



Florida RA Zone

**Newsletter for RA Leaders and Their Boys
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How many people do we affect just by living at this moment? That's a mind-boggling question with many possible answers.

We could choose to live in the will of God to the best of our ability or we could be a bad bank robber that pulls wings off of butterflies, be a menace to society, or be on a wanted poster in the post office. Either way we go, we affect people in many ways.

It doesn't take much to affect people, maybe a smile, paying a parking meter for someone, letting someone in front of you at the register in the grocery store, or giving up some time during the day to listen to someone sharing their "hard luck" with you.

There's plenty of things we can do that wouldn't hurt the Kingdom of God showing or sharing His love to affecting someone else. The opportunities and possibilities are endless.

**Rick Hollis
RA Mission Education Team Leader
Central Florida Region**

From the Bottom Up

It starts from a thought, need, or a necessity. Often it's called ***"Starting from Scratch."***

Looking around you may not find any help. (Don't worry about it that normally happens.) Usually, that's the outcome when God has a person singled out when He has someone specifically lined up to do something for His purpose.

Knowing or without knowing, God's has our back and has everything planned where they fall into place at the right time with little or no effort our part. If there's something that comes up that's an obstacle, it comes and goes. Praying about it, letting it go, and don't look back is all we can do. God's has it taken care of.

Oddly enough, doing what God wants us to do come natural when we're walking Him. Sometimes, when we're in the middle of doing what He's planned for us it doesn't come easy. Even in the hardest situations, everything will fall into place, anyway. It may take some waiting or a little extra effort on our part.

Why does this happen, as it normally happen, when God's plan falls into place? That's perfection playing out so everyone will look from the bottom up and see it wasn't any person doing it. Without any prompting from God's people, God's people give the credit back to God.

Now, isn't just like God!!!

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WMU 2018-2019 Update

I had the opportunity to attend the WMU January Board Meeting in Birmingham. The good news is that there are no major changes for RA's in the works. The bad news is that RA Chapters continue to decline in number in the neighborhood of 10% per year. One change coming is that the RA Leader magazine will be offered as a download in 2018, hopefully by summer. There will be a \$2.00 subscription price increase this year also. Rates have not changed for over 10 years so a hike is not unexpected.

The Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong mission patches are being re-designed this year to give them a fresh look. WMU is doing a product audit, first time ever, to determine what is selling and what is not in an effort to keep costs minimal. Patches tend to have a 5yr shelf life after which the quantity sold doesn't cover production and inventory costs. Also, the WMU wants to come up with one new patch each year to replace those retired.

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If you want to insert an idea, an article, write about your RA Chapter, or something about RAs published in the RA Zone e-mail Rick Hollis. His contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Other Cool RA Things



[Florida Royal Ambassador T-shirts are available now for \\$10 each. You choose which color you want-charcoal or gold. Find the order form, by clicking here.](#)

We have a Royal Ambassador Endowment fund. This has grants that may help with registration fees for RA events and other related missions events for RAs here in Florida. For more information on how to apply for a RA Endowment grant, contact the WMM/Missions Education Team of the Florida Baptist Convention (contact information below).

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RA Calendar of Events:

Children's National Mission Day

Date: February 17th, 2018

Children's National Mission Day is observed on the national level by the choice of the local church or association. RA's, GAs, and Children in Action will do a mission project in their community to commemorate the importance of missions here at home or around the world. Ideas for this event can be found at www.wmu.com/CMD.

RA Field Day

Date: March 10th (Saturday)

Church: Thomasville Road Baptist Church

Address: 3131 Thomasville Road

Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Contact Number: (850) 386-4288

Association: Florida Association

RAs and their leaders will have a time to learn about the message of the Gospel is sent around the world and here at home. There will be missionaries that will tell how they tell others about Jesus, the region they're in, the culture, the people, and more.

There will be fun, games, sports, and other activities everyone can participate in. There will be lunch provided during this event. More information will be coming soon. Go to the Florida Baptist Convention web site and check periodically (<http://flbaptist.org/events/>) or contact the convention office (1-800-226-8584 ext 3141).

Mission Celebration

Date: April 20th-21st (Friday and Saturday)

Location: Lake Yale Conference Center

North of Eustis off of State Road 19 on CR 452

Contact Information: (1-800-226-8584

This is a state-wide event for all mission organizations in the WMU. This includes Royal Ambassadors. There will be plenty of fellowship, training, break-out sessions, business meeting, mission ceremony and celebration, kiosks, booths, reception celebration, complete WMU Store, dinner, breakfast, and lunch, and much more. There will be reservation forms and more information coming soon. Check the Florida Baptist Convention periodically. (<http://flbaptist.org/events/>)

Camp World Light (State-wide Event)

Dates: June 11th-15st Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center (North Camp) North of Eustis)

Dates: June 18th-22nd Blue Springs Baptist Conference Center (Panhandle area)

Contact Information: 1-800-226-8584 (ext. 3141)

These two separate weeks of co-ed camp is for boys and girls from Grades 3-6 to come to camp and learn about Jesus and how missions carries the Gospel around the world. Also, there will be skits, sports, recreation, crafts, and plenty of outdoor activities to keep up the fun during the week. The important part camp will be time of decision in the cabins and chapel time.

There will be information coming later. Check the Florida Baptist Convention periodically. (<http://fbaptist.org/events/>) or <https://www.campworldlight.com/>

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Date: September 15th (Saturday)

Church: To Be Announced

Association:

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We are committed to help all mission leaders and the church family through training and resources. Please contact us if you have questions and/or needs in your church or association.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.



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