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From your president

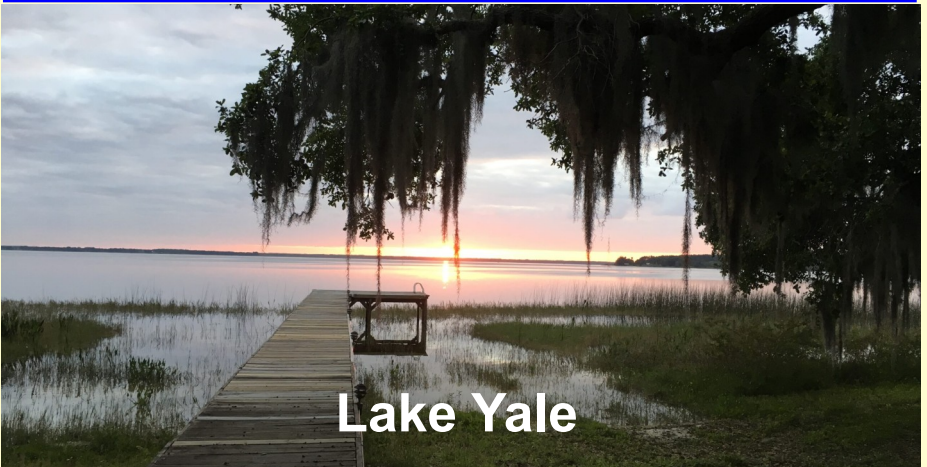
Good news! We are planning a fall rally and work week at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center in Leesburg, FL for the end of October and the beginning of November. There will be further information here in the newsletter.

We are at just 6 weeks out from the national rally in Amana, Iowa. If you are considering going but haven't registered, get your registration in right away.

Praying that you have a productive spring and summer serving wherever God sends you.

Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith. Galatians 6:9-10

Grace and Peace,
Eileen



Lake Yale

From your chaplain

The gift of encouragement is important in our lives. Encouragement is a gift in the home, the workplace, the church—wherever we find ourselves.

We can come alongside others and be there for one another. We can listen, comfort, console, affirm. It's a way of living out the command to love one another.

Take time to recall the people who've been encouragers in your life.

They're the ones who were there when you thought you'd never laugh again. They were the ones who listened to you; whereas others just talked.

Then ask yourself, "When was the last time I encouraged someone?" It's not difficult, and the people you encourage are so blessed by it.

We are so blessed to have so many COM members encouraging one another as we go sharing Christ.

Keep the faith.

In Christ's Love,
Charles Carnley
Florida Chaplain
850-525-6400

Fall Rally and Work Week

Save the Dates & Let Me Know

Rally 10/30- 10/31/2026

Work Week 11/2-11/5/2026

We will have our fall rally and work week at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center in Leesburg, FL.

<https://lybcc.com/>

We will arrive on October 29 and have dinner together that evening. Details of the rally will come later but we will have music, teaching and fun times.

The work week will consist of construction (demolishing the interior of a bunkhouse in preparation for it being completely updated) and other projects that are less demanding physically.

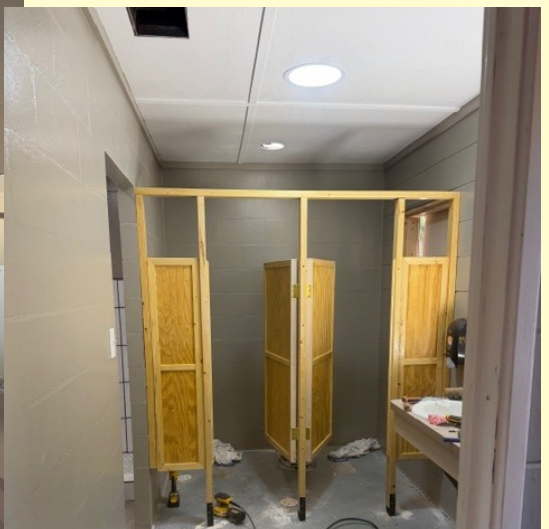
We will be missing the fellowship we always had at the North Florida Fair so make plans now to come serve and build relationships with your fellow COM members.



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We need to let Lake Yale know approximately how many campsites and hotel rooms we will need.

If you are ready to commit, you can complete a registration for either the rally or the work week or both and pay later.

If you would like to go but are not ready to commit, please email me at president.florida.com@gmail.com and let me know whether you need a campsite or hotel room and if you hope to attend the work week, the rally or both.

Awards

At last year's National Rally, two Florida couples that could not be there were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. Please congratulate

Sandy and Debbie Gould



And

Howard and Nellie Newberry



Florida Campers on Mission Fall Rally

Oct 30 – 31, 2026

Registration

Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center
39034 County Rd 452
Leesburg, FL 34788

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 _____

Campground fees: \$50 nightly

Hotel fees: \$60 nightly (limited number)

(Housing fees are waived beginning October 29 for those staying for work week)

Campsites

Date arriving: _____ Date leaving: _____ Number of nights: _____ \$ _____ (\$50 X nights)
OR

Hotel

Date arriving: _____ Date leaving: _____ Number of nights: _____ \$ _____ (\$60 X nights)

Rally Fee: \$35/couple or \$20/individual (Includes dinner Saturday night) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

We will plan to have a cookout Friday afternoon. Main dish provided. Plan ahead to bring sides or desserts.

Are you staying for the work week Nov 2-5? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please also complete the work week registration form.

We will send information regarding payment method and deadline as the date draws closer.

Printable forms are available on the Florida COM website.
Go to the Home Page and click on Registration tabs.
<https://campersonmission.org/florida/>

Florida Campers on Mission Work Week

November 2-5, 2026

Registration

Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center
39034 County Rd 452
Leesburg, FL 34788

Name (self and spouse): _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: His _____ Hers _____

Email: His _____ Hers _____

Emergency contact: Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

(Housing fees are waived beginning October 29 for those working 11/2-11/5)

Arrival date _____ \$ Departure _____ Type and length of rig _____

I/we will need a room if available _____

Meals: no cost for lunch. Dinner is \$5.00 per person and we encourage you to eat together with all of us.

Purchased Dinner: How many? (Example: Sunday __2__)

Sunday _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____

We will collect the money and pay Lake Yale.

Unless your background check with FL COM was after November 2023, you will have to repeat it in order to volunteer at Lake Yale. The link to that site is <https://ministryopportunities.org/FCOM>

SPRING PROJECT REPORTS

Lake Swan Camp & Easter Family Picnic MARCH 23 – 29, 2026

DEAR COMERS,

WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR REGION 2 FELLOWS. CAMPERS BEGAN ARRIVING ON SATURDAY 4/21 AND WE TOOK TURNS SHARING HOME-COOKED MEALS TOGETHER. THERE WERE FIVE COUPLES, THE STEWARTS, VINES, KRUGERS, EVENRUD-GRUVERS, LUCY KNAUSS, MARK SWITZER, AND SHARON GUROWITZ. BARBARA COULTHURST PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION AND THE BUTTON MACHINE, WHICH DONNA HUFF MANNED AT THE PALM SUNDAY EVENT. WE ATTENDED TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH ON SUNDAY, THE LOCATION OF THE PALM SUNDAY'S EASTER FAMILY PICNIC. THE CAMP WAS KIND ENOUGH TO PROVIDE SOME OF THE FOOD WE NEEDED TO FEED THE CREW SINCE THERE WERE NO GROUPS SCHEDULED THAT WEEK. DEBBIE VINES AND VICKI STEWART WERE IN CHARGE OF COOKING TWO HOME-COOKED MEALS A DAY FOR THE HUNGRY NATIVES, AS WELL AS, PROVIDING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING BEFORE THE DAILY DEVOTIONAL. THE ACTUAL WORK BEGAN ON MONDAY, 4/23, WITH A MEETING WITH THE CAMP DIRECTOR, PERRY ROLLINS. THE PROJECT WAS TO BUILD AN OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER AT LAKE WA FOR USE IN INSTRUCTING CHILDREN AT AN OUTDOOR SCHOOL, AS WELL AS, OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PRAYER SERVICE. THE MEN WORKED THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE AMPHITHEATER AND THE WOMEN DID LOTS OF PAINTING IN THE RENOVATED OLD CHAPEL, BATHHOUSE AND CLEANING. THE PROJECT WAS FINISHED IN A TIMELY MANNER AND THE CAMP WAS WELL-SATISFIED WITH THE WORK. OUR GROUP TOOK A FUN-DAY ON SATURDAY 4/28 AND ATTENDED THE KIKO-SILVA PLANETARIUM IN GAINESVILLE. PALM SUNDAY WE ATTENDED CHURCH AT TRINITY BAPTIST AND WENT BACK AFTER LUNCH TO SET UP FOR THE EASTER FAMILY PICNIC MISSION BOOTH. WE DID FACE-PAINTING, BALLOON ANIMALS, HELIUM BALLOONS, FAITH BRACELETS, KNOWLEDGE BOARD, PUZZLES, BUTTONS, AND BARBARA BROUGHT HAND-MADE QUILTED PRAYER QUILTS AND SMALL JESUS FIGURINES TO GIVE AWAY. MARK SWITZER GAVE 40 LITTLE JESUS'S, 15 GOLD COINS, AND 12 TIMES ON THE KNOWLEDGE BOARD. VICKI MADE 2 BUTTONS AND PAINTED 12-14 FACES, AND COORDINATED SET-UP. DEBBIE MADE 2 BUTTONS AND PAINTED 20 FACES. DEE KRUGER DID 16-20 FAITH BRACELETS. BARBARA GAVE 90 PRAYER QUILTS AND 100 LITTLE JESUS'S. LUCY DID THE KNOWLEDGE BOARD 3 TIMES AND 7 HELIUM BALLOONS. JIM, MARK K, GARY, AND LUCY DID 176 BALLOON ANIMALS. GARY GAVE THE GOSPEL THROUGH A STREET SURVEY TO 16 PEOPLE. THERE WERE 5 BIBLES GIVEN AWAY. WE STAYED BUSY THE WHOLE THREE HOURS AND GAVE THE GOSPEL TOO MANY TIMES TO COUNT. THE ESTIMATE WAS AROUND 700 PEOPLE FROM THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY WHO WERE SERVED. PRAYER WOULD BE APPRECIATED FOR CURT AND VERA. HE EXPERIENCED A HEALTH ISSUE WHILE VOLUNTEERING.

SUBMITTED BY GARY AND VICKI STEWART 4/20/26

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Baptist University of Florida Graceville Spring 2026

NW Florida Campers on Mission began arriving on Friday February 27 to meet with the maintenance staff to finalize the task list the University needed us to accomplish. The first thing we found out was that Sue Anderson was in the Hospital in Dothan. She had become very weak and could hardly walk. Jeff Mock and Crawford Odom got up Saturday morning and went to check on Sue and Clent. The doctors had given Sue two units of blood Friday night and she was doing much better when they got there. A scope was done on Monday and repaired a spot that was bleeding in her small intestine. They were able to come back to their camper on Tuesday evening. Clent reported she was looking forward to coffee with cream and a Krispy Kreme donut when she got out of the hospital!

The first task that needed to be done was clean up some downed tree limbs in the camping area. This allowed Charles and Peggy Carnley to park in their desired spot and all of us to get full access to the bathrooms. The bathrooms were cleaned and supplied for use.

Every morning we started with a devotion in the Kings Cup Coffee shop in the student center. Thanks to Charles and Peggy Carnley, Kay Mock and Crawford Odom for leading us each morning. One evening we had a campfire gathering. What a relaxing time and the weather was perfect.

The university's list of projects were varied. At our Sunday afternoon pot luck we divided ourselves into teams. Jeff Mock headed up our window washing and sidewalk pressure washing team, Peggy Carnley, Kay Mock, Elizabeth Odom, and Gloria Martin. Pressure washing the sidewalks in the courtyard area was the #2 priority for the university. The team was able to get all of those done. Over two thousand feet of sidewalks were cleaned. They have lots of large oak trees that stain the walks. The clean sidewalks really improved the campus appearance. Exterior window washing was another request on our project list. The Student Center Building and the Deese Building (food service facility) were completed. The song "I Can See Clearly now" came to mind after the cleaning was done. The University provided the team lunch everyday in the Deese Building. The clean windows improved the view from the eating area toward the lake.

Moving crew and step replacement crew were Randy Bondurant, Charles Carnley, Kevin Martin and Crawford Odom. Clent Anderson was able to join the crew on Wednesday. The campus is about to tear down three of the original dormitory buildings and build some new ones. They have been using the buildings for storage. About 30 desk and bed units needed to be moved to a new storage area as well as 13 refrigerators and range units before the demolition begins. This was the #1 priority. This was done along with salvaging all the range hoods, wiring devices in the about to be demoed building. These parts will save lots of dollars in keeping the existing apartments functioning.

Randy Bondurant invited one of his friends from Disaster Relief, Gary Adams, over to check out COM and what a help he was especially when we started the step replacement on the large Gazebo. He stayed an extra day to help get that project to completion. After pressure washing the painted surfaces along with the new steps, the Gazebo looked completely refurbished and ready to host events.

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The original assigned list was accomplished by Wednesday afternoon. An additional two projects were added, pressure wash three hundred feet of sidewalk that looked like it had never been cleaned and paint three bedrooms and a hall of one of the apartments the maintenance crew was currently working on. We got the work done and the University was ecstatic. The entire team had many interactions with students and faculty. They were all so appreciative of Campers on Mission being there to help improve their campus.

Thursday night we celebrated completing all the projects, by going to Castaways Seafood in Bonifay Fl. The food and fellowship was awesome. What a great week of fellowship and helping a University that has 90 buildings and two maintenance people. Plan now to be a part of one of the spring work weeks in 2027.



Quilt Raffle

All proceeds go to Florida Campers on Mission

Tickets \$12 each or 3 for \$30

Make checks to FL Campers on Mission.

Contact Eileen Ansley @

president.florida.com@gmail.com for tickets.

Quilt will also be displayed and tickets sold at the National Rally in Iowa.

Wining ticket will be drawn at National Rally.

If winner is not at the rally, quilt will be shipped to them at no charge.



Quilt is
Queen
Size - 78"
wide and
66' long



Center background
is white

Bottom left corner



Outer border and binding

OTHER DETAILS

Emergency Contact

We have many members that we don't have an emergency contact for. We are beginning to put those on our roster. Please email your emergency contact's name, relationship to you and phone number to Bea Kenyon at kenyonbea@gmail.com

National COM 2nd Quarter Newsletter

The newsletter is posted on the COM website. Copy and paste:

<https://campersonmission.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/2026-2nd-quarter-Newsletter.pdf>