

President's Report to the Ruggles B.O.D. Thursday 7/24/25 (4th Meeting of 2025)

After nearly a year of physical heart problems---problems that have been challenging to say the least---I'm happy to say my SPIRITUAL heart is full by the GRACE of God. Our 153rd Camp Meeting is well underway and we have been richly blessed as we have been "Stepping in the Light" of the Lord.

Like last year (*the Calendar Year of 2024*), this year of 2025 Ruggles has been going basically non-stop since the weather broke in the spring. I jokingly say "Ruggles is Rockin'" for the Kingdom of God! We are blessed to be a Community that supports God's Word and Work through Revivals, Retreats, Reunions and a host of other events.

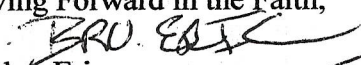
This does stretch us----constant use mean basic "Wear and Tear"---we are blessed to have been able to make significant improvements---but still much needs to be done. We need to count our blessings and plan and pray on how we can continue to improve in our witness and service for Jesus.

I think the Lord is stretching us in another way---myself included. I think we are being stretched in the Sacraments of the Lord. Communion is served often in various groups at Ruggles and with our Youth---but we have been hesitant to have the Sacrament in the Revival Setting Worship services. We do understand that there are many different practices of the Table but if Camp Meeting is about Conversion of Souls (*among many things*)---didn't John Wesley call Communion a "converting ordinance"? How is one NOT being "converted" into Christ's likeness by participating in Communion? Anyway, we had Communion last year on a Friday night and it was a blessing.

Secondly, we are having a "Remembrance/Affirmation of Baptism" service this year. This can be done in various ways---including immersion. We have had baptisms here at Ruggles but not very often...maybe the Lord is helping us "jump into the water" a little more! May the Lord use us wisely in building faith in all souls and all the Church's that are in the Ruggles family.

Lastly, the "Legacy Tree" is being worked on with an outfit out of Lexington. They have been knowing our deadline to have it ready by Camp Meeting but there have been several delays---the Engraver Motor broke down being one of them. They have everything they need from our end---including money---it's all paid for. I'm STILL hoping it can be here in the next day or two---the man keeps saying he's trying! Thanks for your practice---I think it will be a blessing---just like the plaque that was created for the 100 year celebration in 1973.

Moving Forward in the Faith,


Brother Eric