



14th September 2017

Dear Friend,

2017 CAMPMEETING CONVENTION REPORT

Introduction

A number of activities were undertaken preparatory to the campmeeting convention. Paramount among them was a one-month prayer meeting sessions held in all branches and Cell Centre locations of the Apostolic Faith work throughout Ghana. The prayer meetings helped to get us in good spiritual stead for our 2017 two-week Campmeeting that was held on 27th August – 10th September 2017.

Other activities that were undertaken before the Campmeeting included the tidying up of the campgrounds, canvassing for accommodation for our delegates within the vicinity of the campgrounds; respraying and repainting of certain structures.

The 2017 Workers & Ministers' Conference was held on 25 – 26 August 2017 under the theme: *Walking & Working with the Holy Spirit in these Last Days*. The meeting was used to remind brethren that we commence our walk with the Holy Spirit upon being born into the Kingdom of God. We were challenged that "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3) and that walking with God was a prerequisite to working for Him. The conference was massively attended by workers of all categories in Ghana and the teaching was very inspiring.

Attendance

Participants came from all of our branch churches and Bible Study Centres in Ghana to attend the campmeeting. Furthermore, we had delegates from Nigeria, Benin Republic, Togo, La Cote d'Ivoire, South Africa and Germany. Most of the delegates arrived on Thursday, 24th August 2017. We were blessed with the presence of the District Superintendent (DS) of our work in West and Central Africa, Rev. Emmanuel Bayo Adeniran.



Two veteran ministers of the Gospel from the WECA Headquarters, Rev. Edet Bassey (the Port Harcourt Regional Overseer) and Rev. Akin Ajayi (Kwara State District Overseer), were also present. In attendance also were Rev. Kintin George, Overseer for La Cote d'Ivoire and Rev. Titis Itanola (Deputy Director of Missions Administration at WECA Headquarters) and his wife, Sister Florence Itanola. The WECA Music Consultant, Rev. John Aina with his wife, Sister Joan Aina, was also present.

Sermons and Teachings

The Campmeeting began on 27th August 2017 and ended on September 10, 2017. The theme of the Camp Meeting was: **BEHOLD HE COMETH ... Be Ready!** The first sermon at the opening of the Campmeeting, which was presented by Rev. Bassey, was based on this theme. Quoting from Revelation 7: 9 – 17, he reminded worshippers that a glorious and blissful time was awaiting the righteous, a time when God Himself would wipe away all tears from the Saints' eyes and reward them for their faithfulness, steadfastness in times of adversity and afflictions. He enjoined all to continue to serve the LORD till the Trumpet Blast at all costs because the heavenly reward was worth every effort to attain to that goal.

The DS gave two inspiring teachings on *The Blessings of Family Worship*; and *The Spirit & Bride Say Come: The End-Time Harvest*. He referred the congregation to Revelation 22:10 – 17 and Hebrews 10: 35 – 37 reminding them that harvest was about separation; that a time was fast approaching when God would make the separation between the wheat and tares. He prayed that God would prepare all of us for 100% Rapture.

There were other inspiring teachings and sermons presented during the Campmeeting. There were the teachings on our key doctrines of *Justification*, *Entire Sanctification*, and the *Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire*, but oriented to capture the theme of the Campmeeting. There were also teachings on *Divine Healing*; *The Efficacy of Holy Worship*; *Victorious Living by Faith*; and *Putting on the Whole Armour of God*. Each teaching was linked to the theme of the 2017 Campmeeting. The teachings and sermons were usually followed by effectual and fervent prayers by the worshippers. Generally, attendance at the teachings and sermons, especially the Revival & Evangelistic Services, was very encouraging.



Testimony Service

The personal testimonies presented during the Campmeeting reinforce the fact that the power of God is just the same today as it was in the days gone by. A sister testified that she had a medical condition for eight years and no physician could help her. Upon contact with the Gospel, God saved her and miraculously healed her. A young man testified that he came to the Campmeeting just to satisfy one of our members who was relentlessly inviting him to our meetings. But he discovered to his pleasant surprise that God was among us and he subsequently prayed through to the three Christian experiences of salvation, sanctification, and baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. Another brother praised God for lifting him up from abject poverty and making him a recipient of three university degrees. A brother thanked God for delivering him from idol worship and showing him this Golden Way. Many young people testified to God's power to transform a wretched and sinful life to a righteous and more fulfilling life.

Music Concert

This year's Campmeeting Music Concert was presented on Saturday, 2nd September 2017 by the combined Choir and Orchestra of the Apostolic Faith Churches from Nigeria, Benin Republic, Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana. The Music Concert featured, among other things, the works of the masters of classical music such as G.F. Handel (*Arm, Arm Ye Brave; Sing Unto God from Judas Maccabaeus; My Heart is Inditing*); William Dawson (*Soon Ah Be Done*); Peter Wilhousky (*Battle Hymn of the Republic Arr.*); Joseph Linn (*Jesus is Coming Soon Arr.*); Charles Woodhouse (*Finale from Symphony 5 Arr.*); Russell Mauldin (*My Tribute; and My God is Real Arr.*); and Ted L. Friesen (*I Can Almost Hear the Sound of the Trumpet*). Some inspiring local airs including *Anwanwasem Besis* and *Psalm 34* by Osei Boateng were also performed by the Choir. The highlight of the concert was the rendering of *Soon Ah Be Done* piece conducted by Rev. John Aina. The Concert was well attended by 2,260 people from all walks of life (consisting of 1,285 males and 975 females).

Ordinance Services

Ordinance services were held on the last Friday of Camp meeting. Sixty-seven (67) converts, consisting of thirty-one (31) males and thirty-six (36) females, were



baptized in water. Four hundred and thirty-seven (437) people (comprising 207 males and 230 females) came together to observe the ordinances of Lord's Supper and the Foot Washing. The brethren were beaming with smile as they partook in these ordinances and sang heartily to the praise of the LORD who has redeemed them by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Charity Day

The first-ever national Charity Day was organized on Saturday, 9th September 2017. Many brethren were able to donate some of their dresses, books and other valuables to the less privileged. The event was well attended by close to 800 people.

Campmeeting Statistics

We thank God for the many blessings that were received during the 2017 Campmeeting. According to the final statistics received from the Information Centre, a total of 135 people were saved, 65 were sanctified, 23 were baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, 84 people healed of various sicknesses and diseases, 84 believers were re-anointed, while 35 people received other blessings from the Lord. This yields a total of four hundred and twenty-six (426) blessings received during the campmeeting.

Attendance at the first Sunday of the Campmeeting was 1,779 (comprising 914 males and 865 females), while attendance at the second Sunday of the Campmeeting was 2,081. Also, 2,170 worshippers (consisting of 938 males and 1,232 females) were at the last Sunday of the Campmeeting. The week-day Bible Teachings were also well attended, averaging around 1,000 per service, while Revival & Evangelistic Services attendance was around 1,200 at each meeting.

Concluding Remarks

We glorify our Heavenly Father for seeing us through yet another campmeeting convention. Our hearts are filled with praises to His holy name for answering our prayers and for the numerous blessings He bestowed upon us during the two-week convention.



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We appreciate your support in diverse ways that have contributed in making the Campmeeting a huge success. We pray God to count you worthy of your reward in Jesus' mighty name.

In keeping with the theme, the common thread that ran throughout the Campmeeting was that Jesus would soon come to receive His own. Our earnest prayer is that the LORD should work in us and make all of us 100 percent rapture ready.

God bless you.

Yours in-His-Service.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Bekoe".

Rev. John Bekoe
National Overseer