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## EAST DISTRICT RALLY

of the KY Church of God

**SUNDAY, August 20, 2023**

**Time: 5:30 PM**



Special Singers

Godsent



Speaker

Jeff Fannin



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Terry Frerichs,  
Chairman

### *Greetings from the East District,*

Summer is in full swing and it's time to finish the last part of the year strong. I am looking forward to the East District Rally in August at the Mudlick First Church of God in Bath County. Mark Caldwell and the congregation are always very accommodating.

And of course, as they have done in times past, God Sent will certainly have our hearts prepared for the preaching and teaching of God's Word. You will be encouraged, not only through the singing, but also by the preaching of Jeff Fannin, the pastor of Bluebank First Church of God.

Let's make this August Rally one to remember. Let's gather as the church of God and lift up praises for His Goodness! See you then, God bless and God speed.

*Terry Frerichs*

Chairman



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David R. Neace, Vice- Chairman



*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

The heat of summer is upon us. As an avid hiker I struggle during the months of July and August. The heat and the humidity coupled with the gnats and the deer flies and the horses flies along with the snakes and the need to carry more water than usual make it tempting to just stay inside close to the air conditioner. But if I do that I miss out on all the benefits of being outdoors, trekking through the hills exercising and feeling close to the creator in his creation.

Sometimes in our day to day lives the heat gets turned on us in numerous other ways. Being a Christian, living as a model citizen and an example for Christ can become a struggle. The frustrations of life can severely test our patience. The devil loves to turn up the heat on us to see if we will melt under the pressure. We need to constantly remind ourselves of the benefits of walking with Christ. And especially of the end goal we are traveling towards.

Heaven will be worth it all, and every soul we can persuade to go along with us will make our arrival there that much more rewarding and enjoyable. Jesus tells us in James 1:12 “blessed is the man that endures temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him.” The apostle Paul spoke about that as well in Romans 8:18 where he said “for I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

These scriptures along with others warn us that as Christians we will have to endure temptations and will endure sufferings. In other words we will be subjected to the heat, the furnace of affliction. But if we endure, if we keep on trucking to the finish line, we will be so glad that we did.

We can't just quit when it gets hot. We may need to make a few adjustments like the hot weather hiker who uses bug repellent, lighter clothes and carries more water, but we must keep going. Reaching that goal will make it all worthwhile.

So hang on tight to the Lord. Never let go or give up. The final reward will definitely be worth it. Hang in there and may the Lord bless you and cause you to be a blessing to others!

*David R. Neace*  
Vice-Chairman, East District

## FAITH PROVING TRUE UNDER FIRE THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW:

The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:24 – 26



**Pastor Kathy Cantrell**  
**Lick Creek**  
**First Church of God**

I have always loved reading and bible study and I always can learn or understand the scriptures better no matter how many times I hear or read them. While studying the book of Daniel I learned that life lessons are different than when I went to school .

The teacher taught me the material and then gave me the test to see how well I learned the lesson. In life, especially my spiritual life, I take the test to learn the lesson. Because one day there will be a Final Test: I Cor. 3:13 Everyone's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try everyone's work of what sort it is.

As I read in Daniel 1. Judah has been taken to Babylon.

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah have been chosen by the king to learn the way of life and the language of the Chaldeans for a span of three years. Their names were changed and the king gave them different food; his meat to eat and his wine to drink.

In verse 8: Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself with what the king offered.

To live a clean and holy life always requires faith and courage. Daniel's decision influenced Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Daniel had enough confidence in God to say in verse 12: Prove thy servants for ten days, just give us herbs and water to drink.

As a result of this test of faith and obedience, Daniel and his friends were healthier than the others. Because of their convictions and consistent lives, God gave these four faithful young men knowledge, skill in learning and wisdom and gave Daniel understanding in all visions and dreams.

At the end of the three years when they stood before the king, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in his realm.

What I learned from these four young men: Sometimes God saves us from the fire -He helps us avoid the fire. Sometimes God saves us through the fire -He walks with us, and sometimes God saves us by the fire to save us and others.

- A. After the testing is sure to follow a testimony. (Daniel 1)
- B. God walks with me through the fire and burns off everything that binds me or ties me down. Sets me free. (Daniel 3)
- C. When I am doing the right thing there are still going to be people angry with me. People of faith are not always popular. (Daniel 6)
- D. God is more interested in my character than my comfort. (Daniel 1,3,6)
- E. My loyalty is to God. (Daniel 3, 6)

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## FAITH PROVING TRUE UNDER FIRE - THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW (CONT.)

After the three Hebrew Children let the king know that they would not bow down and serve and worship his gods or his golden image. Their testimony stood the test as they were cast into the fiery furnace those that looked upon them saw that the fire had no power.

In Daniel 3: 28 King Nebuchadnezzar said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. By the king's own words "there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

Daniel chapter 6 relates to us the story of how King Darius puts Daniel first because he saw that Daniel was different. There was an excellent spirit within him. Daniel was a man of faith and prayer. Faith always finds help in prayer. King Darius sent Daniel to the lion's den because he kept on praying as he did before the decree, that stated petitions only be to the king for thirty days. In verse 23 we read Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. King Darius made a decree that in every dominion of his kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever; and his kingdom which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivers and rescues and works signs and wonders in heaven and in earth who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

I know there have to be rules and the rules are made to be followed but when the instructions and rules are not in line with me faithfully serving and worshiping God; I have to ask myself this question; Will my faith hold up when hard choices have to be made? The answer is yes it will because God always has the way for us by His Power, His Spirit and His Word.

I Peter 1:3-9 Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead, To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the Power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time wherein ye greatly rejoice though now for a season, if need be ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of Gold that perisheth though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen ye love in whom though now ye see him not, yet believing ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith even the salvation of your soul



--Kathy Cantrell

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## RIVERSIDE BENEFIT DINNER

August 15, 2023  
10:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First Church of God  
1772 Highway 30 West  
Jackson, KY

*Meal will include Ham, baked beans, potato salad, dessert, roll and drink for \$10.00*

Meals available for dine-in or carry out.

All proceeds will go to Riverside Christian School

# 125

YEARS

## Anniversary

*Get ready to celebrate*

### SEPTEMBER 15TH-17TH

Friday and Saturday at 6pm

Sunday at 10:30am

*Dessert each night and lunch on Sunday*



Friday Night  
Pastor Dale Fair



Saturday Night  
Pastor Matt Richardson



Sunday Morning  
Pastor Mitchell Burch

## ELEMENTARY GLOW PARTY 1ST-5TH GRADE

GAMES  
WORSHIP  
MESSAGE

# SHINE

*Glow & Make Disciples*



AUGUST 27th-6:00PM

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## Baptism Service

*Noah*

*Parker*

*Kendall*

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. -- Matthew 28:19-20

Bowen First Church of God \* Bro. Terry Frerichs  
July 11, 2023



## CLUSTER MEETING

**July 18, 2023**

**Trent First Church of God**

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. --Ephesians 4: 11-12

**L-R: Rob Jordan, Host Pastor David Stamper, Rev. Jim Stamper, and Rev. Karl Elam**



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## PIKE COUNTY PRAYER RETREAT

### Elkhorn City Community Center\*

408 1/2 W 4th Street | Elkhorn City, KY 41522

\*Directions: Travel through light on Patty Loveless dr, Route 80 toward Breaks Interstate Park. Go uphill and at the Elkhorn City FCOG, turn right on to 4th St. Travel to the end of 4th St. and you will be at the city park and community center. Turn right to go to center and parking.

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

**5:30 p.m.**



SPEAKER

**Martha Williams**



WORSHIP LEADER

**Lorie Daugherty**

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. --Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV

➔ The cost of the meal is \$15.00.



**MEN WITH A GODLY PURPOSE - (5:30 - 8:30 p.m.)**

Meet at the shelter in park beside the Community Center for cookout and fellowship. Food provided.

Kathy Cantrell • (606) 754-8317

## SAVE THE DATE

### KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY



### KARL VATERS, SPEAKER

### WINCHESTER FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

### SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2023

KARL VATERS HEART IS TO HELP PASTORS OF SMALL CHURCHES (UP TO 90 PERCENT OF US) FIND THE RESOURCES TO LEAD WELL, AND TO CAPITALIZE ON THE UNIQUE ADVANTAGES THAT COME WITH PASTORING A SMALL CHURCH - SOMETHING VIRTUALLY EVERY PASTOR WILL SPEND AT LEAST SOME OF THEIR MINISTRY YEARS DOING.

## Men With a Godly Purpose

### July Meeting



Lick Creek  
First Church of God



2023 **Homecoming**

WEST BEND FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

OCTOBER

**8TH**

10:30 AM

WEST BEND FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

FEATURING SPENCER BROTHERS

DINNER FOLLOWING SERVICE



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## Summer Family Night Under The Stars!

**Friday, August 18th**

BOUNCE HOUSE  
S'MORES  
POPCORN  
COTTON CANDY  
PIZZA  
ALL AGES WELCOME!

SCAVENGER HUNT 7:00 PM  
MOVIE TO START AT DUSK

WANT TO HELP OR DONATE???  
SEE LAURA OR KAYLA




Sign up Sheet in the lobby!



# BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

**AUGUST 13**  
**BEHIND BOWEN FCOG**  
**6:30 PM**



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## East District Regional Breakdown

### REGION 1

*Counties:* Bath, Fleming, Menifee, Nicholas, Rowan

*Congregations:* Bluebank, Clearfield Tabernacle, Cranston, East Fork, Flemingsburg, Frenchburg, Johnson (Fleming Co.), Johnson (Rowan Co.), Mariba, Midland, Morehead, Mudlick, Oakla, Ore Mines, Owingsville, Pleasant Valley, Polkville, Preston, Salt Lick, Siloam, Tunnel Hill, Youngs Valley

### REGION 2

*Counties:* Boyd, Greenup, Lawrence

*Congregations:* Blaine, Grandview, Shawnee, Lowmansville, Martha, Meade Station, 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:

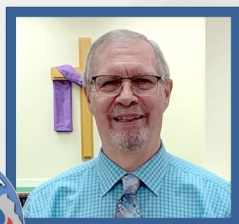
*Counties:* Estill, Lee, Powell

*Congregations:* Beattyville, Bowen, Clay City, Goff Corner, Irvine, Middle Fork, Millers Creek, Morris Creek, Pine Crest, Stanton, Vaughns Mill, West Bend, White Oak, Zoe

### EAST DISTRICT MINISTRY COMMITTEE



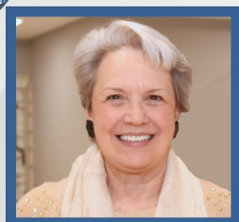
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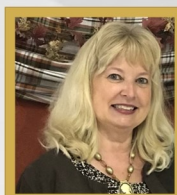
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**Kathy Cantrell**  
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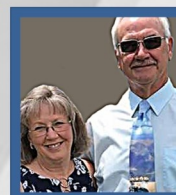
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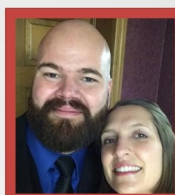
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Sunday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Pastor Raymond Tipton

WBFC 1470 AM - Saturday 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Bobby Hollon

WJSN 97.3 FM - Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
T.V. WLJC - Sunday 7:30 a.m. - Sunday  
9:00 a.m.

Pastor Dan Heaberlin

WSIP 98.9 FM - Sunday 12:30 p.m.

## Churches with Open Pastorate

**Caney FCOG - Ezel FCOG - Stanton FCOG**

**Kirby Knob FCOG - Park Place FCOG - Sunny Acres FCOG**

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