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Camargo Camp Meeting 2009



July 19—26, 2009

Camargo Church of God Camp Ground Tabernacle

Camargo Camp Ground Chairman: Pastor Frank Curtis

Speaker: Pastor Mark Jackson

Worship Leader: Rev. Rodney Williams

Camargo Camp Meeting celebrates record attendance!

An average of 394 per night, with a grand total of 3150 in attendance.

From the Desk of the Vice Chairman



Robert A. Jordan
East District Vice-Chairman

"CHANGE"

It is hard to believe that our summer is 2/3 gone!! I know where I live in Lawrence County our school children return to their classes on August 4. OUCH!!!! What ever happened to the good old days when schools opened the day after Labor Day and closed the week of Memorial Day, better known to us country people as Decoration Day!!!!

We would all agree times have changed a lot. For instance, when I was a kid we would drive to the country to visit relatives where we would sit on the porch (in the summer) until 11 pm or later listening to the whippoorwills, crickets, tales of all sorts designed to scare all the kids, and a lot of reminiscing about "days gone by". Today people no longer visit one another and even though people have furniture on their porches most porches never get used!!

The way churches do "church" has also changed. In my 29 years of pastoral ministry I have seen a lot of changes. Some of the changes have been good, and some of them, in my humble opinion, have not been good. It is not my intention to get into any of those issues in this letter although I do long for the Spirit so many of our congregations had in those earlier years.

What I do want to remind you of is this, God never changes. His love for you is just as great today as it was the day you were born. All of us go through times of difficulty in this life, but we can always count on God to be with us even in the most difficult situations this world can hurl at us. Our challenge is to learn to trust in God and lean on Him during those trying times.

Yes, my friend, we live in a world that is constantly changing, but we serve a God who will never change. I don't know about you, but I take a lot of comfort in that fact. God has proven His faithfulness to me many times and though His love for me has always been the same, my love for Him has grown over the years. If I could live in this world a thousand years, I could never praise Him enough.

We can only go back to the old days in our memories, but we can go back to the God of our parents and grandparents every single day and find Him to be just as faithful, loving, and kind as He has ever been.

I don't know about you, but I am glad that we not only serve a God who does not change but that we also serve a God who will never need to change!!!!

Rob Jordan

East District Rally Dates

Johnson First Church of God

August 9, 2009
Pre-Service 5:30 pm
Service 6:00pm

Speaker: Pastor Steven Baker

With

Special Recognition Service

Featured Ministers:

Jimmy Clark, Jay Harmon,
June Hunt, Luther Keaton, Cordell Link,
Bernie Lovely, Guy McKenzie, Max Molihan,
Larry Mullins, Leroy Oesch, Ben Tackett

South Shore First Church of God

September 20, 2009
Pre-Service 5:30 pm
Service 6:00pm

Speaker: Pastor Steven Donithan

Jackson First Church of God

October 18, 2009
Pre-Service 5:30 pm
Service 6:00pm

Speaker: Rev. Dennis Creech



“Thank You Once Again, Camargo!”

Rick Hayes

From them will proceed thanksgiving; And the voice of those who celebrate; And I will multiply them and they will not be diminished; I will also honor them and they will not be insignificant.

—Jeremiah 30:19

Rodney Williams recounted how fifty years ago he sat in a pew on the right side of the Camargo Camp Ground Tabernacle. He reached for his wife Eva's hand. Together they walked to the altar. Kneeling down at the front of the wood frame building, he and Eva gave their life, marriage, and trust to Jesus Christ. Williams was not the first, nor was he the last to be saved on those grounds. He is a member of the long line of those the Holy Spirit moved from their seat to their knees. It's a place where countless tears have been shed, healings have taken place, memories have been made, lives have been changed. It's a place that is cause for reason to rejoice.

Since the 1930s when W.F. Chapel invited Jay Harmon to take the podium of the tabernacle on the Camargo campgrounds, this annual event has become a staple for the Church of God. Now decades later the faithful have gathered for another week long embrace of God's Word being proclaimed boldly and with courage. Now simply and enduringly known as just Camargo. Yearly, God's people have gathered on the grounds while the appointed have challenged those in the pews with a charge to keep. *“I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom” (2 Timothy 4:1)*

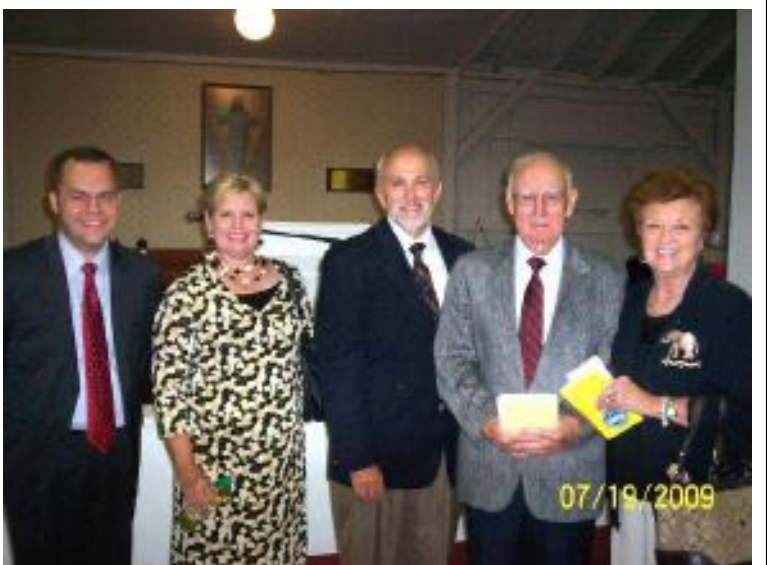
Camargo Camp Meeting 2009 provided one for the books. Speaker Mark Jackson, pastor of Larchmont Church of God in Louisville, KY, stood ready, willing, and able for the proclamation of truth. Along side the always unique Rodney Williams, who lead worship and prepared the way for the preached word. As well, services for teenagers lead by Mike Sexton, and kid's camp under the leadership of Elaine Rice, made the evenings well rounded for the whole family. However, camp meeting was more than a couple hours each night, this event took full advantage of the daylight hours too. From morning conferences lead by Mark Jackson, Jeff Justice, and Damon Curtis; to area ministers preaching each afternoon. The day was jam packed for Kingdom edification. Camargo Camp Ground Chairman and Pastor, Frank Curtis proclaimed, “The week was a great time of spiritual growth with people and pastors encouraged. There were many victories throughout the week.”

This giant of a meeting not only provided preaching, song, lesson, fellowship, salvation, and healing; but took a step to promote evangelism. A love offering was taken up along with word of mouth throughout the week. When a final tally came in, \$8235.00 was presented to Clay County First Church of God visionary planter Walter Strong to help support the work in Manchester.

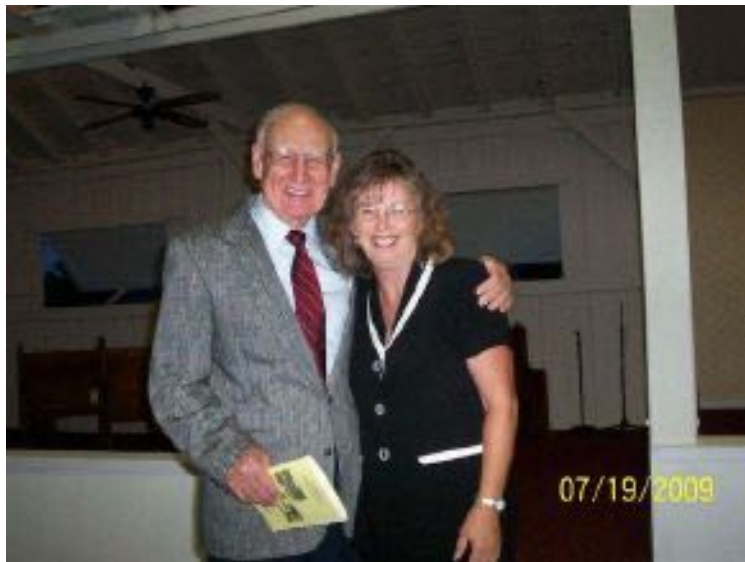
Camargo once again proved worth the venture with rousing Biblically sound messages, elevated worship hymns, moving special songs, and stirring altar calls. Each piece reminding us that the story, purpose, and reason behind Camargo Camp Meeting is to expand the Kingdom of God. It's the message proclaimed by Jay Harmon, and the many messages by various speakers over the years. It's why Frank Curtis stands in the gap and invests time and energy to continue the heritage that is Camargo. It's for this Kingdom that Mark Jackson, great-great-great-grandson of W.F. Chapel, opened the Word of God with passion and power. It's by the calling of God's Kingdom through this meeting that brought Rodney and Eva Williams to the their knees for salvation. It's the same reason so many have gathered in the white frame tabernacle at Camargo. *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:23-25)*

This year Junior Moore found that story, purpose, and reason. Making his way into the building that night he took his place in the pew and sat back to hear his grandson preach. Speaker Mark Jackson took the pulpit with determination. Moore's grandson was about to be the mouth piece of God that would bring about the need to make the move for salvation. As rejoicing filled the room, Pastor Mark brought his grandfather to the throne of God. Camargo Camp Meeting rejoiced again. It's for this we are blessed; it's for this we praise God. It's for this we simply say, thank you once again, Camargo!

Highlights From Camargo Camp Meeting 2009









“A Pearl Of Great Price”

Richard M. Bradley

Jesus speaking of the Kingdom of God likened it to a man seeking goodly pearls and finding one of great value.

Matt 13:45-46

.....when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. KJV

We have a goodly pearl and one of great price right in our midst today, but seemingly many folks are oblivious of its presence or value. I speak of that goodly pearl known as **“Camp Meeting”**.

Many view “camp meeting” as a phenomenon of American frontier Christianity. Thousands of persons were attracted to these meetings on the frontiers where there were few churches and even fewer preachers. The “camp meeting” filled a real need in what was in the 1800's a religious vacuum. Due to limited modes of transportation and the distances involved it was not feasible to travel back and forth from homes to the meeting. Because of these barriers it necessitated people leaving home for the entire duration of the meeting and camping out at or near the site.

There, freed from their daily routines for the duration of the meeting, the participants engaged in what was almost continuous services. Once one speaker was finished another would rise to take his place. **“Camp Meetings”** were especially an integral part of the early Holiness Movement. It was out of this movement, heralding godliness of living, that the Reformation Movement of the Church of God had its beginning. The **“camp meeting”** concept was a carry-over when Daniel Sidney Warner took **his walk** away from sectism and denominationalism and took **his stand** for Unity, Holiness, and the unique entity of the Church, the Bride of Christ.

In the ensuing years of the Reformation Movement of the church of God **“Camp Meeting”** locally and nationally was the glue that held the Movement on course and bound it together. The **“camp meeting”** platform provided a wonderful venue for clear doctrinal declaration, wonderful music and hymn singing with strong oral, improvisatory, and spontaneous elements. Both tunes and words were created, changed, and adapted in true folk music fashion. Strong doctrinal themes and content became a hallmark of **“camp meeting”** singing.

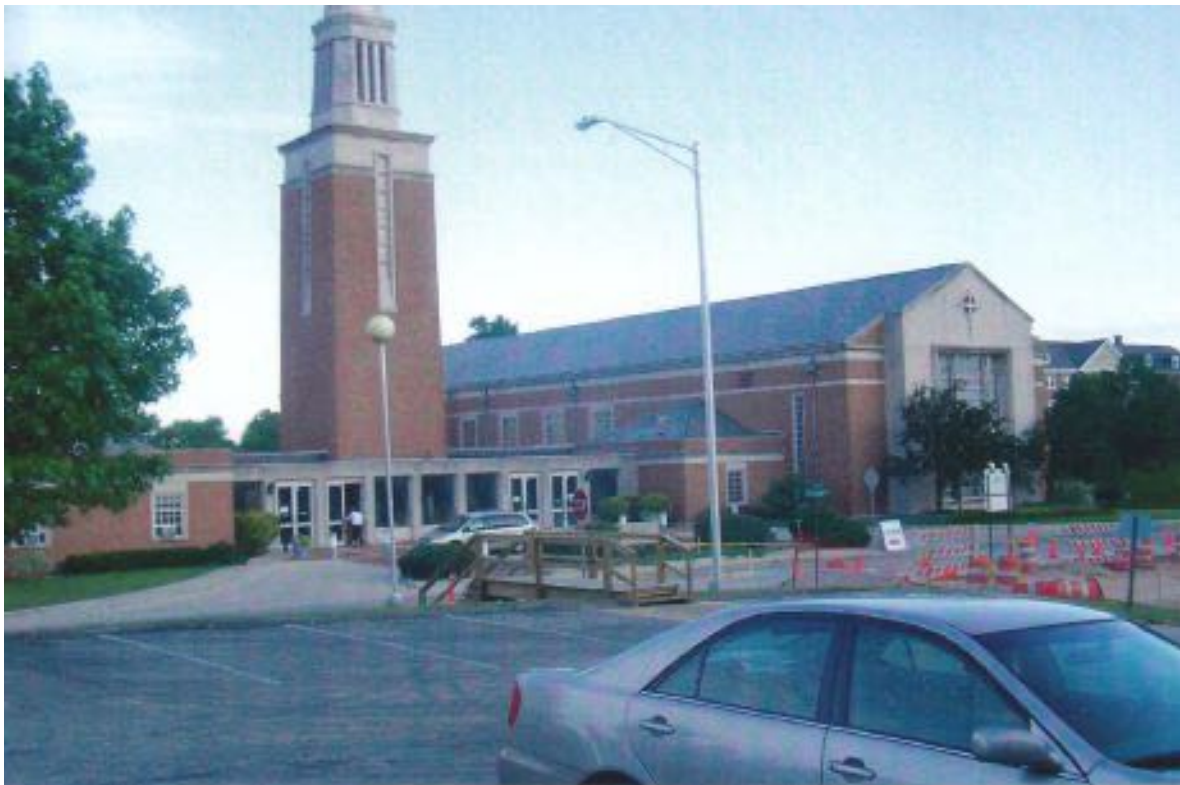
As I said at the outset of this article, most people believe that **“camp meeting”** was an early American thing, a pioneer thing. However that belief is not entirely true, for **“camp meeting”** has always been a **“God Thing”** ! God, Himself, is the originator of “camp meeting”. You can read the “camp meeting command” in Deuteronomy 16:11 – 15. There God gives instruction for the Feast of Booths and sets it in perpetuity. To date God has not rescinded that command! It needs to continue to be an integral part of the church calendar and activity. It teaches us a multitude of valuable lessons in regard to our relationships and responsibilities to one another in the body of Christ.

Pray for **“camp meeting”**, support **“camp meeting”**, and most importantly attend and participate in **“camp meeting.”** I place heavy emphasis on **“CAMP”** meeting.

Church of God North America Convention 2009

June 26—July 1, 2009
Anderson, IN

Highlights from services held at Madison Park & Park Place





Recent Events



Preston FCOG
Pastor Terry Frecichs baptizing Danny Fox



Midland FCOG
Unity Quartet
July 11, 2009



Wells Chapel FCOG Homecoming Service
July 12, 2009
Pastor Pat Hoskins, Caleb Hoskins
Speaker Jeff Justice



Pike County Church of God
Ministers' Meeting
July 18, 2009
Lick Creek FCOG
Rev. Richard Good, Pastor Nando Mullins Jr.,
Pastor Kathy Cantrell, Pastor Bud Wilson

"Parade of Praise"

Hosted by Grandview Church of God
July 18, 2009

Judd Plaza & Winchester Avenue
in Ashland, KY

146 participants representing
16 different congregations

Closing out the parade
140 Celebration balloons
were released



Calendar of Events

Polkville COG

Yard Sale
August 1, 2009
8:00am-2:00pm

Harg FCOG Special Singing Service

August 7, 2009
7:00pm
Drawing Nigh

Polkville COG

Garbage Can
Cookout Outreach
Aug 8, 2009
4:00pm—8:00pm

Broadway FCOG Homecoming Service

August 9, 2009
10:30am
Special Singing The Pucketts
Fellowship Dinner to Follow

Awaken Conference

Mountain Homeplace Amphitheater, Paintsville Lake
Friday 6—10pm Saturday 12:00—10:00pm
Speaker: Mark Cahill & Illusionist Jared Hall
By The Tree, Abandon, too Many Drummer, 7:13
\$15.00 for both days

Millers Creek FCOG Gospel Sing Service

August 15, 2007
7:00pm
Group: Best Intentions

Salt Lick FCOG Homecoming Service

August 16, 2009
11:00am
Speaker: Lowell Rice

Epperson FCOG Backyard Bash

August 22, 2009
Inflatables, Food, Fellowship
Speaker: Tom Ford

East Fork COG Homecoming Revival

August 24—28, 2009
7:00pm
Speaker: Stanley Hutchinson

Pike County COG Unity Service

August 30, 2009
6:00pm
Elkhorn City FCOG

Morris Creek Camp Meeting

September 7-11, 2009
Pre-Service 6:30 Service – 7:00pm
Speaker: Jesse Rogers

Kentucky General Assembly

September 10-11, 2009
Morehead FCOG

Morris Creek FCOG Tabernacle

September 12, 2009
7:00pm
Son's Family Homecoming
Drawing Nigh

Midland FCOG Homecoming

September 13, 2009
11:00am
Speaker: Rodney Williams
Special Singing: McKinney's

Tunnell Hill FCOG Homecoming Service

September 13, 2009 11:00am
Special Singing: Sunday Drive

Meade Station COG Homecoming Revival

Sept. 13-16, 2009
7:00pm
Speaker :Charles Irvin

Calendar of Events

Christian Education Conference

"Blueprints: Building Ministry From the Ground Up"
Morehead FCOG
September 18, 2009
9:00am—3:45pm

Prestonsburg FCOG Revival

September 18-20, 2009
7:00pm
Speaker: Dr. Arlo Newell

Praise in the Pines

Ezel, KY RT. 460 Behind Blackwater Fire Dept.
September 19, 2009 11:00am—7:45pm
Worship: Sacred and Words in Red
Drama: Crossfire
Speaker: David Smith

Clay City FCOG Homecoming Service

September 20, 2009
11:00am

West Bend FCOG Homecoming Service

September 20, 2009
11:00am
Special Singing
Fellowship Dinner to Follow

Little Mud Lick FCOG Revival

September 20—25, 2009
7:00pm
Speaker: Travis Risner

Trent FCOG Homecoming Revival

Sept 30-Oct 2, 2009
7:00pm
Speaker: Marvin Thomas

Torrent FCOG Homecoming Service

October 4, 2009
11:00am
Special Singing

Elkhorn City FCOG Revival

October 4—7, 2009
7:00pm
Speaker: Rick Hayes

Chavies FCOG Revival

October 5—10, 2009
7:00pm
Speaker: Dennis Creech

Frenchburg FCOG Revival

October 5—10, 2009
6:30 Pre-Service
7:00pm Service
Speaker: Lowell Rice

Zoe FCOG 75th Anniversary Homecoming Service

October 11, 2009
10:30am

Zoe FCOG Revival

October 12—14, 2009
7:00pm
Speaker: State Pastor Randy Montgomery

Pine Crest FCOG Revival

October 16—18, 2009
7:00pm
Speaker: Bill Keller

Pleasant Valley FCOG Homecoming Service

October 18, 2009
11:00am
Special Singing: Harold Briggs
Speaker: Perry Purcell

East District Ministers' Retreat 2009

"Study to show thyself approved"
October 23-24, 2009
Four Seasons Christian Center at Camp Lyons
Speaker: Dr. Leroy Oesch

East District RallySpecial Recognition Service

Featured Retired Ministers:

Jimmy Clark, Jay Harmon, June Hunt,
Luther Keaton, Cordell Link, Bernie Lovely, Guy McKenzie
Max Molihan, Larry Mullins, Leroy Oesch, Ben Tackett

East District

Of the Kentucky
Church of God

Rally

Sunday, August 9, 2009

6:00pm

Pre~Service 5:30pm

Johnson First Church of God
In Rowan County

Speaker: Pastor Steven Baker
Of Florence First Church of God

Don't miss this exciting time as we come together
in unity to hear God's Word proclaimed boldly!

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Attention

ATTENTION ALL PASTORS, MINISTERS AND DELEGATES TO THE KENTUCKY CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Kentucky General Assembly of the Church of God will be held at the First Church of God in Morehead, Kentucky, on September 10 & 11 with the bulk of the business being done on Friday the 11th. It is very important that every pastor, minister, and eligible voter in the assembly be present. As most of you know, the Church of God in Kentucky has faced some major struggles the past few years and this year in particular. Without the help of our "Two Dollar Offering" in February and the overwhelming response we experienced in the regards for help needed for Four Seasons Christian Center at Camp Lyons in April and May, we would be in very serious trouble financially.

But the overall need for the Church in our beloved State goes far deeper than financial concerns. The Church of God across our nation is in dire danger of collapse. There is a spirit of apathy that has nearly consumed our movement. Somebody somewhere needs to stand up and be counted. Some state needs to set the example and be willing to say we are not ashamed of our name nor our doctrine and call the Church as a whole back to Her original purpose and that is to be a Reformation Movement within the greater Body of Christ. We must recapture our vision and begin to articulate that vision through our efforts in ministry.

The leaders of the East District have heard many of you say that you no longer attend the G.A. because your voice is not heard or your vote does not matter. That has never been true, and it certainly is not true now! You do have a voice, and we need to hear your voice. Every congregation, pastor, and minister across this great state is important and valuable. Every one of you has been chosen by God to be His servant and His light. We need you to come to this G.A. and share your concerns, to join with pastors from across the Commonwealth in prayer and seek God's common purpose for the Church of God in Kentucky. If every eligible delegate will attend and come praying, we can be a part of a meeting that may change the whole course of history in regards to this great movement.

Can we count on you Brother and Sister? Will you come and share your love for the Church of God? Will you have the conviction to share your concerns for the Church so that we all might come to a genuine consensus of what direction we believe God would have us go as a State Body? The Church of God needs you now as never before. Together, with God's help, we will make a difference.

May God richly bless you each and every one.



East District Ministers' Retreat 2009

Dear Pastors & Ministers,

The leadership team of the East District of the Church of God in Kentucky is pleased to announce plans are being made for our Second Annual Pastor's/Minister's Retreat scheduled for October 23 & 24, 2009. The retreat will once again be held at the Four Seasons Christian Center. Our retreat leader will be Dr. Leroy Oesch. The theme of the retreat will be based on II Timothy 2:15, "Study To Show Thyself Approved Unto God." Dr. Oesch will be challenging each of us to allow God's Word to speak to our hearts in our daily walk with Him and to make certain we understand the importance of "rightly dividing the Word of God" as we minister to others.

Sign in will begin at 4:30 pm, Friday, October 23 with supper to follow at 6 pm. The balance of the evening will be filled with a conference from Dr. Oesch and a time of sharing, fellowship and prayer. Saturday will begin with breakfast at 8 am followed by a time of sharing and praise. Brother Oesch will once again share with us before lunch which will begin at noon. Following lunch we will close our retreat with a footwashing and communion service. Everyone should be on their way home by 2 pm.

Last year we had 20 ministers participate. We hope to double that number this year. The cost will once again be \$50 which includes your lodging and three meals. Registration forms will be mailed out the first of September. The retreat is open to all pastors and ministers. Pastors and ministers from other parts of the state are also welcome to attend.

Please make plans to join us this year. All who attended last year had a great time.

Sincerely,
Rob Jordan, East District Vice-Chairman



Mark Your Calendar

East District Youth Rally ● *October 3, 2009* ● *6:00pm*

alone

matthew 4:3-4

Associate State Pastor Howard Megill ● *Four Seasons Christian Center*

Blueprints: Building Ministry From the Ground Up



Kentucky Church of God Board of Christian Education
Morehead First Church of God
September 12, 2009

This conference will focus on key elements of building an effective ministry for today.
7 sessions focus around in depth topics that will challenge church leaders and lay persons alike.

Sessions Include:

- "Opening the Front Door (a Little Wider)" Bob Hunt
- "Closing the Back Door" Bob Hunt
- "Outside the Fence" Jordon and Kati Davis
- "Security Systems" Steve Harris
- "Relationship Building" Nancy Hall
- "Constructing a House of Worship" Kevin Willis
- "Securing the Funds" Howard Megill

Pre Registration Cost: \$20.00 per person

6th Person Free (on same check from same church with pre-register only (No discount door price)
\$25.00 at the door

For More information Contact Rick Hayes, Board of CE Chairman
richard_james_hayes@yahoo.com OR 606.886.7068

VBS 2009 Photos Needed

We need any and all pictures from your Vacation Bible School. The September edition of Month by Month e-news will feature East District VBS programs for the 2009 season.

So it's time to show off this annual ministry to our young people by submitting your photos to
Chairman Jeff Justice, east.district@hotmail.com
OR Communications Director Jake Eldridge, jake_eldridge@hotmail.com.

Submissions need to be made by Aug 24, 2009, in or order to be included.

Open Pastorates

The following congregations are without pastors. Please add them to your prayer chains and personal times of meditation. May God send the one He has designed for them, and may it be soon.

Big Mudlick First Church of God
Caney First Church of God
Cranston First Church of God
Flemingsburg First Church of God

Irvine First Church of God
Park Place First Church of God
Wells Chapel First Church of God
Youngs Valley Community First Church of God

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;
—Ephesians 4:11-12*

General Assembly of the Kentucky Church of God

Kentucky Ministries General Assembly (GA) will convene September 10-11, 2009
at Morehead First Church of God.

Dr. H. B. London, of Focus on the Family, will be our speaker. Plan now to attend to God's business in Kentucky. Meet with COG pastors from across the Commonwealth and be refreshed, renewed, and revived. Every congregation in East Kentucky is urged to insure your pastoral staff being able to attend. The GA will be incomplete without your presence. We urge every East District pastor to attend. The fellowship is warm. The friendships are enduring and enriching. The sessions are motivational, educational, and spiritually inspiring--good for the pastors and good for the congregations.

If there is sufficient interest, we will arrange to charter bus transportation at a minimum cost and experience the enriched fellowship of making the journey together.

<http://churchofgod.shutterfly.com>

Type in the link above to access the Shutterfly website for the East District. This website will help connect the congregations within the East District. It will be updated with pictures from different events and the East District Rallies. The website will also be updated with upcoming events and other important info.

Once you have visited the site, you can become a member by using the "signup" link at the top. This will allow you to post comments on pictures or overall comments for everyone to see as they visit the site. You will be able to upload your pictures on the site for others to see as well.

This website also gives you the option to have any picture printed and sent to your house.
Just follow the step by step instructions on the site.

If you have any questions, please email Website Coordinator Jason Johnson, jason@bellor.net

South Central District Camp Meeting

Liberty, KY
July 5-12, 2009
Speaker: Bobby Hollon



South Central District Camp Meeting



East District Congregations by Region

Region 1

Counties: Fleming, Menifee, Bath, Rowan, Nicholas

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

Region 2

Counties: Greenup, Boyd, Lawrence

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

Region 3

Counties: Pike, Floyd, Johnson

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

Region 4

Counties: Breathitt, Wolfe, Magoffin, Morgan

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

Region 5

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

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

Region 6

Counties: Estill, Powell, Lee

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

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