


II Timothy 2:15 says,": **Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." As member of The Church of God we have covenanted to believe and accept His teachings rightly divided. It is so important that in studying the Bible that we do not try to twist the Word of God around to support our lifestyle, but instead we must rightly divide everything. We are given a call to no longer be children that are tossed to and fro. In this day and time, we need to know more of the Word of God than we ever have. This is truly the purpose of BTI.

Our theme for this years BTI was "Let Us Know Him". It is my desire to know Him like I never have before. I encourage you to get to know Him in this way also. Try and make plans now to attend BTI 2010. I would like to encourage all of our Churches to send at least one person from your local church to BTI next year.

When I was a little girl one of my favorite books was "The Little Red Hen". It seemed like all of the characters in the story wanted to be able to eat the bread, but none of them wanted to help make the bread. How many of us today want to participate in partaking of the Bread of Life, but we don't want to carry out the work we are called to do? I want to be found a workman, and I don't want to be found ashamed. I believe in the story of the Little Red Hen, that some found themselves ashamed. Let us not be ones that would say "Not I". We can all have a part in BTI whether it be through attending an actual BTI class, taking a correspondence course, or helping send someone else to BTI.

Angie Munoz - Regional B.T.I. Coordinator



Greetings to The Church of God in Florida and Georgia. It is **World mission month - October Drive**. It is time to roll up our sleeves and go to work for the church. MK. 13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

The church has the commission to preach the everlasting gospel of the truth to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. We must pray and be faithful servants, to raise money for our brothers and sisters on the mission fields, etc.

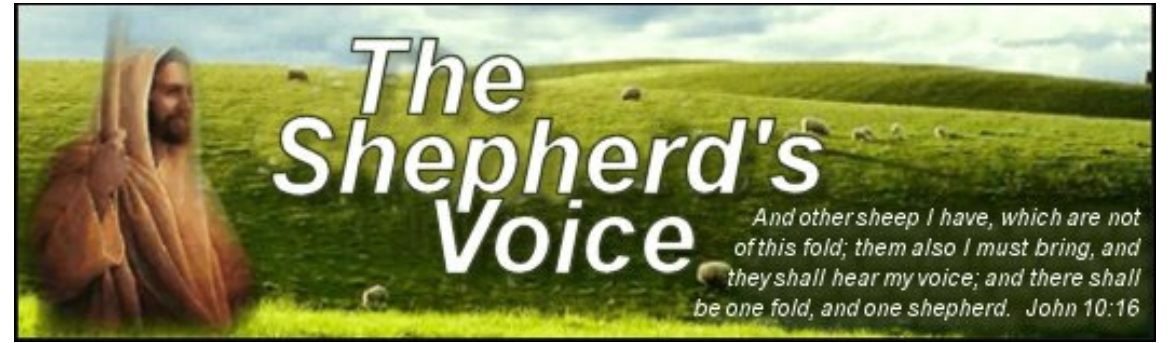
Brother Campbell asked me to be your new Regional W M B Coordinator, I am praying to do God's will. I will be praying for you. Please, pray for me.

God Bless,
Sister Carolyn Wilson - Regional W M B Coordinator

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THE GLORY OF THE LORD

Jerry W. Campbell—Regional Overseer

"There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for THE GLORY OF THE LORD had filled the house of the Lord." I Kings 8: 9-11

The scriptural definition of God's Glory is the physical, visible manifestation of God's presence among His people. One of the greatest desires of God's people in these last days is to see and experience God's Glory manifested among us as never before. We WILL enter into an era of "Greater Glory"! *"The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith, the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts."* Haggai 2:9.

The same things that brought God's Glory in I Kings 8: 9-11, is the same things that bring it today! It begins with the ministry. In these passages of scripture, the ministers had been in the Holy of Holies! Today, this is accomplished through prayer, fasting, and digging deeper into God's Holy Word! Our personal relationship with God must be TOP PRIORITY! The ministry in the Region of Florida and Georgia is challenged and encouraged to dig in with God as never before. Draw close to God...and HE WILL DRAW CLOSE TO YOU! Go into the Holy of Holies!!!

From the referenced passage of scriptures we can easily understand that when the ministers came out from the Holy of Holies they brought with them the Ark of the Covenant or The Word of God! This brought the physical, visible presence of God into the temple!!! Are you ready to see and experience the Glory of the Lord in the temple (in our churches)? It must first be in OUR temple (our personal lives) by entering into the Holy of Holies. THEN...as we move forward in the power of The Word of God...the Glory will also be seen and experienced in the House of God!! What worked then still works today!!

Jerry W. Campbell
Regional Overseer

PRISON MINISTRY team



Message spoken to the 104th General Assembly, Friday night on the Evangelism Program. Song that was sung.. I found Life On Death Row.

Through the departments of the WMB and individual families, people go abroad and become missionaries unto other nations. They go through great lengths of personnel sacrifice and trouble to sell their belongings and homes and take their children and literally move their homes over to another nation to where they can minister the Gospel of Christ and teach the people the Sunday School literature of The Church of God. These nations have their own laws, their own government and order

of things on how to live and maintain their families. They encounter strange practices and customs, and strange ways of preparations for food, and styles of clothing. Sometime they suffer when they indulge in these different delights and customs. Yet are still willing to go over sea's and suffer the hardships for the Love of God and the Love for souls to share the Good News of the Gospel. Some have even gone over to other nations to minister, and have never returned back home again.

Yet we have another nation closer within our borders. It has its own Government, rules and laws, and order of way to do things. They have their own food preparation and clothing style accustomed to that particular nation.

They are isolated from the outside world and surrounded by a barrier that keeps the common man out.

As you enter this land of the forgotten, you might be fearful of the gun towers and barbed wire fences, as you enter and hear the screeching of the steel door that slams behind you. The echo of the heels of the guard as you walk down this long shining concrete hallway dotted with inmates with buffers in their hands. As they politely nod their heads and say Good Evening Sir, Good Evening Mam. You turn and walk through another steel door operated by a guard, you come to a building that resembles a building back in your own country, A church. You're escorted in the front doors and upon entering you find yourself greeted with several faces with big smiles and happy looks upon them. You walk through the aisles and several hands reach out to shake yours and say, Thank you for coming, God Bless you for coming.. As you reach the pulpit and turn to face the congregation, it hits you, they are just people, someone's dad, brother, someone's son or nephew. They each have smiles and hungry hearts to hear the word of God spoken by someone with the knowledge of the truth. Eager to listen on every word and take notes as to what is said. They will research every doctrine and try the Spirits to see if it is of God, if so, they will engulf the service with attentive ears and hungry hearts and souls. There you will find changed men and woman who have embraced the Gospel and have been Born Again of the power of God. There you will experience an unbelievable joy worth the sacrifice of your time and personnel suffering to get there, and be a blessing to others.

The Scriptures in Matthew 25: 31 thru 46 plainly tells us we have a responsibility to go not only to nations abroad, but to nations within our own borders and visit these people and minister to their needs. The hungry, the stranger, the sick and those inside of prisons are waiting for someone to come and minister to their lost and dying souls.

Its not an option commandment, its a commandment to where if we do, we enter into the joy of the Lord, if we don't, WE DON'T. Inasmuch as ye have done it, The Question is, Have you done it unto him, Those that did not, did not enter in. Lets get busy, there is still time to go ye into all the world, even your neighborhood prison.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD FLORIDA AND GEORGIA CALENDAR OF EVENTS for 2009 – 2010

2009

October 3rd - South Georgia District Pastor's Breakfast

November 20th – 21st - Regional Minister's Conference

December 4th - South Georgia District Christmas Banquet

2010

January 23rd - North Florida District Convention

May 14th – 16th - Ladies Retreat

February 6th - South Georgia District Convention

May 30th – June 12th - BTI / Heritage Day

February 10th -13th - Family Camp

July 4th – 8th - Youth Camp

March 6th - North Georgia District Convention

July 30th – August 1st - Regional Convention

March 13th - South Georgia District Convention

September 2nd – 5th - International Youth Camp

April 16th – 17th - Youth Convention

September 7th – 12th - General Assembly

REVISED REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS

As you are aware, Brother James Cox was appointed State Overseer of Tennessee in the recent General Assembly. As well, our General Overseer, in the presbytery meeting following the Assembly, asked the Regional/State Overseers not to appoint their families as Auxiliary Coordinators, if at all possible. And, the position of Youth Camp Director and Coordinator was to be announced from the Regional Convention. Therefore, the revised and announced Regional Staff appointments are as follows:

ABM Coordinator - Gail Johnson

BTI Coordinator - Angie Munoz

WMB Coordinator - Carolyn Wilson

Youth Camp Director and Coordinator - John & Charlene Cox

Pastor / Warner Robins - Curtis Rodney

Pastor / Millen - Sarah White

Each of these is welcomed to their newly appointed responsibilities. Region, let's get behind all those appointed and support their efforts and watch God work for and among us!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

“HOW Do You Smell?”



Have you ever walked into a house where food was cooking and said, “Something smells good”? The Bible says in II Corinthians 2:14, “Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor [fragrance] of his knowledge by us in every place.” We have a spiritual scent. We carry with us the fragrance of the knowledge of God.

Our experience with Him must be alive and on fire! An apple pie has little smell before it is baked, but when it is in the oven, the heat releases an aroma that quickly spreads throughout the house. When someone opens the door, the fragrance fills his nose and he thinks, “I can’t wait to have some of that!” We need God’s anointing, we need His love, and we

need His fire blazing in our hearts so that when our students walk into our Sunday School classes, they can “smell” what is in store for them!

God wants us to share with others the joy of knowing Him. Let us pray earnestly and fervently as we work for Him that our spiritual fragrance will be so enticing, it will shout *in every place*, “O taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8a).

Sarah White - Sunday School Coordinator

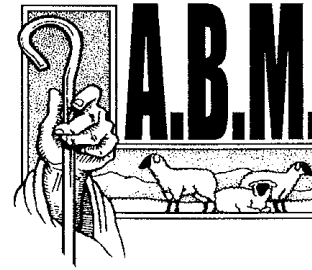
ON A PERSONAL NOTE: Sister Campbell and I would like to take this opportunity to express our thankfulness to the Lord in our appointment as your Regional Overseer for this next Assembly year. We are honored and blessed to serve you, God’s wonderful people, in this region for another year. We love and appreciate every member and friend!! We are looking forward to a great year in the Lord as we labor together!! If you need anything at anytime, never hesitate to call!!!

Thank You

This is to thank all of our Florida and Georgia brothers and sisters for your support in all our auxiliary work and the pastorates we have been blessed to have. God surely loves us for having blessed us with the opportunity to work among you all. Not many can say they were blessed to serve from the southernmost parts to the northernmost parts and right in the middle of the beautiful state of Georgia. We are looking forward to our new field of labor and hope you will help cover us in prayer. We love you all and will never cease to pray for the work in this region and for your families.

Thank you,
James R. and Allene Cox

“Caring by Doing”



One visible feature of modern churches is the way in which they care for the needs of others. They care by doing. As a small church, we may not have the numerical or financial advantage, nevertheless, we are to have love and care for each other to the best of our ability.

Jesus said, “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, *if ye have love one to another.*” How do we do this? Below is a starter list of practical idea starters that can be applied not only toward the pastoral office but toward fellow members.

- 1. Arrival** - Preparing food for the family will keep the cook free to do other things. Help unload the furniture. Give the family a tour of the town and introduce them to people.
- 2. In Service** - The Advice to Members tells us ‘as a member you count one’. One idle member is one less active member. When asked to participate, be a willing participant. Do not allow the pastor or another member to take on more jobs than necessary. Volunteer for workdays at the church. Do your part and watch the blessings flow into your life.
- 3. Tithes and Offerings** - This should not fluctuate with our opinions. Pay your tithes and prayerfully contribute to the offering plate. Prayer and obedience always pleases the Lord.
- 4. Poundings** - The price of food is astronomical. A food offering will offset the pastor’s bill and gain you a blessing in return. A win-win situation. One idea is to ask the pastor to make a list of needs and buy from it. You may not be able to buy everything, but every effort will help.
- 5. Birthday** - Some pastors are far away from their families, a sad time during holidays. Show them how much you love and appreciate their sacrifice by giving to them on their special day.
- 5. Thanksgiving** - It is a time of thanks. Tell them how thankful you are to have them as your pastor.
- 6. Christmas** - Gifts do not have to be extravagant. Money or a gift from your kitchen will show love during the season of Love.
- 7. Deaths** - In the south, the first thing we do is “cook n carry”; however, if it involves a family who loves to cook that may not be the best idea. When this is the case, one solution is paper products. Another solution is serving in the kitchen. Between serving and cleaning, we have the opportunity to listen and witness to the grieving family.
- 8. Departure** - Prepare food. Load furniture. Prepare for the new pastor.

A new generation of church workers is preparing to take leadership. Let us show love—care by doing; and in the process teach the younger to follow our example that the Church of God will shine for all to see.

Gail Johnson - Regional A.B.M. Coordinator

Children's Ministries

GREETINGS from the FL/GA Regional Children's Ministries. I have been working in various forms of "Children's Ministries" for 30 years in church as well as public daycare. I also learned a great deal from my own children and grandchildren. I can tell you that kids are noisy, obstinate, sneaky, exhausting and the list goes on. It's called "being a kid". I can also tell you that children are fun, exciting and entertaining. They love unconditionally and will respond to what you give them in a way no adult ever will. Their feedback will touch your heart as nothing else can.

Mark 10:15 "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

There is so much to explore in this scripture about salvation but it's the reason for the comparison I want us to focus on. There is a special quality in children that makes the comparison possible. Children learn, receive and believe all that God has for them without the doubt and questions that plague us as we get older. At a young age children's hearts are still "uncluttered" with the trash of this world and are more willing to except instruction from God.

I was privileged to work with so many wonderful servants of God at FL/GA Youth Camp. One in particular told me her ministry was not with little kids but she did a great job under great stress (12 little girls 24/7). She was able to do this because she understood if not her, then who? I am asking you "The Church of God" if not us then who? Let me repeat that. IF NOT US THEN WHO? Here's the bottom line! We have 3 choices!

Do nothing. Bring our children to church and offer them nothing so they are bored and church becomes a place only for adults. Going through the motions of teaching children when your heart is not in it can be the same as doing nothing. They know when you do or don't care.

Let them be taught somewhere other than The Church of God. I have nothing against visiting other churches for VBS, etc., but when this is an option because we don't have anything to offer them we are disobeying God. *Pro 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

Do you question what curriculum is being taught? Could they possibly be taught something wrong that goes against the doctrine of the Bible?

Pray down a desire to work with kids! If God almighty can part the red sea, raise someone from the dead, **SAVE OUR VERY SOULS** then he can give us divine guidance, wisdom and a real desire to work with children. If we only have one child in our church we are responsible for that one. They should receive just as much from us as if there were a room full.

The Choice is ours but remember, souls are on the line. Our children truly are our future.

The other night I was babysitting my grandkids. It was getting late and "Granny Mel" was tired. The kids were kind of bored with the same old toys and I had finally gotten them to realize my kitchen was not an all night diner. All of a sudden they decided they would rather be in church and were ready to go. "I want to go to church Granny Mel" I was thrilled and needless to say God got my attention. Our programs don't have to be big, showy or expensive. They just need to be what God lays on our willing hearts.

One last thing for this article. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** I have developed a Sunday School, Children's Church and Gleaner class schedule for Oct-Jan for Precious Lambs and Primary classes. This incorporates our church's SS literature into a schedule to take the guesswork out of what to teach. Call me after 7:00 pm (912)537-3452 or email me at melodiesteptoe@hotmail.com for other ideas and helpful websites. Please feel free to share your ideas with me and I'll pass them along. **WE NEED EACH OTHER IN THIS PRECIOUS MINISTRY!**

Melodie Steptoe - Regional Children's Ministries Coordinator

CHURCH of PROPHETRY MARKER ASSOCIATION

Greetings to The Church of God and all who read the Shepherds Voice.

I am honored to be appointed the CPMA Secretary for the Georgia and Florida region again.

I hope you all will keep me in your prayers that God will help me do a good work in this office.

I would like to say job well done to Brother James Cox for his thoughts and articles he has written.

Please keep him in your prayers also that God will go with him in his new assignment within the church as

Overseer of Tennessee. We will miss him and his Family here in the region and I'm sure the Millen church will miss him also. But we must go where God puts us and thank God we had the opportunity to fellowship with those who will be moving after the appointments were made. It was a wonderful General Assembly and God blessed in many ways. We appreciate the sacrifice that the men and women make obeying their General Overseer and packing up and moving to another area to work for God and his Church. We can see a good example of obeying them who have the rule over you in the Ministry of The Church of God as these families pack it up and go some where else to minister and work for God. As I was appointed to the CPMA office I was thinking about the letters and what their meaning was.

I was thinking about the word "Marker". I hope to do some writing about being a marker for the church and not being a marked marker. As these ministers and families go back home and start packing up and getting ready to move their families and take their kids out of school and go to another area to live and work, let us thank them and pray for them, because they go through great sacrificing and labor to obey them who have the rule over them and as The CPMA Secretary, I couldn't think of a better marker to be proud of, than the Ministry of The Church of God. They show all of us what obedience is, and suffering for the cause of Christ is all about. Yes, some are blessed greatly where they go, and some are not so blessed, but yet they all get up and go for the love of souls and for their Lord, Jesus Christ.



Let us remember, Markers come in all shapes and sizes. The greatest of all is the men and women who obey their God and those who have the rule over them. These are the markers that we can follow to where the truth is being taught, because they themselves are living markers walking in obedience to God. God Bless the Ministry and their Families of The Church of God for their sacrifice and willingness to be used of God to be a marker we can look too.

PS 37:37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

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