

## News from the Fold

The Church of God in Cartersville, GA, had a wonderful Baptismal Service on October 3, 2010, where 11 people were baptized. Several family members and friends were in attendance.

Tony Conner - Church Reporter



The Church of God at Hazlehurst is pleased to announce that we have occupied our new church building and are now having services at our new location, which is on the Broxton Highway just outside the city limit. We had our Dedication Service on October 17th, and the service was blessed with Brother Campbell speaking and much wonderful food and fellowship. Please plan to come by and visit with us at our new location and church building soon.

Rick Razsi - Church Reporter



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*"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY."* PROVERBS 25:25

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FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIONAL OVERSEER

## "AN OAK IN THE STORM"

**"And there arose a great storm..."**

**Mark 4:37**

Some of the storms of life come suddenly: a great sorrow, a bitter disappointment or a crushing defeat. Some come slowly. They appear as small as a man's hand in the clouds, but it seems that in a short time they spread until they cover the entire sky. Regardless if they come suddenly or slowly, the storms of life can quickly overwhelm us if we fail to remember it is in the storm that God equips us for service.



a man, He plants him in the storms of life. We are living in a time when it seems as though the crashing thunderbolts, beating rain, flashing lightning and howling winds are raging against the very soul of man. But do not despair, God is in control! He is making us and molding us to stand strong in these last days. Saints, God's program is quickly winding up. We do not know what we will face as the coming of our Lord hastens. Let's let the God of the storm equip us and strengthen us! Instead of saying "Oh God, how mighty is

*this storm!*" let's be found saying, "Oh storm, how mighty is my God!" Just as the beauties of nature come after the storm, so will the victories in Jesus as we become *an oak in the storm*.

I read once that when God wants a mighty oak tree He plants it exactly where the storms will shake it and the rains will beat down upon it. It is in the midnight battle of the raging storm that the oak becomes mighty in the forest. When God wants to strengthen

Jerry W. Campbell  
Regional Overseer

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**P** ROPHECY  
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**A** SSOCIATION

*"Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:" (Ephesians 3:7-9 KJV)*

When we accept Christ as our personal Lord and Savior we become a minister of the Gospel. As CPMA members we hold to the Word of God and showing the world the riches of God through Jesus Christ. The CPMA department of the Church operates a six-fold ministry:

1. To build, beautify, and maintain church markers: local churches, State/National/General Headquarters buildings and properties.
2. To keep the vision of the Church as revealed clear in the minds of the Church membership.
3. To "...make all men see..."(Ephesians 3:9) the mystery of The Church of God.
4. To be living markers or testaments of Jesus Christ and promote the perfection of the Church; "...his wife hath made herself ready..." (Revelation 19:7).
5. To preach and teach the history, purpose, and doctrine of the Church - past, present, and future. To boost CPMA membership and organize fund-raising plans to promote monthly offerings.

Let's support the ministry of the CPMA showing the world the way to The Church of God; as living markers of God's Holy Word.

Lawrence Munoz  
 C.P.M.A. Coordinator

**B. T. I.**

Isaiah 28:9 says, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts." The BTI correspondence courses and school give us that knowledge to understand the doctrine. It will help us to grow and be weaned from milk and given the real meat that we need.

I want to encourage all that can to attend BTI this year. The dates will be May 29 – June 11, 2011. If you cannot attend I would like to encourage you to send someone from your local church. The Church will be blessed by this.

Angie Munoz - B.T.I. Coordinator

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith."

Gal 3:29 "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

2 Peter 3:13-14 "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

Heb 10:35-39 "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

2 Peter 1:3-4 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

2 Cor 7:1 "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

1 John 2:25 "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."

We see many promises today being broken, men's word of no value, and the integrity of a man's word worthless. Take good comfort in knowing, God will keep His promises to you, if you will keep your promise to Him, which is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, repent of your sins, and believe the gospel, and thou shall be saved. You have his promise on it!!!

Rick Razsi  
 Prison Ministries



The Church of God at Millen, Georgia, is underway on a building project. A fellowship hall slab was under construction and was finished on November 13, 2010. The slab is 40 x 75 ft and was constructed by Brother Jerry Campbell and by Brother Rick Razsi. The pour was done by Brother Campbell and his cousins, Andy and Ted Williams from Tennessee, assisted by

Brother Rick Razsi. Praise God for the great things he has done here in Millen.

## The PROMISE

Have you ever had to break a promise? Have you had someone break a promise to you and it broke your heart, or caused you great pain or grief?

When I was a child, my Dad promised me when I got old enough I could have a Cushman Motorcycle. When I turned 16 he told me I couldn't have it. I waited a long time standing on his promise. It hurt me deeply to find out his promises were empty. Many since then have broken their promises to me. I can imagine some who have been hurt and disappointed from broken promises. They find it hard to believe all of what God's Word says and the promises he has spoken for those who come to him through Jesus Christ his Son.

God's Words are not like man's words. Man can speak a word and renege on it and it will not come to pass. God's Word however, when He says something to us, we can rest assured that it will come to pass. Maybe not when we think it should come, but God brings it about when He wants it to come. The promises of God are as sure as night and day, heat and cold, dry and wet, life and death. 1 Kings 8:56 *"Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant."* God kept His word to the people of Israel according to ALL that He promised. God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; No one speaks the truth that disagrees with God's Word.

Psa 105: Talks about all the things God had done unto Egypt and how He brought out his chosen people with a strong arm, Why? In verse 42 *"For he*

*remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant."* All that He did and all that He worked was because He made a promise unto Abraham, and He remembered His promise and kept it. Even the promise of our Savior was fulfilled. Acts 13:23 *"Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:"*

As Jesus Christ was preparing to ascend unto His Father, He told us of another promise from God...Luke 24:49 *"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."* All who come to God through his Son Jesus Christ are given this promise from God.

Acts 2:39 *"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."* Abraham received the promise because he believed God. We must believe what God says about His Son and the Word of God written in the Bible. God doesn't want to see any perish and go to hell. He is longsuffering and patient with us and is trying to get our hearts turned toward Him, drawing us to Him that we might believe the gospel and repent of our sins and be converted.

2 Peter 3:9 *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*

Gal 3:22-24 *"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."*

## THE CHURCH OF GOD

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### REGIONAL CONVENTION MISSION OFFERING

#### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY BAND

General Assembly Minutes  
Present Financial System

*"...Convention Mission Offerings - A special mission offering is to be received during each State/Regional/National Convention.*

*This offering is to be disbursed as follows:  
50% remaining in the State/Region/Nation and the remaining 50% is to be sent to General Headquarters."*



*Every family in the region is encouraged to save your coins all year to raise a hundred dollar mission offering to be received at the 2011 Regional Convention!*

#### Update on Desert Place NEWS

Since March, there has been a consistent endeavor to maintain our monthly meetings. We had our 9th meeting at the Hazelhurst, GA, church on Nov. 19th & 20th. For those who do not know what "DESERT PLACE" is, it is a time set aside for those willing to meet once a month at a designated church to fast and pray overnight as the Holy Ghost leads. The Holy Ghost called for this action 12 years ago and we are trying not to fail in our efforts to please God.

Our Overseer, Bishop Campbell, gave the green light for this program, which encourages all to participate and prepare the Church for the Lord's return. Each event becomes more and more intense in the urgency to CRY OUT in ANGUISH of our souls for the darkened hour in which we are living, just before the great and terrible day of the Lord.

The next scheduled meeting will be December 31- Jan 1st, 2011, and we feel this to be the time and date in which HE IS CALLING FOR. The location has not been determined, so if any are interested, please call Brother Jeffcoat or myself. The next one could be in your local church.

For the record, the Holy Ghost called for this action in the summer of 1998 and He hasn't called for it to halt yet. Jesus is Coming Soon, will you be ready?

Secretary & Reporter for The Desert Place  
Louis Gaddis, Commerce, Georgia

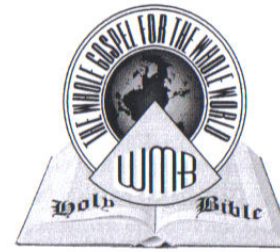
## North Georgia Victory Leaders Band

Praise the Lord for His Grace, Love, and Mercy. His word says *“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”* (Hebrews 10:22-25 KJV)

In September the district VLB’s got together to witness in the neighborhood and invite people to the Revival with Bishop E. Roger Ammons. We also had pizza at Ci Ci’s and had fun time before service that night.

In October the VLB’s met at The Church of God, Trion, GA., for a lock-in. On November 13, the VLB’s met at The Church of God, Commerce, GA, for a hay ride and bon fire. We give God the praise and glory for the great time of fun and fellowship at all of these events. We are looking forward to other events in the near future at the Cartersville, Trion (Spanish), and Tunnel Hill churches.

Glory to God  
Lawrence and Angie Munoz  
North Georgia District VLB Leaders



Along with the regular second Sunday mission offering, WMB offerings and October/March World Missions, the following is also mandated:

*“A special mission offering is to be received during each annual State/Regional/National Convention. This offering is to be disbursed as follows: 50% remaining in the State/Regional/National Headquarters where it is collected and the remaining 50% is to be sent to General Headquarters.”*

There are many “fake” or substitute objects in this world, all with the intent to project the “real” thing! To name a few... I Can’t Believe It’s Not Butter is supposed to taste just like REAL butter; Splenda, Sweet-N-Low and Equal are supposed to be no different than REAL sugar; Instant Potatoes are supposed to be just like the REAL deal; and the list could go on and on. But we don’t swallow the idea that they are REAL because we know what is REAL! When it comes to the truth of God’s Word, as members of The Body of Christ, we know what is REAL! There is a lost world all around us searching for what is REAL...and we have it! We must do all we can, the best we can, every time we can to meet the challenge of the Great Commission. And one way to get the job done is by participating in a General Assembly action regarding mission offerings. (The following is cited from The Present Financial System of the General Assembly minutes as passed by the General Assembly.)

Every family in the region is encouraged to raise a \$100 mission offering to be received at our next Regional Convention. A simple way to raise this offering is by saving coins in a jar throughout the year. My hope is to be able to visit every local church and boost this important project. We can do this region! God bless you as we strive together to present the REAL thing...nothing fake...to the lost souls around us! If you haven’t already begun to save those pennies, dimes and quarters to raise your \$100 offering, why not start today? Before you realize it, you’ll have your “special” mission Regional Convention offering!

Vivian Campbell  
WMB Coordinator





**LEARNING...LIVING...LOVING**

“...that he may learn ... (De. 17:19) ... that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary... (Is. 50:4) ...Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.” (Jn. 21:16)

We have learned throughout the years in our Sunday School classes what love is. We have expressed that learning in our daily lives. God is asking us to put it into action by loving the lost, the “unlovable,” the lonely, the afflicted and the spiritual hungry.

Each week we have a faithful “pupil” that enters each of our local Sunday School classes. He is more faithful than Andrew, Benjamin, and even more than Abraham is. His name is George. Yes, just think about this for a moment. George comes to Sunday School each week with most of us. We do not ask him to come. We do not even give him a ride to church. Yet, he faithfully comes; so much that we expect him to be there.

So what does a pastor or Sunday School superintendent think when they see such a faithful attendee to church? A dedicated, eager worker is what comes to their minds. With this in mind, why do we not use George more often rather than letting him just grow and sit there? For you see, the George that I am talking about is the George Washington that is on the one-dollar bill that so frequently fills our Sunday School offering plates. Praise the Lord for his faithful contribution to our local Sunday Schools!

My desire is to challenge and motivate each of our Sunday School superintendents in our region to put George to work. He is so faithful to come in our doors. I am sure he is just as eager to be used if we will allow him to work rather than just “sit” in our financial accounts. Find ways to use him through special activities or even for purchasing small Christian gifts just to give not to just visitors but as special invitations to strangers, friends, and family members. (Small inexpensive gifts such as pens, notepads, book-markers, small stuff animals or toys, etc. with a Christian message and your local church’s personalized Sunday School invitational “business cards” would be a great idea to pass out near Christmas or throughout the year.) Pray and be creative. Let us love through “George.”

Isaiah 58:10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

Annette Deitz  
Sunday School Coordinator



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
2011**

**JANUARY**

8th - South FL District Convention  
20th - Regional Herald Articles Due  
29th - North FL District Convention

**MARCH**

5th - North GA District Convention  
20th - Regional Herald Articles Due  
26th - South GA District Convention

**APRIL**

15th - 16th - Youth Convention  
29th - 30th - Men’s Retreat

**MAY**

20th - 22nd - Ladies Retreat  
20th - Regional Herald Articles Due  
29th - June 11th - BTI

**JUNE**

11th - Heritage Day

**JULY**

3rd - 7th - Youth Camp  
20th - Regional Herald Articles Due  
22nd - 24th - Regional Convention

**AUGUST**

(Tentative Dates)  
13th - 16th - IYC  
16th - 21st - General Assembly

**SEPTEMBER**

9th - 10th - Minister’s Convention  
20th - Regional Herald Articles Due

**NOVEMBER**

20th - Regional Herald Articles Due

**Rossville, Georgia News**

The local Church at Rossville, GA, had a district youth event, and was in revival with General Evangelism Coordinator E. Roger Ammons the weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There were testimonies of prayers answered in this revival and many blessings. We were also excited to have received 2 new members during the Regional Convention. We can’t wait to see what God has in store for The Church of God in Rossville this year.

Angie Munoz - Reporter

**Palatka, Florida News**

We are praising God for His many blessings. We welcome Brother Tom Carver as a new member to The Church of God in Palatka, FL. He is the leader of a gospel group called Zion's Voice. If you would like to have him come to your church you can reach him by phone at 904-236-0565. Our VLBs have recently raised \$200.00 during a fundraiser at CiCi's Pizza where they bussed tables for tips to send our kids to Youth Camp. Our local church is hosting a "Joy Fest" for the district VLBs on Nov. 20th. We'll have games, prizes, clowns, skits, mini services, bake sale, shaved ice, and cotton candy. Also our Gleaners and VLBs are working on a Christmas musical that will be held on the 19th of December. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Jordyn Roberts -Reporter

# Children's Ministries

Greetings everyone from *Florida/Georgia Children's Ministries*. Many of us can glance out our windows right now or travel to church and see the trees in beautiful fall array. It is truly amazing to see God Almighty's handy work in such a simple thing as a leaf changing color as it finishes out its life cycle to prepare for new growth in the spring. For anyone working in children's ministries we know this means holiday excitement everywhere. The word "everywhere" is what we need to concern ourselves with. It does not matter who you are or what your age is, we still need to "Go Tell It on the Mountain" that Jesus Christ is born not Santa and his elves.

I have felt led this year to bring back a concept I learned as a child and have never forgotten. Christmas is about "JOY"!

"J" is first because Jesus should always come first in your life!

"O" is second because you should think of Others next!

"Y" is last because You should think of yourself last!

Following this concept keeps us in line with the principles of the

Bible on how to have joy in our hearts and how to spread joy to others.

With this in mind I thought it might be good to share some easy, inexpensive and practical ideas for activities at your local church to teach children what "JOY" truly means.

1. Let the kids earn points by attendance, inviting others, bringing their Bible, etc. to spend in a church Christmas store. In our local church the kids are given a dollar value instead of points and then taught how to figure tithes by moving the decimal one space to the left. Our toddlers may not comprehend all of this but we are laying groundwork for their future. Jesus is first because we figure our pretend tithes first. On a specified Sunday our kids will be allowed to purchase gifts for their families with something they earned themselves. After they have taken their gifts to be wrapped in the Sunday School rooms they will get to come back and buy for themselves. We have donated items for the store and fundraisers to purchase inexpensive items. Dollar Tree is great for this activity. The items do not have to be costly. Be creative. Put ribbons on a candy bar, put an envelope of hot chocolate in a mug with a bow, etc.

2. Purchase small inexpensive gift bags and fill them with a few homemade goodies and hand them out to needy families you

know. Include the kids in all of this and be sure to put some tracts inside as well as your Pastor's name and number and even your church service schedule.

3. Go "Old Fashioned Caroling". We did this last year in an apartment complex housing elderly and disabled people. We knocked on the doors and asked each person if it was all right to sing to them. NO ONE turned us away and we even were asked to have prayer with some including the grandparents of a young man heading overseas to war. We were the ones blessed in the end. We took the children but included all the adults that were able to come. We can't wait to do it again this year!

4. If your town has a Christmas parade, try to enter if possible. You don't need a fancy float. Just put the kids and some adults in a

trailer and/or truck. Dress the kids in nativity costumes and put your local church name on it. Add some bows and tinsel. Most people have some extra decorations of some kind they can share. Let people know your church is alive and well in your community.

If your group has only a few children or none at all, it does not matter. Work together for a way to reach "EVERYWHERE" with the message of Christ and the JOY He brings!!!!

Happy Holidays in Christ,  
Melodie Steptoe  
Children's Ministries Coordinator

PS: If you have creative outreach activities please share them with everyone. Your idea may be just the one that one of our churches has been looking for. Let's share because we care!



From Our House to Your House...  
From Our Heart to Your Heart  
Merry Christmas!  
Brother and Sister Campbell