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FLORIDA COM NEWS

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From your president

Today is September 1 and fall is on the way. That means we are working hard on plans for the Florida COM rally in Perry, Florida November 1-3 and for the North Florida Fair project in Tallahassee from November 7- 17.

We would love to have each and every one of you attend the rally and we still need more commitments for the fair.

Please send in your rally registration to Barbara Rotunda by the 15th so she can plan for food and let the campground know how many sites we need.

Grace and Peace,

Eileen



NORTH FLORIDA FAIR

Photo Caption

NOVEMBER 7-November 17, 2024

TIME TO COMMIT

Now is the time that we need you to commit to serving at the fair this fall. We need to know that we have enough people to fill all the positions that we need to fill in order to share the gospel with the maximum number of people.

Can you learn to scan fair entry tickets? Greet visitors in an expo building? Share the gospel through balloons, face

painting, salvation bracelets, games & puzzles or simply talking to people? If so, we need you.

SO, please, contact me as soon as possible to let me know you will be there. You do not have to be there the whole time if you would like to just give us a few days to see if it is a good fit for you. Our biggest need is the weekends.

Email me at president.florida.com@gmail.com or call or text me at 239-826-4617. (If you call and I don't answer, please leave a message).

Fall Rally

Get ready for our Florida fall rally.

DATES: November 1-3, 2024

LOCATION: Perry KOA Holiday

3641 S. Byron Butler Pkwy

Perry, Florida 32348

CAMPING FEES: RV site— \$52 per night

Cabins— \$50 to \$125 per night

For those of you going to the North Florida Fair, this is only 56 miles from the fairgrounds and you will be able to go directly from the rally to the fair if you wish.

We will be able to check in at the rally on 10/31.

There will be no other fees for registration or for food at this rally. Your only cost will be camping fees. Mail that to Barbara Rotunda and she will pay the campground.

Rally Details

- The campground is located on US19 just south of the Big Bend Technical College and the Forest Capital Hall. They have over 100 paved sites. Most of them are pull thru. 30 & 50 amp hook-ups. Water, sewer and electric.
- Our camping fee will be \$52 per night.

Also available:

- * One 2 bedroom park model, fully furnished **\$125 per night**. Reserve early with Barbara Rotunda.
 - * Two Deluxe cabins with bathroom, kitchenette and linens. **\$106 per night**. Reserve early with Barbara Rotunda.
 - * Several Standard cabins. Double bed and a set of bunk beds, a refrigerator, heat and a/c, Tv. **No linens are supplied with these**. They are very close (about 175 ft) from bathhouse. **\$50 per night**.
- ADA bathhouse with a separate entry code
 - For anyone who is interested, there is a Holiday Day Inn Express about 6-8 blocks down the street. Also a Hampton Inn.
 - The registration form is at the end of this newsletter. We would like to have all registrations in by September 15 in order to complete preparations for meals and other plans.
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- ◇ Richard and Sibyl Barnwell have been SC COM members for many years. They decided to join Florida as they work in Florida every year. They live in Summerville, SC when they are not on a project or church mission trip.
- ◇ Steve and Debbie Hill are now full time in their RV. Their home base is in Ellenton, FL.
- ◇ Danny and Kathy Baker are established members of COM in Alabama. They too work a lot in Florida and have decided to be a part of FL COM. They live in Gallion, Alabama.
- ◇ Mike and Summer Tremblay call New Hampshire home but have decided to travel and serve full time in their RV. They have 2 teenagers still at home. The Tampa / St. Pete area is their Florida home.

We look forward to meeting all of you. Welcome!

From our Project Director

Hello everyone,

We hope and pray that things are well with you. The Lord has given us another year to serve Him and we are very thankful for that.

Our by-laws state that we are Holy Spirit led to COM projects. And our prayer is that He would lead you to serve at Christmas in the County this year. Friday and Saturday nights, 6pm to 8pm, starting the first Friday after Thanksgiving and the next three weekends. Water, electric and sewer at all RV sites, except two.

Also mark your calendar for Palm Sunday 2025, a COM outreach at Trinity Baptist Church in Keystone Heights, Florida. Last year we served with balloon animals, face painting, salvation bracelets, and the message board. This is an Easter Egg hunt,

[5,000 eggs] put on for the surrounding community. About 500/600 in attendance. Free food, drinks, and live music. Let us know if you can help get the Good News out.

As we go.

Gary and Vicki Stewart
386-717-9695
386-424-4651



From Our Chaplain

Greetings COM:

Prayers for all your hard & faithful work & the many challenges you all have faced this 2024! There are many of you who work behind the scenes and may not get all the recognition you deserve, but we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your faithfulness & dedication to Jesus.

Apostle Paul said our final victory with these words: Therefore, my dear brothers & sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain- 1 Corinthians 15:58.

In Christ Alone,
Charles Carnley
Florida State chaplain
850-525-6400



COM Swag



Crawford Odom has arranged for us to order COM t shirts and hats that can be picked up at the rally or the fair or can be shipped.

The T-shirts are Jerzees DRI-POWER 50/50 Cotton Polyester. Royal Blue or Athletic Heather

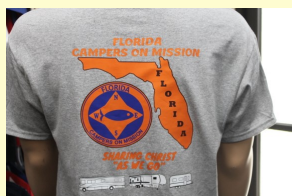
Sizes-Mens S, M, L, XL \$19.00 + Frt* XXL \$21.00 + Frt* XXXL \$23.00 + Frt*

HATS ARE PORT AUTHORITY SIGNATURE DRY ZONE ROYAL/WHITE with Moisture Wicking Sweatband, sandwich bill- Embroidered Florida COM logo \$15.00

To order and receive at the State Rally or Serving Opportunity Tallahassee please order by October 4th, 2024 Prices are firm for this order only.

Order by email odome54@aol.com, or call Crawford Odom 850.525.1053. If ordering for pickup, mail check to Crawford Odom, 4180 Marcus Ct. Pace, FL 32571. If you have questions, call Crawford Odom.

+ Freight* This will vary by order if you are not attending either the Rally or Fair. I will use the USPS as the method. So send an address that will receive USPS



Region Report

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONS

We worked the Dental bus at Strawberry Festival and Smiles Dental Bus on March 30th. May 13-17, 2024 great ministry through the Southern Baptist Dental Bus. Pleasure to service those in need. Jamie and Edger, Eileen and Glenn, Fred and Linda Bell and many more.

Debbie and Sandy
Wagonmasters, SE Region

Print and mail registration form

Florida Campers on Mission Fall Rally

November 1 - 3, 2024

Registration

Perry KOA Holiday Campground
3641 South Bryan Butler Pkwy
Highway 19
Perry, FL 32348

Name (self and spouse): _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: His _____ Hers _____

Email: His _____ Hers _____

Will there be any guests with you? If so, list their names: _____

Emergency contact: Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

You may arrive as early as October 31 and may stay until November 4 at the rally camping rate of \$52 per night. **If you want to reserve a cabin you must call Barbara Rotunda before September 15. (386-208-8555)**

If you will be working the North Florida Fair, you may go straight to the fairgrounds Sunday or Monday.

Date arriving: _____ Date leaving: _____ Number of nights: _____

Total paid: (campsites \$52 X number of nights) \$_____ **For cabins, call Barbara Rotunda.**

Are you working at the North Florida Fair this year? YES NO If yes, what dates? _____

There are no fees for this rally other than your camping fee. One meal a day will be provided beginning on Friday, November 1.

We must have this registration before September 15.

Print and mail it with a check made out to FL Campers on Mission to:

Florida Campers on Mission
PO Box 318 Mayo, FL 32066-0318
Barbara Rotunda Phone: 386-208-8555