

Summary of 2008 Fellowship Conference

The summer annual fellowship gathering was held in Pine Mountain State Park (Kentucky's first state park built in 1924) located near Pineville in picturesque Bell County. Many arrived a day early to take in the scenery and get in a bit of shopping.

Pine Mountain enjoys very lovely flora consisting of many hard wood and pine trees mixed in with native rhododendrons and azaleas. Most trails were steep and very pleasing to the eye thus, affording the health conscious among us an opportunity for a work out as well as the joy of viewing God's beautiful creation. Black Eyed Susan's, white rhododendrons and red native azaleas along with other beautiful flowers were in bloom along the trails.

On Wednesday night we gathered in the conference room of Pine Mountain Lodge and had a delightful evening worship service. We had a very pleasant surprise. Brother Andy Daniel of Carrollton, Georgia gave a wonderful lesson on "Our Life: A Theater" that was well thought out and delivered in a very professional manner. Bro Andy, we look forward to hearing you many more times!

Many of us enjoyed our meals in the spacious Pine Mountain Lodge dining room. The very large windows served to frame in the beautiful mountain scenery which gave guests a very serene environment to dine and relax.

On Thursday morning the discussions began. This year's theme was "The Mysteries of Christ". Discussions were well thought out and delivered by sincere gentlemen who love the Gospel of Christ. There were many sincere women of faith present who make a quiet difference and are, in many cases, better Bible scholars than some of us boys. Two young brethren, Brother Fred Scott and Brother John Fields gave very heart-felt discussions on the keys of the kingdom. The love for our Lord that the young have is readily apparent.

On Thursday night we drove higher into the mountains and enjoyed fellowship at a most enjoyable cookout. Music was provided by Rebekah Daniel and her grandmother Luree Benefield on the keyboard with Tim Eldridge on the guitar. The meal was prepared by Mike, Melba, Andy, and Rebekah Daniel. We had hot dogs, hamburgers, and homemade ice cream. Very engaging discussions continued through Friday afternoon. Brother Harry Cobb was present both days and answered very deep questions. Brother Wilbur Bass closed the conference with the topic "Coping With The Mysteries of Life".

As always it was a pleasure to visit with Brother Ron Scott of Bloomington, Indiana. He is a very capable Bible scholar and elder at the Dowell Hill Church of Christ in Columbus, Indiana. He was this year's Master of Ceremony. On behalf of those present: To Brother Ron Scott and his family and to Brother Mike Daniel and his family, from our hearts we thank you very much and appreciate all the very long and hard work you've done and continue to do for the Lord and His church.