

National Family Camp

Wednesday 27/7/2011

Forty five campers arrived at the camp venue in Kidderminster eager to fellowship and worship the Lord. After room allocations we had an ice breaker where we got to know each other better by asking a number of questions. During our first evening service we experience wonderful praise and worship and were encouraged to give God more praise. The message was delivered by our National Overseer, who encouraged us on the camp theme *"Making God's cut."* He mentioned Gideon's army and how God whittled them down from 32,000 to a mere 300 but he used the 300 to win a great battle.

Thursday 28/7/2011

We had ten day visitors with us throughout the day which boosted our numbers even further. After a good devotion by Brother Patrick Clarke we had separate workshops for men and women. Both sets of workshops looked at the *"works of the flesh"* after which the men looked at *"God's measuring tools"* and the women looked at the topic, *"Spiritually out of shape."*

Brother Ray Prince did a wonderful workshop again on the camp theme *"Making God's cut."* He started off with a definition of the theme with the emphasis on God being the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end [Revelations22:12, 13]. He explained that to make God's cut requires preparation similar to a person attaining a good education to achieve a certain quality of life. He also made reference to Gideon's army reiterating much of what was said in the previous message. He explained that a number of things could cause us to miss the cut and that we had to ask God to perfect us and be willing to let go of the things that would hinder us.

During the evening we had a meeting around the camp fire unfortunately someone forgot the marsh mellows! Notwithstanding we had a glorious time with Brother Stuart relishing his role as Chief Fire Officer with the responsibility of keeping the fire blazing.

Friday 29/7/2011

After the morning devotion there was a feedback session and testimonies. Much was said about the friendships that were forged and the fellowship that we shared during our time at camp. This was followed by fun time in the gymnasium which included football, basket ball and the obstacle course where some of the older folks tried to show the younger ones that they didn't have one foot in the grave...yet!

All too soon it was time for us to depart but some were already planning for a repeat trip next year if the Lord tarries.

Total attendance including day visitors was 55 which represented the best ever attendance at one of our camps. Brothers, Jason and Rikki Prince and their helpers are to be commended for

a wonderful Family Camp.

Pastor Philip Bennett