

MISSION STATEMENT

To be a blessing in providing services back to the people who brought us this far, our senior citizens.

Mathew 25:32-46

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DID YOU KNOW:

Florida was admitted to United States as a State on March 3, 1845 (27th State)

There are 67 Counties in Florida.

Governor - Charlie Crist

Capital - Tallahassee

Nickname - Sunshine State

State Flower - Orange Blossom

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THE VISION:

That people will become excited about helping those that are in need all over the world

Client Appreciation:

Ms. Dorothy Collins. For OAFCM's second newsletter we dedicated this issue to Ms. Dorothy Collins. Ms. Collins has become like family to the volunteer team. She has been a client since 2003. Ms. Collins is also a Platinum Member. She has donated and supported OAFCM since 2005. She is a member of First Baptist Church of Inverness. She has a kind heart and a sweet sense of humor. Everyone that knows her loves her.

I started our interview at Huddle House located here in Inverness on Highway 41.

While waiting for our orders, we discussed the weather and how beautiful it was over a cup of orange juice.

We laughed about our children as we reminisced over their years of growth. Although she and I are 44 years apart in age, our relationship as friends and parents gave us common ground in experience. She covered many levels of teaching points as she looked back over her life. She is so knowledgeable and she has so much to offer. I don't think she realized how much I've learned from her each time we conversed. Once we were done with breakfast, I asked Ms. Collins four questions.

Could you tell me a little bit about yourself?

How long have you been in Citrus County?

"I've been in Citrus county since 1962. I moved here from Mississippi. I became a teacher at Citrus High. I then transferred to the vocational school and taught there for 10 years. I went back to school to University of South Florida and got my Masters degree in 1984. Floated from school to school as a librarian part time until I was offered a choice between Floral City Elementary and Hernando Elementary. I chose Hernando Elementary and stayed there until I retired in 1994."

How many children do you have?

I have two daughters, Kathy and Susan. (They both reside up north.)

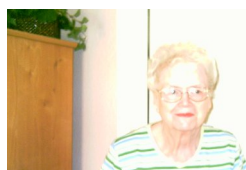
How has OAFCM Helped you?

"There has been many times where I have had small things that needed to be done where I couldn't afford to hire somebody and I couldn't do it myself. Jackie comes over and brings someone else with him and changes my light bulbs and air conditioner filters. He has moved furniture for me and has pressure washed my walkway and carport. They have just been really, really helpful."

If you could be remembered for anything what would you like it to be?

A person who loved people and who loved God.

I smiled and thanked Ms. Collins for answering my questions. She stated she enjoyed having breakfast with me. As we left Huddle House, Ms. Collins and I decided to go to Winn Dixie to pick up a few things. We just spent time together enjoying one another's company while shopping.



Ten Things Family/Friends Need To know about You In Case of An Emergency:

Sometimes for seniors when an emergency arises, giving information isn't always possible therefore emergency medical personnel must rely on the adult children or a spouse for that information. Can you say your family is prepared to take care of your business when you are unable to? If we are honest with ourselves most of us will reply with a firm 'No'. Not to fret, we can gather a peace of mind by taking out some time to do a few simple things that will be helpful to our loved ones. Below — in order of importance — is a list of 10 things you need, to prepare for your family in case of an emergency.

- 1. Names of your doctors.** This is probably the most important piece of information. Why? Chances are good that your doctors can provide much of the rest of the information needed as well as more details about your specific health histories.
- 2. Birth dates.** Often medical records and insurance information are cataloged according to birth date. This can improve communication in an emergency or a crisis.
- 3. List of allergies.** This is especially important if you are allergic to medication — penicillin, for example.
- 4. Advance directives.** An advance directive is a legal document that outlines your decisions about health care, such as whether or not resuscitation efforts should be made and the use of life-support machines.
- 5. Major medical problems.** This includes such conditions as diabetes or heart disease.
- 6. List of medications and supplements.** It's especially important that a doctor know if you use blood thinners. It's also important for your doctor to know if you take any vitamin or herbal supplements that might interact with medications given in an emergency situation.
- 7. Religious beliefs.** This is particularly important in case blood transfusions are needed.
- 8. Insurance information.** Your care person needs to know the name of your health insurance providers and the policy numbers.
- 9. Prior surgeries and major medical procedures.** List past medical procedures including implanted medical devices such as pacemakers.
- 10. Lifestyle information.** Do you drink alcohol or use tobacco?

Knowing these 10 things should help your loved ones take care of your needs in an emergency.

HIPAA and Privacy

During conversations with medical staff, the issue of privacy may come up. Staff may want to make sure they're allowed to speak with the responsible regarding your care. In the United States, patient privacy is governed by rules often referred to as HIPAA, or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

HIPAA does **not** prevent a doctor, nurse or health plan employee from discussing your care with you if it's in your best interest. For example, if discussing your care would help a doctor decide the best quality of care necessary in an emergency situation, that's considered in your best interest. Generally, doctors and other health care professionals would consider a situation to be an emergency if you cannot answer questions about your health and medical history. This situation might arise if you have lost consciousness or have problems with memory. . So create the list and take the burden off of yourself, family and friends.

**INSPIRATIONAL: COLOSSIANS 3:22-25
AMPLIFIED BIBLE**

Whatever you Do...

Servants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not only when their eyes are on you as pleasers of men, but in simplicity of purpose [with all your heart] because of your reverence for the Lord and as a sincere expression of your devotion to Him (God).

Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily (from the soul), as [something done] for the Lord and not for men,

Knowing [with all certainty] that it is from the Lord [and not from men] that you will receive the inheritance which is your [real] reward. [The One Whom] you are actually serving [is] the Lord Christ (the Messiah).

For he who deals wrongfully will [reap the fruit of his folly and] be punished for his wrongdoing. And [with God] there is no partiality [no matter what a person's position may be, whether he is the slave or the master].

REMEMBER :

If God's purposes in this world are to be fulfilled, we need a structured society with all its indispensable activities. The people we work for are servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Whether they know it or not, our employers are carrying out God's good purposes. As long as the assigned task is not sinful or unethical, when we serve those who rule over us we are serving the Lord.

So let's view our daily work-whatever it is- as an extension of God's work in the world. As we do so, we'll find there is no better place to spread the good news of salvation than right where God has placed us. -Vernon Grounds

For the Christian Work is Ministry.



Mrs. Bonnie Wilson and Mr. Floyd Wilson
(Born 9-16-31 departed 2-2-06)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS:

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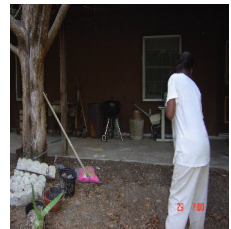
We would like to send out a special "Thanks" to Jackie and Jamileh Wilson who have volunteered with OAFCM for 5 years. As of 2008, they are graduates of Citrus High School. Jamileh will be attending CFCC.

Jackie Jr. has left for the United States Navy. We wish them both the best in their endeavors.

With the economy slowing and the prices of gas rising, we at OAFCM just want to say Thank you to all who have supported what we do regardless of the state of our economy. As you know needs of the people have not changed. It has only increased.

Thus far OAFCM has built mini ramps, replaced boards on decks, fix sink fixtures, changed light bulbs, cleared out garages and sheds, raked yards, mowed many lawns, and cleaned drainages.

Your comments, donations, and inputs were very useful toward our efforts in making this program become a success. Thank You SO Very Much. We pray that you have a FANTASTIC SUMMER! (SMILES).



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Interesting Events:

July 3-Free Fireworks Viewing @ Liberty Park and Wallace Brooks Park

July 4- Free Fireworks Viewing In Crystal Rivers @ Hunters Spring and King Bay

Aug 9,13- Heritage Day @ Heritage Village in Downtown Crystal River

Volunteer Appreciation:

This Quarter we would like to show our appreciation for

Mr. Dewey Bland for taking time out on his off days to volunteer in the community with OAFCM.

Mr. Bland "YOU ROCK!"