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Mission Statement: May the unity of the Spirit mold us by the Word of God unto the perfect body attracting all men that they may be saved honoring our Lord.

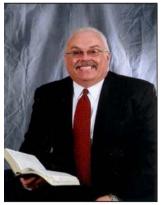


EAST DISTRICT MINISTERS' MEETING

The annual East District ministers' meeting was held at Ezel First Church of God on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Eighteen congregations were represented in the meeting. Jeff Fannin, our pastor at Blue Bank First Church of God in Morehead, was the guest speaker. He preached a powerful message on overcoming discouragement in the ministry based on a text he took from 1 Kings 19: 1-13. Following a short business meeting communion and foot washing was observed by those in attendance. The day ended with a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies of the Ezel congregation. A special note of appreciation is extended to host Pastor Jessie Dennis for welcoming all of those who attended and being such a gracious host.



East District Ministers Meeting ~ March 2, 2013 ~ Location : Ezel FCOG Pictured L-R: Pastor Robert Jordan, Pastor James Stamper, Pastor Jeff Fannin, Pastor Ralph White, Pastor Jesse Dennis, Pastor Michael Spangler, Pastor Vernon Gross, Pastor Cliff Davis, Pastor Terry Frerichs, Pastor Vernon Lambert, Pastor Doug Roberts, Chairman Jeff Justice, Pastor Lowell Rice, Rev. Jackie Anderson, Rev. Stan Schilffarth, Pastor David Stamper, Pastor Roger Wells, Youth Pastor Jason Johnson, Not Pictured: Pastor Kathy Cantrell



NEW RALLY YEAR UNDERWAY

The East District Ministry has officially kicked off its ministry for 2013. Our District Ministers' Meeting was held on March 2 at Ezel First Church of God. Pastor Jeff Fannin delivered a powerful message on overcoming discouragement in ministry. Our first rally was held at Grandview First Church of God in Ashland on March 17.

This begins my eighth year as District Chairman and I am excited about the rallies we have planned for the local churches. I do hope you will plan to support the rally in your area and that you will join me in praying for each and every rally that is scheduled.

In addition to your prayers your financial support is also needed for this ministry to continue. I am very thankful for both the congregational and individual support the ministry receives.

As this year of ministry progresses you will notice a positive change in the appearance of our E-News and the printed copies of our newsletter. Good Shepherd Printing has partnered with us to compile and print our newsletter. They have enhanced technology at their disposal that will make our newsletter sharper and easier to read. A special word of thanks is in order to Tammy Fannin for her tremendous help in this area.

In closing let me say once again this ministry exists to serve the congregations and ministers of Eastern Kentucky. We exist solely to encourage unity and fellowship within our region of the State. We have no ecclesiastical authority and we do not desire such authority. We simply want to see the Churches of God in Eastern Kentucky become well acquainted with one another and be enabled to better encourage one another as we strive to build the Kingdom of God in this region we all call "home".

In His Service, Jeff Justice, Chairman



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THE GOOD NEWS OF THE EAST DISTRICT E-NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF THE EAST DISTRICT CHURCH OF GOD VICE CHAIRMAN



Dear Members of the East District,

As I write this article, we have emerged from the Bath County Indoor Camp Meeting and also our East District Minister's Meeting. The camp meeting was a wonderful experience with solid preaching, excellent singing, youth involvement and a lot of wonderful food and fellowship after the services. Attendance was excellent and we ended

the meeting on a Friday and then had a Camp Lyons Fundraising Fish Fry and Auction on Saturday which grossed over four thousand dollars. When one gentleman went to pay for his auction items that he had bought, he just added a thousand dollars to his check. What a blessing!

Likewise, the minister's meeting was a blessed time with Bro. Jeff Fannin preaching a relevant and impacting message. The business meeting had a precious spirit to it and then afterwards we were all blessed with communion and foot washing. To close it out, the Ezel First Church of God provided us with an absolutely delicious meal. Special thanks are in order to Bro. Jesse Dennis and the congregation of the Ezel First Church of God for their gracious food and hospitality.

While pondering these two events, the thing that impresses me most is the friendship that develops when God's people get together, and this is something we need to work on as we travel our spiritual and physical journey through life. While we often think of Jesus as our best friend and we sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" or "There is not a Friend Like Jesus" we often fail to foster friendships with those who love the Lord as we do. Friendship is important regardless of whether it's with neighbors, fellow workers or family. But, friendship in the Family of God is also important and Jesus wants us to be friends. Among our best friends in life should be the people with whom we worship. And, how many life long friendships have been developed at church services, camp meetings or youth camps and other church events?!

Dr. Arlo Newell said once at Camargo Camp Meeting that camp meetings are the glue that holds the Church of God Reformation Movement together. And, I might add to that the fact that our rally services and minister's meetings serve the same purpose. It is such a wonderful feeling to come together as brothers and sisters and experience the friendship that such events bring to us. We are so blessed to have the privilege of fostering our friendships and experiencing our collective identity in the Church of God when we come together for these times. Let me encourage you to attend as many rally services this year as you possibly can, show yourself friendly and enjoy the wonderful fellowship that is sure to happen. The first one is on March 17th at the Grandview First Church of God in Ashland and starting with pre-service music at 5:30 p.m. I'll see you there.

Your friend in Christ, Lowell C. Rice, Vice-Chairman East District of the Church of God in Kentucky

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE EAST DISTRICT E-NEWS

BATH COUNTY INDOOR CAMP MEETING 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY NIGHT



MONDAY NIGHT

TUESDAY NIGHT



CONGREGATION ~ CHILDRENS CHURCH ~ COOKS



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BATH COUNTY INDOOR CAMP MEETING 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday Night



THURSDAY NIGHT



FRIDAY NIGHT



Wonderful Crowd and Great Ushers Each Night



BATH COUNTY INDOOR CAMP MEETING 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

TRIBUTE TO REV. RODNEY WILLIAMS



In 1986, we saw the beginning of the Bath County Indoor Camp Meeting at the newly constructed Owingsville First Church of God and sponsored by the Churches of God in Bath County. Rev. Rodney Williams was the song director and Rev. Walter Strong was the evangelist. From those beginnings, and over the 28 camp meetings, we have seen the Lord abundantly bless. Our evangelists have been some of the greatest preachers in the movement; Willard Wilcox, Arlo Newell, Richard Bradley, Mitchell Burch and many others to name a few. But, when it came to leading the music for the camp meeting, one person has been the music director for all of the camp meetings with the exception of one and that person is Rodney Williams. The only exception was when Rodney was the evangelist and Mitchell



Burch was the music director.

Beyond doubt, Rodney Williams is a gifted preacher and song director. His humor, his enthusiasm and his love for the Lord and for people radiates from his life. Along with his wife, Eva, this precious couple has so vastly impacted the Church of God. Rodney was born in Ohio, but very early in life returned to the roots of his mom and dad in Menifee County and that is his sense of place. It is love for Kentucky and Menifee County that permeates practically every story he tells. Murder Branch, Hawkins Branch and Frenchburg are included in frequent conversations with this wonderful man of God.

Rodney went many years ago from Frenchburg to Middletown, Ohio as an associate to Willard Wilcox who was the pastor of the Yankee Road First Church of God at the time. Shortly thereafter, Willard returned to Kentucky and became the pastor of the Carter Avenue First Church of God (Now Wildwood) and Rodney became the pastor of the Yankee Road Church and pastored there for several decades. Since his retirement, if you can call it that, Rodney has done numerous interim pastorates, revivals and camp meetings.

What an impact he has had on the Church!

At age 86, Rodney is facing some serious health issues in his life and without improvement, he may not be able to continue to direct the singing at the Bath County Indoor Camp Meeting although I tell him that he has a lifetime contract. He is having some vision problems and has difficulty seeing the words. But, I believe Rodney could do a better job blind than most other song directors could with sight. If it would be possible that Rodney could lead the singing next year, we would provide him with big print songs and limousine transportation. That's how much we think of him!

Many years ago, the story was told about Rev. W.F. Chapel, the outstanding Church of God evangelist who preached

throughout the area with Dr. Dale Oldham as his song evangelist. Bro. Chapel started Camargo Camp Meeting. It seems that Bro. Chapel was deeply burdened as to whether or not the Lord would call preachers who could carry on his ministry. Then, one day he heard Willard Wilcox, a fiery young preacher, preach at Camargo and from that point on-ward, Brother Chapel did not worry about the preaching future of the church. It was from that generation that God called Willard Wilcox, Walter Strong, Billy Ball, Rodney Williams, Clifford Hutchinson, John Conley, Charles Tarr, Harold Goodpaster, the Moore brothers and many more too numerous to mention here. Thank you, brothers, for your faithful ministry.

As a tribute to Rodney and to the call of all these other men of God, I simply say, **PLEASE DO IT AGAIN, LORD**! **CONTINUED NEXT PAGE**



BATH COUNTY INDOOR CAMP MEETING 2013 IN HONOR





























PIKE COUNTY COG MINISTERS AND LAYMAN'S MEETING 1-19-13





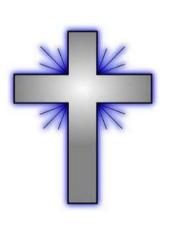
Pictured left to right is Pastor Scottie Adkins, Pastor Nando Mullins Jr., Pastor Kathy Cantrell, and Representative Jeanetta Wagoner.

New Interim Pastor Zoe FCOG Doug & Trudy Roberts



New Pastor Salyersville FCOG Michael & Lisa Spangler





E-NEVS CHILDEN OF THE WORLD INTERNATIONAL CHOR

The Children of the World International Choir performed in Rowan County at the Morehead Conference Center February 20th and the 27th also in Bath County at the Owingsville First Church of God

WHO WE ARE

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E-NEWS THE GOOD NEWS OF THE EAST DISTRICT SOUTHERN GOSPEL GATHERING MARCH 2013



Throughout the history of the Church of God Reformation Movement, singing has played an integral part in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Not just singing, but *SINGING*...the kind that could be heard cresting the ridges and filling the valleys of surrounding areas when it was camp meeting time. Sometimes it feels as though the memories of quartet and trio singing have been relegated to their place as a forgotten cornerstone of "The Good Ol' Days."

On Friday, March 1, 2013, a Southern Gospel Gathering was held at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, Ky. Several groups from throughout the Church of God came together for this one-of-a-kind event which culminated in a Gaither-style sing at the conclusion of the evening.

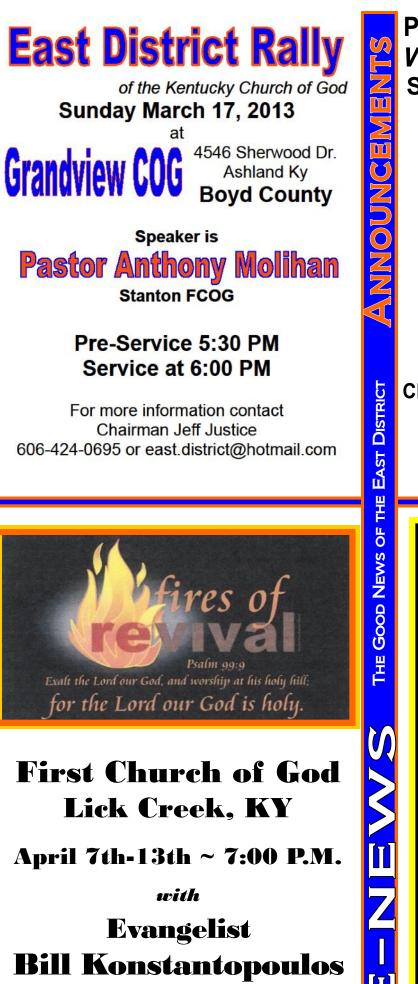
Nearly 800 Southern Gospel fans packed the Mountain Arts Center to enjoy an evening of gospel music. Churches from all across the state were represented as five groups and two solo artists, including 2012 Southern Gospel Music Hall Of Fame inductee Jim Hill – author of the timeless classic "What A Day That Will Be". Also appearing that night:

Scott Snyder, from Cincinnati, OH; Eventide, from Kodak, TN; Common Bond Quartet, from Mt. Sterling, KY; The Profitts, from Carlisle, OH; The Townesmen & Shelly, from Middletown, OH; and Little Paint Quartet from East Point, KY.

For over three hours, the audience was moved, encouraged, inspired and challenged by the groups and individuals who ministered through song from the Mountain Arts Center stage. The response was so overwhelming that planning has already started for a second Southern Gospel Gathering at the Mountain Arts Center in 2014 with an additional concert being discussed for the fall of this year.

Keep checking Facebook and your email inbox for information about upcoming Southern Gospel Gathering concerts. The next scheduled event is May 25-26 at Towne Boulevard Church of God in Middletown, OH. We thank you for your support of Southern Gospel Gathering and look forward to the next time we have the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song.

In Christ, Kevin B. Conley Little Paint Quartet



Park Place First Church of God Welcomes The Barrett Family Sunday, March 24th at 11:00 a.m. Pastor: John Jessup



For more Info (606)682-5240 or (606)493-6896 Church is located Hwy S25 just passed Levi Jackson State Park entrance in London KY Everyone is Welcome.



Ezel First Church of God April 8th-12th 7:00 P.M.

Evangelist: Jeff Fannin Morehead, Kentucky



For information call: 606-768-9496

Pastor Jesse Dennis and Congregation Invites Everyone To Attend.

<u>East District COG</u> <u>Youth Rally 2013</u>

April 14 at 6:00 Sunday evening at Little Mudlick

COG 991 Little Mudlick Rd. at Staffordsville Ky. Worship and music by 7-13

Word of God will be given by **Trent Travis** from Winchester First Church of God

> Pizza and fellowship afterward

for info call James at 606-462-0178 Come and worship with us

East District Rally

of the Kentucky Church of God Sunday April 21, 2013

JITTLE MUD Lick Rd. Staffordsville, Ky

Johnson County

Speaker is
Pastor Dave DeVol

South Shore FCOG

Pre-Service 5:30 PM Service at 6:00 PM

For more information contact Chairman Jeff Justice 606-424-0695 or east.district@hotmail.com



Church of God

APRIL 15-19

Evangelist REV. DAVID HALE

Singers "ON A JOURNEY"

7:00 P.M.

THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION EXTENDS TO ALL A WARM AND



Frenchburg Ast Church of God April 29th-May 3rd 7:00 P.M.



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Evangelist: Jeff Hann Morehead, Kentucky

For information call: 606-768-3454

Pastor Roger Wells and Congregation Invites Everyone To Attend

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East District

Of the KY Church of God



Facebook site

Have you ever wonder what's going on in the East District but didn't know were to turn? Find out by visiting our Facebook page! See pictures of all the rallies and stay up on current events. We are working very hard keeping everyone informed and posting relevant information.

It's really simple, visit Facebook and search for "East District of the KY Church of God". Once on our page, "Like" us to have information posted to your Facebook page anytime an event is updated!

Hope to see you at an upcoming rally! Rev. Daniel Castle Social Media Coordinator East District of the KY Church of God

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Ky. East District of the Church of God 2013 Event Schedule

2013 East District Rally Schedule.

Pre-Service 5:30 P.M / Worship 6:00 P.M.

April 7, 2013. East District Youth Rally. Location - Little Mud Lick COG / Youth Center (Johnson County) Time : 6:00 P.M. Speaker : Rev. Trent Travis (Winchester FCOG)

> April 21, 2013. East District Rally Location : Little Mud Lick COG (Johnson County) Speaker : Pastor Dave DeVoll (South Shore FCOG)

May 19, 2013. East District Rally Location : Mud Lick FCOG (Bath County) Speaker : Pastor Ben Furman (Johnson FCOG)

East District Ministers Picnic Location : Four Seasons Christian Center @ Camp Lyons (Bath County) Date : Saturday July 27, 2013 Time : 11:00 A.M.

> August 18, 2013 East District Rally Location : Chavies FCOG (Perry County) Speaker : Pastor David Neace (Campton FCOG)

> September 22, 2013 East District Rally Location : Vaughs Mill FCOG (Powell County) Speaker : Pastor Bobby Hollon (Jackson FCOG)

October 20, 2013 East District Rally Location : Bluebank FCOG (Rowan County) Speaker : Pastor Roger Wells (Frenchburg FCOG)

East District COG Ministers / Youth Leaders Christmas Banquet Location : Natural Bridge State Resort Park Lodge Date : Saturday December 7, 2013 Time : 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.



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or event to add to the website please email it to:

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East District Regional Breakdown

Region 1

Counties: Bath, Fleming, Menifee, Nicholas, Rowan

Congregations: Blue Bank, Clearfield Tabernacle, Cranston, East Fork, Flemingsburg, Frenchburg, Johnson (Fleming County), Johnson (Rowan County), Midland, Morehead, Mud Lick, Oakla, Ore Mines, Owingsville, Pleasant Valley, Polksville, Preston, Salt Lick, Siloam, Tunnell Hill, Youngs Valley

Region 2

Counties: Boyd, Greenup, Lawrence

Congregations: Grandview, Lowmansville, Meade Station, Martha, Shawnee, South Portsmouth, South Shore, Wildwood

Region 3

Counties: Floyd, Johnson, Pike

Congregations: Big Mud Lick, Elkhorn City, Feds Creek, Johns Creek, Lick Creek, Little Mud Lick, Little Paint, Millard, Paintsville, Prestonsburg

Region 4

Counties: Breathitt, Magoffin, Morgan, Wolfe

Congregations: Broadway, Campton, Caney, Ezel, Jackson, Salyersville, Torrent, Trent, Wells Chapel

Region 5

Counties: Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Laurel, Letcher, Owsley, Perry

Congregations: Booneville, Chavies, Clay County, Kirby Knob, Neon, Park Place, Sunny Acres

Region 6

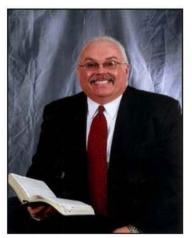
Counties: Estill, Lee, Powell

Congregations: Beattyville, Bowen, Clay City, Goff Corner, Irvine, Middle Fork, Millers Creek, Morris Creek, Pine Crest, Stanton, Vaughns Mill, West Bend, White Oak, Zoe

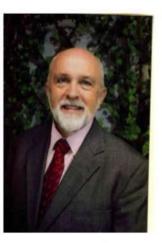
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