

# FLORIDA COM NEWS

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## From your president

Happy Spring to each of you. I'm praying that, as we approach Easter Sunday, we look again to the cross and focus on the grace we have received through Jesus, the Lamb of God.

I'd like to encourage all of you to report your hours as you work on projects, not for personal recognition, but so we can all see the total ministry of Florida Campers on Mission. It isn't just the hours you report but the services provided in Jesus name.

Check with your project leader to see if they are reporting the project. If so, report your hours and miles driven to them and there is no need to report separately.

You can easily submit your praise report by copying and pasting the following into your web browser:

<https://campersonmission.org/florida/members-area-copy/praise-report/>

Grace and Peace,

Eileen



**NORTH FLORIDA FAIR**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**NOVEMBER 7-November 17, 2024**

In each newsletter we would like to highlight one area of the North Florida Fair ministry. This month, we will share what the COM members assigned to work the gates do.

Our gate workers have the responsibility of scanning



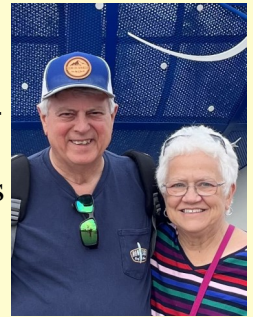
visitor tickets at the entrances to the fair. They will also be responsible for guiding visitors to the exit and making the decision whether a person can go to their car for something like a coat and return or not. One person will be assigned to gate 14 where they will serve with fair security to allow vendors, COM members and others who are authorized to

enter through that gate.

# Regional News

## Northwest Region

Eight couples committed to come to the Baptist University of Florida at Graceville to do some beatification projects. When the leaders went to BUF to survey the tasks that were needed to be done, pressure washing was high on the needs list as well as cleaning out closets. The campus had one machine and has access to a lift to do the two story apartment building. It was in real need of the exterior to be cleaned.. They also had hundreds of feet of sidewalk to be cleaned. Clean sidewalks were part of the First Impression” requirements as part of their certification process.



We had three couples sign up at the Christmas lunch when the event was first announced. Folks’

interest grew to our large energetic group. We also rounded up three more pressure washers to get after the assigned tasks. We were making a difference in just a few days on the campus. Bo Hamilton, Director of Campus Safety and Building Operations, was very appreciative of what we were getting done and asked if we could get five married housing apartments ready for occupancy (clean kitchens and bathrooms, sweep and mop floors, paint two laundry rooms), as well as paint their largest Storm Shelter Enclosure. We found ourselves doing things for Jesus that we prefer not to do at home! Our team really accomplished these tasks as if we were professionals.

Sarah Wells, the Food Service Director made our meals something we looked forward to and the entire staff there made sure our needs were met including some food allergies we had made her aware. Kudos to Sarah and her staff for making us feel welcome and appreciated.

As the week moved on we found out a large gathering of the BUF alumni was going to be on campus on Friday. The

President, Dr. Cloyer, sent a special request to us at supper on Wednesday evening. Bo Hamilton, found our group and asked if we could pressure wash the large covered patio of the Dining Facility, where they were hosting their group on Friday. We all felt we could add it in and get it done Thursday.

Our interactions with the students, staff, and faculty were appreciative of what we were doing and had a very positive spirit. We were following some very large shoes as Clent Anderson had worked for many months at this campus and had suggested we consider BUF for our spring project.

The COM fellowship was very enjoyable as well. We opened Sunday night with a Low Country Boil. We ate by the light of an Alabama Crimson Tide "Bucket Light" as darkness fell on our gathering. Our morning devotions set the tone for the us to go to work for Jesus even though we were tired and sore. Two evenings we talked about our favorite past COM project that each of us had worked on. What a variety and this created interest to stretch our wings and try something new. The Passion Play, The Billy Graham "Cove" and the North Florida Fair were highly recommended along with many others. Several people had found places to serve while attending National Rally breakout sessions. Several evenings, some games broke out in the student center coffee shop. Again, the fellowship was sweet and we are looking forward to more.

Our prayers are that the men and women that are studying at this campus will be part of a Revival that this country needs. Praise Jesus!

Crawford & Elizabeth Odom

Wagonmasters NW FL Region

## Southeast / Southwest Region

Welcome Yoshimas to our Southeast Campers on Mission. We hope to meet with you soon. Sandy and Debbie Gould are wagon masters of our train. We love to get together and see you.

Sandy and I live in West Palm Beach.



We just returned home from the Strawberry Festival serving the people that work the fair. We served lots of coffee and peanut butter sandwiches with many assortments of snacks. Marsha made soup for them with the help of the churches in the area.

Our team there consisted of Fred and Linda Bell, Sandy and Debbie Gould, Glenn and Eileen Ansley, Edgar and Jamie Gregory and Marsha Powell.

Starting with the Smiles Dental Unit we had twenty clients that received free dental care of cleaning and dental work

the weekend prior to the Strawberry Festival. Jamie and Eileen had all their paper work done before we arrived. This was a great help with getting started.

The time at the site was extremely wonderful. Lots of gospel conversations and prayer. Bibles given out and the best happening was three Baptisms.

God Bless

Sandy and Debbie Gould



## From our State Project Director

As you are planning your schedule for the fall, consider this ministry. It takes place the 4 Fridays and Saturdays after Thanksgiving. COM does evangelism similar to the mission booth at the North Florida Fair.

<https://www.rolchristmas.com/>



For information, contact Gary and Vicki Stewart.

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# Welcome, New Members

## Northeast Region

**Lynda Rigolot**—Lynda Joined us in January. She lives in Hernando, Florida. Let's pray for her as she recovers from surgery.



## Northwest Region

**Robert and Tammy Glover**—Robert and Tammy joined in January. They live in Crestview and have already served at Lake Swan Camp.

**David and Laura Brimlow**—David and Laura are full time RVers with a Pensacola address. They joined FL COM in December. They also work with the Sowers.



## Southeast Region

**Ricardo and Helena Yoshima**—Joined COM in January. They live in Melborne, FL and are Word of Life Missionaries from Brazil to the Hispanic youth of South Florida.



## Southwest Region

**Bruce and Sherri Hebert**—Bruce and Sherri joined us in November. They live in Port Charlotte. Most recently they have been serving with Texas COM. They have already set aside the dates for the North Florida Fair next November.



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## Strawberry Festival

