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

**EAST DISTRICT RALLY
FRENCHBURG FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
OCTOBER 21, 2012**



L-R Pastor Lowell Rice , Rev. Stanley Hutchinson , Pastor Roger Wells , Pastor Vernon Gross , Youth Pastor Jason Johnson , Chairman Jeff Justice , Pastor Bobby Hollon , Pastor Marvin Hobbs , Pastor Cliff Davis , Rev. Scott Osborne , Rev. David Cooper , Pastor Jesse Dennis.

From the Desk of Jeff Justice

East District Church of God, Chairman

East District Rally Report

Churches from all across Eastern Kentucky came together on October 21st at Frenchburg First Church of God to celebrate the last East District Rally of 2012. This Rally was blessed by The McKinney Family from West Liberty, Ky. providing the special singing for the pre-service as well as the Rally Service itself. This Rally Service saw 14 different COG congregations come together to worship.

The host, Pastor Roger Wells, from Frenchburg First Church of God welcomed those in attendance and voiced the opening prayer. Worship was led by Sister Robin Tolle from Owingsville First Church of God. She was accompanied on the piano by Sister Diane Wells.

Pastor Vernon Gross from Youngs Valley Church of God prayed over the requests that were taken. The guest speaker for this Rally was Rev. Stanley Hutchinson from Morehead First Church of God. Bro. Stanley shared a message entitled "Praying for Revival".

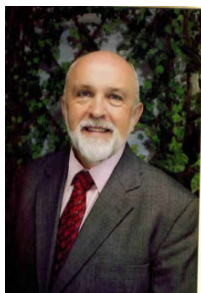
The offertory prayer was given by Pastor Jessie Dennis from Ezel First Church of God. Bro. Jason Johnson from the Prestonsburg FCOG played the saxophone fro the offertory. The "Blessing of the Pastors" prayer was voiced by Pastor Lowell Rice from Owingsville First Church of God.

I would like to invite all Pastors, Ministers and Youth Leaders to our 3rd Annual East District Christmas Banquet that will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Natural Bridge Resort Park Lodge from 4-6 p.m.

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

Dear Members of the East District,

America is at the crossroads as we face the upcoming elections and every Christian is urged to pray earnestly for God's Will to be done and vote. To underscore the importance of voting this year, Billy Graham has released a statement that touched my heart. It is hard for me to imagine that Billy Graham is nearly 94 years old and only eternity will reveal the magnitude of his ministry. Below is the statement that Billy Graham has made in regard to making our choices.

"The legacy we leave behind for our children, grandchildren and this great nation is crucial. As I approach my 94th birthday, I realize this election could be my last. I believe it is vitally important that we cast our ballots for candidates who base their decisions on biblical principles and support the nation of Israel. I urge you to vote for the sanctity of life and support the biblical definition of marriage between a man and a woman. Vote for biblical values this November 6, and pray with me that America will remain one nation under God."

As we face the future, it is incomprehensible to think of what America would be without the blessing of God. Someone asked me recently if I thought that God had ceased to bless America and I responded by saying "No! But so many in America have ceased to bless God!" Let's not let that happen in the Church of God. Let's praise God every day of our lives!

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

Irvine First Church of God Revival

We will be having homecoming at the church on November 4, 2012 followed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday by revival meetings. The evangelist will be Pastor Paul Floyd from Kirby Knob Church of God. There will be singing and wonderful worship each service.

Homecoming Sunday will begin at 9:45 am for Sunday School followed at 10:45 am for worship service followed by a pot-luck dinner. Revival meetings will start at 7:00 pm each evening starting Monday night.

God Bless
Pastor Todd

REVIVAL

Where : Ezel Church of God

When : November 5th-8th

Time: 7:00

Speaker: Rev Stanley Hutchinson

Pastor Jesse Dennis and congregation
welcomes all, come and be a
blessing and also receive many :

Come and hear songs of Spirit
And what thus saith our Lord
Jesus Christ

A Church where everyone is someone and Jesus is Lord

Revival

At

Frenchburg First Church of God

November 7 -9

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

7:00 pm Nightly

Evangelist: Garrett Thomas

There will be special singing Nightly

Everyone Welcome

By the Congregation

And Pastor Roger H. Wells

Ph. 606-768-3454 or 606-359-1063

*Little Mud Lick
Church of God
Revival*

Date : November 11-16 , 2012

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Evangelist Bush Stevenson



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

Kentucky Women of the Church of God/Christian Women Connection

State Project for 2012-13

Small Animal Project for Gitalama, Rwanda

Project Number: 42.30490

The **state project for 2012-13 is the Small Animal Project for Gitalama, Rwanda in the amount of \$5,000.** This project will provide male goats, cows, tin roofs for chicken houses and bee hive containers for this area. The cost of the above is as follows: male goats-\$175 each, cows-\$700 each, tin roof for chicken houses-\$320 each, and bee hive containers-\$100 each.

The products from these animals provide food for the families and a means of support so the families can buy other needed items. The off spring from the animals are sold to other families and the cycle begins again. This is a paying forward project for the area. It would be wonderful if we could raise the total amount of \$5,000. We have not reached the total amount for our state project in several years. Maybe your group could select a specific item or two and work toward raising the total amount for those you have chosen. Some money making ideas are: bake sales, yard sales, dinner after church on Sunday, dessert after church on Sunday night or Wednesday night, supper on Saturday night, breakfast on Saturday morning, auctions, sell candy, sell cookbooks and craft sales. I am sure your group has other ideas as well.

Working together we will be able to reach our goal.

Membership Dues

Support your Local, the State, and National Units

Make sure your membership dues has been forwarded to the State Treasurer.

CONNECT ONE

Support the Program

\$1.00 a month, \$52.00

2013 Kentucky Women of the Church of God/Christian Women Connection State Convention

April 19-20, 2013

Speaker: Charlotte McPherson, Missionary in Turkey

East District Support

Dear Sister Congregations of the Church of God in the East District,

One of the greatest blessings to the Church of God in the East District has been the ministry of Bro. Jeff Justice. Within the last year, Bro. Jeff has visited thirty-six churches, driven over 10 thousand miles and spent countless hours on the phone encouraging pastors and congregations. He has used his unique talents and abilities to bring people together in unity and oneness that should characterize the Church. And, it should be noted that Bro. Jeff does this on a volunteer basis and without a salary. I would not be surprised to find that Bro. Jeff donates more volunteer hours to the church than than any other pastor in the Church of God Reformation Movement, and this, in spite of the fact that he works full time in a secular job.

There are two things that the East District does for Bro. Jeff. The first is that we pay his mileage expense based on the per mile basis established by the IRS. The second thing is that we established a Roth IRA for Brother Jeff to allow him to have a retirement income in the future. This was established under the guidance of the late Billy Joe Hall who understood the needs of pastors and their families and this fund should help provide some financial security for Bro. Jeff in his senior years. The IRA is funded solely by voluntary contributions from the East District Churches that are designated for that purpose.

The funding for this retirement account is through volunteer contributions from the churches in the East District. Once a year, we show our thanks and appreciation to Bro. Jeff by asking all churches that are willing and able to do so to contribute to this retirement fund. November is the month of Thanksgiving and let's let Bro. Jeff know that we're thankful for him and his ministry to the East District by being supportive.

When your respond to this appeal, whether it be by love offering or contribution from your church treasury, you can send it to: Attn: Bro. Jeff Justice Retirement Fund, East District of the Church of God in Kentucky, I.O.F. Box 2263, Pikeville, Ky. 41502. These funds will be placed in Bro. Jeff's Roth IRA.

If every church participates, this should help Bro. Jeff to better prepare for his retirement.

Blessings,
Lowell CO. Rice, Vice-Chairman
East District of the Church of God in Kentucky

New East District Correspondence Director

Pastors / Churches,

It is a pleasure to announce our newest team member to the East District Ministry. Sister Sharon Watkins has agreed to serve as our Correspondence Director. Sister Watkins will be responsible for contacting as many congregations/pastors as she can each month to secure newsworthy items for our monthly E-News.

This ministry is of great benefit to the local church because we can announce your special events to hundreds of people at one time.

Please welcome Sister Watkins to our team when she calls.

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

**East District welcomes
Bowen First Church of God
new pastor
Steve Williams**

THIRD ANNUAL EAST DISTRICT CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The East District of the Church of God in Kentucky will hold its Third Annual Christmas Banquet at Natural Bridge State Park Lodge on Saturday, December 1 from 4-6 pm. This is always a great time of fellowship for all who attend and the park personal always do a great job in hosting this event. The cost of the meal is \$15 per person which also includes your beverage. This banquet is for all pastors and ministers both currently active and retired and their spouses. We also encourage all lay people who serve in some capacity of ministry to the East District to attend as well with their spouses.

It is my hope every minister can attend this year's banquet. In order to insure the lodge is adequately prepared for us it is important you notify me by phone or email no later than Monday, November 26. You may reach me at 606-424-0695 or 606 437- 4821 or at eastdistrict40@yahoo.com.

I pray you will be able to attend and join in a time of fellowship with your fellow ministers and God's servants from across eastern Kentucky.

Jeffery Justice, Chairman

***EAST DISTRICT MINISTERS
THIRD ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS BANQUET***

***Welcome to all Pastors, Youth Leaders
and any who hold a position in the East
District ministry and their spouses***

***On Saturday Dec.1 2012
from 4pm to 6pm***

At Natural Bridge State Park Lodge

***The cost for the buffet is
\$15.00 per person
including beverage***

***Please make plans to
attend and let us know in
order to make
preparations with the
lodge***

***Call Jeff Justice at
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Pleasant Valley First Church of God Revival

October 24-26, 2012



Pastor Bush Stevenson and Speaker Greg Tucker

Campton First Church of God Revival

October 24-27, 2012



Pastor David Neace and Evangelist Gary Brown.

Meade Station Church of God
Fall Carnival
October 13, 2012



South Shore Church of God Revival

October 7-14, 2012

"We concluded our Fall Revival last Friday night, after great services all week. The Revival began Sunday Morning on October 7 and ran through Friday Night, October 12. Doctor Nathan Leasure from Rock Chapel Church of God in Granite Falls, NC, was our evangelist and he preached some challenging, outstanding, and searching messages. We had visiting musicians and singers Monday through Friday night, including Youth from the South Shore Church of God, the Music Class from Harvest Christian Academy, Blue Grass Gospel singers on Monday and Thursday, and from the First Church of the Nazarene in South Shore (who cancelled their services on Wednesday night to worship with us). On Youth Night, we had young people from South Portsmouth Church of God, South Shore Church of God, Calvary Chapel, New Boston Christian Baptist Church, as well as several other area churches and our own Youth, who led the service and participated in many ways. We have found it is a great way to practice our doctrine of the unity of all believers by inviting singers from local churches and having a Youth Night where many young people come together and see Christians forgetting about the man-made barriers that divide us on Sunday Morning."



Pastor David DeVoll and Evangelist Nathan Leasure

Ezel First Church of God Homecoming

October 12, 2012



Pastor Jesse Dennis and Guest Speaker Jeff Justice

Feds Creek First Church of God Revival October 17-20, 2012



L-R Pastor Nando Mullins Jr. and
Evangelist Nathan Leasure

East District Youth Rally

The Fall East District Youth Rally was held on October 7, 2012 at Midland First Church of God in Bath County. Fourteen different Church of God Youth Groups came together in the Spirit of Unity and the Lord blessed with a great service.

The sanctuary was filled with praise and worship, led by Worship Band 7:13 from Little Mud Lick Church of God in Johnson County.

Youth Pastor Sam Chaffin from Little Paint First Church of God was the guest speaker. Sam shared a message entitled, "Are You Willing". The East District would like to thank the Midland First Church of God and Pastor Bush Stevenson for hosting this youth event.

The East District Youth Coordinators, James and Lena Reynolds have been a blessing to HIS kingdom and the East District would like to express our appreciation to James and Lena for their leadership.





Prestonsburg First Church of God Revival

September 3-October 3, 2012

Pastor Bush Stevenson, Midland First Church of God, Bath County, served as the evangelist for the fall revival effort in Prestonsburg, September 30 thru October 3 with the annual Homecoming on Sunday. Special music was provided by the Bowen Bluegrass Singers. They did a super job. A Dinner on the Ground followed the morning service. Pastor Dan Heaberlin was the special music Sunday night. Brother Dan has so many talents and blessed us with his quality voice.

The revival was a success with one rededication and two baptisms during the revival meeting and one to follow on Sunday, October 14. Our adults needed this revival. Our men were challenged to move up closer to the Lord. We cancelled all Sunday School "B" ministries for the week to focus on our adults. We were not disappointed. Our attendance reached over 50 on Tuesday night with very few visiting from other congregations. This revival was for our folks. We are forming ministry teams and encouraging everyone to have one job before anyone has two jobs.

More than ever before, I sensed the value of an evangelist. I've been at Prestonsburg 14 years. They benefited by the preaching of the Brother Bush. He fed them what I lack. Their attendance proved to me their hunger for the Word from his preaching. I want Brother Bush to return as soon as possible to benefit my congregation. I would encourage every pastor to consider calling Brother Bush Stevenson to come as an evangelist for your congregation. Our offerings came very close to paying for the entire expense of the meeting.

Pastor Steven V. Williams, Prestonsburg First Church of God



Pictured L-R Evangelist Bush Stevenson and Pastor Steve Williams

Prestonsburg First Church of God Revival



Lick Creek Church of God Revival

October 7-14, 2012

The Church of God at Lick Creek, Kentucky has been **REVIVED** this week. Our Thanks to Evangelist Richard Bradley and his lovely wife Carol. Sister Carol was able to be with us Sunday, October 7th, thru Wednesday October 10th. I had the privilege of their fellowship and lunch on Tuesday in my home. After seeing them together, I was reminded of the passages of scripture in Proverbs 18:22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord and Proverbs 19:14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers; and a prudent wife is from the Lord. After spending just a little time with them it is very clear how the Lord is able to use them mightily for the Kingdom. Brother Bradley finished out the week thru Sunday morning Worship on October 14th. The seed has been planted and watered and we know God will add to His Church. Our Thanks to the Pike County area Churches for their presence, you are greatly appreciated for all your efforts to keep the Unity. May God Bless You and Keep You Strong.

Pastor Kathy Cantrell and the Church at Lick Creek



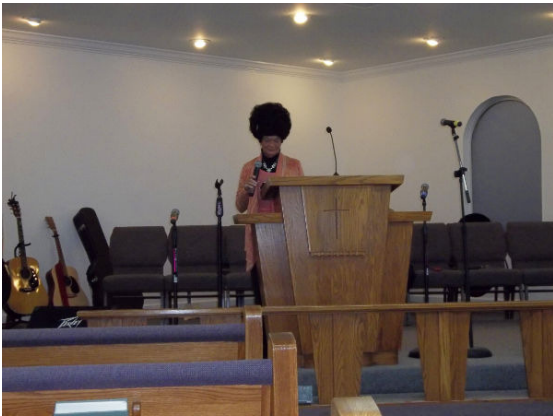
Pastor Kathy Cantrell and Evangelist Richard Bradley



Powell County Church of God Fifth Sunday Singing

Stanton First Church of God

September 30, 2012



Pike County Church of God Unity Service
Elkhorn City First Church of God
September 30, 2012



Pictured L-R Pastor Scottie Adkins , Pastor Nando Mullins Jr. , Chairman Jeff Justice , Pastor Kathy Cantrell , Rev. Terry Crawford , Rev. William "Bud " Wilson

2012 Morris Creek Church of God Camp Meeting
September 3-8, 2012



Pastor Raymond Tipton and Evangelist Billy Puckett

EAST DISTRICT 2012 SCHEDULE

2012 East District Rally Schedule

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

December 1, 2012

East District Ministers Christmas Banquet

Natural Bridge State Resort Park Lodge

4:00-6:00 pm

Please be praying for the 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



*East District
Of the KY Church of God*



Facebook site

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

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

Hope to see you at an upcoming rally!

Rev. Daniel Castle

Social Media Coordinator

East District of the KY Church of God

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

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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, Polkville, 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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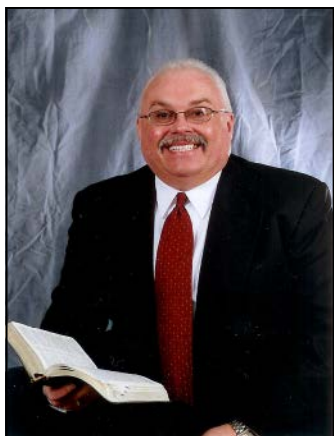
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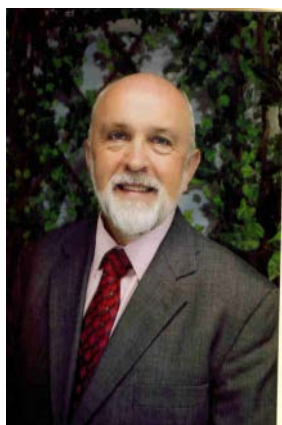
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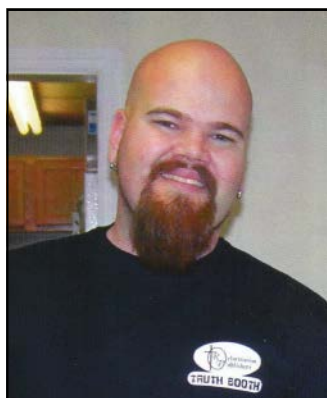
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Pastor Dan Heaberlin

WSIP 98.9 FM Sunday 12:30pm

Pastor Alan Hutchinson

WIVY 96.3 FM Sunday 10:00am

Pastor Bobby Hollon

WJSN 97.3 FM Sunday 8:00am

T.V. WLJC Sunday 7:30am

Sunday 9:00am

Pastor John Jessup

WCBT 91.5 FM Tuesday 11:30 am

Pastor Anthony Molihan

WBFC 1470 AM Sunday 9:00am

Pastor Walter Strong

WBFC 1470 AM Sunday 8:30am

WSGS 100.1 FM Sunday 9:30am

Pastor Raymond Tipton

WBFC 1470 AM Saturday 11:00am

Pastor Steven V. Williams

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Churches with Open Pastorates

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Johns Creek First Church of God

Salyersville First Church of God

Wells Chapel First Church of God

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