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Message

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REPORTS



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NEWSLETTER

Sharing Christ

AS WE GO

JOHN 3:16



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A Note From Your President:

We have seen lots of accomplishment at our new “Campers on Mission home” at BCF/Blue Springs Campus. We have had several of our members on site working most of this year. We have new full hook-up sites in the Children’s camp area which many of us enjoyed during our Spring Family Reunion and also during the week of our Children’s Summer Camp. The “campground circle” has been cleaned and the sites there cleared of underbrush. The bathhouse and laundry have a fresh look. We have lots of firewood cut and stacked which we have shared with many folks from the local area. We have 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 saw many children enjoy the “fruits of our labor” while utilizing the facilities at the children’s camp as well as the more than 300 young people and coaches who attended the Fellowship of Christian Athletes retreats at the Conference Center. I understand there were over 150 salvations and many other decisions made on this campus during the summer. This is only the beginning of what can be accomplished to help further the Kingdom at BCF Blue Springs Campus. Campers On Mission have an opportunity to be a real part of this ongoing ministry work. There is always going to be something you can help to do. We are looking forward to seeing many more of our members come to Blue Springs. There is something for everyone to do, from light housekeeping, dusting and polishing furniture, making beds, cleaning bathrooms, washing linens in the laundry center, sorting kitchen utensils, touch up painting, yardwork, 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! You don’t have to bring your rig, we have rooms you can stay in. If you have never been to Blue Springs campus this is a perfect opportunity for you to plan a visit. It is easy to find, just off I-10 exit 142. Come for a week-end, a week or even longer. 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 have been blessed to have Howard Newberry serve as project coordinator at the Baptist College project. Construction of the 9200 sq. ft. building is almost complete. We had many folks come and the 28 full hook up sites were put to good use!!

We had a good turn out for our Spring “ Family Reunion” week-end. Several came early and stayed late. So much was done to prepare the

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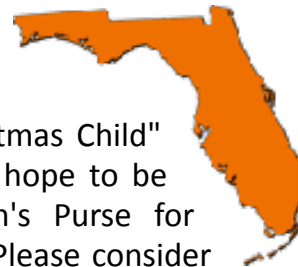
Children's Camp for the summer. We enjoyed the young people who performed at the "Open House and Dedication" of the children's camp on Saturday afternoon. They were from Roger and Ann Miller's home church in Mayo, Florida.

Florida Campers On Mission were well represented at the National Campers On Mission rally in Dothan, Al. It was a great rally. Several folks from other states stopped by Blue Springs after the rally just to "check it out". We had folks who expressed an interest in returning to "work" later this fall and winter.

We are looking forward to our annual Fall Rally which will be held at Blue Springs starting Saturday October 28th and ending on Tuesday 31st. As soon as the rally is over many of our members will be going to Tallahassee to work at the North Florida Fair ministry which starts on Thursday November 2nd. If you are looking for someplace to "get away" for a few days, plan to come to Blue Springs. If you are a fisherman, bring your gear. There is a great (secret) "fishing hole" on the Chipola river bank adjacent to the campus, as well as the lake on campus. We've seen some fine looking fish come out of those waters for sure!!

Hope to see YOU at the Fall Rally!!

Rally Information



ATTENTION COM FOLKS WHO ARE COMING TO THE FALL RALLY. We will be packing Shoeboxes for "Operation Christmas Child" during the Fall Rally. Florida COM has 50 Shoeboxes we hope to be able to fill and send to Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse for distribution. We need items to pack in these shoe boxes. Please consider bringing as many of these items as you can to the Fall Rally. We need items such as comb, hairbrush, children's socks, hair bows, a loose fitting dress, shorts/shirt outfit, toothbrush, a stuffed toy (small enough to fit in the shoe box), crayons, pencils, a small pencil sharpener, a small bar of soap, water bottle, flip flop shoes, rubber ball, tennis ball, jump rope, slinky toy, small notebook or notepad, (maybe a picture of yourself along with a note and your name and address on the back, if possible the child might write to you), DO NOT BRING ANYTHING THAT THEY CAN PUT IN THEIR MOUTH...No gum, candy, not even toothpaste!! On the "Operation Christmas Child" website there is a list of suggested items you might like to consider. If you have any questions about "what" to bring, give Patsy Goolsby a call. [850-791-7762](tel:850-791-7762)

From The Vice Presidents' Desk

Vice Presidents and BCF Blue Springs/COM liaison
Patsy and Russell Goolsby

First of all, we want to thank all of our wonderful prayer warrior friends who have continued to lift us up during this journey we have been on since Russell's stroke last May. He is doing well. We are eager to get beyond having to use a walker all the time and progress to a cane – then he wants a squirrel –driven skate board! God has been so good to us and we know that we are truly blessed.

For Florida Campers on Mission BCF Blue Springs has been an exciting place to be this past year. I want to share a report that was given to Dr Kinchen listing many of the projects that were completed even before the camps this summer. Summer camps were so, so busy with well over 500 visitors participating in camps, etc on the campus. A very special thank you to Roger and Vicki Pitts for working so hard to keep up with laundry and cleaning during the camps.

The following report was sent to Dr. Kinchen at BCF. Please keep in mind this report was as of April and did not include the many, many hours spent on summer camps with laundry, cleaning and maintenance. We averaged 12 people working each week for 12 weeks compiling over 5700 volunteer work hours! In the report we delineated the many tasks that had been accomplished by COMers. Dr Kinchen is so grateful to COM for all the work that has been accomplished there and at the college.

We are in a process of learning with regards to BCF Blue Springs. As we reflect on our first venture with the partnership with BCF we know we have learned some great lessons. These experiences have lead to some additional policies. Russell and Patsy Goolsby will serve as the liaisons between the college and COM. The college wants to keep track of who is on the BCF Blue Springs campus at all times. We feel this is a great policy for the college as well as COM. Therefore, all COM workers will need to contact Russell at 850 791 7762 or 850 476 4442 or email goopa99@yahoo.com if you are interested in working at Blue Springs. FLCOM now has liability insurance which will cover all members working on the BCF Blue Springs campus. We must have a record of who is working there in order to have

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coverage provided in case of an accident. The insurance is being paid for from donations to the Blue Springs Camp fund. We are meeting with the college staff to formulate a written organizational plan for COMs involvement with BCF Blue Springs.

The National Rally which was held in Dothan and hosted by the Alabama COM was a great rally. We were so pleased that several of our members received awards. Lifetime Achievement awards were presented to Glenn and Eileen Ansley, Russell and Patsy Goolsby, Charles Chambliss and Joe Rotunda. The Camper of the Year award went to Ray and Earline Campbell.

The Fall Rally is promising to be a great rally. Get your reservations in now to Barbara Rotunda. We will have some wonderful singers from Baptist College of Florida (BCF) We have invited some great speakers and planned some mission projects that we can do during the rally. Food will be GREAT, Fellowship will be tremendous, and Fun will be everywhere! Looking forward to seeing you there!

From the State Wagonmaster

I don't know about you, but this has been one hot summer. Maybe it is because of my old age. I really haven't had to much contact with the Wagonmasters but I know they have been busy. Kay and I have accepted the position as team leader for the Strawberry Festival. We look forward to this new assignment and working with the carnival workers. We do have a couple of needs. Need two couples to work with us the latter part of Feb until mid March. Full hook ups are available and the work isn't that hard. We also need black pants for the carnival workers to wear to work. (No jeans). They have to buy their shirts. If you have some black pants, bring them with you to the Rally. We can also use shoes and shirts. No high heels Maynard. Lightweight jackets, pillows, blankets, towels. Hope to see you at the Rally.

Bob Dawson

Southwest Florida Region

No News at this time

COM Summer Camp Report

The camp which was sponsored by Florida Campers On Mission was a great success. When we first began to plan a children's camp which would be sponsored by Campers On Mission We knew that our goal was to reach out to children who might not otherwise be able to attend a camp sponsored by a church or association. We knew most of the children we wanted to invite to this camp would not be able to afford such a week. We are so grateful to the Campers On Mission members who sponsored a child. The cost of the camp was \$150 per child. Our members stepped up and opened their hearts and donated the funds to sponsor over 25 children. Not only did our members sponsor a child financially but we had 20 members who came to the camp and helped teach Bible lessons, supervised water sports and swimming, led crafts, taught drama and music, shared horseback riding, cooked and prepared meals, and even slept in the dorms with the children. We had 36 children ranging in ages 6-13, and from that group we had 14 children who asked Jesus into their heart and 2 adults who made a rededication commitment to Christ. One young lady who was a Christian when she came even accepted God's call to the mission field. It was a wonderful week of sharing with these children, most of whom were "unchurched" and some who were even homeless. Since this was our "first" experience at having a camp for at risk children, we felt it was a great success and we are already making plans for another "summer of purpose" experience next year and hopefully can have camp for two weeks which will include older youth one week and younger children one week. We will be sharing pictures and other details about the camp at the Fall Rally.

Northeast Wagonmasters Report

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. FI 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 —

NORTH WEST FLORIDA REGION NEWS

Greetings everyone. Our region was well represented at the National Campers on Mission rally in Dothan. Ala. Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Russell & Patsy Goolsby and Charles Chambliss. Florida Camper of the Year was presented to Ray & Earline Campbell.

We had area lunches for our region. These are opportunities to see our old friends and meet new friends and enjoy lunch together. In April we had lunch at David's Cat Fish Restaurant in Pace. We had members we hadn't seen in a while and also a couple who aren't able to do projects but did come and have lunch with us. August we had lunch at The Oaks Restaurant in Marianna. We will plan another lunch in Tallahassee in November.

Wednesday Dec. 6th at 11:00 we will all join together for our Christmas party at The Oaks Resturant in Marianna. Remember to bring a gift to exchange. (something someone gave you and you didn't use). You just might get the fruit cake to take home with you .We have been busy working on various COM projects. Remember to send your praise reports to Barbara Rotunda.

There is a updated new COM magnetic signs for your vehicle. They cost \$29.56 a pair for approximately 10' X 12". If paid for ahead of time, someone will pick them up for you and take them to the rally. Please call Barbara if you prepay for the new magnets
Contact BULLFROG PRINTS Mariannna, FL Phone (850) 372-4041
NEWS FROM THE COVE

Check with Mary Brewer at the Billy Graham Cove for available dates for rest of year. Mary Brewer has taken Kristie's position at THE COVE for COM volunteers.

Mary Brewer Phone: 828-771-4854 Email: mbrewer@thecove.org

Tallahassee Fair

Check with Barbara & Ken Dykes if you want to volunteer at the Tallahassee State Fair the first two week of November.

We are so thankful that our region is growing with new members. Ask your pastor about setting up Camper on Mission displays at your church. Share about Campers on Mission with your camping friends and campers you meet on the campgrounds.

Remember to pray for our fellow campers and our up coming projects that we can Share Christ As We Go.

His servants,
Ray & Earline Campbell
North West FI Region Wagon Master

Southeast Region Report

Campers on Mission have been working hard this summer at Blue Springs Camp in Marianna, Florida. Some of the many things done ; painting, cleaning hotel rooms, cleaning dorm rooms, cleaning kitchen, cleaning chapel, washing and folding linen, yard work, and setting up for different camps. The camp maxed out once with 400 kids followed by 365 kids. Over 8 groups used the camp this summer with over 160 decisions made. Praise GOD that Blue Springs Campus is being used again to reach people for HIS Kingdom. The camp could use volunteers year round. Contact Russell Goolsby to coordinate it.

Blessing
Roger & Vicky Pitts
Southeast Wagon Master

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FLORIDA CAMPERS ON MISSION ANNUAL FALL RALLY

OCTOBER 28- NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Blue Springs Campground, Marianna, Florida

The Opening Session of the rally will be on Saturday evening.

PLEASE DETACH/PRINT AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ RV Size _____ RV Type _____

First Name(s) _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ E-Mail _____

Others attending with you _____

Emergency contact person _____ Phone _____

RV sites FREE..... Cottage Rooms \$10 per person per night (9 rooms with 2 single beds) These are the rooms in the staff housing at the children's camp. Private bedrooms w/bath. All rally activities will be at the children's camp area, within easy walking to meetings and meals. **Motel Rooms: \$25 Per night** (These are the motel rooms at the conference center)

RV Site ___ nights Cottage \$10 X ___ nights Motel \$25 X ___ nights = _____

Registration Fee (non- refundable) \$5.00 per person \$5 X ___ = _____

MEALS: Saturday Evening Dinner \$5.00 per person; Sunday 3 meals \$10 per person; Monday 3 meals \$10 per person; Tuesday Breakfast \$2 00 per person ; Lunch \$3.00 per person

\$ 10. X ___ DAYS, X ___ people \$5 X ___ \$3 X ___ \$2 X ___ Total for Meals \$ _____

TOTAL: _____ \$ _____

Make checks payable to Florida Campers on Mission. Mail to: Barbara Rotunda P O Box 318 Mayo, Florida 32066 Any Questions call Barbara (386) 208-8555.

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