

# The Echoes

January 2012

“... I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” John 6:35

## JOPLIN UPDATE

We wanted to update all of our friends at Full Gospel Churches International. Joplin is slowly rebuilding. We had to purchase a new piece of property for the church location. The city informed us that in the next two to five years they would be taking our old property to change the railroad that was behind our building. So the Lord made available the property at 26th & Indiana. This put us behind again because all plans had to be re-drawn to fit the new property. Patience! Patience and Endurance!!!

Romans 8:28 has been so real to us. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” So God is in control. We continue to meet in the Church of God, seventh day at this time. God has provided a place for us till we can get ours built. Praise God, the walls are up and the roof is on. We are trying to get it closed in before weather gets bad.

We want to thank all of you who have prayed for us and who continue to pray for the Church. How great it is to be remembered at a time like this. God truly knows where we are. Thank you all for your offering's for Joplin Full Gospel and the Joplin people. What a blessing to see the people work together.

We continue to press on and rebuild. By His Grace we will overcome!

In His Service, *Bro. John & Sis. Joyce Myers*

P.S. We would also like to say that the Ladies had a wonderful retreat this year. To God be the Glory!! They are an awesome group of women!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the General Office to each of you. Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year Season.

If you have given \$250.00 to FGCI for the year, at the end of December, I'll be sending your tithe report to you for income tax purposes. If you have not received it by the middle of January, please call me and I'll resend. Sometimes the mail seems like it goes 'pony express.'

Also the updated Bylaw Books are back from the printer. I went through them page by page so it will have all the new resolutions that have been passed in the last few years.

Let me know and you can get yours quickly. Cost is \$5.00. Make check payable to FGCI and note you want the new Bylaw Book.

God Bless, *Sis. Donna Ross,*  
*General Secretary/Treas*

## 2012 RENEWALS

I'll be sending out the Minister's and Church Renewals February 15th. If you don't get yours by the end of the month call me and I'll send you another, or get on [www.fgci.net](http://www.fgci.net) and print another one. My phone number is (417) 845-7089.

Please! Return them back ASAP, it will help the workload in the office. Some folks have lost theirs as many as three times and that gets expensive and takes a lot of time to resend. The only time you will receive anything back on the Church Charters is when I send the Charter out the first time.

If you have been a member for five years or more, and are 70, please send me your Renewal form filled out to keep updated records, but you will not have to pay the yearly renewal fee.

It's \$40.00 for Ministers Credentials and \$50.00 for the Church Charters.

Have a wonderful, blessed year! *Sis. Donna Ross*

## **GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOU!**

I never cease to be amazed at the workings of the Lord, who knows everything about everything and everybody. The following are e-mails I received from a man (obviously) of God, for me personally; a pastor in another country whom I have never met, but I believe are good for many of The Echoes readers, myself included!

*December 13th 2011:*

Greetings in Jesus name. Did you know that God has chosen you? You are not here by chance, but God has a purpose for you today! God knew you before you were formed in your mother's womb and He tells you today, "fear not, I will be with you always."

God will always meet with the desires of your heart even though at times the devil might force his way into your life to make you fear and think you are let down. We serve a great and mighty God, ready to do great things to you today and forever more. Keep your trust in Him.

Isaiah 44:1-4

1. Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:

2. Thus saith the Lord that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, [which] will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jerusalem, whom I have chosen.

3. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, &

blessing upon thine offspring:

4. And they shall spring up [as] among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

*Pastor Isaac Mwagi*

*December 15, 2011*

Blessings my Friend! Today I am touched with verses from the book of Luke, Chapter 5.

As Jesus was speaking He saw two ships and the fishermen were washing their nets. Then Jesus told them to let their nets down into the lake again. As Simon was doing so, he told Jesus 'we have toiled the whole night,' but by the word of the Lord they cast down their nets and on obeying the Word of God they caught a multitude of Fish until the nets broke.

These men had given up after doing much work the whole night, and nothing was there. I am here to tell that you can make several attempts in doing some work and at the end you see no fruits or results or harvest, and you start wondering if God has left you.

These fishermen never went to Jesus telling Him what they had gone through, but Jesus saw their agony. I want to tell you that even before you tell Jesus what your agony is, He sees you and knows your cares, and by His word things will turn to be fruitful and your harvest will be full. Your cup will overflow by the word of God.

Please note that when you think you have reached the end and nothing is happening, that is when the Lord opens a door for you!

*Pastor, Isaac Mwagi*

*December 18, 2011:*

Greetings in Jesus name!  
Please read these words and

receive them as new and fresh words from the mouth of God to you today.

God allowed the Children of Israel to be in Babylon for 70 years. Then He promised them His visitation after 70 years. You know seven stand for completion or perfection.

God in His plans has a perfect timing of visiting you. Many times we are discouraged when what we expect does not happen. I am encouraging you, do not think you are lacking FAITH, but the perfect timing of the Lord will come.

Then the Lord says He has good thoughts for you. This is fresh and direct word to you. The future is nicely designed to and for you. Any discouragement and any delay that comes on our way is just but short lived. The plans the Lord has for us are marvelous.

But we have a responsibility that we should seek God with all our heart. Then any time we pray and ask from Him, He will hear our prayers and cries; and we always must submit to Him.

Jeremiah 29:10-12

10, For thus saith the Lord, that after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

12. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

*Pastor, Isaac Mwagi*

## **MARK LAVINE MINISTRIES**

Hebrews 10:35 reminds us not to cast away our confidence in Him for it has great recompense of reward. It goes on to say that we must have patience to wait after we have done the will of God, that we might receive the promise. There are times the load is heavy and the way seems hard, the waiting before the receiving.

In his book, 'The Holiest of All' Andrew Murray gives the example of carrying a load. The more you pick up, the heavier the load, and eventually, your cargo begins to drop off.

I remember as a child when walking across the field with my father, he would say, "pick up rocks or sticks as you walk across the field, make each trip count."

Sometimes, I'd pick up too many and the smaller ones closer to my arms would slip out and fall to the ground. I couldn't carry a large load.

God has given us a light load, easy to carry, but we pick up many cares along the way, piling them onto our light load until it slips out of our grasp and we are left with the heavy load.

Lay down your load, pick up His and carry it throughout 2012, refusing to carry the burdens and cares of this world.

May God richly bless each of you in the coming year.

*Mark & Judy Lavine*

***Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent***

## **New Members, Reinstatements, Advancements & New Churches**

### **Illinois:**

Rev. Dr. William E. Heft, Ord.  
Rev. Kirt Galen Wilder, Exh.

### **Missouri:**

Rev. Amy Patrick, Exh.  
Rev. Ronald E. Sparks, Ord.

## **Answering The Call**

I am answering a call of God to start doing more evangelism. I have been ordained in the Fellowship since 2008.

I served as the Senior Camp Director from 2008—2010 and have preached in a handful of fellowship churches including filling in for Mike Howell at his church.

Just trying to fulfill the call of God on my life. You may contact me at (618) 979-0553 or at glennmadams81@gmail.com  
Blessings, Rev. Glenn Adams

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## **Graduation To Glory**

### **Rev. James Day,**

Passed away suddenly on October 16, 2011 in Allison, Al. He was 78 years old and had not been ill.

*"Farther along we'll know all about it. Farther along we'll understand why. Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine. We'll understand it all, bye and bye."*

*What do you call a fish with no eyes? Fsh*

*Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Not surprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.*

*An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.*

*Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: 'Does this taste funny to you?'*

*There was the person who sent twenty different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least ten of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did!*

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# **THE IMMOVABILITY OF THE BELIEVER**

*(Charles Spurgeon, 22nd December 1878)*

A great nobleman with a big house in a wide country is not content to be all alone, but needs servants and tenants: if he is of a generous spirit he seeks the poor. He wants poor neighbors to help and says, 'This Christmas time I must give something away: is there nobody wanting a round of beef? Is there nobody wanting there chimney set alight with a joint? Is there nobody needing a blanket in this cold season?'

Thus God must have dependants: He must have those about Him who need Him. He loves dependants, He must have those about Him who need Him. He loves dependants and I don't see the reason why He should cast them away. Why should He? If this is what He desires, if He 'seeketh such to worship Him,' and if He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him; why should He reject their petition?

It is not the nature of God to cast out away any one who relies upon Him, but contrary, He is very careful that faith should never have less than she has expected. He respects the courage of faith; He never confounds it. If you open your back door and a robin comes bravely in out of the cold, do you drive him out? No, you are pleased with his assurance and give him a hearty welcome. Even so does God deal with His poor trembling souls when they come to Him.

We read of Charles V, the German Emperor, that when a pair of birds had built their nest among the poles and the lines of his pavilion, he would not allow it to be removed, though the time had come for the camp to be on the march. The birds had trusted him, and they should not be disappointed.

The like zealous care does the Lord exhibit towards the trembling hopes and feeble confidences of poor souls that trust in Him. There is therefore no reason why they should be removed, since it is not like the Lord to cast them away!

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

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