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September 2023

### *Greetings from the East District,*

What a tremendous outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Augusts' Rally. God is working through His people. Wonderful challenge to pray for our young people.

Looking forward to September's Rally at the Stanton First Church of God. I'm confident Jessica Hall's message for the church will be just as inspired. Also looking forward to hearing God's message in song from the Son's of Liberty. You'll not want to miss the Rally; God has something special for all.

Hopefully we will see you on September 17 @5:30 in Stanton. Come expecting an outpouring of God's Spirit of Unity. May God bless and as always God speed.

*Terry Frerichs*

Chairman



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## KY EAST DISTRICT OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

David R. Neace, Vice- Chairman



### *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

As a pastor I am aware of many of the problems that my congregation members are dealing with. People will confide in the pastor and ask for prayer and often times they ask for confidentiality. I take those needs and requests seriously. I love the flock I am called upon to Shepherd and care for.

However, carrying all of those burdens can end up weighing me down. If I did not really care for the people it would not be a problem — but God has called me to love and care for His sheep and He has given me a deep love for my people. That can cause my prayer time to get filled up with requests for the people's needs and leave me feeling like I have run a marathon when I am finished. That is not the way a person should feel after talking with God. We should come away feeling lighter, renewed and stronger.

My "special" prayer time is in the evenings and I prefer to be outside, usually on my front porch. My wife has rosebushes and other flowers in front of and beside the porch along with hanging baskets and potted flowers, which attracts bees and butterflies and the occasional hummingbird. One evening recently while I was on the porch praying and setting one need after another before God, I had an unexpected visitor. A beautiful little hummingbird suddenly appeared about 3 feet in front of my face and just hovered there looking at me.

Needless to say that got my attention. My focus totally shifted to that little miracle. Hummingbirds are amazing creatures. Able to hover in one spot, fly backwards, go straight up or drop down and then turn and fly away at super speed when ready to go. They love flowers and are attracted to bright colors. They themselves are very colorful and have bodies no bigger than my little finger. They show the creativity and ingenuity of our creator.

The Native Americans equate close encounters with hummingbirds as visits from the Great Spirit and I can see why. My little visitor caused me to momentarily forget all my troubles and burdens and to simply feel that God was with me. That He knew exactly where I was and what was in my heart. As me and the little bird stared at each other it seemed that the Lord was telling me to "Chill out" and calm down. To simply cast my cares on Him for He cares for me. That there were no needs that He could not handle and that it was He who could and would handle things, not me. Finally, after 20–30 seconds of eye to eye contact the little miracle bird flew away, leaving me feeling blessed and much more relaxed and calm than I did before.

Our Lord always knows what we need and when we need it. He reminded me to swap my burdens for His and simply follow and trust Him.

I thank God for my little visitor that evening. Chill out folks, God loves you!

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





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## FAITH



*Vernon Gross, Pastor  
Gateway Church of God*

What I want to share with you is a subject that is very familiar to all of us and that subject is Faith. Before I get into the message regarding faith, we need first to establish just how deep and the type of soil that Luke 8 identifies that is present in our lives. Faith has to have the ability to penetrate deep into our hearts and souls in order that when we avail ourselves to God, our faith will be rooted deep enough to accomplish whatever God assigns us to do. I will use Moses as a perfect example of what I'm referring to.

Moses was born and reared in Egypt. His beginning was suspect at best, that is if he would survive his infancy. Let's pick up where he now is in Pharaoh's house. He is given the best that Egypt has to offer regarding food, clothing, education, military training, meeting influential people of all types, etc. At the age of 40 he kills an Egyptian that is beating a Hebrew slave. Now Moses has to leave Egypt in order to escape death. Moses is married, has two sons, and eighty years of age.

As Moses passes his time as a shepherd, no doubt his mind goes back to Egypt time after time reminiscing on all the things that he had experienced in Pharaoh's court. If he had been able to remain there he probably would be serving as Pharaoh now, but it didn't turn out that way. Moses is now eighty years of age and he has an experience with God at the burning bush that will test him like nothing he has ever experienced. He is now given the assignment of returning back to Egypt and liberate his people which have been slaves for over three hundred years.

Now comes the test, God is sending Moses and his brother Aaron to Egypt to liberate his people. All he has is his staff that God turned into a snake and then back to a staff and his brother Aaron. Moses thought, I've seen Pharaoh's magicians do the same regarding turning a staff into a serpent. How will two men be able to liberate these slaves from the strongest nation on earth? What will his people say when two strangers arrive in Egypt and Moses tells the slaves that God has sent him there to liberate them? Oh, yeah, two men! I'm sure the leaders of the Hebrews questioned the sanity of these two men and may have told them such.

So Moses approaches Pharaoh and request that the Hebrews be allowed to take a three-day journey so that the Hebrews can worship God. Pharaoh's reply to that request was if the Hebrews have three days of time to wastes, they now can gather their own straw and keep up





## FAITH

(cont.)

the same tally of bricks. Now the Hebrews are telling Moses to stop meddling and go back to where he came from! Now Moses has the Hebrews and Pharaoh on his back. I suppose God tells Moses, "You just keep going back to Pharaoh every time I tell you, leave the results to Me.

The depth and the quality of the soil in Moses' heart and soul was deep enough for the faith he had in God would enable him to finish the task that God had given him to do. Little did Moses realize that he would be leading these liberated slaves for the next forty years. Moses wondered how many times will I have to appear before Pharaoh relinquishes his control over the slaves? Is God giving Pharaoh the opportunity to repent but Pharaoh refuses out of pride. Pride does go before the fall, and did Pharaoh fall!

Pharaoh was so convinced that he was god and so blind to the truth that he would see himself and his nation totally destroyed before he would acknowledge he was just a man like all others. Moses no doubt had more pressing questions in mind. Where would these liberated slaves live, grow crops to feed themselves and their livestock, protect themselves from being attacked from so many enemies they had now way of defending themselves? The answer to some of these pressing questions came with the parting of the Red Sea that provided safe passageway through for the people but the complete destruction Egypt's army. The timely deliverance of the manna provided the needed nourishment for the two million plus people.

Truly, how deep is our faith to where we have completely entrusted our lives and eternal destiny to God, no matter how long and difficult the trials may be?

*Vernon Gross*

Pastor - Gateway Church of God



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## EAST DISTRICT RALLY

of the KY Church of God

**SUNDAY, September 17, 2023**

**Time: 5:30 PM**



Special Singers

Sons of Liberty



Speaker

Jessica Hall



### **Stanton First Church of God**

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## Back to School BASH Bowen First Church of God August 13, 2023



## Back @ School SUNDAY



## Clearfield Tabernacle First Church of God August 13, 2023



## SAVE THE DATE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY



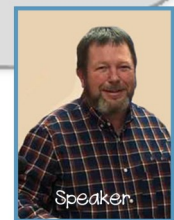
### KARL VATERS, SPEAKER WINCHESTER FIRST CHURCH OF GOD SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2023

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.

## EAST DISTRICT RALLY of the KY Church of God WEENIE ROAST EXTRAVAGANZA SUNDAY, October 15, 2023 Time: 5:30 PM



The Bakers



James Hickerson



### Four Seasons/Camp Lyons

9067 E Highway 36  
Olympia, KY 40358  
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## PIKE COUNTY PRAYER RETREAT

Elkhorn City Community Center  
August 10, 2023



Portia Justice



Kathy Cantrell



Martha & Portia



Lorie & Patsy Daugherty



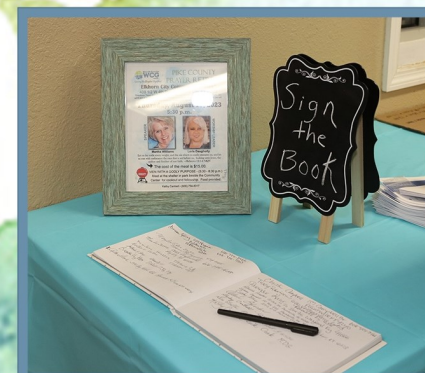
Worship Leader

Lorie Daugherty



Speaker

Martha Williams



Sign-In



Portia & Olive Thacker



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

## YOUTH NIGHT

YOUTH OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

Come And Join Us!!!

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD  
1772 HIGHWAY 30W  
JACKSON, KY

## EAST DISTRICT FALL YOUTH RALLY

Sunday, September 24, 2023

5:00 PM

WORSHIP BAND  
FIRST COG MT. STERLING  
WORSHIP BAND

SPEAKER  
JONATHAN REED

Bowen First Church of God  
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2023 WEST BEND FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

# Homecoming

OCTOBER 8TH

10:30 AM

WEST BEND FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

FEATURING SPENCER BROTHERS

DINNER FOLLOWING SERVICE

Kids Students

CAMARGO.CHURCH

JOIN US!

# Bi-Water Farm

Family Fun Day  
September 30th

Sign up coming soon



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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



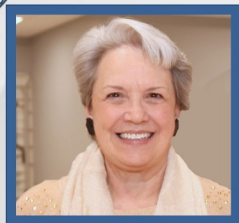
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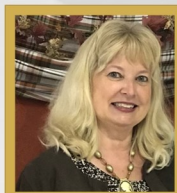
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**Kathy Cantrell**  
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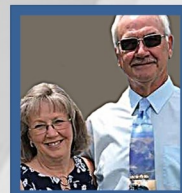
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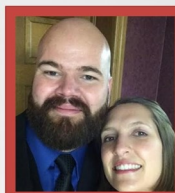
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Vision Broadcast - Pastor Jeff Fannin

WIVY 96.3 FM - WKCA 97.7 FM  
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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