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Attracting all men that they may be saved honoring our Lord.

NEON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD UNITY RALLY NOVEMBER 6, 2011



Pastor Steve Williams , Rev. Joshua Tyree , Pastor Bobby Hollon , Pastor Billy Puckett , Pastor Kathy Cantrell , Pastor Scottie Adkins , Youth Pastor Jason Johnson , Rev. Richard Good , Pastor Nando Mullins Jr., Chairman Jeff Justice , Pastor Mark Wagner , Rev. Bernard Raper.

NEON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
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SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET REPORT

The East District Ministers observed their Second Annual Christmas Banquet on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Natural Bridge State Resort Park's Hemlock Lodge. Eighteen congregations were represented by their ministers and spouses. A great time was had by all. A special note of thanks is in order for Brother Justice's efforts in organizing this banquet and for Jason and Jan Johnson for making the slide show of our 2011 rallies available. Pastor James Combs shared our devotional thought with us for the evening upon the topic of the hope we have in Jesus Christ and sharing that hope with others is the greatest gift we can give to another individual.

A word of sincere appreciation is in order to each of you who pray for and support this ministry. The leadership team of the East District would like to wish each of you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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Rev. Jeffery Justice, Chairman

December 1, 2011

Dear Friends of the East District,

It seems impossible that another year has come in gone in the ministry of the East District but the calendar does not lie. This ministry to the Churches of God in Eastern Kentucky is now five years old. Many lives have been touched through the rally services, youth rallies, minister retreats and other out reach efforts we have been involved in together over these past five years. You are to be applauded for your support, love and prayers that has made this ministry possible.

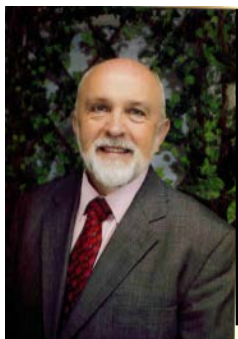
This past year has been a very busy year for me as Chairman of the District. In addition to the work the rallies place upon me I have tried to visit as many congregations as possible this year. My personal records show I have visited forty congregations and traveled a little over 10,000 miles this year in the ministry of the East District. I have learned over the years the most important thing I can do for the District is build relationships with pastors and congregational leaders in the hope of both helping them individually and helping connect them to their surrounding pastors. With God's help I have seen some of my efforts bear real fruit for the Kingdom.

Obviously I can do very little without your support and the ministry of the District can accomplish very little without your support. I would humbly ask you to remember this ministry in three ways. First, add the ministry of the East District, and my name personally, to your daily prayer list. Nothing of any eternal significance will ever be accomplished without prayer. Second, support our Unity Rallies with your promotion and presence. The whole purpose of the individual rallies is to bring the people of our congregations together in unity of praise, worship and fellowship. Third, consider supporting this ministry financially. If every congregation and individual that loves this ministry would consider supporting this ministry every month so much more could be done. As most of you know I receive zero dollars in salary for coordinating the ministry of the East District. Every dollar you send helps buy another tank of gas, another box of envelopes, another roll of stamps. It goes to pay our speakers and singers a nominal amount to help cover their travel expenses to minister to us in the rallies. Will you pray for us? Will you mark your calendar with the rally dates and try to support every rally possible? Will you consider adding this ministry to your congregation's outreach budget and to your personal giving to the Kingdom of God?

The Unity Rally dates, sites and speakers have already been chosen for 2012. With your prayerful support this next year will be the best yet in the ministry of the East District. Thank you for all you have done and will do in the future.

Your Fellow Servant In Christ,

Jeffery Justice, Chairman



From the Desk of the East District Church of God Vice Chairman

Dear East District Families,

Recently, at our community Thanksgiving service in Bath County, a fellow pastor shared a story that I wish to share with you. It caused me to think about some things and in it you will see a principle that applies to all of us.

It seems that there was a certain man who became shipwrecked on a fruitful but deserted island. After being there in isolation for ten years, he finally saw a boat on the horizon and managed to get the attention of the captain who came to rescue him. When the captain arrived, he asked the man if anyone else was with him and he responded by saying, "no".

The captain then said, "But I see three huts." Why is that?

The shipwrecked man said, "The first one is my home. The second one is my church."

"But what is the third one?" the captain asked.

"Oh, that's the church I used to attend!" said the shipwrecked man.

HERE IS THE PRINCIPLE! To be happy in your church congregation, you have to be happy with yourself!

Over the years of my ministry, I have seen people get unhappy with their church and many times move from church to church when the real source of their misery and unhappiness is within them. They may move to a new church, pretend to be happy and satisfied and then after a period of time, move on to another one. And, often times, the end result is backsliding! Thankfully, some realize their real need, resolve their issues and eventually come back home.

With this in mind, admirable goals for all of us should be personal happiness and a team player spirit within the Body of Christ. The personality of the church is the collective personality of her members and happy members make happy churches. Contentiousness, strife, hidden agendas, self-centeredness, self-righteousness, power grabbing and attitudes of misery are no witness for Christ and have no appeal to the lost. When people visit a church, they need to come to a friendly and happy place where love abounds. Let's be that kind of church movement. And, always remember, who we are individually becomes what the church is collectively.

In the East District Rally Services and fellowship events, I have appreciated the friendliness, hospitality, fellowship and unity that I have witnessed. I'm sure that those of you who attend would agree with me that there is a wonderful atmosphere of love. We bear one another's burdens but we also share each other's joy. We take our worship seriously but with happy faces. We do not confuse our burdens, grief and sorrows with unhappiness.

I am overjoyed to be a part of the Church and I want to participate in such a way that if everyone else was just like me, it would be a happy place to be. (However, I must admit that if everyone sang like I did, it would not be good! Lol.) Put a smile on your face and be a good part of the Church and a happy ambassador for Christ!

Blessings,
Lowell

CHAIRMAN'S RETIREMENT

Dear East District Pastors & Leaders,

All of us would agree that the East District of the Church of God has been a wonderful tool of ministry to promote fellowship and unity among the churches. The rallies, the special activities and the moral and spiritual support the district has given to the local churches has both encouraged and inspired us. The identity and visibility of the Church of God has been greatly advanced by East District ministries.

As the Chairman of the East District, Brother Jeff Justice has worked tirelessly and without salary to coordinate all the efforts of the East District. His heart is so much in this ministry and beyond mileage and expenses reimbursement, Brother Justice's work is all volunteer.

With this in mind, about two years ago, several of us pastors in the East District felt that it would be very appropriate to establish a retirement fund for Brother Jeff which would be based on once a year volunteer contributions from the East District churches as an expression of our appreciation for him. We wanted to honor all of his hard work with this simple gesture. Billy Joe Hall, a long time Church of God layman who went to be with the Lord last year and was a financial advisor with LPL Financial, set up a retirement account for Brother Jeff in behalf of the East District and this account remains operational today.

As a show of our love and appreciation for Brother Jeff, we are asking you to make a contribution to this retirement account in whatever amount your congregation can afford. Be it great or small, it will be greatly appreciated and will help to provide Brother Jeff with some retirement benefits in years to come.

To contribute to Brother Jeff's retirement fund, earmark it for "Retirement Fund" and mail your contribution to: East District of the Church of God, P.O. Box 2263, Pikeville, Ky. 41502.

I am anticipating another great year in the East District in 2012, and I pray that together we can move forward to greater accomplishments than ever before.

In God's Love,

Lowell C. Rice, Vice-Chairman
East District of the Church of God

EAST DISTRICT 2012 SCHEDULE

March 3, 2012 East District Ministers Meeting 10:00 A.M.

Location: Torrent First Church of God

Speaker: Dave Devoll

2012 East District Rally Schedule

PRE-SERVICE—5:30 P.M. WORSHIP—6:00 P.M.

March 11 , 2012

Location : Meade Station Church of God

Speaker : Ben Browne

April 15 , 2012

Location : Prestonsburg First Church of God

Speaker : Wayne Burch

May 20 , 2012

Location : Owingsville First Church of God

Speaker : Danny Goins

August 19 , 2012

Location : Stanton First Church of God

Speaker : Robert Jordan

September 16 , 2012

Location : Broadway First Church of God

Speaker : Garrett Thomas

October 21 , 2012

Location : Johnson First Church of God

Speaker : Mark Wagner

Please be praying for each of these rallies and pray for the overall ministry of the District as we strive to serve God and His Church.

In His Service,

Jeff Justice, Chairman

2012 EVENTS

Bath County Indoor Camp Meeting

Sponsored by the Churches of God in Bath County

Date : February 19-24 , 2012

Location : Owingsville FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Speaker : Rev. Richard Bradley

Time : Pre-Service : 5:30 PM; Worship : 6:00 :PM

Four Seasons Christian Center @ Camp Lyons Fish Fry & Auction Fund Raiser

Date : February 25 , 2012

Location : Owingsville FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Time : 5:00- 8:00 PM

2012 Ministers Meeting
of the East District

Kentucky
Church of God
at

Torrent FCOG

Wolfe Co.

Saturday March 3,
2012

Speaker is

Pastor Dave Devoll
South Shore FCOG

at 9:30 AM

For more information contact
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Consecration

By Josh Tyree
Neon First Church of God

(Adapted from a sermon given during a Floyd/Letcher/Pike County Unity Service at the Neon First Church of God – November 6, 2011)

Many years ago there was a relief worker from the Red Cross who was helping to aid the natives in a war-torn African country. One day after returning from the field, the lady was told she had received a package and a note. The note affixed to the package read “We have recently been converted and won’t be needing these anymore. We hope you find them useful.” Inside the package were several Ku Klux Klan uniforms. These uniforms were torn into strips and later used to bandage the wounds of hundreds of African victims – the very object of the Klansmen’s hatred in their old life!

Our God is in the business of making radical transformations like these in lives then and today! When we are fully surrendered to His calling and His purpose, then He can use us for His glory. When we reach the point of consecration described the hymnist by Francis Havergal, we can truly experience the joy of *full* salvation. Consider Havergal’s words:

*Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*

What a glory there is to be found in the consecrated life!

In order to fully understand the consecrated life, we must understand the word itself. To be consecrated means to be set apart for the service of God. In the Hebrew, there were four main words used to describe this: *Haram* (to devote), *Nazar* (to be separate), *Qadhesh* (to set apart) and *Mille yadh* (To fill the hand, as in the ordination of priests). These various forms of the word consecrate were used to describe various aspects of Jewish life. They consecrated places (The Holy of Holies), people (Priests and Prophets), Things (The Altars and The Ark) and Times (Feasts such as the Passover).

However, consecration is not just an Old Testament term used to describe the Levitical Laws which we have been freed from. Consecration is also a New Testament expectation of Christ’s followers! A consecrated life is one that seeks to bring honor to the name of Christ. Consecrated believers are identified with Christ (people know that they are a Christian. They are Imitators of Christ (they seek to become more and more like him) and they have experienced the inauguration of the Holy Spirit in their lives (sanctification is inaugurated or begun in a moment of consecration, but continued over a lifetime of daily consecration).

Paul helps us to better understand how consecration is demonstrated in the life of the believer in Romans 12:1-2 where he writes:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

I believe that there are three major points we can take from what Paul wrote to the Roman church.

Consecration means Sacrificial Living

Paul tells us to offer our bodies as “living sacrifices.” This means that God wants the entirety of our mortal existence. God wants our dreams, our desires, and our disappointments! God wants all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we ever will be surrendered to Him and to His glory! This is exhibiting the Hebrew word *Harem* that we discussed earlier, meaning devote.

The problem with living sacrifices is that sometimes they crawl off the altar. So, we must make a daily choice to surrender ourselves to live for God. We either live for Christ or for this world; there is no middle ground!

When we look back at the original Greek text, the Greek work for spiritual here is *logikos*, which is where we get our English word “logical.” So, Paul is telling us that the only *logical* response to God’s love and Christ’s sacrifice for us is to offer to Him all of ourselves!

Consecration means Separated Living

Paul tells us in verse two to “Not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world.” Paul here is confronting a very real problem in the church at Rome and for the church today – there is a problem when the church takes on the character of the world!

This hearkens back to two more of the original Hebrew words we looked at for consecrate: *Nazar* (to separate) and *Qadhesh* (meaning to set apart).

The central issue here is that if the Christian allows the world to shape their values, *they will never experience consecration!* It is impossible for us to change the world for Christ if we look just like the world. Are you living a life that refuses to conform to this world?

Consecration means Sanctified Thinking

Paul also tells us in verse two that we should “Be transformed by the renewing of [our] mind[s].” You see, the key to experiencing *consecration* does not come from our own efforts, but the work of the Holy Spirit within us!

The mind is the source of our thoughts and actions. Paul tells us that our mind must be renewed before we can experience a consecrated life. The Greek work for transform is a derivative of the Greek for resurrection. So, Christ quite literally wants to resurrect our minds from their sinful, worldly death!

Once our mind is transformed, we are freed to become more like Jesus. Our desires for worldly things are transformed into a desire to do the will of God. The will of God may not always be easy to discern, but Paul gives us three descriptors at the end of verse two that assure us it is for our good – his will is *good*, *perfect* and *pleasing*. Praise God!

**EAST DISTRICT CHURCH OF GOD 2011
MILEAGE REPORT**

Chairman Jeff Justice

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Pastors,

I am submitting the quarterly mileage report as promised. This is my way of account ability to your congregations for their support. Please feel free to present this to your leadership councils.

Thank you for you continued support.

East District Chairman,
Jeff Justice

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MILES</u>
1-2-11	Zoe FCOG & Torrent FCOG	240
1-9-11	Johns Creek FCOG	50
1-16-11	West Bend FCOG/Goff Corner FCOG	250
1-25-11	Prestonsburg FCOG (Fellowship Cluster Meet.)	60
1-26-11	Fellowship Cluster Facilitator Meet. (Paintsville, Ky.)	120
2-3-11	Pastor Albert McCalvin Funeral (Morehead) Fellowship Cluster Meet./Midland FCOG	275
2-20-11	Oakla FCOG & Bath Count Indoor Camp Meet. Owingsville FCOG	320
2-27-11	Little Paint FCOG	75
3-5-11	Dave Hardin Funeral/Lexington, Ky	280
3-6-11	Big Mud Lick FCOG/Little Mud Lick COG	125
3-12-11	East District Ministers Meeting (Camp Lyons)	260
3-18-11	Pastor Doug Kestners (Mothers Funeral) Paintsville , Ky.	120
3-20-11	Prestonsburg FCOG/East District Rally at Johns Creek FCOG	120
3-27-11	Lick Creek FCOG	70
3-28-11	East District Exc. Meet/Campground Board Meeting - Paintsville, Ky.	120
4-3-11	Broadway FCOG	175
4-10-11	East District Youth Rally/Johnson FCOG	235
4-17-11	East District Rally/Bowen FCOG	225
4-26-11	Pastor Cluster Meeting/Prestonsburg FCOG	60
5-1-11	Pine Crest FCOG/Beattyville	250
5-2-11	Pastor's Fellowship/Winchester FCOG	280
5-10-11	Salyersville FCOG/Fellowship Cluster	120
5-20-11	Feds Creek FCOG/Revival	70
5-22-11	Oakla FCOG /East District Rally at Mud Lick FCOG	320
5-29-11	Pike Co COG Unity Service/Lick Creek FCOG	70

6-4-11	Gateway COG/Ray Wyant Retirement	250
6-5-11	Salt Lick FCOG/Polksville COG/Owingsville FCOG/ Midland FCOG	260
6-19-11	Broadway FCOG	175
6-26-11	Meade Station COG/Ashland, Ky	250
7-10-11	Caney FCOG/Wells Chapel FCOG	180
7-11-11	Liberty Camp Meeting	400
7-17-11	Broadway FCOG	175
7-23-11	Camargo Camp Meeting/GA	220
7-24-11	Little Mud Lick COG	125
7-31-11	Pike County Unity Service /Johns Creek FCOG	50
8-2-11	Fellowship Cluster Meet/Prestonsburg FCOG	60
8-4-11	Fellowship Cluster Meet/Midland FCOG	220
8-7-11	Grandview COG	220
8-9-11	Fellowship Cluster Meeting/Salyersville	120
8-21-11	Peebles, FCOG East District Rally at Shawnee	400
8-28-11	East Kentucky Camp Meeting/Lowmansville FCOG	150
9-9-11	General Assembly/Winchester FCOG	280
9-11-11	Neon FCOG	100
9-16-11	Lick Creek FCOG Revival	75
9-18-11	East District Rally/Midland FCOG	250
10-2-11	East District Youth Rally/Johnson FCOG	240
10-9-11	Ezel FCOG	190
10-12-11	West Bend FCOG Revival	250
10-16-11	East District Rally/Jackson FCOG	250
10-20-11	Feds Creek FCOG	80
10-30-11	Johns Creek FCOG/Pike County Unity Service at Elkhorn City FCOG	135
11-5-11	Irvine FCOG Revival	275
11-6-11	Unity Service/Neon FCOG	100
11-10-11	Town Hall Meeting / Prestonsburg FCOG	60
11-20-11	Little Mud Lick COG	125
11-27-11	Paintsville FCOG	120
12-3-11	East District Ministers Christmas Banquet (Natural Bridge Resort Park Lodge)	200

Total Number of Churches Visited = 39

TOTAL MILEAGE

10,445 Miles

Churches with Open Pastorates

Caney First Church of God

Wells Chapel First Church of God

PRAYERS ANSWERED

Recently my wife needed a very serious surgery. The surgery lasted for just over nine and a half hours. Brother Jeff Justice, through the East District network, sent out a request for prayer for my wife.

The results were simply amazing! First of all, the Doctors said that my wife would have to stay in the ICU for 3 days after the surgery and then in the hospital for up to another week.... Well because of the prayers that were offered up for her, Diana actually only spent a total of 4 days in the hospital including the day of her surgery. And the oncologist said that she would not need any radiation treatments and no chemo-therapy will be necessary... Praise the Lord.

Also, out of the goodness of their hearts some of the churches even sent money to help us with expenses that always come up in these situations. For which we are truly grateful.

As an update: Diana is recovering very well. She still has days when she does too much and she still get= tired very quickly. She will also be having another surgery in January or February but it will be out-patient and for cosmetic reasons only.

I would like to take this opportunity to Praise the Lord and thank everyone who helped with expenses and especially those who faithfully prayed.

IN HIS SERVICE,
Pastor Dan Heaberlin
Paintsville, First Church of God

ASCENSION DAY CELEBRATION

We have not given this great event in Christian history the attention it deserves. Church of God, let's make this day as eventful as Christmas and Easter next year. We now have a new website online to help promote Ascension Day. You can go to the site and add your church to agree to have an Ascension Celebration on May 17, 2012 Your church will then be added to the world map showing all those who sign up to promote Ascension Day. Please go to the site at: <http://www.AscensionDay.org> and sign up today. In the near future, we will be emailing you lots of ideas and free material to assist with promoting Ascension Day. Pastors please forward this to any other pastors and church members in other states and countries that may sign up.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff Fannin

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

How can God use such a small church? Often God will not ask a large church to do something because if they do it, they may say; look at what we have done... Instead, He will ask a small church to do something they already know they alone cannot do. Why would God do that?

Because God wants us to understand that with Him, all things are possible. Take for example the story in the Bible where God raised up Gideon to defeat the Midianites.

Gideon calls for all the able-bodied men in the area to join him and 32,000 show up. Gideon looks out at this army of 32,000 men and thinks, "This could be cool, we can do this." And God says, "Not so fast Gideon. You have too many men." (Judges 7:2) And Gideon must be thinking: Too many men? How can you have too many men going into battle? Especially when the Midianite army was estimated in the hundreds of thousands... You see God wanted this to be a God thing, and Gideon wanted it to be man thing. And you really can't blame Gideon for that. But God said =93You have too many warriors and when they win they are going to think they did it= all by themselves. To make a long story short God eventually whittles Gideon's army down to 300. (For the full story you can read Judges=Chapter 7.) And with an army that is less than 1% of its original size, God, through Gideon, defeats the vast Midianite Army.

In the same way, God has called the **Paintsville First Church of God** to help feed the hungry in Johnson County. You may think that a church with 300 attending the Sunday morning services could easily run and fund a food pantry, and they probably could... But how about a church that has only 30 in the Sunday morning worship service? Since the Paintsville, First Church of God opened their food pantry in 2004 we have given away over 2,250,000 pounds of food valued at over \$4,000,000.00 (four million). Many people think that most of that food comes from the government, but the truth is, only 17% comes from the government programs.

Up until recently the food pantry had been serving around 280 families each month. But that recently changed because the local Salvation Army, who has been serving over 200 families, closed their food pantry in Johnson County. You might think that would worry those at =he Church of God food pantry but their attitude is, "Let's just continue=working for the Lord and see who He sends to help in His ministry." After all, what could excite God's people more than an opportunity to join in where God is working?

With one week, we have already served OVER 425 families in November. We have over 700 families signed up to receive food, but they all do not come in every month... Just last week we served 151 families. (Our food bank is only open on Tuesdays for 2 hours each week.)

As a side note: When we first discussed opening this food bank, we hoped to help 10 families each month because we were a small church and didn't know how much we could do.... Apparently, God had something else in mind!

If you want to be a part of this ministry, either as a volunteer, contributor or prayer warrior, you can contact Pastor Dan Heaberlin at 789-3995 or 793-3946.



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

The East District Ministry, as we know it today, is nearly four years old. The East District Unity Rally's have been taking place even longer. If the ministry of the East District has blessed your life , ministry or congregation we would like to hear your testimony . What could you share with us ? Please e-mail me at the following address: east.district@hotmail.com.

MEADE STAT ION CHURCH OF GOD Pastor Rob Jordan

“Dear Brother Justice, I have both enjoyed the ministry the East District has provided as well as being involved in the ministry itself. It has been a wonderful thing to see all of the congregations come together for worship. According to the stories I used to hear thirty years or more ago this used to be a common thing among the Churches of God not only in Eastern Kentucky but throughout the Movement. I am not sure why that ever stopped but it did. Another blessing I have witnessed and enjoyed is the renewed fellowship among the pastors themselves. Most of our pastors are bi-vocational. This means they have limited time for fellowship outside their local congregations but the East District has given them the opportunity to get acquainted with one another. Even their spouses have had an opportunity to get to know other pastoral spouses and some good fellowship has resulted. I believe the best days are yet ahead for this ministry. I pray the Lord gives you good health and a heart to maintain the good work He has begun through you.”

Vernon Gross

“Bro. Jeff, I never thought that I would see the day that our churches would be fellowshiping/worshipping like they are today. It has brought unity, harmony and the ability to work together for a common cause: seeing the lost saved! Keep it up! If we don't learn how to work together, it is a lost cause. God bless.”

GRANDVIEW CHURCH OF GOD Karen Brown

“The services that I have attended have truly been a blessing. It is my prayer that these services can bring UNITY to our churches more often. We serve a mighty God and how happy he must be when He sees all of his children gathered together to worship Him in 1 accord. The messages have been so uplifting and it also provides a renewal for our pastors. “

Rebecca Johnson

“Brother Jeff, I recently turned 17 and people my age are rarely on fire for God. I'm not one of those people and I'm glad to say it. A lot of teenagers will mess their lives up now, whether Satan uses drugs, alcohol, gossip, sex, high school in general as a weapon against them and thanks to the East District I found sincere people that God has done amazing things for. The sincerity I have managed to find in the East District has taken me out of the sinful life I was captured in and led me to be a functioning part of the church, something everyone needs in order to ensure life and eternity and a joy unspeakable. I've only met you a few times but your passion and love of God has just made itself obvious. Thank you for allowing God to use you in such a big way and help lead others to the truth so often mangled today. “

Mildred Drake

“I think this is absolutely wonderful and very Christ like! You will never know, in this life, how this witness has and is affecting those who are looking on and seeing the love and fellowship of God's Family. What a privilege to be in the wonderful Family of God. I pray every District would do the things you all are doing and enjoy the fellowship. Keep up the good work! God Bless You.”

Bro. Garland Lacy

“I think it has been great for not only the pastors but also the congregations to interact at the rallies. It is good for us to see other facilities as well. What a joy to see a congregation like Jackson doing so well. Keep up the good work of the East District, life will require me to pass the torch on to a younger and more talented leader in the near future, I would hope the unity will still be there for them to enjoy.”

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Marvin Thomas

“Bro. Jeff, your friendship means a lot to me. God has used you to bless my life. I appreciate you being willing to call different ministers and ask them to let me preach. I will always remember you doing that for me. How you drove to Lexington when I was getting ordained. You are a wonderful person and I’m thankful to call you my friend. I pray that God will bless you and your family abundantly.”

Martha Williams “I think the East District should serve as a model for churches nationwide. Your unselfish dedication to the cause of bringing unity to our congregations is unmeasurable in regard to the value it has brought in advancing God’s kingdom here in the East District. Your faith and vision has far exceeded any in our movement, maybe besides my husband in keeping the church of God literature alive and circulated. I know there will be many stars in your crown for the work you are doing. Steve and I love and support you in every way.”

SALT LICK CHURCH OF GOD Pastor Vernon Lambert “It is a way that we show unity within the Church of God and without it we would lose something that God is blessing.”

CAMPTON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD Pastor David Neece

Pastor Neece said he has enjoyed the rallies very much the ones that have been close enough for them to attend. He hopes the rallies continue because they have been a blessing. . Pastor Neece said that Bro. Jeff Justice is really appreciated for all the work he has put into this.

CANEY FIRST CHURCH OF GOD Pastor C Edwin Benton

Pastor Benton thinks the success has been tremendous and most of the credit goes to Bro. Jeff Justice for his tireless effort to get these rallies going and to keep them going. Pastor Benton says The East District Ministry and the rallies are a blessing and Bro. Jeff never seems to slow down.

CHAVIES FIRST CHURCH OF GOD Pastor Paul Hensley

Pastor Hensley said he was new there and has been spending a lot of time with the church. He has not been able to attend any of the rallies because so many of them are on Sunday. He is hoping that he can become more involved along with the church because they do have several youth that he knows need to be involved and would benefit from the rallies. He said he was definitely going to look into this more. Right now they do not have a van and they really need one, Pastor Hensley requests that everyone please be praying that God will lead them to a way to provide a van for their church.

FRENCHBURG FIRST CHURCH OF GOD Pastor Roger Wells

Most certainly has brought churches and pastors together, It has helped them to get to know one another. Bro. Jeff has worked tirelessly to bring all of this together, Getting acquainted with Bro. Jeff has been a blessing.

JOHNSON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD Pastor Ben Furman

It has promoted unity in the churches . The rallies have brought churches and pastors together that would never have really gotten to know each other.

LITTLE MUD LICK CHURCH OF GOD Pastor Tobe Wheeler

Pastor Wheeler says it is one of the greatest things to happen in eastern KY. It has brought churches and pastors together and helped so many to get acquainted. Bro, Jeff is doing a wonderful job.

MIDLAND FIRST CHURCH OF GOD Pastor Bush Stevenson

A blessing to the churches in the East District. Any church part of the rallies will agree it has made us aware of one another. When they put the slide shows up and show pictures it gives us an identity to go with the name. Bro. Jeff has done a great job of shrinking our circle. It will only get better as time goes on.

MORRIS CREEK FIRST CHURCH OF GOD Pastor Raymond Tipton

It's a good thing anytime when something brings churches together.

However it is hard to travel when the churches are so wide spread and you have to get up so early on Monday morning to go to work.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

LICK CREEK FIRST CHURCH OF GOD Kathy Cantrell First of all I want to commend you and our fellow co-laborers on a job well done. We the Church in the East District, have always known things could be better as far as the Unity, Fellowship and Communication among the congregations. Sharing of information is the main important benefit for us to be more productive; and I think that has been accomplished. As you know The Church in Pike County, because of our location and the size of each of the four congregations has always had a need and a desire to work together. It is good to see it working on a larger number of the congregations.

I think the work of the East District has brought more equality among the congregations. When we all come together in one place we are there for one purpose to be the Church, not a number. In the District Rally Report I think you state that very well when you tell how many congregations were represented and the total number in the congregation.

I think gifts and talents of individuals in each congregation are being recognized and put to use for the Glory of God. On Oct. 30th, at the Unity Service in Elkhorn City, Brother Jason Johnson and on Nov. 6th at the Unity Service at Fleming Neon, Brother Josh Tyre, we seen and heard what God is doing; Brothers Jason and Josh did an excellent job, the messages were doctrinally sound and every part of the services were Spirit filled. We need to see more of the same in the years to come. We that have been serving for a number of years are encouraged to see these new faces in leadership and I think that is one of the most important works the East District can do is "Pass It On".

I Think the East District has given our congregations more exposure to different styles of worship, different types of services and ways of conducting services. What some of us have enjoyed over the years at Conferences, Campmeetings and Pastors Fellowship Services our congregations are enjoying closer to home.

I know there are those that oppose what is being done in the East District of Kentucky but opposition to change is expected, it still doesn't change the facts:

Individually we are having our voice heard

Locally we are being the Church at its best

Regionally we are experiencing more equality

MEADE STATION BREAKS GROUND

The Meade Station Church of God in Ashland held an official ground breaking ceremony following the morning worship service on Sunday, December 3, 2011. Upon completion of the morning service the congregation moved from their current worship facility up and across Marsh Hill Drive approximately four hundred yards to the site of their proposed new worship complex for the ground breaking ceremony. Tammi Walters led the congregation in singing "The Church's Jubilee", Pastor Robert Jordan led the congregation in prayer and then Pastor Jordan was joined by the congregation's oldest living member, Luther Thompson, Board Chairman, Larry Ball and Charlie Sorrell whose father was instrumental in the birth of the congregation in 1924 for the actual ground breaking.

The first phase of the project will consist of a 19,587 square foot multiuse building that will house classrooms, offices, library, kitchen, restrooms and a temporary sanctuary that will seat 400 people. The congregation hopes to sell its current facility and pay off the 1.2 million dollar loan in five years. The proposed second phase of the project will be to build a dedicated sanctuary with additional office and ministry space once this initial debt has been eliminated and convert the temporary sanctuary into a gym/fellowship area.

The current Meade Station facility is a nice building but it is located on a hillside which makes it inaccessible for some people due to 22 steps one must climb from the main parking lot to gain entrance to the sanctuary. Once inside the building there are numerous stairways to negotiate to pass from one area of the building to the next. The new facility will have no steps to gain entrance to the building and a lift will be in place once inside



KENTUCKY STATE YOUTH CONVENTION

The East District of the Church of God would like to thank Rick Hayes and the Kentucky State Youth Convention Team for a great time of worship and fun at the State Youth Convention this year. We had a wonderful speaker Erik Spohr, and he gave a great message to the youth at each service about serving God from the Inside Out. There was good gospel music for all and free time to fellowship with other young Christians and the Hotel was great with service and surroundings.

Thank You
East District Youth Coordinators
James and Lena Reynolds





**Shawnee Church Of God Revival
November 7-9 2011**



Pastor Jim Stamper & Evangelist Larry Mullins

**Big Mud Lick FCOG Revival
November 4-6 , 2011**



Pastor Phillip Keeton & Evangelist Harold Keaton

OWINGSVILLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD



Pastor Lowell Rice & Chairman Jamie Shields

Pastor Appreciation Day Owingsville First Church Of God October 23 , 2011

Homecoming Service Owingsville First Church Of God October 31 , 2011



**Pike County Church Of God Unity Service
October 31 , 2011
Elkhorn City First Church Of God
Speaker : Jason Johnson**





A Place for Every Woman Where Every Woman Takes Her Place

**KENTUCKY WOMEN OF THE
CHURCH OF GOD /
CHRISTIAN WOMEN
CONNECTION**

The Lord blessed again at the November 4-5 Prayer Retreat. Thank you Sister Tanya Copher for allowing the Lord to speak through you. Also there was wonderful fellowship shared by those in attendance.

Plans for Christmas are well underway. We are all busy trying to make sure all the decorations, events, and details are organized, on the calendar, and lists double checked. In this busy season have we forgotten the reason for the celebration? Who are we to honor? Does our busyness honor HIM? The theme for the Christ's Birthday Observation this year is "Making Room." Let us focus on the true reason for the season, the birth of Jesus Christ. One of the opportunities offered during the CBO is Project Prayer. This is a time for the Church of God to join together worldwide a 25 day prayer vigil. Take time to prayer for missionaries and congregations. The following is a list of countries and states where there are Church of God congregations. Take time to pray for them.

(1)Alabama, New Mexico, Sir Lanka, Ecuador, Kenya, Belize (2) Alaska, North Carolina, Bulgaria, Tanzania, Nepal, France (3) Arizona, North Dakota, Paraguay, India, Cayman Island, Serbia (4) Arkansas, New Hampshire, Australia, St. Kitts and Nevis, Ghana, Argentina (5) California, New York, South Korea, Dominican Republic, New Zealand (6) Colorado, Ohio, Peru, Sudan, Bermuda, Cote d'Ivoire (7) Connecticut, Oklahoma, Canada, Indonesia, Northern Mariana Islands (8) Delaware, Oregon, Bangladesh, Antilles, Barbados, Eurasia (9) Florida, Pennsylvania, Singapore, Cuba, Congo (DR), Russia (10) Georgia, Rhode Island, Panama, South Africa, Philippines, Uruguay (11) Hawaii, South Carolina, Bhutan, Japan, Antigua and Barbuda (12) Idaho, South Dakota, Cambodia, Jamaica, Angola (13) Illinois, Tennessee, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Vietnam (14) Indian, Texas, Mexico, Rwanda, Italy, Egypt (15) Iowa, Vermont, Zimbabwe, Laos, United Kingdom, Venezuela (16) Kansas, Virginia, Central Asia, Haiti, Thailand, Netherlands (17) **Kentucky**, Washington DC, Virgin Islands, Colombia, Hungary (18) Louisiana, Washington, Honduras, Mozambique, Ukraine (19) Maryland, Wisconsin, Zambia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Denmark (20) Massachusetts, West Virginia, Guam, Guyana, Greece (21) Missouri, Wyoming, Trinidad and Tobago, Chile, Switzerland (22) Minnesota, Nevada, Guatemala, Malawi, Bolivia (23) Montana, Mississippi, Uganda, Myanmar, Germany (24) Nebraska, Puerto Rico, Hong Kong, Grenada, Spain (25) New Jersey, Lebanon, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Brazil, Montenegro.

As we purchase our gifts may we also remember the gift given to us and give back to help share that good news and to reach out to others. The Christ's Birthday Offering will be received on December 25.

STATE WCG/CWC CONVENTION

APRIL 20-21, 2012

HOLIDAY INN CINCINNATI AIRPORT HOTEL, ERLANGER, KY

MARY STEPHENS, NATIONAL CWC MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Start Planning Now to Attend

Not a WCG/CWC unit at your church or not a member of the Christian Women Connection? Join now! Your membership dues, \$10, helps spread the Word of God. Those working in the mission field also depend on your prayers.

Want WCG/CWC information—contact: Connie Gardner, Kentucky WCG / CWC State President, 114 Van Winkle Grove, Berea, KY 40403, gardner1285@roadrunner.com, 859-986-5562.

NEW ARCHIVES SECTION

The monthly E-News and Website will be adding
a new section to share the church history.

Do you have pictures of past primary church events?

Send your photos (electronic preferred) and information to

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Chairman of the Ky. East District of the Church of God

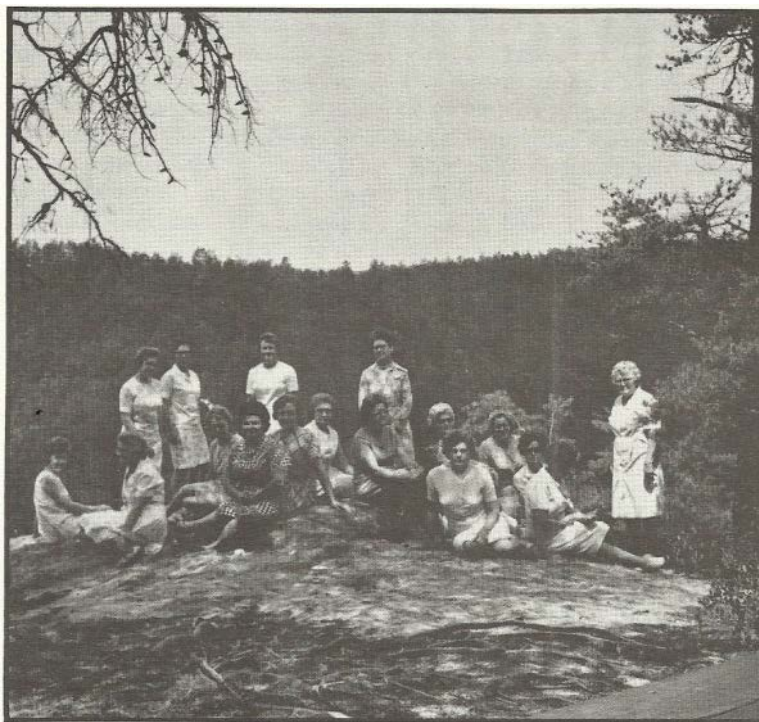
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Women on Sunset Rock

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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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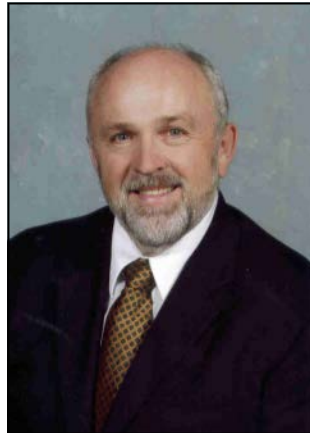
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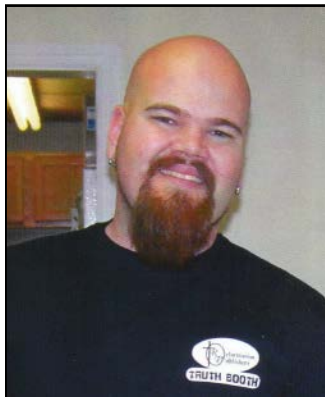
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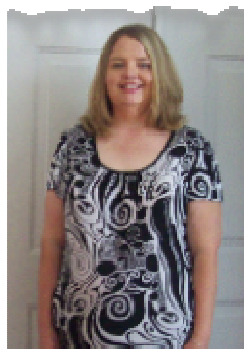
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