



Praise the Lord for the work accomplished by the CPMA ministry in each of our local churches throughout our region. According to the latest reports, our region has surpassed the 55% mark regarding CPMA membership.

C.P.M.A.

As of June 1st each of us has twenty-three days remaining to raise funds for the General Headquarters expansion project fund raiser. Our regional goal has been assigned as \$7,250. With the help of each local church – and each member – we can achieve the goal that has been set before us.

CPMA leaders, please continue to boost both CPMA memberships and the fund raising project in your local churches!

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

Message from the Assistant Editor

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported *The Shepherd's Voice* over the past year. I appreciate all of the articles that have been sent in over the past year for the paper and also for the web site. Please continue sending in your articles and announcements for the paper and website with your local church events and news. All Auxiliary/department coordinators, please continue to send in your articles and information when available. It would be nice to have some extra articles to have on hand for future issues. You can email me the article, mail it to me, or even give me a call if you need to. Whatever is easier for you will work for me. Please continue to check out the Regional web site for upcoming events and news. All pastors, please be prepared to have your picture taken at the Regional Convention, so that we can keep the web site up-to-date. Check it out at <http://www.tcogflga.org> or <http://www.tcogga.com>. God bless all of you and please keep me in your prayers!

Tony Conner—Assistant Editor

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ARISE LET US GO HENCE!

Melvin Kramer—Regional Overseer

Well it is that time again to make preparations for our second Regional Convention for Georgia and Florida. This event will take place Friday, June 23rd through Sunday, June 25th at the same location we held it last year, which is the James Rainwater Conference Center in Valdosta, Georgia. The conference center is located at Exit 16, off of Interstate I-75. The theme for this year is taken from John the 14th chapter, being the last five words of the 31st verse: “Arise, let us go hence”.

When Jesus came to this earth He knew that if He was to complete the mission He was sent to do he'd have no time to waste. As we look at the life of Christ in the four gospels we find that He was always about the Father's business and doing good everywhere He went. We could probably place this motto on Him, “Arise, let us go hence”, as he never passed up the opportunity to help someone, to preach, to teach or even to pray for someone in need. As I look back at the past year it has not been a so-called “banner year” for the Region, or for that matter the Church in general. I have never seen a time when so much gossip, backbiting, disunity, and just plain out hatred for one another has prevailed like it has this year. But when I read the Bible it tells that these things will happen in the last days, and that there will be a shaking and the ones that walk loosely shall be shook off and those that maintain a Christ-like spirit and are rooted and grounded in the word of truth shall remain. But just as much as we can see the hand of the enemy fighting on every side, it should encourage us to know that the victory does not come without a fight. Paul stated that he “fought a good fight”. He did not say he won every battle, but he was steadfast and solid in his pursuit for the prize.

I believe we have reached the point that we must take the example that was set by Christ - we must “arise and go hence” for the cause of Christ and his Church. We cannot allow ourselves to set idle by the wayside while souls are hanging in the balance. If the time that

has been wasted on petitions, E-mails, websites, phone calls, talk, and all the things on the negative side could have been put into the work of the Lord, such as seeing souls saved, I believe God would be more pleased than He is now. I am asking each one to join with me in this coming year to “arise, let us go hence” for the work of the Lord. I think it will surprise us to see what the Lord will do.

God Bless You.
Bro. Melvin Kramer

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Saturday Morning

9:00-9:30 - Devotion & Singing by the Central GA District, Coordinated by James Morgan
(Children's Church will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.)
9:30-9:40—Special Song by Sylvia Crews
9:40-10:00—BTI Program Coordinated by Betty Lisenby
10:00-10:10—Special Song by Eva Mackey
10:10-10:20—Ladies Retreat by Rita Phillips
10:20-10:30—Mens Retreat by Terry Tyler
10:30-10:40—Special Song by Jerrell Davis
10:40-11:00—Sermon by Josephine Perry
11:00-11:10—Offering for Regional Convention Expense
11:10-11:30—Congregational Singing, Coordinated by Vera Vaughn and Syble Palmer
11:30-12:00—Sermon by Maxwell Rollins (There will be a Camp Staff Luncheon held after this session. See Bro. Munoz for details.)

Saturday Afternoon

1:30-2:00—Devotion & Singing by the South FL District, Coordinated by Joe Porter
2:00-2:30—CPMA Program - Grayson Kent
(Children's Church will be held from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.)
2:30-2:45—Shepherd's Voice Boost - Tony Conner
2:45-3:15—Devotion & Singing by the North GA District, Coordinated by Samuel McMahan
3:15-3:20—Special Song by Lewis Harrison Family
3:20-4:10—Regional Treasurer's Report and the Regional Finance and Appropriations and Planning Committee Report to

the Convention

4:10-4:30—Regional Prison Ministry Program - Coordinated by Rick Razzi

Saturday Evening

6:00-6:30—Devotion & Singing by the South GA District, Coordinated by Shelton Cox
6:30-7:00—VLB Program - Coordinated by Joshua Farthing
(Children's Church will be held beginning at 7:00 p.m.)
7:00-7:10—Offering for Convention Expense
7:10-7:40—Evangelism Program by Billy Gaddis
7:40-8:10—ABM Program, Coordinated by Vera Vaughn
8:10-8:25—Worship in Song by Gail Johnson
8:25- Annual Address and Sermon
Melvin Kramer

Sunday Morning

(Children's Church will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.)
9:00-9:30—Devotion & Singing by the Regional Hispanic Churches (Trion GA, Palatka FL, Hazlehurst GA, and Deland FL), Coordinated by Abraham Ramos
9:30-10:00—Sunday School Program, Coordinated by Karen Farthing
10:00-10:10—Special Song by Sharon Roe
10:10-10:30—Camping Boost by Lawrence Munoz
10:30-10:45—Free Literature Boost by Wilson McMahan
10:45-11:15—Childrens Program, Coordinated by Melodies Steptoe
11:15-11:25—Worship in Song by Gail Johnson
11:25-12:00—Sermon by James C. Nabors
12:00-12:30—Appointments, Announcements and Closing Remarks by Melvin Kramer

Regional Convention for The Church of God

in Florida & Georgia

June 23rd-25th

Theme: "Arise let us go hence"

General Overseer*****

Regional Overseer*****Melvin F. Kramer

Special Guests*****James and Diane Nabors

District Overseers:

South Florida—Joe Porter

Central Georgia—James Morgan

North Florida—Fred Raulerson

South Georgia— Shelton Cox

North Georgia— Samuel McMahan

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Registrars: Courtney Phillips, Coordinator,
Josh Cox, Jimmy Cox, Esther Orellana, Jennifer
Porter, Levi Johnson, Kaytie Raulerson

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nator, Terry Clements, Steve Calhoun, Joe Por-
ter, Fred Raulerson, Steve Wilson, Abraham
Ramos

Clerks: Terry Tyler, Coordinator

Music Director: Danny Steptoe

Children's Ministries: Melodie Steptoe

Friday Afternoon

4:00-4:30 —Regional Finance and Appropria-
tions and Planning Committee Meeting: Melvin
Kramer, Jerry Cox, Fred Raulerson, Raymond
Lisenby, Danny Steptoe, Terry Tyler, Ed Mat-
thews

4:30-6:00—Regional Singing Convention: Co-
ordinated By Danny Steptoe

6:00-6:30—Welcome, Announcements and
Official Opening of the Convention: Melvin
Kramer.

Flag Pledge***Samuel McMahan

Bible Pledge***Lois McMahan

6:30-7:00—Devotion & Singing by the North
FL District, Coordinated by Fred Raulerson
**(Children's Church will be held from
7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.)**

7:00-7:10—Special Song by Courtney Phillips

7:10-7:30—Sermon By A. L. Harris

7:30-8:00—WMB Program - Brenda Raulerson

8:00-8:10—Offering for Guest Speaker

8:10-8:30—Worship in Song - Gail Johnson

8:30- Sermon and Altar Call - James C.

Nabors

FLORIDA/GEORGIA

LADIES' RETREAT 2006

I would like to report on the Ladies Retreat for the Fl./GA. Region. We had our Ladies Retreat in April, in McDavid, Fl. Oh! What a retreat! Our Evangelist, Sis. Mary Shelton brought some spectacular messages for us! We saw the hand of God in every message brought. **If you missed it, you missed a mighty blessing from God!**

Our morning devotions were by Sis. Syble Palmer of Perry, Fl. Oh, they were devotions for the soul! She was a willing vessel for the Holy Ghost to use. **If you missed it, you missed a mighty blessing from God!**

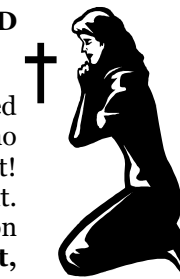
Our classes were hosted by Sis. Josephine Perry (Adult) of Tallahassee, Fl. and Sis. Margret Sherril (Teen) of Hillsborough, TN. Our classes were wonderful! **If you missed it, you missed a mighty blessing from God!**

Our Service devotions were hosted by Sis. Vera Vaughn of Perry, Fl. She did a great job of letting God have His way. Our services were great, and if you need a fabulous MC for your program, Sis. Vera is the one you need to contact! **If you missed it, you missed a mighty blessing from God!**

Our Singing for the Ladies Retreat was outstanding! We sang, we shouted, we sang, we shouted, some danced, some shouted! Does it sound like it was a great time in the Lord? **If you missed it, you missed a mighty blessing from God!**

We had a total of 11 at the retreat. The campground hosts drowned us in hospitality and treated us like family. **If you missed it, YOU MISSED A MIGHTY BLESSING FROM GOD!**

Listen Ladies, it would behoove you to attend Ladies Retreat. We need the restoring! We need the prayer time! We need to be with others who go through the same things we do! Ladies, you need the Ladies Retreat! Our theme was : He Restoreth My Soul (Ps. 23) Oh did He do just that. The Ladies retreat was worth the sacrifice. I thank God for every part on program, it had it's place in the working of God! **If you missed it, YOU MISSED A MIGHTY BLESSING FROM GOD!!!!**



Ladies Retreat 2006 Coordinator,

Sis. Rita Phillips

Check out these web sites:

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

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<http://www.tcogga.com> or [tcogflga.org](http://www.tcogflga.org)

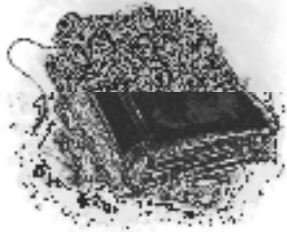
Greetings, Saints, in Jesus dear name.

Cleveland School Bible Training Institute is in session as this is being typed. I can't begin to imagine the blessings that are flowing this year. It is always such a blessing being at BTI, surrounded by God's People as we reach out to God and His blessings flow profusely. After being there in some capacity for so long, being at home this year is very difficult.



The people, hopefully, are in more of a prayer mode than ever before. It is so urgent that we ALL, in BTI or at home are constantly before God pleading for His guidance and wisdom for our Presbytery. It is not just their job to seek God, but ours as well on their behalf. We must not let them down.

If we've held on to nothing else from BTI teachings, this one thing, I know. As God's children we are expected to all pull together through times like this. As long as the Lord carries, our work must continue, else Jesus died in vain.



Looking forward to seeing each of you at the 2006 Florida-Georgia Regional Convention in Valdosta, GA next month (June).

Please continue to especially pray for BTI worldwide, and your local church's involvement in BTI Correspondence Classes and BTI Cleveland School. Through these classes we can be more knowledgeable about God's Word, and God's Church CAN remain strong as each of us do our part to back up the Presbytery with renewed strength through our prayers and fasting.

Yours For BTI,
Sister Betty Lisenby



Hello Saints.

Greetings with the love of Jesus and praying His blessings on each of you.

Recent weeks and months have been a struggle for many more areas than we were aware. There are probably many battles still continuing in the current Spiritual Warfare which seems to be at the highest peak I have ever known.

But, take heart. God has certainly NOT FORSAKEN His children. In spite of difficulties God is still BLESSING in this area.

Brother Carl Harris is surely a blessing from God. We rejoice with Sister Harris for every new day. You know, even when we get to where we can't speak, as was recently shared in Testimony Time, Satan can not stop our praising God through songs and scriptures inside out hearts, being in total contact with Him through prayer. Unless we allow him to, Satan cannot reach our inner hearts. At every opportunity we are blessed by Brother Harris's special singing. He and Sister Harris are wonderful examples and mentors to all of us.

Here's another huge PRAISE. The Church of God Tampa Mission has located a building. They will be sharing the building of another church and be able to have services on Sunday afternoons and Wed. evenings.

We are happy also, to share that average attendance here in Hudson had fallen down to four but is now back up to nine plus. Praise God.

Your prayers are much needed for and appreciated by The Church of God of Spring Hill at Hudson, FL and The Church of God Tampa Mission.

Serving as He leads,
Sister Lisenby, Reporter

PRISON MINISTRY



GREETINGS In the Name of THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Well, I went to the Prison tonight and I have been running about 23 -- to -- 27 men each night. Tonight I had 39 men attend service at GSP, and SEVEN MEN got saved tonight. I just wanted to Give God the praise for the good things he has done. Please pray for the Prison Ministry Team.

I am trying to get an HOUR RADIO PROGRAM on Sundays from 3pm to 4pm.

It will be toward the inmates and those in jails around here. I hope ya'll will pray for it with me. THANKS!

Has anyone noticed how dark its getting outside??? Let us work while it is still the day, night commeth when no man can work. Amen.

Bro. Rick Razsi
The Church of God Prison Ministry Team of Florida and Georgia.

LAMB'S CORNER

Children's
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Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Revelation Chapter 21

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New Jerusalem

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BRIDE	LENGTH
CITY	LIFE
CLEAR	LIGHT
CRYSTAL	MOUNTAIN
DAY	NAMES
DECEITFUL	NATIONS
EAST	PEARL
EMERALD	PURE
ENTER	ROD
FOUNDATION	SAPPHIRE
GATES	SHINE
GLASS	SOUTH
GLORY	SPLENDOR
GOD	SQUARE
GOLD	STREET
GREAT	SUN
HEAVEN	TEMPLE

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Proverbs 3

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DAD, I LOVE YOU



outings to the park,
and the way you
always tried to cheer
me when I was down?

Did I ever say thanks for
the sacrifices you made
so I could be involved
in so many enriching
activities?

Did I ever say thanks for
working so hard
to provide for our family?

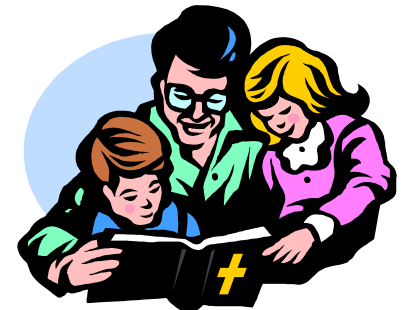
Did I ever say thanks
for having such faith in me
and always being there
when I needed you?

Most of all,
Did I ever say thanks for caring?

Walk a little slower, Daddy,
Said a little child so small.
I'm following in your footsteps
And I don't want to fall.
Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they are hard to see;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.
And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you.
Did I ever say thanks
for all the toys you mended,
games we played,

DAD, I LOVE YOU



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REGIONAL YOUTH CAMP

CHOSEN GENERATION

Dates: July 9th—15th



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Eph 1:3-4

A family usually spends about 30 minutes to an hour a day in family devotions teaching their children the way of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through His Holy word.

If a family spent 30 minutes a day in devotion, that would be 185.5 hours a year. But in this fast moving society we would be fortunate to get in half this time.

But imagine if you could spend 15 hours a day for one week with a child, giving them the love, grace, and mercy that Jesus gave the children that He commanded His disciple's to suffer unto him; teaching biblical values, spiritual unity, and the grace of God, through class, counseling, play and worship service. That would be 90 plus hours in one week of undivided Spiritual attention, by the best spiri-



But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 1Pet 2: 9

The Scripture speaks of the election of individuals to office or to honour and privilege, e.g., Abraham, Jacob, Saul, David, Solomon, were all chosen by God for the positions they held; so also were the apostles. There is also an election of nations to special privileges, e.g., the Hebrews But in addition there is an election of individuals to eternal life

The ground of this election to salvation is the good pleasure of God *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15:16* It is not conditioned on faith or repentance, but is of sovereign grace All that pertain to salvation, the means as well as the end, are of God. Faith and repentance and all other graces are the exercises of a regenerated soul; and regeneration is God's work, a "new creature." Men are elected "to salvation," "to the adoption of sons," "to be holy and without blame before him in love" The ultimate end of election is the praise of God's grace.

As with all things camp comes with a price. Time given by the staff members who take off from work and away from their families to do the will of the Lord and finances

The Lord took 6 days to create the world and all around it and in it. If God grants me, and the staff He has provided, 7days to plant one seed into the heart of a child, then we give God all the praise and glory.

It cost a camper \$81.00 and a staff member \$50.00 for registration, camp shirt, picture, and a snack card. To help keep the cost of camp down, you can give a donation to camp. I know the Lord will bless us all if we will give from the heart. Or if you wish, you can sponsor a camper to go to camp. There are many families that can not afford to send their child to camp and some-

times the churches come up short in their fund raisers. We know the realization that we will not be able to reach every child in Georgia and Florida, but if you would help one child and if it takes 7 days to plant the seed of our Lord Jesus Christ, it would be worth every penny spent. **Praise God!**



Thank you And God Bless

Lawrence Munoz

Camp Director