

UPCOMING EVENTS

Heritage Day - June 11

Youth Camp - July 3 - 7

Regional Convention - July 22 - 24

International Youth Camp - August 13 - 16

General Assembly - August 16- 21

Minister's Convention - September 9 - 10

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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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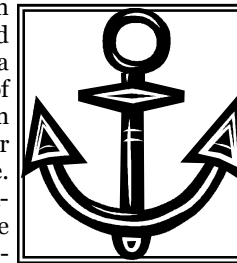
FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIONAL OVERSEER

"HOPE, THE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL"

"That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul..." Hebrews 6:18,19

An anchor is an indispensable piece of equipment on sea going vessels and is always there. As a ship streams out of port and into the main waterway, the anchor is secured to its side. On the ship goes, making its way across the water perhaps completing a voyage and never using the anchor. However,

there are times when treacherous storms arise, causing fear and distress for those on board. The ship stops its forward course...it is moved about by the wind. If this continues, it would soon be off course. But the anchor is released and does its work. The anchor holds the ship...it will not be moved off course! The ship will be rocked from side to side and the passengers will be shaken but safe.



We who are under covenant are passengers on the ole ship of Zion...The Church of God. From the time we loosed moorings until we reach the celestial port, there will be sudden, unexpected storms on our journey. But, with Jesus our Captain on board there is no need to fear. The anchor will hold until the storm passes by. Each day the ship is moving nearer to her destination. At times it seems we are pressing onward. Then the storms of life arise. In times like these we need the anchor of hope...firmly securing us to the Rock of Ages until the storm is gone.

The anchor of hope is not wishful thinking. It is a depth in Christ in which we reach by faith into the realm of God's power and grace. By this power we are safe from all the evil forces in this present world. The manifestation of His power will be demonstrated as we willingly release our anchor of hope and trust wholly in Jesus....Our Anchor Holds!

Jerry W. Campbell
Regional Overseer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Convention will convene before the next issue of the Regional Herald. Every member and friend of the church is encouraged to pray and fast for this important meeting. The dates are July 22-24, 2011, and will be held at the Agrirama in Tifton, Georgia. Bishop Paul Horton, Regional Overseer of Virginia/W. Virginia will be our guest minister. My wife and I hope to see you there!

*Thank
You*

I would like to take this opportunity to try to express my gratitude for the birthday cards, calls and offerings! Your thoughtfulness was a blessing and made my birthday even more special. I feel your love and support and appreciate all you do in my behalf. May God bless you for your unselfish generosity and give back to you a hundred-fold!

Jerry W. Campbell
Regional Overseer

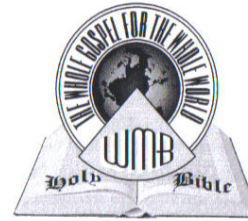
Hot Fun in the Summertime

Hey! I wonder if anyone has noticed that summer has arrived! If you haven't, just check the thermometer. I am seriously thinking about seeing if you really can fry an egg on the pavement. (Kids, don't try this at home) LOL. I know that school is out for most everyone and this cry is heard across the land, "I'm Bored". Some just want to live their life with a cell phone glued to their ears. Others will try to spend their summer in front of a TV with video games. The Bible tells us that we need to use moderation in all things. These things are not bad when used correctly but we can become obsessed to the point our spiritual hearts and physical brains turn to mush. EEOOHH!!!

Let me encourage young and old alike to go old school for the summer. Send a real card as an outreach. Actually go to someone's house and visit them. Remember parks? They still exist. Kids, get the adults at church to plan an early morning or late evening picnic to avoid the worst of the heat or just do it as a family outing. Buy cheap water balloons and have a water fight. (Adults too!) Plan a BBQ at someone's house and get the church folks to bring potluck side dishes. I know we are busy, but we serve the "Creator of Time". Ask God to show you how to have "hot fun in the summertime". We need to use each and every day to reach others, but remember, we need each other too! We need to learn how to have good clean Christian fun and fellowship again!

These are just a few simple ideas to show the world they truly can know us by our love because we truly love one another. We need to fellowship face to face not just facebook to facebook!

See you at Camp & Convention,
Sister Mel
Children's Ministries



I received the following letter regarding the Women's Missionary Band General Assembly Luncheon:

Greetings to my dear sisters in Christ:

Our General Assembly WMB Luncheon has been in the works for some time now. I am assisting Sister Bishop this year and I consider it an honor and pleasure to serve her and the Bride of Christ in this challenge.

As you know, Ridgecrest requires a confirmed number well in advance of the Assembly. Therefore it is imperative that we have an accurate count of how many will be attending this special time. I pray I am not going to offend anyone, but there will be NO exceptions to our confirmed list this year.

It is my goal to have a completed list by July 29, 2011. Here is how you can assist me in this endeavor. I need for each lady who plans to attend to mail me her name as well as the money to attend the luncheon by July 29. The luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, directly following the General Overseer's Annual Address. It will be a box lunch and will include a soda or water. The cost is \$10.50 per person. If you are buying a meal ticket, we will honor those as we did last year. Please advise me of that when you send in your name. However, I do not plan on collecting any money at the Assembly this year. Your assistance is going to be the key in making this run smoothly, so that we can enjoy one another and the time we have during our luncheon.

Please mail your name and money (checks need to be made out to The Church of God) to me, Tonya Anders, 160 Royce Road, Troutville, VA 24175 by July 29. I look forward to a great time with my sisters and our precious Saviour! Also look for the luncheon announcement in The Evening Light!

For Christ and His Church,
Tonya Anders
W.M.B. Luncheon Coordinator

Let's have a good representation from our region, Ladies! If you are going to the General Assembly, please be sure to get your name and money to Sister Anders by July 29! Hope to see you there!

Vivian Campbell
W.M.B. Coordinator



KNOWLEDGE DEFICIENCY

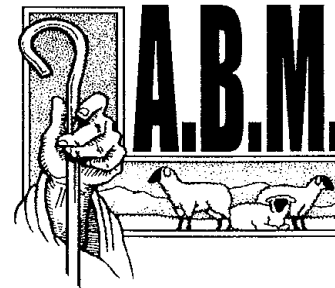
Mt 22:29 “Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”

Deficiency is the absence of something essential. Can the members of The Church of God have a knowledge deficiency of the scriptures? Unfortunately, the answer is yes. The membership, young and old, may suffer from a **lack of knowledge due to not truly “digging” into the Word of God** or studying the scriptures out (rightly dividing them). Or some may suffer from just having head knowledge, yet not capable of using the power contained within the scriptures.

A deficiency requires a change in diet or supplements added. Spiritually, we can supplement our **daily** Bible reading with our Sunday School lessons, The Evening Light, and other Church publications. Some may need to change their spiritual diet by partaking less of outside publications (such as magazines, fictional books, or even newspapers).

Our local Sunday School department should be an **abundance source of knowledge. We have the truth!** But we must study to receive that knowledge. The ministry cannot afford to be lacking. Our local churches cannot afford to be lacking. May it not be said of The Church of God membership that we “err, not knowing the scriptures.” We have no excuse for knowledge deficiencies. We must examine how we are using the knowledge we have and make a change in our lives if we find a lack of Biblical knowledge. Do we have a heart and soul knowledge rather than just head knowledge? **May we absorb more of God’s Word daily so we can share truth with a world dying for lack of knowledge.**

Annette Deitz
Sunday School Coordinator



ABM Helps and Ideas from Sister Jackie Zimmerman, General ABM Coordinator.

The following is a continuation of helps and ideas that may be used in the work of the ABM department.

If you will pray for God to direct you as He wills, and then implement His will, you will never go wrong. You can have a monthly theme by using the reason for a holiday (especially religious holidays) as the devotion, also keeping in mind the reason for the ABM work. Every auxiliary in the Church strives to win souls. The ABM department was designed to keep, guard and feed (mature) the sheep (members) as well as reach out to those who are not members as yet. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to these meetings. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to see someone saved in your band meeting. That would bring them one-step closer to becoming a member of The Church of God and possibly being placed on your band!

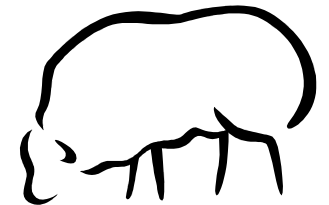
If you have a shut-in that is on your band or one who is ill or recuperating and they cannot come to the Band Meeting, you might (with prior permission from the family) want to take the Band Meeting to them, singing a few hymns and having prayer for them. If it is near Christmas, sing Christmas carols. This could be a great

encouragement to them and would show the love and concern their band has for them in difficult times. Always keep in mind to keep the visit short so as not to hinder or tire them. You might want to schedule a Saturday mid-morning breakfast at your church or a local restaurant. Have a special speaker bring the devotion, eat and take prayer requests and have prayer before leaving.

You may want to use Acts 20:35 as a devotion— Before Paul’s death, he gave last minute instructions, including the following “...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Ask each member who wants to participate to bring something small to the Band Service. Tell them not to purchase something new, but to bring something they already have to give to someone else. Tell them you will ask them to explain why they chose the item they brought (Example: a candle or a flashlight to give off light to remind us that God’s Word is a “light unto my path,” or maybe a thermos bottle to remind us that the love of God warms us inside). After the devotion let them exchange their gifts in whatever manner you feel will work best.

More Helps and Ideas will be included in our next issue.

Gail Johnson
A.B.M. Coordinator



WILL YOU TELL THEM ABOUT JESUS?

Ed was a man that had decided the way he wanted to live his life. No thought of heaven or hell was going to detour him from his dream. He wanted no part with ever pastoring a church like his father or a missionary who sometimes had to scrape the bottom of the barrel so to speak, no sir, not him.

He wanted to go to college, then make enough money to travel all over the world. His dream had such a hold on him that it blinded him from seeing that his life was a gift from God. The Lord already knew the souls that Ed could win. Ed just could not grasp the importance of his life serving the Lord. He could not see the vast harvest of souls was great and he was needed as a laborer to help bring them in.

One day at church Ed met a young girl, whose name was Danielle, that had caught his eye and he liked her very much, but not even she could detour his dream. She fell in love with him and knew about his dream. She prayed everyday for him that the Lord would open his eyes to the truth.

Ed didn't like what he was feeling. He was not going to allow the Lord to touch what he felt was the weak side of him no matter what. He was taught the importance of reading the Bible. Oh, he would pretend he was reading when his parents were looking. When he caught them not looking he would slide the pamphlets he had collected out between the pages about the different countries he was going to travel.

Time went by and it was still burning in his bones more than ever about traveling. By then Danielle had grown into a beautiful young lady. But at first, he did not know who she was until she introduced herself to him.

Ed let his wall he had built down and asked her for a date and she accepted. They dated for a while and he knew things were beginning to get serious, and getting married would upset his dream, so he broke up with her.

Danielle knew Ed was the one the Lord had chosen for her and she kept praying for him to see also. Time passed by and Danielle met another man. He was very rich with this world's goods and he wanted to marry her. Danielle knew Ed did not have very much, but she loved him even though it looked like he didn't love her.

I have charged and there is not a person who can prove otherwise. Justice will finally be served this day."

When it was his turn, my lawyer first asked if he might approach the bench. The judge allowed this over the strong objection of satan, and beckoned him to come forward.

As he got up and started walking I was able to see him now in his full splendor and majesty. Now I realized why he seemed so familiar, this was Jesus representing me, my Lord and my Savior.

He stopped at the bench and softly said to the judge "Hi Dad" and then he turned to address the court. "Satan was correct in saying that this man had sinned, I won't deny any of these allegations. And yes the wages of sins is death and this man deserves to be punished"

Jesus took a deep breath and turned to his Father with outstretched arms and proclaimed "However, I died on the cross so that this person might have eternal life and he has accepted me as his Savior, so he is mine." My Lord continued with "His name is written in the book of life and no one can snatch him from me. Satan still does not understand yet. This man is not to be given justice but rather mercy." As Jesus sat down, He quietly paused, looked at his Father and replied "There is nothing else that needs to be done, I've done it all".

The Judge lifted his mighty hand and slammed the gavel down and the following words bellowed from his lips. "This man is free-the penalty for him has already been paid in full, case dismissed."

As my Lord lead me away I could hear satan ranting and raving "I won't give up, I'll win the next one."

I asked Jesus, as he gave me my instructions where to go next, "Have you ever lost a case." Christ lovingly smiled and said "Everyone that has come to me and asked me to represent them has received the same verdict as you, Paid in Full."

Author Unknown

Your Defense

After living a "decent" life my time on earth came to an end. The first thing I remember is sitting on a bench in the waiting room of what I thought to be a court house. The doors opened and I was instructed to come in and have a seat by the defense table.

As I looked around I saw the "prosecutor". He was a villainous looking gent who snarled as he stared at me. He definitely was the most evil person I have ever seen.

I sat down and looked to my left and there sat my lawyer, a kind and gentle looking man whose appearance seemed very familiar to me.

The corner door flew open and there appeared the judge in full flowing robes. He commanded an awesome presence as he moved across the room and I couldn't take my eyes off of him.

As he took his seat behind the bench he said "Let us begin."

The prosecutor rose and said "My name is satan and I am here to show you why this man belongs in hell." He proceeded to tell of lies that I told, things that I stole and in the past when I cheated others. Satan told of other horrible perversions that were once in my life and the more he spoke the further down in my seat I sank. I was so embarrassed that I couldn't look at anyone, even my own lawyer, as the devil told of sins that even I had completely forgotten about.



As upset as I was at satan for telling all these things about me, I was equally upset at my representative who sat there silently not offering any form of defense at all. I know I had been guilty of those things, but I had done some good in my life. Couldn't that at least equal out part of the harm I had done.

Satan finished with a fury and said "This man belongs in hell, he is guilty of all that

Later Ed fell into a hardship and was not able to go to college or travel. The Lord brought Ed's attention to the man that wanted to marry Danielle and he fought hard to not let it bother him, but it was useless to fight anymore. He knew deep down that he was in love with her and that he could lose her, so they were married.



He still wanted to travel even after four years went by and two children later. His love for her was beginning to turn into bitterness toward her because he felt she had trapped him (a trick of the devil).

All this time the Lord was dealing with him about preaching and he did not want to hear about it. One night while he was sleeping, the Lord came to him in a dream. The Lord said to him, "Ed, come take a walk with me. I want to show you the souls that are waiting to hear from you. This is Sarah, she has lived on the streets all her life until her life has become unbearable and she feels like she cannot take it anymore. Ed, she is thinking about taking her life. Will you tell her about me?"

Ed, these are people that take pleasure in everything, but not in wanting to serve me, will you tell them about me?"

Ed, this is your son, Junior, he has got mixed up with a gang that hates all those that are not white. He plans to do as the gang tells him, to kill without mercy. Ed, he is little now, you are seeing him in the future. Won't you teach him about me? Teach him to love me and not follow empty dreams that are out to destroy him.

Ed, will you love me and take it upon you to do your part in bringing the harvest in? Ed, your life is important. Don't throw it away. Souls are depending on you to make the right choice."



To you that have a calling upon your life, will you answer the call and will you be willing to go where you are sent? I am so glad Ed did. Now he tells others... souls are crying and souls are dying. Please make the right choice and you will never regret it.

God bless you,
Linda L. Cox - Waycross, GA

LADIES' RETREAT 2011

On May 20, 2011, ladies representing five different states met at the Little Ocmulgee State Park in McRae, Georgia, for a weekend of fellowship with the Lord and each other. The theme of the retreat was "Fill My Cup, Lord"...and truly we left the retreat on Sunday, filled and overflowing with the power and blessings of the Lord! Praise God for His faithfulness to move among us, ministering, encouraging and meeting our needs!

The retreat was blessed with a staff that gave their all and found the will and mind of God for their part on program. Thanks to Annette Deitz, Devotion Director, Gail Johnson and Darla Chance, Teachers, Michelle Zaiz, Fun-Time Director, Janet Talley, Worship Director and Betty Bishop, Guest Minister for being sensitive to the Holy Ghost and allowing God to use each of them in a powerful measure! The retreat was also honored and blessed to have out-of-state guests who gave inspiring testimonies and ministered with special songs. God bless Edna Hartman and Bonnie Barnett, AR, Catherine Ricker, AL and Joyce McGriff, TN for ministering to our region!

As well, thanks to Megan Deitz for taking on the responsibility of retreat photographer. Because of her willingness to serve, we trust you will enjoy a few of the pictures of the retreat included in this article. There is a saying that a picture is worth a thousand words, but words nor pictures cannot adequately describe what a glorious time we had in the Lord in this retreat! It cost gas to get there...it cost to spend two nights and have bountiful meals...but what we received from the moving and freedom of the Holy Ghost was priceless!!! To GOD BE THE GLORY...He truly filled our cups!!

Vivian Campbell
Ladies' Retreat Director

