

Camp Springs News

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First Twelve Mile Baptist Church

~ More Than 200 Years Above The Waters ~

By Glenna Herald and Wayde Shanks

The history of First Twelve Mile Baptist Church teems with stories that are miraculous, mundane, mysterious, tragic and triumphant.

The story begins when the founders of First Twelve Mile Baptist Church first congregated in December of 1799, at the home of Brother Beuthel Riggs. Records confirm the history of the church predates the Southern Baptist Convention and the Kentucky Baptist Convention, established in 1845 and 1837 respectively.

This fledgling House of God underwent several changes as it matured, including a split in 1818, according to church history. At this time, a group of parishioners left the Twelve Mile location of the Church to return to its birthplace on Four Mile. What provoked this move remains a mystery to historians, because records from this time are sketchy. This faction of Four Mile Baptist Church eventually disbanded, allowing First Twelve Mile Baptist Church to become the custodian of both congregations' records. A fire in 1905 destroyed most church documents. This fire, ignited by a lightning strike, also destroyed the First Twelve Mile sanctuary. That same day, members vowed to construct the fourth and final home of the church. "Before the embers cooled, a new building was started on the same site," according to church documents which also state the congregation completed the new construction in one short month. (The few surviving documents include a list of charter members and are available on microfilm at the Kenton County Public Library.)

This same building is the current sanctuary of First Twelve Mile Baptist, 3288 Oneonta Road in California, Kentucky. The beautiful, unadorned white structure and bell tower, we think, reflects the values and convictions of parishioners: commitment to God, their families and their community.

Despite its color, this picturesque country church conjures the imagery of the hymn "The Little Brown Church in the Vale."

How sweet on a clear, Sabbath morning,
To list to the clear ringing bell;
Its tones so sweetly are calling,
Oh, come to the church in the vale.

Adopt-A-Highway: Call for Volunteers

Please join us for our spring Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on Saturday, April 21, at 10 a.m. at the Camp Springs Bed and Breakfast. Vests and bags will be provided, as well as an Earth Day gift from the Campbell County Extension Office. All you need to bring is a desire to clean up your community! *For more information, please call Nancy Enzweiler at 635-2925*

St. John Lutheran Initiates New Kentucky Mission Partnership

Trailer Available for Clothing Donations

St John Lutheran, 5977 Lower Tug Fork Road, is working with the Middle Kentucky Community Action Partnership to serve fellow Kentuckians in need in Breathitt, Wolfe, Owsley and Lee Counties in central Kentucky. These counties are among the poorest in the nation. Camp Springs residents are invited to assist St. John Lutheran by bringing clothing and small household goods to the trailer that is parked behind the church. As in the past, books, large appliances and furniture will not be accepted. If you bring a donation and the trailer is full, church staff ask you to return at a later date. Donations cannot be stored at the church.

St. John Lutheran thanks area residents for their past support of the McCreary County Christian Center, which had to close its mission at the end of 2011 and encourages you to join in this new partnership. *Call 635-5013 for further information.*

Sixth Anniversary Herbst Tour: Call For Entries

If you are an artist, crafter, or have a Camp Springs business or home operated specialty, you can display and sell your products in the Sixth Anniversary Herbst Tour on Sunday, October 21, noon to 6 p.m. Stone house owners are welcome to participate by showing their historic and unique homes along the Stonehouse Trail.

Call Mike Enzweiler at 635-7547 for further information.

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CSI Update

CSI Board Members

Harriet Arrasmith— Acting President

Nancy Enzweiler—Secretary

Linus Enzweiler— Treasurer

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Carolyn Allender

Phillip Garber

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If you are interested in serving on the board,
contact Nancy Enzweiler at 635-2925

Minutes of CSI meetings
and past issues of the *Camp Springs News*
are available at www.campsprings.com

All Camp Springs residents are welcome to attend CSI board meetings. Please join us for our next meeting, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Camp Springs Vineyard, 6685 Four Mile Road.

Deadline

Calendar submissions for the next issue are due to the editor at 635-2925 by May 14, 2012.

Thanks to Glenna Herald and Wayde Shanks for the article on First Twelve Mile Baptist Church

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Upcoming Events

Fish Fries, St. Joseph Catholic, 6833 Four Mile Road on Fridays in Lent except Good Friday, February 24—March 30, 4 - 7:30 p.m. featuring Mr. Herb's fish. For more information call 635-5652.

Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers and Evening Prayer, St. John Lutheran, 5977 Lower Tug Fork Road, February 29—March 28. The Soup Suppers begin at 6 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 635-5013.

Wednesday Evening Masses and Scripture Study, St. Joseph Catholic, 6833 Four Mile Road, Wednesdays during Lent at 7 p.m.

March

March 11— Stagette, 2-6 p.m., Camp Springs Firehouse, call 635-9302 for tickets

March 11 — Food and Friends, 9 a.m., Oakland United Methodist

March 11 — Daylight savings time begins

March 17— Winter Jam, Oakland United Methodist

March 19 — CSI Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Camp Springs Vineyard

March 31 — Spring Social—Girls' Night out, 6:30-11, Bishop Brossart High School, Call 635-1993 for reservations.

April

April 5— Holy Thursday Service, 7 p.m., St. John Lutheran and Oakland United Methodist

Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic

April 6— Good Friday Service, 2 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic
Tenebrae Service, 7 p.m., St. John Lutheran

April 7— Holy Saturday Mass, 9 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic

April 8— Easter Services 10:30 a.m., Oakland United Methodist
Easter Masses, 8 and 10 a.m., St Joseph Catholic
Easter Services, 7:30 and 10 a.m., St. John Lutheran

April 21 — Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up, 10 a.m., meet at Camp Springs Bed and Breakfast

April 21—Saturday Fellowship Service, 6:30 p.m., Oakland United Methodist (weather permitting)

April 28 —Blessing of the Bikes, St. John Lutheran, 9:30 a.m.

May

May 18—Saturday Fellowship Service, 6:30 p.m., Oakland United Methodist (weather permitting)

May 28 — Memorial Day Parade, from St. John Lutheran to the Firehouse

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