

# THE REGIONAL HERALD

FLORIDA / GEORGIA

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

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## GREETINGS TO THE GREAT REGION OF FLORIDA / GEORGIA!

This year we have experienced a mighty move of God throughout the region as His Spirit has drawn us closer together. From the four corners of the region, our united prayer has been to become one in Him in all aspects. In praying and meditating on those things we as a region can do to help further unify each one, it was realized that the regional paper is a great tool to help bring about this effort.

The name of the paper will be changed to *The Regional Herald*. There will be new features added to help us stay in closer contact and informed. With miles separating us, keeping in touch is imperative if we are to enjoy the familiarity experienced by family...the family of God. I am looking forward to utilizing the newspaper to the best of our abilities that we may further move The Church of God along as we work for the Master.

I am asking everyone... district overseers, coordinators, pastors, ministers, and lay-members

to please participate in this endeavor. Below you will find the categories to be utilized:

Messages to encourage each other

Ideas to Raise Money that will help benefit one another

Announcements keeping everyone informed

Recipes to share God's bountiful blessings

Births and Birthdays to celebrate together

Graduations to congratulate each other

Deaths that we may pray for each other

Marriages that we may rejoice together

Events telling the good news of the local churches

Prayer Requests that we may pray for one another

**PASTORS: You are asked to appoint a local church reporter to include the above categories in reporting all "news" from your local church. Please mail your news and/or**



**information to Assistant Editor, Tony Conner, 41 Greatwood Drive, White, GA 30184, or you may email it to [cas18844@bellsouth.net](mailto:cas18844@bellsouth.net). Deadlines throughout the year are January 20th, March 20th, May 20th, July 20th, September 20th and November 20th.**

My desire as your Regional Overseer is for The Church of God in Florida and Georgia to be one in all aspects! Your cooperation in this endeavor is appreciated. I am confident God will bless us as we work together toward this end!!

Jerry W. Campbell  
Regional Overseer

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

*It is almost too hard to believe that we are more than half-way through this convention year.*

*Regional Convention is just a few short months away! I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Coordinators who sacrificed time and finances to attend the District Conventions to boost the work. Great distances were traveled to fulfill your responsibility and each did a tremendous job! God bless you for your faithfulness!!*

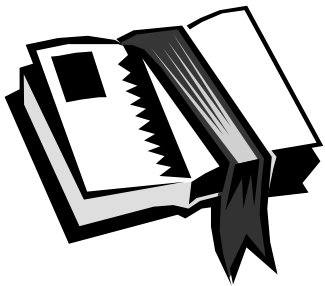
*We are praising and thanking the Lord for His bountiful blessings and all He is doing for us individually and collectively. There's a stirring in my soul to dig a little deeper through prayer and fasting. There's powerful things ahead for us as we determine to be all He wants us to be and do all He wants us to do!!*

*Brother Campbell*

## Sunday School Department



“TAKE HEED UNTO  
THYSELF, AND  
UNTO THE  
DOCTRINE;  
CONTINUE IN  
THEM: FOR IN  
DOING THIS THOU  
SHALT BOTH SAVE  
THYSELF, AND  
THEM THAT HEAR  
THEE”



### SUNDAY SCHOOL - SARAH S. WHITE - SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

#### “Be Thou an Example”

The Bible warns “that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (I Timothy 4:1). As teachers, we must guard our hearts and minds and warn those we teach to do the same. We must pray for divine discernment and resist wrong thoughts that enter our minds, fighting them with the Word of God.

We are to teach truth “whereunto” we have “attained” (I Timothy 4:6). We must faithfully conform to the teaching we have received. We must walk in the light that God has revealed unto us if we are to teach others.

We are urged to exercise ourselves unto godliness. “For bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things,

having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come” (I Timothy 4:8). Physically, we are to take care of ourselves because our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. (I Corinthians 6:19) However, we should pay more attention to exercising ourselves unto godliness because godliness will bring blessing not only in this life but also in the life to come.

Furthermore, we are to be “an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (I Timothy 4:12). Our lives should never reflect the motto “do as I say, not as I do”. Because others are watching us, our lives should be a model and a source of encouragement to them.

The Word says to “give attendance to reading, to exhortation, and to doctrine” (I Timothy 4:13).

If we “meditate upon these things” and give ourselves “wholly to them” our “profiting” will appear to all (I Timothy 4:15). We must realize that in ourselves we can do nothing (John 15:5), but as we yield ourselves to Him in obedience, the Lord will help us, and we can make spiritual progress that all can see.

Our greatest hope as teachers of truth should be that God will use us to help those who hear us. The Word says “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee” (I Timothy 4:16). Let us believe the Word, apply it to our lives, and watch with joy the transformation in us and those who attend our Sunday Schools.

### WOMEN’S MISSIONARY BAND - CAROLYN WILSON - W.M.B COORDINATOR

#### STORMS OF LIFE

When storms of life are raging and doubt reaches my way, remind me of your love, Lord, to keep my fears at bay.

When all I see is failure and mountains, hard to climb, just whisper in my ear, O Lord, that You are still sublime.

This life may disappoint me and so may people too. Lord, show me Your Faithfulness and keep me true to You.

When tears do fill my eyes, Lord, and I'm seemingly blind, walk with me, Precious

Jesus, and ease my tired mind.

Take me by the hand, Lord, when roads are washing out. Provide me with protection and keep me from all doubt.

When I'm getting real tired from struggling day and night, hold me tight, dear Jesus, Please, be my guiding light.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



Storms of life are everywhere, with the Lord's help we can help souls that are needing to be saved from the gulf of sin. Listen, to the Lord, be faithful servants.

## ASSEMBLY BAND MOVEMENT - GAIL JOHNSON - A.B.M. COORDINATOR

*Keeping, Maturing and Guarding*

**Purpose:** Although the ABM is set aside for keeping, maturing, and guarding the sheep, it isn't the ABM purpose alone. The Word tells us if one member suffers then the whole body should suffer. Every member should have the ABM spirit and the knowledge to keep, mature, and guard the sheep.

**Keeping:** Keep means to retain or hold to. So how do we do that? First, we must come to the realization sheep have to be fed. Secondly, sheep do not eat just anything thrown to them. The feed must be mouth-watering and nutritious, designed especially for them. Whatever the meal may be, if it is served with love and the anointing of the Spirit, it will always be eaten and bring about growth. Sheep kept in a field of lush green grass will not wander away nor grow lean but will mature into healthy adults producing fat babies.

**Maturing:** Mature means fully develop in body or mind, completed, perfected. As a sheep begins to understand the basics, we add a little more to the plate. If not, a growing sheep will grow listless and eventually become despondent. Their growth will become stunted and they will remain childlike (carnal). However, if we make the sacrifice to obtain the necessary food then we

will see a mature sheep that is able to lead others to the fold.

**Guarding or Equipping:** We guard or equip the sheep by furnishing them with intellectual or emotional resources. We give the tools they need to face whatever may come their way. By digging deeper into the Word, we will not only feed their minds, but their spirits. Knowing how to handle a situation is part of the maturing process.

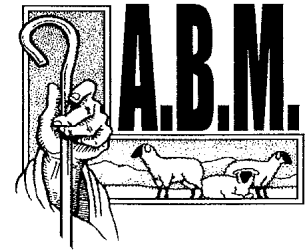
In his message to the 1966 General Assembly, Hector Ortiz stated, "The ABM, in my opinion is one of the most important works in the Church of God due to the fact that we are dealing with the saving of a soul. We are not only dealing with just bringing forth someone, but in keeping that individual to the end." He went on to say, "Teaching is a continuous process." To that, I would like to add, learning is also a continuous process. For how can we teach unless we have been taught? And how can we be taught if we are unwilling to learn?

James wrote, "If any you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given to him." If we are to teach others, then we must be continually learning of God. It doesn't take a master's degree, but it will take a sacrifice of food and time. Knowledge is

easily obtained if we are willing to pay for it. By trade, Peter was a fisherman often perceived as unlearned and ignorant. But nowhere do we find him making excuses of his education. Nor do we find where he remained ignorant and unlearned. Why? Because Peter had been called to feed the sheep, and he knew he would be held accountable for that calling.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me seeing thou has forgotten the law of thy God I will also forget thy children.

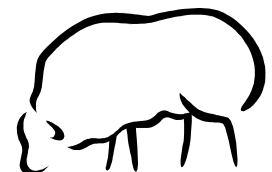
The root word for forgotten means to mislay, that is to be oblivious of from want of memory or attention (Strong's). Do we realize how important it is for us to gather the feed, pray over it, and ask God to anoint it that the souls in our care will grow from it? Lord, help us to see the need to dig beneath the surface. Help us to understand without the anointed Word of God the sheep will grow hungry and fall victim to the enemy. Lay a burden for your knowledge upon us and give us the wisdom to oversee your flock. Father, may we realize that when we stand before you we will be judged for our ministry.

**EVANGELISM**

Greetings to the Florida/Georgia Region! I am letting you all know that I am open for Revivals and ready to go! You may contact me @ 3383 Harrison Blue Rd., Perry, Florida 32347. You may call me at 850-584-2347.

I want you all to know that I love everyone of you and I'm praying for you. I would that you all would keep me in your prayers as I do God's work. May God bless each one as you work for Him. Waiting to hear from you. God Bless.

Sincerely,  
Vera Vaughn  
Regional Evangelist



## 2010 CAMPING MINISTRY - JOHN M. COX

Greetings in the name of the Lord. The 2010 camping ministry is rapidly approaching and we are in need of your prayers.

Sister Charlene and I are excited and looking forward to serving the youth of our region. Our dates and location of our camp for this year is July 4 - 8. Location is the Primitive Baptist Church Camp Ground just outside of Collins, Georgia. Facilities are out standing, dorms have carpet

and air-conditioning, not to mention the huge swimming pool, basketball court, and softball field.

After enjoying all the activities during the day we have a nice sanctuary to worship in. We are praying for a mighty move of God to change hearts and lives of all those who attend. Our theme for this year's camp is "**HIS WORD OUR MISSION**". Luke 11:28 says "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and KEEP IT". We

are also reminded in John 14:23 "If a man love me he will KEEP MY WORDS".

With the world around us constantly changing, God's word never changes, therefore we cannot compromise the TRUTH. Let us not be ashamed to hoist our colors for this old ship of Zion will safely reach her destination. With Jesus at the helm we will reach the other side!

NOTE: Those who are on staff we will be having a meeting at the youth convention. God bless you and see you soon!

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## A VESSEL OF HONOR: BUILT FOR WARFARE - GRAYSON B. KENT - V.L.B. COORDINATOR

While worship is given the perspective of adoration with uplifting and good feelings, warfare is often associated with taking a stand, overcoming a threat, and invading territory or conquering an enemy. Once we have established the certainty of our God-given gifts and purpose, He will clothe us in His authority and express His glory upon us for the season in which we are living. In order to receive this divine enlightenment, it is necessary for us to have established a foundational relationship with Him through which we can clearly hear and obey His voice.

Consider an antique clay vessel. A strongly made vessel was created to withstand intense conditions. It did not become brittle nor did it break under high temperatures. It was created to carry a heavy load not for its own benefit but for the benefit of the vessel's owner. Its service was durable which allowed for countless hours of labor. Clearly, the earthen vessel was a masterful creation in the sight of its creator. Now consider the production of these ancient pottery vessels in relation to the spiritual attributes that we, as vessels of honor, are to resonate. Our spiritual vessels

are made to overcome high temperatures. *"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing [this], that the trying of your faith worketh patience"* (James 1:2-3). We are also built to be durable and faithful. *"His lord said unto him, Well done, [thou] good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord"* (Matthew 25:21). Additionally, the Heavenly Creator molded our vessels to bear heavy loads. *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]"* (1 Corinthians 10:13). We are not meant to carry our own burdens, but we were created to assist in carrying the burdens of our brothers and sisters in Christ. *"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ"* (Galatians 6:1-2). The instruction to show compassionate assistance to others is not an optional component of our spirituality. It is a necessary com-

mandment that God expects us to carry out.

As we worship, our spirit is enlarged, strengthened, and matured. We are clothed with the anointing and favor of our Creator, and we are endowed with a commission to faithfully execute His righteousness on earth. *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds..."* (2 Corinthians 10:4). We recognize that we are built to render due service unto God according to the calling He has placed on our lives. Where He calls, He equips. *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh..."* (2 Corinthians 10:3).

Daily, we encounter spiritual battles in which we must stand up, stand our ground, and put forth a fight of faith. Our spirituality depends on our resistance and our determination to endure warfare. We must also contend with the commission that our Creator has given us to go forth into the world to make disciples of all people. How shall they believe except they hear, and how shall they hear without a preacher? Our witness is a spiritual battle. The enemy struggles daily to resist our efforts; nevertheless, we have been promised victory! Fight the good fight, keep the faith, and finish the course... as we descend as vessels of honor built for spiritual warfare!

2010 FLORIDA / GEORGIA YOUTH CONVENTION

April 16-17, 2010 | Millen, GA | Hotel Information

**Sunset Inn**

637 US Highway 25 N  
Millen, GA 30442  
(478) 982-5540  
No Website Available

**Holiday Inn**

Commerce Drive  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
(912) 489-4545  
www.holiday-inn.com

**Quality Inn & Suites**

230 South Main Street  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
(912) 489-3995  
www.qualityinn.com

**Days Inn**

461 South Main Street  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
(912) 764-5666  
www.daysinn.com

**Jameson Inn**

1436 N. Liberty Street  
Waynesboro, GA  
30830  
(706) 437-0500  
www.jamesoninns.com

**Regency Inn**

424 US Highway 25 N  
Millen, GA 30442  
(478) 982-2727  
www.regencyinnandsuites.net

**Best Western (University Inn)**

1 Jameson Avenue  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
(912) 681-7900  
www.bestwesterngeorgia.com

**Comfort Inn & Suites**

17870 Highway 67  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
(912) 681-2400  
www.comfortinn.com

**Hampton Inn**

616 Fair Road  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
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www.hamptoninn.com

**Best Western**

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Waynesboro, GA 30830  
(706) 554-0806  
www.bestwesterngeorgia.com

**Days Inn**

404 W. Ogeechee Street  
Sylvania, GA 30467  
(912) 564-2490  
www.daysinn.com

**Howard Johnson**

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Statesboro, GA 30458  
(912) 489-2626  
www.hojo.com

**LaQuinta Inn**

225 Lanier Drive  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
(912) 871-2525  
www.lq.com

**Days Inn**

225 S. Liberty Street  
Waynesboro, GA 30830  
(706) 554-9941  
www.daysinn.com

Due to the limited lodging accommodations in the city of Millen, the preceding list offers alternative lodging options in the surrounding towns. Approximate distances between Millen and these towns include: Sylvania (17 miles), Waynesboro (18 miles), and Statesboro (30 miles).

Photographs of each hotel are available by visiting the websites provided. If you have any questions regarding lodging accommodations, please do not hesitate to contact via e-mail ([vlb@graysonkent.net](mailto:vlb@graysonkent.net)) or phone (478-455-1463).

PRISON MINISTRY - RICK RAZSI

The Prison Ministry Team Office would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to Kathy Jeffcoat and her Sunday School Class for sending cards once a month to the members of The Church of God at Hazlehurst, who are incarcerated.

these men will also carve the ways of the Lord within the hearts of the younger generation as we set the example before them. You never know, we might be training the next Regional Prison Ministry Director right in our own local church.

behind bars, and better yet, lets show the people behind bars that we do care, and we do love them and just because they are incarcerated, they are a part of the Body of Christ just as much as we are.

They all sign the cards and are sent to the men who are behind bars. They are so grateful for these cards and the love of their project from the people and the children of the church. Showing Christian love and having compassion on

If Hazlehurst Church can show the Love of Christ through an outreach of just three cards a month, how much can your Sunday school class come up with? Show our children that we care for those

Don't forget, Jesus was in Jail himself and went to trial, and was sentenced to death, even though he was innocent of his charges. Paul spent much time in jail, but not as a prison minister. Let us show them we care!!

THE CHURCH OF GOD FLORIDA / GEORGIA LADIES' RETREAT

*Ages: 13 & Up - Date: May 21 - 23, 2010 - Where: Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge in McRae, Georgia*

GUEST MINISTER is *Kim Taylor* - THEME "*At the Seashore with the Saviour*" John, Chapter 21

COST: **4 in a room - \$90 per person / 3 in a room - \$105 / 2 in a room - \$120** *Queen size beds in rooms*

PRICES INCLUDE TWO NIGHTS LODGING AND ALL BUFFET MEALS

COMPLETE APPLICATION BELOW, CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE & RETURN WITH A \$10 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT TO:

Vivian Campbell 100 Edgewood Drive Smyrna, TN, 37167

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2010**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # INCLUDING AREA CODE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number of ladies that will be in your room **including yourself** \_\_\_\_\_

and list the names of each below. A completed application must be received from each lady listed.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSIT AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

**Message**

**from the  
Assistant Editor**

Here are the deadlines to submit articles for this year: **May 20th, July 20th, Sept. 20th, and Nov. 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.

The more we hear from our local churches, the more we can be informed on what is going on throughout our region. You can email me the article, mail it to me, or even give me a call if you need to. Do not forget that you can view past issues of **The Shepherd's Voice** from 2005 -2010 and current issues of **The Regional Herald** online on our Region's web site at <http://www.tcogflga.org>.

Tony Conner—Assistant Editor

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