

# Sunshine News

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## Bishop R.F. Davis, State Overseer

*Greetings From the Office of the Overseer...*

In 2 Peter 3:9 the Apostle Peter says this.

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

God loves us. His whole desire is that we be reconciled to him in the fullness of love and fellowship. He desires to give us **the gift of eternal life.**

In the verse we just read, the Apostle Peter refers to the children of God as “**beloved**”.

Back in the first part of this chapter, he tells them that he is trying to “***stir up their pure minds*** by way of remembrance”.

And then we see him trying to excite their minds, to the basics of their faith. **He’s re-opening their thinking processes** and reminding them of a time when they enjoyed ‘**purity of mind**’.

And to do this, he wants them to **RE-THINK some of the basic truths.** To rethink some of the things they already know.

So he directs them back, in their thinking, to what **the prophets of old have said.** Then, he points them to the present, to **what the Apostles are now saying.**

He wants them to look at those things that are commonly known and held among them to be eternal truths. Because therein lies **the life** their souls long for.

The central emphasis of his writing in this passage is the understanding that’s found in verse 9 where it clearly says, “**it’s not God’s will that any should perish**”.

But it’s also true that - many will PERISH!!!

Thru-out the Bible we hear phrases that use words like

- ★ Those that are LOST
- ★ Those that PERISH
- ★ ETERNAL DAMNATION
- ★ NAMES being blotted out of the Lambs Book of Life
- ★ The SECOND DEATH

The word **perish** actually comes from the Greek word “**apollumi**” (ap-ol'-loo-mee); it means, “***To destroy fully, either literally or figuratively.***”



Nobody wants this to happen to anyone they care about, and especially not to themselves. To be lost or utterly perish is a serious concern. It's so important that Jesus specifically addresses the reality for those that perish in Matthew chapter 5 verses 29 & 30. Jesus is quoted telling his disciples,

“And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: **for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.** And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: **for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.**”

Throughout God's word, we're told time and time again to be very careful. It's clear that even God sees reason for great concern.

God has taken extraordinary efforts to provide deliverance for all of us. He's gone to great lengths to insure that we are not deceived in our journey. God simply doesn't want anyone to perish.

In 2 Samuel 14:14, the prophet says this;

“For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: **yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.**”

God had devised a means thru which we can be spared.

Many have already perished. Even this very day there have been many that have opened their eyes in that great reservoir where those that perish go.

There will be many that will perish before tomorrow morning. But it doesn't have to be you and it doesn't have to be me. . . .

God has made a way for us to be redeemed. In Acts 2:21, the Bible tells us, **“<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**”

Please don't be fooled. And please, don't let the lies of Satan distract you.

Look at what you could have and consider.

What is your soul worth? In Matthew 16:26, Jesus asked his disciples, **<sup>26</sup>“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”**

That's the one thing that you actually have a say in, with regards to its eternal resting place. It's the most valuable one item you have or will ever have, your own soul.

Think about it. . . . Paul said, in Romans 10:9, **<sup>9</sup>That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

Redemption is right there, within your reach. Reach out and call on him today. He has promised that He will not turn you away.

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## Florida Camping Ministries

**Can you believe there are less than 300 days until the camping season begins?**

Just as camps are ending this year, planning for next year's camps is underway! Our campers are on the hearts and minds of the Florida State Overseer and his staff. There is a desire for the 2014 Camping Season to be a glorious success! Desire is Step One. The next steps being taken are Prayer, Planning, and Paving the way. A successful camping season looks like this: that each young heart attending camp will experience the presence of the Lord and leave that camp changed to be more like Him! Also, that they leave hungering for more. Our desire is to see these young people have a hunger for the Word of God, a hunger for the presence of God and a hunger for holiness.

There may not be many who are thinking about camp right now. But, we want you to be thinking about camp right now! More specifically, we want you to be thinking of your campers. Pastors, Children's Church Pastors, Youth Pastors, thank you. Thank you for what you do on a daily/weekly basis for your children. Be encouraged! You're not alone. You're partnering with the God of the universe, the One who created it all, when you serve these young people. The 2013 camping season has come to a close and now these precious campers are back home in their communities and here is where some real work begins. The camping season only lasts for about a month out of an entire year. That's not enough to sustain a young heart's health. The baton is now in your hands as leaders of your local church. As we are looking to see the fruits of camp, now is the time for sowing, watering, weeding, and nurturing those precious seeds. Don't grow weary in your well doing.

We are making plans now to visit churches to make sure your young people know they are invited to, what we pray will be, an awesome getaway with God during the summer of 2014!

Partnering with Christ, and with you,

Joe and Heather Dotson  
Youth Camp Coordinators

# Church News

## **Miami #1, Pastor Noward Dean**

On Saturday, May 18, 2013 we celebrated our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Gospel Concert with special guest gospel group the Miami-Dade Police Department Mass Choir, and many other artists such as, the Soul Seekers of Miami, Leia Ambrister, our own Praise Angels and Sons of Worship. Each year we strive to spread the Gospel of Christ and win the lost to Him by being soul winners. The Mistress of Ceremony for the evening was Ms. Delois Faison. During the month of June, the Youth Ministries Department honored over 10 graduates ranging from Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle, High School, and College. In July, our church had a week prayer revival, with the theme; "A Season of Prayer" led by Ministers Sylvia Collier and Noreen Kerr. The Lord really blessed us as these anointed women of God were led by Him as souls were delivered, cleansed, healed, and lives transformed. Our local church ministers that ministered were Ministers Sylvia Collier, Dewey Missick, Anna Dean, Wilbur Caley, Lorna Brown, and Ethel Williams. Also, Sis. Dorothy Flowers ministered. A cross was displayed with many prayer requests hanging on it. Specific prayers were targeted and prayed for during this week such as emotional, nation, families, church, jobs, strength, the Holy Ghost, and financial. There was an average of 35 persons in attendance. We ended the month with an exciting week of Vacation Bible School 2013, with a theme, "God's Backyard Bible Camp", with 178 in attendance. Our teachers taught on how we can **SERVE** our Families, Friends, Neighbors, Community, and Jesus. Our evening activities were filled with camp crew devotion, backyard bash, bible stories/studies, arts and craft, recreation, and music. Also, special events included Backyard T-shirt Day, Crazy Hat Day/Offering, Bring a Friend Day/Flashlight, Awards, and Closing/Evangelism Program. We celebrate Jesus who is mighty and we have the victory here at Miami #1 for we SERVE an awesome God!

## **Miami 19th AVE, Pastor Errol Campbell**

On June 2nd, we had our annual financial drive to support our ongoing projects, the drive was a success. Our members worked diligently in support of our church programs. We also conducted our Vacation Bible School which was well attended; it was a blessing to have some of the students from our extended Sunday School in attendance. A good time was had by all as we participated in fellowship, food and fun.

Bishop and Lady Campbell also celebrated a June Anniversary, we are all very grateful for our Pastor. We continue to have dynamic Sunday messages by our Pastor and Ministers, and our souls are being enriched and blessed through the teaching of the Word.

In July, we started our weekly bible study on the "Fruit of the Spirit" teachings; we anticipate new revelations as we expound on the word of God. To God be the Glory!

## **Miami Centerville, Pastor Vincent Ramsay**

In the month of March we hosted a Family Night Explosion which brought together local churches. There were several dance groups that danced unto The Lord as well as praises in song. The power of The Lord came down in the place and this was an

awesome event. This event was put together and also hosted by none other than our First Lady, Pauline Ramsey.

Also in the month of March we hosted our Annual Friends and Family program. We had a very good turnout and were blessed greatly at this service both spiritually and also financially. To God be the Glory great things He has done.

In April we had a Harvest Fest Program hosted by Minister L. Hall. Minister Caley was our guest speaker and brought forth an awesome word. After the service there were all types of fruits, vegetables and delicious goodies for sale. This was a great event.

May 12, 2013 Mother's Day was celebrated. We enjoyed a beautiful service that was well planned by our men. All mothers were presented with roses and also a gift which included some treasured items. We appreciated the men for honoring us on our day, we were truly grateful. Also the First Lady was presented with something extra which was well deserved.

#### **Niceville, Pastor William C. Nester**

We truly thank the Lord for all His goodness toward us! For Mother's Day, Pastor Nester brought a message about mothers from the Bible who were wonderful servants of God. Then he challenged us (mothers) to be the same, to give our families to God. After service the church paid for the mothers to eat at Ryan's for dinner!

June was a busy time. School was ending and the youth were preparing for camp! This year Niceville sent three to camp and had six staff. Oh my, what a time we had! We have already discussed next year. We sponsored our District Lady's Day program for June and were truly blessed by God. His awesomeness is always present during these services! We thank God for the ladies in our district. We were also blessed to minister to the community with 50 suppers and household items. Our picture was captured by a passing reporter and put in the paper. This really is a great ministry!

In July we have been preparing for Convention, praying for the out pouring of God spirit! On the 15<sup>th</sup>, one of our members Michael Lawson left us to join the Army. Please pray for God's protection and guidance! Heart & Soul Ministry passed out 50 suppers and bath soaps this month, but most of all we received a prayer request! God will shine anywhere we let Him! We have been blessed with eight visitors to our services this quarter. Praise the Lord!

#### **Winter Garden Southside, Pastor J. V. Sullivan**

In May, 123 attended on Mother's Day. All mothers were honored along with a special gift given to our First Lady, Sister Sullivan. In June, our Fellowship Picnic was well attended. On a Sunday morning, Harvest Partner Level 2 Siberia's Missionary, Dimitry Kavaleuski, shared about the work being done in the mission field. Dennis Wilson ministered in song & The Word on a Wednesday night. On Father's Day, 158 attended with guest, Dennis Wilson. All fathers were honored along with cards & gift cards given to Pastor Sullivan. Four of our graduates were celebrated in a ceremony. J.O.Y., ages 50 & over, had their all-birthdays celebration. Two joined the church on Membership Sunday. Twenty attended Youth Camp. One was saved in a Sunday morning service. In July, Dennis Wilson taught on "Spiritual Warfare" on a Wednesday night. Connect (20-49) had a formal dinner. Joe Dotson, Family Ministries' Coordinator, brought the message on a Sunday morning.

I am available for revivals. Just give me a call @ 912-467-8188. Recently I was at Palm Bay and we had a great six nights of revival. If you as a pastor are going on vacation and need someone to minister for you on a Sunday, feel free to call me. I'll be happy to assist.

Also, my new book is out, "Life through the eyes of a Red Headed, Wide-eyed, Full Time Evangelist." If you would like to purchase a copy, email me @ osban55@yahoo.com  
May God Bless You!

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