

The Echoes

April 2010

"Be patient therefore, brethren unto the coming of the Lord." James 5:7

Convention Schedule

Missouri: April 8th—9th

At Joplin Full Gospel Church, 1828 S. Michigan, Joplin, Missouri. Host pastors Revs. John & Joyce Myers.

Service Times: Thursday night 7 p.m. in-gathering service: Friday morning at 9 a.m. will be the Business Meeting:

Motels in the area: Holiday Inn, (417) 782-1000; Days Inn, (417) 623-0100; Super 8, (417) 782-8765; Microtel, (417) 626-8282

For further information contact Rev. Richard Williams, Missouri State Superintendent.

Arkansas: April 16th—17th

At Path 2 Restoration Ministries, 422 Highway 49 North, Paragould, Arkansas. (North end of the shopping center next to Orscheim farm supply) Host pastors Revs. Benny & Sheral Shadwick.

Service Times: Friday night 7 p.m. in-gathering service: Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. Ordination Service: and Saturday at 1 p.m. will be the Business Meeting.

Lunch will be served by the host church. For more information call: Rev. Carl McKinney, Arkansas State Superintendent, (870) 5652522.

Tennessee: April 30th—May 1st

At 'Walking Horse' in Lewisburg. Special room rates of \$48.00. Friday evening Rev. Chris Gardener will be speaking with a special emphasis on the youth. Saturday morning will be the business meeting and elections. Rev. Gary Thomas, Assistant General Superintendent speaking in the afternoon service.

3rd Annual Illinois Ladies Conference

'Receive the Latter Rain'

Saturday May 1, 2010,

From 9 am—4 pm. Lunch will be provided.

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(behind Glen Carbon Village Hall)
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Rev. Linda Denny & Rev. Melissa Thomas

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Its time To Focus

We have all heard stories of the great revivals that our parents and many folks from the past witnessed. Church history is filled with facts of how they were birthed and how they became what they are today. The problem is the current generation, that soon will be the leaders of tomorrows church, only know historical facts and not reality.

History tells us where we've been and the price that was paid for what we have now. But it seems the pace of growth and success is slowing down in our churches and reality and present experience haven't given birth to visions and focus.

All goals should be set, based on present experience linked with past success, looking toward the future. David said of his battle with the giant, 'God let me defeat the lion and the bear, and I will defeat this giant too.' He was facing his enemy and he knew that God would not let him down. His focus was on what God was going to do, based upon past experience in practical everyday situations.

While in Africa in January, I experienced some things that I had only heard or read about from men and women on the mission fields. I was preaching at a church on Sunday morning in Kjojo, Uganda. The church was packed, the music was great, and the Spirit of the Lord was there. Out of the corner of my eye I spotted someone walking up the road beside the church smiling, with an uncomfortable smile. I was told she was a devil worshipper, and she had come to stop the services.

She came to the entrance of the church and froze in her tracks. I went to comfort her, but she did not want help, so I bound that spirit and returned to praying for the people. She was frozen in her tracks until the time we left that building to return to Prayer Mountain!

The people saw the limits of the enemy's power, and the greatness of Gods power, and their faith rose to a new level. That morning the church was filled with new people giving their hearts to the lord, in numbers that most churches never see, even in a year or more.

A new level of vision has risen in that church. They know their God is greater than any devil, through the blood of Christ Jesus. This is the level of experience that our church leadership needs in their lives. To get a fresh focus on what our God can do we need more than just church history, we need some reality mixed with experience.

Pastor, Anthony Gibson

Word of Life Church, Lafollette, TN.

The Truth Shall Make You Free

For some of us this Easter Season, while thrilling because of its meaning and purpose, is difficult because of the 'end time' events taking place all around the world, but especially within the boundaries of our wonderful nation.

Never have there been so many 'signs of the times' evident at one time, as we see today. The 'sea and the waves roaring' major 'earthquakes in many places' 'famines' 'floods' even 'pestilences,' not to mention the gradual shifting of support from 'the children of promise' towards the 'children of disobedience;' if you can read it in scripture you can see it in color on the news!

Perhaps the greatest assault is on the church, the blood bought children of the living God. My heart aches as I see our hard fought freedoms slipping away and those ideals we hold so dear being eradicated because a few are so vocal and the many have become so silent; perhaps complacent is a better word!

What kind of an example are we leaving for our children and grandchildren? The very foundations of our nation; family, freedom to speak and worship, absolute reliance upon Creator God, are being eroded by the winds and waters of anti-Christ correctness.

The cross is no longer a symbol of shame but a trinket to be worn or a tattooed blemish on the wonderful physical body which He created. In the past these things have always been a symbol of rebellion, why are they not recognized as such today? and why are we too often eager to participate in this kind of activity?

Where is the 'discerning of spirits' bought and paid for by the Blood of the Lamb, activated through the power of His resurrection and His indwelling Spirit? Have we become so numbed by the events of the day, moving us towards the end, that we are powerless to react?

This is not the time in history for the church to lay down and die, but

to stand up and be counted for the cause of Christ! The blood purchased our salvation but the same resurrection power that raised Jesus up from the grave is the same power that dwells within us as believers and gives us life today!

I believe it's time for us to allow that power to resurrect us out of our lethargy, to elevate us to our proper position in the body of Christ, get us off of our sit-down-and-stop and fulfill the purpose for which we were created, to be about His business!

Because He's alive in us we are 'more than conquerors,' 'more than victors,' 'more than whipping posts for the ungodly!'

We are the mighty army of the living God that no foe can defeat, no power can stop and even the gates of hell cannot prevail against us. It's time to act like it, lift up the blood stained banner of the Lord and advance against the enemy of our soul instead of cowering and complaining!

It's time to reclaim our heritage, accept our responsibility and do what's right in God eyes. Call the lies of the enemy for what they are, call out the liars and phonies that seek only position and power and reestablish our rightful position recognizing the source of true power!

The Word declares we "shall know the truth and the truth shall make us free." The blood of Jesus sets us free from the penalty of sin, but the 'truth' of the Word makes us truly free!

Truth will always prevail in the end! It's the process of ingesting God's truth that begins the process of making us truly free. The more truth we take in the more free we become!

The opposite is also true. If we fail to ingest His truth into our minds ('be transformed by the renewing of your mind'), we won't be changed, the lie becomes more unrecognizable and the deceit of the liar more acceptable!

My prayer during this Easter season is that our hearts and minds will be moved and our actions will reflect the truth of the times in which we are living, as He lives in and through us!

Editor

Out of the Mouth of Babes

Sometimes we forget the really important things in life. Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace.

As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great, Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert and liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "that's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job, and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table.

He winked at my son and said, "I happened to know that God thought that was a great prayer?" "Really," my son asked? "Cross my heart," the man replied.

Then, in a theatrical whisper, he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

When the ice cream was on the table at the end of the meal, my son stared at his for a moment, and then did something I will remember the rest of my life.

He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."

Sometimes, we all need some ice cream!

(Submitted by Rev. Christie Allen)
Source unknown

End Tyme Celebration

April 25, 2010 End Tyme Fellowship will celebrate the beginning of our 4th year here in Bashrop, Texas.

Rhonda Whited of Lexington will minister in song and the word.

Dinner will be served and a short afternoon service will follow.

If you're in the area, come by and enjoy a time of fellowship and celebration.

The service will be held at the Bastrop Senior Center beginning promptly at 10 am.

For more information call pastor Norman Fikes at 512 332-0221 or e-mail: endtymemessages@yahoo.com

2nd Annual Ladies Retreat

The 2nd annual Ladies Retreat will be held at Camp Moriah **May 14th-15th**. The folks to contact are: Janet White (314) 402-5486 & Joyce Wallis (314) 401-9018.

The full schedule of events, speakers and service times will be available soon. Ladies, plan to attend this wonderful time of fellowship and blessing designed just for you!

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New Members, Advancements & Reinstatements

Arkansas:

Rev. Albert Jenkins (correction from last month)

Word of Life Church Celebrates 5th Anniversary

Pastor Anthony Gibson reports the church celebrated its 5th anniversary on Sunday March 21, 2010.

"While we've had many struggles in the past few years, we're still on the course that God set before us at the birth of this church," he said.

The day was filled with preaching on Sunday morning (Unshakeable Faith), dinner was served at 12:30 at the old west Lafollette school, then a gospel sing was held at the church during the afternoon.

Spirits were high, and a good time was had by all. Word of Life Church in Lafollette, Tn. Is alive and well!

Looking for Ministry Reports

I appreciate the many e-mail forwards I receive each month, sometimes they're like an overwhelming flood. I hope you understand time does not allow me the pleasure of reviewing them all. But thanks for sharing them.

Occasionally I am able to use some, but frankly, while I may agree with the content, many are simply not appropriate for these pages! (I'm trying hard to stay away from politics.)

What I'm really interested in are your testimonies, your real life situations and experiences that can be shared with the membership and uplift us all. Fellowship news!

What are you up to in your area of ministry? Personal testimonies such as those we've shared in the past. Ministry victories and even temporary defeats we all experience occasionally. Not sermons, but reports on what God is doing in your life and ministry. Hang with me, we're getting there!

Editor

Praise Report

I have a praise report. My granddaughter was pregnant and when they took the ultra sound, there was a bubble from the baby's brain down its spine. They sent her to a hospital dealing with high risk pregnancy's and they told her to abort the baby; this condition usually takes the life of both the mother and baby.

She refused to do it, and told them she had a praying family and church and a lot of other prayer warriors praying for her.

On March 3rd. at 38 weeks she delivered the baby Britt Lee Sue Moss, 5 lbs. 3 oz. 18 inches (tall) and the baby is in perfect health. The doctor couldn't believe there was nothing at all wrong with her and she attended Sunday School at the age of 4 days.

We give God all praise and we also want to say a big "Thank You" to all the prayer warriors out there.

Sis. Sandye Cartee

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fgcioklahoma.tripod.com

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The Importance of Walking?

(The shoe fits and I'm wearing it! Editor)

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is!

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me!

I have to walk early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing!

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound.

Apparently you have to go there!

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise,' I wash my mouth out with chocolate!

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'wow, he looks good doesn't he?'

If you're going to try cross country skiing, start with a small country!

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years, just getting over the hill!

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

"Behold, the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it..." James 5:7

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