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

SUNDAY, August 17, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM



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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,

What a remarkable summer we've enjoyed together across the East District. Vacation Bible Schools brimmed with children discovering God's love, and camp meetings overflowed with heartfelt worship and life-changing encounters.

Across the Church of God, the Spirit was moving. Hearts were stirred, burdens were lifted, and relationships were restored.

Now, with our fall rallies just around the corner, anticipation is high. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us:

- Owingsville First Church of God, August 17
- Bowen First Church of God, September 21
- Neon First Church of God, October 26

Each gathering will be a fresh opportunity to praise God, hear His Word, and encourage one another in ministry. Our East District ministry team is already praying and preparing, trusting that God will continue to work powerfully in His people.

May the Lord strengthen you in these days of gathering and growth. We look forward to rejoicing with you soon. God speed.

Yours in Christ,

Brother Terry Frerichs
East District Chairman



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KY EAST DISTRICT OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

David Neace, Vice-Chairman



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Time is swiftly passing. The end of life and the end of this world draws closer every day. The importance of being ready for those events is increasing every day. So it is disconcerting that people seem to be less and less concerned about being ready for eternity than ever before.

Even though we realize that we, as Christians, cannot make people more concerned with eternity, we can and should be telling them and reminding them that they should be more concerned. Even in the days that Jesus walked this earth as a human like us, He looked at the people around Him and said that the harvest was ripe and ready for harvesting, but that the workers were a few. He asked his disciples to pray that God would send more workers into the fields to work. That situation is even more pronounced today as the world's population has greatly increased, even as interest in living for God has decreased. Meaning that the crop needing harvesting is bigger than ever while the number of workers has not increased accordingly.

To make matters worse, a lot of "church people" are more interested in following politicians and winning political arguments than they are in following Jesus and bringing in lost souls. It is getting down to crunch time. More and more souls are dying lost every day. We need to let the church be the church and be about our father's business.

Let us strive harder than ever to reflect the light of God's Son to an ever darkening world.

Bro. David R. Neace
Vice Chairman - East District



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SERMON NOTES – JEREMIAH 8: 4-13

Bowen First Church of God - August 3, 2025

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

- The nation of Judah was steeped in apostasy, idolatry, perverted worship, pride, complacency, and self-deception.
- Jeremiah was divinely called to preach God's judgment on an unrepentant people, despite the personal cost of opposition, imprisonment, and beatings.
- True ministry entails proclaiming the whole counsel of God: both grace and judgment.

Key Theological Takeaways:

- God's patience and love often include discipline for our good.
- It grieves God's heart to judge, for He delights in mercy.
- Rejecting God brings inevitable consequences, so the time to repent is now.
- Even in discipline, God never abandons His people.

In chapter 8, four warning signs reveal why Judah was on the path to destruction if they did not repent:

1. Conscience Seared
 - The people refused to ask, "What have I done?" and charged on in sin as a horse rushes into battle.
2. Avoidance of God's Word
 - They knew Scripture but rejected its application, hearing without doing (cf. James 1:22).
3. Apathy toward Urgency
 - They missed both grain and fruit harvests; the time for salvation had passed.
4. Abandonment of the Cure
 - Though a healing balm existed in Gilead, they never applied it—pointing forward to Christ as the ultimate remedy.

The remedy for our spiritual maladies is Jesus Christ—the true balm in Gilead, our mediator and ransom—offered now to all who will repent and turn from sin.

Reflecting on Jeremiah's message, each of us must examine our own walk with Christ, repent genuinely, become doers of His Word, seize the urgency of our day, and apply the healing balm of the Gospel.

Bro. Terry Frerichs

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Hymns & History

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



Recently I was the Worship Leader of the great Warsaw (Ohio) Camp Meeting. On Friday night we sang songs that were requested by the Youth & Children (that had over 200 nightly in attendance). Much to my surprise, this was the 2nd most requested song. So that night I had them join me on stage to sing this song that is nearly 100 years old! Albert E Brumley, the writer of more than 800 songs had this to say about how *I'll Fly Away* came to be. "I thought of the theme and started working on it while I was picking cotton in 1928. I was out in the field by myself—or at least there wasn't anyone close to me—and I got to humming this old song, 'The Prisoner's Song.' Where it says, 'if I had the wings of an angel, over these prison walls I would fly,' . . . well, it suddenly dawned on me that I could use the world for a prison and heaven for freedom when we pass on. And I started working on that theory. You'll notice in one stanza of *I'll Fly Away* it says, 'when the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away, like a bird from prison bars has flown,' I paraphrased that from the old 'Prisoner's Song.' The song was published in 1932 but not recorded for the first time until 1940. In 1948, *The Chuckwagon Gang* recorded the song and over 1 million copies were sold. It ranks among the top selling gospel records of all-time. And of course, who can forget, hearing it in the 2000's movie, *O Brother Where Art Thou?*

You'll find this great song published in nearly every denomination's Hymnal and though meant to be a happy and fun song, it is still a great comfort to many families during funerals. So next time you ask a young person what their favorite song is - you might just be surprised at their answer!

Brandon SPelfrey
WORSHIP LEADER, KY EAST DISTRICT

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EAST DISTRICT RALLY OF THE KY CHURCH OF GOD Bluebank First Church of God



East District Church of God Ministers & Pastors



Special Music by The Bluegrass Gospel Boys



Speaker - Mark Caldwell



Chairman - Terry Frerichs



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Trey & Lora Parsons

KY EAST DISTRICT OF THE
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WELCOMES

New Pastor at Shawnee Church of God

Pastor Trey Parsons



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SUNDAY, September 21, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM



David Neace



God Sent

Bowen First Church of God

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Powell County



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM



Brian Bridges



TBA

Neon First Church of God

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Letcher County



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Roy & Robin Lands

KY EAST DISTRICT OF THE
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WELCOMES

*New Pastor at Clearfield Tabernacle First
Church of God*

Pastor Roy Lands



PIKE COUNTY
WCGKY PRAYER RETREAT

Thursday, August 14, 2025
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Breaks Interstate Park | Breaks, Virginia



Sharon Caudill
Speaker



Angie Conley
Worship Leader

*And above all these put on love, which binds everything
together in perfect harmony.*

Colossians 3:14

Dinner - \$20

Contact: Portia Justice | (606) 424-0687

24TH
AUG
3 PM



Reverend Roy Lands

PASTOR

WELCOME RECEPTION

JOIN THE CONGREGATION AT THE
CLEARFIELD TABERNACLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
as we officially welcome Rev. Roy Lands as our new
Pastor. Meet Roy and his wife Robin as we enjoy light
refreshments. Members of area churches and the
community are welcome.

**CLEARFIELD TABERNACLE
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**

807 Kentucky Highway 519,
Clearfield KY 40313

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Baptism Service



Charles Adams Family

Bowen First Church of God
June 22, 2025

John 3:5 - Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Men's Fellowship & Breakfast

Mariba First Church of God



Mariba First Church of God
Men's fellowship & Breakfast 5/31 we had a great time brother Eric brought the Devotional it was Acts 18:9-11, reassuring God is with us.

May 31, 2025

Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. - Acts 18:9-11

POWELL CO CHURCHES OF GOD FIFTH SUNDAY SING



March 30, 2025



July 20-27, 2025

CAMARGO CAMP MEETING
Multiple People from Multiple Churches
Meeting Together in One Place to Worship God

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CAMARGO CAMP MEETING YOUTH GAME NIGHT

July 23, 2025



CAMARGO CAMP MEETING YOUTH BONFIRE NIGHT

July 27, 2025



The children
enjoyed their
lesson and
activities.



CAMARGO CAMP MEETING YOUTH TRIP TO CAMP LYONS

July 20, 2025



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HAPPY FATHERS DAY



VAUGHN'S MILL FIRST CHURCH OF GOD



HAPPY FATHERS DAY



Dads age 60+

Happy Father's Day

~ Psalm 128 ~
I will instruct you and teach you
in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with
my loving eye on you.



BOWEN FIRST CHURCH OF GOD



HAPPY FATHERS DAY



Father's Day Blessings

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine on you
... and give you peace.

~ Numbers 6:24-26 ~

BROADWAY FIRST CHURCH OF GOD



Little Paint First Church of God

STEP UP-LOOK UP!

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Study:

"Stepping Up — A Call to
Courageous Manhood"

Women's Study:

"Heaven: When Faith
Becomes Sight"

Beginning Sunday, September 7 @6:00

Men, dig deeper into what it means to step up and live a courageous life with *Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Living* Video Series. Based on his book by the same title, Dennis Rainey, along with Matt Chandler, Bill Bennett, Tony Dungy, Robert Lewis, Voddie Bauchman, Stu Weber, and others unpack what biblical manhood looks like and what it means to be a godly, courageous man in today's world.

Through engaging stories, expert teaching, humorous vignettes, man-on-the-street interviews, and personal insights, these men's ministry leaders call every man to become courageous leaders in their own lives, marriages, churches, and communities. Come and learn action tools for gospel-centered living to empower you to be true heroes in your family and community.

At some point, we all wonder about what comes after this life. This study explores the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective, separating what's true about Heaven from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses.

You don't just get questions answered about what's to come. You'll also understand how the reality of Heaven affects your life now because it's not just a "not-yet, won't-it-be-nice, hold-on-until-then" reality. The reality of our future Heaven gives us present light, right now hope, current peace, real-time security, timeless beauty, and a forever promise. What you believe about Heaven utterly changes how you live this day, this moment, this present reality on this side of eternity.

Don't just wonder about Heaven—join us this fall for "Heaven: When Your Faith Becomes Sight" by Jennifer Rothschild. Embrace heaven with a faith that turns anticipation into excitement and peace.

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KEVIN S. WILSON
-Highways Byways and Dirt Roads-
 Little Mud Lick First Church of God
 11 AM on August 21

Benefit Fundraiser for Braydon Bevins!

Please join us to support Braydon Bevins a 29yr old father who was diagnosed with lymphoma. Braydon and his wife Hannah have a 4yr old daughter and are expecting a baby boy in October. This event is to help support his cancer treatments at UK in Lexington. The proceeds will help to support travel expenses, hotel costs, Dr. Bills, etc.

If you are unable to attend the event but still want to help please contact Debbie Shelton at 606-692-0300

- Spaghetti Dinner
- JumpStreet Inflatables
- Scott town Funny Farm Petting Zoo
- Fliverside Bakery
- Music
- Auction
- And More

August 10th 4pm-7pm
 Meade Station Church of God
 10255 Cedar Hill Dr, Ashland KY, 41102

BOWEN FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
Homecoming

BRANDON PELFREY
Worship Leader

STEPHEN DEAL
Evangelist

October 12, 2025
10:45 AM

LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
 SERVICE IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
 5555 CAMPTON ROAD, STANTON, KY 40380

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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

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Special
Singing

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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.

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Caney FCOG - Morehead FCOG - Clearfield Tabernacle FCOG

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