

**Bloys Campmeeting Association**  
**Ft. Davis, Texas**

Dear Bloys Members and Guests,

June 12, 2017

I once heard that our life was a cross-country baton race. The cross-country course represents the ups and downs we all face during our lifetime. The baton represents what we hand off to those we leave behind as we finish our life's trek on earth and continue through a finish line that is eternity in heaven. Bloys is such a baton that has been handed down to us now for 128 years.

In 2 Timothy 4:7, Paul states: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Yes, Paul finished his life's race and handed off a baton of discipleship through his great missionary work and fourteen books of the Bible. In this verse, he also states that he kept the faith and fought the good fight.

As we reap the baton of Bloys, are we doing so with keeping the faith and fighting the good fight? Yes, let's come to join the fellowship of family and friends. However, more importantly, let's expand our faith by taking in God's message through the words of our ministers and music team. Let's be a reflection to others that we are fighting the good fight by our presence and actions as followers of Jesus Christ.

Beginning on August 4<sup>th</sup>, we all have the opportunity to be at Bloys for our first church service at 8 PM. "Old timers" night will be Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM, our annual business meeting will be Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30, and our last service will be Wednesday evening the 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. All four ministers and our music team will be returning from last year. Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the first day allowed on the campgrounds.

If you are new to Bloys, several helpful instructions will be given during our first church service on the 4<sup>th</sup> by our superintendent, Matt Miles, concerning overall ground rules, youth events and church services, and helpful reminders. Please do not hesitate to ask for help anytime.

Finally, may we all be thankful to God and one another. We have so much to be thankful: our water and electricity is in good shape, the cabins and cooksheds are ready for us, Beverly is back with Virgil after 3 months of care at Scott and White, and most of all, God is present and ready for us. He has a race scheduled for each of us. May we all listen to His will for our lives and submit to his race course, not ours.

Look forward to seeing a big crowd. Travel safely.

Gerald Nobles, Jr.  
President