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Mission Statement: May the unity of the Spirit mold us by the Word of God unto the perfect body

MAY EAST DISTRICT RALLY



Pictured L-R: Rev. Johnny Hatfield , Pastor Ralph White , Rev. Bernie Lovely , Pastor Billy Harmon , Pastor Greg Tucker , Pastor Lowell Rice , Pastor Jeff Fannin , Pastor Bush Stevenson , Pastor Jesse Dennis , Pastor Rodney Williams , Pastor Vernon Lambert , Chairman Jeff Justice , Rev. Richard Bradley , Pastor Vernon Gross , Pastor Randy Hawkins , Rev. Mike Sexton , Pastor Mark Caldwell , Pastor Steve Williams

MAY EAST DISTRICT RALLY

Pastors / Church Family,

The East District Rally was held on May 22, 2011 at Mud Lick First Church of God in Bath County. There were 20 different Church of God congregations represented and over 200 in attendance. Preservice singing was provided by Pauline Kessler, Elaine Rice and Betty Leach from Owingsville First Church of God. Host Pastor Mark Caldwell welcomed those in attendance and voiced the opening prayer. The worship was led by Mike & Cristi Sexton from Mt. Sterling First Church of God. Pastor Vernon Lambert from Salt Lick First Church of God chaired the service. Special singing was provided by Robin Tolle from Owingsville First Church of God . The guest speaker for this Rally was Rev. Richard Bradley . Bro. Bradley delivered a powerful message entitled "Lowering the Bar". The offertory prayer was given by Pastor Bush Stevenson from Midland First Church of God .

Bro. Jeff Justice delivered the Blessing of the Pastors prayer to end the service. A wonderful meal and time of fellowship was provided by the Mud Lick First Church of God after the Rally Service. We would like to "THANK" Pastor Mark Caldwell and the Mud Lick First Church of God for hosting this service. The next East District Rally will be on August 21, 2011 at Shawnee Church of God in Flatwoods, Ky. The pre-service music will begin at 5:30 P.M. and the service at 6:00 P.M. The guest speaker for this Rally will be Rev. Gary Ausbun. I would like to thank the Pastors and congregations for your support of the ministry of the East District.

Jeff Justice

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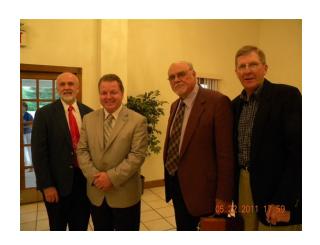
















From the Desk of the Vice Chairman

OUR PASTORS

In my article this month, I want to focus on a very special group of pastors who are near to my heart and that is our bi-vocational pastors, those who have answered the call of God to ministry and who have the responsibility to make their living outside the church.

Lowell Rice

Generally speaking, pastors in the East District fall into three categories: Staff Pastors, Solo Pastors and Bi-vocational Pastors. Staff Pastors are those who pastor churches with a financial strength that allows them to have a secretary, associate pastors and other paid individuals to help with the total ministry program of the church. Solo Pastors, like myself, are those who are considered full time pastors but yet pastor a congregation that has all volunteer support in the work of ministry. Bi-vocational Pastors hold jobs to support their family and in addition to their work, they do, to some degree, all the things that a full time pastor does.

The stress level on bi-vocational pastors is very great. Often they work five days a week, spend Saturdays and weeknights doing the work of ministry and devote themselves to the services of the church on Sundays. This leaves very little time for important things like family and the pursuit of personal interests. For many it is an "all work and no play" situation. Yet, their call from God is just as real, just as meaningful and just as important as the call of a full time pastor and they deserve all the love and respect and appreciation that any other pastor receives. They do not pastor because they receive support as a pastor; they pastor because they are called to pastor.

Most congregations in the East District and in the Church of God Reformation Movement as a whole have bi-vocational pastors and the average size of a Church of God congregation is around sixty people. However, on a per person basis these churches do as much ministry in the community as the larger ones. Many of the smaller churches are the center of activities within their community and these churches with their bi-vocational pastors are making a difference. We salute our small congregations and bi-vocational pastors and we are so blessed to share the total ministry of the Church of God with them.

I challenge all of us to value and respect all of our pastors and congregations regardless of size and fellowship together as the called out people of God. Let's go forward together.

East District WELCOMES

new pastor **Jerry Williams**to Siloam First Church of God!

"Through My Life Thy Will Express" by Pastor Gary Ausbun

In the 22nd Chapter of Luke, Jesus is going through one of the greatest battles of His life. He is in the Garden of Gethsemane. He knows what lies ahead of Him. He is facing the trial, the mockery, the beating and the torture of the crucifixion. All His life, He had sought to do the Father's will. "I came not to do my own will, but the will of my Father." Even at 12 years of age, he said, "I must be about my Father's business." And here in the Garden, he prays, "Not my will but thine be done."

C.W. Naylor wrote a great reformation hymn, "Spirit Holy." Brother Naylor was helping to set up a tent for a camp meeting, when the large center pole fell right on his back. He would eventually become bedfast, but he didn't let the accident stop his ministry. He could still write. He had a typewriter suspended from the ceiling over his bed, so he could write his songs and his books. As you know, he composed some of our finest songs of the Church of God Reformation Movement.

The song, "Spirit Holy" is one of the most moving songs he has written. It is a prayer song.

The chorus goes,

"Spirit Holy, Spirit Holy, All my being now possess Lead me, rule me, work within me Through my life, Thy will express."

The first verse says:

"Spirit Holy in me dwelling, ever work as Thou shalt choose All my ransomed powers and talents, For Thy purpose Thou shalt use."

You get the picture here of a man, who is completely bedfast, yet wanting God to control every aspect of his life.

"Lead me, rule me.... Work within me." Through my life, Thy will express."

That too, is my prayer... That too, is my heart's desire. "If I have anything left that you can use, /Dear God, use it".

THE RIGHT SIDE JOHN 21: 6 JUST THINKING

Are you my brother and sister? Do I feel accepted when in your presence? Do you feel accepted in mine?

<u>I</u>have sensed a growing division in the church today, especially among its ministers. We have long had conservative and liberals along with a few independents. My question is, who or what is making the division? Are we divided over **truth** or the **neglect of truth?** If nothing shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, shouldn't that be the same stance we as ministers of the Church of God take? What are we willing to endure for the doctrine of unity? **Are you worth my longsuffering**? Is it optional for me to forgive 70 x 7? **Are we stronger together than divided**? Can we not find common ground (Bible), and work with the goal of expanding the kingdom through the salvation of souls and the making of disciples?

I am not opposed to change, I've had to do a lot of that in my ministry. I am opposed to watering down the truth or changing the word of God to fit people in our present day culture. The apostle Paul said he became all things to all men that he might win them, (my phrasing) but he never changed or comprised the word of God. When we disagree with a brother, it is not unchristian to disassociate with them and inform others of their errors. We draw lines in the sand, divide the body of Christ, because someone disagrees with us. Come let us reason together says the Lord.... Some of you do not like confrontation and thereby write off a brother. If we preach this new commandment that Jesus left us, love one another as He has loved us, how can we throw away any relationship when the persons we disagree with are not involved in sinful activity? My question is this, do we love in word only? Do you love me enough to endure for a season? Do I love you enough to try and understand why you take the stand you take? My wife and I do not always agree, but we have love for one another that enables us to find resolution. I for one am tired of being on the other side when it comes to my brothers and sisters in the Lord. I, like you, want to be on the Lord's side and all that is within me should want you there too. That doesn't mean we have to like the very same things to be in unity. It does mean if we love the Father we will resolve our puny differences. If the prodigal son and his brother had loved their father, they would have found resolution. We say we love, but do we mean it with our living?

I need you, I pray you need me.

Pastor Bush Stevenson

Midland First Church of God

CAMP LYONS MONTH JUNE

Dear Fellow Pastors and Sister Congregations,

I love a challenge and the Churches of God all across Kentucky have been given one by the Executive Council of the Church of God in Kentucky.

Recently, through the sale of some church property in west central Kentucky, our state ministries received some funds that will pay for our new church offices in Winchester. From the remainder, our state executive council has committed \$50,000 to be applied on a matching grant basis to the mortgage debt on Camp Lyons. And, I am pleased to tell you that if we as the Camp Lyons Board can raise across the Churches of God in Kentucky the sum of \$50,000 to match this challenge grant, CAMP LYONS WILL BE DEBT FREE!

To achieve this goal, we as the Camp Lyons Board are making the month of June CAMP LYONS MONTH in Kentucky and asking that you do one or all of three things:

- 1. Receive a "love offering" for Camp Lyons.
- 2. Have a special project (supper, yard sale, fish fry, etc.) for Camp Lyons.
- 3. Make a donation to Camp Lyons from your available funds in your treasury.

The camping program is getting into full swing for the summer and we're expecting the Lord to do great things in the lives of our Church of God youth. Some will get saved, some will accept the call to ministry and the spiritual lives of all campers will be enriched. My daughter has attended Camp Lyons since she was a child and it has positively impacted her life in so many ways.

We have in Kentucky two properties that are owned by our churches collectively: the state office in Winchester and our beautiful 250 acre Camp Lyons in Bath County, Ky. Just think how much more effective we can be in our Church of God ministries in Kentucky once we are debt free and the \$1000 per month payment is over.

Let me urge you to join with me and the other participating Churches of God across Kentucky and have Camp Lyons debt free by our state minister's meeting in September.

Together we can. Again, TOGETHER WE CAN!!!

Blessings,

Camp Lyons Campgrounds Board Lowell C. Rice, Chairman Robert White, Secretary Luther Keeton, Jerry Adams, Ben Mills, Steve Williams

WBFC's 13th Annual Praise Gathering June 9th 10th and 11th

Morris Creek First Church of God Tabernacle 1669 Morris Creek Road, Stanton, KY

6:30 PM each night

Thursday

Bowen Bluegrass Group Lanny Rogers

Friday

Determined Puckett Sisters Juanita Jones

Saturday

Sons Of Liberty Gayle Sons

Love Offering Taken Concessions Sold Door Prizes and Gift Bags Nightly

Listen live at www.wbfcam.com
James Combs
WBFC 1470 AM

Bluebank First Church of God Upcoming Event

Thursday June 2nd, 7:00 PM we will be having an Ascension Celebration at the Morehead Conference Center in Morehead. Last year we had a fantastic response and this year promises to be even better. Please bring your congregation and expect to leave excited about Jesus.

Thanks,

Jeff Fannin

KENTUCKY CHURCH OF GOD MINISTRIES

SPECIAL CALLED GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

SUBJECTS: BY-LAWS and BUDGET

June 9, 2011

3:00-5:00 PM

Winchester First Church of God

CHURCH VAN NEEDED

Prestonsburg First Church of God has an immediate need for a church van or bus. Does anyone have a surplus one? Please contact Pastor Steve Williams at 606-226-2125 or rpublisher@aol.com Thank you.

Churches with Open Pastorates

Broadway First Church of God

Caney First Church of God

Irvine First Church of God

Wells Chapel First Church of God

Camargo Camp Meeting

4322 Camargo Road

Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

July 17 - 24, 2011

7:00 PM

Evangelist

Charlie Heater

Christiansburg, Virginia





Worship Leader

Jim Profitt

Middletown, Ohio

Pre-service Music 6:30 PM.

Everyone Welcome!

KENTUCKY WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD / CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTED

2011 UPCOMING EVENTS

Missions Days

Saturday, July 23, 12:30 pm

Camargo Mission Day

Camargo First Church of God, Camargo, KY

Speaker: Kathy Cantrell

Thursday, August 18, 1:30 pm

Western Kentucky Missions Day

Paducah Oaks Church of God, Paducah, KY

Speaker: Brenda Berry

Saturday, August 27, 3:00-4:30 pm

Eastern Kentucky Missions Day

Lowmansville, KY

Speaker: Cindy Fellers

Prayer Retreats

Four Seasons Christian Center

Olympia, KY

October 21-22

Speaker: Patsy Daugherty

November 4-5

Speaker: Tanya Copher

FIFTH SUNDAY HYMN SING

JULY 31, 2011 6:00 PM

BEATTYVILLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Beattyville, Kentucky

Bro. Garrett Thomas, Pastor





East District Rally

of the Kentucky Church of God

Sunday, August 21, 2011

Shawnee Church of God

in Greenup County

Speaker: Rev. Gary Ausbun

Pre-Service 5:30 PM

Service 6:00 PM

For More Information Contact: Chairman Jeff Justice 606.424.0695 or east.district@hotmail.com

Kentucky State Youth Convention 2011 November 18-20, 2011

Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, KY

This year's KSYC is themed "Inside Out" and we are in full swing for a great event.

CORNER Along the way we encourage you to follow as we release information over the next several weeks. Check out kychogy.org

In the meantime we are proud to welcome Jarrod Rudesill as this year's convention worship leader.



Jarrod Rudesill is a worship leader in Dallas, Texas, where he works with the student ministry and college ministry at Watermark Community Church. Jarrod grew up in Western Kentucky and accepted Christ in junior high. He started leading worship in 2005 at a church in Murray, Kentucky, when there was no one else available to fill the position. He never expected that God would continue to use him as a worship leader and has been amazed at the opportunities God has given him since. Jarrod met his wife Whitney at Murray State University and were married in 2009. Throughout the last six years, Jarrod has continued to grow in his love of Christ and his love of leading the church in

worship through music. Romans 12:1 says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship." This verse is a constant reminder to Jarrod that his role of leading worship through music is not the only way to worship. As believers, our identity is found in Christ and scripture calls us to offer our entire life as an offering, not just for an hour on Sunday. Jarrod's hope is that he will allow God to use him in a way that brings Him glory through all aspects of his life.

> Search Jarrod Rudesill on iTunes.com Follow @jarrodrudesill on twitter.com

MOST IMPORTANTLY: We invite you to join us over the next several months in praying for this year's KSYC. Pray for the speaker, the worship leader, the events, the attendees, and those planning the event. May God be glorified though KSYC 2011.

See you in November!!!!

Your Convention Planning Team,

Rick Hayes, Julie Dodson, Robbie Barnes, Darrin Early, Amanda Hayes, Brittany Crutcher, Megan Wilson, Christi Sexton, Emily Hisle, Andrea McCarty, Wesley Curtis, Allison Hall

BUSY FOR THE LORD!

Pike Co. Church of God Ministers Meeting April 16, 2011 Elkhorn City First Church of God



Pictured L- R: Rev. Richard Good, Rev. Danis Chapman, Pastor Scottie Adkins, Pastor Nando Mullins Jr., Pastor Billy Puckett, Rev. Terry Crawford

Pleasant Valley FCOG Revival May 4-6, 2011



Pictured L-R Pastor Greg Tucker and Evangelist Jerry Williams.

Benefit Concert for WBFC Radio Station May 5 , 2011 @ Camargo Church of God















Feds Creek First Church of God Revival May 19-21, 2011



Pictured L-R: Evangelist Steve Williams & Pastor Nando Mullins Jr.

Oakla First Church of God Revival May 18-21, 2011



Pictured L-R: Pastor Randy Hawkins & Evangelist Jeff Fannin.

Pike County Church of God congregations Church Plant at Millard First Church of God May 21, 2011







5th SUNDAY HYMN SING PINE CREST FIRST CHURCH OF GOD MAY 22, 2011

The Pine Crest First Church of God hosted the 5th Sunday Hymn Sing, (held 4th Sunday, because of Graduation & Memorial Day) Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. This event was started over 35 years ago by Lily Kincaid (who has gone on to be with the Lord). There were 9 different churches represented. Pine Crest FCOG, Abundant Light, Calvary Temple (of Owsley Co.), Zoe FCOG, Beattyville FCOG, Cumberland Mountain Outreach, Tallega Community, Beattyville Christian, and Church of the Nazarene. A great time of singing was had by all. Refreshments & fellowship was provided by the congregation of the Pine Crest FCOG. The next 5th Sunday Hymn Sing will be July 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Beattyville FCOG, where Bro. Garrett Thomas is the pastor. Hope to see you there.

East District Website

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East District Regional Breakdown

Region 1 Vernon Lambert Youth: Matt Richardson

Counties: Bath, Fleming, Menifee, Nicholas, Rowan

Congregations: Blue Bank, Clearfield Tabernacle, Cranston, East Fork, Flemingsburg, Frenchburg, Johnson (Fleming County), Johnson (Rowan County), Midland, Morehead, Mudlick, Oakla, Ore Mines, Owingsville, Pleas-

ant Valley, Polksville, Preston, Salt Lick, Siloam, Tunnell Hill, Youngs Valley

Region 2 James Stamper Youth: TBD

Counties: Boyd, Greenup, Lawrence

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

Wildwood

Region 3 Steve Williams **Youth:** Jan Johnson

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 David Stamper **Youth:** Sonja McCarty

Counties: Breathitt, Magoffin, Morgan, Wolfe

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

Region 5 Art Halcomb **Youth:** Betty Halcomb

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

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

Region 6 James Combs Youth:

Counties: Estill, Lee, Powell

Congregations: Beattyville, Bowen, Clay City, Irvine, Middle Fork, Millers Creek, Morris Creek, Pine Crest,

Stanton, Vaughns Mill, West Bend, White Oak, Zoe

Youth Ministry Coordinators: James and Lena Reynolds

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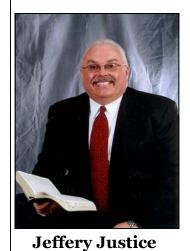
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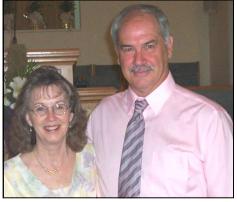
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