

The Echoes

July 2011

*“And above all these things put on [love], which is the bond of perfectness.”
Colossians 3:14*

GENERAL CONVENTION 2011

We are excited to remind you of ‘General Convention 2011.’ This year’s convention will be held August 1st - 4th at Flag Spring Church in St. James Missouri. We so appreciate Pastor Smith and his wonderful congregation for opening up their church for our annual National Gathering! They are such gracious hosts and we are going to have a wonderful time in the Lord.

This year’s theme is taken from I Corinthians 13:8 where it says, “Love Never Fails.” The unconditional love of God is the foundation on which our fellowship was founded. It has also been the bedrock on which we have built and have been sustained through the storms of life. That unfailing love has bound us together for a common cause of spreading the good news of Christ throughout the world.

A preacher from Chicago was upset that a little boy in his neighborhood did not attend his church. Rather the little boy traveled clear across Chicago to attend D.L. Moody’s church. One day he asked the little boy why he did that. The young lad thought for a moment and replied, “They just know how to love a fellar over there.”

If you come to the convention this year, I can guarantee that you will rub shoulders with people that know how to love, over there in St. James, Missouri. This will be a jam-packed, Holy Ghost-anointed Convention that will challenge you to do more for Christ than you have ever done before, in your ministry.

The Bible says, “By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (John 13:35) Come and experience THIS love. ‘Love Never Fails.’ *Rev. Gary L. Thomas, General Superintendent*

2011 General Convention Hotel Information

Please indicate that you are with Full Gospel Churches International for the rates listed. These hotels will honor your tax exempt letter.

Days Inn & Suites

110 North Outer Road, St. James, MO. 65559 [573] 265-2900

Continental Breakfast—Free Wi-Fi—Indoor Pool—Fitness Center

\$59.99—to secure this rate, your reservation must be made by July 25, 2011

Rooms are limited!

Baymont Inn & Suites

1801 Martin Springs Road, Rolla, MO 65401 [573] 364-7000

Continental Breakfast—Free Wi-Fi—Indoor Pool

\$55.00—to secure this rate, your reservation must be made by July 18, 2011

Rooms are limited!

Best Western Coachlight

1403 Martin Springs Road, Rolla, MO. 65401 [573] 341-2511

Continental Breakfast—Free Wi-Fi

\$59.00—to secure this rate, your reservation must be made by July 25, 2011

Rooms are Limited!

Camp Moriah Campground—FGCI National Campground has availability for those wishing to stay.

\$6.00 per night. There are also hook-ups for campers. Contact Janet or John White at

[314] 402-5486 or [573] 205-7400 for more information.

NOTE: Area restaurants will again honor the badges that will be given to all of the delegates attending this year’s Convention. Please e-mail Flag Springs Church, fschurch@centurytel.net, or call [573] 265-5547 with your name, the correct spelling, your title: Delegate, Pastor, Youth Pastor, Superintendent, etc... City and State. This will help to have most of the badges prepared prior to Convention.

National Youth Explosion 2011

I want to invite all youth, youth workers, youth leaders and pastors to attend the 2011 National Youth Explosion held at the Flag Springs Church in St. James, Mo.

This will be a night of great worship, dramas, and ministry! You won't want to miss this year's Youth Explosion!!

If your church has a drama team and would like to minister that night, or if you have individuals who minister in song, we want you to be there! We want YOU, the youth of FGCI to come and shine for the Lord.

I know it is difficult for all of us during these tough economic times to try and plan a trip like this, so in order to help, we have reserved the National Camp grounds for that night. It will only be \$10 per person to stay that night. We will also have activities at the campground after the service and will be serving breakfast the following morning!

So start making your plans to be there and come expecting an AWESOME time with God and friends! See ya there!!!

Rev Mike Howell

National Youth President/FGCI ARMY

Missouri State Women's Retreat July 8th. & 9th.

At Beautiful Camp Moriah
(Air conditioned & Handicap Accessible)

Friday 8th. 6 pm registration
6:30 pm dinner, 8 pm service

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

Cost \$30.00

Contact: Mary Taylor
[573] 265-8464 or [573] 263-0203
Come expecting a personal touch from God!

Joplin Disaster Relief

Thanks to each and every one of you who have given so generously to help the storm victims in Joplin. We are overwhelmed with your love for those in need. Finances have been taken to our pastor's to help with their losses, whether in the congregation or elsewhere. We left it to their discretion as needs arise.

Was it as bad as they say? We cannot express in words what we saw. You have to see it to even begin to understand the vast losses and then it is really too much to wrap your mind around. Block after block, piles of debris, houses gone, nothing, total devastation as far as your eye can see. Then, one block later, all looks normal; it is the mystery of the tornado, and the lives of the people of Joplin.

The news has died down, the reporters have gone home, many teams who came in to help are leaving and many of the residents still have nowhere to go. The apartments are rented, houses selling and people are being told they may have to go as far as Springfield, MO to find housing.

Judy and I met one team of contractors a block from where Pastor Myers church once stood. It was their first day on the job. They were in tears. They said this is what they do, go from one place to another to clean up and it is the worst thing they've ever seen.

As help begins to leave Joplin, please continue to remember the residents in your prayers and listen to the Holy Spirit for ways you can help. If you haven't yet given, or would like to continue to do so, your gifts are sincerely appreciated. Please send them to Full Gospel Churches International, P.O. Box 515, Anderson, MO 64831 and memo Joplin-Emergency Disaster Relief on your check.

There are also opportunities for work teams to come in and help families in need. Much will need to

be done. If you or your church would like to organize a team to go help, please contact Pastor Steve Fellers at [610] 202-1908

Please, continue to pray for all those affected by this situation!

"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. Isaiah 61:3 *Mark & Judy Lavine*

A Desperate Plea

The following e-mail was received this past month. While I have no personal knowledge of this individual I've been assured he's legitimate!

Editor

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Myself and my wife are doing the Gospel work in India associated with FGCI for the last 20 years. We were getting financial support from FGCI for about 5 years during the period of Rev. C.L. Morrison and Rev. Cassidy.

But for the past 5 years I am suffering from poor eyesight and ill health and as such I am unable to go for Gospel work. Since I am not getting any financial help from any source I find it very difficult for getting medicine and even daily bread.

Since the rent for the last 14 months is in arrears the house owner has asked me to vacate immediately before the 31st of May. Now my left eyesight is lost fully and it needs immediate surgery and it costs \$2000 and if the surgery is not done now the sight of the right eye also will be lost.

In this pathetic condition I do not have any other alternative than to request for financial help. Hence my request is to pray for me

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A New Direction

It is with great excitement that I'm writing to you to let you know some changes the Lord is directing this ministry in. After several months of pulling back, seeking God and working here in Grove, God is directing that I begin to travel again. My itinerary is filling quickly and I'm excited about this new phase of ministry.

Foremost, our ministry is strong in delivery of God's Word. That is our emphasis and where it will remain. As most of you know, one of our greatest desires from God is to touch people's lives on a collective level and individually to meet their essential needs. We feel there are three main avenues through which we will meet that goal with the help of the Lord, in the days to come.

Emergency Disaster Relies; Homeless inner City ministries; Helping individuals with needs locally and in other countries.

We want to extend our greatest thanks to all who have joined with us this past month in giving to the Emergency Fund for the tornado victims in Joplin. Your giving has been overwhelming, your extension of love to those you have not met, nor may ever meet has truly shown God's love. This ministry is honored to know you and to be supported through your prayers and giving.

It has been my heart for some time to go to the inner city and reach the lost and homeless. I'm exploring opportunities in this area now and will keep you updated on it's development.

Last of all, we have taken on two children in the country of Bolivia to support through World Vision and are looking at new ways to get involved with reaching the poor in our area effectively.

Please continue to pray for God's will and direction in this ministry.

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New Members, Reinstatements, Advancements & New Churches

Arkansas:

Rev. Janice Allen, Lic.

Rev. Jamie M. LaRue, Lic.

Illinois:

Rev. Becky Ann Childress, Lic.

Rev. Mary Kate Lewis, Lic.

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Rev. Harry E. Unsworth, Lic.

Rev. Michelle L. Unsworth, Lic.

Kansas:

Rev. Robin Jo Dixon, Exh.

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[Pastor, Charles Little]

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Rev. William Mark Kemp, Lic.

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We do appreciate your giving and support and want you to know that whether you give to our ministry when we are ministering in your church or individual offerings, that a percent of it goes specifically to touch other people's lives, not just to get us down the road. God Bless you all. *Mark & Judy Lavine*

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and help me financially.

My humble suggestion is to collect two to five dollars from each member of FGCI and maybe fifteen to twenty dollars from each church or ministry associated with FGCI as a love offering and send it to the General Secretary/Treasurer so as to reach me.

We do not have any government social security or any financial help from any organization. My humble request to each and every one of you is to help me in Christ's love.

May God bless each one of you.

Rev. Dr. P.C. Kurian & Christy Kurian

Graduation to Glory Error

*Last month we mistakenly listed Rev. Mike Staley of Wellington, Kansas when it was actually his beloved wife **Kristin** who passed. Our heartfelt apology to the family. Nevertheless praise God she's safely home in the arms of her Lord. We rejoice with you!*

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

First Century Church of Promise

A few years ago, when hurricane Ike came through Galveston, Tx., my daughter and her in-laws were living there. They came to stay with us here in Seagoville. FGCI's disaster relief sent us a check to help cover the extra expenses.

It is our pleasure and with great gratitude from the folks at First Century of Promise to return the favor.

May God greatly increase your blessings in this time of need.

Pastor Rick Williams

Special Prayer Request

Rev. Jack Deckerd of Perryville, Missouri is having more trouble with his right foot and needs our prayer; it is serious!

Rev Norman Fikes

Billy Graham's Prayer For Our nation

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values ...

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery ...

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare ...

We have killed our unborn and called it choice ...

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable ...

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem ...

We have abused power and called it politics ...

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression ...

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment ...

Search us, Oh God, and know our heart's today; cleanse us from every sin and Set us Free. Amen!"

Are you planning on moving? Please notify us of your new address:
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"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." *I Corinthians 13:13*

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