

Leadership Link

"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,"
1 Corinthians 15:3 & 4

Look Up First

*Rev. Charles R. Hughes, Jr.
District Superintendent*

What does the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ tell us? It tells us that we are all sinners and in need of a Savior. It tells us that God loved us so deeply that He provided a Savior through His son, Jesus Christ. It tells us that God is holy and just and the only one who can save us from our sins. It tells us that He willingly gave Himself for us and that three days later God the Father accepted the sacrifice and we can be forgiven. It tells us that His power conquers sickness, sin, death and Satan. It tells us we have hope in the face of every challenge. It tells us we have a purpose and a destiny.

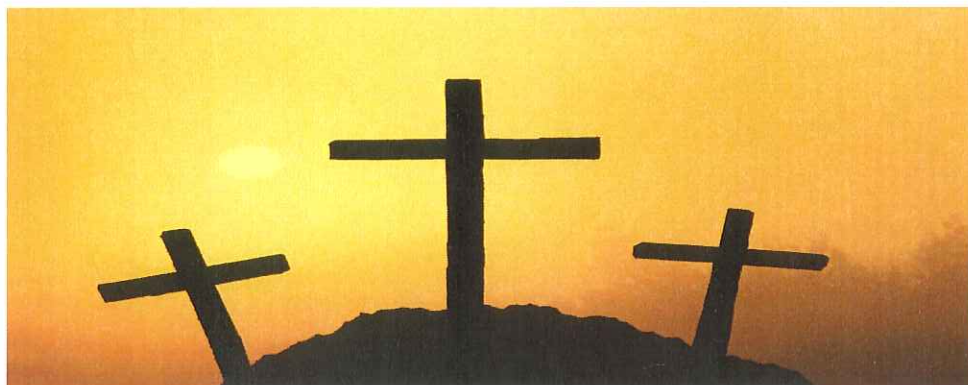
It tells us to look up and focus on eternity. It tells us that He is working His plan and nothing can change that plan; not even the current economic crisis. It tells us to look up and see Christ enthroned and watch for His promised return. Seek Him first, above all things. With this vision, clearly declared in His Word, we can face whatever may come. It also tells us that though He is transcendent above all things, He is at the same time immanent, completely and intimately aware of each one of us. It tells us that we are not alone. His presence is all around us, but more, His presence is in us through the Holy Spirit.

So why have I told you things you already know? Things you have taught multiple times? Maybe you, like me, just need to be reminded to look up and see the reality of God's face. Maybe you sometimes feel overwhelmed with the demands of life and ministry. You need to stop and fix your gaze on Him, the Author and Perfecter of your faith. And with your gaze fixed on Him, our risen and conquering Lord, face it all with hope. May God grant you and your church a transcendent Resurrection Day



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Church Updates

Churches in Transition

- Berea Evangelical Alliance
Coral Springs
- Church For The Nations
Kissimmee
- Christ Community Church
Miami
- Iglesia ACyM de Carol City
Miami Gardens
- Chinese Christian Gospel
Naples
- First Alliance Church
St. Petersburg
- New Life Alliance Church
West Palm Beach

Churches with Interim

- Christ Community Church
Bradenton
- Dunedin Alliance Church
Dunedin
- First Alliance Church
Jacksonville

Church Closure

- Sonfest Chapel of Jupiter
Jupiter

Church Name Change

- Grace Alliance Church
Fort Lauderdale
changed to
Victory International Church



DEXCOM NEWS

- Reports from the District Superintendent, Assistant District Superintendent, Director of Church Planting and Director of Business & Finance were reviewed and approved.
- Minutes from the regular meeting of November 18, 2008 and sub-committee teleconference of January 21, 2009 were approved.
- Approved ADF loan request by Edgewater Alliance Church, Edgewater, FL.
- Approved property purchase by Chinese Alliance Church, Fort Myers, FL.
- Mr. Dirlou Garnier (Layman) and Rev. Christopher Greaves (Official Worker) were appointed to fill unexpired terms on DEXCOM.
- Rev. John Croston Memorial established. See Page 4.

Personnel Update

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Barnes, Rev. Glenford	Unassigned	Retiral
Bauer, Rev. Dennis	Sr. P./WPB (New Life)	LOA
Brun, Rev. Michael	Sr. P./Orlando (Orlando Haitian)	No Credentials
Czerwinski, Rev. Henry	Unassigned	No Credentials
Diaz, Rev. Benigno	Puerto Rico District	Sr. P/Orlando (First Spanish)
Elmer, Rev. Brian	Unassigned	Great Lakes District
Hicks, Rev. Bill	Unassigned	Other Min./Non-Alliance
Holmes, Rev. Charles	Other Ministries	Retiral
Jean-Baptist, Mr. Reynold	Sr. P./Orlando (Christian Haitian)	No Credentials
Kelly, Rev. Rob	Asst. Pastor/Tallahassee	No Credentials
McGaha, Mrs. Susan	Unassigned	Retiral
Parker, Rev. Ron	Unassigned	No Credentials
Saint Juste, Dr. Raynald	Other Ministries	Sr. P./WPB (Elim)
Sawyer, Rev. Tim	Other Ministries/Chaplain	Retiral
Shore, Rev. Brian	Sr. P./Jupiter	Church Planter
Teague, Rev. David	Unassigned	Retiral
Vacha, Rev. Dick	Unassigned	No Credentials
Watt, Mr. Cliff	Unassigned	No Credentials
White, Rev. Jeff	Sr. P./Lakeland	New England District

Congratulations to ...



Rev. M. David and Elisabeth Carter who were united in marriage on Saturday, January 3, 2009.

Pastor Philip & Sara Dvorak on the birth of their son, Judah Philip, on January 21, 2009.

Pastor Tommy & Sarah Phillips on the birth of their son, Preson Peek Phillips III, born on March 5, 2009.



District Chaplains

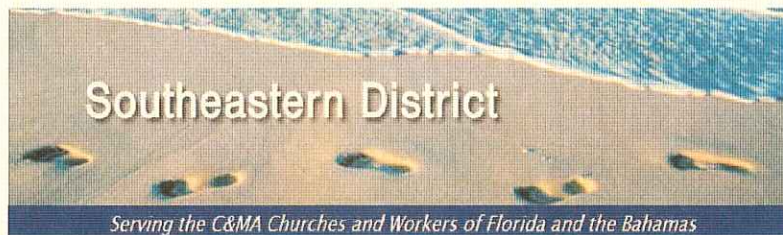
On March 16th the district hosted a meeting for our district chaplains with Rev. Bob Collins, Federal Endorser for C&MA Chaplains.

Chaplains minister through various ways including military, law enforcement, correctional institutions, hospitals, hospice, and the workplace.

We have seventeen official workers licensed as chaplains in the Southeastern District. In addition, many pastors in our churches serve as chaplains on a volunteer basis.

Mrs. Phyllis Fitzwater, Chaplain Supervisor at the Orlando Regional Medical Center, serves as the Chaplain Coordinator for the Southeastern District.

To all our chaplains who faithfully serve, we thank you!



New Web Site

A new web site for the Southeastern District is about to be launched. It is intended to be a greater resource to our churches and our official workers. Full details will be included in the next eLink.

Upcoming Events



April 27th – 30th
Daytona Beach

You must make your reservation with the El Caribe by March 31, 2009 to guarantee the room rate of \$81. Reservation check-in is 4:00 PM. For further information go to www.sedcma.org and click on Leadership Retreat 2009.

Hope to see you there!

Women's Leadership Studies

Training to Lead...

Saturday, March 28th—Unit 4
9 AM—4PM

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

First Alliance Church
3800 Lake Underhill Road
Orlando, FL

Classes are sponsored by Alliance Women Ministries to assist women in their personal walk with Jesus and improve their leadership skills.

Its NOT too late to register!

For more information go to <http://www.alliancewomen.org> and click on Upcoming Events.

District Finances through February, 2009

District Operating Budget

Monthly Budget	\$41,483.42
Annual Budget	\$497,801.04

DOB Income

Actual YTD	\$69,424.57
Budget YTD	\$82,966.84
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$13,542.27)

Home Missions

Monthly Budget	\$23,849.83
Annual Budget	\$286,197.96

HM Income

Actual YTD	\$34,989.46
Budget YTD	\$47,699.66
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$12,710.20)

DOB/HM YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$26,252.47)
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Great Commission Fund

Unrestricted Giving	\$209,415
Restricted GCF & CAMA	\$21,217
Total GCF Giving	\$230,632
Change since 2008	(\$157,557)

**Memorial Fund Established
in honor of Dr. John Croston**



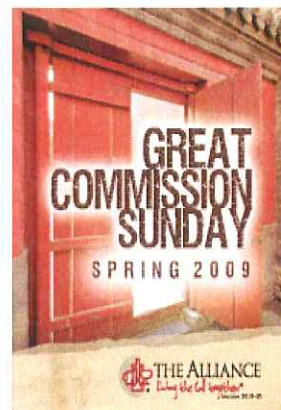
Dr. John Croston, Senior Pastor of the Piedmont Park Alliance Church in Tallahassee, FL, passed away Friday, December 19, 2008. A celebration of life service was held in Tallahassee, on Tuesday, December 23rd.

John was born October 24, 1945, and raised in Deposit, New York. He graduated from Toccoa Falls College in 1968 with a degree in Bible Theology. John pastored churches in Warrensburg, NY; Winter Haven, FL; Port Charlotte, FL; Sydney Australia; Oxford, England; Warrington, England; and served almost nineteen years at Piedmont Park Alliance Church in Tallahassee.

For over forty years, John was a leader in our district, serving as pastor, missionary, and DEXCOM member. He was a great encourager. That is what characterized his life and touched so many. The District Executive Committee felt it only fitting, that in memory of John, a special benevolent fund be established to carry on his passion for encouraging others. This fund is appropriately named the **John Croston Encouragement Fund**.

Of approximately 1,400 missionaries, over 300 are from national churches that were products of missionary efforts in years past. What an outstanding church multiplication legacy! Let me encourage you to give emphasis to the Great Commission Fund that supports these workers. Giving by district churches in the first two months of this year is 71% of last year's giving. Let us trust the Lord to provide and bless His servants who extend our local church ministry around the world. Please use this tool to give your people the opportunity to participate.

Great Commission Sunday is right around the corner. Join us this Spring in celebrating what God is accomplishing through Alliance Great Commission Ministries. Please encourage your congregation to participate.



Imagine – if every Alliance church participates, how much closer we will come to completing the Great Commission!

Resources will include bulletin inserts, a FAQ sheet, and a video with segments featuring the frontier mission of Mongolia. Watch for the promotion kit to arrive in early April.

If you have any questions, please contact the National Office/Communications at 719-265-2014 or communications@cmalliance.org.

Home Missions - a word from Alfredo

Creating a mindset of multiplication to reach lost people and disciple them as followers of Christ through planting churches.

Churches at the Prenatal Stage

Prenatal	Address	Pastor	Presentation Date	Ethnicity
Renacer Alliance Church	Boynton Beach	Claudio Del Villar	Jan-10	Hispanic
New Life Community Chapel	Gainesville	Leonard Traina	Sep-09	Anglo
Maranatha Ministries	Hollywood	Joseph Fritz	Sep-09	Haitian
Rise Community Church	Lake Mary	Lenny Faulk	Sep-09	Anglo
Redeemer Alliance Church	Miami	Neil Skjoldal	Sep-09	Multiethnic
Iglesia A.C.M.	Punta Gorda	Cesar Moran	Sep-09	Hispanic
Salt House Comm. Church	Jacksonville	Brian Shore	Jan-10	Anglo
Tabernacle de Louanges	Deerfield Beach	John Joseph	Sep-09	Haitian

Home Missions Giving 2008

Zone	Totals
Central Florida A	\$ 13,315.79
Central Florida B	\$ 15,923.88
E Central Florida	\$ 96,483.61
W Central Florida A	\$ 4,683.31
W Central Florida B	\$ 43,721.81
Haitian South	\$ 188.00
North Florida A	\$ 12,183.47
North Florida B	\$ 12,590.00
Southeast Florida	\$ 9,199.70
Southwest Florida A	\$ 24,775.78
Southwest Florida B	\$ 26,534.72
Treasure Coast	\$ 21,764.56
Total Giving	\$ 281,364.63

I praise the Lord for each and every one of you as you faithfully serve the Lord and understand His heart for lost people. Your faithful giving and service is an inspiration to us and encourages us to continue and to pursue new venues of planting. Please continue to pray, give and share the love of Christ with those in your communities God is calling to Himself.

Missions Mobilization - a word from Harris

"Does She Matter To Us? Yes, She Does!"



Our churches have recently finished hosting 10 missionaries on three tours in our district, Reports are coming in of some powerful services and blessed gatherings. We thank all of the pastors and church leaders who made the missionaries feel so welcome, and gave them prime time to share their hearts and ministries.

Over fifty other churches are "on our own," and some have already had their missions emphasis while others are making preparations. May the Lord give us all a fresh joy in "Living the call together." We are planning to host a seminar this fall for church leaders on partnerships, a new way of doing missions in the C&MA. Let us know if we can help your missions mobilization team. Contact us at missions@sedcma.org.

Update from Jason Ostrander, National Youth Director

Pre-Council Youth Worker Gathering

General Council is in Louisville, Kentucky, May 26-31. The theme for the event is "Jesus Only." This year Youth has a real opportunity for involvement. The Alliance Youth Office has decided to put together a pre-Council Youth Worker Gathering on Monday, May 25, one day before Council begins. Other than the additional night's stay in your hotel, there will be no charge for the gathering. If you attend the gathering, you will have the opportunity to sit in on seminars relating to the future vision of Alliance Youth, tour the LIFE 2010 hotels and facilities, and be a part of the first ever LIFE: A Year in Prayer. Each attendee will receive a **free pass to Six Flags Great Adventure** along with a free dinner at the park! It should be a great time of connection.

Alliance Youth Enrich Gathering

Youth ministry takes a special kind of person. Likewise, youth leaders need a special kind of retreat—one that connects you back to the heart of God as it relates to your involvement with students. **Enrich 2009** is an opportunity to step away from the daily grind of ministry and connect with God. It is a spiritual retreat that has been crafted specifically for Alliance youth workers. Facilitators, Mark and Carrie Bassett, along with worship leaders Dave and Tara Powers, will guide attendees through a deep time of spiritual renewal.

The setting for ENRICH will be beautiful Sanibel Island, Florida. Lord willing, you will not only rest your spirit but also your body! Carve out some time to be a part of **Enrich 2009** on June 22-24 for what promises to be a true getaway with the Lord.

For information about lodging, check out Sundial Resort online! In an effort to maintain an intimate setting, registration will be closing once 50 people have registered. Register early so you don't miss out!

Body Armour

High School Summer Camp
June 8-13

Speaker: Matt Cohen

Middle School Camp
June 15—20

Speaker: Ryan Davis

~ Cost Information ~
Pre-register by May 11th
\$310

Register after May 11th
\$350

Questions?
Contact Pastor David Greer
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*"Put on all the armor that
God gives, so you can de-
fend yourself against the
devil's tricks." Ephesians
6:11*

Summer Camps

www.lakeswan.com/events



Stand with the Full Armor of God

Kids Kamp 2009
July 13-18

Speakers: Carl Stutzman
Mike Duffy
Chris Greaves

Worship: Kate Carpenter
John Hicks

Missions: Dan Klassen

~ Cost Information ~
Postmarked by April 27th
\$299

Register after April 27th
\$375

Questions?
Contact Pastor Tim Carpenter
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