Now where did I put that piece of paper?!" In fact, we probably can relate to the man driving down the road, obviously lost, who told his wife that he was not too proud to stop and ask directions, but that he had just forgotten where they were going! However, change is reality as we age. (I like the word "mature" better.) We are commanded to redeem each season of life for God's glory (Ephesians 5:16).

Has *Camp Okefenokee* changed in recent years? Yes, in its facilities, in its creativity, in its variety of programs, in its unique activities, and in its scope of outreach. For these and other improvements we are in awe of our gracious God. Our prayer and admonition has been to "keep up with the current advancements but never compromise our Biblical stand."

The continued ministry benefit to numerous churches that bring campers during the summer months has been evident in changed lives, attitudes, godly future goals, spiritual habits, and many more areas. We believe it is essential that believers be constantly changing to be more and more "*conformed to the image of God's dear Son.*" That's the kind of change that is good for us all! Remember our motto,

Where Lives Are Changed

Our History

Camp Okefenokee was started by Pastor Earl Dorminey as a ministry of Ware Baptist Church in 1983. Currently, the camp operates under the authority of Way of the Cross Baptist Church in Brunswick, Georgia and Pastor Joey Chancey.



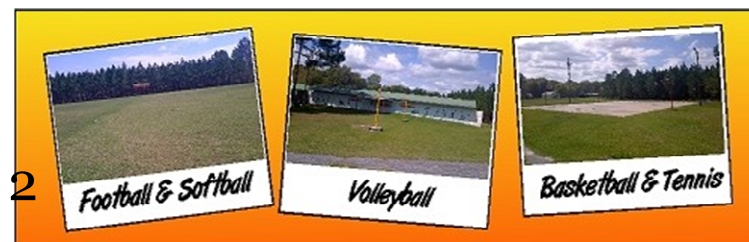
Camp Okefenokee is a non-profit organization that operates on the kingdom principles of faith. Churches, businesses, and individuals donate time, food, and money to help the camp run each year.

The camp has come a long way from its rustic beginnings when the "cabins" were hollowed out buses with screened windows and the "swimming pool" was a pond with a rope swing. Now campers enjoy air conditioning in the modern cabins, cafeteria, and chapel.

The old tabernacle has been converted to a canteen with snack and drinks. It stands as a constant reminder of the camp's humble beginnings. Guests can enjoy fishing and canoeing on the Suwannee Creek as well as a variety of other sports and activities at the camp. The food at Camp Okefenokee is unparalleled. Campers receive three square meals of great Southern style cooking during the week.

The greatest thing about Camp Okefenokee, however, is the lives that are changed every year. The camp motto "*where lives are changed*" says it all. This doesn't happen by accident but by careful design and purpose. The teaching and preaching of the word of God is the main theme at Camp Okefenokee.

In addition to three square meals, campers are treated to three daily services where the spirit is fed as the truth is boldly proclaimed. This spiritual emphasis with the working of the Holy Spirit has resulted in annual salvations and life changing decisions for Christ.



Things to Know

Arrival and Departure:

Campers should arrive at 2:00 on Monday.

Junior Camp will end Friday at noon.

Teen Camp will end following the evening service on Friday.

Accommodations:

Campers will stay in the designated boys and girls air conditioned cabins. Three meals per day are served for all campers. A canteen is open at designated times to purchase snacks and drinks.

Activities Available:

Horseshoes	Ping pong	Zip Line	Volleyball	Badminton
Frisbees	Dodge ball	Kickball	Football	Softball
	Swimming	Canoeing		

What You Will Need:

Bible, Sleeping Bag or Bedroll (A MUST), Swimsuit (No Bikinis). Cover Up to go over suit for girls, casual and dress clothes, spending money for canteen.

Do not bring:

Radios, paperbacks, mp3 players, tobacco or alcohol products.

Dress Code:

Girls - No halter tops, shorts, sundresses with spaghetti straps, jeans or slacks. Wear dresses, skirts & blouses or capris. Please make sure that all clothing is of a modest length (to the knee).

Guys - Long pants and shirts. Shorts to the knee. No tank tops.



Daily Activity Schedule

7:30	Rise & Shine
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Quiet Time
9:00	1st Morning Session
10:00	11:00 - Canteen Time
11:00	2nd Morning Session
12:00	Lunch
1:00-5:00	Team Competitions
1:00-3:00	Girls Swim Time!
3:00-5:00	Boys Swim Time!
5:30	Supper
7:00	Evening Service
8:30	Canteen Time
11:00	In Cabins
11:30	Lights Out

Daily Devotion—“A Decade of Missing My Dad”

by Pastor Dean V. Herring



Over ten years ago today I sat in a quiet bedroom and listened to the last earthly breaths of the greatest man I have ever known. I won't go into all of the details that made him larger than life, nor the exploits that our family still talks about at family get-togethers. Any man who is known by his grandchildren as “*The Legend*” must be one tough man, and that he was.

Pop was a humble and practical man. He did not possess the kind eloquence that allowed him to make a speech that would forever be etched in your memory. But the lessons I learned from him were not so much *taught*, as they were *caught*. His teaching wasn't as much with words as with actions. Here are a few things I learned from Pop.

1. ***Work Hard***: My dad was a railroad man who worked faithfully for the Seaboard Coastline Railroad for 41 years. Much of that time he was “on call”, and so many times he would receive calls in the middle of the night informing that a signal had gone out, or that a switch was jammed. Regardless of how inclement the weather, Pop would go out and fix the problem. The next morning he was up and off to work. When he retired, the railroad gave him a letter, a watch, and a pat on the back, but we kids learned our work ethic from him.

2. ***Play Hard***: Pop loved to jog, and was great at wood working, but his greatest passion, besides spending time with family, was fishing. When I say he loved to fish, you have no idea. He LOVED to fish...all of the time...every chance he got. Every year without fail, he would take us on vacation that was on the gulf-side of Florida, and we would play and he would fish. I am so glad that he was not one of those all-work-no-play Dads! He taught me that life has to have balance. That balance of work and fun has helped me order my priorities in regards to my family and my ministry.

3. ***Honesty***: One lesson my Dad impressed upon me was that if you borrowed something from someone, you returned it in the same or better condition than when you borrowed it. He dove off of the bridge at John's Pass to retrieve a bait bucket that he had borrowed from a friend. Probably would have been easier to buy the guy a new one, but Pop wanted to return *the one* he had borrowed. His word was as good as gold, and his handshake was his contract.

4. ***Family***: When I was a young boy, Pops name came up for promotion on several different occasions. Promotions meant advancement up the ladder with the railroad, and that in turn meant a pay raise. The problem was that you didn't advance by staying where you were – you had to relocate to where the opening was. Pop always turned them down, and the reason he did was because he didn't want to uproot his family. We were settled in our schools and had our friends in the neighborhood, and he thought that was worth more than a pay raise. Even as a kid, I was moved by his selflessness.

5. ***Contentment***: There is plenty of opportunity on a railroad salary for discontentment, but Pop was one of the most contented men I have ever known. In the 1990's he was still using a 1958 Evinrude 10hp motor. He finally bought an 18hp, and it was a 1963. Rather than fretting about what he didn't have, he squeezed every drop of enjoyment out of what he did. Before I was born, my parents owned a home on the bluff of the Wilmington River. Property there today sells for three million dollars...just the property. They had to sell it way back when for \$7,000. When Pop and I were fishing, we would ride by in my center console boat on the way to Wassaw Sound, and I would drool on the way by! Pop never looked back. He couldn't change the past, and he was content with what he had at the moment.

6. ***Grace***: When Pop was diagnosed with an incurable cancer, I was crushed. It was my first real run-in with mortality. The great man was seriously ill, and I don't think any one of us was prepared for that. Maybe we thought that he would live forever, and we were right, but just not in this life. The grace that this tough, rugged man showed during his last years was remarkable. He never complained. He bravely went forward. He became a man of grace, and in his final lesson to us all – he taught us how to die.

It's hard to believe that over a decade has gone by since my Dad crossed into his heavenly home, and I still miss him deeply. I am glad he didn't leave us guessing where he might be. When I was 17 years old, Pop trusted Christ as his personal Savior, and I know that he has spent this past decade in heaven with his Lord.

I am not half the man that my Dad was, but I am a better man because he was my Dad. The last words he ever said to me was that I had “*certainly been a wonderful son*”. He was proud of me, and that meant more to me than words could express. I miss Pop, but as sure as the magnolia's still bloom in Savannah, I will see him again one sweet day.

Daily Devotion—“Hope For Our Nation”

by Pastor Terry D. Sellars



We are a part of the greatest nation on the face of the earth. From the coast of California to the Coasts of Georgia you will find some of the most beautiful land that can be found anywhere in the world. Geographically we are in good shape, but spiritually speaking we have gone backward rather than forward. What can we do? Where is the hope for our nation?

It is in properly responding to this Bible verse—“ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chron. 7:14).

I. What We Are To Do

A. Humble Ourselves- The Bible says, “God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble” (1 Pet. 5:5). The truly humble person realizes where God has brought him or her from, and adjusts their attitude accordingly. Those who are not humble, live their lives in the realm of self and the domination of “me-ism.” The Bible says, “Pride cometh before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall”(Prov.16:18).

B. Pray- We go to God in dependence, asking Him to give us mercy from the judgment we deserve. If you read prior to 2 Chron. 7:14, the judgment of God was about to fall upon the people of Israel for their sins. America would be in worse shape than it is if there were not prayer warriors who can ring the bells of heaven and call down the help of God.

C. Seek My Face- The face indicates approval or disapproval. As a needy people, we should be so living our lives that we will have the approval of God upon our lives and our nation. If we seek the Lord He can be found (Isa.55:6).

D. Turn From Our Wicked Ways- We should turn from **our** wicked ways, **our** acts and **our** attitudes that have offended God, and return to the God we have resisted or rebelled against. Sin is the biggest problem America faces today—the sins of greed, of pride, of lust, of waste, even among the people of God. “... judgment must begin at the house of God...” 1 Peter 4:17

II. What God Will Do

There are three things God promises if we respond properly.

A. He Will Hear From Heaven- If America needs anything today, it needs to hear from Heaven.

B. He Will Forgive Our Sin- We have a sin-forgiving God.

C. He Will Heal Our Land- America needs healing today. It is important who we have in political offices, but the ultimate healing in our land does not rest in one particular political party or individual. God is a healing God for our land and for its people.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Daily Devotion—“America’s Hometown Sheriff”

by Pastor Dean V. Herring

You probably won’t see a lot of tear-stained faces today over the death of actor Andy Griffith. After all, he was 86 and had lived a long and fruitful life. We are adults, and we know that news like this is inevitable. But deep down inside of us a kid weeps at the passing of a friend whose big “aw-shucks” smile made us all feel that we were honorary citizens of Mayberry. Sheriff Andy Taylor allowed us to escape the concrete covered world around us, and walk the dusty little streets of the simple life, and we were the better for it.



He invited us in for a down-home meal from Aunt Bee’s kitchen, and let us tag along as he tried, as a single father, to raise Opie to be a man of principles. We laughed with him as Barney constantly got himself into hot water, only to have Andy come to his rescue. Then there was Floyd the barber, and Gomer and Goober down at the gas station, and Howard the intellect. Don’t forget Emmett, and Clara, and Otis, and the always hysterical Ernest T. Bass. They helped make Mayberry everybody’s small town get-away one episode at a time.

The sad thing is that there are no Mayberry’s in today’s television world, not unless you can catch the re-runs of yesteryear. Today every show has its obligatory homosexual character, and the sexual innuendo is the primary point of all dialogue. The children are insolent, the parents are stupid, the culture is immoral, and perversion is acceptable. The writers of these shows do not attempt to veil their agenda, and their indoctrination by saturation is working. As a society, we are a whole lot more like Las Vegas, and a whole lot less like Mayberry.

When Andy dated Ellie, and later Helen Crump, the writers did not think it necessary to have sex in the relationship. The same went with Barney and Thelma Lou. The bedroom was not a part of the scene. In today’s television world, no door is locked, and no part of a relationship is private. The door is kicked open and the audience stands at the foot of the bed as two people make love. They have turned the sacred act into something cheap and common. That we have accepted it probably says a whole lot more about the condition of our hearts than we want to admit.

Andy Griffith the actor started his professional life as a choir director at First Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina, but left it to pursue his acting career. An unashamed Christian, he recorded several gospel albums in which he professed his love for Christ. He is in a better place today, and we are grateful that he made us laugh while he was here. Sheriff Taylor is still with us, and can be found in TV Land, straightening up the mess that Barney has caused, and teaching Opie that doing the right thing is always the right thing to do. For some of us, Mayberry will always be America’s hometown.

Daily Devotion—"The Wrong Words"

by Pastor Terry D. Sellars

Dirty words are fast becoming a part of today's vocabulary. Terms that were unheard of outside the locker room are now being seen on T-shirts, bumper stickers, and even brought into our homes on TV. Although it's disturbing enough to hear non-Christian people use these words, we should not be that surprised. The Spirit of God does not live in them, and they are not guided by the Word of God.



What's worse is that so-called Christian folks are using the same words. The swearing and impure language of the street can be found coming from the mouth of God's people. Children today, boys and girls - some younger than their teens, can be heard using foul language that would turn one's stomach. Much of this comes from network TV, indecent movies and VCRs, not to mention the filth that some kids are allowed to listen to in their music. Some parents are "*crippled too high for crutches*" that let their children listen to garbage that offers up filthy four letter words and sexual innuendos.

"What's the big deal?" some ask. **The big deal is God's disapproval.** God's Word says:

- Ps. 34:13 *Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.*
- Eph. 4:29 *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth,..."*
- Col. 3:8 *"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."*
- James 3:10 *"Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."*

We might not be able to do much about the language that the lost world uses, but we who love the Lord must not stoop to the language of the gutter.

As a side note, we might mention the New Testament text that records that Peter "began to curse and to swear" in connection with his denial of Christ (Mk. 14:71). What he did was terribly wrong – the panicky act of a terrified man.

The Christian must strive to keep his speech pure, such as contributes to encouraging and building up others (**Colossians 4:6** Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.). One must try to refrain from the vulgar, the irreverent, and the reviling language often used today.

The Bible does not lay down a prohibited vocabulary list, but it certainly contains guidelines that will assist us in using speech that is well-pleasing to the Lord and to others. I believe that the Bible is strikingly clear that cussing, cursing and swearing are things that should never come from a Christian's mouth.

Someone has appropriately said, "*A foul mouth is the mark of a polluted soul.*"



Camp Songs

Peace like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul (Repeat)
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul (Repeat)
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul (Repeat)

Yes, Lord Yes

I'll say yes, Lord, yes
To your will and to your way
I'll say yes, Lord, yes
I will trust you and obey
When your Spirit speaks to me
With my whole heart I'll agree
And my answer will be yes, Lord, yes



This is the Day

This is the day! This is the day!
That the Lord has made; That the Lord has made
I will rejoice; I will rejoice
And be glad in it; And be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day! This is the day
That the Lord has made!!

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice,
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice,
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!





Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You!!



I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus (Repeat 2x)
No turning back, no turning back.
Though none go with me, still I will follow (Repeat 2x)
No turning back, no turning back.
The world behind me, the cross before me (Repeat 2x)
No turning back, no turning back.

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands (Repeat 2x)
He's got the whole world in His hands!!
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands (Repeat 2x)
He's got the whole world in His hands!!
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands (Repeat 2x)
He's got the whole world in His hands!!
He's got you and brother in His hands
He's got you and me sister in His hands
He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands!!

Every Day with Jesus

Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before
Every day with Jesus I love Him more and more.
Jesus saves and keeps me; And He's the one I'm waiting for
Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before.

I Love Him Better Every Day

I love Him better every day
I love Him better every day
Close by His side
I will abide
I love Him better every day.



You are My All in All



You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
I'm seeking You like a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus:

Jesus, Lamb of God
Holy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Holy is Your name



Taking my cross my sin my shame
Raising again I praise Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I run dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

The Joy of the Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength (Repeat 2x)
Oh, the joy of the Lord is my strength.
He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more. (Repeat 2x)
Oh, the joy of the Lord is my strength.
He gives me living water and I thirst no more. (Repeat 2x)
Oh, the joy of the Lord is my strength.
He fills my mouth with laughter Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha. (Repeat 2x)
Oh, the joy of the Lord is my strength.

Love Lifted Me



I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me!



Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so (Repeat 2x)
I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed,
Praise the Lord!!

He Paid a Debt



He paid a debt He did not owe;
I owed a debt I could not pay;
I needed someone to wash my sins away.
And, now, I sing a brand new song,
“Amazing Grace” the whole day long
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay.



He paid that debt at Calvary.
He cleansed my soul and set me free.
I'm glad that Jesus did all my sins erase.
I, now, can sing a brand new song,
“Amazing Grace” the whole day long
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay.

One day He's coming back for me
To live with Him eternally.
Won't it be glory to see Him on that day!
I, then, will sing a brand new song,
“Amazing Grace” the whole day long
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay.

What I Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve
What a mighty God we serve
Angels bow before Him
Heaven and earth adore Him
What a mighty God we serve.



Lord You Are

Lord You are more precious than silver
Lord You are more costly than gold
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with You!!





Sermon Notes

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Decisions I've Made at Camp!!



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