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Terry Frerichs, Chairman

June 2023

Greetings East District,

The summer is upon us and the Spirit of God is stirring His people. We had a wonderful April Rally at Irvine Ky. Thanks to Irvine First Church of God for their wonderful hospitality. We are looking forward to the many meetings in the summer months that will certainly challenge and encourage God's people.

We look forward to August's rally at Stanton 1st Church of God, where Jessica Hall will be ministering in the Word and the Son's of Liberty will be ministering in song. Please make plans to be with us and as always, we covet your prayers and ongoing support.

God bless and God speed.

Terry Frerichs



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David R. Neace, Vice- Chairman



June 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

It is hard to believe that this year is already almost half gone but that is the case. Time is flying by and life itself is fleeting. When we fully realize that, it should galvanize us to strive to make every day count.

I read about a frail teenage boy in Japan named Toyohiko Kagawa. One day while swimming, as he reached the beach, he collapsed. A doctor examined him and said that he had tuberculosis and had less than a year to live.

Upon hearing that Kagawa just smiled and said "I will have to make every day count". He was poor and with his disease, no one wanted to be around him for fear of catching TB. He was living in a small fisherman's hut when a Christian missionary came to him and spent four days and nights with him, leading him to Christ. He asked the missionary if he was not afraid of the contagious disease he had and the missionary said "No, your disease is contagious but the love of God is more contagious".

From that day forward Kagawa dedicated his life to showing the love of God to the poor and outcasts of Japan. He preached Christ on the streets, and began living in a house that local people called haunted because of a murder that had happened there leaving everybody afraid to go inside. He got married and he and his wife lived in that house for 14 years.

He continued preaching Christ and helping the poor. He was thrown into prison for helping poor workers organize a union. While in prison he wrote books, 40 of them, about the love of Christ. He sought to live every day as if it might be his last. Though he had been told he had less than a year to live as a teenager, he lived to the age of 71, suffering numerous bouts of very ill health. He made every day count. He lived among the poor, loved them and preached Christ to them.

Hopefully it will not take receiving a "death sentence" from a doctor to wake us up to the value of making every day count. Today may be the last day that we have the opportunity to share the message of Christ with our lost loved ones or neighbors. Tomorrow might be too late for us or for them.

Indeed the fields are RIPE for the harvest. Let us get to work as if it must be gathered in today!

David R. Neace
Vice-Chairman, East District



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THE NEED FOR GOSPEL MEN

To the beloved of God, as I write this short sermon, as I pray to the God of heaven and earth. I am reminded of the years gone by. The years when preachers heralded the Gospel message, when evangelists thundered its words. From on top of barrels, as the chief of preachers, George Whitefield would stand. From churches being emptied because of the masses that were too great for the four walls to hold.

Such pillars were men like this to their communities, and the more God moved them to greater spiritual heights, their pride loosened and humility grew. Such leaders do we need today, like those of old.

Leaders such as Moses, when contended with by Korah, fell with his face to the ground simply showing he was but a man and it was God who has all authority in heaven and earth.

Leaders such as Abraham, who did not stagger at the promise of God but fully persuaded that what God had promised He was able to perform.

Leaders who are first on the battlefield but not with armor not tried. Rather with the armor of God that little David had always found faithful. Full of courage and zeal for the LORD God of Israel that not even death made him shy away from standing for God.

Leaders who do not simply tell what is to be done but are the first to start pushing their congregations in the right direction toward heaven.

Gospel men of old, I believe, is a good title for those men. They had found God to be faithful, as if God could be anything other than that. Gospel men are different though, you see. They not only preached a good message, they lived it, too! Not merely men of words but of deeds.

Gospel men don't wish to be the first to cross the finish line and then wait for the rear to come across. No! They fall back to make sure all those they care for make it across first and then they rejoice that all finished the course.

Gospel men aren't in it for titles or pay. They do what they do because it pleases their Master, their joy comes simply from serving Him.

Gospel men die not once to self but everyday. Simply putting others' needs before their own.

Gospel men would visit the widows and provide for the children who were fatherless.

Gospel men spoke truth and did not work deceitfully. Yes, these Gospel men are known from my town to yours, no matter where you live you know, or know of, at least a few like them. The ones who are servants unto all.

Servant, a word often preached yet hardly is found in the hearts of the men who speak it now.

Servant, a title most do not like to wear, a thought no one likes to entertain yet we are called to be just that. A servant.



Pastor Ulyses Walton
Preston
First Church of God

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THE NEED FOR GOSPEL MEN (cont.)

Jesus, when asked in Mark chapter 10 by the sons of thunder if they could sit one on each side of Jesus in His glory, Jesus responded that it shall be given to whom it is prepared.

And a few verses later in Mark 10:43-45 Jesus says, But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister. And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

The One who calls the stars by name. The One who commands the sun to rise and the moon to shine at their appointed times. The One who holds back the great deep by the power of His word. The One who makes the dead to live and the lame to walk. This One who was always with the Father in glory, turned the stars into a staircase and walked out of heaven and clothed Himself in flesh and dwelt among us. But not as a king even though He is the One true King of Glory, but as a servant did He come. To be the supreme example for you and me. That if we seek to be great we must humble ourselves and become the least, that if we desire the seat up close to take the one furthest back, that if we want to be first then last is your place. A German Lutheran pastor by the name of Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, "When Christ calls a man, He bids him to come and die"

To meet a Gospel man is to say you have met a man who has truly met Jesus and he is no longer the same man as he once was, for he dies to himself everyday.

Church of God, the bride of Christ, let us lay down whatever we are trying to carry with us to glory and strive to serve instead of gain. Let us run the race set before us with purpose as the author of Hebrews expressed.

My prayers lately have seemed to be centered around the need for men and women to be servants for Christ. To do what Paul said to do in the Galatians letter, 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

In a day where there is a shortage of Godly leaders, Gospel men, and servants, strive to be as our Lord, Jesus Christ. He stood for truth without compromise, yet was marked by love and His service to others.

My prayer in this moment is that you, too, will be marked by your stand for truth yet mingled with the Love of God. I'm reminded of what Warren Wiersbe said, and I'll end this letter with this: "Truth without love is brutality, and love without truth is hypocrisy".

May God bless all of you saints and increase His love and knowledge in you all!

Love. Your brother,

Pastor Ulysses Walton



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EAST DISTRICT RALLY

of the KY Church of God

SUNDAY, August 21, 2022

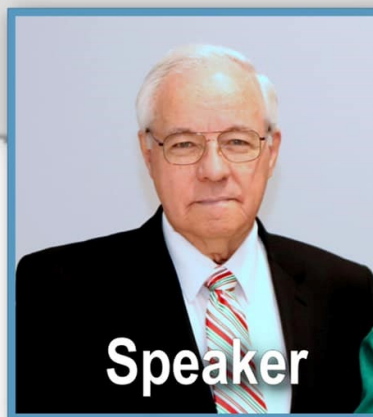
Time: 5:30 PM - Pre-service

6:00 PM - Worship



Special Singers

Godsent



Speaker

Dennis Creech

Clay City First Church of God

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2023 EAST DISTRICT RALLY SCHEDULE

East District Ministers Meeting

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023

Time: 9:30 - Noon

Speakers: Sandra 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)

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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Baptism Service Irvine First Church of God

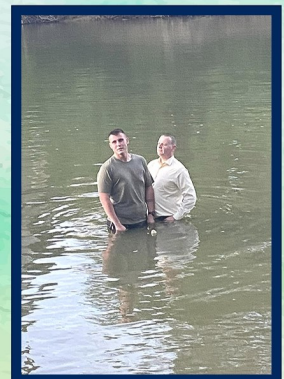
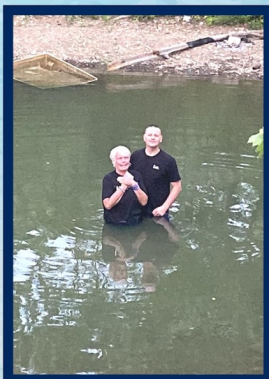
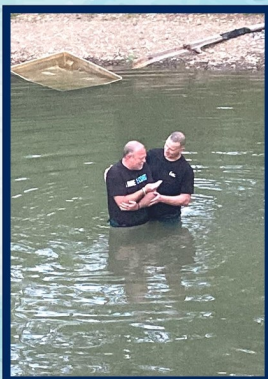


Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

--Matthew 28: 19-20



Baptism Service Irvine First Church of God



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



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Vacation Bible School **IRVINE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**

199 Broadway Street * Irvine, KY

UPDATED INFO:

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

DURING THE SUMMER @ 7:00 P.M.

BEGINNING, MAY 24TH

AGES 4-12

*Join Us For "Keepers Of The Kingdom" As We Learn What It Means
To Be A Part Of God's Kingdom As We Put On The Armor Of God!*

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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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Lowmansville First Church of God



Mariba First Church of God



Mother's
DAY

*Sister Diane Whitley
Mother of the Year*



BOWEN FIRST CHURCH OF GOD



Mother's
DAY



Clearfield Tabernacle First Church of God



Happy Mother's Day

*She opens her mouth in wisdom,
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

Prov. 31:26



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Lick Creek First Church of God



Zoe First Church of God



INTRODUCING...



Alton Elliott Fuller

Born May 15, 2023 to B.J. & Rebecca Fuller
7 lbs 5 oz; 20 1/4 inches

"For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him:
Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord.
And he worshipped the Lord there." -1 Samuel 1:27-28



POWELL CO MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION



Everyone Welcome!
Sunday, June 18, 2023
6:00 p.m.
STANTON CITY PARK

Hosted by
Bowen First Church of God



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EAST KY WCGKY MISSIONS DAY

Eastern KY FCOG Campground | Morning Star Lane,
Lowmansville, KY 41232

Saturday, June 24, 2023

12 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Serving the Kingdom Together!

SPEAKER



Kathy Cantrell

WORSHIP LEADER



Rebecca Lawson

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



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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

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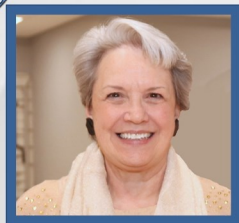
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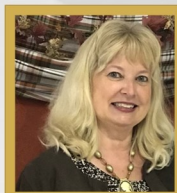
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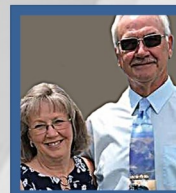
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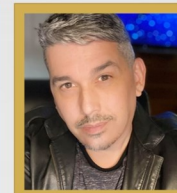
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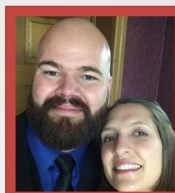
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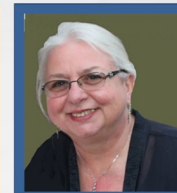
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Pastor Bobby Hollon

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9:00 a.m.

Pastor Dan Heaberlin

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

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