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"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help. My help  
cometh from the LORD, which made heaven  
and earth. He will not suffer thy foot  
to be moved: he that keepeth thee will  
not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth  
Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy  
shade upon thy right hand. The sun  
shall not smite thee by day, nor the  
moon by night. The LORD shall preserve  
thee from all evil: he shall preserve  
thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy  
going out and thy coming in from this  
time forth, and even for evermore."

Psalms 121



....FROM THE PRAYING STATE



**CHRISTIAN ACRES**

Every Dime Helps



....TO THE PAYING STATE



"If faith produce no work, I see  
That faith is not a living tree.  
Thus faith and works together grow;  
No separate life they e'er can know;  
They're soul and body, hand and heart;  
What God hath joined, let no man part."  
-Hannah More

### THE BEGINNING

The CHRISTIAN ACRES project may be new to many people in the Bluefield area. True, it is a 1970 happening, but to a number of faithful saints it dates back to the 60's and 50's for many have revealed their dreams and visions of one day having a Christian Service camp in the Bluefield area. Our present day facilities known as CHRISTIAN ACRES really had its beginning in the hearts of dedicated men and women who had faith to believe it could happen.

### SOUGHT & BOUGHT

After a very successful camping year in rented facilities in 1968, the preachers who worked in that camp began their search for property, feeling that the churches of the area were ready to go to work for the Lord in such a capacity. A number of locations were considered when Buddy Hale of Bluewell informed the group of 104 acres of property in that area. It was viewed with great enthusiasm, reported to a called meeting of the area churches and purchased in December 1968 for \$9,000.00. A \$2,000.00 down payment was raised within 30 days and the property was paid in full in 7½ months.

### PARTICIPANTS

The Elders of the Midway Church of Christ were selected as trustees of CHRISTIAN ACRES, holding it in trust for the thirteen churches which responded to the initial call for help on the project and the other churches who would attach themselves at a later date. The initial churches were, Midway Church of Christ,



Falls Mills Christian Church, First Christian Church of Montcalm, Pine Grove Church of Christ, Mudfork Church of Christ, Horsepen Church of Christ, Springville Christian Church, Central Church of Christ of Baptist Valley, Pettry Church of Christ, Crandon Church of Christ, Lerona Church of Christ and Grassy Spur Church of Christ.

#### GOVERNMENT

The Government of CHRISTIAN ACRES is composed of three members from each of the aboved mentioned churches and other churches of the restoration movement of the area who wish to work in the project. These representatives choose from their midst a chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. Committees are selected for various tasks as the need arrives.

#### PREPARATION

As payments on the property were quickly coming to an end, Harold Crouser, a camping expert was brought in from Wheaton College, Ill. to survey the land for buildings, locations, suggestions and possibilities. From that time on architectural drawings, excavation of land, giving steel companies invitations to bid on the buildings, rounding up helpers and much praying took place.

#### CONSTRUCTION

On April 3, 1970 a \$78,863.03 contract with the H. S. Williams Co. of Marion, Va. was signed for 10 beautiful buildings. Between that time and the time the buildings were delivered around the middle of May, foundations, floors, rough plumbing and rough electrical work had been laid. By the last of July the steel building company had completed their work leaving us with a lot of interior finish work to complete in the buildings. Although we had a large number of men, women and youth volunteering their labor we had to hire men to prepare the foundation and floors, install the rough plumbing, water and sanitary systems. We also found that the men had to have materials to work with and these cost money.



## FINANCING

Since the very beginning the financing of CHRISTIAN ACRES was by the love of individuals and churches. They paid for the property, improved the road, enlarged the lake, and paid for the bulldozing work. Today these same people are paying the monthly payments on a \$125,000.00 mortgage with their monthly pledges and gifts, and making other improvements on the property.

In order to finance the construction of the buildings of the Youth Camp the executive committee set in order a mortgage on the property for \$125,000.00. This mortgage was then divided into smaller notes of 40 - \$1000.00, 100 - \$500.00, 130 - \$250.00 and 25 - \$100.00 first mortgage notes and sold to members and friends of the participating churches. Each note draws  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest each six months and were so arranged so that each six months thereafter until 15 years a certain number would become payable. Each month \$1,100.00 is placed in a "sinking fund" in the Commercial Bank of Bluefield, W, Va. to secure the payments of these notes.

## OUR PRESENT NEED

Since the campsite has been winterized very little, with the exception of pledged gifts, has been accomplished toward the work. There remains much physical work, the caretaker's house must be completed by the end of spring, each building still need a bit of finish work inside, the yards need worked and planted, fruit trees need pruning and probably the most important of all needs is that we still owe the H. S. Williams Co. around \$12,000. This is so because we haven't sold all the First Mortgage Notes. We still hold about \$20,000.00 worth and these must be sold soon. An agreement with the Williams Co. allows us to pay  $7\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest on the money we still owe them. In the meanwhile we are holding unsold notes which are collecting  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest semiannually. We will admit that this is not good stewardship with the Lord's money, and this is one of the reasons for this special bulletin, to let you know of the need for money to complete our obligations to man and the Lord. We need help in disposing of the remaining notes, and we need those who will continue their monthly pledges and gifts in order to pay the mortgage. If you are unable to purchase any of the remaining notes please help us sell them to someone who can. Your help is urgently needed at this time!!



AVAILABLE NOTES

\$500.00 NOTES

Number	Mature date	Number	Mature date	Number	Mature date
50073	11-1-79	50085	11-1-81	50093	11-1-83
50074	11-1-79	50087	5-1-82	50094	5-1-84
50075	11-1-79	50088	11-1-82	50095	5-1-84
50080	11-1-80	50089	11-1-82	50096	11-1-84
50081	11-1-80	50090	5-1-83	50098	5-1-85
50083	5-1-81	50091	5-1-83		
50084	11-1-81	50092	11-1-83		

\$250.00 NOTES

25090	5-1-79	250107	11-1-81	250119	5-1-83
25091	5-1-79	250108	11-1-81	250120	5-1-83
25092	11-1-79	250109	11-1-81	250121	5-1-83
25093	11-1-79	250110	11-1-81	250122	11-1-83
25094	11-1-79	250111	5-1-82	250123	11-1-83
25095	11-1-79	250112	5-1-82	250124	11-1-83
250100	11-1-80	250113	5-1-82	250125	5-1-84
250101	11-1-80	250114	5-1-82	250126	5-1-84
250103	5-1-81	250115	11-1-82	250127	5-1-84
250104	5-1-81	250116	11-1-82	250128	11-1-84
250105	5-1-81	250117	11-1-82	250129	11-1-84
250106	5-1-81	250118	11-1-82	250130	11-1-84

If you'd like to purchase any of the above notes please contact Tom Brown of the Midway Church of Christ, 415 Old Bramwell Rd., Bluefield, W. Va. 24701 - Phone 327-6697 or Rudy Hearn of the Pine Grove Church of Christ, Route 3, Box 738, Bluefield, W. Va. 24701 - Phone 589-3084 or your own preacher.

We would also greatly appreciate any pledge of Monthly gifts or gifts of money from individuals and Churches. All checks should be made payable to "CHRISTIAN ACRES".

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