

# East District News



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## **EAST DISTRICT RALLY** of the KY Church of God

**SUNDAY, May 18, 2025**

**Time: 5:30 PM**



Bluegrass Gospel Boys



Mark Caldwell

### **Blue Bank First Church of God**



3200 Blue Bank Road  
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Rowan County

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Mission Statement: May the unity of the Spirit mold us by the Word of God unto the perfect body attracting all men that they may be saved honoring our Lord.

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## KY EAST DISTRICT OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

*Terry Frerichs, Chairman*



Greetings from the East District!

It is always a joy to connect with each of you. What a wonderful time we shared at the April Rally hosted by Frenchburg FCOG! We thank them for their outstanding efforts in making everyone feel welcome and for creating such a meaningful and Spirit-filled gathering.

As we step deeper into this beautiful season of spring, we are reminded of the powerful truth that our God is a God of renewal. Just as the earth awakens with new life, vibrant color, and fresh beginnings, so too are we invited to experience spiritual renewal through Christ. May this season stir within us a deeper hope, a rekindled joy, and a renewed commitment to the work of the Kingdom. Thank you to each of you for your faithfulness and love. We look forward to what God will continue to do across the East District in the days ahead!

I hope to see and connect with you at our last Rally this spring on May 18th at Blue Bank FCOG.

Your Chairman,  
*Terry Frerichs*





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## KY East District of the Church of God *David Neace, Vice Chairman*



May 2025

Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

In a recent service at our church, we sang a song by Charles Wesley Naylor. As I noticed the author's name, memories flooded back into my mind. Brother Naylor had been a preacher and evangelist in the early days of the Church Of God Reformation Movement. He was seriously injured while setting up a tent for a revival service in Florida. A heavy tent pole fell on him, injuring his back. Soon after he was further injured in a bus accident with the end result being that he became an invalid from 1909 until his death in 1950.

Instead of becoming bitter or angry at God over his misfortunes, he became a prolific writer of books and gospel hymns. One of my favorites that he wrote was "Once Again We Come" which expresses the joy of the Christian when coming to the house Of God for worship. I share a couple of lines here....

"Once again we come to the house, Of God,  
To unite in songs of praise, to exile with joy, our Redeemers name,  
And to tell his wondrous ways.

It goes on in a beautiful manner to lift ones spirits and inspire praises to God."

Another song he wrote that I love to hear sung is "The church's Jubilee"! As the old timers used to say — if that doesn't light your fire, your wood's wet! And then there are books he wrote like "The Secret of the Singing Heart"!

All these things coming from a man who was stricken by tragedies that would have severely embittered most people. I thank God for examples like C. W. Naylor. Life is full of hard knocks and heartaches but for the child of God the best is always yet to come! The Bible tells us to run with patience the race that is set before us — looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. So, let's determine to keep on going on that highway of holiness until the Lord calls us home, and let us do so with a singing heart like Brother Naylor wrote about! May God bless you and keep you in his grace!

Bro. David R. Neace  
Vice Chairman -East District





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## Hymns & History

THE STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS & WRITERS  
THAT HAVE BEEN A VITAL PART OF OUR  
MOVEMENT FOR 100+ YEARS

"Because He Lives" is undeniably one of the most popular songs of Bill & Gloria Gaither. The story behind the song goes like this....

In the late 1960s, while expecting their third child, the Gaithers were going through a rather traumatic time in their lives. Bill was recovering from a bout with mononucleosis. It was a special period of anxiety and mental anguish for Gloria. The thought of bringing another child into this world, with all of the "craziness," was taking its toll on her.

On New Year's Eve, she was sitting in their living room, in agony and fear. Then suddenly, and quite unexpectedly, she was filled with a gentle, calming peace. It was as if her Heavenly Father, like an attentive mother bending over her baby, saw his child and came to her rescue. The panic gave way to calmness and an assurance that only the Lord can impart. She was assured that the future would be just fine, left in God's hands.

Shortly after the baby was born, both Bill and Gloria remembered that the power of the blessed Holy Spirit seemed to come to their aid. Christ's resurrection, in all of its power and affirmation in their lives, revitalized their thinking. To Gloria, it was life conquering death in their daily activities. Joy once again dominated the fearful circumstances of the day. Those events gave rise to one of the most famous Christian songs of our time. In this song, which begins, "God sent His son, they called Him Jesus," we are reminded that Christ came to this earth. And the purpose for His coming was that we might be able to face tomorrow, with all of the uncertainty that it brings. She also reminds us that God holds the future right in his hands and makes life worth living for all who trust in him.

*"...because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19*

*Brandon SPelfrey*

WORSHIP LEADER, KY EAST DISTRICT





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## EAST DISTRICT RALLY OF THE KY CHURCH OF GOD



East District Church of God Ministers & Pastors, State Pastor, Jim Todd, & Missionary to Bolivia, Paul Jones



Special Music by The McKinneys



Worship Leader - Brandon Pettrey



Speaker - Cliff Davis



Pianist - Lisa Hughes



April 27, 2025  
Frenchburg First Church of God



## 2025 WCGKY STATE CONVENTION

April 25-26, 2025 Eastland Church of God - Lexington, KY  
LOVE - Colossians 3:14 "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."



Registration



Fri. concert - The Townesmen



Speaker - Melissa Pratt



Jonathan & Beth Todd - Brazil



Stanton FCOG



Bowen FCOG



Lorie Daugherty



Regina Mulcahy History Book Awards



Owingsville FCOG



Twining



Paul & Celia Jones - Bolivia



Betty Crabtree Memorial Award



Karen Brown



Connie Gardner



Auction



Elkhorn City FCOG



Beulah FCOG



Box Luncheon

## POWELL CO CHURCHES OF GOD FIFTH SUNDAY SING



Robert Rice, Host Pastor



Stanton FCOG



Stanton FCOG Praise Team



Stanton FCOG



Stanton FCOG



Bowen FCOG



Clay City FCOG



Stanton FCOG



Morris Creek FCOG



Morris Creek FCOG



Testimony



Christian Fellowship Church of God



Vaughns Mill FCOG



Vaughns Mill FCOG



Stanton FCOG



Stanton FCOG



Stanton FCOG

March 30, 2025



## BAPTISM SERVICE Bowen First Church of God Keeley Anderson May 4, 2025



Matthew 28:19 - 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,



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## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



### *Bowen First Church of God*

Proverbs 31:28-29: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



### *Lick Creek First Church of God*

2 Timothy 1:5: "I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you."

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



### *Elkhorn City First Church of God*

Proverbs 31:10-12: "Who could ever find a wife like this one—she is a woman of strength and mighty valor! She's full of wealth and wisdom, the price paid for her was greater than many jewels. Her husband has entrusted his heart to her, for she brings him the rich spoils of victory. All throughout her life she brings him what is good, and not evil." 2 Timothy 1:5: "I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you."

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

### *Vaughns Mill First Church of God*



Proverbs 31:28-29: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"



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## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



*Prestonsburg  
Church of God*

Isaiah 66:13: "As one  
whom his mother comforts,  
so I will comfort you."

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



*Grandview  
Church of God*

Psalms 31:10: "Who can find  
a virtuous woman? For her  
price is far above rubies."

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



*Clay City First  
Church of God  
Mother's Day  
Breakfast*

Proverbs 11:16: "A gracious woman gets honor..."

## MOTHER'S DAY at Eastland First Church of God



*Baby Dedication*

Mother's Day Breakfast by the  
Eastland Men

Proverbs 31:31: "Honor her for all that her  
hands have done, and let her works bring her  
praise at the city gate."



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## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



*Neon First Church  
of God*

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



*Chavies First  
Church of God*

Proverbs 31:28-29: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"

### BIBLE READING PLAN

## THE BOOK OF JUDGES

- Week 1 Chapters 1-2
- Week 2 Chapters 3-7
- Week 3 Chapters 8-12
- Week 4 Chapters 13-17
- Week 5 Chapters 18-21

*Watch how  
God works  
through  
different men  
and women*

Text the word Judges to 859-577-7722 to get the plan for each week texted to your phone.

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## *Lula B. Creech* 1945-2025



Lula Creech, 79, of Jackson, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, March 31, 2025 at the Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington.

Born on November 14, 1945 in Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Leonard and Mary Madgeline "Maggie" Walters Spencer. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Micki Creech Neikirk; brothers, Norman Reece Spencer, Joseph Bruce Spencer, Thomas Lee Spencer, and Fred Spencer; sisters, Mary Anice Hatton, Emily Jane Buckner, Mildred Belcher, and Monta Lucille Centers Allen; nephew, Michael Spencer; and niece, Cathy Buckner.

Lula was a dedicated cosmetologist and also built a successful career in banking, rising from teller to manager.

A woman of many talents and passions, Lula enjoyed playing guitar, quilting, baking, and making candy. She was especially known for her delicious fried apple pies. Her love for music and time spent with family brought her great joy throughout her life.

Lula was a devoted member of the First Church of God where she was active in all departments and deeply involved in the church community.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, 8 months, 29 days, Lloyd Dennis Creech; son, Lloyd Dwayne Creech; daughter-in-law, Raychelle Creech; brother, Rodney Spencer (Kate); sisters, Martha Ann Cornett, Judy Brewer, and Molly Carol Baker (Estill); grandchildren, Kaylee, Allyson, and Christopher; and great-grandchildren, Lydia, Aubree, and Emma.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 6 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM with the funeral service to be held Monday, April 7 at 1:00 PM at the funeral home with Michael Cornett officiating.

Burial will follow in the Jackson Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be members of the East District of the First Church of God Ministerial Association.

*May her memory bring comfort to those who knew her.*



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## EAST DISTRICT OF THE KY CHURCH OF GOD **WELCOMES**



*Pastor Dave & Judy Bishop*

Zoe First Church of  
God  
New Pastor

*Pastor Dave Bishop*



Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.  
Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. --Acts 20:28

## EAST DISTRICT MINISTRY CLUSTER MEETING

Martha Church of God - April 8



L-R: Pat Hoskins, Daniel Castle, Host Pastor Rusty Preston, Sharon Caudill, Cliff Davis, Karl Elam, Rob Jordan, and Phillip Keaton.

*Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. --Hebrews 13:7 ESV*





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Save the date

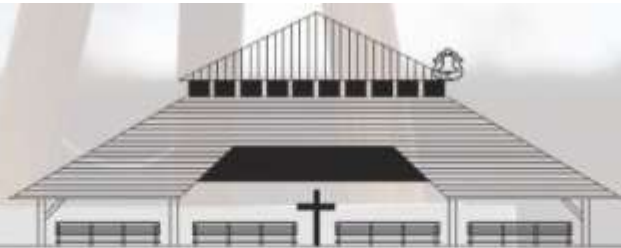
## **EASTERN KENTUCKY CAMP MEETING OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**

June 13-15, 2025

EAST KY TABERNACLE | 76 MORNING STAR LANE, LOWMANSVILLE, KY

2025

2025



## **CAMARGO CAMP MEETING**

*Multiple People From Multiple Places*

*Meeting Together In One Place To Worship One Lord*

# **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, July 20th -**

**Sunday, July 27th**

PREACHERS & SINGERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS DETAILS ARE FINALIZED



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## 2025 KY COG Summer Camps



Register at  
[www.kychogy.org](http://www.kychogy.org)

Camp	Dates	Regular Registration until May 18th	Late & walk in registration After May 18th
Sr High	June 1-7	\$250	\$300
Jr High	June 8-13	\$230	\$280
Kids	June 15-18	\$195	\$245





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## 2024 East District Christmas Banquet



Jim & Tami Brandenburg



Roger & Kathy Cantrell



Sharon Caudill



Danis & Linda Chapman



Sharon Coleman



Dennis & Lula Creech



Cliff & Teresa Davis



Karl Elam



Jeremy Frerichs



Terry & Sherri Frerichs



Acy & Joyce Gibson



Sandra Hall



Portia Justice



Harold & Pat Keaton



Chuck & Pauline Kesler



Roy & Robin Lands



Raymond & Rebecca Lawson



Rachel Miller & Oliver



Ronnie & Kimberly Miller



Jace & Sandra Nathanson



David & Sharon Neace



Brandon Pelfrey



Rusty & Rebecca Preston



Mike Reed (Table Decor)



Lowell & Elaine Rice



Worship Leader & East  
District Chairman



Mike & Kay Stacy



Raymond & Kae Tipton



Mark & Lisa Wagoner



Special Singers  
The Sons of Liberty





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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, 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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Chairman



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Vice-Chairman



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Special  
Singing



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## TV & Radio Programs Hosted In The East District

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 - Morehead FCOG - Clearfield Tabernacle FCOG**

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