

# The Echoes

August 2011

*“LOVE NEVER FAILS.” 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.

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.

*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.

### **Church Planting in Sparta, Illinois**

This is Rev. Billy Childress, Illinois Superintendent and Pastor of Victory Fellowship Church in Waterloo, Illinois. I’m requesting that many of our churches and members of FGCI help with the pioneering of a new church in Sparta, Illinois. My church is helping by taking this new church on as a ‘mission’ for one year!

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My name is Rev. Kenneth Coats, and I’m an ordained minister with FGCI.

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A few weeks ago, I was approached by the Illinois State Superintendent, Rev. Billy Childress, who stated that God had laid it on his heart to plant a church in Sparta, Illinois. He asked me to consider taking on this project as it's Pastor?

After much prayer and seeking Gods will, I told Bro. Billy I would like to see the place and the community. Two weeks later, I came to visit the town of Sparta.

As we drove through I felt a stirring inside me and asked a friend if they felt the same thing? He said yes!

They had found a church building that had been closed for over a year. It has five Sunday school rooms, a fellowship hall and sanctuary that will hold over one hundred. The rent is only \$500 per month, Praise the Lord!

As I looked the place over, I knelt down at the alter and began to pray. All I could pray for, was REVIVAL!!!

As I'm writing this, I have resigned my job and am preparing for the move which will take place around the first of August.

I believe there is something great here that God is going to do. There has already been one miracle after another. The Lord has given me the name of Family Worship Full Gospel Center.

This is where you come in. I'm asking for two things from each of you. 1. Invest your time in prayer for this new work. 2. Invest with your support. We need people and churches who will take this work on as a mission outreach.

We need your help as soon as possible for the work and the move that we're making. Please! Consider this request prayerfully.

Thanking you in advance.

*Rev. Kenny Coots*

This is what our Fellowship is all about!!!!

*Editor*

## **Joplin Disaster Relief**

As time goes by we, who do not live in the disaster area, can easily slip into complacency and forget that countless lives have been forever changed by the tragic events of the recent past, including our own FGC family.

For those of you that have stepped in to fill the gap, praise God and many many thanks. For those who have not yet answered the cry for help, seek God and then do your very best; you'll be blessed and the cause for Christ, in Joplin, will be restored to it's former glory and more.

*Editor*

## **Ladies Retreat Postponed**

The ladies retreat that was scheduled for July 8th—9th at Camp Moriah was postponed due to illness. A new date has not been set as of this writing, but keep watching for the rescheduling of what promises to be a wonderful time of fun, food and fellowship for the ladies.

*Ginger Vines*

## **Graduation To Glory**

Rev. Brad Higgins, Arkansas  
Rev. Kevin Jacobs, Illinois  
Rev. Steve Mason, Arkansas  
Rev. Bill Reimer, New Mexico  
Rev. Kristin Staley, Kansas

***"Precious in the eyes of the  
Lord is the death of the  
Saints"***

## **Needs For Campground**

We had an awesome two weeks of Holy Spirit filled youth camps. Now we're going to need to build more dorms, as we maxed out the girls again this year, that's a good thing and we give God all the glory!

We still need paint for the inside and outside of the dorms and the Chapel and 50 new mattresses at \$50 each. Thanks for anything you can do to help!

*Rev. John White*

## **Loving The Lost**

[We Christians] possess a peace that passes the understanding of [our] unhappy friends [and even family members] who are drawn to us like moths to a flame. [We] work hard at jobs [we] enjoy, put away money [hopefully], and take pleasure in simple things like a rich Italian sauce, [a gooey desert or favorite slice of pie], without overindulging [of course].

[We should] be a portrait of what comes from doing life right! [Too many folks are] a portrait of what comes from doing life wrong. Self-pitying and narcissistic, [they] talk about [themselves] incessantly and take no blame for problems [of their own making].

As Christians in a nation where sowing and reaping are so noticeably connected, it's easy to put qualifications on Christ's charge to love the lost.

We're happy to give the charity of our money to the anonymous poor. What about the charity of our compassion to the bum of a brother? What about the charity of our time to the socially graceless office-mate? Aren't these the ones who should be first in line for our love; the self-centered, annoying, and undeserving? The people we were and sometimes still are?

Our behavior, which speaks far louder than words, will look familiar to anyone who's read the New Testament. That said, reaching out is no guarantee of redemption .... some will confront the truth about their unhappiness and join the feast, some will continue to gnash their teeth in bitterness over the blessings they missed out on.

[We miss the boat if we're only interested in justice, forgetting our God is a God, first and foremost, of mercy because of His great love for the lost]. *From a movie review by Megan Basham for Chuck Colson's World magazine. Brackets are mine, Editor*

## National Youth Explosion 2011

All youth, youth workers, youth leaders and pastors are urged 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!!

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 plan a trip like this, so in order to help, we have reserved the National Camp grounds for that night.

The cost is only \$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!

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*

## Drought Woes Prayer Request

As evidenced by people living in Oklahoma, Texas, and ever increasing areas in many other parts of the country, drought conditions are reaching critical status; cattle are being auctioned off; crops have burned up; and even drinking water is becoming a concern. Please, join with many others in prayer for relief from the devastation. This request forwarded by *Sandra Gamble*.

I can attest to this growing problem as I continually travel, East to West Coast, and experience, first hand the devastation. Recently I traveled more than a hundred miles, Gallup to Albuquerque NM nearly blinded by smoke from Arizona fires.

I can't help but believe these are but more signs of the times! *Editor*

## New Members, Reinstatements, Advancements & New Churches

### Missouri:

*Rev. James Allen Hagy, Lic.  
Heartfelt Ministries (new name)  
Pastor Benny (Mike) Howell  
Rev. Michael Moore, Ord.  
Rev. Vera Moore, Ord.  
Rev. Martin Pashia, Lic.*

### Texas:

*Rev. Steven Alan Madden, Ord.*

## Facts You Just Can't Live Without

**Arkansas:** has the only diamond mine in the U.S.

**Colorado:** In 1976 it became the only state to turn down the Olympics.

**Kansas:** Liberal, Kansas, has an exact replica of the house in The Wizard of Oz.

**Missouri:** is the birthplace of the ice cream cone.

**Oklahoma:** The grounds of the state capital are covered by operating oil wells.

**Tennessee:** Nashville's Grand Ole Opry is the longest running live radio show in the world.

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## Passover Celebration Follow-up

Saturday, April 3rd. Was our event in Glen Carbon, Il. We had an awesome time of teaching the importance of Passover, the Messiah and how it foreshadowed JESUS CHRIST's coming and sacrifice on Calvary. Many eyes were opened to its true meaning.

Rabbi Bob Alberico was knowledgeable and entertaining as he conducted the Passover Seder (meal) explaining how everything about the meal pointed to the coming of Jesus and how blinded the Jews were (and are) to the truth of its meaning.

There were a least fifteen churches represented from many different denominations and a few Jewish people with us in unity.

There was Jewish dancing to celebrate and many new friends made. We prayed for a number of folks and believe many were set free from bondages of the past.

The event was so good, many have asked to do it again next year!

*Rev. Melissa Thomas*

**Editors note:** While I've participated in several legitimate Seders, and learned much about Gods plan for revealing Christ to the Jews, a wise word of caution, 'Know those who labor among you' so as not to be deceived or lead astray!

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## ***Master Or Servant***

We have, in the Church today, too many masters and not enough servants. When did the masters become too good to serve? Luke 22:27 NLT

Christ said, in Matthew 10:24 'the servant is no better than the master.' There is only one Master and we are all His servants, no matter where God call's us or puts us; that is up to Him. It's not to say, "I'm better than you, or you're better then me, remember, Christ came to serve not to be served. He came in on a donkey, not a Chrysler 300.

Now is the time to serve and not be served! You were called for a reason and that was not to make you look good or gain you glory and receive riches from doing your spiritual duties as a servant of God, but to give to the Kingdom of Heaven what already belongs to God in the first place, 'SOULS.' Time is, perhaps, the greatest gift we can give, so give it to Him in your twenty-four hour a day life so the lost souls in this world can see the LOVE God has for them, just like He did for you! You did not get where you are now by yourself, but by someone else being a Servant of God. Our great Master was a humble Servant.

It's time for the Bride of Christ to become servants of God, not masters of the Bride. We as God's children are to represent the Word of God to His Bride, but as is true of the lost, it is not our responsibility to accept or reject the Word, not trying to be lord and master over them, but rather to be servants with them.

We are all trying to 'run the race' and finish the course with the ultimate goal which is to reach our Heavenly Home. There is only room for servants in the Kingdom, we already have a Master!

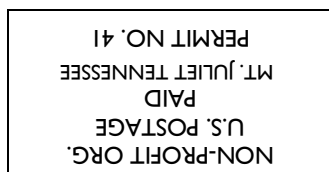
Serve with a cheerful and humble heart. Consumed by the Call.

*Rev. Joyce Mohler*

*"The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the fool to the left." Ecclesiastes 10:2 (NIV)*

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