

President's Report to the Ruggles B.O.D.
Thursday, May 28th, 2026 (3rd Quarterly B.O.D. meeting of 2026)
Christ---FULL AND FREE!

We are excited about a host of ministry opportunities at Ruggles Camp as the summer approaches and we look forward to our 154th Camp Meeting. This year's Camp Meeting Theme is "*Christ—Full and Free!*". I have often used a quote from Rev. Dr. W.L. Clark from Paris, KY in 1940 about the overall purpose of Camp Meeting—it is worth repeating. Rev. Clark was asked what are the purposes of Camp Meetings and he said "*...for the conversion of sinners, the reclamation of backsliders, the sanctification of believers and the edification of the saints.*" Notice the sanctifying, progressing path of holiness in his words---true in 1940 & in 2026!

Throughout the Scriptures there are recurring stories of the world's *emptiness* contrasted with the *fullness* of Heaven. King Solomon in the book of Ecclesiastes spoke of the pursuit of peace from this world which only leads to a vast container of emptiness—"*Vanity of vanities*" says the Preacher; "*Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.*" (Ecc. 1:2) Jesus spoke the same in John 4—"*Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst.*" He used the same language in John 6 "*I am the living bread which came down from heaven...your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.*"

The sad truth is that the devil's offerings ARE attractive—many of all ages fall on the broad and wide road. Jesus Himself was offered *ALL* the kingdoms of the world—yet He knew that all the trimmings of the Enemy are nothing.

My father in childhood gave me a lesson along these lines. It was about going to get gasoline. (*NOT a very fun experience today---and it was NOT all that fun back in the day as prices always seemed to be increasing.*) Anyway, my father had challenges when it came to cars, upkeep, etc. Yet, I noticed that he went to the gas station quite often—many times only getting \$2 to \$4 of gas at a time. I asked him once---"Why do you go so often?" He told me...it was to keep his tank *FULL* on the "**F**" side and not the "**E**" side! He did this in case there came a time when he needed to travel a longer distance he didn't have to worry about running out.

I would like to say that I always followed his example—but I cannot. Life tends to drain us—I'm near the "**E**" many times especially when I'm trying to do life on my own strength. Life IN CHRIST, however, is the *fullness* of the Spirit--offered without price. Christ is able to "*save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him*" (Heb. 7:25). How many of us are running at half tank, a quarter of a tank, an eighth of a tank—or just fumes!!! Ruggles is Holy Ground dedicated to the gift of wholeness and holiness---the free gift from God which leads us to have our cups running over. Lord have YOUR way in all things at Ruggles this year!

Church groups of various sizes and shapes are already making their way across the threshold of the gates to experience the fullness of joy, peace and sacredness of time set apart for Jesus.