



RUGGLES CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

A Historical Methodist Camp

December 2025

Dear Ruggles Family,

Robin and I wish to say THANK YOU as we close out 2025. We reflect on what is passed and what is ahead with God's great work! The use of Ruggles Camp for Retreats, Revivals, Reunions, etc. the last two years ('24, '25) is essentially record breaking. Your continued faithful prayers and financial support is greatly needed and appreciated. We are looking and praying for even bigger things for God's Kingdom in 2026!

Our purpose statement helps us to stay focused--the By-Laws states it this way:

"...the primary aim ..is to bring participants into an active fellowship with God through faith in Jesus Christ by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit....that participants become active in their local church as they express their faith through Christian discipleship in every area of their lives in order that the Kingdom of God may truly come to Earth."

So we celebrated **150 years. Praise God!** But like our motto says, we move **"Forward in the Faith"**. Quick story: We have a Sesquicentennial Magazine edition for these years--(you can see it on our web-site and we have copies for the asking). In fact, we got the idea for the magazine because Asbury Seminary was putting out an edition for their **100th year** at the same time. In the most recent E-Mail Edition of the Seminary's magazine *Ruggles is indirectly mentioned*--it's in an article by Bill Arnold, Professor of OT entitled *"Looking Back and Moving Forward in Faith and Fire."* I've known Professor Arnold for many years---he's a wonderful, scholarly, devout follower of Christ. He writes:

"The Seminary was birthed over 100 years ago in the fervent spirit of the Holiness Camp Meeting tradition...born in this spirit of the revivalism of the Camp Meetings. Asbury Seminary from its beginning focused on the robust Gospel message of full salvation...." (emphasis added)

Friends, the *"robust Gospel message"* is needed now just as much as ever! God help us to be laborers in the harvest! I wish to thank everyone for the additional prayers as heart related problems arose in 2025. The cardiologist is giving me a "thumbs up" but I have to modify a few things--no real strenuous activity. Also, please pray for the word I just received concerning our caretaker family, Scotty, Alicia and Justice Cooper. We praise God for them and their service---Scotty's sister, Cindy, just passed away from a cancer battle of several years.

May God's gift of the Christ Child come to you, your family, and to Ruggles in 2026!

Merry Christmas/Happy 2026!

Brother Eric (prez) *BRO. ERIC*

p.s. Grateful for any financial donations, please make all donations to "Ruggles Camp", in care of Dr. Jeffery Rice, Treasurer, and send to the return address on the envelope.