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with Special Guest: Rev. Milfred Minitrea

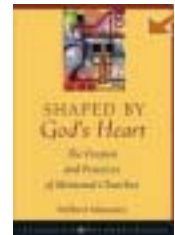
Get acquainted with our special guest: **Milfred Minatrea, D.Min.....**



Milfred Minatrea is founder and director of the Missional Church Center (www.missional.org), a ministry dedicated to moving churches from survival to significance, from maintenance to missional. As an author, missiologist, urban strategist, and ministry practitioner, he is in demand as speaker, teacher, and coach. His travels have taken him around the world speaking at churches, seminaries, universities, conferences, seminars, and retreats.

During the past 20 years, Minatrea has worked with more than 1400 churches, of various networks and denominations, on five continents. He has served on staff for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas Baptist Association, and pastored churches in Texas. He holds a degree in Doctor of Ministry in Missions Administration from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

His book, *Shaped By God's Heart: The Passion and Practices of Missional Churches* (available at www.amazon.com or <http://christian-book-store.christiansunite.com/author/Milfred-Minatrea/>) has ignited a sweeping enthusiasm in churches seeking to be transformational in post-modern culture. Missional congregations are having a profound effect on their members' lives. Their influence is drawing new followers to Christ and developing new communities of faith across the globe.



"Throughout North America, clusters of churches are reclaiming the church's role as the primary equipping entity and sending agency of God's people on mission," Minatrea says. "Today the Father is bringing various churches and clusters together in networks that leverage relationships and passion in those committed to being Christ's witnesses, communicating His Gospel and ministering His love to this generation."

Minatrea enjoys venturing the streets of the world's urban centers, finding wonderful "hole in the wall (mom and pop) restaurants," playing golf (rather poorly), reading travel essays, good mysteries, and the biographies of people he would like to have known. He is married to Pam and they have three adult children who have given them three granddaughters and two grandsons! Beyond loving his family, he is passionate about "*being real*" as an authentic disciple of Jesus and walking with others on that journey.

KENTUCKY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (KSOM): In addition to the great preaching, teaching, and fellowship during G.A., this year we will introduce our "*Kentucky School of Ministry*" on Saturday. The Kentucky School of Ministry is designed as a one-day (Saturday) time of practical training for lay-ministers, bi-vocational ministers, ministerial candidates, and ongoing training for those in full-time ministry. Some topics will include: Preaching, Theology, Practical Ministries, Church Health, Pastoral Health, Biblical Survey, and a host of other topics. Plan now to join us as the Church of God in Kentucky comes together to learn, fellowship, and be revived.

The **Christian Education Board** is excited about offering a Training Day along with the Kentucky State General Assembly this September. On Saturday, September 20, the CE Board will offer conferences for leaders and laypersons alike. Topics are expected to focus on Youth and Student Ministries, Becoming a Missional Church, Equipping and Encouraging Sunday School teachers, and more. There may even be something special for our Senior Adults. So keep the 20th open for learning and sharing and keep your eyes open for more detailed information about the **Kentucky State CE Day!**



From Pastor Randy's Desk...

Several years ago Reader's Digest shared a list of "patents not pending." A sample of a few of them included a "flash dark," to be used when a room is just too bright. Salted bandages! Ouch! I think the one that made me smile the most was the Nuclear Hand Grenades. I wonder just how far you would have to throw one of those?

While I have never been consulted on how to run the universe, I am confident if given a chance, I would be bullheaded enough to try it, and given my track record, I am pretty sure I would mess it up. I think it was best that God never asked for my help and even better, He had a plan ready to rescue me before I even knew that I needed help.

Maybe you were like me growing up. I use to think of Jesus as this very mild-mannered, longhaired, hippy-like guy. I think maybe most of the pictures I'd seen on the flannel board portrayed Him as such. Another way that many of us have pictured Him is that He was white-skinned with very European features eating the Last Supper around an English banquet table. In his book, *The Six Miracles of Calvary*, William R. Nicholson shares some deeper perspectives.

In Luke's Gospel, chapter 23, we are told that the sun was darkened from noon until three in the afternoon. Can you imagine it? When it became time for God the Father to place the sins of the world onto His Son, Jesus, He emptied the bucket of sin onto Jesus. The sheer volume of sin would be so vast that it spilled over the edges of the world and covered the sun as well. Think about how much sin must have been in that bucket and how completely dark sin is that it acted as a "flash dark" that blocked the sun.

Jesus' death on the cross, took my place, took my sins, and that was plenty. If that was not enough, He took your sins as well. And not just our sins, but also the sins of the world for all time! Try to wrap your mind around that. He covered all "our" sins from Adam and Eve until the time He returns for His Church. In my simplicity of thought, I think that must be why the sun went dark. Even the sun could not penetrate the darkness of all that sin.

Matthew 25:50-51 says, "And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit. At that moment the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split."

Not only is sin dark but it's heavy. Think about the weight of all that sin that was being poured onto Jesus. The earth shook and the rocks split open as Jesus hung there withstanding the weight of sin. That challenges my childhood pictures of Jesus. Most of them had Him as a pale, sickly, rather defenseless kind of guy. I have also seen Him presented as a Pope-ish-like character. You know what I mean...always walking around with a halo. I don't see Him much that way anymore.

My picture of Him more and more these days has Him having rough and calloused hands yet tender enough to wipe the tears from a child that has just skinned its knee. He is man enough to protect women and children and even the outcasts of society from "religious" folks and yet tender enough to heal a child at the request of a mother. No, if I could paint a picture of Him today, I would have Him with kind eyes and an ever-ready smile. He would be muscular and His shoulders would be broad enough to handle the weight of the world and its sin.

I think our view of Jesus will be colored by how much we think we need Him. If you are a "good" person, then Easter can be about bunnies and egg hunts. Nothing wrong with those, but there just has to be more. Knowing my need of Jesus, I see it a little differently. Easter and the celebration of Christ's resurrection is the guarantee of God's forgiveness and relationship. I need that, don't you? He is risen! Thank God, He is risen, indeed!

Hope you had a blessed Easter Sunday!

- Pastor Randy

Don't forget to check out our website at www.kycog.org for up to date information and activity dates!

If you are not receiving our weekly "Pastor to Pastor" email, sign up now by sending us your email address.

S.H.A.P.E. Update



On January 17-19, twenty-two Kentucky pastors and coaches spent time together for our initial KYCOGM S.H.A.P.E. Orientation Retreat at Four Seasons Christian Center. Jeannette Flynn, Paul Dreger, and Randy Montgomery led the retreat which was filled with activity, diagnostic tools, resources, and coaching. All the

S.H.A.P.E. participants were blessed, and we are off to a great start with S.H.A.P.E. in Kentucky.

Four accountability/support groups, called "clusters," have been formed with trained coaches that began monthly cluster meetings in February. Additionally, our six coaches have decided to continue meeting quarterly in their own coaching cluster to continue their relationships and accountability to one another.

We are excited about this new direction for ministry in Kentucky. We believe this will change the culture of the way we do ministry in our state. Our pastors are developing a new commitment to deep relationships with one another. We are now on a journey to do ministry together, rather than alone.

Here's what Pastor/Coach Jeff Perkins had to say about the Orientation Retreat: *"Great job with SHAPE! I looked around this past weekend, and it was so cool to see all these people coming together. Our cluster group is excellent. I truly believe God is going to use this tool to completely transform the way we do ministry in Kentucky!"*

We believe we are truly blessed to see the SHAPE dream come true in Kentucky. We would like to especially thank Paul Dreger, Jeannette Flynn, Arthur Kelly, Ryan Chapman, Tammy Blackwell, and the entire National S.H.A.P.E. Team for believing in us and for their partnership in making S.H.A.P.E. a reality for our Kentucky churches and pastors.

S.H.A.P.E. Orientation Retreat II

When: October 10-11, 2008
Who: All Current SHAPE Coaches and Cluster Members and Spouses
Where: TBA
Topics: L.A.M.P. Training (Life And Ministry Plan), 16PF, and Pastoral and Family Health
Special Guest: Rev. Al Ells



Alfred Ells is an ordained minister and founder-director of **Leaders that Last Ministries™**. Al earned his Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Arizona and a Masters in Counseling from the University of Arizona. He is a gifted biblical counselor, teacher, and author of several best-selling books and devotionals including *One-Way Relationships: When you Love Them More Than They Love You*. He is also co-author of a recently published book for church and ministry leaders titled *Leaders That Last: How Covenant Friendships Can Help Pastors Thrive*.

Al has founded or assisted in establishing numerous Christ-centered treatment programs for individuals, families, and youth including Samaritan Counseling Services, LifeGate Residential Treatment Center, and Remuda Ranch Centers for anorexia and bulimia. Al resides in Mesa, Arizona, with his wife. He has four grown children.

State Dates To Remember

- April 25-26 - KY WCG State Convention
Ramada Inn, Paintsville
- May 5-6 - Pastor's Fellowship
First COG, Winchester
- May 23-26 - Family Camp
Four Seasons Christian Center
- June 2-8 - State Youth Choir Tour
(various locations)
- June 6-8 - Kidz Camp Retreat Weekend (grades 2-3)
Four Seasons Christian Center
- June 9-14 - Junior Camp (grades 7-8)
Four Seasons Christian Center
- June 15-21 - Senior Camp (grades 9-12)
Four Seasons Christian Center
- June 20-25 - North American Convention of the Church of God, Anderson, IN
- June 22-26 - Middler Camp (grades 4-6)
Four Seasons Christian Center
- July 9-17 - International Youth Convention & Work Camps, San Antonio, TX
- July 20-27 - Camargo Campmeeting
First COG, Camargo
- August 7-10 - College Camp (high school grads & up)
(site to be determined)
- Sept 18-20 - KY General Assembly & KY School of Ministry (KSOM)
Eastland COG, Lexington
- Sept 26-28 - 3SLI (Student Leadership Institute)
Kings Island Inn, Mason, OH
- October 3-4 - Couples Retreat
Four Seasons Christian Center
- Nov 14-16 - State Youth Convention
Northern KY Convention Center

Welcome to some new pastors in our Kentucky churches!

- **Rev. Michael Brady** -- Senior Pastor, First Church of God, Louisville -- transferred credentials from South Carolina
The installation service for Pastor Brady was held at First Church on Sunday, March 2.
- **Rev. Rebecca New-Edson** -- Administrative Pastor, First Church of God, Mt. Sterling -- from Michigan
- **Rev. James Todd** -- Senior Pastor, Fountain Park First Church of God, Richmond -- transferred credentials from Florida

Please pray for these ministers and churches as they transition into their new ministry together.

YOUTH NEWS

Get your gear.....it's time to plan for...

Summer Youth Camping at Four Seasons Christian Center!!!

It's a new year and there have been some changes to improve your camping experience. Mark your calendars now and register for camp to be a part of an experience that will surely IMPACT your faith!

KIDZ CAMP RETREAT WEEKEND – June 6-8: This is now a weekend retreat, staying in the cabins the first weekend of June, and will be a whirlwind weekend designed to give those students **completing the 2nd and 3rd grades** an opportunity to sense God's love and presence in their lives while being comfortable for a short period of time at the camp. Connie Hughes will be directing once again this year.

JR CAMP – June 9-14: The ages have been adjusted to those **finishing grades 7 and 8** this year to have enough room for the most popular camp of the summer. As usual, we'll still visit the lake, use the pool, have a water fight, and enjoy great worship and speaking together. You won't want to miss out! Howard Megill is once again the director this year!

SR CAMP – June 15-21: The culmination of your camping experience should be SR Camp! Its faith building, relationship centered, and worshipful attitude will lead students to a greater appreciation of God and their own growing faith. Welcome Wade Calvert back for his 10th year as director! Students **completing grades 9 - 12** may attend this camp.

MIDDLER CAMP – June 22-26: For those students **completing grades 4, 5, and 6** this year, Director Nancy Hall provides a multi-faceted experience for students to explore their surroundings and their faith as they grow and worship together.

Please **register early**, at least 2 weeks before, to receive a t-shirt and save a \$25.00 late fee. For more information, to download the registration forms, or to apply to serve as a counselor, go to www.kychogy.org and follow the link to summer youth camps.



International Youth Convention 2008

July 14-17, 2008
San Antonio, Texas

The **43rd International Youth Convention of the Church of God** will take place this summer in **San Antonio, Texas!** Held at the Gonzales Convention Center, we're hoping that 6000 students will descend upon the city for prayer, discipleship, service, relationship, and fun! For more information, check out the official web site at www.iyc2008.org.

Several Church of God student ministry groups from across our state are taking part in a work project to help two Church of God congregations in Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras in service and outreach. If you've never attended an IYC, there is truly no experience like it. Feel free to contact Howard Megill for more information of if you need help in making plans.

The Many Ministries of KYCOGM

- 3SLI (Student Leadership Institute)
- 50 Years in Ministry Recognition
- Background Screening for Volunteers, Credentials Candidates, and Incoming Pastors
- Bylaws Assistance
- *Celebrations* State Newsletter
- Church Coaching
- Church Conflict & Mediation Services
- Church Consultation
- Church Finance and Compliance
- Church Growth Resourcing
- Church Planting/Kingdom Builders
- College Camp
- Conditional Deeding Assistance
- Congregational Credentialing
- Couples Retreat
- Demographic Studies
- Family Camp
- Four Seasons Christian Center
- General Assembly
- Interim Pastor Assistance
- International Youth Convention
- Junior Camp
- Kentucky School of Ministry (KSOM)
- Kidz Camp
- Leadership Development
- Legal and Tax Consultation
- Middler Camp
- National Youth Leadership
- North American Convention of the Church of God
- Ministerial Credentialing
- Ministry Training
- Pastor/Spouse Retreat
- Pastoral Counseling
- Pastoral Health Resourcing
- Pastoral Restoration
- Pastoral Search
- Pulpit Supply
- Regional Rallies
- Registration with National Offices for Congregational & Ministerial Approval
- Senior Camp
- S.H.A.P.E.
- Special Services (installation, dedication, credentialing, homecomings, revivals)
- State Ministry Coordination
- State Website
- State Youth Choir
- State Youth Convention
- Women of the Church of God

Does your pastor or members of your congregation participate in or benefit from any of these state ministries?

Kentucky Church of God Ministries exists to serve the congregations and pastors of our state. It is our only reason for being, and we strive to make each year more beneficial to our churches and ministers. However, it takes the combined support of all our congregations in order to continue to offer these many services...and to conduct them with excellence.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the many congregations who give faithfully to our state ministries every year... both financially and in their volunteer of time and support. It would be impossible for our small state staff to provide extensive state ministry to our churches and ministers without the combined support of our congregations and many volunteers who serve on committees and as coaches, counselors, handymen, builders, advisors, leadership, etc. etc.

On the next few pages, you will see a complete listing of our Kentucky Church of God congregations and their 2007 financial support for state ministry. As you can see, many of our congregations give above and beyond expectations, regardless of their size. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT!!** We couldn't do it without you!

However, you will also see that there are many churches who have not yet added Kentucky Church of God Ministries to their annual budget, though they may benefit from several of our state ministries. We would like to encourage you to consider adding KYCOGM to your annual budget. For those who are contributing less than 20% per capita, we would encourage you to consider increasing your giving to State Ministry by a percentage point each year.

The only way to continue increasing the quality and quantity of our state ministries is by the combined support of **ALL** our congregations. It will be amazing what we can do as a state to improve the health and effectiveness of our congregations and ministers if we all combine our resources and partner together. We need **YOU!**

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Another Congregation Joins the KYCOGM Partnership

We would like to recognize and thank Pastor Keith Willoughby and **Alum Springs First Church of God, Danville**, who have become the latest Church of God congregation in Kentucky to begin to partner with Kentucky Church of God Ministries financially. **Thank you for your support!**

KYCOGM CHURCHES -- 2007 GIVING

<u>CITY</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SENIOR PASTOR</u>	<u>2007 GIVING</u>	<u>PER CAPITA</u>
Ashland	Wildwood Ministries of First Church of God	Harris, Steven (interim)	\$ 17,675.47	29%
Ashland	Meade Station Church of God	Jordan, Robert	\$ 4,750.00	28%
Ashland	Grandview Church of God	Goins, Danny	\$ 1,966.00	28%
Beattyville	Beattyville First Church of God	Thomas, Garrett	\$ 0.00	0%
Beattyville	Pine Crest First Church of God	Wilkerson, Richard	\$ 0.00	0%
Beattyville	Pine Grove Community Church of God	Thomas, Garrett	\$ 0.00	0%
Campbellsville	First Church of God	West, Mark	\$ 1,421.12	14%
Campton	First Church of God	Neace, David	\$ 0.00	0%
Campton	Trent First Church of God	Stamper, David	\$ 0.00	0%
Casey Creek	Mt. Zion Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
Chavies	Chavies First Church of God	Gross, Bess	\$ 0.00	0%
Clay City	First Church of God	Lacy, T. Garland	\$ 0.00	0%
Clay City	Vaughns Mill First Church of God	Linkous, Teddie	\$ 0.00	0%
Clay City	West Bend First Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
Clearfield	Clearfield Tabernacle First Church of God	McQuain, Gary	\$ 1,058.13	8%
Covington	First Church of God	Neal, James	\$ 4,320.00	35%
Crab Orchard	New Hope First Church of God	Griffith, Gary	\$ 0.00	0%
Custer	Memorial Chapel Church of God	Cobb, James	\$ 525.00	20%
Cynthiana	First Church of God	Hill, Ted (interim)	\$ 7,435.00	60%
Danville	First Church of God	Cox, J. Michael	\$ 2,900.00	17%
Danville	Alum Springs First Church of God	Willoughby, Keith	\$ 0.00	0%
East Point	Little Paint First Church of God	Heater, Charles	\$ 4,641.00	24%
Elizabethtown	CrossRoads Community Church of God	Shonkwiler, Ed	\$ 0.00	0%
Elkhorn	Feathersburg First Church of God	Copher, Christopher	\$ 1,732.00	19%
Elkhorn	Farmers Chapel First Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
Elkhorn City	First Church of God	Adkins, Scott	\$ 2,619.16	39%
Erlanger	Cornerstone Church of God	Blair, M. Gene	\$ 0.00	0%
Eubank	Newell First Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
Eubank	Beulah Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
Ewing	Pleasant Valley First Church of God	Tucker, Gregory	\$ 0.00	0%
Ezel	Ezel First Church of God	Dennis, Jesse	\$ 0.00	0%
Feds Creek	First Church of God	Mullins, Nando	\$ 1,725.74	39%
Flatwoods	Shawnee Church of God	Stamper, James	\$ 500.00	10%
Flemingsburg	First Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
Florence	First Church of God	Baker, Steven	\$ 1,124.82	17%
Frankfort	First Church of God	Matte, Paul	\$ 3,615.92	29%
Frenchburg	Frenchburg First Church of God	Wells, Roger	\$ 0.00	0%
Georgetown	Central Church of God	Glenn, Sam (interim)	\$ 3,283.06	36%
Georgetown	First Church of God	Eden, Gary	\$ 0.00	0%
Glasgow	First Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
Glencoe	New Life Church of God	Conley, Ricky	\$ 1,389.39	38%
Harlan	Sunny Acres First Church of God	Blair, James	\$ 0.00	0%
Hickman	First Church of God	Poe, Gary	\$ 0.00	0%
Hillsboro	Johnson First Church of God	Gross, Vernon	\$ 2,000.00	50%
Hope	Hope First Church of God	Hutchinson, Stanley	\$ 4,169.75	15%
Hustonville	Charity First Church of God	Hatton, Marvin	\$ 125.00	3%
Hustonville	Maxey's Valley First Church of God	McCawley, Norris	\$ 0.00	0%
Irvine	Irvine First Church of God	Goble, Elder	\$ 1,100.00	8%
Irvine	Harg First Church of God	Puckett, Billy	\$ 0.00	0%
Irvine	White Oak First Church of God	Woodsley, Glyndon	\$ 0.00	0%
Jackson	First Church of God	Hollon, Bobby	\$ 0.00	0%
Keaton	Martha Church of God	Fannin, Danny	\$ 0.00	0%
Kimper	Johns Creek First Church of God	Wilson, William	\$ 0.00	0%

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Kings Mountain	Corinth First Church of God	Willingham, Steven	\$ 356.25	6%
Kirby Knob	Kirby Knob Church of God	Floyd, Paul	\$ 0.00	0%
Lexington	First Church of God		\$ 13,693.57	88%
Lexington	Eastland Church of God	Birch, Stephen	\$ 15,163.00	34%
Lexington	Iglesia de Dios Fuente de Vida	Estrada, Ercides	\$ 0.00	0%
Liberty	Carrs Chapel First Church of God	Cain, Cameron	\$ 0.00	0%
Liberty	Liberty First Church of God	Russell, Dennie	\$ 0.00	0%
Liberty	Noels Chapel First Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
Lick Creek	First Church of God	Cantrell, Kathy	\$ 1,315.00	33%
London	Park Place First Church of God	Eldridge, Jake	\$ 0.00	0%
Louisville	Poplar Level Church of God	Smith, Christopher	\$ 8,540.76	80%
Louisville	First Church of God	Brady, Michael	\$ 4,057.00	53%
Louisville	Larchmont Church of God	Jackson, Mark	\$ 1,522.00	16%
Louisville	More Grace Ministries	Blye, Cecil	\$ 0.00	0%
Louisville	Parkland Church of God	Scrubbs, Darwin	\$ 0.00	0%
Louisville	Iglesia de Dios de Louisville	Butto, De Jesus	\$ 245.65	n/a
Lowmansville	Lowmansville First Church of God	Kestner, Douglas	\$ 0.00	0%
Madisonville	First Church of God	White, Robert	\$ 1,874.83	18%
Manchester	Clay County First Church of God	Strong, Walter	\$ 0.00	0%
Marion	Marion Church of God	Tedrick, Lucy	\$ 0.00	0%
Monticello	First Church of God	Creech, Byron	\$ 9,222.61	101%
Morehead	First Church of God	Hutchinson, Allan	\$ 19,351.59	82%
Morehead	Johnson First Church of God	Furman, Benton	\$ 5,825.00	26%
Morehead	Bluebank First Church of God	Fannin, Jeffery	\$ 0.00	0%
Morehead	Cranston First Church of God	Petit, Millard	\$ 0.00	0%
Morehead	Siloam First Church of God	McCalvin, Albert	\$ 0.00	0%
Morehead	Japanese Fellowship	Hosoda, Yoshiki	\$ 1,150.00	n/a
Mt. Sterling	First Church of God	Perkins, Jeffery	\$ 28,021.91	45%
Mt. Sterling	Camargo Church of God	Evans, Donald	\$ 5,254.69	34%
Mt. Sterling	Eastland First Church of God	Campbell, David	\$ 0.00	0%
Mt. Sterling	Gateway Church of God	Wyant, Randal	\$ 0.00	0%
Murray	America's Church of God	Waid, Allen	\$ 585.42	45%
Neon	Neon First Church of God	Wagoner, Mark	\$ 750.00	7%
Newport	First Church of God	Crupper, Robert	\$ 361.00	14%
Newport	West 7th Street First Church of God	Howard, Carl	\$ 0.00	0%
Nicholasville	Sonlight Fellowship Church of God	Buford, Larry	\$ 0.00	0%
Oak Grove	Oak Grove Church of God	Evans, Scott	\$ 2,390.97	n/a
Olympia	Mud Lick Church of God	Caldwell, Mark	\$ 0.00	0%
Owensboro	First Church of God	Padgett, Deloris	\$ 1,747.71	62%
Owingsville	Owingsville First Church of God	Rice, Lowell	\$ 1,200.00	7%
Owingsville	Tunnell Hill First Church of God	Sparks, Sherman	\$ 0.00	0%
Owingsville	Ore Mines First Church of God	Byrd, Dameron	\$ 0.00	0%
Paducah	Oaks Church of God	Dobbs, Richard	\$ 0.00	0%
Paducah	Salt and Light Community Church	Glover, James	\$ 0.00	0%
Paducah	Shady Grove Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
Paintsville	First Church of God	Heaberlin, Daniel	\$ 0.00	0%
Paris	First Church of God	Pierce, Timothy	\$ 0.00	0%
Paris	Trinity Church of God	Singleton, William	\$ 0.00	0%
Pikeville	Pikeville First Church of God	Justice, Jeffery	\$ 1,950.00	n/a
Preston	Preston First Church of God	Frerichs, Terry	\$ 0.00	0%
Prestonsburg	First Church of God	Williams, Steven	\$ 2,100.00	49%
Ravenna	Millers Creek Church of God	Travis, Merle	\$ 755.38	22%
Richmond	Fountain Park First Church of God	Todd, James	\$ 9,445.08	155%

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Sadieville	Stonewall First Church of God	Denney, Thomas	\$ 1,000.00	13%
Salt Lick	Midland First Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
Salt Lick	Polkville Church of God	St. John, R. Todd	\$ 0.00	0%
Salt Lick	Salt Lick First Church of God	Lambert, Vernon	\$ 0.00	0%
Salyersville	Salyersville First Church of God	Gibson, Ronnie	\$ 0.00	0%
Somerset	First Church of God	Brandel, Maurice	\$ 730.00	26%
Somerset	Elrod First Church of God		\$ 0.00	0%
South Portsmouth	South Portsmouth Church of God		\$ 2,356.24	16%
South Shore	South Shore First Church of God	Nelson, Stephen	\$ 1,394.19	19%
Staffordsville	First Church of God	Wheeler, Tobe	\$ 0.00	0%
Staffordsville	Big Mud Lick First Church of God	Perdue, Larry	\$ 0.00	0%
Stanford	First Church of God	Harness, J. Harold	\$ 1,032.21	25%
Stanton	Stanton First Church of God	Molihan, Anthony	\$ 4,171.02	46%
Stanton	Bowen First Church of God	Donithan, Stephen	\$ 7,458.95	39%
Stanton	Middle Fork First Church of God	Lacy, T. Garland	\$ 0.00	0%
Stanton	Morris Creek First Church of God	Tipton, Raymond	\$ 0.00	0%
Waynesburg	Singletontown Church of God	Harness, John	\$ 0.00	0%
West Liberty	Caney First Church of God		\$ 50.00	1%
West Liberty	Broadway First Church of God	Rogers, Jessie	\$ 0.00	0%
West Liberty	Church of God at Wells Chapel		\$ 0.00	0%
Winchester	First Church of God		\$ 13,405.95	36%
Winchester	Epperson First Church of God	Williams, Christopher	\$ 0.00	0%
Zachariah	Torrent Church of God	Booth, David	\$ 50.00	1%
Zoe	Zoe First Church of God	Combs, James	\$ 100.00	2%
TOTAL 2007 GIVING			\$238,704.56	

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Important Notice Regarding Our *Celebrations* Newsletter

Beginning with the next edition of our *Celebrations* state newsletter, we will be changing to a **subscription-only format**. Multiple copies will no longer be sent to churches. One courtesy copy will be sent to every credentialed minister and to individuals who are in the credentialing process.

Anyone else who would like to receive a personal copy of *Celebrations* may contact the State Office by mail, fax, phone, or email to request a subscription.

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It is our desire to be good stewards of the finances God has blessed us with for state ministry and to prevent waste of the many newsletters that we have printed and mailed.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD NEWS

The **2008 Kentucky Women of the Church of God State Convention** will be **April 25-26, 2008**, at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville. The room rate is \$68.00 plus tax. The registration fee is \$45.00 through March 31 and \$50.00 after March 31, which includes the price of the banquet on Friday night. Send the names and registration money to: Sharon Fannin, P.O. Box 716, West Van Lear, KY 41268. You will need to make your own room reservations with the hotel at 606-789-4242. Room reservations should be made no later than March 23.

Our keynote speaker will be **Doris Dale** from Anderson, Indiana. Doris is the former National Executive Director of the Women of the Church of God. She has traveled extensively working with missionaries in Africa, Asia, and other parts of the world.

Our conference speaker will be **Kathi Sellers**. For the past 16 years, Kathi has been serving as a missionary for Church of God Ministries in Costa Rica. Kathi is an ordained minister and has served as a pastor in Oregon and Washington before beginning her missionary career.

Our worship leaders will be the **Men's Quartet** from Little Paint Church of God at East Point. They sang at one of the WCG conventions in Frankfort and have sung recently at Camargo Campmeeting and at the regional meeting of the Church of God in Clearfield.

Other convention activities are as follows:

Friday, April 25

- **Morning tours** -- 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 - Tour #1: Herman Webb's Store, Loretta Lynn's Home, Van Lear Historical Society Museum, Country Music US 23 Museum – cost: \$10.00 or seniors \$9.00
 - Tour #2: 1850's Mountain Home Place, Country Music US 23 Museum – cost: \$6.00 or seniors \$5.00Lite refreshments will be served on both tours. You must register and send your money for the tours to Sharon Fannin.
- **Afternoon conferences** -- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
 - Conference #1: "Leaving a Godly Legacy: Your History Book" – led by Janet Smith – cost \$5.00
Supplies will be furnished for you to work on a page for your book. Bring your own pictures.
 - Conference #2: "Intersecting Lives" – led by Martha Williams
You will need to register for the conferences and send your money to Sharon Fannin.
- **Reception for Clergy, Clergy Wives, and Clergy Widows** – 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.
Please indicate on your registration form if you are one of the above so we will know how to plan.
- **State Board Meeting for all Local WCG Presidents** -- 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- **Conference with Kathi Sellers** – 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.
- **Hanging of the Banners** -- 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. – Each unit is asked to bring a banner which measures 34" horizontally and 60" vertically with a 2" hem. It should depict something about WCG. Items needed to hang the banner will be provided.
- **Banquet** - 6:30 p.m. – Evening service with Doris Dale, awards, and auction. Each attendee is asked to bring at least one item for the auction. Proceeds will be used to underwrite expenses for children and youth to attend Summer Camp at Four Seasons.

Saturday, April 26

- **Morning Breakfast** – cost \$9:00 – register and send money to Sharon Fannin – conference with Kathi Sellers, History Book awards, business meeting, and morning service with Doris Dale

Woman of the Year Award and Memorial Award:

Nomination forms and pictures should be sent to Peggy Prater, P.O. Box 214, Owingsville, KY. Also send to Peggy the names and a picture of your ladies who have gone to be with the Lord this year.

Christ Birthday Observance:

Please send your CBO offering as soon as possible to Sharon Fannin, P. O. Box 716, West Van Lear, KY, 41268, so she can forward it to Anderson.

Four Seasons Christian Center

Four Seasons Christian Center has recently completed the basement of the Lyons Lodge! This will finish the retreat center and allow the camp to minister to your group throughout the year, truly making it a place that can be used in all *four seasons*. Celebrate with us as we look forward to this new opportunity to minister to the Church of God in Kentucky. Contact Ms. Teresa Lane at 606-768-4000 if you are interested in finding out more information about the Lyons Lodge or other parts of the facilities.



With the summer camping season soon upon us (see camp registration information in this newsletter), it's time to open the facilities after a cold winter. **Perhaps a ministry at your church would be available to serve in a work project to help us prepare for the summer.** We have painting, cleaning, roofing, and landscaping needs, so if you can help, please let us know. Email Howard Megill at howard@kycog.org or contact Ms. Teresa Lane to coordinate a time and the work you would care to help with. Thank you so much for your support! We have an incredible facility to serve the various ministries of the Church of God across the state, so we invite you to take part and enjoy them!

Editor's Note

Celebrations is a publication of Kentucky Church of God Ministries. Let us know what's going on with your church...new staff, exciting events, blessings from God, etc. News articles and photos are welcome and encouraged! Our summer/fall edition is scheduled to be mailed by July 1, 2008. Please submit your news items by **June 1, 2008**, to shannon@kycog.org, fax to 859-264-7013, or mail to **Celebrations**, Kentucky Church of God Ministries, 3201 Summit Square Place #175, Lexington, KY 40509.

KY WCG Calendar of Events - 2008

- **May 17, 2008**..... Leadership and Officers Training, Eastland COG, Lexington
- **June 20-25, 2008**.....North American Conference, Anderson, IN
- **July 26, 2008**..... Mission Day, Camargo Campmeeting, Camargo
- **August 9, 2008**..... Mission Day, Little Paint COG, East Point
- **August 21, 2008**.....Mission Day, Western KY Campmeeting, Paducah
- **September 26-27, 2008**...Prayer Retreat, Four Seasons Christian Center, Olympia
- **October 16-19, 2008**..... Women of the COG National Convention, Grand Rapids, MI

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CREDENTIALLED MINISTERS

The following ministers were credentialed in 2007:

Ordained

- DeJesus Butto** -- 9/07 -- Senior Pastor
Iglesia de Dios de Louisville, Louisville
- Timothy Cole** -- 9/07 -- Associate Pastor
Hope First Church of God, Hope
- Daniel Collins** -- 9/07
- Jesse Dennis** -- 9/07 -- Senior Pastor
Ezel First Church of God, Ezel
- Ercides Estrada** -- 9/07 -- Senior Pastor
Iglesia de Dios Fuente of Vida, Lexington
- Cindy Feller** -- 9/07 -- Co-Director
Cumberland Mountain Outreach Ministries,
Beattyville
- Yoshiki Hosoda** -- 9/07 -- Senior Pastor
Japanese Fellowship, Morehead
- Justin Key** -- 9/07 -- Chaplain/Associate Pastor
Liberty Ridge/Eastland Church, Lexington

Licensed

- Austin Abney** -- 8/07 (renewal) -- Associate Pastor/Youth
Eastland Church of God, Lexington
- Andrew Brown** -- 8/07 (renewal) -- Associate Pastor
Grace Christian Church, Georgetown
- Gary Griffith** -- 10/07 (renewal) -- Senior Pastor
New Hope First Church of God, Crab Orchard

Commissioned

- Kati Davis** -- 12/07 -- Associate Pastor/Youth
First Church of God, Cynthiana
- Jake Eldridge** -- 6/07 -- Senior Pastor
Park Place First Church of God, London
- C. Richard Good** -- 11/07 (renewal) -- Associate/Worship
First Church of God, Lick Creek
- Vernon Lambert** -- 10/07 -- Senior Pastor
Salt Lick First Church of God, Salt Lick
- Gary Mathis** -- 6/07 -- Senior Pastor
Goff Corner First Church of God, Winchester
- Benjamin Mills** -- 12/07
First Church of God, Frankfort
- Christopher Murphy** -- 12/07
- Michael Spangler** -- 6/07 -- Associate Pastor
Camargo Church of God, Mt. Sterling
- R. Todd St. John** -- 6/07 -- Senior Pastor
Polkville Church of God, Salt Lick
- Michael Stacy** -- 8/07
First Church of God, Lick Creek
- Marvin Thomas** -- 8/07
- D. Anthony Wilson** -- 8/07 -- Associate Pastor
First Church of God, Louisville

CHURCH NEWS -- Look What's Happening!

Charles W. Benton, age 82, of Middletown, OH, passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at the Middletown Hospital. He was born in Morgan County, KY, on August 19, 1925, son of Carl and Myrtle Benton. He owned and operated his own plumbing company since 1974.



Charles W. Benton

Mr. Benton was a member of Lincoln Masonic Lodge, a Past Master and Past Patron of the Easton Star, and a member and Past District Governor of the Lions Club, from which he had received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

Before moving to Middletown, OH, Charles attended the **Caney First Church of God in West Liberty**. Moving to Middletown, he became an active member of the First Church of God and was Sunday School superintendent for several years.

Mr. Benton gave "free" most of the plumbing at Four Seasons Christian Center in Bath County, KY. He leaves an expansive void. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ethel "Blondie" Benton, one daughter and one son, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, five sisters, and one brother.
-- submitted by Edwin R. Benton

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The familiar Christmas phrase of the season, "It is better to give than to receive," took on new meaning this past Christmas for the **Youth of the First Church of God, Campbellsville**. The Youth sponsored and orchestrated an Angel Tree Outreach Ministry. The Youth dedicated the time to raise almost \$900.00 through McDonald's coupon book sales in less than three weeks of December.



The youth group spent the funds at Walmart buying gifts for ten kids that they adopted from the Community Helpline. The group logged in a little over five hours contemplating the gift purchases for the anonymous children and enjoyed the opportunity to give back to others. The group begged for more time and was even tempted to go beyond their set budget for the gifts. Now that is a God thing!

The second part of the outreach was providing food for needy families. Just like the gifts, the families remained anonymous and were adopted from the Community Helpline. It was so amazing to see the eagerness of the youth's giving. It was simply a miracle to see the impact of the truckload of food delivered to eight unchurched families. The Christmas presents and the food

were delivered in the name of Jesus. The Youth combined the money they raised with the efforts of the church body to purchase around 85 gifts, which was an amazing sight to see lining the walkways of the sanctuary. Nevertheless, the real miracle is how the group gave of themselves to show the love of Christ to 54 souls. Who knows how God will use their unselfish acts to reach His children?

The Youth are learning now that their personal Christian walk requires giving to others. Perhaps their example will ring in some adult ears because God uses a sermon that is **lived out** better than sermons that are **preached!**

Note: Since Earl Rodgers has come to be our Associate Pastor, our Youth Ministry has really taken off. We took 16 youth to the State Youth Convention, which in years past, we have had no one to take. God is using Earl to "win" these kids. We are so thankful the Lord has brought him our way.
-- submitted by Cheryl West

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Pastor Kathy Cantrell and the **Lick Creek First Church of God** recently held a "Crazy Hat Day" contest. **Sister Reable Bevins** was the winner and was awarded a gift certificate.



Winner of Crazy Hat Day
Sister Reable Bevins

Sister Reable has been a faithful and supportive member of the church for many years. She is a Sunday School teacher and an active WCG member.

The Lick Creek congregation along with the WCG are looking forward to completing several new projects this year. God continually blesses the church.

-- submitted by Olive Thacker

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