

# Nebraska **CALLING**



October 2018

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

## **State Director's Message . . .** *Rob and Joleen Baker*

The camping season is soon drawing to a close. This year has been a very active year in our house with attendance at events, chapter campouts and working weekends. We have enjoyed it all!!!

As our Nebraska members prepare to head south, winterize their campers, and prepare for the upcoming colder temperatures, we ask that you stay in touch. Attend winter meetings, chapter events or get together with members to play cards, games or have a meal together. Most of all have a great time, enjoy your FCRV companions wherever you are located for the cold months. Challenge your members to recruit as the National numbers continue to drop. Invite prospective members to your winter meetings to take advantage of the opportunity of getting to know them and them getting acquainted with your group. Promote the introductory membership of \$36.00 for 18 months of membership. Let's all work together to bring in families to help keep FCRV growing.

By the time you are all reading this issue of The Calling, our State/Planning Meeting may be over. Rob and I hope those attending had fun and enjoyed the time we spent together. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Reports . . .**

### **State Chaplain's Message . . .** *Mert Feikert*

Another camping season is about over, and it's time to think about winterizing. This year I must get two campers ready for the cold months ahead because we finally did find the Class C that we have always wanted. We have taken it out the past three camping trips and are very happy with it. I have always enjoyed the great outdoors and am so thankful the good Lord has blessed us with the ability to really enjoy the garden He prepared for us long ago.

Speaking of winterizing, the mood-altering effect of the winter months ahead always seem to

influence many of us living in the temperate regions of the world. As the days get shorter and the temperatures begin to plunge toward zero, the world we enjoyed earlier is not as inviting as it once was. This is a one of the times that Satan takes advantage of our moods and will sometimes

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July 7-13      Campvention, Hutchinson, KS

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cause us to stray. Therefore, it is also one of the times we should take on the armor offered to us by our Heavenly Father.

**Ephesians 6:10-11**

***Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.***

***Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.***

So, as verse 17 points out, one of pieces of armor we have is the sword, which is the word of God. Why not take advantage of those days when it is just too cold to go outdoors, and sit down next to the fire with God's word. Whether we like it or not, the devil will always be in the world and he will do anything to detour our pathway to heaven. No matter how hard we try, we often find ourselves on one of these detours and that is why Jesus was sent to earth. He is always there and can always get us back on the right road, no matter the type of detour we have taken.

## **Chapter News . . .**

### **Republican Valley Sodbusters**

The September meeting of the Republican Valley Sodbusters was held at Hunters Cove on September 17 - 19, with hosts Thaine and Donna Tomlinson. We were pleased to have 12 members camping. We enjoyed having Janet Staehr's brother and wife join the group for dinner on Tuesday.

Donna provided delicious breakfast sandwiches for our Tuesday breakfast and rolls and special sausages Wednesday morning. Tuesday evening was our usual potluck with more delicious food than we could possibly eat; in fact we couldn't even get it all gone Wednesday noon before heading home!

Though it was very warm weather during the days the evenings were beautiful and all enjoyed the view of the lake as they visited and played games. Tiny black bugs tried to drive us inside but evenings were so nice that

most of the group swatted bugs and enjoyed the outdoors. We may have suffered later from the bug bites!

Don Haresnape reported that Carol is in a swing bed at the Smith Center hospital and is gaining strength as her shoulder heals. For those who are unaware, Carol took a fall at Retiree camp and injured a shoulder as well as many bruises and black eyes. What a trooper! She wouldn't go home, but spent her time in the camper.

It was decided that the business meeting in the future will be held on Tuesdays after breakfast, so if someone needs to leave early it will make it easier for them.

The October 15 - 17 meeting will be at Nuckolls County Fairgrounds with hosts Jim and Janet Staehr.

Planning for the next year will be done at the October gathering. Meeting dates will also be reviewed.

Guests and anyone interested in joining the Sodbusters are always welcome, Come and learn about the group and the good times to be had camping together.

*Shirley Rippe*  
Secretary

### **Triple F Campers**

Sixteen members of Triple F camped at Viking Lake in Iowa in September. It turned out to be a very laid back weekend and despite problems with the boat, the guys got in lots of fishing.

Three of our young people took a very long hike. It was supposed to be just a few miles, but they must have taken a wrong turn along the way because they ended up covering 12 miles, per the mileage recorded on their cell phone. That must be a CAMP record for distance walked.

An unexpected highlight turned out to be a very friendly resident of the lake, a swan named Mo. According to the camp host, Mo had lost his mate the previous year. Despite this, he continued to live in the area and befriend the campers located in the sites

against the water. He often waddled right into our campsites and took food from the hand of anyone who offered it. Then he would lie down in the grass next to the water for a nap.

October will find Triple F at Auburn which we will use as a launching area for a day trip to Indian Cave where we will check out the decorated campsites and go on the "Haunted hayrack ride".

*Mary Brashaw,*  
Secretary

### **Rollin' Turtles**

The Rollin' Turtles camped Sept 20-23 at Big Lake State Park in Missouri. Fifteen

members and two guests attended. The huge trees and pleasant weather were a nice change. Friday evening we dined at White Cloud Casino in Kansas. Some of us were luckier than others.

Saturday our meal consisted of a "Tailgate" appropriate to a Football Saturday. One member had a satellite dish, so many chose to watch the slaughter. During the formal meeting the club chose its campsites for the coming year. Our next campout will be at the American Legion Park in Wilbur, Oct 18-21.

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