

why will ye die ???

eastern camp memories
1977

"Not boasting, but we have the best thing in the world. The more we look at it, the more we have to marvel how much light has been given to our brothers, and how much light is given to us in our time. We don't want to have an alliance with other congregations. That is not the meaning. I want to make myself free. We don't want to have the way of making Christians easily or quickly. Sometimes just the signing of a paper, or the signing of a Bible or Testament, or the raising of the hand is a proof that they have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. We are not in agreement with this. There is much more behind new birth than just a moment of emotion where under the pressure of a fiery preaching we stretch out the hand and say we have accepted Christ. It is a sign of the times to have such quick and spectacular results. We do not believe in such a way of making conversions. We believe in the slower, more difficult way of going through repentance, confession, and so on. We believe in an absolute, sincere, complete conversion."

—BROTHER HENRY MICHEL
1948 Brothers Meeting
Mansfield, Ohio

Why Will Ye Die?

"Lo, how pleasant and how fair
Is the unity we share;
One in Christ a brotherhood
That is ever praising God." Z.H. #181

This inspiring verse so appropriately describes Eastern Camp 1977.

Wherever there is a unity of the spirit among God's children, His blessings are both mighty and apparent. With the result that God is abundantly praised.

Joyful praise was a hallmark of this memorable week spent apart from the world in the presence of Almighty God.

His majesty was evidenced in the lush beauty of the tranquil Virginia countryside; His tender care in the week of perfect summer weather, bright sunny days and comfortable star-studded nights.

God's love was evidenced by the many who sought Him with tear-filled eyes; His matchless grace by the inexpressible joy of those who discovered a new found peace in their lives.

The meaningful daily lessons, the stirring sermons coupled with the fervent prayers and joyful hymns of praise filled our hearts with many precious memories which shall long flood our souls.

For all these many blessings and benefits we thankfully say, "Oh God, How Great Thou Art."

George Freund Jr.

*1977 Eastern Camp
Massenetta Springs, Virginia*

Saturday, July 30

Arrival - Registration

Months of preparation, anticipation, and excitement all culminated on July 30, the first day of Eastern Camp at Massenetta Springs. Campers trickled in steadily throughout the day all anxious and eager to see old friends, family, brothers and sisters in the Lord. What a joy to be together again and be able to share one week of Christian fellowship.



Evening Worship

Bro. Bob Freund

Ezek. 33:10-13



"Why will ye die?" Man's righteousness will never stand good in the judgement of God; therefore, not only the evil but also the "do-gooders" are lost without God's righteousness. There were 178 people with us that were dying. No one wills to die, that's automatic, but we can will to live spiritually. Acts 13:44-52 and Matthew 10:14-15 raise the question "Should we preach over and over and over again to those who have continued to reject?" Christ does not instruct His disciple to "beg". He told them that they should share God's invitation to those that invite them in and to shake the dust off their feet if the people do not receive their words. Ezekiel pleaded with the Israelites because they chose to die, but two things God cannot do is lie or change people's minds. His sobering message concluded with "God has done everything for you, but you must will to live."

Inspiration time was led by Brother Greg Kufcek who asked us to "be still and know that the Lord is God and that He is in this place." The Syracuse youth group sang two songs entitled "Let me lose my life and find it Lord in Thee" and "Wasted Years". Kathy and George Nemec then sang "I just came to Praise the Lord" in Spanish and English. Greg concluded the evening by playing the accordion and singing "The Savior is Waiting".



Sunday, July 31

Graded Classes

"As I live, saith the Lord God"

God is sovereign as creator of heaven, earth, man--of all things. Because Christ died in our stead, He is worthy to also be sovereign as Saviour--only through Him is there salvation. God is sovereign also as a King who will rule the earth and to whom every knee shall bow, and as a Judge who will one day separate all men--to a blessed everlasting life with Him or to eternal condemnation.

"But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased." Ps. 115:3



Morning Worship

Bro. Walt Simon

Text: Ezek. 3:18

Isaiah 58:1-14

11 Cor. 7:4-10



To the unconverted this week the trumpet call shall go forth again and again, "Why Will Ye Die?" To the converted the question will go forth "How shall we then live?" We spend a blessed week here at camp, but we have 51 weeks at home in which we are to be a separated people. There have been principles set down by God's Word. The generation to which we belong abandoned these principles. Because we belong to a world of loneliness, despair and grief we must pass on the beliefs of our fathers. We can't be popular if we are to hold to what God requires of us. We must be what God would have us to be. We must grow as believers. We must grow in grace and number--and if we don't we are failing the generation to come. We can fool our brothers and sisters, we can fool the church, and the world around us in appearance, but we cannot fool God. What appearance are we making in the world we live in today? We

are comfortable--disgustingly comfortable. I suspect that pressures of life have been used by the evil one to mold us into the world we live in. We should not be conformed to the world. God's will is that we be conformed to the death of Christ, a life that gains, and gains, and gains again.

Afternoon Worship

Bro. Tony Betz

Gen. 1:26-28



How much do we become involved with God's plan? What is God's plan for His creation? He had a real purpose in everyone's life when He created them. We were made up by a Trinity. God gave us a conscience. Our conscience is that faculty within us which decides as to the real quality of our thoughts, words, acts, conduct, motives and feelings; it can be educated or trained to recognize good and evil. To what sources do we turn when we try to overcome our better conscience? 1) Logical alibi, 2) Alcohol, 3) Drugs. A coward will never be a true believer.

Evening Worship

Bro. Ed Boliantz

Luke 16:19-31, Rev. 22:1-5

Rev. 21:1-7, 21-25, 27

Christ used stories in preaching the gospel. He made comparisons. Christ used two men that were at extreme opposites of the spectrum. The one man lived sumtuously. Now note Lazarus. Here is a man so poor and destitute that he had no man to help him take care of his sores. The basic difference between these two was not that one ate the crumbs from the king's table but that one was prepared and the other was not. Lazarus went to Paradise, the rich man went to Hell. If we don't make a complete about face and serve the living God, our



minds will serve to recall our rejection of Christ's call when the judgement comes. We serve a God that has never suprised His people. God told Noah how to build the ark and to relay the message that there would be a terrible flood, how did the people react? They wondered why this old man would spend his time on such foolishness. In 120 years of preaching only Noah and his family were saved. There will come a day when judgement will come and people will be suprised, because the scripture bears this out, it will be a suprise because people will not be prepared. We read in the Scripture that at one service 3,000 people were converted. Does it not seem strange that now it seems to take 3,000 services to convert just a few people? This is not because God is not calling but rather because of the unwillingness of the hearts of men. John describes Heaven in Rev. 21 and 22. Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a home for those who are redeemed and prepared to meet Him.

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Monday, August 1

Graded Classes

"...No pleasure in the death of the wicked..."

Death--physical and spiritual. Physical death is universal and final--spiritual death or life is our own individual choice. The Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Pet. 3:9

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." I John 5:12



Morning Forum

Bro. Harold Boliantz

Recognizing the attack of Satan

Satan is a troublemaker, he will attack all of us, his scope of attack is limitless. I Chronicles 20:1, Luke 4:1-2. His make-up is deceiving and he comes as an angel of light. II Cor. 11:13, 14. He will often make things appear gray. We are attacked at our weakest spots. Therefore, we must pray accordingly and be ready to fight back with the use of God's Word. II Peter 3:17, 18 - II Cor. 2:11.



Bro. Walt Simon Discerning other Spirits

Ezekial describes Satan before and after he fell from Heaven. He did not lose his power. Therefore, we still say "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." How will we learn to discern the spirits? 1) By the Word, exorting, encouraging, consoling and admonishing each other. We must be at the assembly when the doors open, we owe that to ourselves to be able to grow and discern. We must be extremely careful not to absorb the wrong things, the mind of man is fearfully and wonderfully made, we absorb much. If we can't resist temptation, then flee from it.

Bro. Lawrence Riggerbach

Difference between Trials and Temptations

Temptations try our faith and are from Satan and must be overcome with God's help. James 1:2-3, 13. They often come when we are not watchful. Trials actually come from God, He permits them to 1) Prove our faith, 2) Purge us and to grow in faith, I Peter 1:7. Gold is purified by a fiery purging to rid it of the impurities. I Peter 4:12-13. If we in our trials and temptations let his Glory show through us, we will be victorious.

Evening Worship

Bro. Art Wolcott

Matthew 27:21-25



What will you do with Jesus who is called Christ? Will you receive and accept Him, will you hide from the whole matter, or nothing at all, which is crucifying Him too. All sorts of things are great and give you a lift, drugs, uppers, downers, you're manipulating your life with pills and not the Lord. What will you do with Jesus that is called Christ? Put Him off until tomorrow? Believing is the beginning; consume, digest and use His Word. There was once a boy in his small sports car who took a curve too fast, went over a cliff but managed to jump out of the car before it went all the way down. As he hung on a small bush in the darkness he called, "Can anyone hear me?" Again he called "Can anyone hear me?" Then he heard a voice "Yes, I can hear you, do you believe?" "Yes," he answered. "Do you trust?" Again he answered yes. "Then let go!" All was quiet and the boy called again, "Can anyone else hear me, anyone else but God?" How long has the Father been looking for you? What will you do with Jesus who is called Christ?

Campfire

God is so good! Let us ponder on His goodness and pray to receive His blessings. A duet sang of all the things the Lord is to us, Saviour, Alpha & Omega, Shepherd, Father, Counselor, the Light, the Way, the Truth and many more. "Along the River" was sung and we were asked if we are all ready to meet death. Kathy and Jorge Nemic sang one English and one Spanish song for us. Bro. Ted Pavkov spoke a few words.



Tuesday, August 2

Graded Classes

"... Turn and live..."

It is God's will to give man the kingdom (for which a sacrifice was needed and provided through the shed blood of Jesus Christ) and then to lead man to that kingdom. God's grace-- His goodness, mercy, longsuffering, and love-- leads man to repentance, forgives, gives power to serve Him, and leaves a witness.

"Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" Romans 2:4



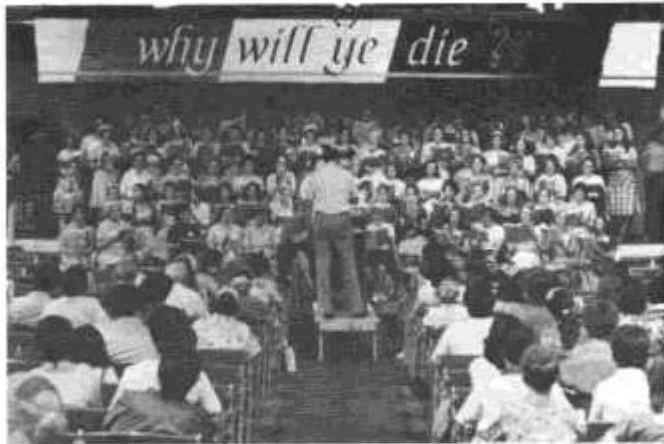
Morning Forum

Bro's George Freund, Wilbur Huber, Victor Riess, George Pavkov, and Bob Freund.



Among the questions asked and answered was "How can I know God's will in my life?" It is God's will that our joy may be full. It is the will of God that none should perish, but that all should be saved. There are five ways that God chooses to let us know His will: (1) through the Bible, (2) through God-given circumstances, (3) through the counsel of other believers, (4) through the use of consecrated good sense, and (5) through the inner voice of the Holy Spirit.

Evening Worship



The choir presented the first half of its program. Among the songs sung were "The Saviour is Waiting" and "Somebody's Knocking." The orchestra then accompanied the choir as it sang Numbers 254, 255, and 256 in the Zions Harp.

Bro. Max Hertig

John 3

Nicodemus confessed, "No man can do these things except he be sent by God." What would we say to Jesus when He says, "You must be born again"? Mankind living without God lives without hope and is eternally lost. What we need is regeneration. Regeneration does not mean repair. "A new heart and spirit will I give you." (Ezek. 36:26) Jesus is the answer. If you come to Him He will grant you power to repent and to forsake your old life. God is standing at the door waiting to come in. He will come in if you make room for Him. There is nothing more satisfying or more precious in this life than having God's peace in our hearts.

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Recreation



Wednesday, August 3

Graded Classes

"... Turn ye from your evil ways..."

Through repentance toward God (a change in attitude toward God, self, and sin) and faith in Jesus Christ (who is God incarnate, was born of a virgin, died in our stead, shed His blood, and rose again), man can become part of God's wonderful plan of salvation. In repentance man is convicted to confess his sins and to make restitutions wherever possible. He is regenerated by the Holy Spirit and receives God's forgiveness and peace. After baptism he is sealed with the Holy Spirit, by whom he can live a Godly life.

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 2:38



Evening Worship



Bro. John Peter

Acts 26:19-29

Most of the people who come to camp are here to do the right thing, but they are bound by pride, the flesh, and stubbornness, and do not want to listen. The devil is here saying, "You have plenty of time and you are young. Wait until tomorrow to make decisions." Only doers have success. Listen to the spirit as it convicts you.

Call on the Lord and He will give you grace. Many say that they had made a decision for Christ but did not have the power to finish it. You cannot do it on your own. There is no other way except through Jesus Christ. If you come to the Lord with a contritie heart He will lead you. The Lord is full of mercy and wants only joy and peace for us and to save us from destruction. May we find the grace to accept His word and be a doer in His sight.



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Thursday, August 4

Morning Devotion

Bro. Harold Boliantz

11 Kings 5

We read of the Asyrian captain with leprosy who came to the Lord through his healing. In order to be healed this man had to dip 7 times in the Jordan River. Nothing extreme, no dynamic words prayed, nothing extraordinary was done, yet it had to be done 7 times and in that particular river. Sometimes God asks us to do something, but because it's such a small thing, we don't feel it's necessary. If we don't do the little as well as the big, we will not be healed.

Graded Classes

"... For why will ye die? ..."

Family cares, unbelief, personal convenience, worldly cares, self-reliance, self-righteousness, possessions, love for sin--these are all deadly excuses given for not answering God's call to follow Him. We must redeem the time and make our choice today to come to Christ with a broken and contrite heart, confessing our sins, and making restitutions. When He sees these fruits of repentance, He will forgive.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23



Evening Worship



Bro. Louis Green

Dan. 5

It's the second to last day of camp. Time is running out for camp and for salvation. We were created to be vessels of the Holy Spirit and works of God. We must humble our hearts, for God resists the proud. It's foolish to believe that we will live a life of 60 or 70 years. Only God knows how long we will live, he has our days numbered. There was once a swimming area with danger signs posted about the swift current. In spite of this, a young man went in swimming, was caught in the strong current and drowned. A sinful life has danger signs all around and yet people go in and drown in sin. Place no hope in tomorrow for then the clock may be stopped!



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Friday, August 5

Graded Classes



home. All these benefits are within your reach--God is waiting for you to believe and to receive them.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33

The Right Choice and God's Riches

What then are the benefits of making the right choice--choosing to become a member of the family of God and then faithfully following Him in all things? God abundantly, unmeasurably, and continuously showers His children with blessings and gifts. Needs and desires are fulfilled, care and favors are provided, strength and guidance for the day are promised, and victory over sin and fruitfulness are possible. Even greater benefits are peace with God, adoption into God's family, everlasting life, and a heavenly

Evening Worship



Bro. George Freund

Revelation 7:9-17

"Why will ye die when Jesus has already died for you?" Friend, do you feel unclean, blemished, or spotted? Romans 3:23 states that the blood of Christ is the greatest cleansing agent. It has five distinct characteristics. His blood can wash all sins away; it has the power to cleanse sinners. A flood of blood may wash our sins away, but we must also be justified. Christ's blood can justify (make righteous). We must be able to pray, "Father, forgive me for doing it myself." His blood also draws us close to Him. It redeems and reconciles (Col. 1:14). "The soul that sinneth shall surely die." We are guilty. We must pay. But someone has ransomed and redeemed us. That someone was Jesus Christ. His blood also cries out (Gen. 4:10). The blood that was shed by Christ (along with the blood shed by faithful martyrs and by brethren serving time in prisons away from their families) cries out to us as we remain in our sins, in our luxury, and comforts. It cries out against us as a judgement.

The day of the Lord is near. You, friend, are in the valley of decision. "How long," said the prophet, "will you halt between two decisions?" Confess your sins, open your heart, and let the Saviour in. Shame the devil and be free from his shackles. Don't believe his lies. Please come today.



Do you have the childlike faith in God that takes away your fears--fears of things present, past, and future? When we can say My God and I, then we can be sure that Something Good is Going To Happen in following and serving Him. A trio sang I Believe. Do YOU? By believing you will find that You Will Have Everything. A young Brother testified that the Lord can and will change our attitude about all things. He will become the Master of our destiny. Brother Tom asked many times, "Why can't you turn to the Lord?" Pride? We want to be noticed, loved. Christ loves us more than any other has ever loved us. Bitterness? When we look back, the things that make us bitter are often small things. Don't let these separate you from God.

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Elders and Assistant Elders



*Oldest & Youngest
Florence Siladie
89 years 1888*

*Gregory Peters
3 weeks 1977*



Camp Advisors



Camp Committee

Crafts



Meals



Nursery



Choirs



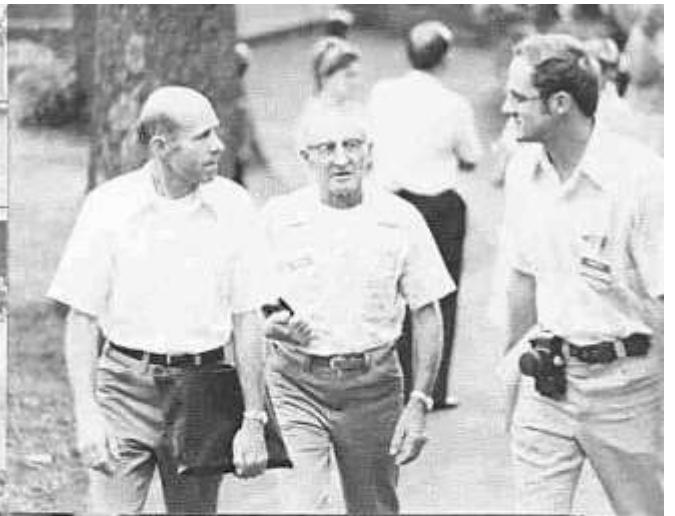
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1977 Eastern Camp Listing by Churches

<u>ARIZONA</u>	
Phoenix	9
<u>CALIFORNIA</u>	
El Cajon	5
Pico Rivera	18
Santa Rosa	7
Torrance	1
<u>CONNECTICUT</u>	
North Haven	10
<u>FLORIDA</u>	
	2
<u>ILLINOIS</u>	
Peoria	2
Tremont	11
<u>MARYLAND</u>	
Upper Marlboro	30
<u>MICHIGAN</u>	
Beverly Hills	28
Detroit	11
<u>MINNESOTA</u>	
So. St. Paul	1
<u>NEW JERSEY</u>	
Alpha	2
Union City	5
Woodcliff Lake	46
<u>NEW YORK</u>	
Syracuse	54
<u>OHIO</u>	
East Akron	28
Vesper Lake	20
South Akron	13
West Akron	41
Cleveland	23
Columbus	2
Mansfield	185
Medina	32
Norton	29
Ontario	2
Warren	9
<u>OREGON</u>	
Portland	4

<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>	
Union City	8
<u>VIRGINIA</u>	
Richmond	14
Winchester	4
<u>CANADA (ONTARIO)</u>	
Hamilton	10
Kitchener	53
Rodney	2
Toronto	13
Windsor	51
<u>COUNTRIES</u>	
Argentina	3
France	1
Germany	1
Hungary	2
Puerto Rico	1

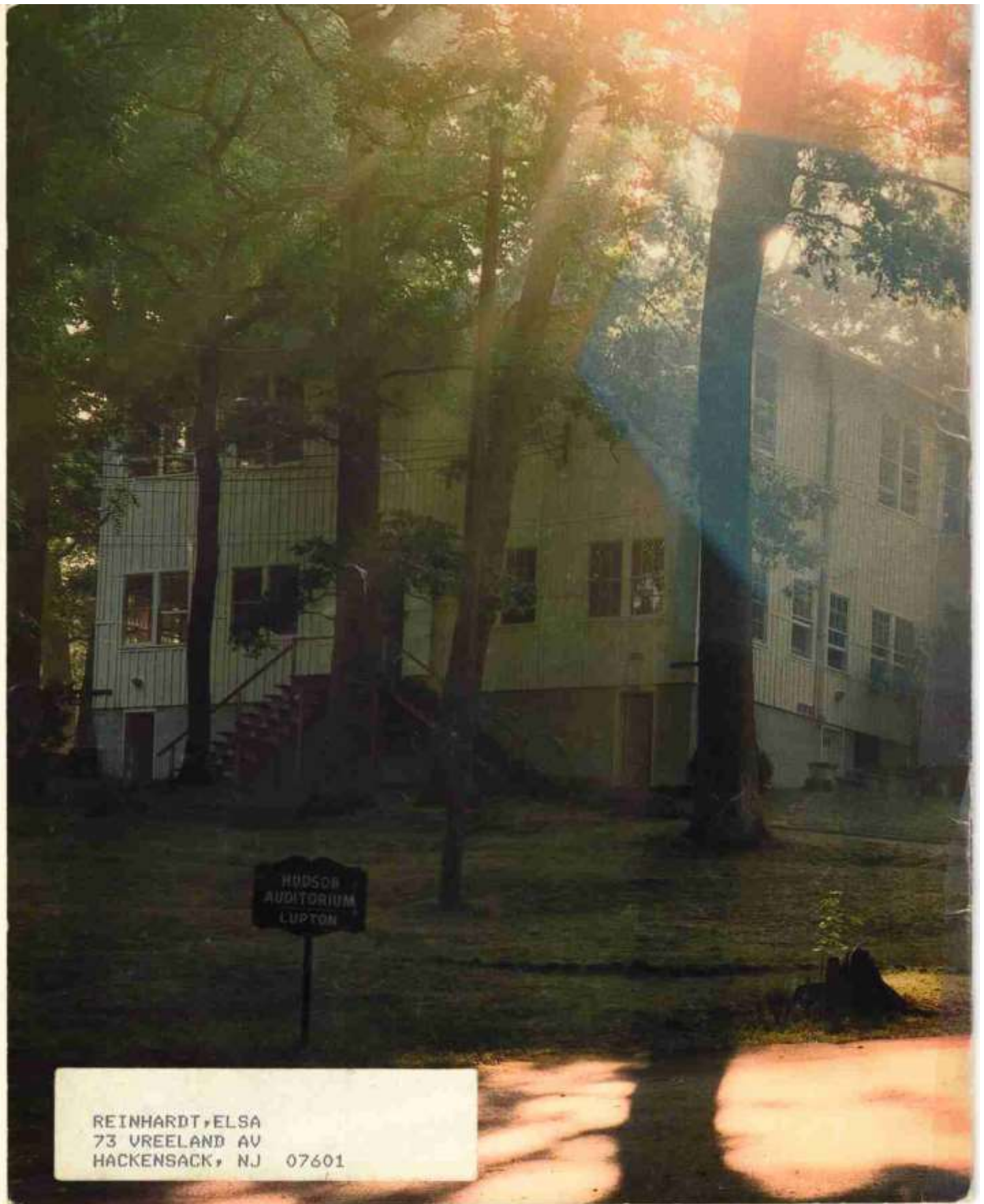


Camp Lesson Themes

1947	Bloomington, Illinois	"To Make Him Known"
1948	Canadaiqua, New York	"Of His Names"
1949	St. Mary's, Ohio	"To Know the Love of Christ"
1950	St. Mary's, Ohio	"To Know the Love of Christ"
1951	St. Mary's, Ohio	"To Grow in the Knowledge of Our Lord Jesus"
1952	St. Mary's, Ohio	"Great Words of the Gospel"
1953	St. Mary's, Ohio	"Hebrews 11:24-27"
1954	St. Mary's, Ohio	"Peace With God"
1955	St. Mary's, Ohio	"Prayer and Life"
1956	Poconos of Pennsylvania	(Scriptural examples of conversion)
1957	Poconos of Pennsylvania	"The Will of God"
1958	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"We Know"
1959	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"Pray Without Ceasing"
1960	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"The Second Coming of Christ"
1961	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"Watch and Pray"
1962	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"The Love of God"
1963	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"The Will of God"
1964	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"The Son of Man Cometh"
1965	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"Signs of the Times"
1966	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"Conversing With God"
1967	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"More About Jesus"
1968	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"What Must I Do To Be Saved?"
1969	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"Living For Jesus"
1970	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"In Times Like These"
1971	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still"
1972	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"...But Whom Say Ye That I Am?" Mt. 16:15
1973	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"Victory Over Sin Through Jesus Christ"
1974	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"Behold, I Come Quickly" Rev. 22:12
1975	Webster Springs, W. Va.	"...Come, Follow Me..."
1976	Massanetta Springs, Va.	"Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide"
1977	Massanetta Springs, Va.	"Why Will Ye Die?" Ezekiel 33:11

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