



Greetings in the name of the Lord,

C.P.M.A.

It is an honor to once again serve this region as the coordinator of the Church of Prophecy Marker Association ministry. I would to thank the region for the work that was accomplished during the 2005-2006 church year. God will truly bless each one for the work completed this past year.

We find ourselves at the beginning of yet another church year. Let's strive to make this upcoming year more successful than the past. I'm excited about the potential this region possesses regarding the CPMA ministry! Approximately sixty percent of our region's membership were members of the CPMA last year. Let's work hard together to surpass the achievements from last year!

*Grayson B. Kent
Regional C.P.M.A. Coordinator, Florida - Georgia*

Message from the Assistant Editor

I want to take this opportunity to say that I am happy to be involved in the Regional paper again this year and look forward to working for the Lord again in this capacity. I am hoping that we can get many articles and local church news submissions to keep the region up-to-date on what is going on. It will take the help of the local reporters and the auxiliary/department coordinators to keep this paper going. The paper is sent out every two months, so after you receive the paper, your articles will be due to me by the end of that month. I am also trying to

send email reminders to the auxiliary/department coordinators when I get ready to work on the upcoming issue. This is the first issue since the Regional Convention, so if you are not receiving the paper and you subscribed at the convention, please call or email me to let me know. Please don't forget to check out our Regional web site. You are able to view *The Shepherd's Voice* there and also a lot of the past issues. Check it out at <http://www.tcogflga.org>. God bless all of you and please keep me in your prayers!

Tony Conner—Assistant Editor

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FULL SPEED AHEAD!

Melvin Kramer—Regional Overseer

I believe you can agree with me that we had a wonderful Regional Convention this time and that the Lord truly blessed us and gave us encouragement to work even more for Him this coming year. I would also like to take this time to thank each one that had a part in the Convention. It was you and your support that made it a success. You may not realize it, but each one there played an important role. It may have been by your preaching, praying, singing, giving a boost, or just by your attendance that made it a great Convention. As I think about this title Full Speed Ahead, I am reminded how the early Church must have felt at one time. It seemed that everything was going so good that nothing bad could ever happen. Then we begin to read the account of the agony in the garden, the betrayal and arrest, and the cross where the Son of God was crucified. It seemed that for just a moment of time that the disciples were without hope as their leader had just died right before their eyes. In their dark despair good news came as the message was received that the Lord had risen and was alive. This no doubt gave them some momentum to press forward. But when we read what happened a few days later, as they were all gathered together, as they heard His words in Acts chapter 1, and verses 4b-5, "wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence".

Then when He spoke these words the Bible says "a cloud received him out of their sight". Even at this point they were not down and out because Luke records in chapter 24, verses 52-53 "And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen". But even as it seemed that things were going good and the gospel ship was sailing in the right direction things were about to change. The Bible says in Acts, chapter 2, verses 1-2, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where

they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance". This is what I believe gave them full speed ahead and put the wind in their sail to go forward and to weather the spiritual winds and rains and storms that would come their way. The two key elements here that put them at full speed ahead was number one the filling of each one with the power of the Holy Ghost. The second important key here was that they were with one accord. Two short definitions of accord are: to agree, or to be in harmony. As we begin to look at the situation we are facing in the Church today, I believe you would agree with me that we desperately need some wind in our sail to get us at full speed ahead. But to have this we must have those two key ingredients that the early Church had. We must have the intervention of the Holy Ghost in the up-coming General Assembly. But I think the second key we cannot fail to have and that is we must come to this Assembly with our hearts melted together in perfect harmony to seek and find the mind, direction, and the perfect will of God.

If we do this I believe we can leave this Assembly with the saying that we The Church of God are at **FULL SPEED AHEAD.**

God Bless You.
Bro. Melvin Kramer

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We say it so often it seems to have lost its meaning. This really is an awesome thing to be a part of. You might think I'm off my rocker, but we as youth really are the future. I know, I know there is just too much going on right now. School, friends, food, cars, food, the list just keeps going! But we **MUST** remember one thing. When it's all over, and you pass from this world. What next? That seems to be the last thing most people think about. Too many things going on and not enough time in the day, God will come later. But this is actually the first thing that should be on your mind, because how you spend **NOW** makes the difference in where you go **THEN**. If you wait until **THEN** to care, it'll be too late to change. How you die is how you fly! Let's get things going this year and focus on the truly important things, souls!

I have some ideas already rolling for things we can do this year. But if anybody has something they would like to try to do feel free to give me a call or email me. IF we want to stay right, we need to stick tight!

CLAIM THE VICTORY! BAND TOGETHER! LEAD THE WAY!

V.L.B Coordinator (GA/FL)
Michael Steptoe

The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer are not allowed in most public schools anymore, because the word "God" is mentioned. Here's a poem someone wrote:

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.

And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but **FIRST** the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such "judgments" do not belong.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the state.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take!
Amen

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,

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| Deuteronomy | Ezra | Song of Solomon | Joel | Zephaniah |
| Joshua | Nehemiah | Isaiah | Amos | Haggai |
| Judges | Esther | Jeremiah | Obadiah | Zechariah |
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PRISON MINISTRY TEAM



Greetings, From the desk of Rick Razsi, I wanted to give a testimony report of the good things God has done. God had supplied the means for me to go to The Church of God summer camp in Hiltonia, Georgia.

I went to be a Counselor for the Junior Boys. I have worked Camp for approximately 16 years now, since coming into The Church of God. As always, each year brings new boys and new friends. I have enjoyed every time I have been to camp. It is a time when God meets Youth on their level and In his own manner, not of the norm of the church services of the adults. God works within the hearts of kids and brings them to their knees before him in tears and brokenness. It amazes me to see how God works each service, each child, each night.

It was a Blessing to serve once again as a counselor and lead these young people to the alter and help them find the God of heaven for themselves. Some were saved, some were sanctified, some received the Gift of the Holy Ghost. The camp theme was "Chosen Generation". 1 peter 2:9 All my boys, which were 11 of them, all my boys went home saved. Many children were walking around speaking in tongues and praising God, and some were being strengthened for the future ahead in life. We had an awesome Baptism in the Pool, and several children were Baptized because they excepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, not because of peer pressure or Adult intervention. They did it because they Loved the Lord and its what the Bible says to do when you get saved.

We had great staff from the kitchen cooks, to the music staff, to the teachers to the counselors, each one had a job to perform and I believe God was proud of the staff for doing their job well because of the Love for the children. Youth Camp!, you know why I love to work youth camp? I think of it as giving and showing the Love of God to children and helping them find Jesus Christ early in life, so maybe, just maybe when they have grown up to young adults, their walk with God will help them stay out of the Prison System and stay in The Church.



I believe God would say of the staff; Well Done thou Good and Faithful Servants, for your reward is great in the Kingdom of God. Thanks for letting me be a part of Youth Camp 2006.

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Check out these web sites:

If you would like to see your church web site listed here, please email me and let me know.

<http://www.thechurchofgod.org>
<http://www.thechurchofgodmillen.org>
<http://www.tcoflga.org>

Greetings, Saints, in the name of Jesus.

I want to thank each one of you for your co-operation in the past seven years as we studied together Correspondence Courses and at Bible Training Institute in Cleveland, Tennessee, as well as supporting our local B T I 'rs and World BTI with our prayers and offerings.



It is an honor to pass the "Florida/Georgia Regional Bible Training Institute Banner" to Brother James Morgan. He is very capable and very excited about taking on the responsibility of keeping you informed and excited about BTI Please assist him in any way you can. It will be greatly appreciated, I'm sure.

Still Supporting BTI,
Sister Betty Lisenby.

Past FL/GA Regional BTI Booster and Past Florida BTI Booster



From The Church of God of Spring Hill, Florida and The Church of God Tampa Mission:

Greetings, Saints.

May the Lord be with and bless each of you as we prepare for and travel to The 100th General Assembly of The Church of God.

Since this is a very historic Assembly everyone who possibly can go to Chattanooga, we hope will do so. Don't forget fasting and prayer. We must each be totally prayed up and strengthened by God for the carrying out of His business and take action according to His will.

Yes, Sisters, we too must be praying for the wisdom and strength of the Brothers. Our backing them in prayer will help them to be twice as prepared for the awesome tasks requiring decisions.

Pastor Lisenby and I regret that the end of July is upon us. We had promised Bishop Kramer that we would not leave our post here until the end of the church year which is the end of July. God has been so good to us in working out our necessary trips back and forth for the past seven months We'll be glad to get to our permanent home and new work, but at the same time we dislike having to leave Sisters and Brothers in Spring Hill and Tampa with whom we've worshipped and worked together for many years. Florida Family, since FL/GA is a region, we aren't actually leaving you. Rather, we'll just have a Georgia address instead of a Florida one.

Lisenby's address effective August 1, 2006: 207 W Revels Avenue, Post Office Box 352, Lenox, Georgia 31637. Home phone is 229 546-3131.

God has blessed both local church and mission in recent weeks. Pastor and Sister Lisenby have been able to attend some of the mission services where the Lord is blessing mightily.

Under the leadership of Brother Terry Vest, The Church of God Tampa Mission is sharing a church building at: 3812 N Florida Avenue, Tampa, Florida. If you're familiar with Tampa, you'll know that this stretch of Florida Avenue is one-way, going north. Just pull up the address online for the easiest way to get there from where you are. Brother Vest invites each of you with an added request to "bring someone with you."

Since they now have a building (sharing with another church) services are 6:00 P.M. on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. Meeting in a church building provides space for higher attendance and is more encouraging to prospects. It is a very nicely furnished chapel like-church building.

We in Spring Hill also encourage you to go to (or if you're live not close enough) or send your friends and relatives in the area to the Tampa Mission. You will surely be blessed.

Please pray for the Spring Hill Church and her future leaders who are at this writing not yet named. We thank you for your prayers on behalf of Bishop Carl Harris. He is doing better. Praise the Lord.

May God bless you all is our constant prayer.
Sister Betty Lisenby, Reporter

THANKS
from the
Kramer Family

To The Church of God in Georgia and Florida,
Thank you so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness to me and my family at the Regional Convention! You honored us in a special way and our hearts were sincerely touched.
Several of you shared encouragement and appreciation and I just wanted to let you know that we appreciate you too. Thanks for your prayers for Jodi Lynn during her sickness.
Thank you for all of the work that you did for the Lord and His Church during the past year. May the good Lord bless you and yours with all of His greatest blessings this new Church year! May we all, **"ARISE, AND GO HENCE"!!!!**

Love,

Sister Kramer