

The Echoes

November 2011

"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 22:24

Kansas State Convention 2011

The 2011 Kansas State Convention was great. It was held at Baxter Springs with ninety-one in attendance on Friday night.

Bro. Allen Smith preached us happy and puppets from his church made us laugh. (The joy of the Lord is our strength).

At the business meeting Bro. Clair Duwe was reelected as Kansas State Presbyter and Raymond Clay replaces Larry Weatherman as Secretary/Treasurer. The good work of our Kansas Fellowship continues on!

*Rev. Donna Ross,
FGCI National Secretary/Treasurer*

25 Years In Ministry

On September 24th, 2011 Pastors Richard and Rose Williams of Bible Fellowship Center, Inc. celebrated their 25th year in ministry. It was celebrated with music provided by 'One Voice' and a dinner was provided to all in attendance.

Congratulations to Pastors Richard and Rose for allowing God to use them in ministry and may they have many more years in service to the Lord!

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank Him for His answers." Phil 4:6 TLB

Oklahoma State Convention 2011

The 2011 Oklahoma State Convention was fantastic. We carried on the theme of Love Never Fails from National Convention. Sis. Elizabeth Hanes led the Praise and Worship for the convention. She does a wonderful job.

Friday night Rev. Rick Hanes brought the message. He is always an energetic speaker and gets your attention.

Saturday morning the business meeting was held. Voting was unanimous on both positions. Rev. Robert Howell will continue on as State Secretary/Treasurer. Rev. Rick Hanes is our new State Presbyter.

There was such a sweet spirit in the Saturday morning service. State Superintendent Rev. Terry Vines brought the message. He brought a gentle loving message centering on the Love theme.

The ladies of Life Choice Fellowship outdid themselves with the food (Friday night and Saturday lunch). Sis. Ruth Howell does a great job in organizing the kitchen and the meals.

"If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

Ronald Reagan

Tennessee's Fall Fellowship

We had a wonderful time at our fall fellowship which was held in Madison, Tennessee.

God truly blessed us as Bro. Ricky Burkes and his family led us in Praise and Worship.

Bro. Golden preached Friday night on Pentecost and Saturday morning State presbyter Bro. David Jordan ministered, and then Sis. Wallace (State ladies director) preached on the need for everyone to do their part.

In the afternoon service Bro. Rick Ball (Missions representative) spoke on missions. Then Sis. Golden ministered as an Evangelist on 'Finding What God Has For Me'

We ended with Bro. Lainhart preaching and serving communion to all those who attended. We were Blessed to have Sis. Nash from Mississippi. She is the head of a new ministry called A Chosen Generation.

*Rev. Anthony Gibson,
Tennessee State Superintendent*

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

Website Navigation ***www.fgci.us***

If you have not taken a tour of the FGCI website, I would like to invite you to do so. If you do not visit the website often, you might not be aware of a couple of features.

On the ministers resource page you will now find a link to FGCI Evangelists. If you are looking for an Evangelist this is the place to go. If you are an Evangelist and would like to be included on this page, please e-mail or call to give me your information.

If you go to our Fellowship links you will find that the Websites have been listed in categories. The categories are as follows:

FGCI Church Websites
FGCI Ministry Websites
FGCI State Websites
FGCI Youth Websites
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Let's use the tools that God gives us for His glory!

I would also like to add to our Ministers resource page on the FGCI Website. I would like to place a list of ALL FGCI churches and want to categorize them according to State. This will make it easier for people who may be traveling to find an FGCI church to attend. Please note this will be FGCI CHURCHES ONLY!

If you are the pastor of an FGCI church, please send me your information. I will need the church name, address, contact phone number and service times.

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Ginger Vines

2012 Preaching Dates

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (I Cor.1:18)

My wife and I have begun scheduling for 2012. If any churches would be interested in having us come to speak, we would love to hear from you. I minister in song and preaching the Word of God, focusing on the message of the cross of Christ, the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

We would like to fill at least twenty dates for the coming year and are interested in revival dates as well as speaking for special services.

Please contact Rev. Nelson Wright at (336) 269-9823 or by e-mail at bikrvet@aol.com We are looking for the Lord to do mighty things in the coming year.

Pastoring The Pastorless

In September, we did go back to Tulsa and travel with Bob, his sweet wife, Ramonita and a few others into the areas of the city that few of us venture. The dividing line amazes me.

Downtown, people are walking, busy about their lives, going to work, home, out to eat and mixed in the middle are those who look like walkers with backpacks and others, more obviously homeless, with their bedrolls and backpacks, sleeping on various benches.

Further on, but not far at all, are what they call camps. We traveled to three, all set up in close proximity to the river.

Joyce Meyers talks about the homeless sleeping under bridges and overpasses when she teaches about ministering to the homeless and helpless. It begins to sink in more when you climb a steep bank underneath a busy, busy underpass, cars and trucks speeding by noisily over your head and see the bedrolls and sleeping bags tucked up under ledges, waiting for the owner to return that night and curl up inside trying to stay warm and get some sleep.

I stood on the train tracks below the busy city as Bob walked ahead to scout out the territory and wondered what I had for these people, God's love, a little snack food, some packets of toiletries from our church group and various donators.

We are all called and gifted to specific ministry, but all are called to help homeless, fatherless, lost people. Bob and Ramonita will climb down the steep hill to the tents by the river, touch and hug, hold hands and pray, listen to the needs and promise to return with the requested items the next week.

"Here," says Ramonita, "let me show you a better path down to the tent, Bob goes that way, this way is not so steep." They have been there before. The people call Bob pastor. He pastor's them. He has gone out and found those to shepherd. Are you shepherding anyone?

Are there those in your town, or at your work that need a pastor, a caring person; that need you? Ask God what He would have you do.

FGCI Texas Fall Fellowship

November 12, 2011

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There's a lady I have known
forever, she's very sick and
being abused by those to whom
she's given so much.

Lies about her abound and
seem to come from all sides. It
breaks my heart. It seems there
is nothing I can do alone.

But maybe if we join together in
prayer, we can heal her. She is
well over two hundred years old
but way too young to die.
Please pray for her. Her name
is America and I love her!

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I was shocked, confused,
bewildered as I entered Heaven's
door, not by the beauty of it all,
nor the lights or its décor.
But it was the folks in Heaven who
made me sputter and gasp..The
thieves, the liars; the sinners, the
alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh
grade, who swiped my lunch
money twice. Next to him was my
old neighbor who never said
anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought was
rotting away in hell, was sitting
pretty on cloud nine, looking
incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, What's the deal? I
would love to hear your take.

How'd all these sinners get up
here? There must be a mistake.
And why is everyone so quiet, so
somber; give me a clue. Hush,
child, He said, they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing
you.!

The Day After

When I was young, I lived in Arkansas, just an hour away from Memphis. This area is well known for storms in the spring and fall of the year. When these storms go through, it brings fear, sometimes destruction and even death. I grew up knowing the power of storms and what could happen if they ever hit where we lived, but the picture that sticks in my mind is the day after the storm. The skies become clear, the air is fresh, and the birds are singing. It seems like there has not been a storm at all, everything is so peaceful and bright.

Like the storms in our life, they are only for a season, and He is with you all the time, even as you go through them. The Bible speaks to the fact that 'for everything there is a time and season,' and for everything a beginning and an end.

When Israel crossed the red sea, they went through, they did not get stuck in the middle. When they went through the wilderness to the promised land, it wasn't God's plan for them to stay in the wilderness. When they crossed over Jordan, they did not get in the middle and stay there.

God's plan for your life may lead you through some storms, it may lead you through some wilderness places, but He will always be there with you through it all. He will show you His great power that will keep you safe and cover you from the storms that rage against you. Then, He will show you the day after, when the dust has cleared and birds are singing, and the sky is so clear you can see for miles. You will see the beauty of God's creation everywhere!

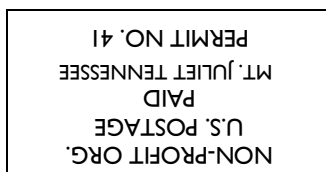
When the disciples were in the boat during a storm, Jesus came walking on the water and they called out to Him. He gets into the boat and the storms stops; there was peace everywhere, and then they arrived where they were going. The Lord's plans were that they would go to the other side; He never planned for them to sink! The storms we face are only for a season, and the day after is a moment that can only be enjoyed by those who go through the storm and keep the faith; so don't give up, hold on, for tomorrows another day.

Rev. Anthony Gibson, Pastor, Word Of Life Church

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever." Psalms 125:1

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