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Terry Frerichs, Chairman

Greetings from the East District,

Perhaps you've heard the phrase, "I'm doing better than I deserve." I am not the one who coined this phrase, but when I think about my life "in Christ", I can certainly relate to this phrase. My wife tells me all the time, "God is way to good to you." And if you knew me like Sherri knows me, you can understand more fully understand how true that is.

But I have a suspicion that I'm not the only one who feels this way. GOD IS GOOD to us. As we press our way to higher ground "in Christ," let's be encouraged to know, "God is with us."

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Camargo Camp meeting. What a wonderful tradition, which continues to lift up the PREACHING and the SINGING of God's Trues. Thank you all for your ongoing support and I hope to see you soon. God bless and God speed.

Terry Frerichs
Chairman







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OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

David R. Neace, Vice- Chairman



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

When the apostle John was exiled on the isle of Patmos he was given a vision from the Lord concerning the destiny of the church, the Roman empire and the devil among other things. In chapter 20 of that book of Revelation he saw and wrote that the devil would be "loosed" for a little season right before the end of this world.

He said that the devil would go out to deceive the nations and to gather his servants to seek to destroy the church. We are seeing abundant evidence of that process right before our eyes. Recently in the county I live in a mother murdered her daughter (15 years old) her grandmother and another family member, then turned the gun on her self and committed suicide. Who told her to do that? It wasn't Jesus!

In Clermont county Ohio, where my wife is from, a father lined up his young sons ages 3, 4 and 7 years old, and executed them with a rifle! Who told him to do that? Hint — it wasn't Jesus!

The devil is loose and is destroying families and communities all over this world. Violence and hatred is spreading like a raging wildfire. If someone had reached that mother here in Kentucky, or that father in Ohio for Jesus — seven lives could've been preserved. Instead, Satan got to them.

While this is going on and such things are happening more and more frequently, far too many Christians are being occupied and divided over political issues than over saving lives. Far too much precious pulpit time is being allotted to politics instead of preaching the pure, unadulterated gospel message of Jesus Christ. Jesus refused to be embroiled in the political issues of his day and instead concentrated on his mission, to seek and to save those who were lost.

While the devil is loose and devouring souls left and right, the church simply cannot afford to be divided and weakened. The world desperately needs to hear the gospel of Christ. We too need to concentrate on Christ's mission — to seek and to save those who are lost. Our world is reaching a critical stage. The world needs to see the church at its best. The world needs to see Jesus. Let us unite as followers of Jesus and follow in his footsteps.

David R. Neace Vice-Chairman, East District



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Feds Creek Church of God: 90+ Years of Faithful Service

Anyone who knows me knows that I love to run. I've done many races during my 10 years in the sport of running, yet, there's a race that I hope to be running even after I hang up my running shoes for good. And it's a race that we're all running, whether we realize it or not. The write of Hebrews mentions it Hebrews 12:1-2, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." There's an old saying "It's a marathon, not a sprint." Having run 15 marathons, I now know what this means: you take your time, you pace



B. J. Fuller Pastor, Feds Creek Church of God

yourself and you keep yourself fueled and hydrated for the long haul. The race the write of Hebrews is talking about here is a marathon. It's not a race on any road or town. It's the race we run called life. And though James 4:14 tells us that our lives are but a vapour, it's still a long race we must run. This true in our lives and in our churches. And one church in particular has embodied this for 91 years and is still in the race. That church is the church that I currently have the honor of serving as pastor of, though my history there started long before I was called to pastor and even long before I was even called into the ministry.

When I was around 12 years old, I decided one Sunday morning to attend the small white church on the side of the mountain next to my house because I felt like it would be something to do. Little did I know that decision would start me on a journey that I never imagined and would allow me the honor of being a part of a Movement unlike any other. That church was the Feds Creek Church of God. And though I currently serve as pastor, holding this position was not my intent nor plan when I first walked through those doors. Clearly, God had other ideas. I've always believed that we were "The Little Church that Could" because, despite the challenges and hardships that have risen over time that have forced many churches to close their doors for good, the Feds Creek Church of God has always weathered the storm due to the good and faithful servants that have walked through its doors over nearly a century. In the late 1920's, the founders of the church met at the local school on Sundays for church services. Over time, through much hard work and many prayers, the property where the church currently sits was donated by I.C. & Melinda Justice, with construction of the building being completed in 1932. Many do not know this, but the foundation of the church literally sits on a rock in the side of the mountain, following the words that Jesus spoke in Matthew 7:24-26 about the wise



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man who built his house on the rock, enabling it to withstand the storms that would come its way. And storms have come, not just physical, but spiritual ones as well. Change is something that is always inevitable and adjusting to those changes can be difficult. In the past 15 years, change has hit our church in terms of several of its congregants gaining the Heavenly reward that they worked so hard to get, most notably the passing of our longest serving pastor, Nando Mullins, Jr (simply known as Bro. Jr) in 2014. Yet, God's people were still willing to work! When the COVID-19 pandemic hit and many churches had the doors closed for weeks, if not months, the church at Feds Creek endured through live streaming of services via our Facebook page because God's people were willing to work! And through that work and faithfulness to the Lord and the church, we are beginning to see the fruits of that labor.

I personally never had a desire to preach, yet it was a calling that was placed on my heart after the attacks of September 11, 2001. In the days that followed this horrific event, churches were filled to capacity and people were praying like we hadn't seen in years. At 19 years old, I was among those who prayed. Though I'd been a Christian since I was 13, I didn't know what my calling would be in God's Kingdom and I always envisioned myself as a faithful servant who would do whatever was needed done all while never having to grace the pulpit (though I did try to sing when I first got saved and found out VERY quickly that God DID NOT give me the Gift of Song). During one of those prayers, I heard God speak to my heart like never before and calling me into ministry. Not knowing what this calling would truly mean until later in life, I always pictured myself serving as an associate pastor and/or doing evangelistic work but never in a Senior Pastor role. Once again, God had other ideas as during the end of the Leadership Focus program offered by Church of God Ministries, God called me to be the full-time pastor for the Feds Creek Church. I in turn asked the Lord for "conformation" of this calling. It began with my wife, who was on board 100% with this calling. It was followed up by speaking with the Pike County Pastors & Ministers, Sis. Kathy Cantrell of Lick Creek, Bro. Scottie Adkins of Elkhorn City and Chairman Jeff Justice of East District Ministries. All said when I told them I needed to speak with them that "This is what I was hoping you were contacting me about." This was God's conformation for me that this was His plan. And in the 3 years that I've had the privilege to serve as the pastor at Feds Creek, a lot has been accomplished through God's Grace and the work of those in the church.

A major step was completed several years ago with the building of the Nancy Fuller Fellowship Hall on church property. Sis. Nancy was a driving force on building this facility before winning her battle against cancer by being called into the loving arms of Jesus. This beautiful facility has allowed us to not only host events sponsored by the church, but for others within the community in need of a facility for wedding showers, baby showers or charity events. More recently, we completed the construction of a tech booth within the church for our live streaming services. Though we'd been streaming the services live for some time via an iPad, this step allowed us to stream the services more smoothly



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and, after some trial and error, has been a blessing to us and those who are sick and shut in or have moved away from the area, as it has allowed these individuals to join us for worship digitally and to participate in the services via social media. More recently, the calling of God has been placed on the hearts of several servants within the church to re-start our Youth Group, which had been dormant for several years. Wednesday night Youth Services have grown tremendously in such a short period of time and the seeds have been planted in the hearts of so many youngsters within the area. My prayer is that this work continues through Youth Leader Kayla Blair and others who have given their time and efforts to these meetings and that the next generation will heed the call of the Gospel and not only have a willingness, but a desire to give their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and make the choice to serve Him all the days of their lives! And while much has been accomplished, there is always work to do within the Kingdom of God.

Churches throughout the country are closing their doors, yet the Feds Creek Church of God, in a little corner of Eastern Kentucky, continues to be "the Little Church that Could," not only surviving, but thriving! But we cannot grow complacent. Much work is still to be done. Work must continue with these youngsters so that they grow knowing that there is a God who loves them, a Jesus who died for them and a Holy Spirit who will comfort them during their times of grief and ignite the fires within them that will burn brightly as they thirst for God and serve as a light to the community and the world on the Power of God. Work must be done to reach the community, a community with many who are lost and wandering through the world with no hope for the future. They need to know that there is refuge and safety in the arms of the Lord and that there is a church in the mountain side that will welcome them as is and wants them to not only be a part of their church family, but part of the great Family of God! I am excited for what God has in store for us. I am humbled and honored to serve as the pastor of the church I grew up in. And I'm blessed to be a part of the Kingdom of God, saved by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.







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2023 EAST DISTRICT RALLY SCHEDULE

East District Ministers Meeting Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023

Time: 9:30 - Noon

Speakers: Saundra Nathanson | Karl Elam Location: Campton FCOG (Wolfe County)

East District Rally

Date: Sunday, March 19, 2023

Worship - 5:30 PM

Speaker: Jim Brandenburg

Special Singers: The McKinneys

Location: Grandview COG (Boyd County)

East District Rally

Date: Sunday, April 16, 2023

Worship - 5:30 p.m. Speaker:Jeff White

Special Singers: Little Paint Quartet
Location: Chavies FCOG (Perry County)

East District Spring Youth Rally Date: Sunday, April 23, 2023

Time: 5:00 PM

Speaker: Robbie Hefner Worship Band: Vice Family

Location: Four Seasons/Camp Lyons

East District Rally

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2023

Worship - 5:30 p.m. Speaker: Brad Epperson

Special Singers: The Townesmen Location: Irvine FCOG (Estill County)

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East District Rally

Date: Sunday, August 20, 2023

Worship - 5:30 p.m. Speaker: Jeff Fannin Special Singers: Godsent

Location: Mudlick FCOG (Bath County)

East District Rally

Date: Sunday, September 17, 2023

Worship - 5:30 p.m. Speaker: Jessica Hall

Special Singers: Sons of Liberty

Location: Stanton FCOG (Powell County)

East District Fall Youth Rally

Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023

Time: 5:00 PM Speaker: TBA Worship: TBA

Location: Bowen FCOG (Powell County)

Weenie Roast Extravaganza

Date: Sunday, October 15, 2023

Worship - 5:30 p.m.

Speaker: James Hickerson Special Singers: The Bakers

Location: Four Seasons/Camp Lyons





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EAST KY WCGKY MISSIONS DAY

Serving the Kingdom Together!

Eastern KY FCOG Campground Lowmansville, KY June 24, 2023





Access our Resource Guide



Includes information on how to join, our goals, and a leader guide for local chapter presidents - bit.ly/WCGKYresources



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Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38























Lick Creek First Church of God

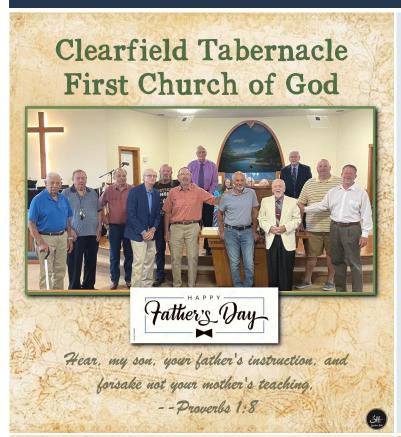








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2023 Fathers Day JOHNS CREEK FIRST CHURCH OF GOD









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Multiple People From Multiple Places
Meeting Together In One Place To Worship One Lord

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD - SUNDAY, JULY 30TH 6:30 P.M. NIGHTLY Camargo Church Of God

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Camargo Church Worship Team

Wednesday & Thursday

Camp Meeting Choir Singing Saturday Practice Saturday @ 5:00 P.M.









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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.



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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, Polksville, 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, Salversville, 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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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.

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