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A Word from our Captain

2nd Florida Family,

A big thanks to everyone who was able to attend our Annual Meeting this past Saturday in Ocala. It was big success! The venue/accommodations were excellent and we were able to discuss all things 2nd Florida! We are just about ready to begin our new season.

Our next **Maximum Effort Event** will in just over two (2) weeks on **Saturday, August 20th for the Camp of Instruction** which will be held at the Mt. Dora site (next to Renniger's Antique Mall, 20651 US-441, Mt Dora, FL 32757). We will begin at 9:30am. Please do all you can to attend.

Yours for 2nd Florida,

Capt. Wayne Alonzo



Chap's Corner

For our upcoming reenactment season I'll be sharing a series of actual Civil War period sermons by Chaplain Robert Lewis Dabney, Stonewall Jackson's Chief-of-Staff, compiled and published in <u>Our Comfort in Dying</u> by Jonathan W. Peters in 2021. In his message entitled, "Our Ineffectual Prayers," Dr. Dabney preached on James 4:3, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss..." to the 44th Virginia Regiment of the Stonewall Brigade near Augusta, VA on May 18, 1862.

Subsequently he provides five explanations why God doesn't answer our prayers. The first reason is because of the selfishness of our motives for natural gratification or sin of idolatry inconsistent with the supreme love of God and zeal for His glory. A second factor is our self-righteousness and dependence upon our own merit. Another cause of unanswered prayer is the lukewarmness of our desires and lack of expectation or watchfulness. Fourth is the lack of diligent effort and labor as follow up to our divine petitions. For "[w]here we desire, there we must strive." And finally is the presence of intentional or secret sin in our lives. Moreover, he conjectures "[I]s it...any wonder that we ask, and receive not?"

When Rev. Dabney considers "the poverty of the prayers which we offer up to God, instead of finding any remaining evidence of a failure of His promises, instead of seeing him any longer in a reluctant or grudging attitude, I wonder that the Church receives as many answers to prayer as we actually experience: I seem to behold God bending over his unworthy children, with both hands full of generous gifts for them, and a heart anxiously yearning for the joy of bestowing them, watching eagerly on every side for the first sign of such true desire as his own honor will permit Him to bless, that he may at once answer it with a shower of mercies."

In contrast, "He who only offers ineffectual prayers, virtually does not pray at all. How many [of us], by this rule, are living prayerless lives! [Imagine] A Christian without prayer!" Therefore Dabney exhorts us to "pray with 'the effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous,' or we perish. Let us prove him now, with true, scriptural prayer, and see if he will not pour us out a blessing, such, that there shall not be room to contain it."

To be continued...



Reenacting Schedule 2022-2023

Aug. 20th Camp of Instruction – Mt. Dora, FL. (Clay Kearney)

Sept. 16-18 Battle of Antietam/Sharpsburg (Gettysburg, PA)

Sept. 23 & 24 Occupation of Palatka - Palatka, FL.

Oct. Sep. 30- Nov. 2 Parrish Train Raid - Parrish, FL

Oct. 1-2 Andersonville – Andersonville, GA.

Oct. 7-9 Confederate Garrison at Fort Clinch

Oct. 7-9 **160**th Battle of Perryville – Kentucky

Nov. 5-7 Ocklawaha River Raid - Ocala, FL.

Nov. 18-20 Battle of Dade City - Dade City, FL.

Jan. 20-22 Raid on Otter Springs - Trenton, FL.

January TBA Townsend's Plantation (Mt. Dora) – Mt. Dora, FL.

February 17-19 – Battle of Olustee – Olustee, FL.

March 3-5 – **Battle of Natural Bridge** - Tallahassee, FL.

March 24-26 Battle of Narcoossee Mill - St. Cloud, FL.

Mar 5-7 Federal Garrison of Ft. Clinch – Fernandina Beach, FL.

May 19-21 **Battle of Resaca** – Resaca, FL.

July – 160th Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA.

(Red denotes maximum effort)