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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

of the Kentucky

Church of God

Sunday, August 21, 2011

Shawnee Church of God

in Greenup County

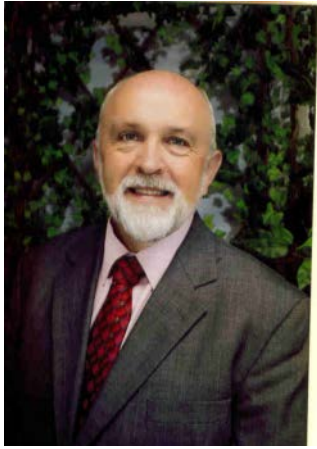
Speaker: Rev. Gary Ausbun

Pre-Service 5:30 PM

Service 6:00 PM

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Lowell Rice

From the Desk of the Vice Chairman

Dear East District Families,

Let me begin by saying that being a part of the Church and the Church of God Reformation Movement is a tremendous blessing to my life. I have been enriched over the years by the wonderful fellowship that we have shared and the great people that I have met.

When I think about this, I am reminded of a story that my brother-in-law, Willard Wilcox, told me. One time he was talking with a man about his soul and the man claimed that he was an atheist and did not believe in Heaven or Hell. Willard responded by saying that if he was right and there was no Heaven or Hell, he (Willard) had had a wonderful life because of the Christian principles by which he lived, he did something that made a difference for good, he had the privilege of meeting and knowing many wonderful people and he had a blessed hope that brought comfort and peace to his life. And then, Willard asked the man, "What if I'm right and you're wrong?"

This emphasizes the important truth that being a Christian and being a part of the Church is a blessed way to live if there was nothing beyond death. The good that we can do, the quality fellowship we share with others and the meaning that comes to life through Christ cannot be over estimated. But, as Christians, we know through faith and through God's inerrant Word that we have a hope that goes beyond death and some day Heaven will be our home! Paul says, "If in this life only we have hope, we are of all men most miserable."

I pray that we will never take for granted the wonderful fellowship and mutual support that we have in the church and the wonderful peace that is ours. The togetherness we have in the local congregation and the opportunity we have to know our extended church families through our East District rallies and events like revivals and camp meetings is a precious privilege that we all should pursue.

Thank you for helping to make my life meaningful. I praise God for His Church and the Grace that makes it possible for me to be a part of her. There is no better way to live than living for the Lord.

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

GOD IS ABLE

We live in a day and age that seems to constantly bombard us with bad news of one sort or another. It amazes me how many people are struggling with genuine life issues of often time's life and death consequences. My wife and I recently got away for a weekend to celebrate our anniversary. We decided to visit one of our former pastorates in another state. We learned shortly after our arrival into town that one of the longtime members of the congregation had just been diagnosed with cancer and has but a short time to live. In the morning worship service the pastor asked that anyone who had cancer or had a family member or friend who had cancer to come forward for a special time of prayer. Nearly every person in the sanctuary went forward. This is truly a sign of the time we live in.

If one would allow themselves to dwell upon the bad news of this world it would be very easy to become depressed to the degree that you would question why you should even get out of bed in the mornings! But I want to remind you of the fact we have a hope in someone that is still able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that we might ask or think. You know that someone as I do to be Jesus Christ.

Allow me to remind you of the story of feeding the 5000 as it is recorded for us in Matthew 14: 14-18. The disciples were given the daunting task of feeding 5000 men besides women and children and they only had five small loaves of bread and two fish as a visible resource with which to meet this great need. You talk about an overwhelming challenge, they indeed faced one! Left to themselves there was no way they could meet the need that confronted them!!!

When was the last time you were confronted with an overwhelming, seemingly impossible, challenge? One in which you were woefully inadequate to meet. What did you do? I am sure you prayed! How did that work out for you? Before you give too quick of an answer let me remind you that you are still alive and able to read this. In that respect God made a way or perhaps He is still working on your particular situation.

All of us are faced with challenges beyond our means from time to time but as Christians we have a resource the world does not acknowledge: we have Jesus! The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4: 19 "But our God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." In Christ we have the resource to meet our every need.

In Jesus the disciples had an inexhaustible resource. Jesus instructed the disciples to bring Him the loaves and fishes and by His mighty power every person in that great crowd was filled to the full and there were even leftovers! Through this great miracle Jesus proved once again there is no need in our lives so big that God can not meet it.

If you have some great need in your life I urge you to **really pray** and combine your prayer with **fasting**.

Secondly I encourage you to genuinely **trust God** with your need and stop trying to solve it yourself. You will only muddle things up.

Finally **be patient** and give God time to work. In His time and in His way He will show up for He is able!

As a way to encourage others I would urge you to email our District Chairman, Jeff Justice, with your testimony of answered prayer. Hopefully we will have room from time to time to print some of these accounts. Who knows, your story might be the very one someone else needs to hear.

Submitted by: Rob Jordan

GOSPEL SINGING

MILLERS CREEK CHURCH OF GOD

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011
7:00 PM**

FEATURING

FOLLOWERS OF THE WAY

FROM BARBOURVILLE KY

**Pastor Merle Travis and Congregation
invites everyone to attend**

WDFB
20 ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

AUGUST 6, 2011

6:00 PM

DANVILLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

3220 Harrodsburg Rd.

Danville, Kentucky



Come listen to

The Gibsons

For more information

Call 859-236-9332 or 236-9333

Announcing First Annual Kentucky Church of God Heritage Hymn Sing

Church of God people have a rich heritage in both Biblical Doctrines and in our music. We sing our Faith and our Hymns and Gospel songs have carried our Message of God's unique design for His Church.

Plan now to join with Church of God folks from a wide area to celebrate our legacy of great Hymns of the Church.

Date: Saturday, August 13, 2011

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Place: First Church of God, Winchester, Ky.

Come prepared to experience one of the most enjoyable afternoons ever. We will spend most of the time singing as a congregation, however, included in the plans, are for several individuals to share their talents. Invite family and friends. Carpool and enjoy the rich fellowship to and from the event.

EASTERN KENTUCKY CAMPMEETING

Lowmansville First Church of God
Lowmansville, KY

AUGUST 26-28, 2011

Pre-Service: 6:30 pm

Service: 7:00 pm

Speaker: GARY BROWN, pastor
Winchester First Church of God

Worship Leaders: Jerry and Barb Meek

SPECIAL MUSIC NIGHTLY

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



Fall East District Youth Rally.

Johnson First Church of God Morehead

Sunday, October 2, 2011
6:00 pm

Speaker
Jason Johnson
Prestonsburg Church of God

Plan to bring your youth for a good time in the Lord.

East District Coordinators
James and Lena Reynolds
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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.

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

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



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

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

Search Jarrod Rudesill on [iTunes.com](https://www.apple.com/itunes/)
Follow [@jarrodrudesill](https://twitter.com/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

Broadway First Church of God

Caney First Church of God

Irvine First Church of God

Wells Chapel First Church of God

SOUND SYSTEM

Church has a complete sound system for sale .

Please contact Pastor Garrett Thomas at 606-464-8000 for further information.

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.

KENTUCKY WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD / CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTED

2011 UPCOMING EVENTS

Missions Days (Plan to attend and support the WCG/CWC)

Thursday, August 18, 1:30 pm

Western Kentucky Missions Day

Paducah Oaks Church of God, Paducah, KY

Speaker: Brenda Berry

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

Eastern Kentucky Missions Day

Lowmansville, KY

Speaker: Cindy Fellers

Prayer Retreats

Four Seasons Christian Center

Olympia, KY

October 21-22

Speaker: Patsy Daugherty

November 4-5

Speaker: Tanya Copher

Prayer Retreat check-in is from 5:00-6:30 P.M. the first night of each retreat with dinner following. Room Rates are \$40 per night, per room. The registration fee is \$40 per retreat per person which includes dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Please make checks payable to **Kentucky WCG** and mail them to Dee Padgett, 1032 Bell Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. *Please have registration in by October 1st or by October 21st. After these dates, registration will be on availability bases.*

Want WCG/CWC information

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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.)

BOWEN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Bowen First Church of God VBS was held June 13-17. The theme was Pandamania, where God is wild about us! Mike and Vickie Reed were the directors. We had around 100 children attend our VBS. There were 50+ adults who helped. Each evening started with the Puppet show and singing. The children had crafts, recreation, snack, and Asian culture class. One evening Rose Staton, a Philippine lady in our church, spoke to the children about God's love and sang "Jesus Loves Me" in her language. Then the groups met outside for a dramatic skit performed by adults in the church followed by a dramatic bible story with performers from our church. Everything was based on the theme, Pandamania: Where God is Wild About Us!". The week-long VBS concluded on Friday evening with a puppet show, singing, slide show of the week, and an Asian buffet for the children and their families



LICK CREEK FIRST CHURCH OF GOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



CAMARGO CAMPMEETING





East District Website

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Updates!

Schedule!

WWW.EASTDISTRICT.ORG

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

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

jason@eastdistrict.org

LINKS <http://eastdistrict.org/links.html>

EVENTS <http://eastdistrict.org/>

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

Youth Ministry Coordinators: James and Lena Reynolds

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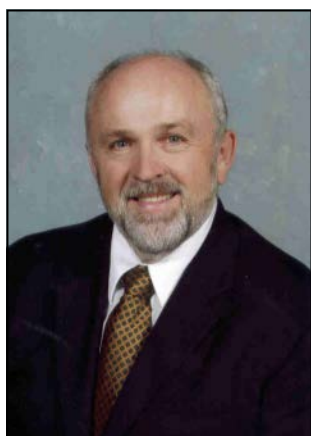
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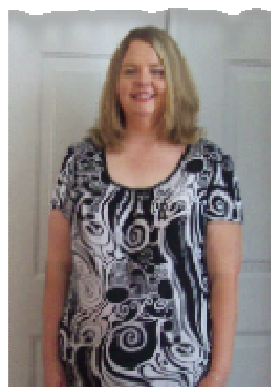
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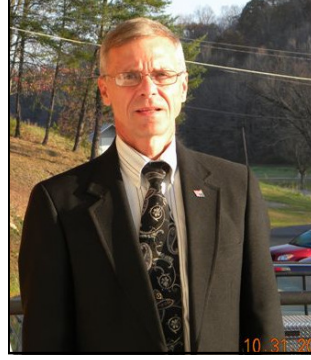
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Pastor Stephen Donithan
WBFC 1470 AM Sunday 8:00am

Pastor Anthony Molihan
WBFC 1470 AM Sunday 9:00am

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

Pastor Jeff Fannin
WIVY 96.3 FM WKCA 97.7 FM
Sunday 9:00am

Pastor John Jessup
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