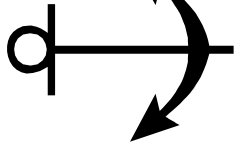


FLORIDA & GEORGIA YOUTH CAMP



THE ANCHOR HOLDS: *Heb 6:19 Which [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;*

When a storm arises and the winds begin to blow a ship around, it can put the ship terribly off course, and by the time it regains its bearings, time and even lives could have been lost during the distress. The only hope a ship in this predicament has is to let down its anchor so it can try to hold its course. But if the anchor does not hold, the ship will go adrift.

We are given warning in *Hebrews 13:9*: “*Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines.*” Scripture is teaching us here that every doctrine with which we are faced is not a true teaching of Jesus Christ. In today’s society if we are not careful, we can get caught up in false teachings and begin heading in the wrong direction, being misguided and detoured from the trodden path of righteousness. *That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive (Eph 4:14).* The word *children* denotes imperfection and weakness, instability and ungroundedness in knowledge. When the winds of false doctrines blow, one can easily be knocked off course as can a ship out at sea in an unfavorable wind.

But the Apostle Paul tells the Hebrews of an Anchor that holds steadfast and strong: this Anchor will never allow one to be detoured off his or her course: “*Which [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;*” *Heb 6:19.* This Anchor is our Lord Jesus Christ. When we give our lives to Christ, we become anchored in the Word of God so securely that nothing can toss us to and fro.

Join us at the 2007 FL/GA Regional Youth Camp from **July 1 –7, 2007** as we study the word of God and learn just how well **THE ANCHOR HOLDS.** Contact Lawrence Munoz about how much it will cost to send your campers.

Lawrence Munoz, Youth Camp Director

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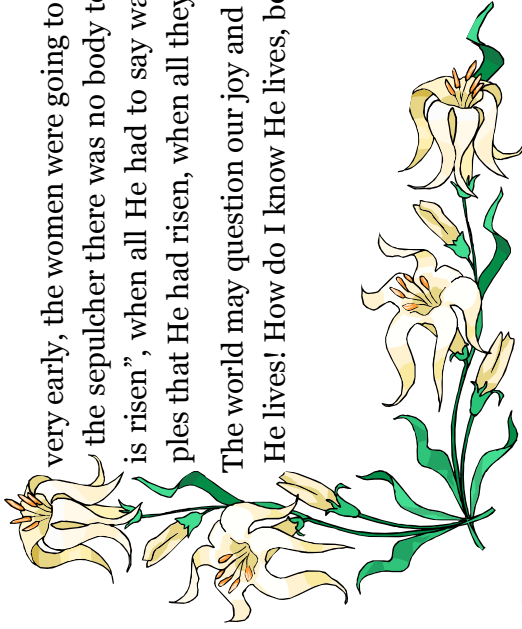
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“HE LIVES!”

Melvin Kramer—Regional Overseer

As we enter this blessed Easter season I am reminded of this wonderful old hymn with the first verse and chorus, “I serve a risen savior, He’s in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever men may say. I see his hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer. And just the time I need Him, He’s always near. He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me, and talks with me, along life’s narrow way. He lives! He lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives. He lives within my heart!”

If there is one thing we should be shouting to the world today it is the good news that we serve a risen Savior. In this risen Savior lies the hope for all of mankind, that we can be saved from the awful grip of sin and become a new man, a new woman, boy or girl. It makes no difference your race, color, or creed for Christ died for all and rose again that we could not only be set free, but free indeed. The ministry of Jesus came to a climax on a hill outside of Jerusalem called Calvary. As God’s only begotten Son was dying on an old rugged cross, many were coming by and saying, “Look at this man. He saved others, why can’t He save himself?” One of the malefactors beside him said, “If you are the Christ, save yourself and us.” But He had to drink the cup that lay before Him. Some have said that it was the nails that held Him to the cross. This may be true in the natural, but in the spiritual it was love that held Him there. He loved us so much that He gave everything He had from the last breath of life to the last drop of His precious blood. But in all of this, the victory was still not won. Two last foes had to be defeated, the sting of death and the victory of the grave. Then it finally happened. On the first day of the week while it was still



very early, the women were going to anoint the body of Jesus. But when they came to the sepulcher there was no body to anoint. The angel said, "He is not here; for He is risen", when all He had to say was He lives. The women came and told the disciples that He had risen, when all they had to say was He lives.

The world may question our joy and excitement. We can tell them the same answer - He lives! How do I know He lives, because He lives within my heart!

God Bless You.
Bro. Melvin Kramer

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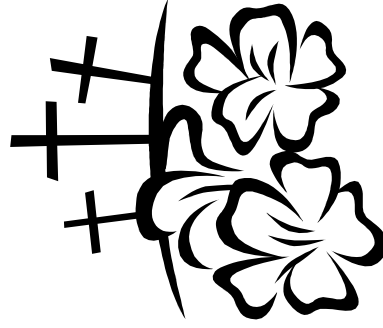
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NEWS FROM THE FOLD

I am not the South Georgia Reporter, nor even a member in the district because of the need for our memberships to temporarily remain at Spring Hill Fl church. However, South Georgia welcomes Bro. Lisenby and me with open arms at every service.

We were able to be part of the Fellowship last night. MY! What a heavenly time. It was great being with our Sisters and Brothers - but the visit of and blessings from the Holy Ghost were some of the sweetest of which I've been blessed to be a part.

"Thank You" to the South Georgia Overseer and Pastors for bringing their congregations together for this wonderful time of praise and glory and mighty, mighty blessings.

We feel very privileged to still be somewhat active in our "home church" and also be a part of God's Church in South Georgia.

May you all continue steadfast in your service to the Lord and His Church as He blesses her with Mercy Drops and with Showers of Blessings.

Brother Raymond and Sister Betty Lisenby

Announcements

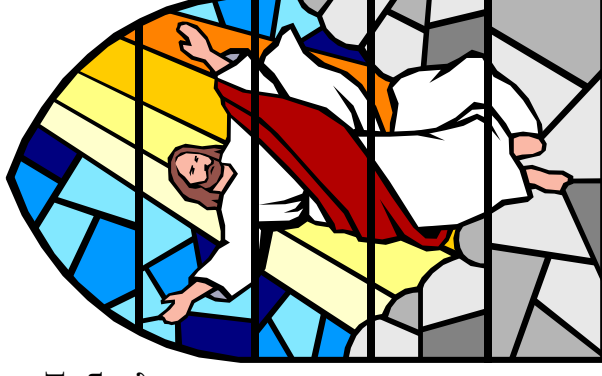
Prison Ministry Team— I just wanted to inform you that I have a new cell phone now and if you would like to keep in touch here it is: 912-310-8200. Please call when you need me, I'll be there. Regional Director—Richard Razsi

Youth Convention—Don't forget about the Youth Convention on **April 20 & 21, 2007** at the Ramada Inn in Tifton, Georgia.

B.T.I.—Please plan to attend **B.T.I. May 12 – 25, 2007** in Cleveland, TN.

Regional Convention—The Regional Convention will be on **June 8–10, 2007**. More information coming soon.

Youth Camp— Youth Camp will be back in Hiltonia, Georgia this year on **July 1–7, 2007**. Please contact Lawrence Munoz at 423-284-5404 or e-mail lamunoz265@sn.com for more information.



Groundbreaking Ceremony Millwood, GA



Pictured (left to right): Melvin Kramer (*Regional Overseer*), Shelton Cox, Ed Musgrove, Billy Gaddis (*Pastor*), and Steve Wilson

The Church of God at Millwood, Georgia, is pleased to report its recent groundbreaking service. The service was held February 10, 2007, following the conclusion of the South Georgia district convention. The congregation is planning to construct a new building consisting of a sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, and Sunday school classrooms. In attendance were numerous members of the local congregation and friends throughout the south and central Georgia districts.

Let us keep the congregation at Millwood in our prayers as they strive to build the Church – both physically and spiritually!

Strength Through Knowledge

It should be every Christian's desire to be Approved of God.

B.T.I. In II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God." Being born again, makes us a Christian. It is the starting point with God. What we have learned in the secular world has little effect of being Approved of God. I am not belittling secular education. It is useful in all crafts that we use in our everyday life. What I am saying is that Secular Knowledge alone will not make you Approved of God.

The approval of God will only come through prayer and studying the Word of GOD. The Word of God is to a young Christian, what milk is to a baby. (1 Peter 2:2)

In Eccl. 12th Chapter, Solomon touched on this. In his conclusion, was that Secular Knowledge when done extensive—will wear out the flesh. Matt. 26:41 tells us, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." But the Spirit that comes from God is never weak. PRAISE GOD.



Paul went on to say in II Tim. 2:15, A workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. — This stands to reason that the better you are in the Word, means that the better you are of Knowing the Perfect will of God in matters of great importance.

I want to take this opportunity to urge every local BTI booster to fill out your report, then that way I will receive your report. Now is the time to start making plans for BTI. Local BTI boosters, all auxiliary leaders, pastors, make plans to attend. This will be my fourth term and I'm so glad that I went.

God Bless,
James Morgan

B.T.I. will be held May 12-25, 2007

COOKING WITH THE GOOD BOOK

Focus Scripture: Ps 34:8 “O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”

Purpose: To instill in the children the nutritional values found in the Healthy Word of God.

Activities: Help the children prepare small, easy to make snacks:

- I.E., Deviled eggs (Angel eggs)- Small baggies with easy to close seals
- Boiled eggs (prepared and cooled ahead of time)
- Mayo
- Jar of chopped pickles
- Salt and pepper

Let the children scoop all the yolk and add the ingredients to a baggie (only about 1/2 full. Then they can mash and mix with fingers from the outside of the baggies (sealed). All ingredients should then be moved to one top corner so the lower corner than be snipped for the ingredients to be squeezed into the egg white and eaten.

Lesson: Use Genesis Chapter 1 and discuss the world’s great beginning. This may also be good for an Easter lesson. All great things have a beginning and if God is involved and given control, all things can have a great end as well.

There are many variations that you can use. You may even prepare a menu ahead of time and assign little ones to help bring the items. (Keep it affordable.)

They may enjoy making aprons or placemats. They may even like to pretend it’s a cooking show like on television. I asked the children to bring a cookbook or recipe from home once and that was interesting to look at after we were done with our lesson. This is another lesson set that can extend from service to service. The kids (boys & girls) will begin to get into the roll. The idea is to make them see how great the Word of God is if they learn to dive in. If they have fun learning it, they will not likely forget the message.
Happy Cooking!



Chef Allene

THE PRAYING CHILD

I was browsing through a book store recently, trying to find a godly book for a friend’s birthday gift. Knowing that she loves to read, I happened into the Christian section of the store. The selection was vast indeed. There were what seemed like hundreds of self-help books, fiction with beautiful Amish scenes dawning the covers, autobiographies and biographies of famous people and ‘Christian’ politicians. There were also books labeled spiritual growth. These books had titles like *The Godly Man Takes Charge in Prayer*, *A Praying Pastor and What Happens When Women Pray*. What I did not see on those shelves were books about children praying.

The young girl I was purchasing for desperately needs guidance, direction and divine friendship. I know this girl needs to learn to be open with God and how to listen to Him as well. She needs to see how God is moved by a child’s tender prayer. She needs to read about how God can and does hear little voices with genuine, honest hearts attached to them.

Now, I’m not likely to write a book on the subject to satisfy other future shoppers, but I know the power of a child’s prayer. All prayers can be heard by God. Our godly men need to (now more than ever) pray with authority. Our sisters can touch heaven with their heartfelt emotions and keen perceptions. However, our greatest source of power comes when our innocent, eager to please children reach up to touch the throne of God.

Our kids convention theme will be focused on children praying. If you have any ideas to help us, please call or email me. In the meantime, let’s start teaching our children like Jesus did at the request of a disciple in Lu 11:1 “*And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.*” If possible, start preparing the children in your local church or in your own homes for prayer. Encourage them to pray (aloud) over the offering or dismiss the services. Ask the children specifically to come forward when you anoint the sick. We all may be amazed at the results when the voices of our little ones ring out in the throne room of God.

They must learn somewhere. We have been given the charge to train them. Pr 22:6 “*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*” We should never be guilty of sending them away.

We should never be guilty of sending them away as some of the disciples did before Jesus learned of their actions. We want these little warriors on the side of the right. Let’s teach them and encourage them to be used now.

God Bless you!

Allene Cox

