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



**EAST DISTRICT RALLY
SHAWNEE CHURCH OF GOD
AUGUST 21, 2011**

Pictured L-R Rev. Gary Ausbun , Rev. Don Young , Rev. Daniel Castle , Pastor Harold Keeton , Rev. Willard Nolen , Pastor Dave Devoll , Chairman Jeff Justice , Pastor Jim Stamper , Pastor Danny Goins , Youth Pastor Jason Johnson , Pastor Lowell Rice , Pastor Robert Jordan , State Pastor Randy Montgomery , Pastor Steve Williams

East District Rally Report

The East District Rally was held on August 21, 2011 at Shawnee Church of God in Flatwoods, Ky. There were 170 in attendance from 11 different Church of God congregations. The pre-service music as well as the special singing in the worship service was done by The Sammons Family.

The host pastor, Jim Stamper welcomed those in attendance and gave the opening prayer. There were prayer requests taken and Pastor Danny Goins, Grandview Church of God, voiced the prayer over the requests.

The service was chaired by, Chairman Jeff Justice. The worship was led by Jerry and Bark Meek from Little Paint First Church of God. The guest speaker for the Rally Service was Rev. Gary Ausbun from Elkhart, Indiana. Rev. Ausbun shared a message entitled, "A Changeless Christ in a Changing World."

The offertory prayer was given by Pastor Robert Jordan, Meade Station Church of God. The offertory song was sung by Margaret Castle from Little Mud Lick Church of God.

State Pastor, Randy Montgomery prayed a "Blessing of the Pastors" prayer to close the service. There was a time of fellowship following the service.

We would to 'THANK' the Shawnee Church of God as well as Pastor Jim Stamper for hosting the rally, and for providing the food after the service.

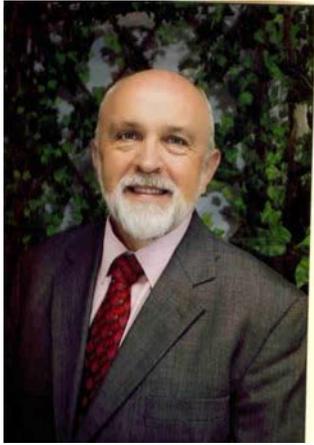
The next East District Rally will be held on September 18, 2011 at Midland First Church of God in Bath County. The guest speaker for the rally will be Rev. Bill Neece.

Jeff Justice

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







Lowell Rice

From the Desk of the Vice Chairman

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Time goes by quickly and it's hard for me to realize that it has been 45 years since I graduated from Oil Springs High School in Johnson County, Kentucky. Times sure have changed since those days with the changes being both good and bad and I'm sure you will agree with that. However, I did manage to make it through even though I didn't have an I-pod, I-pad or computer.

One of the things I remember from my high school experience is our class motto which says, "They Conquer Who Believe They Can!", and over the years I have observed that we never do more than we think we can. We limit ourselves by what we believe we can do. Lack of confidence in our abilities when reinforced by the Holy Spirit's help often keeps us from accomplishing God's will and plan for our lives. We look at our bad economy, our sad moral climate, our competition from the secular world for the minds and souls of our children, and all the social problems in today's world and we often sigh in despair and feel helpless to do anything about it. And, I must confess that there are time when I feel that way.

But, we must remind ourselves over and over again that God measures our success by our efforts and not our results. I am convinced that a revived church is the best hope for a better society where we live and God has called us to be light, salt and leaven to our communities and to our world and to interact with the world in a way that exalts Jesus Christ and draws people to Him.

In spite of unbelievable adversity and opposition, the Apostle Paul overcame his limitations, his "thorn in the flesh" and became the greatest influence in the early church. Certainly there were many reasons for this but perhaps one of the greatest ones is what he said which is akin to my class motto and that is, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13). I pray that in the East District we will be motivated in our churches through raising the bar as to what we believe we can do. Let's not be content to just do what we've always done or fear doing what we've never done. Our Lord will never move us to do anything but what He will provide to us the energy and ability to do it!

Our early pioneer Church of God preachers endured much adversity and many difficulties but they had the kind of optimism and attitude like that reflected in one of our early hymns which says, "Brighter days are sweetly dawning, O the glory looms in sight". May that be our attitude as we do God's will and God's work in the East District.

"THEY CONQUER WHO BELIEVE THEY CAN"

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

When I Saw the Church!

In our church of God congregations we have heard the question asked many times, "Have you seen the church?" This inquiry is intended to inspire Christians to search the scriptures to see the church that Jesus came to build, the church that the Holy Spirit inhabits, and the church that God the Father sent His Son to redeem from the power of sin and death. The church of God is not simply a church among churches; it is the church among imitations.

When Jesus affirmed Peter's recognition of who Jesus really was, "The Son of God", He stated, "...upon this rock I will build my church; (singular) and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This is not only a scriptural introduction of the church as a Biblical doctrine; it is a revelation of the fact that there is but one true church that is recognized by Jesus. It is the church that He purchased with His own blood.

The church is the most beautiful sight I have ever seen in my life. Each individual member of God's church has His personal workmanship and design. Each component that comprises this magnificent construction reflects the glory of the whole and represents the product of God's love and grace. It is such a blessing to recognize the church of God as a divinely constructed temple consisting of every individual who has been born of the Spirit, choosing to live in submission to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

I lived in spiritual blindness and was primarily unchurched for the first 22 years of my life. While living in sin I had a perverted view of the church. I thought anyone who attended religious services and talked about God or Jesus, were Christians. I noted that these religious folks believe so many different things; they seemed to be confused and divided. But they were called churches and Christians so in my mind I thought God must have a great deal of flexibility when it comes to what He would accept as His people. Then I got saved.

As a new born Christian viewing what took place inside a church building and getting to know the individuals who attended the services was exciting and yet perplexing. For the most part these were friendly and loving people. However I saw many inconsistencies. Some of the individuals who would sing about loving God only showed up on Sunday mornings. Others would hear the preaching but not listen and apply the teaching. Some would say amen and others would say their, "now I lay me down to sleep" prayer.

I thought, "Shouldn't Christians be more excited about God?" People who came to worship God talked more about racing, hunting, sports and other worldly matters than Christianity or Jesus. Don't get me wrong I was in a great church of God congregation. But I began to see that not everyone that goes to church is serious about a relationship with Jesus. What was being preached and what I was reading about in the four Gospels was that there was a Savior who died for the church enabling them to have a real intimate relationship with God.

That is what I wanted. I wanted to be everything Jesus wanted me to be, so I made up my mind I was going to be faithful to Him no matter what anyone else did. You know what? I think that was the best decision I could have made. But I must say doing church was not same as being the church.

About a year into my walk with Jesus, I had the privilege of seeing for the first time the church of God. The church Jesus committed to build was not a man controlled organization. The church is not a Pagan religion that worships gods that man created. The church is not Papal, blindly following clergy and men who endeavor to take the place of the Holy Spirit and who worship the saints as the pagans worshiped their gods. The church is not a combination of all Protestant religions. Protestant religions divide Christians with their denominational

organization. They require that you wear their brand or mark in order to be a valued member of their sectarian organization. The church of God that Jesus said He would build was not a denomination

The church of God is be united as a single family, a temple in which God inhabits. It is the body and the bride of Christ. Each branch (Christian) is connected to a single vine (Christ). When one chooses to forfeit that relationship they are cut off and gathered to be burned. Thus only committed believers that are saved from sin and live in a viable biblical relationship with Jesus are added and dwell in the church of God. Jesus is in charge of the membership not men.

When you see this truth you can understand how that the church of God is made up of only pure, powerful and peculiar believers. It excludes those who simply attach themselves to religious organizations without a true committed relationship with Jesus. It also reveals that God's church is inclusive in the since that all who have a genuine abiding relationship with Christ, regardless of what religious organization they may be a part, are truly Christian.

The Bible does not condemn all organization and structure within the church. The book of Acts reveals that the early church, under the influence of the Apostles, was organized into local assemblies. These congregations were all addressed as the church of God and were connected spiritually by virtue of their relationship with Jesus. When John received the Revelation of Jesus he was instructed to write to seven congregations of the church of God in Asia. Each congregation was evaluated by Christ, strengths and weaknesses were exposed and instruction given by Jesus to repent and overcome the human influences that brought compromise. The Pastors of these churches were to deliver the heaven given message and warn that neglecting to heed the instruction would mean that Jesus would no longer consider their congregation a part of His church. He would withdraw His Spirit from them and their Christian influence (flame) would be extinguished.

I am glad I am part of a movement that seeks to call men out of the confusion of man's imitation religions that are lifeless into a spiritually vibrant people connected to Jesus and kept in the Father's name. These are individuals and congregations who desire to live in purity and holiness, they are committed to truth and Holy Spirit guidance, and they seek the will of God as they live by the law of love. Congregations of the church of God are representative of the body of Christ as a whole; they aren't free to do their own thing. Every pastor and every congregation, should desire to be a perfect reflection of the church of God as it is revealed in scripture. That my friend is the church I saw long ago and the only church in which I am committed.

Have you seen the church?

Bro. D.L. Goins

What are we uniting with?

Jason Johnson

Unity is nothing new to the preaching of the Reformation Movement. We sing it in our songs, we talk about it, but do we always practice a Biblical unity? If we preach and teach that unity is important then we need to decide whom and what we are to be united with. Are we to be united with every religious organization out there that calls itself “church”? Or could there be more of a standard that we should search for before we jump into uniting with them? Dare I say, we should hold the church, God’s people, to a higher standard than just participating in a religious organization.

We need to get back to holiness! Holiness should be the first standard that is looked for before we agree to be united with the people. Why? Hebrews 12: 14 (**without holiness no one will see the Lord.**) reminds us that this is also God’s standard. If that standard is good enough for God to decide whom to unite with then we should also seek it as our standard. Holiness, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is a distinct attribute of the church of God.

Another standard that we should hold is love. If you are holy then love is the natural product of it. Today many groups preach holiness then forget to love the sinner who is looking for answers. We must show the world what true love is. With the media portraying love in a sinful way we need to bring the biblical definition of love back to our societies. We should not unite with groups that use the Bible to spread hate. If we unite with them, we are saying that it is okay to use the word of God to bring about evil into the world. Remember, Christ gave us two great commandments,

“Mark 12:29-31

29 “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

We see that love was the standard that Jesus wanted us as Christians to have. This should also be the standard that we hold others in the church accountable to.

1 Corinthians 13:6

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Truth is the last but possibly one of the most important standards that we are to hold. This standard keeps the church pure and free from bondage of bad creeds and doctrine. Out of the three standards I have mentioned this one is the most often ignored. The movement tends to compromise the truths that our heritage has found and held on to for the sake of unity. This unites us to others that can influence us in a negative way. We need to **STAND FIRM** on the truths of God's word!

2 Corinthians 13:7-8

7 Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong. Not that people will see that we have stood the test but that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. 8 For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

May we never do anything against the truth for the sake of unity.

The three standards mention (holiness, love, & truth) are what made our movement so unique and grand in it's formation. May we strive to hold the same values today. If not we will eventually loose what our pioneers worked so hard to preserve.

Ephesians 4

Unity in the Body of Christ

1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says:

***“When he ascended on high,
he led captives in his train
and gave gifts to men.”***

9 (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

These scriptures adequately sum up my thoughts. We don't need to let every trend and doctrine influence us. We need to speak the truth to those who may have less light than us. We should not become isolationists and only fellowship within the movement, but guard ourselves from bad influences.

We reach our hands to fellowship with every blood washed one. When reaching this hand we can think of it as pulling someone out of the water when they are drowning. We reach our hands to them and unite with them in the boat. We should not let them pull us in the water and drown.



WELCOME OUR NEW COMMUNICATION

CORRESPONDENT

The East District has a new Communication Correspondent. Her name is Marcie Fearn. Each month Marcie will be calling as many churches (Pastors, church secretaries, etc.) as possible for the purpose of collecting news for the East District Newsletter. Please welcome her and encourage her in this important assignment. Your cooperation makes our newsletter a truly news worthy item that keeps us all better informed about what is happening in the East District.

EAST DISTRICT CONGREGATION REPORT

Submitted by Marcie Fearn, East District Correspondent

Beattyville First Church of God - Pastor Garrett Thomas

The Church recently held its Homecoming service. The Church was blessed.

Booneville First Church of God - Pastor Thomas Crawford

Services are being held at the Church on Sundays at 2:00 P.M.

Bowen First Church of God - Pastor Stephen Donithan

Revival Plans are being made for a fall revival in October. Date & time {TBA}

Youth Group will be attending a youth meeting at Epperson FIRST CHURCH OF GOD on Sept. 18th

Youth meeting attendance on Wed. evening is ranging from 15 -20

Plans are being made for a Thanksgiving dinner for the community

Plans are being made for a Community Christmas Dinner. This is the 4th year for this ministry.

The Church delivered 150 meals last year.

Plans are being made for a special Veterans Day Service. Date & Time {TBA}

They have had 2 conversions and 2 rededications to the Lord recently

Campton First Church of God - Pastor David Neace

Plans are being made. Information {TBA}

Youth Group has been involved in 3 county wide community projects

Youth group attended a youth outreach with Chad Varga where there were over 2100 in

attendance. Several hundred came forward to accept Christ. This event was held in Breathitt

County.

Plans are being made for the Church Christmas program.

They have had 2 conversions and 5 baptisms recently

Caney First Church of God - Church Representative Edwin Benton

The Church is planning a trip to the Maysville Underground Railroad on Sept. 17th

Plans are being for a Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Plans are being made for a Community Christmas Dinner Outreach

Plans are being made for a Mothers' Day Flower Delivery Ministry for the Mothers who can no longer attend Church

Chavies First Church of God - Pastor Paul Hensley

Cushaw Festival Community Outreach is planned for Sept. 10th Time: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Youth Group has grown to 25 in attendance

2 conversions recently

Clay City First Church of God - Pastor Garland Lacy

Revival is scheduled for Sept. 11-14 7:00 P.M. Pastor Travis Risner is the Evangelist

Special Singing with The Sons of Liberty is scheduled for Sept. 25 11:00 A.M.

1 Conversion recently

Clay County First Church of God - Pastor Elbert Samms

2 conversions & Baptisms recently

Clearfield Tabernacle First Church of God - Pastor Gary McQuain

The Church will be having a special service remembering 9/11 on Sept. 11th

Sunday School Picnic is scheduled for Sept. 11th

The recent Rowan Co. Camp Meeting was a success

The Church had a Dedication Service for the Sanctuary this past March.

Plans are being made for a Veterans Program { Information TBA }

Homecoming Service October 2th Speaker : TBA

Unity Service October 30th Information TBA

Plans are being made for a Women's Turkey Dinner Fund Raiser in October {Info TBA}

3 Baptisms recently

Cranston First Church of God - Pastor Glenda Pettit

1 Conversion recently

East Fork Church of God - Pastor Billy Harmon

Recent Revival with Pastor Jeff Fannin was great and the revival ended with Homecoming service with the group " On A Journey"

Special Thanksgiving Service is planned for Nov. 23th

Plans are being made for the Church Christmas

1 Conversion recently

Ezel First Church of God - Pastor Jesse Dennis

Youth Group is planning on attending the youth outreach called " Praise In The Pines "
Community Outreach Thanksgiving Dinner is planned for Nov. 23th
6 Conversions & 8 Baptisms recently

Feds Creek First Church of God - Pastor Nando Mullins Jr.

Plans are being made for a Fall Revival Information TBA

Flemingsburg First Church of God - Pastor Tommy Williams

Revival October 3-7 7:00 P.M. Evangelist Bush Stevenson

Special Singing with The McKinneys is being planned for Sept. Information TBA

Frenchburg First Church of God - Pastor Roger Wells

Homecoming Service October 1st 11:00 .A.M.

Plans are being made for the Church Christmas Program

1 Conversion

Goff Corner First Church of God - Pastor Gary Mathis

2 Conversions recently

Grandview Church of God - Pastor Danny Goins

Children's Day is being planned for October Information TBA

Plans are being made for a Cantata Information TBA

55+ Church Group is planning to attend the New Creation Museum in Sept.

1 Conversion Recently

Church now has a web-site

Jackson First Church of God - Pastor Bobby Hollon

The Church recently visited The New Creation Museum . Everyone enjoyed the trip

The Church will be hosting an upcoming East District Rally on October 16th

1 Conversion Recently

Johns Creek First Church of God - Pastor Billy Puckett

Plans are being made for the upcoming Unity Service in October

Plans are being made for the upcoming Christmas program

2 Conversions & 1 Baptism Recently

Johnson First Church of God - Pastor Ben Furman {Rowan County}

The Church added to their staff Full-Time Youth Pastor position . Josh Givens is now the new Youth Pastor.

10 Baptisms Recently

Kerby Knob First Church of God - Pastor Paul Floyd
Plans are being made for the Church Christmas Program

Lick Creek First Church of God - Pastor Kathy Cantrell
Revival Sept. 16-18 Evangelist Trevor Belcher
Plans are being made for a VBS Youth Camp
WCG recently hosting a Prayer Retreat at the Breaks Interstate Park . There were 38 in attendance from 6 different congregations
1 conversion Recently

Lowmansville First Church of God - Pastor Doug Kestner
The Church recently hosted the 2011 East Ky. Camp Meeting . The services were a blessing.
Pastor Gary Brown was the evangelist.

Midland First Church of God - Pastor Bush Stevenson
Homecoming Service Sept. 11th 11:00 A.M. Special Singing will provided by Ky. Mountain Bible College Trio
3 Rededications Recently

Millers Creek Church of God - Pastor Merle Travis
Friends & Family Day October 8th 11:00 A.M. {Picnic after service}
Plans are being made for a special song service Information TBA

Morehead First Church of God - Pastor Alan Hutchinson
The Church is planning a series entitled "Chasing Daylight." This will be their special Sunday Morning Fall Campaign
Small Group Discussions are now being held on Sunday evenings
6 Conversions & 4 Baptisms Recently

Morris Creek First Church of God - Pastor Raymond Tipton
Morris Creek Camp Meeting Sept. 5-10 7:00 P.M.
Plans are being made to attend the All-Day Gospel singing that will be held on Sept. 11th at Patsy Mountain
1 Conversion & 1 Baptism Recently

Owingsville First Church of God - Pastor Lowell Rice
Calvary's Voice will be singing at 10:45 A.M. Sept. 18th. This service will kick-off their Fall Sunday School Campaign
3 Baptisms Recently

EAST DISTRICT PASTORAL FAMILY NEEDS PRAYER

Pastor Dan Heaberlin and his wife Diana are in need of the prayers of their Church Family throughout the East District and beyond. Sister Heaberlin has been told she needs a very serious operation. The surgery will be performed soon in a Lexington area hospital. The Heaberlins have been very faithful ministers of God's love and grace to the people of Paintsville and to all of Johnson County.

You can help the Heaberlins in two very important ways. First of all remember them in prayer. Secondly you can help them with the financial burden this surgery places upon them. Congregations are encouraged to consider a love offering to help the Heaberlins. Individuals who receive this newsletter are also encouraged to consider a gift to help this couple in their time of need. All gifts may be sent to:

Pastor Dan Heaberlin

205 8th Street

Paintsville, KY 41240

The leadership of the East District appreciates your support of this pastoral couple.



Rev. Willard Nolen and wife Deanie

CONGRATULATIONS!
FIFTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

PRAISES, PRAISES!

I would just like to say that Big Mud Lick First Church of God has been bless for the last few months. We have had 35 to 40 attend our services. We would like to give God the Glory.

I would like to thank each and everyone for the prayers and support on behalf of Lowmansville Camp Meeting. I was encourage with the attendance on Sunday night.

Thanks.
Bro. Keeton

**East District Welcomes
Karl Elam
as new Pastor
at
Broadway First Church of God**

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Educational Pursuits

SCOTTIE ADKINS has been accepted into the Masters of Divinity program at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. ATS is one of the finest holiness seminaries in the world. Brother Scottie works at Pikeville University as Payroll Manager and pastors our congregation in Elkhorn City. Please pray for him to find enough time for family, church, work, and education.

JASON JOHNSON attended his first summer session at Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana. He is pursuing a Masters in music education. Brother Jason teaches band at Morgan County Middle School and services as Music/Youth Pastor at our congregation in Prestonsburg. Jason was thrilled with the program. He lived with Brother Dale Stultz while in Anderson and was able to attend some of the Anderson Camp Meeting.

Please let us know if you are enrolled in higher education. We encourage you to consider Bible institutions in Grayson, Vanleve, and Wilmore. These three campuses are within driving distance of the East District. Many courses are now offered on-line as well.

Mentoring Program

BROTHER RICHIE GOOD is now on staff at Prestonsburg First as Minister of Visitation. He is also co-teaching the book of Romans on Wednesdays with the pastor. He will be teaching, visiting, meeting, etc. to serve the Kingdom and gain valuable practical experience. This one-year mentoring relationship with Pastor Steven V. Williams will help him fulfill his requirements for ordination. Brother Ritchie's home congregation is at Lick Creek in Pike County.

National Bus and Sunday School Convention

Please contact Prestonsburg Bus Ministry Director Bobby Spradlin @ 606-226-5118 or rpublishers@aol.com to join a group attending in Lexington in September.

Bi-Vocational Ministry

God has laid the bi-vocational pastor and congregation on the heart of Pastor Steve Williams. More ministry assistance and attention are needed for the bi-vocational. Please let him know your needs and thoughts about this. A newsletter, conferences, and annual assembly are being considered. You may contact him at 606-226-2125 or rpublisher@aol.com.

Reformation Publishers

Reformation Publishers is located in the East District. RP strives to keep available the out-of-print Church of God titles. Praise the Lord. Please plan to visit or volunteer in the print shop located at 242 University Drive in Prestonsburg. Pastor Kathy Cantrell recently donated a day of help. For more information, contact Receptionist Marcie Fearn at 606-886-1440 or rpublisher@aol.com.

Morris Creek Church of God
Camp Meeting

Location :

Morris Creek First Church of God

Tabernacle

Stanton, Kentucky

Date : September 5-9, 2011

Time : 7:00 PM

Evangelist : Bush Stevenson

**Greater Louisville
Church of God
Unity Service
September 11, 2011
Poplar Level Church of God**

Pre-Service 5:30pm

Service 6:00pm

Refreshments and Fellowship to Follow

Speaker: **Randy Montgomery**

State Pastor, Kentucky Church of God Ministries



Special Guests: **The Common Bond Quartet**

Rick Melton, Kevin Willis, Mike Bradshaw, Bryan Stevenson

www.commonbondquartet.com

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Rick Hayes, Pastor

Worship Leader: **Ed Stivers**

Poplar Level Church of God

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East District Rally

of the Kentucky

Church of God

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Midland First Church of God
in Bath County

Speaker: Rev. Bill Neece

Pre-Service 5:30 PM

Service 6:00 PM

For More Information Contact: Chairman Jeff Justice

606.424.0695 or east.district@hotmail.com

PRAISE IN THE PINES

EZEL, KY SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

RT. 460 Behind Blackwater Fire Department

THE FUN STARTS AT 11:00 A.M. AND ENDS APPROX. 9:00 P.M.

GAMES

FOOD

GOSPEL SINGING

PREACHING

DRAMA

PRAISE IN MOTION

This is a free event, and is also NONDENOMINATIONAL!

FEATURING



Scars and Stripe
Staffordsville, KY



Words in Red Band, Irvine KY
Green Pastures Worship Center



Without Form
Jeffersonville, KY

Also performing will be KIDZ of the LORD and Forgiven.

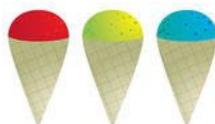
PREACHING will be DAVID SMITH, Korea Church of God Youth Pastor

Free t-shirts and Bibles will be provided to all who attend! **TEEN CHALLENGE** will also join us.

Backyard Ministries will be providing food. BVFD will provide **WATER FUN!** 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



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****No churches or individuals involved in the planning and hosting of this event will be held responsible for accidents.**

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REVIVAL

Brother Trevor Belcher

Lick Creek First Church of God

Pastor: Kathy Cantrell

Lick Creek, Kentucky

September 16, 17 & 18, 2011

7:00pm

Friday & Saturday

and

11:00am & 7:00pm

Sunday

Movie Night

Outdoor so bring lawn chair & blanket

@ Little Point Church of God
a Great Night.. **Movie Feature:**

To Save A Life

FREE ADMISSION
& CONCESSION \$3!

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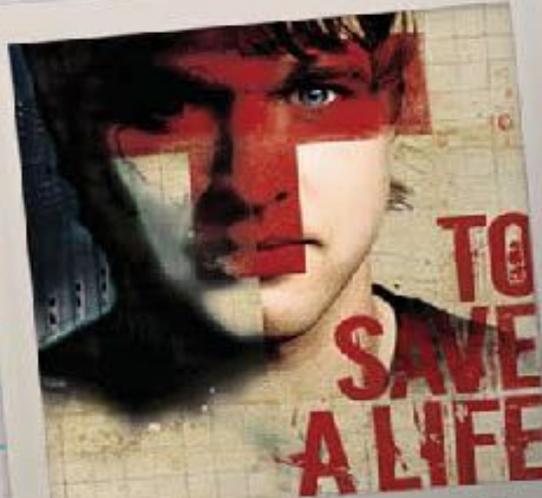
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Sept

Event starts at 7:30pm

If bad weather we will be indoors



Don't miss this event!!

Invitation for all Youth

East District Youth Rally

October 2, 6:00 pm, at
Johnson Church of God in
Morehead

Message is by Jason Johnson from
Prestonsburg Church of God
asking

Who's your Daddy

John 8, 31-47

Food after the
service

Praise and
Worship by local
talent

For info call James or Lena at 606-
462-0178

East District Youth Coordinators

**Flemingsburg
First Church of God
Revival**

Date : October 3 - 7 2011

Time : 7:00 PM

Evangelist : Bush Stevenson

Kentucky State Youth Convention 2011

November 18-20, 2011

Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, KY

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

We welcome Erik Spohr as this year's convention speaker. A passionate communicator; Erik is the Lead Pastor at Centerville Christian Fellowship in Centerville, Ohio. Through worship, growth, and service, CCF invites people to passionately pursue Jesus by embracing and living out the gospel. As a young boy growing up in Michigan, Erik accepted Christ and sensed God's call to ministry. Through obedience to this call, God has used Erik to inspire others to die, that they might truly live (Luke 9:23-24). He cites the purpose of his life to "look, live, and love, like Jesus". A graduate of Cincinnati Christian University, Erik lives in Southwest Ohio with his wife, Tara, and their two sons



and one daughter. For fun Erik enjoys date nights with his wife, outdoor adventures with his sons, and play time with his daughter. Follow @erikspohr on twitter.com

Along the way we encourage you to follow as we release information over the next several weeks. Check out ky-chogy.org



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

Jarrod Rudesill is a worship leader in Dallas, Texas, where he works with the student ministry and college ministry at Watermark Community Church. Jarrod grew up in Western Kentucky and accepted Christ in junior high. He started leading worship in 2005 at a church in Murray, Kentucky, when there was no one else available to fill the position. He never expected that God would continue to use him as a worship leader and has been amazed at the opportunities God has given him since. Jarrod met his wife Whitney at Murray State University and were married in 2009. Throughout the last six years, Jarrod has continued to grow in his love of Christ and his love of leading the church in worship through music. **Romans 12:1** says, *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship."* This verse is a constant reminder to Jarrod that his role of leading worship through music is not the only way to worship. As believers, our identity is found in Christ and scripture calls us to offer our entire life as an offering, not just for an hour on Sunday. Jarrod's hope is that he will allow God to use him in a way that brings Him glory through all aspects of his life.

Search Jarrod Rudesill on iTunes.com

Follow @jarrodrudesill on twitter.com

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

See you in November!!!!

Your Convention Planning Team,

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

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

Churches with Open Pastorates

Caney First Church of God

Irvine First Church of God

Wells Chapel First Church of God

2nd ANNUAL EAST DISTRICT MINISTERS CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Plans are being made for our 2nd Annual East District Ministers Christmas Banquet that will be held on Saturday, December 3 at Natural Bridge State Park Lodge. The times for the banquet will be 4pm-6pm. Please put this date on your calendar so you won't miss this great evening of food and fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Brother Justice at 606-424-0695.



A Place for Every Woman Where Every Woman Takes Her Place

KENTUCKY WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD / CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION

This summer the Kentucky WCG/CWC has seen God speak through Kathy Cantrell at Camargo Missions Day; Brenda Berry at Western Kentucky Missions Day; and Cindy Fellers at Eastern Kentucky Missions Day and the worship leaders: Sherry Hicks, Camargo; Dee Padgett, Western Kentucky; and Karen Brown, Eastern Kentucky. Those in attendance were blessed. Emphasis was placed on the importance of our showing hospitality to those around us and the difference it makes in reaching the lost. We are instructed to *Always be eager to practice hospitality* (Romans 12:13 NTL) and *Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!* (Hebrews 13:2 NLT). Also, we are to go into all the world sharing Christ and the love He so richly bestows on us.

Kentucky WCG/CWC Fall events are the October 21-22 and November 4-5 Prayer Retreats. Registration deadline for the October retreat is October 1 and for the November retreat is October 21. Room is on a first come basis so get your registration in soon. Registration cost is \$40 which includes 3 meals plus the retreat. Room cost is \$40 which can be divided by the number staying in the room. The October Prayer Retreat speaker is Patsy Daugherty and the speaker in November is Tanya Copher.

The retreat schedule is Friday--5:00-6:30 pm, Registration; 6:30-7:30 pm, Dinner; 7:30-7:45 pm, Break; 7:45-9:00 pm, Worship Service; and 9:15 pm-??? Fun & Fellowship. Saturday morning begins with Morning Devotions at 7:30-8:00 am, continues with fellowship and worship, ending with lunch.

Plan to attend. Pray for the retreats. Come expecting a blessing. Registration should be sent to Dee Padgett, 1032 Bell Dr, Madisonville, KY 42431.

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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Scott Griffith , Clearfield Tabernacle, 1978

(Pictures will be returned. Be sure and include the return address.)

**SOUTH CENTRAL
DISTRICT CAMPMEETING
LIBERTY, KENTUCKY
July 10-15, 2011**



WORK DAY

MILLARD FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

JULY 30, 2011



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JULY 31, 2011



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EASTERN KENTUCKY CAMPMEETING
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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, Mud Lick, 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

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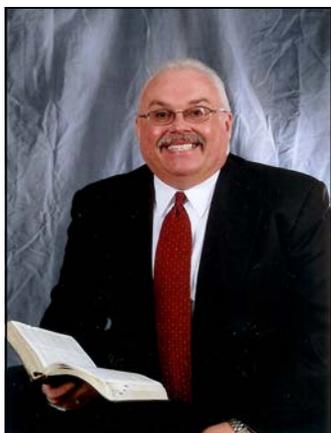
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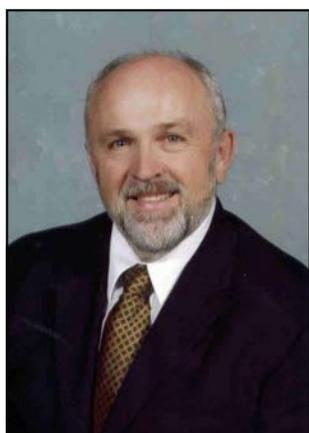
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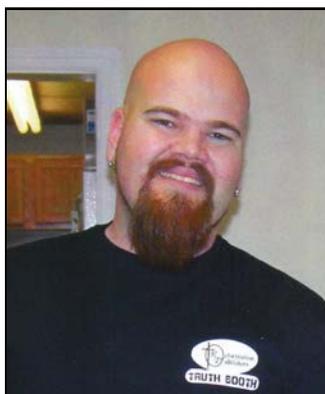
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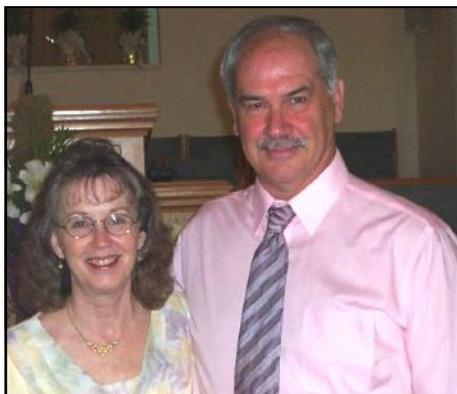
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