

The Echoes

March 2011

"Gather my saints together unto me and the heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God is judge himself.."
Psalm 50:5-6

IT'S CONVENTION TIME AGAIN!

Missouri State Convention

"Praise God! It's that time of year again for our 2011 State Convention. My how time flies!"

The dates, for this years convention, will be **April 7th-8th** at Full Gospel Church, 514 Garfield St. East Prairie, MO. Pastor Eric McGruder hosting.

The Thursday 'in-gathering-service' will begin at **7:00 pm**, Rev. John Myers speaking.

Friday Morning there will be a **7:30 am** Breakfast

9:30 am:

Business meeting:
Elections; Delegation of New Officers; State Presbyter; State Secretary/Treasurer

10:30 am:

Home Missions;
Speaker, Bro John White

11:00 am:

Speaker Rev. Richard Williams

12:00 noon:

Open Lunch

2:00 pm:

Ladies Service: Speaker Sis. Mary Taylor

3:00 pm:

Camp Board Meeting

5:00 pm:

Those seeking ministerial license and ordination will meet with Rev. Richard Williams and Board Members in main auditorium

5:30 pm:

Dinner will be served!

7:00 pm:

Ordination Service;
Rev. Gary Thomas Speaking

"We are looking forward to a wonderful time in the Lord and want to invite you to come join with us. Our theme this year is '**Power in the Blood**' and we know it's so true!"

"Hope to see you there."

Rev Richard Williams, State Super.

Arkansas State Convention

This years Convention will be held **April 15th-16th** at the House of Prayer, 2503 W. Kingshighway, Paraguild, AR.

For more information contact:

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(501) 249-6858

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State Presbyter
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Arkansas Ladies Retreat

Saturday **March 19th**, 9:30 am

'Victory In Life's Challenges'

Living Word Fellowship

1600 W. Main
Corning, AR.

Pastor Tony Monreal

Speakers: Rev. Mary Blankenship & Rev. Mary Smith

For Info. Contact Rev. Cheryl Johnson (870) 239-8811

Tennessee State Convention

The 2011 Tennessee State Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 29th-30th at Cedar Ridge Church, 7104 Lebanon Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN.

The in-gathering-service will be on that Friday night at 7:00 pm; with the state business meeting to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday morning and the afternoon service to be held at 1:30 pm

Special group rates (\$60 plus taxes) have been arranged at the Sleep Inn & Suites, 150 S. Eastgate Court, Lebanon, TN., just behind McDonalds at the I 40 & State 109 interchange. Included is a Hot Breakfast, indoor pool & fitness center.

All reservations must be made by the 25th of April to insure this rate and room availability! (Call (615) 449-7005 and be sure to ask for the Full Gospel Convention rate.

There are several more motels at the I 40 & Hermitage exit, the Mt Juliet exit and further East at the Lebanon exit, however this Sleep Inn is the closest to the church, with a very good rate!

This years theme is:

Open Heaven in 2011.

For more information contact:

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Coming Church Ladies Convention

"Greetings from Waterloo, Illinois. In September of 2010 we became the new pastors of Victory Fellowship Church and are excited about all we believe the Lord will do on our behalf.

April 8th and 9th we will be hosting a Ladies Convention (for ladies only) with special guest speaker Rev. Pam Howard from California. She is anointed for this type of ministry and I know it will be awesome!

For further information you may contact me at (661)301-4200 or e-mail me at www.vfcwaterloo.com.

Ladies, we're looking forward to a great time in the Lord. Come join us, you'll be glad you did!"

Rev. Billy Childress
Victory Fellowship Church

Special Prayer Needed!

This report comes to us from Rev. Leslie Bailey of Shallowater, Texas.

"Elizabeth is now six years old. She was diagnosed with a brain tumor located on the stem of her brain when she was just four years old."

"We were there when they did surgery on her at the Denver children's hospital. At that time they gave her a 1% chance of surviving the surgery."

"God is good" (all the time), "and she is still fighting the fight with God's help. We are still believing for and expect a total victory!"

She no longer requires the

breathing tube and she's smiling again. Even with her little swollen face, she's happy in Jesus. "

"The last thing she told us with just her lips, when we went to the hospital to see her, was "I love Jesus" She is so sweet!"

"Please help us pray her through to total VICTORY!"

New Superintendent in Tennessee

Rev. Anthony Gibson, of LaFollette, TN. has been appointed State Superintendent to fill the remaining year of Rev. Roger VanDiver's second term, who recently resigned that position due to health problems. Rev. VanDiver had served in that position for the past three years.

Rev. Gibson has served as State Presbyter for the past four years and has been very active within the Fellowship especially in world missions. He is also pastor of Word of Life Church in LaFollette, TN..

A special word of appreciation from the ministers of the State of Tennessee for Bro. VanDivers efforts on behalf of the state. Our prayers are with you for complete healing and Bro. Gibson as he assumes the responsibilities of the office.

Elections for State Presbyter and Secretary/Treasurer will be held in April at the State Convention.

Out of the Mouth of Kids

A teacher asked her pupils to write a short statement on what each wanted to become in life.

One pupil submitted this.

"Be what you is and not what you ain't! Cause if you ain't what you is, you is what you ain't"

Seven Statistics on World Needs

1. There are 28 million people in slavery worldwide; many are children and victims of human trafficking, 400,000 children are in slavery in Haiti.

2. There are 3.2 million untrained or undertrained pastors throughout the world. Pray for missionary mentors and trainers to assist these needy pastors.

3. There are 100 million Christians living in persecution throughout the world.

4. There are 145 million orphans worldwide. If one missionary (or one church) took responsibility for 1000 orphans, there would, therefore, be a need for 145,000 missionaries (or individual churches).

5. There are 160 million street children, especially in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Thousands of missionaries and Christian workers are needed to take the Gospel and compassionate care to these needy children.

6. There are 200 million people worldwide on the move in search of employment and a better education, because of persecution and natural disasters, and so forth. Many are open to kindness and hospitality which opens the door for the Gospel.

7. There are three billion people worldwide with no nearby Christian or church to share the Gospel with them. They can only be reached by someone going to them with the Gospel. If one missionary went to 5000 of these, there would be the need for 600,000 additional missionaries.

So there's the challenge. While the numbers are overwhelming, if we all do our part, God will do the multiplying to His Glory. Editor

Graduation To Glory

Rev. Kenneth Hatch of
Enid, Oklahoma

Rev. Jim Cartee
Mineral Point, Missouri

The following letter was received via e-mail from Sis. Cartee. *Editor*

Bro. Blaine. Since Bro. Jim's passing (I was his co-pastor) I am now acting pastor. We are still going on. It's hard to walk into the church that he built and pastored for so long, but I'm trying to keep the work going. We had three new families come in and help out some, and we are thanking the Lord for that.

I've been in church my entire life, so I cannot just let anyone that wants to come in and speak or want an office in the church. My spirit has to bear fruit with theirs and the Lord has blessed me in that way, and I'm so thankful.

We are proud of our church and what it stands for. God has been good to us, and I believe He will continue to keep his hand upon us. I do not know how people can survive without Jesus.

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Please pray for me and the church, that the Lord will continue to direct and guide us in the way He would have us go.

We have some wonderful people in FGCI who really stood with Jim and I, and with me during Jim's passing. My thanks to Bro. Norman Fikes and End Tyme Fellowship, and Bro. Jack Deckerd and his wife. They were always sending us e-mails and called often to encourage. With workers like that in the association, God will continue to bless it.

Sis. Sandra Cartee

PLEASE!

Be reminded of the monthly deadline of the 20th of each month. That's when I need to have all your information for the coming months issue of The Echoes. I would prefer to be over

whelmed with information from our Fellowship members than to have to search for stuff to fill in the blanks. Superintendents! Your conventions and special events information needs to be into me two months in advance. Please work with me on this. Editor

By Faith

From the book 'The Oil of Israel'
Prophecy being fulfilled

"We worship by faith as Abel.
We walk by faith as Enoch.
We work by faith as Noah.
We lived by faith as Abraham.
We govern by faith as Moses.
We follow by faith as Israel.
We fight by faith as Joshua.
We conquer by faith as Gideon.

By faith we are patient in suffering, courageous in battle, made strong out of weakness, and are victorious in defeat.

We are more than conquerors by our faith seeing" *"there is one God who will justify the circumcised By Faith and the uncircumcised Through faith." (Romans 3:29-30)*

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GIVE ME PATIENCE LORD. NOW!

Today we live in a world of technological make-believe. We think that with all our gadgets and electronic wonders that we're better off today than yesterday. Frankly I'm a child of the 50's and I don't remember it being all that bad, in fact if I could go back (knowing what I know now) I'd want to land smack dab in the middle of the glorious 50's.

I'm sure we had our moments! Our TV was black and white and our party line phone was dial-up. The only thing I remember of patience then was I could hardly wait to become 12 so I could legally go hunting with my dad; and then to be 16 so I could legally drive. I say legally because I wasn't always legal, learning to drive at 13.

But today! Oh my goodness we have instant everything. Instant food, instant communications twenty-four hours a day, instant contact with each other with our computers and cell-phones, instant books (but who reads books anymore), instant world news live and in color, why, we almost know what's happening before it happens! (If you're a student of Scripture you do, to some extent)

The one thing there seems to be much to little of today, is patience. "I need my money and I need it NOW!" "Buy now and pay later," and the

world has swallowed it hook, line and sinker!

Unfortunately we've all fallen into that trap and the social structure of our 'global community' is flying apart, coming unraveled and destined for someone to come on the scene and solve all the problems, instantly?

For years I taught my congregation not to ask for patience unless they were ready to endure trials, for the Bible says it's "tribulation that worketh patience." None of us like that part, but it's the struggles that build us up and teach us to 'wait upon the Lord to renew our strength, so that we can fly with wings as eagles, run and not be weary, walk and not faint.' All too often this is our attitude, "Oh Lord, give me patience, but not the trouble and don't make me wait too long."

Yes, we can short-circuit the system from time to time, but then we have to deal with all the negative consequences of our meddling with God's time table. So I'm slowly learning that if I'll just wait on His timing, things will work themselves out for the best and if my senses and perceptions were really correct, in time, I'll be vindicated and everyone will be so much better off.

Jump when it's time to jump, and wait when it's time to wait. But it's sure hard to know when to jump, and when to wait. Even when you are the closest to the Lord that you can be, there are still those times when you need to take a deep breath before you jump or wait! Editor

*"Now the God of PATIENCE and consolation grant you to be
likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus."
Romans 15:5*

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