



Transformation

MY CHRISTIAN ASHRAM JOURNEY

It was in the spring of 1936 that I first heard E. Stanley Jones preach. It was at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The vast hall was crowded with at least 25,000 people.

Never before had I ever heard the Gospel message presented so clearly, convincingly and compellingly as I did that night. Hundreds responded positively to the message. At the height of his power Stanley Jones could preach more effectively than any other evangelist I ever heard. I was simply entranced! At the time I was studying theology in New York.

The next day I heard him again in a smaller setting, for I had made my way to Brooklyn. He spoke at this meeting of the Christian Ashram – the first time I had ever heard of it. He had founded the movement in Lucknow and Sat Tal, India, in 1930.

Again, I was moved by his presentation but never dreamed that I would ever in any way be related to the movement.

Time marches on! In October 1937 I received a very definite call to be a missionary to India. By mid-March 1938 I arrived in India, where I was pastor of a small church.

Just over a year later I found myself at Sat Tal where Dr. Jones (Brother Stanley) had established a summer Ashram in a beautiful setting in the lower Himalayas. It was there that I first came to know his daughter, Eunice, whom I married a year later. At this Ashram I was greatly impressed by the orderly group living. We rose early, we worshiped regularly, we studied the Bible and other religious documents; we lived simply and were schooled in the corporate nature of the Christian life. It was, as often observed, a kind of Kingdom of God in miniature. Every evening there was an evangelistic service at the lakeside. There lives were changed on a regular basis. May 1939 was for me truly a “vacation with God.” We lived in a relaxed manner but also with intensity and earnestness. The work period daily involved all participants in the chores of life together.

I have attended and led scores of Christian Ashram sessions since and have marveled at the spiritual power generated in those gatherings. During the years that followed I moved on in my vocation, but was often refreshed and empowered by being a partner in such an ordered devotional experience.

It was a surprise to me that in May 1969 my father-in-law invited me to go to India with him as his helper. At the time I was busily engaged as a Methodist bishop charged with the care of four annual conferences in New England. Somehow I managed to return to Sat Tal for just a week. There I assisted Brother Stanley and “learned the ropes.” Before I knew it, Dr. Jones asked me to assume leadership as Acharya or spiritual leader



of Sat Tal. He also nominated me to be chairman of the Christian Ashram movement. Upon his death in 1973 I found that I had in some sense “inherited his mantle.” At no time have I ever assumed that I replace him. I too was committed to the Lord, but my gifts were different. Eunice also became a part of the movement, bringing her own unique gifts.

Through the years we have traveled the world together. We have led Ashrams in various parts of the globe. We have held sessions in Latin America, Europe, Africa and other places. Twice we have led extended sessions of the Ashrams in Japan – dear to the heart of Brother Stanley.

We have seen leaders raised up as needed through the years. We have survived crises. We have observed “miracles” along the way. Somehow, at heart the Ashram movement is

solid and will survive and prosper in ways as yet hidden from our eyes.

**“Hitherto the Lord has blessed us, “why not, “Henceforth!”
Jesus is Lord.**

-James K. Mathews

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JESUS IS LORD

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things.

Hebrews 1:1-2

A great many people think Jesus was a moralist imposing a moral code upon humanity – a code for which humanity is badly made...But Jesus was not a moralist in that sense at all. He was a revealer of the nature of reality. First of God. He said, if you want to know what God is like look at me. "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). We see the Father in the face of his Son. God is like Jesus in character. Transfer every characteristic of character from Jesus to God, and you do not lower your estimate of God – you heighten it. For there is nothing higher for God or humans than to be Christlike, Jesus is God simplified, God approachable, God understandable, God lovable. When I say "God" I think Jesus. And nothing higher can be thought or said! Jesus is the last word that can be said about God.

To follow Jesus is to accept Truth embodied in a person.

O Jesus, I accept you in every portion of my life and with the consent of all my being.

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Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles

Greetings in Christ!

The final preparations are underway for the North American Christian Ashram celebration to be held at Estes Park, Colorado, June 14 – 18, 2006. Many of you have your reservations.

My sincerest thanks go to Rev. Dorothy Davis and the Colorado Ashram group who are spending unbelievable hours in preparation for this event. Dorothy is serving at the chair and making all the arrangements. Steve Strother is spending hours at the computer making sure the details are in order.

The meeting of the Ashram board and larger Ashram family will experience an unusual setting this year. Bishop Jim Mathew's will be honored, along with Eunice, on Friday night at Estes Park for their untiring commitment to the work of this ministry. Their time, talent and resources cannot be calculated. Brother Jim and Eunice are known around most of the world, and particularly in India and the U.S. for their commitment to Christ, devotion to E. Stanley Jones and this ministry, which has celebrated more than 75 years doing the work of The Kingdom.

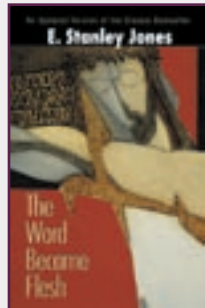
In Colorado, we will also have the privilege of hearing Dr. Stephen Graham who has written this wonderful documentary of Brother Stanley. He will have a session where copies will be personally autographed.

We were truly honored, on March 1, 2006, to have a visit from Bishop and Mrs. Stanley Downes of Bombay, India. A dinner to honor them was held here in our building and enjoyed by a great group of Ashramites.

We covet your prayers as we continue to begin new Ashrams and further equip the existing ones for a more viable voice for Christ and His Kingdom.

Jesus is Lord Indeed,

Brother Jimmie



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February 18 – 20, 2006	California Winter	Camp Maranatha • 54162 Maranatha Dr. • P.O. Box CC Idyllwild, CA 92549 • 909.659.2739	Ms. Mary Beth Hebert • 21100 State St., Sp. 206 • San Jacinto, CA 92583 909.487.0943 • chenobi2@yahoo.com
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March 3 – 5, 2006	New Beginnings	First United Methodist Church • 406 W. Shirley Street DeRidder, LA 70634	Dianne Penney • First United Methodist Church 406 W. Shirley Street • DeRidder, LA 70634
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March 17 – 19, 2006	West Monroe	Faith United Methodist Church • 3510 Arkansas Road West Monroe, LA 71291	Ms. Melanie Eager • 3510 Arkansas Road • West Monroe, LA 71291 318.396.0326 • admin@faithmethodist.net
March 24 – 26, 2006	Eastmoor	The Eastmoor United Methodist Church • 105 Eastmoor Drive at Main • Marion, KS 66861 • 620.382.3121	Judy Priest • 26 Lakeshore Drive Marion, KS 66861
April 21 – 23, 2006	Wesley Woods	Wesley Woods Christian • Education Center Grand Valley, PA 16420	Ms. Peg Toothman • 29 Peach St. Bradford, PA 16701 • 814/362-1156
May 20, 2006 (One Day Ashram)	Tri-County	Warsaw Township Fire Hall • Route 5 (Hazen) Brookville, PA 15825	Mr. Tim Reynolds • RR #5, Box 165 Brookville, PA 15825 • 814/328-2310 • timr@alltel.net
May 27 – 29, 2006	California Spring	Idyllwild Pines Camp & Conference Center • Route 243 P.O. Box 425 • Idyllwild, CA 92539 • 909/659.2605	Emma Sauer • 1646 W. O'Farrell St. • San Pedro, CA 90732 (H) 310/831-8081 • emsau@aol.co
June 1 – 4, 2006	Mountain	Young Harris College Young Harris, GA 30582	Ms. Dot Manchester • 1146 Wesley Mtn. Dr., Apt. #217 Blairsville, GA 30512 • 706/745-9029 • vmcvay@alltel.net (Email – Vikki McVay)
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June 23 – 26, 2006	New England	Geneva Point Centre • Star Rt. 62, Box 469 Centre Harbor, NH 03226	Ms. Nancy Peffers • 11 Lloyd Road Wilmington, MA 01887 • 978/658-5208
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July 15 – 20, 2006	Atlantic	Berwick Campgrounds • Berwick, Nova Scotia Canada B0P 1E0 • 902/538-9380	Ms. Brenda Ellison • 5 Birch Drive, Jefferson Pines Kingston, NS • Canada B0P 1R0 • 902.765.2526



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July 22 - 27, 2006	Texas	Scottsville Camp and Conference Center P. O. Box 307, 400 Harkins Lane • Scottsville, TX 75688	Mr. Walter Farmer • Rt. 1, Box 630 • Hearne, TX 77859 979/279-3771 • wamlf@txcyber.com
July 23 - 28, 2006	Keuka	Keuka College Keuka Park, NY 14527	Ms. Diane Hunter • 6391 Open Flower Columbia, MD 21045 • 410.290.9872
July 28 - 30, 2006	Junaluska	Lambuth Inn Lake Junaluska, NC 28745	Ms. Bea Fosmire • P. O. Box 85 Flat Rock, NC 28731 • 828/698-8196
July 29 - August 4, 2006	Sierra (CA)	Camp Sierra • P. O. Box 161 Big Creek, CA 93605 • 559/893-3333	Reed Anderson • 18100 Redbud Circle Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714.968.3127 • anderson_reed@yahoo.com
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Aug. 3 - 6, 2006	Mountaineer	Parchment Valley Baptist Conf. Center Route 2, Box 304 • Ripley, WV 25271	Don and June Jones • 800 Michael Avenue Charleston, WV 25312 • 304/343-3635 • deejayjones@earthlink.net
August 4 - 6, 2006	Blue Lake	Blue Lake Assembly Grounds Route 1, Box 170 • Andalusia, AL 36420	Miriam Pittman • 2710 Longleaf Drive Mobile, AL 36693 • 251.661.6956
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September 29 - 30, 2006	Shreveport/Bossier	Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church 3939 Pines Road • Shreveport, LA 71119	Ms. Carolyn Salter • 2834 Kaylin Drive Shreveport, LA 71118 • 318.687.4069
Sept. 29 - October 1, 2006	Shenandoah	Massanetta Springs Conference Center Route 17, Box 138 • Harrisonburg, VA 22801	Mrs. Julie Seaux • 3140 Summit Crossing Road Fredericksburg, VA 22408 • 540.898.1714
October 13 - 15, 2006	Western Pennsylvania	Jumonville Retreat Center • 887 Jumonville Rd. Hopwood, PA 15445 • 800/463-7688	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Buckingham • 1701 Porter St. • Conway, PA 15027 724.869.4376 • ed.buckingham@kvaemer.com
November 17 - 18, 2006	Lea Joyner	Lea Joyner United Methodist Church 4390 Old Sterlington Road • Monroe, LA 71203	Mrs. Doris Jones • 225 Crew Lake Loop Rayville, LA 71269 • 318.728.3388

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BRITISH COLUMBIA CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Camp Alexandra, Crescent Beach
White Rock, BC
Janice & Ed Hird, Co-Directors

We had our best turnout ever. There were 90 people there, including 26 teens and children. For the young adults and teenagers Brad Madu and Rebecca Bailey were leaders. The talent skit from this group was very entertaining.

Christine MacIntosh, Viola Hayden and Heather Maddox looked after the children's ministry. This year besides having the main speakers go and speak with the children we also had a special children's healing service.

Our evangelist was an Anglican Mission an America Bishop from Colorado, Sandy Greene. He spoke about all the different types of healing and was excellent. The bible teacher this year was Todd Wiebe from North Vancouver. He gave us much food for thought.

Thanks go to our many volunteers who helped with the camp, and especially to Pauline Primeau who coordinated all the snacks. As usual the food was excellent, the weather grand and many new and old friendships were enjoyed.

SHENANDOAH CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Massanetta Springs Conference Center
Harrisonburg, VA
Albert Harvey, Director

Last year there were several tornadoes around the area. The year before it was a hurricane, but this year the weather was perfect. Brother Ralph Thomas brought a lot of enthusiasm and personal testimony to his message that everyone enjoyed. We were sorry Sister Evelyn Laycock was unable to be our Bible Teacher. Brother Wray Johnson was able to fill in for her and did a wonderful job as always. Linda Conlin's "The Dove Project" was excellent. The music and singing was beautiful.

Brother Ralph Thomas' brother Bishop Ignatius Thomas did the healing service with his wife Priscilla and Brother Ralph's wife Ruth. This was definitely the most moving healing service I had ever attended. Brother Marvin Koontz knees had hurt him for 20 years and he was healed. I was using an inhaler for my lungs and have not had to use it since the service. Praise our Lord Jesus.

ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

United Church Campground
Berwick, N.S.
Douglas Ashfield, Director

The Atlantic Christian Ashram, held on the beautiful Berwick campgrounds in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley was a wonderful blessing for the over 800 participants who gathered in July, 2005. The warm weather matched the warmth of the teachings of the evangelist Brother Eddie Marsh, who reminded us of The Great Physician's prescription for sin and His love for us. He taught us how to practice the presence of God and to allow Him to love us. He then commended us to take this message to a hurting world! His teachings was complimented by that of our Bible Teacher, Brother Jerry Kendricks, who encouraged us to allow Christ to empower us to invest ourselves in the lives of others so as to make an eternal difference. Youth ministry teams dedicated to meet the needs of all ages encourage the whole family to enjoy the Ashram experience! Once again, we recognized the lordship of Jesus who prepared a banquet of His people!

BLUE LAKE CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Blue Lake Assembly Grounds
Andalusia, AL
Fred Harmon, Director

The 2005 Ashram was very successful. Reginald Johnson, Evangelist and David Steveline, Bible Teacher did a great job for us. The youth from Tallassee Methodist Church again brought a great program to our Ashram. The East Tallassee United Methodist Church also had a One Day Ashram on January 15, 2005 with 75 attending. Dr. Jim Bailey was the Evangelist. The church Ashram was well organized and enjoyed by all.

SIERRA CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Camp Sierra
Big Lake, CA
Ron Linski, Director

This was a memorable Ashram in that it was glorious despite the adversities faced along the way. The Evangelist, Dave Wainscott, teamed with the Bible Teacher, Nancy Boyd, where both moved by the Holy Spirit to lead the Ashramites in the theme of healing, and that not only during the healing service, but all during the week. Of course, the healing service was a culmination of events during the week, but there was a sense of camaraderie in the Holy Spirit throughout the entire affair. The group that was there played an important role in this camaraderie. However, possibly all would agree that the move of God centered on the words and prayers of Dave and Nancy.

There were new faces joining the Ashram. One brother, a pastor from Sacramento, intrigued about Ashrams from his readings of E. Stanley Jones, attended with some members of his family and was sufficiently impressed with God's work at the Sierra Ashram to communicate his intention of returning in 2006. Two sisters in Christ from the Sonoma/Napa area graced the camp with their presence and willingness to learn, share and apply what God was showing them during that memorable week. They too expressed their intent to return.

All in all, it was a successful Ashram, despite the circumstances that, if viewed without faith, threatened to derail the event. We look forward to next year and to what our good Lord has in store.

REDWOOD CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Redwood Christian Park
Boulder Creek, CA
Kent Barnard, Director

A truly wonderful week. Our leadership was excellent. Each day was richer than the last. Brother Lloyd brings such a rich heritage and challenged us to really look at the Living Word through the eye of Middle Eastern tradition. Brother Tom Nisbett shared what it means to really follow the Living Word. The Holy Spirit moved in an amazing way all week. From Open Heart to the Overflowing Heart, we felt a closeness and warmth that was truly the "Kingdom of God" in miniature! There was a marvelous connection between the youth and the older folks, with a lot of sharing going on. Because we have our Ashram the week of Independence Day,

We have a wonderful tradition of having an Ice Cream Social in the afternoon with completely rebuilding a stage used in the Cathedral Grove. That bit of handiwork is something that Ashramites can be proud of for years to come! We also made quilts and other things to cheer the lives of people in a nursing home. Some of our young girls learned to sew for the first time. As always, our children's program was stellar. Everything went smoothly, with a dedicated "12" attending to all the needed details over the course of the week. There was a lot of growth and deepening of the walk for all, old and new Ashramites alike.

SHREVEPORT BOSSIER CHRISTIAN ASHRAM



Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church
Shreveport, LA
Carolyn Salter, Director

The first Shreveport Bossier Christian Ashram was held at Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church. Rev. Andy Hurst was evangelist; Dr. Tom Nisbett was the bible teacher and Dr. Dan Gibbs led our music.

We had 93 registrations for the mini-Ashram. Many who had attended other Ashrams were impressed with the way things were organized. Some who had never attended were eager to learn where and when the next closest one would be held.

The theme for our Ashram was "Forgiveness and Being Forgiveness." Both Andy and Tom did an excellent job of conveying God's message to us. Dan is a tremendous musician

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and chose appropriate music to go with the theme. These three men work extremely well together and seem to “read each other’s minds” as to what is needed and when. The healing service was outstanding as it was combined with communion.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Idyllwild Pines Campground
Idyllwild, CA
Paul Walker, Director

As always, God blessed the Ashramites. Some evidence of this comes from the comments regarding the Evangelist and Bible Teacher: Excellent, Honest, Stupendous, Refreshing, Marvelous, Compassionate, Dynamic, and Inspiring. Perhaps the best evidence of God’s work was one person’s comment: “God has taken the hurt and bitterness out of my heart, restored my half of the marriage, gave me hope for the reality of Jesus and the Holy Spirit in my daily life at home.”

KEUKA CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Keuka College
Keuka, N.Y.
Ruby Rice, Director

Keuka seems to be better each year. This year was no exception. We were blessed to have twelve first time participants. We also had four persons return to the Ashram after twenty years. This year’s attendance was 125.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Blaketown United Church
Blaketown, NL
Burry Heights Camp
Avalon Peninsula, NL
St. Thomas Anglican Church
St. John’s, NL
Sylvia Trickett, Director

These three events went well. At two of these events, we witnessed souls coming to Christ. Especially in the weekend event, we had several youth giving their hearts to Jesus. To me personally, this is the very depth of Christianity, which is what Jesus requires of us.....”go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature”.... spread the Word.

As Director, I felt that in all three events the Holy Spirit was evident. Some Ashramites are beginning to call me about the next Ashram!

CALIFORNIA WINTER CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Camp Marantha,
Idyllwild, CA
Loel Meredyth, Director

What a delightful ashram this year. We were blessed to have Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles as Evangelist, and Mike Foell as Bible Teacher. What a great job they did, complimenting God’s word and work in us. Frank and Victoria Carrillo did the Church-In-Action and taught us much about being the body of Christ and discovering our gifts. And we had snow - 4 inches! The weather was cold, but warm buildings and warm hearts were plentiful. Our attendance was down a little, 64 participants this year, including many children and youth. The snow was very popular with them. It never ceases to amaze me how God works in lives and brings love and healing to individuals and families.

After 35 years of attending the Ashram, I have never been to a disappointing one. Over the years I have brought many troubles and worries with me and returned home revived and renewed, my faith strengthened. This year will always stand out as extra special – my sweetheart proposed to me Sunday night in the snow and under the stars! God is so awesome!

KANSAS CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

Central Christian College
McPherson, KS
Rev. Mike Howard, Director

We had a wonderful Ashram in Jesus our Lord! We had a good balance of adults, youth and children. Our worship team was such a blessing and both speakers were very good. We lost our youth leadership two weeks before the Ashram, but found very excellent replacements. We also had a good number of young adults (early 20’s). The HR of the Open Heart set a good tone of sharing and the HR of the Overflowing Heart was wonderful. Many shared about how they were touched by the Lord at this year’s Ashram in a very special way.

BISHOP DOWNES VISITS THE CENTRAL OFFICE



Bishop Stanley Downes and his wife Phyllis Downes, of Bombay, India joined us here at the Central Office on March 1, 2006. We were one of the many stops that they made during their trip to the United States.

Bishop Stanley and Mrs. Phyllis were welcomed with a dinner reception in their honor. Bishop Downes shared several stories of Brother E. Stanley Jones in India and their ministry together. We felt like we were again at Sat Tal where the Ashram began as we listened to him. We were also able to “tape” an interview with him for the upcoming documentary. Thanks to Trinity United Methodist Church, for their equipment and personnel. Also, we would like to thank Mrs. Sandra Hancock for the wonderful food that she prepared.

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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN ASHRAM JUNE 14 – 18, 2006 • ESTES PARK, COLORADO

Greetings in the name of the Lord! We trust your excitement is building as the time for the North America Christian Ashram June 14-18, 2006 will soon be here. We're looking forward to seeing you and getting to know you there. The theme of this Christian Ashram is: ABUNDANT LIVING FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY. Hopefully, we are all coming expectantly to hear what God is saying to each of us and to be inspired by the variety of different speakers who will be sharing with us and leading us.

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE FLYING

If you are flying and plan to use the Estes Park Shuttle, contact them as soon as you have booked your flights. They fill up fast in the summer and many of you will be arriving on the same day. Allow an hour to collect your luggage at the airport and another hour to get to the shuttle area, check in and board the shuttle.

SHUTTLE VAN SERVICE: Contact Estes Park Shuttle & Mountain Tours at (970) 586-5151 or their Web site at www.estesparkshuttle.com to make your shuttle reservations. Our discount code is "ASHRAM" (all capital letters). Round trip cost is \$76.50. There is no tax, but gratuities are appreciated. Vans leave Denver International Airport at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Vans leave Estes Park at 6:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Plan on 2 hour rides each way. It will take about an hour to collect your luggage at the airport. Once you pick up your luggage in the Jeppeson Terminal on Level 5, go to Door 511 on the East side of that terminal. Exit the terminal through Door 511 and to the EPSV area on Island 2 to board the vans. Once you go through Door 511, you can't get back in, so if you want food or drinks on the van, get them before you go through Door 511.

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE DRIVING

The YMCA Camp & Conference Center is located at 2515 Tunnel Road in Estes Park, CO.

IF YOU ARE COMING FROM THE NORTH ON I-25 turn West off I-25 onto 34. Continue West on 34, go through Loveland and into Estes Park to the heart of town where 34 becomes 36. Follow 36 until you get to State 66.

IF YOU'RE COMING FROM THE SOUTH ON I-25 turn West off I-25 onto State 66. There is a big sign at that junction that says Lyons, Estes Park, and Rocky Mountain National Park. Continue West on State 66 until you reach 36. Take 36 up the mountains into Estes Park. Follow 36 until you get to State 66.

AFTER TRAVELING THROUGH TOWN ON 36 AND REACH 66, there will be signs there to get in the left lane to go to the YMCA Conference Grounds. Follow them. Don't continue on 36 as it goes on into the Rocky Mountain Park, not the YMCA Center.

AS YOU APPROACH THE YMCA CAMP, there is a small sign that says the entrance is one fourth of a mile ahead. Do not turn there as some do. The entrance where you will turn has a big white sign that says: ESTES PARK CENTER, YMCA of the Rockies. Come to Mt. Ypsilon Lodge where members of the Colorado Christian Ashram will greet you and check you in.