

The Echoes

JULY 2010

“THERE IS A SOUND OF ABUNDANCE OF RAIN.” I Kings 18:41

NATIONAL CONVENTION 2010

National Convention begins Monday, August 2nd with the Ingathering service at 7:00 p.m.. General Superintendent, Rev. John E. Myers will open the convention; Rev. Mark Lavine is in charge of the service. Rev. Myrna Marble, pastor of the host Gospel Lighthouse Church will be speaking. The Gospel Lighthouse is located at 2800 S. High, Neosho, MO. This years theme comes from I Kings 18:41; “There is a sound of abundance of rain.”

On Tuesday, August 3rd. the World Missions Board will meet at 11:00 a.m. The Campground Board will meet at 12:00 p.m. The General Board will meet at 1:00 p.m. (for all National & State Officials Only). The General Youth Convention service will begin at 7:00 p.m.. Rev. Mike Howell, Missouri Youth Leader in charge, Rev. Travis Watkins, speaking.

Wednesday, August 4th. The national Ladies Service will begin at 10:00 a.m., Rev. Joyce Myers, National Ladies President in charge. At 2:00 p.m. the World Missions Service, Rev. Auburn Packwood, World Missions Director in charge. At 7:00 p.m. Rev. Allen Smith, Missouri District Presbyter in charge. Rev. Joel Anthony Gibson, Tennessee State Presbyter & Foreign Missions Field Representative speaking.

Thursday, August 5th. Business of the Fellowship and election of officers will be conducted beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m., Rev. John Myers, General Superintendent in charge. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a workshop presented by Revs. Dan & Donna Craig lasting one hour. Authority & Submission will be the subject! The Ordination Service will begin at 7:00 p.m., Rev. Donna Ross, General Sec/Treasurer in charge. Rev. Gary Thomas, Assistant General Superintendent speaking and our General Superintendent, Rev. John Myers will be officiating the Ordination Service.

Motels in Neosho for Convention 2010

Best Western Big Spring Lodge, 1810 Southern View Drive, Neosho, Mo. 417 455-2300
(includes two people, breakfast and **wifi**, \$69.99 + tax)

Booneslick Lodge, 1602 Industrial Drive, Neosho, Mo. 417 455-0888
(includes two people, breakfast and **wifi**, \$52.00 + tax)

Super 8 Motel, 3085 Gardner, Neosho, Mo. 417 455-1888
(includes one or two people, breakfast and **wifi**, \$49.00 + tax)

Executive Inn, 1400 S. Highway 71, Neosho, Mo. 417 451-3784 (\$44.99 + tax)

From the Editor

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the Membership and Leadership of our wonderful Fellowship for all the encouragement and support this past year. Your e-mails and calls have encouraged and blessed me.

In the beginning there was so much to do (frankly I had no idea), but we got through it and hopefully we'll be able to continue to improve The Echoes in the coming months to make it even more informative

as to what's going on in our Fellowship.

The Echoes and our awesome website (Ginger Vines is doing an incredible job), will help you to stay informed, be encouraged and built up in the faith as we grow together into a more effective movement for the cause of Christ. Together we all form a powerful force that can be used for His Glory!

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lord and this Fellowship in this capacity and look forward to continuing to do so in the coming year.

Resolutions

There is still time to present resolutions for consideration at the 2010 General Convention. The deadline has been extended to July 15th.

Only those received by the deadline will be considered during the business meeting, so don't delay, get your resolution submitted today!

“Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it.”

Thomas Jefferson

He's The Same God

I would like to extend to you an invitation to attend the 2010 General Convention to be held at the Gospel Lighthouse in Neosho, MO. Sis Marble is the host pastor and would like to welcome all to the church.

Convention begins Monday the 2nd of August and runs through Thursday the 5th.

Our theme this year will be “There is a sound of abundance of rain.”

In I Kings 18:41-46 we find that Elijah tells Ahab to eat and drink because there is a sound of abundance of rain.

Elijah makes that statement then goes up to the top of Mt. Carmel and casts himself down upon the earth until the rain comes. He's in prayer and expectation!

Even today where so many are dry and thirsty for an outpouring of the rain from heaven, so we too must be before the Lord and labor in prayer until it comes. I believe there is the sound of the

abundance of rain in the land today. Are you thirsty for more of God? For His Spirit to move mightily? He's the same God! Come expecting a move of the Holy Ghost.

Rev. John Myers
General Superintendent

“If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”

Ronald Reagan

Cuttin' Up For The Lord

We have, in the State of Texas, a Christian Worker named Regis Fredette who has a saw mill ministry called, “Cuttin Up For The Lord.”

For the building of churches and youth camps; you furnish the logs and expense and he will work for free just for a place to park his RV and portable saw mill.

For more information contact Texas State Superintendent Norman Fikes at 512 332-0221

Iowa Convention Dates Set

The state of Iowa has scheduled their convention for August 27th—28th. It will be held at the Full Gospel Church in Osceola, Iowa.

Rev. James Sheesley, Sup.

641 342-2065

Rev. Dan Lopez, Presbyter

515 282-1664

Rev. Gary Keller, Sec/Treas

641 446-4238

More information will follow.

You Bring the Weakness, God Brings the Power

When it comes to living the Christian life, where do our efforts come in? You bring the weakness, God brings the power!

The source of strength we call upon is not merely our own, which is insufficient, but God's, which is infinitely powerful.

There is an intertwining of effort in our ‘partnership’ with God. We must make every effort to be righteous, to obey Him, to avoid sinful thoughts and actions. Yet all the while we must do this appealing to His strength, not our own.

The spiritual life is warfare. To win the fight you must take on the armor of God and wield the sword of God's Word, which requires diligence and hard work.

“The Christian's motto should not be ‘Let go and let God,’ but ‘Trust God and get going.’ (Keeping in Step With the Spirit, by J.I. Packer)

There is no contradiction between God working in you and you working to follow God. This is the nature of the spiritual partnership He establishes with us.

(excerpts' from Eternal Perspective
by Randy Alcorn)

Sayings To Think About

“Love always works for the highest good of the object of its affection.”

“True grace recognizes truth and sin and deals with it in the most radical and painful way - Christ's redemption.”

“If you do what's right you can never be wrong.”

“God's greatest works, accomplished through prayer, are often invisible to us for now.”

Ever Ask God, Why?

There will always be questions in life about the things we go through and things that captivate our thoughts in life events.

One thing I've learned about God, if you ask Him questions about life things, it doesn't throw Him into a bad mood! He's patient, kind, full of mercy, and longsuffering, and most of all He loves you and I with a fathers love.

Many of our life questions don't have an easy answer. Asking God why something happened, that doesn't make sense, is not showing a lack of trust in Him, nor does it question Gods ways. We simply don't understand, so we ask, why?

There is a level of respect that needs to be demonstrated towards God when asking the questions, not hatred or resentment but also not living in fear of judgment if we ask the question, Why?

God's ways are far beyond our ways and His thoughts beyond ours. We can't possibly comprehend all that is in His plan for us; His knowledge is so deep that we can't understand all He's doing in our life and He under-

New Members, Advancements & Reinstatements

California:

Rev. Forest L Hagood, Ord.

Illinois:

Rev. Michael E. Cupples, Exh.

Mississippi:

Rev. James R. Kessinger, Exh.

Missouri:

Rev. Martin Eugene Pashia, Exh.

Rev. James Maxville Potter, Exh

“There's only one kind of investment that's risk-free; and the returns are out of this world.”

Randy Alcorn

stands our need to know more.

So the next time you have things that happen to you that there is no answers for, don't worry about asking God the why question, He's not in a bad mood and your question won't put Him in one!

You may not know all the answers now, but some day you will. Just for now, know that God really loves us, even if we have questions.

Rev. Anthony Gibson
Word of Life Church
Lafollette, Tn.

E-mail & Web-site Server Goes South Down But Not Out!

For nearly seven years the server for our e-mail and church web-site accounts has functioned with very few problems.

A couple of weeks ago I suddenly found I could no longer access any of our accounts. After much wrangling with the company, who assured me all our stored information would be made available again, we were forced to say good-bye to a lot of information, pictures, forms etc... and start all over again.

That means that information some of you had submitted for the Echoes this month no longer exists; all our contact e-mail addresses are gone and we find ourselves back to square one, somewhat!

Fortunately nearly three-quarters of this issue was complete, yet there was still some things that could not be included.

Once again let me take this opportunity to thank you for the support you've shown this past year. Together we will be able to accomplish great things for the Kingdom.

I believe communication is critical so please, continue to send your ideas, projects and general information. We'll publish what we can and enjoy some of the things we can't.

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Spiritual Unity with the Lord and Each Other

(Rev. Susan McMillen)

We are counseled to continue steadfastly by sharing and communicating with one another. It brought incredible encouragement to the early believers after their salvation and baptisms. This 'koinonia' (fellowship) brought a closeness and unity which was birthed by the Holy Spirit.

By coming together, individuals shared a common bond that began to cement the believers to each other and to Jesus. They began to realize who they were in Christ and more importantly who Christ was in them. By sharing with one another, a partnership was formed and the unity of the Holy spirit brought great impartation.

The power of unity has always been attacked by the powers of darkness. It is why the Apostles continued 'steadfastly' in the doctrine of the Word and in prayer. By committing to remain in relationship with one another and devoting themselves to both fellowship and the breaking of bread with one another, they participated in a deep sense of spiritual unity with the Lord and each other. Their priorities escalated with each new convert and their testimonies of faith increased each day as they began a new lifestyle of living in the light. Their entire focus was on Jesus, and this bond was being perfected as they became a many-membered body of believers, but their focus was on 'unity.'

Forgetting the past and reaching forward to the future is the Christian life, without it we have only ourselves and not each other, which is where Satan wants all of us to dwell ... ALONE without power, independent of God and each other.

We must exercise ourselves to come together once more and allow the Power of God to flow out again. You never know what Kingly decisions will be made in your favor when the King entreats you to come closer. Partnerships that bring forth creative ideas, witty inventions and even heavenly favor have all been birthed at the table of kings.

"... and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth!"

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