

Month by Month e-news

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

APRIL EAST DISTRICT RALLY



Pictured L-R Pastor Don Kelly, Pastor Stephen Donithan, Pastor Raymond Tipton, Chairman Jeff Justice, Pastor Anthony Molihan, Rev. David McDaniel, Pastor Lowell Rice, Rev. Billy Davis, Youth Pastor Jason Johnson, Rev. James Clark, Rev. Jimmy Clark, Pastor Billy Puckett, Pastor Steve Williams, Pastor Marvin Hobbs, Pastor Garland Lacy, Pastor James Combs



Pastors / Church Family,

The East District Rally was held on April 17, 2011 at Bowen FCOG. The host pastor Stephen Donithan welcomed those in attendance and voiced the opening prayer. There were 15 different COG congregations represented at this Rally and 225 in attendance. Sis. Sherry Hicks from Vaughs Mill FCOG was the worship leader for this service. She was accompanied on piano by Sis. Martha Williams from Prestonsburg FCOG. Pastor James Combs from West Bend FCOG chaired this Rally service. Pastor Anthony Moilhan from Stanton FCOG prayed over the prayer requests that were taken. Special singing was provided by the McKinney's from Broadway FCOG. The guest speaker for this service was Pastor Steve Williams from Prestonsburg FCOG. Pastor Williams shared a message entitled "The Loosening of Satan". The offertory song was provided by Jim & Leslie Cable from the Torrent FCOG. Those in attendance shared how wonderful that this Rally was and how they felt God's spirit. We would like to thank Pastor Donithan and the Bowen FCOG for the food that was provided after the service and for being such gracious hosts.

The next East District Rally will be on May 22, 2011, pre-service, 5:30 pm/service, 6:00 pm, at Mud Lick FCOG. The guest speaker for this Rally will be Rev. Richard Bradley.

Bowen East District Rally Video web link: <http://www.blip.tv/file/5085551>

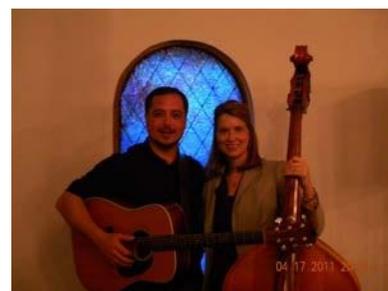
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Lowell Rice

From the Desk of the Vice Chairman

East District Article

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the risk of boring you with a story that's been around for a while, I want to use it to make a point that all of should consider.

Once there was a man who was terminally ill and before he died, he called for his seven children to come to his hospital room and bring two sticks about a half inch in diameter with them. They were curious as to what their dad could possibly want with them but to honor his last wishes they brought them to his room. When they all arrived, the dad said, "I want each of you to break one of the sticks in the middle."

With a puzzled look on their face, they broke the sticks. He then took a piece of twine and asked them to bundle the sticks together into one bundle and they did as he requested. Afterwards, he asked them to break the sticks that were bundled and no one could. The lesson he was teaching them is that there is strength in togetherness.

This is a lesson we want to remember in the life of the church. First of all, we can do things together that we can never accomplish by ourselves. Secondly, our influence is greater collectively that it ever is individually. And finally, we have a greater identity as part of the church body that we can ever have independently. In fact, if you're proud of your independence apart from the total church body, you're probably not doing much.

There are times to do things as a local congregation and there are times to do things with other Reformation Movement churches on a national, state and local level. Think about this as we prepare to have our East District Rally Service at the Mud Lick First Church of God in Bath County on May 22. Richard Bradley will be preaching and we're expecting great things from this service.

As Bob Gillman said, "Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together with love."

Blessings,
Rev. Lowell C. Rice, Vice-Chairman
East District

East District WELCOMES
new pastor Tommy Williams
to Flemingsburg First Church of God!

GOD'S LOVE

Back several months ago I was in a conversation with a pastor friend; our conversation was about whether God likes the relationship that He has with us (Church of God congregations). Recently in one of our SHAPE meeting a similar conversation came up again.

Does God like the relationship that He has with me? Does God like the relationship He has with you? Does He take pleasure in it, does He delight in it? Does He look upon us and respond with heaven's cat-call? Does God like what is going on where we worship and where we live? You'll know it, and you will know it quick because He will put His approval on it by a display of His presence.

God loves us make no mistake, but I'm just not sure He likes the arrangements of our relationship. As our good friend Paul Matte wrote in his book, 'God's love maybe unconditional, but His pleasure is not.' God saves us regardless of what we have done or where we have been; however that is not the case with Him blessing us with His presence. His love is unconditional; His blessings are not.

God blesses us with His persuading presence in connection with our intimate love for Him. He longs for us to respond to Him in devotion, loyalty, and a passionate love. God waits for His church to madly, like crazy fall in love with Him, and affectionately show it. We say we have, we declare that we do. God wonders where is the surrender, where is the submission, where is the fresh abandonment?

Longing for God's whistle:

Rev. Gary Brown

Winchester First Church of God



Equipping leaders for today's challenges

John 8:32

Out of a great concern that the truths of the Church of God reformation movement be communicated clearly and promoted boldly, the first Pastors' Fellowship met in May 1973. Over the last thirty plus years, Pastors' Fellowship has lifted the significant distinctives of the reformation movement through preaching, teaching and the written word. Reformation Witness became the most recent publication where those truths were lifted.

In an effort to continue to find relevant and effective ways to resource the church and lift the doctrines of the Church of God, Pastors' Fellowship is launching a new publication under the title of TRUTH MATTERS. This new publication will continue to lift the distinctive truths of the reformation movement and will focus on being filled with practical resources and effective tools that would support ministers and lay leaders in understanding and presenting these teachings.

It is our prayer that this resource becomes a valuable tool for you and your congregation.

In his service,

Jeannette Flynn

Editor

Revival or Trojan Horse ?

The Emerging Church

Ezra 3:

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the Lord.

9 Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off. KJV

Just a precursory scan of the history of the Reformation Movement of the Church of God will reveal that Christian fads and trends have come and gone and with every “new wave” and “new thing” many of our church leaders have jumped on the “**bandwagon**” to find some new methodology, something quick and easy, to cause God to do something phenomenal “**right now**”!

Ours is a time that is characterized by enthusiasm for methods and means that facilitate “**church growth**.” That is the “**trigger**” word in the arena of the church today. Large churches are commonly equated with successful pastors and successful church growth methods. Whatever it takes to reach that objective is deemed acceptable in growth circles. Church growth has become the “**new**” measuring stick for successful ministry!

Purpose-Driven Christianity

No matter where you go these days, anywhere around the world, purpose-driven is being proclaimed as the cutting edge in church growth methods. But we must proceed with caution here and think biblically and think clearly at this juncture. What is it that defines success from a biblical perspective? That is the bottom line — *“What is the definition of success from the scriptural point of view?”*

According to the Bible, salvation and Christian faith must be directly related to God’s Word. Faith comes by **HEARING** what God **HAS SAID** and then acting accordingly.

Rom 10:17: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. KJV

With regard to church growth, if the growth is the product of some technique authored by some man, and the technique is not based on God’s Word — then the enemy **can bring deception** !

With this caution in mind, we approach that current trend in our midst known as the *“purpose-driven”* church growth movement. Let me reiterate that we are to test the teachings of men as did the Bereans:

Acts 17:10-12

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few. KJV

Purpose-Driven’s Purpose

The prime goal of the purpose-driven church growth movement is church growth. The growth is dependent on adding numbers based on human methods and techniques. They claim that all of these methods and techniques are found in God’s Word — but there is strong reason to scrutinize this claim.

Many of the purpose-driven techniques are oriented around the concept of *“what’s in it for me”*, rather than **“what can I do for you.”** Church leaders are advised, find out what *appeals* to people who might attend and then provide the service or the environment that meets their approval.

This mind-set is a market-oriented strategy for making the church experience **“user friendly”** without being so Bible oriented that perspective seekers would feel uncomfortable be **“turned off”**.

Honest hearts would agree that to be faithful to Jesus and His Word, true and healthy church growth must be based on the teaching of God’s Word that we are all to be **“soul-winners”**.

If everyone would **“win”** one and train that one to **“win”** one, and would replicate that process over and over. Then if that one we won as well as our repeating the process of winning one and training that one to win one. Going into the fields and the high-ways and by-ways doing exactly that would be biblical church growth.

However, a market-driven mentality based on man-made methods designed to increase numbers may produce a church population that is for practical purposes “**biblically handicapped.**” Spiritually dysfunctional yet socially on the move !

Man’s Words and God’s WORD

Remember that the Bible has been given to us by God. As Paul stated in his letter to Timothy:

2 Tim 3:

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. KJV

While the Bible has been written by human hands, the words were inspired by God and inspired men were kept from error in the recording of those words. The Word warns that humans are prohibited from altering the Scriptures by adding or taking away from what is written.

Rev 22:

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. KJV

Men tread on dangerous ground when they take the liberty of adding to or diminishing from what God has said. However, it is a fact that many “**user/seeker friendly**” churches have tried to make the Scriptures more “**user/seeker friendly**” by altering the actual inspired Word of God and **reinterpreting** it into the ideas or views more palatable to man.

Whose Message Is It — God’s or Man?

For example, consider the very popular new version of the Bible authored by Eugene Peterson known as “**The Message**”. This is the work frequently referred to in Rick Warren’s **The Purpose Driven Life** and the **Purpose Driven Church**. He is a strong supporter of Peterson’s “**The Message**”. While Warren claims to be quoting the Bible – he is instead quoting the thoughts of some man who thinks he is stating what the Bible says.

You ask, so what is wrong with this? Isn’t it better for a seeker to be reading **some** version of the Bible, rather than not reading the Bible at all? Besides the Bible is so difficult to understand as it comes from the original text — so if someone can come up with a way to make the Bible more understandable, isn’t that better?

That line of reasoning may sound acceptable. However the truth of the matter is that what seems right to man, may be wrong from God’s point of view. When we begin to rely on man’s thoughts rather than God’s Words it is almost certain we will be led astray.

Prov 14:12

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. KJV

For an example of what I refer to let's consider this one passage from John 3:17:

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. KJV

Peterson's rendering in "*The Message*" of the same passage is:

God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again.

It does not take a theologian to understand that "saved" means that we can be redeemed from the judgment we deserve for our sins and by mercy through God's Son we can go to heaven. It should be obvious that using "help" instead of "saved" completely distorts the meaning of what Jesus said.

And "*to put the world right again*" has nothing to do with the salvation of souls. In fact that sounds like the social gospel of reforming the world through good morality (*putting the world right*) and political action.

With regard to Peterson's "*The Message*", there is one message that should be clear — if you want the truth and all the truth, read the Bible and not some man's conjecture about what he thinks God has said. To do otherwise is to court potential spiritual suicide.

The "user/seeker friendly" era is beginning to wane and we are now heading into another new period of church history. It is called "*the emerging church.*" Rick Warren is very supportive of "*the emerging church*". The following is what he wrote in a foreword for Dan Kimball's book, *The Emerging Church: Vintage Christianity for New Generations*.

"This book is a wonderful, detailed example of what a purpose-driven church can look like in a postmodern world. My friend Dan Kimball writes passionately, with a deep desire to reach the emerging generation and culture. While my book *The Purpose-Driven Church* explained what the church is called to do, Dan's book explains how to do it with the cultural creatives who think and feel in postmodern terms. You need to pay attention to him because times are changing."

While it is true that the church must be relevant in order to be effective, can we stray from biblical standards and still be Christian witnesses of the gospel of Jesus Christ? I do not think so — in fact —

I KNOW WE CANNOT!

Across the past 50 years many trends have come and gone and not all of these trends have been based on sound biblical doctrine. In fact, many of these trends occurred because the Christian community has been vulnerable to many "*winds of doctrine*" that have blown across the broad spectrum of the church.

According to the Word of God, in the last days these winds of doctrine will become "*doctrines of demons*" that will influence believers to fall away from the truth and to accept ideas that "*tickle their ears.*"

2 Tim 4:

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. KJV

The architect of purpose-driven is not only supportive of the "emerging church," he believes that it is exactly what is needed at this time.; He believes that the purpose-driven motif of which he has been the vanguard has become the model for the church that is to "**emerge**" in the "**postmodern**" world. Listen to his words;

*Today seekers are hungry for symbols and metaphors and experiences and stories that reveal the greatness of God. Because seekers are constantly changing, we must be sensitive to them like Jesus was, **we must be willing to meet them on their OWN TURE and speak to them in ways they understand.***"

He goes on to say,

There are seekers everywhere. I've never seen more people so hungry **to discover and develop the spiritual dimensions of their lives.** That is why there is such a big interest in Eastern thought, New Age practices, mysticism and the transcendent.

Now, let's follow Rick Warren's line of reasoning through to its logical conclusion, based on his idea that the world is hungry for an Eastern worldview, along with The New Age, mysticism and spiritual enlightenment.

If it is **NECESSARY** to meet these "*spiritual seekers*" on **THEIR OWN TURE** and speak to them in ways they understand — will that not require Christianity to **become more New Age and mystical** ?

Emerging or Re-merging ?

All of the shakers and movers in the church growth, "***Emerging Church***" ranks are predicting great change. Their claim is that they have the answers for our generation. But what will the emerging church **emerge** into? Could it be a form of Christianity that embraces experience/feelings/emotion rather than standing upon God's Word?

Certainly the spiritual climate in North America has changed radically over the past several years. Within the ranks of those authors that are being embraced by today's church leaders there are a good number of New Age sages and thinkers. Dan Kimball is but one of them, but there is a recurring reference in all of their writings. The reference is to "***Vintage Christianity***".

To some this may be a new term, but to any of you who have been reading from the books that are being pushed by renown and national church leaders you have heard this term before.

Kimball's book — ***The Emerging Church; Vintage Christianity for New Generations*** — carries chapter headings such as:

“Reconstructing Vintage Christianity in the Emerging Church” — “Creating a Sacred Space for Vintage Worship” “Expecting the Spiritual” — “Creating Experiential Multi sensory Worship Gatherings” — “Becoming Story Tellers Again” — and “Preaching Without Words.”

I ask the question here — What does the Bible say about Vintage Christianity and the so-called emerging mentality? Is it the goal of the church to make ***the Christian life experience-based*** or *Bible-based*? Here are the words of Jesus:

John 8:31-32

31 If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. KJV

Jesus further stated:

John 8:43

Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. KJV

However, it is apparent that the emerging church is and will be more experience-based than Bible-based. Further, in the emerging church arena the Word of God takes a secondary position to the worship of God.

I sound the alarm at this point, because deviating from the Word of God for some extra biblical experience can open the doors to a spiritual Pandora’s Box !

I don’t know about you, but when I hear emerging church leaders and proponents saying we need to **“dumb down”** the preaching and declaration of the Word and to begin to have worship services where people can ***“experience God”*** through repetitive singing and even chanting, through drama and the arts, through liturgical dance and ballet, through silence, through prayer labyrinths, through candles, through images and practices of the ancient-future faith — I honestly have some grave concerns — don’t you ?

Dr. Robert “Bob” Webber, who taught at Wheaton College for 32 years as Professor of Theology and is now connected with Northern Baptist Theological Seminary is a prolific author (over 40 books) and a chief promoter of the emerging church stated in a 2010 article written for ***“Worship Leader”*** (May - June Issue) titled ***“Wanted: Ancient Future Talent”*** stated:

“the Spirit is working a new thing in the churchancient-future worship is being born.”

He listed a number of things that he believes are necessary for ***“talented workers”*** to discover if they are to reach this new awakening of spirituality that is about to sweep across the church arena. Some of these are:

— Rediscover how God acts through the sacred signs of water, bread and wine, oil and laying on of hands.

— Rediscover the central nature of the table of the Lord in the Lord's Supper, breaking of bread, communion and Eucharist.

— Rediscover how congregational spirituality is formed through the Christian celebration of time in Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent,

Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost.

That sounds good on the surface but when you dig deeper into what he advocates you find a sinister cloud in this predicted bright day that is supposedly dawning.

Dr. Webber's next statement adds a whole different dimension to the direction he believes Christianity is emerging towards:

*Biblical symbols such as baptismal identity and Eucharistic thanksgiving will take on new meaning. The church will become less concerned about teaching eschatology(**prophecy**) and more committed to being an eschatological community.*

In his book "***Ancient-Future Evangelism***" (page 114) he tells us what his thoughts about Eucharistic thanksgiving are.

*A brief glance at the teaching of the Eucharist from the pre-Nicene period provides insight into the early church's understanding. The Fathers taught that continual spiritual nourishment was provided to believers at this great feast. First it is clear from the writings of Justin Martyr in the middle of the second century that this is no empty symbol. Christ is really present in the bread and wine. He feeds us in the remembrance of His salvation. **He feeds us through His presence which is accomplished through prayer.** (Bold/underline mine.)*

Emerging Church Video web link: <http://www.blip.tv/file/4163946>

Churches with Open Pastorates

Broadway First Church of God

Caney First Church of God

Irvine First Church of God

Siloam First Church of God

Wells Chapel First Church of God

2011 Pastors' Fellowship Conferences

Monday, May 2, 2011
8:30—11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, May 3, 2011
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Dave Devoll
Theology

This course is a basic introduction to “how to do” theology.



Randy Montgomery
Spiritual Formation

This course will present an honest conversation of how to pursue and maintain a strong and healthy spiritual foundation.



Allan Hutchinson
Biblical Survey

This course will conduct a survey of the Old and New Testament.



Bill Neece
Church of God
Doctrine and History

This course will give the student a basic understanding of church history in general.



Anita Miller
Women in Ministry
This conference focuses not on the fact that we are WOMEN in ministry, but that we are MINISTERS who happen to be women.



Frank Ramey
Last Things (Eschatology)
In this conference we will share together the truth about eschatology and the error that is so blatantly presented in the 21st Century.

LOCATION: Winchester First Church of God • 2500 Colby Road • Winchester, KY 40391

These conferences are “in partnership with Kentucky State Ministries and Pastors' Fellowship.”

Pastors' Fellowship May 2-3, 2011

First Church of God • 2500 Colby Road • Winchester, Kentucky 40391
Frank Curtis, Chairman

For more information
call (859) 744-2387

Monday May 2, 9:30 AM
Steering Committee Meeting

Theme: The Church You Can Believe In

MONDAY

3:00 PM
"The Church
Predestined!"



Danny Goins

1:30 PM
"The Church
in Prophecy



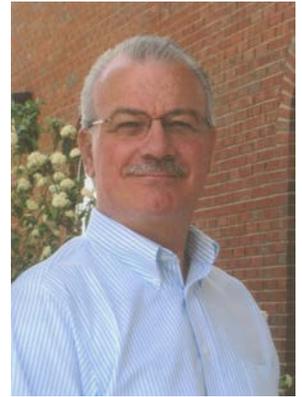
Darrell Sovine

6:30 PM
"The Church's
Purchase Price"



Charles Heater

8:15 PM
"The Church's
Power"



Gary Brown

TUESDAY

9:00 AM
"The Church's
Particularity"



Virgil J. Harmon

10:30 AM
"The Church's
Priority"



Bill Neece

2:00 PM
"The Church's
Position"



Lowell Rice

3:30 PM
"The Church's
Prize"



Steve Williams

Revival

PLEASANT VALLEY

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

May 4-6, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

Evangelist:

Rev. Jerry Williams

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Featuring



Bethel Baptist Quartet



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Jubilee Road

Thursday, May 5, 2011

7:00 PM

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Mt. Sterling, KY

Free Admissions

(A love offering will be received going to WBFC radio station)

Pastor Jesse Dennis would like to invite everyone to the upcoming Revival

Revival

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FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

May 9 - 11 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

Evangelist:

Rev. Virgil J. Harmon

Revival

MILLERS CREEK

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

May 9 - 13 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

Evangelist:

Rev. Tim Cole

Lifecycles of Congregations
"Strategies for Kingdom Growth"

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FOR TODAY'S CHALLENGES

REGIONAL MINISTERS
AND ALL LAY LEADERS MEETING
May 14th 9:00 - 3:30

Presenters

Jeannette Flynn
Randy Montgomery
V.P. Palmer

Host Congregation

First Church OF God
301 Mahood Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
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firstchurchofgod@frontiernet.net

9:15-10 a.m. Registration, Refreshments and Reconnecting
10-11:00 a.m. Session one - Biblical Principles of Lifecycles
11:15-11:30 - Break
11:30-12:30 Session two - Understanding LIFECYCLES

Lunch @ the church

1:30-2:30 Session three - Interpreting Lifecycles for "my" congregation
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-3:30 Session four - Prescription of HOPE and strategies that HELP
3:30 Closing prayer and on the way to Kingdom Expansion

Please register (FREE) so we can prepare adequate food for lunch:
Call the church office 304)425-5652 or email pcstokes@suddenlink.net

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Revival

OAKLA

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

May 18-21, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

Evangelist:

Rev. Jeff Fannin

East District Rally

of the Kentucky

Church of God

Sunday, May 22, 2011

Mud Lick First Church of God

in Bath County

Speaker: Rev. Richard Bradley

Pre-Service 5:30 PM

Service 6:00 PM

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

Youth Rally

Hope First Church of God

Hope Means Road, Hope KY

For information call 859-585-7085

Sunday Night

6:00 p.m.

MAY 22, 2011

More Than Conquerors

Join us for Music, Message, Drama, & Food

Guest Speaker:

Julie Abbott-Dodson

And we know that in all things God
works for the good of those who love
him... Romans 8:28

Bluebank First Church of God Upcoming Events

Sunday May 15th, 6:30 PM. we will be having the "Children Of The World Choir" perform at the Morehead Conference Center in Morehead. There will be 18 children from all over the world that were orphans performing on stage in their native dress. They are absolutely amazing and will truly bless all who come.

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

WDFB Christian Radio Danville

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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!

BUSY FOR THE LORD!

East Ky. Campground Bd. Planning Conference

Paintsville, Ky.

March 28, 2011



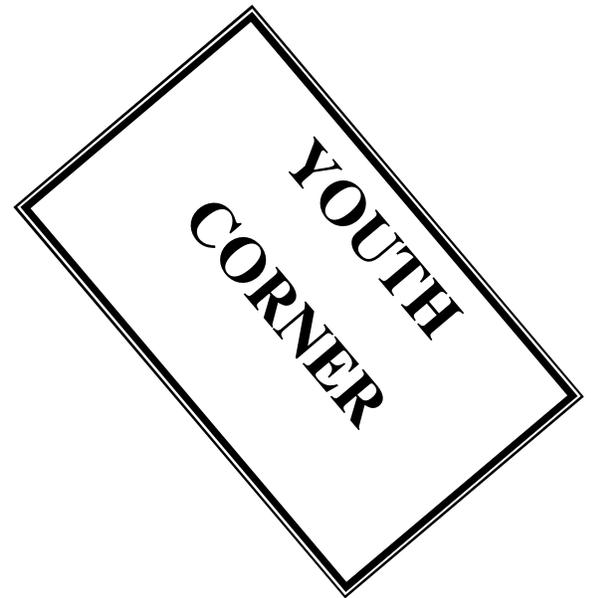
L-R: Bro. Bill Maxey, Pastor Scottie Adkins, Pastor Doug Kestner, Chairman Jeff Justice, Rev. Richard Good, Bro. James Reynolds, Pastor Robert Jordan, Pastor Bush Stevenson, Pastor Phillip Keeton, and Pastor Lowell Rice

SOULS SAVED at SOUTH SHORE FIRST CHURCH of GOD



God blessed us with a soul-saving revival at South Shore First Church of God March 27-April 1. We had a father-son team working this week. Brother Kevin Beck, pastor in Blanchester, OH, preached Sunday morning through Thursday night. His 18-year-old son Andy Beck preached Friday night (which was our high attendance night--106!) His son Josh sang throughout the week, blessing us with his powerful voice and spirit, and his daughter Laurie played the piano for some of Josh's songs and she also played as well as sang on Youth Night, Friday night. We had four souls saved this week, and will have a baptismal service Sunday morning for them and for a fifth young lady who is also ready to be baptized. Several churches were represented in the meeting: Kenova, WV, First Church of God, Sis. Becky Lawson pastor. The Lawson family was here several nights, and she and the kids sang for us. We also appreciate the generosity of that congregation in "loaning" us their gifted pianist, Sis. Amy Salisbury, who has been playing for us while our own pianist is recovering from surgery. Pastor David Robirds of the local Nazarene Church and some of the saints from that congregation were here. Pastor Potter from the local pentecostal Church of God was here one night, and two of his worship teams helped us in worship, the adult team on Tuesday night and the youth team on Friday night. God's Spirit was present in a real way for the preaching and the singing. Several South Portsmouth youth were in attendance on Friday night, as well as youth from other area churches. Pray that our congregation will be a real "mother" to our new converts and disciple them to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray, too, that the revival spirit will continue long after this week of special meetings is over..

Pastor Dave DeVoll



Pastors / Church Family,

The 2011 East District Youth Rally was held on April 10th . This Youth Rally was at Johnson FCOG in Rowan County. We were blessed to have 250 in attendance . There were 18 different congregations represented . This Rally was Chaired by East District Youth Coordinator James Reynolds . The theme for this Rally was " Get Higher on Jesus" . The whole focus of this service was to warn our youth to stay away from drugs. The worship was led by the group 7:13 from Little Mud Lick COG . The drama team " Unspoken" from Little Paint FCOG also performed a wonderful drama skit. Bro.Jason Johnson shared with those in attendance about the new East District web-site. { www.eastdistrict.org } Pastor Jeff Fannin from Bluebank FCOG was our guest speaker . Pastor Fannin shared a message challenging the youth with his personal testimony as well as others from his Church that shared their experiences of how God had delivered them from drugs . There was a time of fellowship after this Youth Rally. I would like to thank East District Youth Coordinators James & Lena Reynolds for all their hard work in organizing this event . Also "THANK YOU" to those youth leaders who supported this East District Youth Rally. God really blessed in a marvelous way. I will be sending a link out to you soon so you can view this Youth Rally on-line.

Jeff Justice

Get Higher on Jesus

Click link to view this service!

<http://www.blip.tv/file/5048838>

East District Youth Rally at Johnson First Church of God





Chad Varga
Morris Creek First Church of
God
April 3



Meade Station First Church of God Revival

April 10-13



Pastor Robert Jordan, Carol Bradley, Rev. Richard Bradley

Frenchburg First Church of God Revival

April 25-30

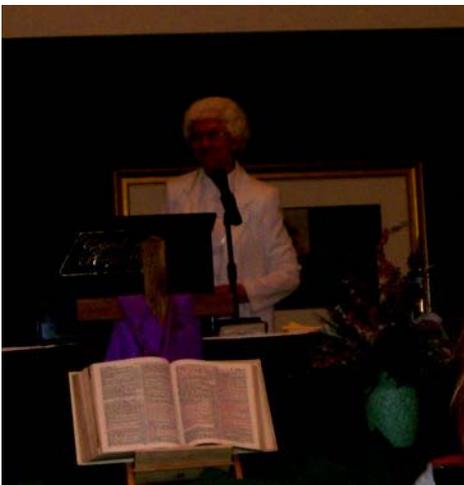


Pastor Roger Wells, Evangelist Doyle Thomas

KENTUCKY WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD/
CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTED

April was a busy and blessed month. Over 125 women attended the annual state convention held in Frankfort, April 15-16. The theme was “Lovingly Accepted.” We are lovingly accepted by Christ and we are to show the same love to those Christ places in our paths. Our keynote speaker was Rev. Mabel Johnson. What powerful messages she brought. We were also blessed to have Mandy Bohm, worship leader, Rebecca New-Edson, “Communicating with Love” breakout session speaker, and Jon and Karen Lambert, missionaries from Ecuador.

An auction and offerings help raise over \$2000 to support the McCrackerns’ work in Brazil, the Lamberts’ work in Ecuador, and to support our youth attending sponsored activities. The 2011-2012 State Officers were also inducted into office. Hope Hill Children’s home will be the 2011-2012 state project .



Rev. Mabel Johnson



Mandy Mobley Bohm



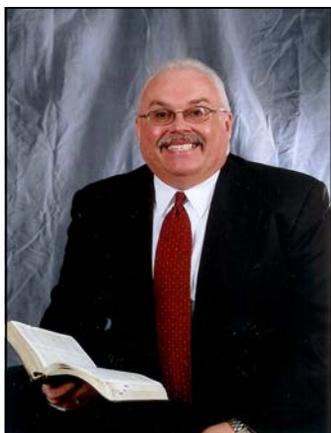
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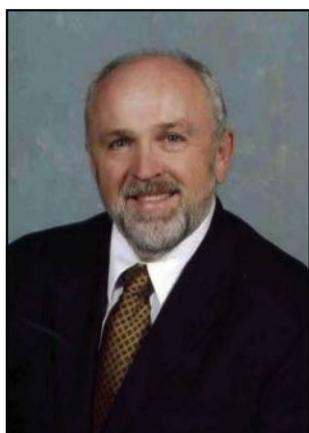


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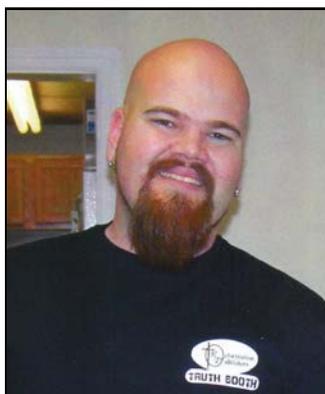
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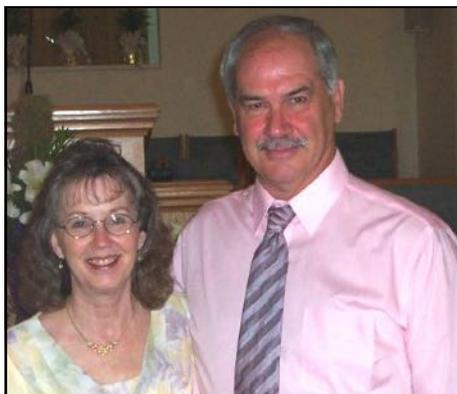
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If you have a link (Congregation/Reformation Movement links)

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

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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, Pleasant Valley, Polkville, 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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