

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Camp will be October 27,2008 through November 1, 2008  
in Brooksville, Florida

Youth Convention will be April 3-4, 2009 at  
The Church of God in Millen, GA (625 Hwy 25 North – Millen, GA 30442)

**It is never too early to make plans to attend!!!**

### Message

#### from the

#### Assistant Editor

Pastors, please remember to appoint a local reporter to send articles in for your local church. You all have been doing a GREAT job! 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. If there are any subscribers who are not receiving their paper, please contact me by phone (770/383-3416), letter, or e-mail, and I will try to resolve it.

Do not forget that you can view **The Shepherd's Voice** from 2005 up until now online on our Region's web site at <http://www.tcogflga.org>. Also check out the new Prison Ministry webpage located at <http://www.tcogspteam.org>.

Tony Conner—Assistant Editor

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## "GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW REGIONAL

### OVERSEER & HIS WIFE"

**Jerry W. Campbell—Regional Overseer**

**G**reetings in the wonderful, powerful name of Jesus Christ, the head of The Church of God! We are honored to be recently appointed as your Regional Overseer and appreciate this opportunity to let you know a little about us. We are blessed beyond written or spoken words! Working for the Lord and His Church brings a peace and contentment that nothing else can offer. His work is our very life...our very breath.

Our heritage in the great Church of God is a priceless treasure to both of us. We met each other in Youth Camp at age 13. Our grandparents were members of the Church and both Sister Campbell's grandfathers served as pastors. Our parents are members and have faithfully served as local leaders throughout the years. The torch of truth has been passed on to our children and grandchildren, who also are members, some serving in the ministry.

We have both been honored to serve the local church in numerous responsibilities. I have served as Pastor, District Overseer, Chairman of the State Advisory Committee, and Chairman of the General Ways and Means Committee. Sister Campbell has served as State WMB Coordinator, Ladies' Retreat Director, State Treasurer and General WMB Coordinator. We also were both blessed to teach in BTI. AND NOW...we are looking forward to wonderful things from the Lord as we labor together with you for the cause of Christ and His Church in the great Region of Florida and Georgia!

Our family life is a joy and source of strength. We have two greatly supportive children... Tammy (40) and Tommy (38). Their companions are both gifts from God! Our five grandchildren, ranging from age 2 to 16 certainly bring laughter and happiness to our hearts. And, we must mention "Lady" ...she is Sister Campbell's dog, who has become like "one of the family!"

We have begun our travels to visit the local churches and look forward to being in fellowship with each of you as we worship the Lord together in Spirit and in Truth! In the meantime, if we can ever be a help in any way, or if you need anything, we are only a phone call away. Continue to pray for us as we make every attempt to get moved into the Region. We love and appreciate you...

God Bless You.  
Brother & Sister Campbell

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### ***ARE YOU BEING SERVED?***

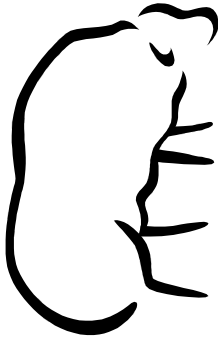


It is my pleasure to introduce to this wonderful region a new regional overseer and his wife, Jerry and Vivian Campbell. They come to us from Antioch, Tennessee. They have been faithful servants to the Lord and The Church of God for years. They have served in various capacities varying from local pastor and wife to general committees and WMB coordinator. We have been blessed to have them now serving Florida and Georgia. They are the parents of two and grandparents of five. They are making great sacrifices to come to our region and we are confident God will bless the generous gift of themselves.

I have a few ideas of how we can really treat them this year and I hope you will be as faithful as you have in times past to give honor to whom honor is due. I have talked to the Kramer Family and know how much they have appreciated all your kind giving and demonstrations of love while they served in the overseer's capacity. I didn't offer a goodbye to them as we know they will be here serving right along side us in the pastoral position. We love them and hope they enjoyed their four years of service. God will surely bless all the hard work and prayers they gave as a family to help our region take one step closer to the perfection God wills for His body.

When we see or talk to the Campbells, let us have a servants heart. Maybe we will not just call for the obvious decision-making our brother has to do or to file our complaints. When those calls must be made, we will lace it beginning and end with the same generosity each of us would appreciate. Maybe we can be like Jesus was in so much of His ministry. He always approached others with a spirit that was asking if not in word, in deed - "Are you being served?"

Thank you in advance for your giving and cooperation as this year progresses.



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## **BEING ROOTED & GROUNDED IN THE LOVE OF GOD**

I first want to take this opportunity to give honor to Brother Grayson Kent who served as our CPMA coordinator for the last 5 years. He entered this work as a very young man who found a way to quicken our hearts to this wonderful help of the church. His shoes will be hard to fill as I endeavor to keep the fire lit that he built in all our hearts. Thank you, brother for your fine service to our region.

In the early 90s, the Holy Ghost told us by message and interpretation that He would have to teach us to love. It is most fitting then that the theme for the CPMA department this year is "Being Rooted and Grounded in the Love of God". The word says in Ephesians 3:17, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love..."

The Church of God has been known for her great love in times past. How many times have you heard it said or said yourself that one was drawn to the church because of the wonderful love shown? This love was demonstrated outside the walls as well as within. In our business acts, with one another, with other sheep and the lost alike, we made a name for the church for being one of compassion and demonstrative love.

Does our love reflect His love today? How many have recently said such about us? Do we love only while we are in service with our brothers and sisters present to hear us or are we kind in the secular world when they aren't there to hear and see? We should still be known as markers of His love. We should be loving one another so much that we stand in defense of one another rather than backbiting and slanderous actions and speech. We should strive to find the good in one another and voice it to all who will hear it. We should be well maintained markers that represent the love of God in and outside the church to our fellow members and all humanity. When we sense that loving our brother or any other is becoming harder and harder, we should go to the one who loves best and get our hearts checked and keep it maintained in the agape love of God.

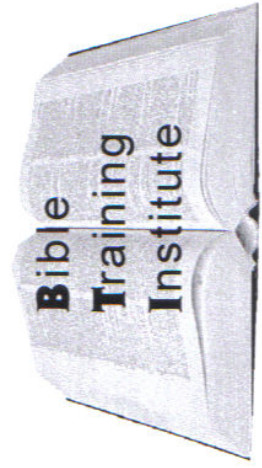
I started this by saying the Holy Ghost will teach us to love. Are we teachable? My prayer for this church year is that we all be pliable in His hands and that we are forever learning of His great and abundant love. I want to be more like Him in every way. I want our church to be known as a church of love. Don't you?

I want to encourage all our churches to strive for 100% in CPMA membership this year. Membership is still \$10 and can be worked on throughout the year until next assembly time. I would love to see our churches set a new record and have reached 100% before our district conventions begin. I will be available to every local leader and pastor. You need but call and I will gladly attempt to make a way to your local church.



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# BUT WHO ARE YOU?



“...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.” Daniel 11:32b This is the passage of scripture that the general BTI theme is from. *That We May Know Him.*

In Acts 19:15 the Word gives us a candid look at what happens when one tries to do exploits without knowing the one from which the power comes. Now, the story you know well. This is when some who really had no genuine knowledge of the Lord tried to cast out an evil spirit from a person. The demon’s response was, “And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?”

We are expected to do these things. Our commission wasn’t only to preach and teach. The word says we are to have signs following believers. If we are to be a part of these necessary exploits for the Lord, we need to get to know Him. We spend too much time getting beaten up by the devil just as these did, because we are trying to exercise the power without tapping into the power source. We need to know the great God, Jehovah, who can complete the task in miraculous fashion.

The word also tells us in Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” This is not only referring to little children. You and I must enroll in basic training to get to know the Lord, if we are going to be useful on the front lines of battle. We will continue to be Satan’s whipping post until we get to know The One who has endowed us with power to perform that which He commissioned.

BTI is one avenue we can take to be well versed in His ways and in the procedures of His body. I hope we can grow together in that wisdom this year. I was pleased that there was such a stirring to comply with my request to have each local church complete the Christology course this year. It is my prayer that we can begin another course together. I feel it would be a great benefit to our region.

The Cleveland school for BTI will be held May 31- June 13 this year. This is a big change in dates from years past. Hopefully, it will be easier for you to attend. If you have not yet made plans, please do. The benefits for you spiritually are well worth the cost and effort.

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# Who’s Who?

Each Shepherd’s Voice will feature questions about someone. You have the opportunity to win a prize if you can figure out who it is and then call or send Sis. Allene Cox your guess with your personal testimony as well. Only one person can win per publication so, whoever contacts Sis. Allene Cox first will be the winner. What will you win? You will receive by mail a gift card and the satisfaction of knowing you are getting to know your spiritual siblings better. Don’t assume someone has called or contacted Sis. Allene Cox before you. It would amaze us to know how little we really know about one another. If the person being featured is not revealed, the hints for that person will be continued until someone guesses correctly. Don’t hesitate! Get involved! You may be the next featured person or the next winner! You can contact Sis. Allene Cox by phone at 478-982-8209. READY????? Here are the hints.....

**Who among us ...**

**Is tall and “snow capped” and earned every strand...**

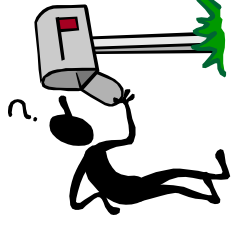
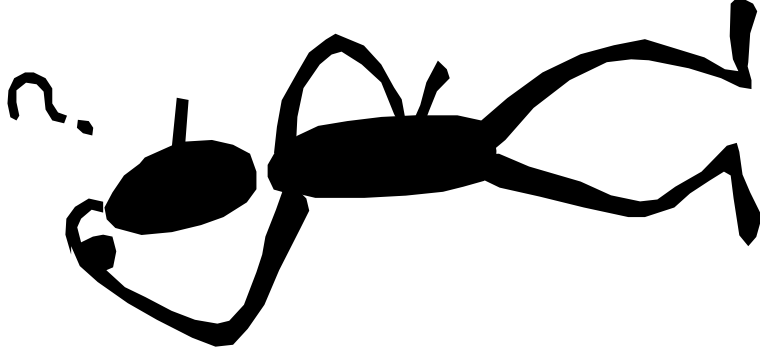
**Has by his side a quiet, diligent and January born - ANN...**

**He and his family know “old slick tongue” has to go...**

**‘Cause they are all sheep- unlike his pets-a cat, 2 birds, roosters, chickens and a goat?**

Ask around and you’ll soon discover you know this person like no other!

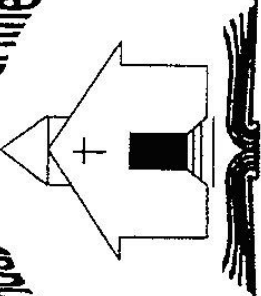
The Winner from our last series of questions was Megan Phillips from Perry, Florida. She won a \$10 gift card with her correct answer of Sister Perry! We appreciate Sis. Megan’s participation. We also love Sister Perry. God bless you all for all you’ve done to help us get to know one another better! Now, you can be the next winner! Just make a guess as soon as you get your Shepherd’s Voice. Thank you to all who have participated!



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## LET'S SEE YOUR DEGREE

**Sunday School Department**



I remember interviewing for a job years ago and after giving a long list of references and a professional resume, I was asked if the prospective employer could see the copy of the certificate of my college degree. Well, I thought it evident from my resume that I had only attended college for a brief time and had no degree. I pointed this out and was frowned at from behind the glasses of my interviewer. I somehow managed to get the job I was applying for, but I was nearly passed by since the company normally required a college diploma.

Many today in the secular world, find this to be the case. I know many who are looking for jobs that I wouldn't guess a degree would be required and yet it is becoming more and more evident that the world wants proof that we have knowledge and learning that is a little more advanced than the next applicant. Although you and I do not have such a hard task to prove to the Lord we are fit for His service, we should plan and study to be approved. <sup>2</sup> Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

No, I do not think it necessary that each of us attend a theological seminary or get a degree in Bible knowledge. However, I know that we cannot be ignorant concerning the Word of God. There are thirteen references in the New Testament to which we are admonished not to be ignorant to spiritual matters. This is where Sunday School plays a vital role in our local churches.

We are not attending Sunday school for the express purpose of keeping numbers high and getting bragging rights among our sister churches, are we? We aren't going to Sunday School just because it is our duty as good church members, are we? We are surely not making that 10 am deadline just to kill an hour on Sunday, are we? No. We are going to learn. Yes, that is our purpose. There is a song on page 20 of the blue hymnal. Do you know the title? I Want to Know More About My Lord. There is nothing more pleasant than to be able to break the bread of life with brothers and sisters who can help us get a better idea of the Holy Writ and the God we serve. I hope we can all catch the spirit of Sunday School.

We have proven faithfulness as many of us have attended Sunday School since we were little children. We have shown we will attend even when our numbers are low and there are only a few. We know we can be on time and attentive for the lessons. What we have yet to see is revival break out in our teaching and learning. I am eager to see what can happen when we keep our focus on getting the degree with God. There is no greater curriculum than the Word when it is shared rightly divided and with anointing. We can have something to show those visitors and stragglers who find their way to our Sunday Schools. When they want to see what we are bringing to the table to feed them or what we can possibly offer them in their moment of need, we can humbly show them our degree with the University of Heaven and the Campus of the Saints that we earned in Sunday School. It will be shown in our relationships with the Lord and one another.

I will be encouraging our teachers to study the lessons diligently. I hope our teachers can take liberty to use every possible teaching method to reach our people and the lost with the Word of life. I want to help our Sunday school superintendents and secretaries to use every resource necessary to help grow the Schools across this region. I am keeping your Sunday school on my lips in prayer. Thank you for all you are doing to make Sunday School a place of learning and worship.

Allene Cox  
Sunday School Representative

The Lord has graciously provided another year for us to labor in the fields. As we look forward to another exciting year of work in the Church of God, let us each take a moment to recognize the vast amount of work and short amount of time that yet remains. With each day that passes, we are one day closer to the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



The Victory Leaders Band department of The Church of God has a unique responsibility in fulfilling the Great Commission. In the era of history which we currently live, postmodernism threatens the very fabric of Christianity among the rising generations of young people. Current culture influences the youth culture to believe that there are no absolutes on which a solid foundation can be built. Each is encouraged to find their own way in life without the consult of an established bedrock for support.

The ministry of the Victory Leaders Band department must resound the message that Christ remains absolute and His Word shall never change! In an ever-changing world with no absolutes, we must offer God's alternative to the young people of the world. God's truth is absolute; His purpose and plan for each of us has been established for all eternity.

Let us begin boosting this year's theme in our local churches - "Destination: The Winner's Circle". If we desire to reach our destination, we must be focused on the absolutes of God's word. I encourage our young people to delve into the Word of God and begin to unearth God's absolutes.

Grayson B. Kent—V.L.B. Coordinator

## 2008 Evangelistic Seminar and Minister's Convention

Bro. James L. Morgan did a wonderful job heading up the 2008 Evangelistic Seminar. The attendance was great and the Lord truly blessed. Thanks to everyone who attended and for those who taught. Thanks to the Bethel Church for hosting this event and making us all feel welcomed. To God be the Glory!

The 2008 Evangelistic Seminar and Minister's Convention is now a part of our history. What a glorious time in the Lord we enjoyed! Praise God for His divine presence that met with us propelling us forward to the work ahead! Every sacrifice made by those in attendance does not go unnoticed by our Lord and great will be the reward.

My wife and I wish to express our love and gratitude for the more than warm welcome and generous love offering. God bless you and thank you!

Brother and Sister Campbell