

# The Echoes

NOVEMBER 2010

*"Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving." Psalms 95:2*

## **With A Heart Of Thanksgiving**

Finally the hot humid summer is over and my favorite time of the year has arrived. The wonderful, colorful autumn leaves are falling and winter will soon be upon us. No more mowing grass every five or six days as the cool air stunts the growth of everything in the yard. It's like nature goes into hibernation and I love it!

This natural change also signals the soon coming of the holiday season. The reunions of family and friends sharing gifts and celebrating the seasons together.

This year will be different for me. Having just returned from our nations *first* capitol, Philadelphia, I have a new appreciation for our founding fathers, the documents they created, the laws they passed, the liberty and freedoms we all enjoy because of their sacrificial work, and sometimes for the sacrifice of their lives, fortunes and properties. Talk about dedication!

I stood in the very room where laws were debated and created for nearly eleven years (congressional hall). I marveled at the smallness of the actual room where the Declaration of Independence and our precious Constitution were formed.

I imagined what it must have been like to stand in the presence of these great, selfless men and I marvel that America is the only nation in the history of the world that has, still in existence, the actual place where it all began; we know it as Independence Hall, the place where Divine Providence and



**The Liberty Bell**

the practical application of Gods principals into the lives of our citizens met to create this nation that we so dearly love. Regardless of modern day opinions to the contrary, clearly, our Creators hand is irrevocably evident!

Without His intervention and guidance we would not be the blessed nation that has led the world in every aspect of Godly conduct and generosity. For that I am eternally grateful and thankful as we all should be.

Across the street from Independence and Congressional Halls is the Liberty Bell and museum. For reasons unknown to me, a wave of emotion overcame me and I swallowed hard to contain the lump in my throat and to hold back the tears that seemed to be aching to burst from my eyes.

It seemed that everything I was witnessing came together within my spirit as I struggled to contain the emotions of the moment. What an awesome display of our historical inheritance symbolized by that bell.

With all of our struggles, with all of our problems, the United States of America is still the greatest nation in the History of the world; but the jury is still out as to if we will remain so wonderful a power and influence for Godly principals, that cannot be bought or sold at any price!

I'm thankful to have been born and raised by Godly parents who served the Lord all of their lives and instilled in me a heart for service, even though I've not always been as faithful as I should.

I'm thankful for our founding fathers who's great insight, sacrifice and perseverance built a foundation that still remains today and has withstood the ravages of dispute, uncertainty and assault by all the powers of hell which realize our Godly commitment and continually seek to destroy it.

Since the fall of mankind freedom is not free; not in a spiritual or physical sense. The reality is that the freedoms we enjoy and the liberty we cherish is subject to decay if we fail to maintain the standards of Godly instruction and laws we were founded upon, which have been declared in Gods Word.

I'm thankful for friends that love the Lord, a Fellowship that promotes love, understanding, and peace, that is our hallmark and that His joy is truly unspeakable and full of glory in us!

We have so much to be thankful for. We are truly a blessed people. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

Editor

## **New Years Eve Youth Bash**

Spend two days with friends from camp. Bring in the New Year with PRAISE!

*For the first time ever, a Mini Winter Youth Camp for ages 12 to 18 years old at our National Camp Grounds, Camp Moriah  
Friday December 31, 2010  
Saturday January 1, 2011.*

Activities during the day and early evening: fireworks that night: all night worship service as we sing and praise God to bring in 2011.

*We need adult workers for counselors, kitchen help and prayer warriors!*

Come expecting an all out life changing, earth shaking, souls saved, powerful move of the Holy Ghost!

*Check in starts at 10 a.m. on Friday.*

*\$20 per camper; which will cover 4 meals and rental of the campground.*

Download your camp form on [www.fgci.us](http://www.fgci.us) or contact Rev. Liz Major at 573 247-0497.

*For more information you can call Rev. Mike Howell at 314 630-5315.*

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

### **Colorado:**

Rev. Arthur R. Gonzales, Exh.  
Rev. Shawn Hernandez, Ord.  
Rev. Carol N Martinez, Ord  
Rev. Sandra J. Ortiz, Exh.

### **Illinois:**

Children of Christ Church

### **Missouri:**

Rev. Arlance Clark, Ord.  
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### **North Carolina:**

Rev. Jamie Wright, Exh.

## **MORE THAN CONQUERORS CONFERENCE**

Presented by Threeplusme Ministries

*Saturday November 27, 2010  
9am—4pm*

### **Lunch Provided**

**Glen Carbon Senior Center  
151 N. Main Street  
Glen Carbon, IL.**

### **SPEAKERS:**

**Rev. Donna Larson**

**Rev. Robert Denny**

**Evangelist Martha Kraehmer**

*Come expecting to hear the Word of the Lord & experience a move of our Lord!*

**For more Information call  
Rev. Melissa Thomas  
Call 618 288-4481**

## **Web & Graphic Design Ministry**

I am an ordained minister in the FGCI and president and founder of Overflowing Ministries, Inc. If anyone needs custom Web and Graphics Design work, I do that as a second job. My company name is Steve's Basic Design and internet Services. We do hosting and domains as well.

My web address is: <http://www.stevesbasicdesign.com>, or I can be reached for web, graphic design, or ministry appointments at 662-891-6329

Rev. Steve Chappell

## **Prayer Request**

Please be in prayer for Pastor Jim Cartee and family. He is pastor of New Beginnings Church in Mineral Point, Missouri. He apparently fell and has a number of injuries!

## **Painted Highway Ministries**

Revs. Nelson & Jamie Wright have begun a new ministry called Painted Highway Ministries.

"We have a heart to reach out to the segments of our society that are sometimes overlooked by many churches (bikers, former inmates, people in or just coming out of additions, abused women, veterans etc.)," they said.

They would like to make themselves available to the pastors in FGCI to minister as guest speakers, hold revival services or help put on outreach events to train church leadership in preparing their members how to minister to those that are members of these segments of society.

You may contact them at [Bikrvet@aol.com](mailto:Bikrvet@aol.com) or by calling them at 423 307-0862.

"We look forward to serving those interested in this ministry. May the Lord richly bless you all as you continue to follow His will in your life!"

Rev. Nelson 'Highway' Wright

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## **Leland DeMent Retires**

In 2009 the final touches were put on the 12000 square foot gymnasium/fellowship hall. The beautiful all-purpose building was the perfect place for the youth of the church, and the youth of the community to join together for fun, food and fellowship.

This building was the safe environment to help build the 'church of the future,' and so that the church could really understand what the Word meant by "go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:23)

Coming downstairs from the unfinished Christian Education Department and standing in the middle of the gym, the pastor had a vision of a youth praise and worship band playing before hundreds of teenagers standing with their hands raised as they worshipped their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Standing alone in the middle of the floor, the pastor remembered how it all started ...

In 1957 God called a young evangelist to become the full-time pastor of a small Pentecostal church in Powhatan, Arkansas and thus the saga began.

Brother Jimmy, as he was known then, stayed at Powhatan until January 1961 before accepting the pastorate at Peach Orchard, Arkansas.

On April 7, 1961 he married his sweetheart of eight years, Bettye White and together they labored side by side in ministry.

While brother Jimmy tuned pianos to supplement his meager church salary, his bride worked in Jonesboro to help make ends meet.

Many times they would fill their Volkswagen with nine or ten church kids and take them to youth events in Paragould. They remained in Peach Orchard until late 1966.

From there they were led to the First Assembly of God Church in Lake City, Arkansas; then some 40 miles down the road to a struggling AG church in Blytheville, Arkansas where their lives changed forever on the first Sunday at the new church, as Sister Bettye gave birth to a baby girl, Kimberly where they remained until September of 1980.

The DeMents then left their home state of Arkansas and went to pastor First Assembly of God in Garden City, Kansas. They were so excited to be in a location of such great potential. They remained there until January of 1982 when God led them to start Calvary Assembly in a small airplane hanger.

They went through a building program together and the church grew numerically and spiritually and many lifelong friendships were formed. In February 1987 they returned to their home church, Calvary Full Gospel, in Cardwell, Missouri.

In August 1999, after 39 years of marriage, Bettye went home to be with the Lord.

God blessed Pastor DeMent by bringing a wonderful new helpmate into his life. He married Carolyn Wright who is also from the Cardwell area.

After all these years in the ministry, pastor Dement is retiring from pastoring, leaving his legacy to continue in those that were blessed to sit under his ministry.

Thank you pastor DeMent for all the years you served, for being led by the Holy Spirit and for your boundless love!

We invite you to join us in honoring this wonderful man of God at the retirement celebration on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 9:45 am at Calvary Full Gospel Church, 529 E. Oak Street, Cardwell, Missouri.

Submitted by:  
Kimberly DeMint Vanderhoort.

## **State Convention Elections**

### **Indiana:**

Rev. Jerry W. Daugherty, Sup.  
Rev. Melvin R. Wilson, Sec/Treas.  
Rev. Dennis Cromwell, Presbyterian

### **Kansas:**

Rev. Steven Fellers, Sup.  
Rev. Larry Weatherman, Sec/Treas.  
Rev. Clair Due, Presbyterian

### **Oklahoma:**

Rev. Terry Vines, Sup.  
Rev. Robert Howell, Sec/Treas.  
Rev. Joey Dotson, Presbyterian

## **Available for Revival**

Rev. Anthony Gibson, pastor and Tennessee State Presbyterian with twenty-eight years of pastoral experience is now available for revival meetings.

"I do understand the struggles of small churches and I believe God has given me a message for the church in this last season we are living in."

"If you would like a revival at your church, I am willing to work with the times that are best suited for you."

"There is no church too small, I just ask for prayer for revival!"

Contact:

Rev. Anthony Gibson  
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"The Lord prefers common looking people. That is the reason He makes so many of them."

"I have said nothing but what I am willing to live by, and, if it be the pleasure of Almighty God, to die by."

"Truth is generally the best vindication against slander."

"Die when I may, I want it said of me, by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow."

Abraham Lincoln

The reality of life in Christ is an awesome thing! The reality of life apart from Christ is a terrible and fearful thing! Though one may seem to prosper for a while, be sure that eventually disobedience to God's way of doing things will catch up with any person (or nation), be you a born-again child of God or a dogmatic heathen!

Unfortunately even God's children can be misled into thinking they are something they are not and God will bless them because they're His children.

Just the opposite is true. The Lord loves those whom he 'chastises.' Godly correction is part and parcel of the manifestation of His love for His children.

Just as earthly parents must discipline their children, so God must deal with His and it's seldom pleasant, but always profitable!

God is the essence of love and His nature demands that He administer correction!



**Statue of George Washington**

Failure isn't in God's vocabulary. We wallow in it!

Misunderstanding, from Gods perspective, is impossible. We constantly fail to understand His ways and 'get it wrong.'

He sees all, knows all, and is all powerful so that He know the end from the beginning. We have difficulty remembering the lessons we've learned through the experiences of the past and have no idea what tomorrow holds.

The one thing that we can know however, is that all of creation is under His control, His eyes search to and fro continually around the world, He never sleeps nor slumbers, nothing goes unnoticed before Him and He does hold the future in His unfailing hands!

When we don't understand, we know that He does. What mankind sees as failures are often godly successes disguised to advance our faith and trust, and to bring us into full maturity in Him!

*"Blessing, and Glory, and Wisdom, and Thanksgiving, and Honor, and Power, and Might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." Revelation 7:12*

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