

# The Echoes

June 2011

*“... for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.” Matthew 5:45*

## **TRAGEDY STRIKES JOPLIN**

Late Sunday afternoon, May 22nd. Joplin Full Gospel Church was leveled by a tornado. Tragically, five lost their lives when the building collapsed as the fierce storm swept through the community. Also critically injured, a 13 year old young lady, several other members who were transported to surrounding hospitals, pastor John Myers suffered minor injuries and of course hundreds more are devastated throughout the community. While Bro & Sis. Myers, their children and grandchildren are OK physically, these are especially trying times for them emotionally.

As of this writing it is reported that more than one hundred lives were snuffed out in a matter of minutes and the destruction to the community is almost unthinkable. At least three members of another charter church, Freedom Worship Center, also lost their homes. That facility was not damaged.

Rev. Mark Lavine, who is a member of the Emergency Disaster Relief Committee says, “we see first to our churches and then, as funds become available, we reach out to members. Just this past month, we were able to send financial help to the flood victims of one of our churches in East Prairie, Mo. Joplin Full Gospel is always an abundant giver to help those in need. Now, they need our help.”

General Superintendent Rev. Gary Thomas and the executive board, have designated a generous beginning gift to the fund from the Fellowships ‘general fund’ and we want to make all our supporters aware of this opportunity to give. Send your tax deductible gift to Full Gospel Churches International, P.O. Box 515, Anderson, MO 64831. Be sure to designate your gift specifically the ‘disaster relief fund.’

There are no answers as to, why? Life is not always fair, inequities abound, but through the hard times we are stretched and made stronger. Each struggle prepares us for the next, and the next, until “that which is perfect is come.” Our faith in His abiding faithfulness and every promise in the book, encourages us that He never leaves nor forsakes. The tribulations of this life work patience in us and one day soon, we’ll all understand it as the cares of this existence are past and our eternal future opens before us in all its glory.

In the mean time, support our fellow servants in your prayers, through generous giving, through encouraging thoughts, words and soon, with physical deeds as the rebuilding process begins.

## **Oklahoma Heroes**

April of 2011 brought Oklahoma a rough few days. Many Oklahomans prayed for rain. It had been very dry and there had been many battles with wild fires. No one knew or wanted the amount of rain that the state would receive in a very short time.

As storms ravaged parts of our state the Illinois River began to rise. Some of the most vulnerable were the R.V.’s and their owners that were in campgrounds and parks along the river.

One of the vulnerable was State Secretary/Treasurer Rev. Robert Howell and his wife. As the river came close and closer Rev. Howell realized that it was time to proceed with his already planned move to another location. That was accomplished on Monday the 24th.

On the morning of the 26th., Rev. Howell along with State Superintendent Rev. Terry Vines returned to the river to help other residents evacuate. The water had risen more than they had realized overnight and together they worked all day pulling trailers away, and in some cases out of the water.

We thank God for FGCI ministers who will go the extra mile for those in need. Heroes? Ask those whose property they saved!

## **Illinois Convention Report**

The Illinois State Convention was held April 29th. & 30th. At Pontiac Il. The Friday evening service was opened with prayer by Bro. Rick Ball and then praise and worship. Bro. Alan Smith was the speaker of the evening and brought an exciting message on unity.

The Saturday morning business meeting was opened in prayer, praise and more prayer.

Three by-law changes were approved and Bro. Rick Ball explained that he had to move to Ohio to care for his father and would resign as State Superintendent. Brother Billy Childress has been appointed to take his place.

Sis. Cathy Routien was appointed State Ladies President and elected to serve as the State Secretary/Treasurer. Bro. Charlie Seger was elected as the new State Presbyter. Prayer was given over the new officers and the meeting was dismissed.

The afternoon service was opened with prayer and an arousing praise time. Bro. Rick Ball brought an inspiring message and we ended with prayer.

## **Missouri Convention Report**

State superintendent, Richard Williams reports the Missouri Convention a wonderful success. It was held at Bro. Eric McGruders Full Gospel Church in East Prairie, Mo.

“What a great Convention we had as the power of God moved in every service, and what powerful messages our ministers

brought forth.”

During the business meeting Bro. Ron Baker was returned as State Secretary, and Bro Robert Nelson was voted in as the new State Presbyter. “I know these men will do a great job for the Lord,” he said. “We would especially like to thank Bro. James Hall, who was the last State Presbyter, for a job well done.”

“The churches hospitality was wonderful, as was the food. They are all truly great servants.”

## **Tennessee Convention Report**

The Tennessee State Convention was held in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee at Cider Ridge Church on April 29th. & 30th. Attendance was down considerably this year, but members enthusiasm was not.

Bro. Joel Gibson, the newly appointed Superintendent did a wonderful job of organizing the programs and the work of the State was completed.

Bro. David Jordon was elected to serve as State Presbyter and Bro. Gary Golden was reelected as State Secretary/Treasurer.

Evangelist Gary White, of Broken Vessel Ministries, spoke on Friday evening and the service was followed by a time of Fellowship.

Sis. Donna Ross was the Saturday afternoon speaker; Bro. Blaine & Sisters Christie Allen and Arliegh Barnett provided a special as did Bro. Danny Shatswell. “We had a great time in the Lord,” said Bro. Gibson.

## **Youth Camp 2011**

### **Junior Camp June 5th—10th Senior Camp June 12—17th**

We have already been blessed with the news that a new in ground swimming pool is being installed at Camp Mariah for this year as well as a new central A/C and heating unit for the girl’s dorm. WOW! We desperately need everyone to join us in praying for all the youth, workers and leaders, and that the Holy Spirit will truly have His way in these lives. These precious young ones need love, support, and encouragement!

As you prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do remember we’re talking about the future of the Church.

To contribute, contact Rev. Liz Major at (573) 247-0497 and let her know ahead of time, what you will be contributing. This will help us to prepare for the needs of our camp!

God bless you all and we’ll see ya at Camp Mariah.

*Rev. Mike Howell  
National Youth Pres.  
FGCI ARMY*

## **Missouri State Women’s Retreat**

**July 8th. & 9th.**

At Beautiful Camp Moriah  
(Air conditioned & Handicap  
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**Friday 8th.** 6 pm registration  
6:30 pm dinner  
8 pm evening service

**Saturday 9th.** 8 am breakfast  
9:30 am Worship

Cost \$30.00

Contact: Mary Taylor  
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Endless Well Fellowship Church

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Rev. Arleigh M. Barnett, Ord.

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## ***Graduation To Glory***

Rev. Mike Staley

Wellington, Kansas

April 22, 2011

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## ***Starting From Scratch***

If you're walking towards Jesus to the best of your ability, He will see you through life's unpredictable waters, but you must risk 'launching the boat.'

The Holy Spirit spoke to me and asked, "If I bless you, will you build me a church from scratch?" Well, we are literally doing just that and trusting in God to provide.

We pray the Holy Spirit will lead our brother's & sister's of the FGCI to support us in prayer as God moves on their hearts. We are looking at a building as we take this leap of faith.

We already have our sound system that we've used for evangelizing and our homemade pulpit. For years we've been in sales and God has been in production. We've worked to build up other churches and now the Lord wants a training camp.

I've always held fast to the fact that if you give a man a fishing pole and don't show him how to use it, it's worthless to him. Therefore without discipleship comes complacency. Generally speaking people want to learn more and do more for the Kingdom of God, they just need Love, Encouragement, and Motivation.

Once again we want to thank you all for your prayer's and support as we enter into this 'new adventure.'

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## ***A New Page on Web***

There's a new page on our national website. If you will go to the page called 'Our Fellowship Links,' you will find a link to a page called '**Church Time.**'

At the present time there is one video link on the Church Time page. If you record your services and would like to make your services available to others, I will be glad to place them there. May God richly bless you in your service to Him.

*Ginger Vines*

***A home without a Bible is  
like a house without  
windows!***

***If you can believe the first verse  
of the Bible, nothing else should  
be hard to understand!***

***When you read the Bible, it  
reads you!***

***When you study the Bible hit  
and miss, you are likely to  
miss more than you hit!***

***Those who sample the Bible,  
never acquire a taste for it!***

***The Old Testament is not old,  
it was just written a long  
time ago!***

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received no later than the 20th  
of the preceding month.***

## ***Judgment Day Is Coming, Even When Predictions Are Wrong,***

The rapture of the saints will happen. God's judgment upon the people of this world, for their rebellion and stubborn refusal to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, will take place. The renovation of the earth by fire will happen. The seas will become dry land and a Heavenly city, The New Jerusalem will descend from above and God will make His habitation among us.

These claims are not science fiction, fantasy, or make believe, but very clear realities described in the Bible. To be a Christian is to put our faith and trust in Jesus and his Word. We are to believe all of it, not just the parts we agree with or can understand. While we may be in disagreement as to when these things will take place, or even some of the minor details of how, 'if' is not debated among mainline Evangelical Christians.

Harold Camping, the man responsible for the recent May 21st. Judgment day prediction, thought he had found and solved a mystery, hidden within the pages of the Bible of the day, hour and minute. Matthew 24:36 teaches us, "but of that day and hour *no one knows*, not even

the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. The world may scoff and ridicule the man, and Christians as well, but do not discount the reality behind the mistaken prediction.

I Thessalonians 4:16-18 tells us, "For the Lord Himself will descent from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Be comforted in the reality that Jesus is coming back. That is a certainty and fact just as certain as the fact that Jesus was crucified, died, and rose again from the dead three days later.

While we cannot know the day, nor hour, if we live each day as if this could be the day we have nothing to fear. It will be a day of fear, dread and pending judgment for the sinner, but for the saint it is the Blessed Hope that gives us strength.

Pastor Matt White, Austin, Texas

***"But lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth ... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."***  
***Matthew 6:19a-21***

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