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## IN SEARCH OF REVIVAL... THE "L" STANDS FOR...

“**Love** thy neighbor, as thy self”, *Mark 12:31*. Spiritual revival culminates into one big spiritual **love** fest started by God Himself. “For God so **loved** the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved” This is the good news of salvation; that we can be saved to eternal life by **living** and believing in Christ as our Redeemer and **Lord**.

Christ, who **loves** us with an everlasting **love** only requires that we **love** in similar fashion. He says, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye **love** one another; as I have **loved** you, that ye also **love** one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have **love** one to another.” *John 13:34, 35*.

Ellen White adds, “**Love Sweetens the Entire Life**.--Those who **love** God cannot harbor hatred or envy. When the heavenly principle of eternal **love** fills the heart, it will flow out to others.” *Mind, Character, and Personality, Vol. 1 209*. She also states, “Christ has expressly enjoined His followers to respect and **love** one another.” *Signs of the Times, Oct.2, 1901*

Consider these two thoughts as you contemplate your own spiritual revival. They might make a big difference in who and what you are, and, will be, upon leaving these grounds. The first thought is from Ellen White:

“The price paid for our redemption, the infinite sacrifice of our heavenly Father in giving His Son to die for us, should give us exalted conceptions of what we may become through Christ. As the inspired apostle John beheld the height, the depth, the breadth of the Father's **love** toward the perishing race, he was filled with adoration and reverence; and, failing to find suitable **language** in which to express the greatness and tenderness of this **love**, he called upon the world to behold it. . . . What a value this places upon man! Through transgression, the sons of man become subjects of Satan. Through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ, the sons of Adam may become the sons of God. By assuming human nature, Christ elevates humanity. Fallen men are placed where, through connection with Christ, they may indeed become worthy of the name, "sons of God." *God's Amazing Grace(1973)*

The second thought comes from Paul and sums up the **legacy** of a Christian who has undergone a spiritual revival. Paul says in I Corinthians 13,

“If I speak in the tongues<sup>[a]</sup> of men and of angels, but have not **love**, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **2**If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not **love**, I am nothing. **3**If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames,<sup>[b]</sup> but have not **love**, I gain nothing.

**4**Love is patient, **love** is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5**It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6**Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7**It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**8**Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. **9**For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10**but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. **11**When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. **12**Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

**13**And now these three remain: faith, hope and **love**. But the greatest of these is **love**”

Finally, Ellen White makes this pointed statement about our **legacies**, which I would like to apply to our “first **love**”, as it was referred to many years ago when I came into the church. She says, “Dying **legacies** are a miserable substitute for **living** benevolence.” What we felt and what we believed yesterday about our **love** and our relationship with Christ; the thankfulness we felt, will not suffice for today. Each day has its sunrise and sunset. So do we as Christians. This 2008 Camp Meeting experience will be just that, an experience unless we keep the revival going and make what we feel about Christ and what we feel about our eternity, our daily **lifestyle**. And remember, as Ellen White says in *Manuscript 19, June 17, 1892*, “Never for a moment should we allow Satan to think that his power to distress and annoy is greater than the power of Christ to uphold and strengthen.” We have to guard the avenues of the soul by letting, “this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus.”

I have enjoyed dialoging with you. I pray for you God’s power in your everyday, every way **living**. I **long** for a homeland that only my God; my Redeemer, can give me. I trust you that you have the desire to go home. That is what this experience has been about; going home. One day, as a friend says to me, “It’s going to happen! When our will becomes subjected to the Will of God, it’s going to happen.” Revival is all about you and me subjecting our will to the will of God? **Why is it taking so long?**

## **JUNIORS ENJOY INTERESTING WEEK AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE- RLBooker**



You may not have taken the time to notice, however, your Junior- aged boys and girls were having an interesting, inspirational good time, plus they added the “Jesus Touch” How do I know? What do I mean? Well, I explained to you earlier that I had a reporter planted among the boys and girls; my granddaughter, Alexis. She was to bring me a report. Here is what I learned from my reporter on the scene.

Led by the seasoned Children’s Ministries professional, Purette Mills, they experienced inspirational song services at each meeting.

They were able to sit and listen to inspirational preaching, as well. She described one sermon preached by Pastor Paul Graham, the speaker for the week, as being wonderful. When asked what the sermon was about she said it was on temptation, doing the right thing, and living up to your name. Apparently, Pastor Graham has a way with children. According to Alexis, he kept them laughing all the time.

“Miss Purette”, as Alexis calls her, also took time to teach the juniors etiquette; how young men should treat young ladies and how young ladies should respect themselves, well you know the rest. The etiquette lessons were to prepare them for the Big Banquet held last evening. Did you miss that also? They were dressed up and looking good. When the banquet ended about 10:00 PM all seemed satisfied.

The “Jesus Touch”! Alexis explained it this way: “Miss Purette would divide us into groups and we would go to the cabins and the RV Park and volunteer to do things to help people without looking for them to pay you or to give you something. It was like community service”

Well, see, maybe it was worth bringing them camp meeting.

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## IN CONCLUSION

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My Camp Meeting writing experience has come to an end...

To sum up my days of writing for the Allegheny East Conference camp meeting I would say that it was fun-filled. There was not one day of this 2008 encampment when I did not have fun, whether it was laughing with friends, playing double dutch in the gymnasium or just sitting around making fun out of anything.

The activities at the teen tents were exciting. Our theme is "***Broken To Be Made Whole.***" I really enjoyed the preaching from Pastor Jonathan Rolle all week, he was interactive with us. Also, Mrs. Banks had a lot of patience with the teens and was willing to help the youth. The workshops were great. I really enjoyed the Praise and Testimony last night. The Holy Spirit was definitely in the place and it touched everyone's heart.

I can honestly say that I have enjoyed writing for the "***Yesterday ~ Today ~ Tomorrow***" Camp Meeting newsletter. This is a jumpstart towards my future goal of majoring in English. I plan to use my talent in writing for the Lord.

I am very grateful for this wonderful opportunity to use my talent and I would like to thank Elder Robert Booker for that opportunity.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The Women's Ministries Department is sponsoring a birthday card shower for Mrs. Laura Cheatham, mother of Allegheny East Conference President, Elder Charles Cheatham, who will be celebrating her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday. Each person on the camp grounds is asked to buy a birthday card and mail it on Monday July 7, 2008. This will produce a shower of cards for Mrs. Cheatham. Mail the cards to:

Mrs. Laura Cheatham  
P.O. Box 262  
Pine Forge, PA 19548



**LITTER:** We did not want to make this announcement. However, some persons who followed you, or are following you, have begun dropping trash and litter on the grounds that the pastors and camp crew had made so beautiful for your arrival. Do us a favor. Help us keep our campgrounds nice and clean. Tell those persons who are following you around to, please pick up the paper they throw on the ground. Then show them how by picking yours up and throwing it in the nearest trash receptacle . THANKS!

### LIVE-IN CAREGIVER POSITION

Looking for a qualified caregiver to provide companionship, and assist with basic ADLs. Cooking skills and light house work is a necessity. CNA license is preferred; however, not required if the candidate has a minimum of four years experience in care giving. This position is located on a moderate estate in the quiet hills of Pennsylvania. Please call (240) 687-8869 for detailed information and to schedule an interview.

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