



# Music Camp Communique

Editorial:

Thank you to those who responded to the first edition of our camp communique. It was lovely to hear from you.

Talents are a sacred gift from God. It's easy to take our talents for granted or to slight them as being of no great value. It takes personal discipline to keep our talents at peak performance. There is a saying "If you don't use it you lose it." That goes for everything we do. If we don't exercise our muscles we get weaker, ever had your arm in a sling. It doesn't take long to lose the strength you had in that arm does it?

Personal or self-discipline, sometimes just the thought of these words make us feel tired. But when we have a love

or passion for something we seem to have no trouble expending all our energies and more for that cause.

Do you sometimes feel that you are just an ordinary person and unable to accomplish great things like others. Here is an encouraging quote. "An ordinary mind, well disciplined, will accomplish more and higher work than will the most highly educated mind and the greatest talents without self-control. - {COL 3:5.1}"

Using self-discipline to practise our instruments or gift of singing will strengthen us to be self-disciplined in other areas of life.

Do we want to hear the words "Well done good and faithful servant, ... enter into the joy of the Lord."

## Camp Fire Sharing Continues



I have been very blessed since music camp. I can honestly say that God has shown Himself to me, been with me, been IN me and looked out for me more this last couple of months than ever before. I was sitting at the church piano, playing around with some hymns after service a couple of weeks ago feeling discouraged and a little down as I often do on my christian walk, when God stooped down and reasoned with me. He reminded me of His leading in my baptism and how he has big plans for who He wants me to be.

That next week saw a transformation in my character. I slowly felt the love of Jesus bring life into me. I was sent a Bible text by my Mum saying "whatever you do, do it heartily, as unto God and not unto men". I prayed as I left for my assistant nurse hospital job that morning that God would make that verse a reality for me.

Keep reading below.

### PRAYER CORNER

- ▶ Please pray for those who have made their decision to come to camp this year, and especially for those who are still undecided.
- ▶ Please pray for the camp organisers, those doing all the hard work in the background to make music camp 2019 the best camp yet.
- ▶ Please pray for the Devotional Speaker/s that the Holy Spirit will direct them in their preparations and empower their presentation.

**Prayer Requests Welcome**

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### **Feeling down ! Pick a Promise**

- Isaiah 65:24
- Ps 25:14,15
- Ps 32:8
- Jeremiah 32:17
- Isaiah 33:5,6

The next day, I was working all day when towards the end of the shift ... my colleague turned to me and said, "Tom, I'm trying to find a word to describe you, you're like nobody I've ever met before, but in a good way. It's like your sweet, but you're more than sweet: it's like you're an angel sent from above." I cannot describe the elation and warmth that flooded my heart when I heard those words used to describe me. I cannot claim any of it. It is Jesus within me that she saw.

What the world craves is to experience innocence, purity and unselfish love. The highest and best thing to experience is the pure love of God. I believe the Bible calls it "the beauty of holiness".

That is my praise for God. I will wear those experiences like a necklace around my neck.

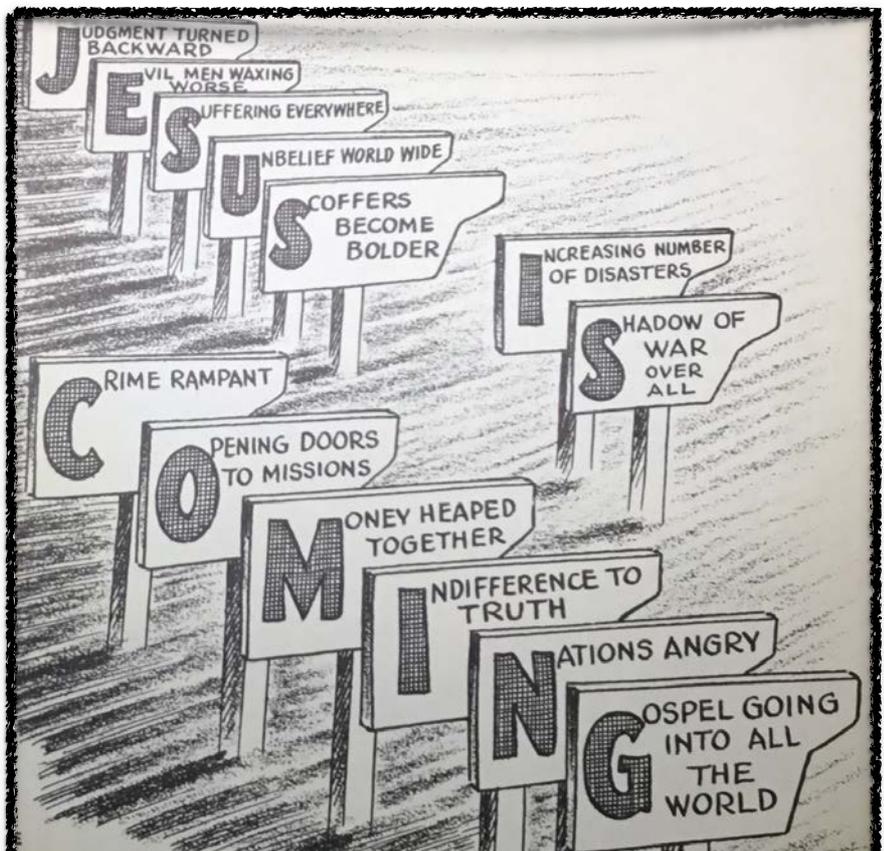
It is honestly the most amazing feeling in the world to share Jesus' Love with others. I'm still a sinner everyday and I am still a desperately wicked doubting Thomas.

I have to struggle through waves of unbelief and oftentimes I feel like I'm drowning in fears of my own making, I am helpless to create or hold onto the fruit of the spirit of my own accord and I struggle with my besetting sins. I suppose I'm 'helpless'.

But prayer, I have found, to be the one thing that pulls me back from the edge, from giving up hope in God altogether. Prayer is my key to God's storehouse of love to transform my character. And once you've experienced even a small taste of the beauty and fragrance of a righteous, godlike, loving character, there is nothing more desirable.

My prayer request for myself in particular but for all of us is that God will satisfy us with His love so that we won't need to seek satisfaction from fleeting pleasures and that God will live in my heart and fill me with His love for Jesus and my fellow creatures.

Tom.



**“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be... He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” Revelation 22:12,20**



**“And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”**

**Revelation 12:11**

Have you had an experience since camp you'd like to share, small or large? Would you like to thank God for something? Has something inspired you lately. You might be tempted to think that your testimony is not very important, but be assured that it will touch a heart and will be just what someone needs to hear. (If any little word of mine ....) Would you like to share it? Please email [mrsgodfrey@mus.camp](mailto:mrsgodfrey@mus.camp)



1. In the land of fade - less day Lies "the cit - y four -  
 2. All the gates of pearl are made, in "the cit - y four -  
 3. And the gates shall nev - er close To "the cit - y four -

The city ...is to be possessed by those whose iniquities shall have been forgiven. ...And the twelve gates were twelve pearls ... and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass." Here is gold that in value far surpasses all the treasures of earth. He who has an entrance into that city, has that which is of more value than all the gold of Ophir. The loss of all things earthly he will then count but a trifle to have exchanged for such an inheritance.

And the city lieth four square, and the length is as large as the breadth;..." Some have said that this city is only a figure, and represents the church of God. Here is a literal measurement, and the result of that measurement is given in furlongs. The fact that the result of the measurement is thus given, is proof that it is a literal city. In Revelation 11:1, where a measurement of God's people is spoken of, which relates to character, you will perceive that there is no result given in figures...All are invited to share in this glorious prize. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come." The city of God, with all its charms, welcomes us. - SAIN p 81.1 J N Loughborough.



### 2019 Memory Verses

If you'd like to begin pre-memorising the memory verses here they are:

**Matthew 4:18-23** And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

**John 14:12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

**Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Revelation 14:6,7** And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

**Matthew 24:14** This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

