

## UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

February 07, 2009—South Georgia District Convention

March 07, 2009—North Georgia District Convention

April 3-4, 2009 Youth Convention at Millen, Georgia

### Message from the Assistant Editor

Here are the deadlines to submit articles for this year:

**March 20th, May 20th, July 20th, September 20th, and November 20th.** All articles and announcements should be submitted by email or by mail by these dates to get the paper out on time. Please mark your calendars.

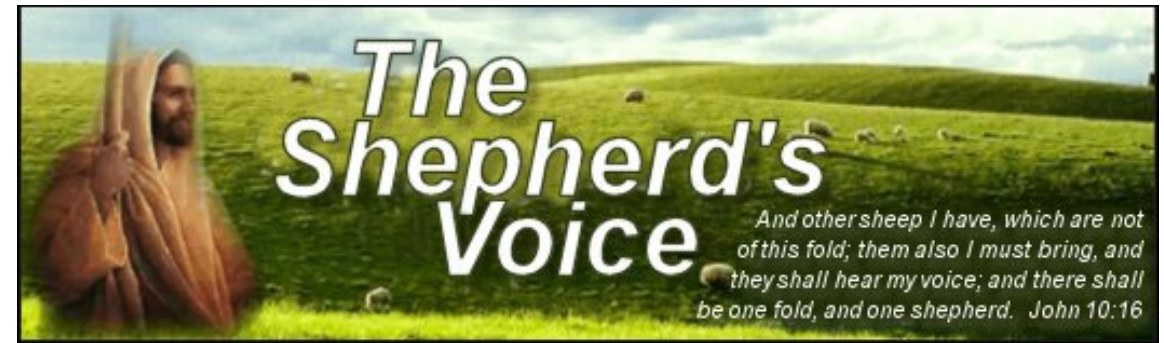
Please make a note of these dates and please submit articles.

The more we hear from our local churches, the more we can be informed on what is going on throughout our region. Pastors, please remember to appoint a local reporter to send articles in for your local church. 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. 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.tcoggspteam.org>.

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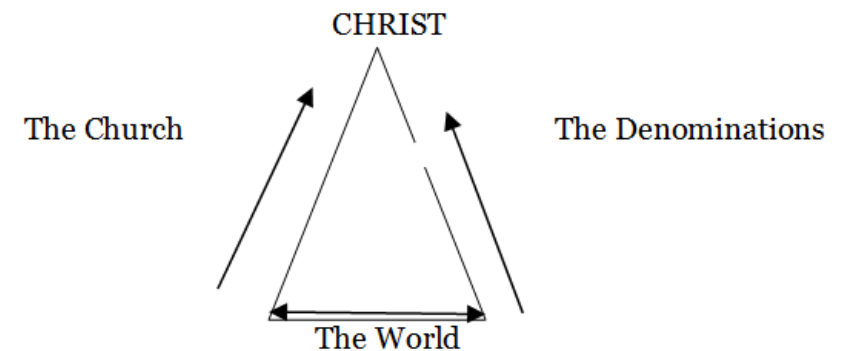
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## "THE RIGHT ANGLE"

*Jerry W. Campbell—Regional Overseer*

In the early 1980's a message was preached at the General Assembly which herald the advent of change and for the most part went unnoticed until some years later. During the message, a chart similar to the one below was displayed to illustrate a point:

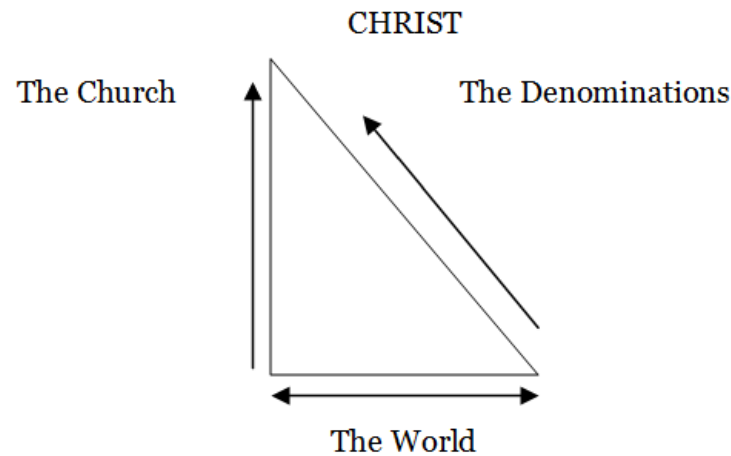


In the illustration, Christ was depicted at the head of the triangle. The Church was depicted as making her way toward Christ. The denominations also were depicted as making their way toward Christ. The point was made during this presentation that as The Church makes Her way toward Christ and the denominations make their way toward Christ, we get closer to each other. Without realizing it at the time, this was implying that The Church needed to compromise as much as the denominations as we all make our way to Jesus. With this mind set working in The Church at that time, it is little wonder why the Holy Ghost called The Church to repentance through the Questions and Subjects Committee in 1984 by saying The Church had drifted from a vital relationship with Him.

For the most part this plea went unheeded until 1986 when a message and interruption went forth during the CPMA program at the General Assembly that year. "Yeah, I say unto you, he that hath

ears to hear let him hear, I have spoken and said, Ye shall proceed no further, except with repentance, you shall proceed no further, but many of you have gone on, and many of you have proceeded, and you have trusted in the arm of the flesh, but I'm about to take my church out of the arms of the flesh, and she shall be lead by my spirit, I say unto you, there is a remnant and there is a church inside a church, there is a people inside a people, and there is a nation inside a nation, I say to that nation, do not retreat, do not retreat, but stand, for the day of the Lord is at hand."

From that day forward the spirit of compromise was revealed and the heretical message of the triangle exposed. The Church of God is not on a triangle with the denominational world, trying to get to Christ. The Church of God is on the straight and narrow way, which leads to Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life...the head of The Church. Therefore, a more appropriate angle is the "right" angle...



The closer the denominational world gets to Jesus, the closer they get to The Church of God which is on the straight and narrow way.

*"Enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matthew 7:13-14*

God Bless You and Keep You  
Jerry W. Campbell  
Regional Overseer

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***Don't Forget the Batteries***

Colossians 1:28 reads " Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:" This verse shows in summation what commission The Church of God has been given. It seems we understand the mission at hand with regards of reaching the lost with the salvation message. The portion we often over-

look is the part which states we are to present every man PERFECT in Christ Jesus.

The salvation message is essential and capital in our efforts. Without the redemptive blood of Jesus, one cannot reach heaven or inherit eternal life. This point is not to be debated. However, we are often too satisfied with introducing salvation to a lost person. There is indeed so much more to the full gospel that we are commissioned to share to a lost world.

When the writer used the terms teaching every man in ALL wisdom and every man perfect, he was divinely inspired to impart to you and me the incredible importance of giving the world a total make over that would last until the judgment. The first thing we try to remember when we are preparing for Christmas in our home, is to not forget the batteries for any toys or gifts that may require them. To only give the salvation message and not follow through with all the works of grace and the gifts of the Spirit, is the equivalent of forgetting the batteries. We must share the whole gift. Introduce Jesus, then give them the teaching required to help them reach the perfected state we are commanded to reach.

May the Lord help us through the CPMA department to reclaim the vision of staying in that altar longer to see a soul through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. God help us never neglect to follow up with each saved experience and teach the whole message of the Bride of Christ as she will be and the need for that soul to be counted among her ranks. I don't believe there is a separation in the gospel message of Jesus and the glorious message of The Church of God. We cannot deny lost humanity the entire gift.

In His Service,  
James R. Cox  
FL/GA Regional CPMA Coordinator

***Please make every effort to help your local church be 100% in CPMA membership this year.***

## To Know Him is to Love Him

The theme for this year for the BTI department is *That We May Know Him* taken from Daniel 11:32b "...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." This passage is most fitting for this point in time when so many are so very needy for relief. The scripture is easy to quote and has been used to claim the power and privileges which will indeed enable you and me to be used of God to perform miracles in His name.

If you and I could put our focus in the right part of this passage, we would be better servants to those who are in need of healing and deliverance. We should set our sights on the part of the verse that states, "that do **know** their God". To get to know a person, we talk to them often and communicate with them through body language and any other means to get an understanding of their thoughts and feelings. How could you deeply love a person you had nothing in common with and was not willing to listen to or observe? It is virtually impossible.

The word acquaintance is what we use when we don't know someone well enough to call them "friend". We should get to the place individually that we can be known as Abraham was known-A Friend of God. If we make the necessary effort to get to know Him and love Him as we should, we can expect those exploits to be commonplace in the Body of Christ. Until we chose to love Him more than the exploits, we will continue to prove helpless when people need us most for healing and liberation.

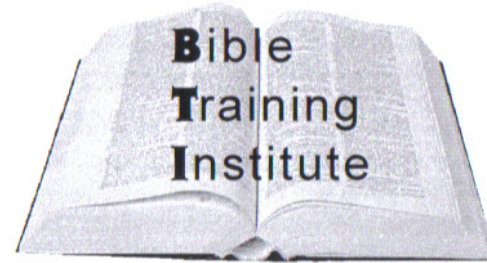
There is a song that paraphrased says that the love of God is so abundant that if we were to try to pen in, and the ocean was our ink, the oceans would be dry. He loves us so much that His own Son bleed and died for lost humanity. If we could try to love Him with the same unconditional love, the exploits would be demonstrated with more frequency and fervency. Let us strive for that love. To know Him truly is to love Him.

BTI in Cleveland, Tennessee will be held May 31-June 13, 2009. If you are interested in attending, make your preparations now. If you cannot attend, but feel so compelled, please consider sponsoring or assisting another to go.

May God bless you as you get to know Him better in 2009!

James R. Cox

FL/GA Regional BTI Representative



## How Will Your History Be Written?

Have you ever thought How would your History be written when you pass away? How would History be different if people in the Bible done things different ? What If David would have cowarded down as all Israel done and ran away from the giant Goliath? If David caught himself and said,"No!" I can't have her, she is some one else's wife." Moses failed God by killing the Egyptian, but could have told God No Way! I'm not going back there! If Samson would have told Delilah, I can't tell you my secret, I made a promise to God. If King Saul would have obeyed the commandment of God, he would have stayed the King longer and been great in his days. If Paul made excuses about what had happened and feared the Sanhedrin instead of God and Went back to his normal life in the Priesthood.

If Judas Iscariot would have repented before he betrayed the Lord, and asked God to forgive him. If the woman caught in the very act of adultery would have allowed her flesh to take her back into the lifestyle of pleasures and lusts. If Jesus Christ would have changed his mind about you and me, and said their not worth the pain and my life, and didn't go to the cross and purchase our sins redemption price, you would not be reading this card today. When the History in the Books of Heaven are written, How will your legacy be written?

Will you be among those who said I will, and turned and didn't go, or who said I will not go, and repented and went and done the will of God. In Luke 18:10-14 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. 1 Cor 1:25-31

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and right-

eousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

If you want a great legacy written about you in the History of the Book of life, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Matt 18:3 Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matt 16:24-25 let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. KJV



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## *“Truth is Relative?”*



A popular belief that is more often demonstrated rather than stated is that truth is relative. Many may not say they think this is the case, but more than a few people live it daily. On tax forms, the jury notice that came at the most inconvenient time, the “little, white lie” that was just enough to earn a promotion or the hand that was raised when asked by the Sunday School teacher if you had studied your lesson. These are actions that clearly show the human race is prone to making truth relative to whatever situation we find ourselves enveloped.

Lying was the tool used in the first sin committed by all mankind. It plunged humanity into the darkness and caused you and me to go about groping for that eternal, unchanging hand that we once held in solemn communion. Our fall in the garden was based on a lie from the enemy and yet it’s lure to people of every walk of life has led to ruin in marriages, broken relationships with children, imprisonment in physical and emotional bonds and worse of all separated us even more from THE TRUTH. Thankfully, a way was prepared for us before we even knew we required one. A path was beaten out that led to the very one who would restore and complete us.

You and I know what that is. God, in His infinite wisdom planned a way by sending and giving his only begotten son, Jesus. Whether you are living in Rossville, Georgia or down in Miami, Florida, you have been gifted by the Creator and there are people in your community and on your street that aren’t aware of this basic truth. Many may be aware and chose to abandon its necessity, but you and I are commissioned to share it nevertheless.

The Church of God teaches and believes the biblical doctrine of perfection/maturity. If we are going to be that perfect and mature bride that He is returning for, we must help one another to grow up in Him in all things. We cannot waste a single syllable on our opinions or thoughts. Such things take from the truth and hinder the growth needed to reach the state He requires in His betrothed. The following passage admonished us to speak the truth in love.

*Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

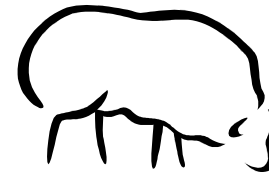
The Sunday School arm of The Church of God must never compromise the truth. To compromise truth is to lie. There is no variation that can be validated based on circumstances or situation. Truth is truth. It is not relative or pliable. Let us speak the truth in love in all our classes and boosts. Let us grow, but only with the integrity of the Truth intact. Souls depend on it and our wedding day hinges on it. God bless you as you work in Sunday School!

Sister Allene Cox

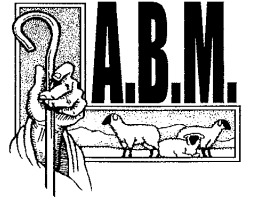
FL/GA Regional Sunday School Coordinator

## ***Pull! Pull! Pull!***

As a child, I sang a song in gleaners and children’s church. I loved to sing it because it had motions and required action and since I was reared to be still and quiet, I relished in the idea that I could be silly (even in front of the whole congregation) and get away with it! The words of the song were as follows:



***Let us pull! Pull! Pull altogether  
Let us pray! Pray! Pray altogether  
For there is coming a time  
When we all must come together  
So, let’s come together now!***



I have looked at all the church materials on the ABM department. I have pulled from my own memory bank at all the purposes and drives for the ABM that I could recall. It all seemed to point back to the need for all the flock of God, regardless of ministerial rank or years of membership to be bound together in unity and support for the express purpose of winning the lost and keeping the found.

If ever in the history of this auxiliary we needed to band together in prayer and labor for the common cause, it is today. If I am going to make it in these days of chaos, confusion, temptation and deception, I need you to encourage me. If you intend to be counted among the faithful, you will need my encouragement.

From the mouths of well meaning, independent, spirited members of the body, I have for years heard these kinds of things uttered, “I don’t care what they say, and I don’t need to be with the people at church all the time. Fellowship is just socializing and we don’t have time for such nonsense. The bible says that every man should carry his own burden. I will make it on my own. So, she needs to stop asking for prayer all the time. That person only wants attention.”

We cannot take this approach and expect the Lord to be pleased. We are not growing The Church of God with such attitudes. In fact, we will lose those we have helped to disciple if we do not take inventory of our hearts and make changes. We should strive to be as the greatest example of shepherding ever given.

*Luke 15:4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?*

*Luke 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.*

Maybe you too like the motion songs (songs that require you to give action to get the point across to the listeners). Well, the song before mentioned does exactly that and so does the idea that we can help one another. This kind of work requires movement and action, not only talk and stagnancy. For the work of ABM in your local church, let us Pull! Pull! Pull altogether!

Extending the staff for ABM,  
Allene Cox  
FL/GA Regional ABM Coordinator