

The Echoes

September 2011

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.” Romans 12:10

2011 General Convention Report

(Rev. Donna Ross, National Sec/Treas.)

The theme for this years National Convention was “Love Never Fails.” What a wonderful Convention we had. Once again this year there was total unity; I heard NO complaints, just an awesome LOVE feeling from everyone! According to Acts, we are completely in the will of the Lord and great things come from total unity and love.

I arrived early, as did several other Ministers, on Sunday afternoon. That evening Bro. Steve Fellers, from Kansas, quickly got us into the spirit, ready to go into the great Ingathering on Monday night.

Bro. Gary Thomas, General Superintendent, welcomed us all and Bro. Anthony Gibson, State Superintendent from Tennessee was in charge of the opening service. Bro. Allen Smith, pastor of Flag Springs church preached a marvelous message on love and unity.

Tuesday morning began with all the Board Meetings and once again, total unity! Tuesday evening was the Youth Convention with Rev. Dan Craig in charge and Rev. Mike Howell bringing an awesome message. The youth themselves doing dramas, puppets and just generally being a blessing to everyone.

Wednesday morning began with the National Ladies Service, which is always a terrific blessing. Sis. Joyce Myers always brings the Word of God powerfully. Again it was awesome! There are other adjectives I could use, but when it's awesome, it's just Awesome! What else can you say?

Then we went overseas with Bro. Auburn Packwood (Mexico), Bro. Ron Swearingen (Mexico), Bro. Steve McGowan (Thailand) and others bringing the Word of God to the World. What a blessing!

That evening we were again lifted up in the Lord when Bro. Steve Fellers, Kansas State Superintendent hosted the service and Rev. Mark Lavine, National Evangelist, brought the message, once again on Love, that had us crying and laughing. Mark, again you knocked it out of the ballpark!

Then Bro. John Myers, pastor of Joplin Full Gospel church and former General Superintendent, shared his heart and thanked people for all the love &

financial blessings that people had given them during their horrific time of loss. (the church building was a total loss and five of their people lost their lives). Please continue to pray for Joplin. It breaks my heart every time I've been blessed by taking clothes or financial help to Bro. Myers, as well as Bro. O'Donnell, also in Joplin.

However, many people have been saved and grown closer to the Lord through the devastation. Though there are many heartbreaking stories there are also many blessings that have come out of this awful tragedy. God will get the Glory in the end! Our prayers continue to be with you all in Joplin!

Think about it, tornados have devastated Alabama, the floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, fires and drought that our country is facing; the Coming of the Lord has to be soon! We must come together as a Nation and pray, pray, pray, for each other for strength and courage to face the incoming tide of end time events.

Thursday morning found us in the annual business session and election of officers. Bro. Gary Thomas was in charge. That afternoon, we again were blessed as our new Assistant General Superintendent, Dan Craig and his precious wife, Donna, taught us about “The Ministry of Jesus in the Church.” They did a tag team teaching and it was G-R-E-A-T! That evening I was in charge of the service and we were blessed with Rev. Billy Childress, State Superintendent of Illinois, ‘pickin and grinning’ and blessing us in song; then the McGowans singing us happy before Bro. Thomas brought the final message of the Convention, showing us how to Love each other. The service ended with the Ordination of Rev. Timothy Reeves of Missouri, and Revs. Michael and Vera Moore, also of Missouri.

In each service we had wonderful Praise and Worship leaders, Revs. Craig and Becky Baslee, that brought us into the presence of God. A heartfelt thanks to all the praise leaders! Also a special thanks to Flag Springs Church for all the hard work that you did for us and the Good Food, Fun, and Fellowship. May God richly bless you all.

A special note of appreciation to Bro. Allen Smith, pastor. It takes great leadership to coordinate all the aspects of a Convention. Thank you for your service to our fellowship!

National Officials Report

National Evangelist:

Rev. Mark Lavine continues in that office.

National Ladies President:

Rev. Joyce Myers continues in that office.

Editor of The Echoes:

Rev. Blaine Allen continues in that office.

Camp Board Addition:

Rev. Janet White is added to the Campground board.

Editorial Board Changes:

Rev. Ginger Vines & Rev. Arleigh Barnett have been added; Rev. Gary Thomas & Rev. Mike Johnson no longer serve in that capacity.

National Youth Camp

Director:

Rev. Robbie O'Bryan continues in this position.

National Youth Camp Sec/Treas:

Rev. Liz Major continues in this position.

Foreign Missions Field

Representative:

Rev. Ricky Ball replaces Rev. Anthony Gibson.

Assistant General

Superintendent:

Rev. Dan Craig, Georgia State Superintendent now fills this position. Rev. Allen Smith stepped down.

General Sec/Treas:

Rev. Donna Ross continues in that position.

Director of World Missions:

Rev Auburn Packwood continues in that position.

No Resolutions were passed.

FGCI gave \$15,000 again to World Missions for the year.

\$3,000 designated to Camp Moriah for updates to the camp.

\$3,000 designated to the Emergency Disaster Fund.

**2012 National Convention will be held in:
Neosho, Missouri
At
Gospel Lighthouse
Pastor: Myrna Marble
The first full week of
August 2012**

Emergency Disaster Fund

Rev. Mark Lavine, Grove, Ok. is the overseer of these funds.

This is strictly an Emergency Fund!

We've given a lot this year, Praise the Lord; and thanks for all your special needs giving. It's very much appreciated. God bless you all.

Sis Donna Ross

A Special Thanks

We're all so very busy and at times it becomes difficult to fit all that we need to do into too little time. As a PK I know what families go through when a parent is up to their ears in ministry.

Sometimes we just have to say NO! hard as it may be. Hats off to Rev. Allen Smith who stepped down from Assistant General Superintendent.

What a wonderful pastor and what a great job he's done as an official of FGCI. You'll be missed but I somehow have to believe you won't be too far away if the need arises and the call goes out again!

Editor

**Texas
Dr. Pepper was invented in
Waco in 1885
The hamburger was invented
in Arlington in 1906**



Rev. Dan Craig

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at this year's General Convention for your show of love, confidence and support in the recent election that allows me to serve our great fellowship as Assistant General Superintendent of FGCI for the next two years.

Now I recognize how Solomon felt when the Lord asked him what he desired at the dedication of the Temple. Solomon's comment sums up how I feel: "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart". Every office of leadership carries with it grave responsibility and countless blessings when you are in the will of God.

There have been many great men stand in the office of Assistant General Superintendent of FGCI. I know that my predecessor, Rev. Allen Smith has brought much gifting, talents and wisdom to the office. I pray I may also be worthy to carry the torch of such wisdom because the example set forth is a commendable target.

I would like to thank the tireless efforts of our National Secretary/Treasurer Rev. Donna Ross for her hard work on behalf of our fellowship. I know I will greatly rely on the experience this lady brings as a support to my new office.

Being new to this position, I realize a good example of leadership comes from our

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National Superintendent Rev. Gary Thomas. His steadfast guidance and unwavering faith have greatly enhanced this fellowship in its development to be the best Fellowship of ministers anywhere. I fully intend to learn much from the experience this man has amassed along his journey.

I would also like to thank the entire membership of FGCI for their demonstration of faith in my abilities. These men and women are the backbone of what makes this organization what it is today. It's through their unified efforts of common faith and direction that allows everyone to feel the sense we are all working to carry the gospel of Christ into the entire world.

Thank you again for making Full Gospel Churches International a great place to serve the Lord.

Rev. Dan Craig

National Ladies Retreat

Ladies: It's time once again for our National Ladies Retreat. We are going to meet at Lebanon, Missouri. Our dates are **October 7th & 8th**. The retreat will take place at the Mills Center on 500 E. Elm Street. The theme:

'Women who make a difference.'

We can make a difference. It's how much we want to die to self & let the image of Christ be formed in us. What makes a world changer?

This year has been different for me, but I'm looking forward to a good retreat.

Rev. Joyce Myers

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2 beds \$104.00

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2 beds \$49.00 + tax

Registration begins 6:45 Friday evening \$4.00

New Members, Reinstatements, Advancements & New Churches

Illinois:

Rev. Patrick T. Seger, Exh.

Missouri:

Rev. Joey Bartle, Ord.

Revs. Michael & Vera Moore, Ord.

Rev. Timothy W. Reeves, Ord.

*Harvest Worship Center
Pastor, Ronald L. Hodges*

Women of the Bible Conference

Friday & Saturday

Sept. 30th—Oct. 1st 2011

*Presented by: Maiden4christ
Ministries*

Friday registration 6 pm

Worship 7 pm

Saturday registration 9 am

Worship 9:30 am

Lunch Provided

Workshops at 10 am & 11 am

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Oklahoma State Convention

The Oklahoma State Convention is scheduled for **October 14th—15th 2011**.

It will be held in Wagoner, Oklahoma at Life Choice Fellowship with Pastor Rick Hanes hosting.

The Ingathering service will be at 7:00 pm on Friday evening.

Directions:

One mile north of the 51 & 69 junction on Highway 51 W, Wagoner, Oklahoma

Church address:

26243 Highway 51W
Wagoner, Oklahoma

For more information, please call Rev. Robert Howell, Oklahoma Sec/Treasurer (580)716-3422

7 Challenges Every Pastor Faces

(Rev. Anthony Gibson Tn. State Sup.)

1. Finding time to do everything I need to do.
2. Getting everybody on board and keeping them there.
3. Helping people to change and grow.
4. Dealing with the attacks of the enemy.
5. The pressure to be pleasing to everybody in the pulpit.
6. Encouraging people, but receiving little encouragement.
7. There is nothing normal in life!

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Emergency Disaster Relief

(Rev. Mark L. Lavine, FGCI Chairman)

On behalf of Emergency Disaster Relief, Full Gospel Churches International and Mark Lavine Ministries, we would like to thank you for your prompt response and your sacrificial giving towards the Joplin disaster.

Your giving paid for: Four funerals: House repairs: Motel Bills: Vehicle repairs and gas: Generator gas: Water, Food, Paper Goods, Diapers and many other necessities. People were fed and clothing provided.

2011 has been a year for Emergency Disaster Relief to shine. We have been able to: Help a pastor who's church was destroyed by fire in Tennessee: Provide the church in East Prairie, MO. With funds to distribute goods to seven flood victims: Help a church give supplies to tornado victims in Alabama: Continue to help with the Joplin tornado relief.

We are always looking to help victims of natural disasters such as these. Since the birth of Emergency Disaster Relief, we have been able to: Help tornado victims in Arkansas, Missouri and Alabama: Help flood victims in Iowa, Tennessee and Missouri: Help a hurricane victim in Texas: Help a fire victim in Tennessee.

Would you do two things for us? Pray daily for this ministry and the committee that oversees it: Prayerfully consider becoming a financial partner with us to enable this ministry to be ready financially when disaster strikes!

Monthly support offerings would allow this fund to grow and enable us to respond quickly when the need arises.

***Tax-deductible gifts may be sent to
FGCI c/o Donna Ross
P.O. Box 515
Anderson, MO. 64831
Memo: Emergency Disaster Relief***

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