

East District News



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EAST DISTRICT RALLY

of the KY Church of God

SUNDAY, September 21, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM



David Neace



God Sent

Bowen First Church of God

5555 Campton RD
Stanton, KY 40380
Powell 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

Bro. Terry Frerichs, Chairman



*September 2025
Greetings from East District,*

What a wonderful Rally we enjoyed this August in Owingsville! The Spirit ministered mightily, as so many times before, through the heartfelt harmonies of the Townsman Quartet. The powerful preaching of Brother Stephen Donithan stirred our hearts with a message centered on the compassion and courage of Christ.

As we look ahead, anticipation builds for the September Rally at Bowen First Church of God and the October Rally at Neon First Church of God. These gatherings are much more than events, I believe they are the kindling of revival. The body of Christ is continually being renewed in purpose, passion, and praise.

Let us continue to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Striving together, not in competition, but in collaboration. Lifting up the beautiful name of Jesus the Christ. May every sermon, every song, every shared prayer, reflect the heart of Christ and the hope of His gospel.

I thank God for each of you, for your faithfulness, and your fellowship. May the Lord continue to guide us as we walk together in love and labor for His kingdom. God bless and God speed.

*Chairman of the East District,
Terry Frerichs*



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Bro. David R. Neace, Vice-Chairman



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Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This morning when I went out for a walk, the temperature was 55°F. The humidity and the temperature were much lower than just a week or so ago. Last week the morning temperatures were around 70° and the humidity was still pretty high. This morning it felt great to me as I have always struggled in high heat and humidity but to each his own.

I said those things to point out that the season is changing. Fall is upon us. I have always enjoyed the Fall season with its colors and cooler temperatures. Hiking and hunting are very enjoyable in the Fall. However, Fall reminds us that winter is coming. I would be content if Spring turned into Fall and Fall then turned back into Spring but that is not God's plan.

The changing seasons also remind us that our lives follow a similar pattern. We are born and enjoy the vigor and strength of youth in the Spring time of life. That is followed by our grown-up, hopefully mature years when we are at full strength and at the peak of our abilities, the Summer of life.

This is followed by the time in our lives when we are at our most colorful and are still quite active, but are beginning to notice that we are starting to slow down a little. We start having more aches and pains and need more recovery time after times of strenuous activity. This makes us more aware that life is passing us by. This corresponds to the Fall season.

Following the fall season eventually comes the winter of life. Our hair looks like snow on the rooftops. Getting around can become more difficult and life just slows down in many ways. It is a beautiful time of year and brings the holiday season we enjoy so much. But — it is the end of the year and the seasons on the calendar and represents the end of our lives. When we reach our older years, the winter season of our lives, it becomes more and more obvious to us that we are not going to live here forever. Death is coming and we all need to be ready for it.

A wise man, once wrote "let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil".

May God bless you all and I hope you enjoy this fall season!

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



A song can't be written unless someone writes it. A song can't be heard unless someone sings it. This month, instead of highlighting a song or writer, we're going to spotlight one of the groups that brings the songs to life. The Southern Gospel group, known as God Sent started singing in 1981 and have continued with the same three members for 44 years. Mike Harmon, Vickie Reed and Jenifer Buckler make up the group. God Sent is a 3rd generation singing group. Mike and Vickie sang with The Bailey Family as children and later that group evolved into what is now known as God Sent. When they first started traveling, a lady in a church told Mike "I believe you all were God Sent here tonight!" They kept that name have been truly God Sent anywhere they sing.

In 1991 the group had a song in the Top 80 Charts of The Singing News Magazine. The song "I'm Under The Lamb" was recorded on the Eddie Crook label in Nashville, TN. It stayed in the charts for 2 months in a row.

They are proud to call East Fork First Church of God in Bath County home and are honored to travel anywhere God sends them to minister at Churches and venues of all sizes.

So sometime when you're at a service or driving to Church on a Sunday morning listening to the radio, you never know when you'll hear "Bath County's Own, God Sent!" (Listeners of WKCA & WIVY will get that reference)

We are excited to have God Sent with us at the next East District Rally on Sunday, September, 21st at Bowen First Church of God, at 5:30pm. *Brandon SPelfrey*
WORSHIP LEADER, KY EAST DISTRICT

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THE BAILEY FAMILY
presents "Life's Highway"



Stereo
ILY
e's Highway"



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East District Rally at Owingsville FCOG

August 17, 2025



Pastors & Ministers

Jim Brandenburg, Steven Deal, Raymond Tipton, Ben Liston, Mark Caldwell, Terry Frerichs, Mitchell Burch, Lowell Rice, Stephen Donithan



Speaker
Stephen Donithan



Worship Leader
Brandon Pelfrey



The Townesmen



Lisa Hughes
Pianist



Rachel Miller
WCGKY



Terry Frerichs
East District Chairman



Stephen Deal
KY Mtn Bible College



Stephen Donithan

He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. --Psalm 40:2



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Baptism Service at Wildwood Church of God



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

August 10, 2025



August 17, 2025

BAPTISM Vaughns Mill First Church of God

Pastor Stephen Donathan



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. -- 2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV



Alyssa Spelling
Rededication

BAPTISM SERVICE

August 24, 2025

Johnson Church of God



We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.-- Romans 6:4



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Baptism

James William Combs



Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. --Luke 15:10



EAST DISTRICT RALLY of the KY Church of God

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



Brian Bridges



TBA

Neon First Church of God

13 Rescue Street
Neon, KY 41835
Letcher County



For more information contact:

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2025 EAST DISTRICT CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Where: **Bowen FCOG**
Family Life Center
5555 Campton Road, Stanton, KY 40380

When: **Saturday, December 6, 2025**
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

The dinner will be catered by Thyme Savor Catering and will be FREE to those in attendance. All Pastors, Ministers (both active and retired), Associate Pastors, Youth Ministers, Youth Leaders, East District Staff, and their spouses are invited to attend. We would like to say "Thank You" for all you do for the Kingdom and this Ministry.



RSVP by November 29
Chairman Terry Frerichs (859) 274-8460 | frerichsterry@gmail.com



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KCU's Worship Collective

September 21, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Morehead First Church of God



576 Sunset Drive, Morehead, KY 40351



Morehead Community
Fellowship Church

MEN'S BREAKFAST

September 6, 2025

8:30-9:30 AM

240 Morehead Plaza, Morehead, KY 40351

Pike County Unity Service

August 31, 2025



Speaker: Sister Kathy Cartrell

Hosted by Elkhorn City
First Church of God

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity!" -Psalm 133:1



2025 PIKE COUNTY WCGKY PRAYER RETREAT



And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect
harmony. —Colossians 3:14 ESV



Sharon Caudill



Lori Creek
WCG
President



Portia James
Olive Thacker



Angie Conley



Regina M. Cary
Sandra Hall



Kay Stacy



Sharon Coleman



WCGKY Enoch Council

August 14, 2025 at The Breaks Interstate Park

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BOWEN YOUTH LOCK-IN



Baptism Service

Sunday,
September 7
10 AM



590 Cranston Rd. Morehead, KY 40351

**KY MINISTRIES
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**GUEST SPEAKER
JEFF FRYMIRE**

SEPTEMBER 18-19

REGISTER NOW AT bit.ly/kyga2025

Location: Eastland Church of God, 2498 Liberty Road, Lexington KY

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for life-changing **MINISTRY**.

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program receive a 17% tuition scholarship.



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**Praise
in the
Park**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
Stanton City Park

Join
Stanton First Church of God
for
Praise in the Park!
Service starts at 6 pm
Meal to Follow

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 Roney, along with Matt Chandler, Bill Bennett, Tony Danzy, Robert Lewis, Voddie Baucham, 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 Rothchild. Embrace heaven with a faith that turns anticipation into excitement and peace.

Couples Retreat Marriage: Built to Last



Pastor Jeff and Dianne White invite you to join them for a meaningful weekend away as you invest in your marriage in a relaxed, beautiful setting. The retreat will be held at Camp Lyons in scenic Bath County, KY—nestled on the edge of the Daniel Boone National Forest. It's the perfect place to step away, experience God's presence, and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors.

Sessions will explore:

- Adjusting to Expectations
- Learning to Communicate Clearly
- Breaking Down Walls
- Resolving Conflict
- Sex and Intimacy
- Striving for a Christ-Centered Marriage

- **WHEN:** 7:00 Friday, October 3 thru Noon Sunday, October 5
- **WHERE:** Camp Lyons
- **COST:** \$150 per couple which includes food and lodging

\$50 Pre-Registration fee
due September 14
Register at www.littlepaint.org



Little Paint FCOG

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LUNCH AT RAISING CANE'S

SEPTEMBER 21



Join us for lunch
honoring Sister Patsy
Russell following church.

**MIDLAND &
FRIENDS**
Older Adult Ministry

Contact:
Martha Williams
(859) 404-7445

MORRIS CREEK FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

CAMP MEETING

3301 Morris Creek Road | Stanton, KY

Sunday, August 31 - Friday, September 5
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 7 - HOMECOMING

Sunday, Aug. 31	David Campbell
Monday, Sept. 1	Chris Williams
Tuesday, Sept. 2	Ulysses Walton
Wednesday, Sept. 3	Brad Epperson
Thursday, Sept. 4	Wesson Pike
Friday, Sept. 5	Singing by God's Family Connection
Sunday, Sept. 7	HOMECOMING

Everyone is Welcome!

STANTON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD Homecoming

Speaker: Cody Wallace

Music: Alex Wilson

October 5th 2025
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Meal to follow

980 E College Ave. Stanton, KY 40380

JOIN US!

FAMILY Fall FESTIVAL

GAMES-FOOD-FUN

4 OCTOBER 2025

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

STANTON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
980 E COLLEGE AVE, STANTON, KY

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12 OCT 10:30 AM **WEST BEND FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**
WELCOME YOU TO

70th Anniversary
1955-2025
WEST BEND

70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY & HOMECOMING

OLD STORIES, PAST MEMBERS AND GREAT FOOD

MORE INFORMATION
8861 WINCHESTER ROAD
CLAY CITY, KY 40312

WWW.WBFCOG.COM
1-505-481-0144

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HOMECOMING REVIVAL

Feds Creek First Church of God
1668 Feds Creek Rd, Fedscreek, KY 41524

October 3-5, 2025
Friday & Saturday - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Homecoming - 11:00 a.m.



Evangelist
Trevor Belcher



MIDLAND FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Homecoming
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
10 AM SINGING
11 AM SERVICE



Evangelist
KATELYN PARSON
PETTIGREW



Special Singing
PEACE OF THE
BLUEGRASS

Revival
SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2025
7:00 PM



MIDLAND FIRST CHURCH OF GOD | 11479 E HWY 60, SALT LICK, KY 40371
PASTOR BUSH AND DYAN STEVENSON

Clearfield Tabernacle First Church of God

Homecoming
October 5th | 11 AM
Featuring The McKinney Family
Dinner following service



Clearfield Tabernacle FCOG | 807 KY HWY 519, Clearfield, KY 40313

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Revival

October 13-15, 2025
6:30 PM Nightly
at Bowen FCOG



October 13

Speaker
Larry Mullins



Peace of the Bluegrass



October 14

Speaker
Caleb Epperson



KMBC Trio



October 15

Speaker
Brian Bridges



TBA
To be announced

BOWEN FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Homecoming



STEPHEN DEAL
Evangelist

BRANDON PELFREY
Worship Leader

October 12, 2025
10:45 AM

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

Join us for an Old Fashioned

Homecoming

10 AM
September 28, 2025

**Songs, Memories,
& Testimonies**

Dinner following service



590 Cranston Rd. Morehead, KY 40351

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KY STATE YOUTH CONVENTION



NOVEMBER 21-23

CENTRAL CHURCH

224 NEW COLEMAN LANE, GEORGETOWN, KY 40324

REGISTRATION (\$100) COVERS:

- T-SHIRT (REGISTER BY SUNDAY NOV 9 TO GET SHIRT)
- SPEAKER (MIKE THIGPIN)
- WORSHIP TEAM (LEO AND MEGAN FLORES)
- BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- SATURDAY LUNCH
- SATURDAY NIGHT PIZZA
- NIGHT AT THE PAVILION FOR SWIMMING, GAMES, AND FELLOWSHIP

REGISTER NOW AT KYCHOGY.ORG

SAVE THE DATE

*East KY
Youth Rally*

5 October, 4-8 PM

@ Kentucky Mountain
Bible College

855 HWY 541 Jackson, KY

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You Are Invited to Our **Area Prayer Retreat**

Meade Station Church of God
10235 Cedar Hill Drive,
Ashland, KY 41002

Thursday | September 18, 2025

Please join us for a light meal at
6 PM prior to service.

Worship Leader: Susan Allen
Guest Speaker: Rev. Megan Cloninger

Childcare Provided

Menu:

- Baked Potato Bar
- Apple Dessert Bar

Please RSVP by Sept. 8th
to Devonna Hall at
517.817.9122 (Call or Text)



Johnson Church

Save The Date Women's Retreat

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH AT 6PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AT 9AM

CHOOSE JOY

SPEAKERS:
MICHELLE BLOOMFIELD
ROBIN CLINE
CARRI HICKS

WCGKY Christmas in July Update

The Women of the Church of God Kentucky recently participated in the Christmas in July Project to support the Linen Chest - a ministry providing essential supplies to Church of God missionaries. Missionaries visit the Linen Chest before going into the field, during home assignments, and again at retirement, making it a vital resource throughout their journey. This year, the Linen Chest had a specific need to bedding items, and tablecloths. Our goal was to contribute \$1500 worth of quality items. We are thrilled to report we **EXCEEDED** our goal - collecting a total of 74 items valued at \$2,200! This included 23 sheet sets, 26 blankets, 14 mattress protectors, 9 tablecloths, and 2 towel sets.

Way to go, ladies! Your donations make a difference!



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Celebrate GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

"THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT." 2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

Christmas Missions Offering 2025



100% OF DONATIONS GO TO MISSIONS

50% Global Strategy Missionaries

Alejandro and Carmen de Francisco, Missionaries to Spain

25% Three Training Initiatives for Missionaries

25% KY Ministries Legacy Fund

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES VISIT
[BIT.LY/2025CMO](https://bit.ly/2025CMO)**

Follow along with our Advent Reading Plan as we celebrate God's Greatest Gift in Jesus
Text 876-5309 with the word 2025CMO to have the reading plan texted to you daily

Contact: Lorie Daugherty (859) 200-3797

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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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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

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