

Presidents
Message

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WAGONMASTER'S
REPORTS



PRAISE REPORT &
PRAYER REQUEST



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NEWSLETTER



From The President

We are slowly but surely moving forward at BCF/Blue Springs Campus. Time is passing very fast. We have had several of our members on site working since January 3rd. We have 36 full hook-up sites ready and waiting for more campers to join us. We were blessed with the Disaster Relief Chainsaw team members from three states (165 in all) who came and cleared trees and underbrush in several areas where we are adding more campsites



and enlarging the sports complex which will include two regulation football fields. We have commitments from the national leadership of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to bring over 300 students to our campus next summer for football camps. We assured them the fields will be ready. There is much work to do. We are looking forward to having many more of our members come as soon as possible. We have something for everyone to do, from light housekeeping, dusting and polishing furniture, making beds, cleaning bathrooms, sorting kitchen utensils, touch up painting, yard work, flower beds cleaned and new plants planted and many other activities. You don't have to be "skilled", just "willing" to be a part of this project. If you will come we will find a spot for you! If you have never been to Blue Springs campus this is a perfect opportunity for you to visit. Come and be a part of one of the greatest opportunities we as Campers on Mission have to make an impact on someone's life.

We need a project coordinator at the Baptist College right away. The permits are all in place, the contractor is ready to go. Construction of the 9200 sq. ft. building has begun. We have 28 sites on the campus within walking distance of the construction area. We needed masonry workers yesterday. All construction skills are needed.

March 23-25 is going to be here before we know it. I hope you are planning to come for our Spring "Family Reunion" rally. Come early and stay late. No rig? No problem. Motel rooms are available. We will be having an "Open House and Dedication" of the children's camp on Saturday, March 25th. Ann and Roger Miller have been working hard planning the summer camp program schedule. We already have several groups who have scheduled their camps for the summer. If you enjoy working with children and want to be a part of this ministry there will be a place for you this summer.

Florida State Wagon Master Robert Dawson



From the State Wagonmaster

We are doing a great job when we are on mission, the service we provide, the hearts we touch and the souls we win for the Lord bear witness to our effectiveness. We have two basic problems. One is that we have many members who have never done a project. The second problem is that of our officers are being recycled through the leadership positions of Florida Campers on Mission too many times. We need members who will step up to the plate and volunteer for leadership positions. If we have members who don't want to be involved or are unwilling then they need to drop their membership. I realize that many of our members are not able to be involved because of health and age problems. I encourage them to become COM Ambassadors praying for our leaders and the members on projects. For our other members, look where God can use you and get yourself plugged in. There are many projects available and you don't have to obligate for long periods of time. A couple of days or a week can most always be a big help. Contact your wagon master and see where you can be utilized. For our newer members. we need to stay in contact with them and get them to utilize what we have to offer and have them involved with COM.



SPRING “FAMILY REUNION” RALLY MARCH 23-25

The Florida Campers On Mission Spring Family Reunion rally will be held at BCF Blue Springs Campus in Marianna Florida starting with dinner on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the dining room of the Children’s camp. We will be serving 3 meals on Friday and Saturday. Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m., lunch will be at 12:30 and dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. each day.

You are welcome to come early before the rally and stay later after the rally. We have lots of small last minute jobs that need completing to make sure the camp is “ready” for our Open House on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. We will need helpers in the kitchen prior to, during and after meals each day.

THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE RALLY IS ATTACHED/ ENCLOSED. There is no fee to camp or stay in the motel rooms. There is a small registration fee which will be used to offset costs other than food. Be sure and indicate if you will need a motel room. All linens (sheets, towels and facecloths etc) are provided in the motel rooms. We are not permitted to have pets (dogs or cats) in the motel rooms. Most of the rooms have 2 beds if you want to share a room with someone.

Please indicate the size of your rig and if you will be towing . Please complete the registration form and return it as soon as possible so that we can have an idea as to how much food to prepare.

Our first “general meeting” will be Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel at the Children’s Camp. We will have all of our rally meetings and activities in the children’s camp area of the campus. The rally will end on Saturday evening after our evening program for those of you who wish to be home on Sunday.

Make your plans now to attend our Spring Reunion/Rally. We have lots of exciting things to share with you. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Marianna on Thursday March 23rd.

Directions to Blue Springs: Take I-10 to exit # 142 (Hwy 71 North). Take Hwy 71 north to US 90. Turn right (east) on US 90.

**Florida Campers on Mission Spring “Family Reunion”
March 23-25**

**BAPTIST COLLEGE OF FLORIDA BLUE SPRINGS CAMPUS
COM CAMPGROUND
2650 Lake Shore Drive Marianna, Fl. 32446**

**NO CHARGE FOR CAMPING OR LODGING
Registration Fee will be \$25 per unit.**

Name _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone _____

I Need a Motel Room: YES _____ NO _____

I have a TOAD YES _____ NO _____

Meals will be \$20 per person. This will include Thursday night dinner and 3 meals on Friday and Saturday.

Meals \$20 X _____ people = \$ _____

Registration Fee = \$ 25.00

Total = \$ _____

**Make checks payable to Florida Campers on Mission.
Mail to Barbara Rotunda P.O. Box 318, Mayo, Fl. 32066
Questions on registration- Barbara 386-208-8555 OR Patsy Goolsby 850-791-7762**

BLUE SPRINGS

We have been at Blue Springs campus working on plans for our Children's Camp. The dormitories are being cleaned and painted. The staff housing area has taken on a new look with fresh paint and new furniture. We are excited about all the possibilities camp will offer this summer. We are setting up areas for activities which will include studying the word of God, arts and crafts, drama and music, basic life skills teaching, basketball, archery, woodworking, swimming, canoeing, and campfires. Our first aid and nurse center is almost ready. The dining room and kitchen just needs to be used. We are looking forward to having many of our Campers On Mission members attend our Spring Family Reunion Rally March 23-25. We will be sharing the many needs and opportunities that YOU can be a part of this summer. We will be having an "Open House" on Saturday March 25th at 2:00 p.m. We plan to have speakers, entertainment, and tours of the camp.

We are looking forward to experiencing what God has in store for us as we have our first Campers On Mission "Summer of Purpose" children's camp June 4-10. This camp will be for children ages 6-12. Campers on Mission will be hosting this camp. This is an opportunity that any member of Campers on Mission have to "sponsor" a child for a week of Christian fellowship and learning. If you know a child that you would like to have experience this wonderful opportunity now is the time for you to make plans for them to attend camp. The cost is only \$150 per child for a week. They need to plan to arrive on Sunday afternoon, June 4 and stay through Friday night June 9th. We will have registration forms and more details about this camp available at the rally.

If you can't be a physical presence at children's camp, we invite you to be a spiritual presence by praying for the children, the leaders and all the folks who will have a part in this ministry that it will what the Lord wants it to be, that many seeds will be planted for the kingdom, and that Jesus will be made real in the lives of all who are a part of this ministry.

Children's Camp Coordinators Roger and Ann Miller

Praise Report

FLORIDA CAMPERS ON MISSION

JAN – DEC 2016 ANNUAL CHAPTER PRAISE REPORT

from the desk of Barbara Rotunda.....

Florida Project Recorder

TOTAL MEMBERS IN CHAPTER	642
MEMBERS INVOLVED IN ONE OR MORE PROJECTS	218
PERCENT OF MEMBERSHIP INVOLVED	33.95%
HOURS DONATED	42,638
PROFESSIONS OF FAITH	217
REDEDICATIONS	314
OTHER DECISIONS	58
BIBLES/SCRIPTURE TRACTS DISTRIBUTED	228 Bibles
4,987 Tracts	
PERSONAL TESTIMONIES SHARED	1,683
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS/EVENTS/ACTIVITIES	139
VBS / ASSISTED WITH	22
BIBLE STUDIES (GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL)	104
CHURCHES BUILT/REPAIRED/MAINTENANCE	9

CHURCH PLANTS SUPPORTED	21
FAIRS,FESTIVALS,OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS	69
CONVENTION, MISSION FAIRS,CONFERENCE CENTERS	49
FOOD MINISTRY/SHELTERS/CRISIS CENTERS	58
DISASTER RELIEF, RECOVERY WORK	9
SEAMEN’S MINISTRY	18
RACEWAY MINISTRY	7

Additional Information from Individual Project/Praise Reports

<i>Miles Traveled</i>	<i>225,714</i>	<i>Faces Painted</i>	<i>2286</i>
<i>Balloons Given</i>	<i>4,846</i>	<i>Caps Knitted/given</i>	<i>614</i>
<i>Salvation Bracelets</i>	<i>2172</i>	<i>Lap Quilts made/given</i>	
	<i>216</i>		
<i>Samaritan Purse Shoe-boxes</i>	<i>452</i>	<i>Bibs made/given</i>	<i>219</i>
<i>Bible Knowledge Board/Puzzle Presentations</i>	<i>2,317</i>		
<i>Sharing Campers On Mission/ Member Recruiting Presentations</i>			<i>74</i>
<i>Seminars, Training, Equipping for Missions</i>	<i>42</i>		
<i>Local Church/Associations Involvement</i>	<i>118</i>		
<i>Hospice, VA, Salvation Army, Goodwill, etc. (Hours Volunteered)</i>	<i>4,229</i>		

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Even though our members are getting “older” and some experiencing health problems and having to slow down a bit, they are still “Sharing Christ As They Go” as is evident in the number of folks who are involved in their local church and associations ministry efforts as well as volunteering at several other worthy volunteer venues. Many of our members serve regularly at Hospice, Prison Ministry and Food Banks. No matter where they serve our Ambassadors are always sharing the Campers On Mission story and recruiting new members. We have lost many of our long time faithful workers due to health related issues, and some who have “graduated to Heaven” but new members are bringing their talents and willingness to serve. Our construction numbers may be down, but our “building the kingdom” through other efforts continues to grow. We are especially proud to report that our members have joined together and are working diligently to restore Blue Springs Baptist Conference Center and Children’s Camp in Marianna, Fl. (Chipola Association). We envision many souls will be saved and many seeds planted as both children and adults have the opportunity to experience a week or more of Christian teaching and fellowship at this spirit filled place. We have served in several associations this year. The ones that have been specifically identified are: Middle Florida, Taylor, Suwannee, Lafayette, Halifax, Harmony, Jacksonville, St. Johns River, Black Creek, North Central Florida, Marion County, Florida Keys, Florida, and Chipola. We feel our members are truly getting “Out of the pew and into the community” as we continue to “Share Christ As We Go”

Barbara Rotunda

NOTES FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENTS

RUSSELL AND PATSY GOOLSBY

What an exciting time to be a Camper On Mission! When we returned home the other day a friend asked how I could get so excited about being away from home and WORKING. I replied, just imagine that every morning you could wake up and have coffee and devotions with some of your very best friends and then spend the day laughing, joking, and WORKING with these folks. And then there's the opportunity to make new best friends, all the while praising God for what He is going to do through your efforts as you WORK. You just can't ask for more! What a wonderful life!

For those of you who have worked at Blue Springs over the years, you will appreciate the thrill we had a few weeks ago when we entered the RV circle and saw so many RVs with COM stickers. What a joy to see this magnificent campus coming back to life. This is indeed a very special place that God is going to bless as we strive to do His work and further His kingdom. As we walk the campus and enter the buildings, I can imagine seeing children running and playing, laughing, giggling, and then quiet, listening, focusing on God's Word, learning, changing. In the motel rooms I can imagine people on their knees by the beds or sitting and reading the Bible. Changed lives, new direction, renewed commitment, saved by His Grace. That image makes me want to work harder, faster, longer to see this all happen and God giving me the wonderful opportunity to be a part of His plan! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Please come to Blue Springs and get in on this excitement as Campers On Mission partner with the Baptist College of Florida to please God in restoring this convention center/youth camp. You will be blessed mightly!

As we receive reports from other projects it is thrilling to hear of the work being done by COM at fairs and festivals and construction projects. People being lead to the Lord and baptisms at fairs – yea! Stories of how God is blessing our organization with meeting needs in these areas are truly amazing.

If you are a member of COM and you haven't been active in awhile, come join us. Don't let the devil convince you that you can't do anything. We need you and we have work that needs to be done by everyone. If you are new to COM and just haven't known where to start, give Charles Chambliss or Joe Rotunda a call. Don't miss out on your special blessing!

Northeast Wagonmasters Report

2017 1st quarter news from the N/E Region.

The message we have from the N/E Region is that there are opportunities close to our homes that COM members can participate in without traveling. I was at the Marion County Baptist Association "Missions" meeting held last month at Highlands Baptist Church and met Vicki Lawrence, CCM Director North Central Florida Baptist Association. She was promoting the many out reach Community Ministries that Mark Johnston supports. Their motto is "Connecting the Mission Force with the Mission Field". The literature she passed

out identifies several areas that COM presently assists. The mobile Dental bus, Port Ministries, fairs, and after school bible studies were a few. High on the list of resources that the churches could utilize in their out reach ministries was the Florida Campers on Mission.

The Marion County Baptist Association under the direction of John Holloway is also planning on organizing a “Helping Hands” group of Baptists from the various churches in the county to assist smaller churches. Fl COM could be a part of this if we could get someone from Marion County to act as liaison. I will keep you advised as this potential develops.

The various Associations in the N/E Region are having their quarterly meeting. We have several sets of visual displays that are available to show at these conferences. If you would provide me with any information pertaining to these conferences, we can arrange to have someone come attend with you to pass out COM information.

There are several project opportunities in the N/E region that are posted on the COM web site. The Live Oak Church project will start up in July. Jay Dressor is coordinating this project and can use your help. Several older projects can use assistance.

Last I would ask that you assist in recruiting new members. We have an excellent video on the web site that you can direct potential members towards. If you can't work on projects, help by recruiting.

-----Maynard & Cheri Gillespie-----

Southwest Florida Region

We are getting ready for the Strawberry Festival. We will accept any donations. Anyone who would like to help for a day or more, can come by extra hands are welcomed. If you need direction or

wish to stay call Betty @ 941-493-2116 or Tom @ 941-468-9776. Southwest don't forget to come to the family reunion at Baptist College of Florida Blue Springs Campus COM Campgrounds in Marianna, Florida. Hope to see you soon.

Betty & Tom Gould

Strawberry Festival



South Florida Fair



NORTH WEST FLORIDA REGION COM NEWS

We have been very busy working at Blue Springs Conference Center and Youth Camp at Marianna FL. A SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE FROM OUR REGION, OTHER REGIONS AND OTHER STATES FOR WORKING AT BLUE SPRINGS. We got a lot accomplished but still lots more work needs to be done. We had several couples come for their very first COM mission project. We had a great fellowship with all COM'ers working together and getting to know each other. We always find time for the group to go out to eat and fellowship.

A special thanks to Gulf Power Co. for donating a 25KVA under ground pad mount transformer. This saved us lots of money. This was needed for electricity for a section of the campground.

A special thanks to Eddie Davis for bringing his equipment and helping in digging trenches at camp ground and youth camp. He is owner of OAKS Restaurant in Marianna. If you are working at Blue Springs, live near by, or traveling, go there for lunch or dinner. They have a wonderful lunch buffet. We have had our COM Christmas party there for several years.

Praise the Lord, we have added five new couples since our fall rally. We encourage you to share with other Christian campers about Campers on Mission. We were standing in line at church for our pastors 40th anniversary and got to talking to a retired missionary. They were visiting from Gallatin Tenn. We told them about Campers on Mission,.

They went to the Florida Camper on Mission web site, and completed the form that night . They have spent about 3 weeks working at Blue Springs.

Thanks to Campers on Mission for building many churches over the years. Now we need to focus on reaching children, youth, and college kids for CHRIST. One way is to serve, work and repair these youth Camps. These young kids and teens at these camps are our future church leaders. Now our mission emphasis in Florida needs to be focused on reaching the younger generation through children / youth camps to be held here at Blue Springs.

One of the ways we promote Campers On Mission was to talk to our pastor and have a display. We also contacted other pastors / missions director in our area about setting up a Campers on Mission display and gave out brochures at different churches in the area. I also went to the Baptist Association meeting and talked and had a display. We have found that we have better results in getting new members if we set up in the front foyer of the main church on Sunday morning instead of setting up in a senior adult event. Our membership is shrinking as time marches on and we are promoted to GLORY. Also when you are on a campground, talk with the other campers (Christians) about Campers on mission.

Remember to turn your project time in to Barbara Rotunda.

Ray & Earline Campbell

Wagon masters

NORTH WEST FLORIDA REGION

Noth Florida Fair



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