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**EVENTS
CALENDAR**
Summer Season
Open daily
9a.m.-5 p.m.
Sundays 1-5 p.m.
From April 1-Oct. 31

Cane Ridge Day
June 28, 2008
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**World Convention of
Churches of Christ
Tour Groups**
August 1-3, 2008

Winter Season
October 31 Closing
Worship Service in
the Meeting House
10 a.m.; refreshments
in the Museum
following.

Bells, Banjos, Presentations Part of Cane Ridge Day 08

Midway College will be the focus of the Annual Cane Ridge Day on June 28, 2008. Dr. Robert Botkin, President Emeritus of Midway College, will be the morning's featured speaker. His message will be "School at Midway: A Clear Purpose Through Changing Times."

Dr. William B. Drake, Jr., the eighth president of Midway will be the afternoon speaker with the message "Contemporary Disciples Higher Education: Church or Church-Related?"

In addition Rev. Heather McColl, pastor of Midway Christian Church will offer a brief history of the congregation and Mrs Joyce Wallace, representing Second Christian, Midway, will offer her congregation's history.

From its beginnings as a Female and Orphan's School to being a premier college for women to the recent addition of numerous satellite programs for both men and women, Midway College has been affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

In addition to the speakers those attending will have an opportunity to



Robert Botkin



William Drake



Heather McColl

hear the Raytown Christian Church Bell Choir from Raytown, Missouri. Dr. Johnie Dean will lead the singing for the day accompanied by Jane Johnson on the old reed organ in the Meeting House. The Backroom Bluegrass Band will perform outdoors during the lunch break.

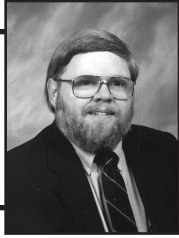
Registration begins at 9:30 am with the morning session starting at 10:00 am. Everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and fellowship around the picnic tables. The youth of Midway Christian Church will have beverages for sale during the lunch hour. Offerings for the support of the Cane Ridge Meeting House will be collected during both the morning and the afternoon programs. The days events will conclude before 3:00 pm.

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TO CANE RIDGE
Send gifts to: Henry
Hanna, Treasurer,
Cane Ridge Preserva-
tion Project, P. O. Box
26, Paris, KY 40362-
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"Many Thanks"

TO SCHEDULE
A VISIT
Please phone 859-
987-5350 from April
1-October 31
Visit our website at:
www.caneridge.org



Notes from the Ridge

By James H. Trader II

"Y a'll dunk people don't ya?" That was the question I heard last week as a family climbed out of their car in front of the Cane Ridge Shrine. It took me a moment to process the question while the matriarch of the family responded, "They call it submersion." Finally I understood the context. I pointed

out that most of the churches in the Stone-Campbell tradition practiced baptism by immersion but that it was one more issue that was still debated at times.

The patriarch pulled his cap off his head and scratched his fiery red scalp (apparently the cap was an afterthought) and asked "So where's the pool?" After I informed him that the Cane Ridge congregation usually went to the edge of Paris to Stoner Creek for baptism he

sighed, "Seems like a long way to go to me."

I later reflected on his comment. Cane Ridge has had "city" water for barely ten years, before that we were on cistern water, collected from the gutters on the buildings. We no longer have to call the water trucks when we have a dry season or a large event coming up when bathroom use is high. It has become easy to take instantaneous and continuous water pressure for granted. Until....

Sometime over the winter a leak developed in our water pipes but even after numerous trips our plumber couldn't find a leak. Everyone had a theory. The plumber had an opinion. Most of the board members had an opinion. I was certain it was in one of two places. We were all wrong. After six holes and an equal number of replacement compression fittings, we narrowed the leak to a thirty foot section of pipe. Yet even when digging up that area we still couldn't tell where the leaking water was draining. There are a number of natural underground caverns in the area where water pools. We suspect that the leak occurred above one of these natural cisterns and never came bubbling up through the soil. Whatever the problem was it is no longer a problem and the water meter doesn't run even when no water is being used. It was definitely a long way to go.

For a weekend we had no wa-

Cane Ridge Day Schedule of Events

9:30 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m.	Gathering
10:15 a.m.	Welcome & Invocation "Special Music by the Raytown Christian Church Inspiration Ringers Bell Choir," Raytown, MO "History of Midway Christian Church," by Heather McColl "School at Midway: A Clear Purpose Through Changing Times," by Dr. Robert Botkin
12 noon	"Picnic on the Grounds" with music by the Backroom Bluegrass Band
1:00 p.m.	Gathering "History of Second Christian Church, Midway," by Dr. Edgar Wallace "Contemporary Disciples Higher Education: Church or Church-Related?" by Dr. William Drake Offering Benediction

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Ruth Lowe, Former Spouse of Curator, Passes

Ruth Burklow Lowe, 90, wife of former Cane Ridge Curator Henry G. Lowe, died Friday, April 25. She was born July 4, 1917 in Fleming, KY.



Ruth Lowe

Aside from her beloved husband of 69 years, she is survived by a son, David Lowe of Lexington, KY and a daughter, Mary Lowe Bradley of Campbellsville, KY. A brother, Rhudell Burklow of Bristol, VA and a sister, Jean

Hoke of Lake Placid, FL also survive her. Three grandsons, Justin Bradley Frankfort, KY, Marc Lowe Lexington, KY, and Eric Lowe Lexington KY and five great grandchildren, Grant and Kelsey Lowe of Lexington, Aaron, Clara and Lauren Bradley of Frankfort, KY will dearly miss her. She will also be deeply missed by numerous nieces, nephews and special friends. A special thanks to the staff of Homewood at Richmond Place, Lexington.

She served for years as a secretary, was in charge of volunteer programs for what was then called the Christian Church Childrens Home of KY, and a

nurse at Ephraim McDowell Regional Health Center, in Danville, KY. She was a graduate of the Bowling Green Business College and the Danville School of Nursing. She is a Deaconess Emeritus of Central Christian Church, Lexington, and was a member of the Eastern Star, President of Homemakers, and statewide Disciples of Christ Training Team Coordinator, and an avid UK fan.

Funeral services were at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Harrodsburg Rd. by Rev. Guy Waldrop. Burial was in Battle Grove Cemetery in Cythiana, KY. .

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ter in the museum (luckily the plumber temporarily plugged one pipe so my residence had water). It was an extreme inconvenience because we had six scheduled groups that weekend, among them 150 motorcyclists on Sunday afternoon. Serendipitously a group left us two porta-potties last year and the owner has never picked them up. They weren't a perfect solution but our guests who needed to use them complained very little.

When I was a teenager I received my Boy Scout plumbing merit badge in part because of the work I did to help get the water heater in our church baptistery working so I could be baptized the next day. I didn't take the water for granted that day and I don't take it for granted today after the weekend's problems. I probably will again, one day but for now I have great respect for those had to work or sacrifice or travel to

Meeting House Benefits From "Luck of the Draw"

Cane Ridge was surprised on Monday, June 2 with a work group from the Hill 'n Dale Christian Church in Lexington. The group was participating in a mission opportunity called "Destination Unknown" in which they pull the name of a nearby organization or program that needs help from a hat. They then travel to that site and do whatever they can to assist.

The young people from the church included Mary Grace Douglas, Kayla Biddle, Rachel Eltzroth, Austin Wilkerson, and Jonathan Dicks with Youth Minister Cody Shepherd and other adults Darlene Eltzroth and Gary Blake.

The group vacuumed and dusted in the shrine and meet-

ing house, weeded many of the flower beds, picked up tree limbs and helped to trim many of the bushes and trees on the property.

Their help was greatly appreciated.

There are many opportunities for work groups to help out around Cane Ridge. It is suggested that you call ahead so the staff can be sure to have supplies on hand but everyone is welcome to come and help with whatever they are able.

There are always more weeds, more overgrown greenery, more peeling paint or more dirty windows to be taken care of. If your group would like to help please contact the staff at Cane Ridge.

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The Raytown Christian Church Inspiration Ringers, above, will open the morning session on Cane Ridge Day 2008. The group is from Raytown, Missouri and is on a week-long Disciples Heritage Tour that includes stops in Indianapolis, Bethany, WV, and Washington, D.C. They are under the direction of Suanne Comfort.

LOCATION:

1655 Cane Ridge Rd. (State Hwy 537), Bourbon County, Kentucky
Between I-64,
exit 110 and Paris
(US Hwys. 68
and 27)

CORRESPONDENCE :

P.O. Box 26
Paris, KY 40362-0026



The Backroom Bluegrass Band from Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, will entertain at Cane Ridge Day during the noontime picnic.

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