

Bloys Campmeeting Ft. Davis, Texas

I truly hope Bloys 2018 was a very good year for all. Surely, Reverend Bloys would be proud of how this generation has carried on his legacy. The entire campground was full of young children, being cared for by their young parents, and seeing the huge crowd in the Tabernacle on Sunday morning's service was beyond words. It brought back wonderful memories of year's past when Sunday's church service was full and vibrant with young families and kids everywhere.

Yet, Bloys is more than one Sunday service. Why aren't the other services close to being this crowded? Is mankind and this culture that different than when Jesus was teaching and developing his disciples? Today, as back 2000 years ago, the phrase of "you can take them to water, but you cant make them drink' comes to mind. Why is this so?

Satan is more powerful than we give him credit. Yes, we are all sinners, but Satan fools us by making sin pleasurable. Do we tend to enjoy and seek pleasure rather than maintain that personal relationship and love the everlasting life that Jesus has offered? I'm sure we all probably fall into that trap at times. Thank goodness we have God's Word to be able to read and keep us on track for that loving relationship.

We all know that change does not come quickly for Bloys. Maintaining the original structure of Bloys has been one major key to its success and longevity; thanks to the original founders who did such a good job of planning and organization.

However, we do need and are seeing a little change. We have this new website full of information from schedule of events to how to make online donations. We now have an endowment fund to help fund repairs to outdated utilities and ensure safety for all. We will probably be seeing more little changes in the future. The executive committee is currently working on other items that can be tweaked to ensure that every generation is given every chance to find their opportunity to worship. After all, worship was the original intent of Bloys and still is today.

Before you know it, June Meeting will be upon us. If you haven't been in a while or maybe have never been, I urge you to attend. We have a church service, business meeting, and pot luck lunch every year on the Sunday prior to Father's Day.

May you all have a wonderful year and be given the opportunity to attend our 130th August 2019 meeting.

Sincerely,

**Gerald Nobles, Jr.
President, Bloys Campmeeting Association**