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Tennessee Youth

On the mountain top in Gatlinburg, God poured out His Spirit upon our state youth and leaders. What an exhilarating experience as some 650 gathered for the State Youth Convention. Jonathan Lee and Sarah Reeves brought us to our feet with hands upraised with applause of praise and worship to our Savior, Lord and King. Tony Cruz opened our hearts and hearts through anointed preaching of the Word of God and the altar response in the four services was nothing short of amazing. I continue to rejoice at the open lives, seeking hearts and surrendered wills of the young people from our congregations. The spiritual health of the church exhibited in their lives is very heart-warming and encouraging. In a culture that cries out for the salt, light and leaven of the Kingdom of



God, our youth are leading the way. Saturday morning Tony preached a message entitled, "Bring The Cheese," based on the story of David and Goliath from I Samuel 17. The challenge of the message was the call of God upon our lives and the boldness and willingness to answer that call. I was astounded as more than half of the congregation stood at the front in response. Following that morning service, I had the privilege of leading a "Call to Ministry" conference for those affirming their call or seeking to understand their call. Of the forty plus attending, twenty youth from eighth grade through college freshman and four adults expressed a definite call of God upon their lives. Tennessee Ministries, the Congregational Ministries Team and the Pastoral Ministries Team will be working closely with these as we help them toward the goal of fulfilling their call of



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Amazed and blessed,

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Tennessee CHoG Donations to Haiti Relief Reaches \$24,500

With more than half a million dollars in donations received and the on-site assessments completed, Church of God Ministries (CGM) calls for individuals and congregations to sign up for work teams to go to Haiti as part of the relief and recovery operations. These teams will provide the labor force to work side by side with the Haitian people to complete the projects identified in phase two of the strategic response plan developed by the Disaster Relief Committee (DRC).

Opportunities for work teams begin in May. Each team will be made up of approximately twelve people who have basic construction skills and are capable of living in an austere environment for the seven-day duration of the trip. The cost per person is \$200 a week, which includes all meals, housing, and in-country transportation. Individuals will be responsible for the cost of their transportation to and from Haiti.

Those interested in learning more or arranging for a work trip to Haiti should contact Church of God Ministries and ask for Ruben Schwieger, who is coordinating the scheduling of work teams. He can be reached by phone at 765-648-2207 or toll free at 800-848-2464, ext. 2207, or by e-mail at RSchwieger@chog.org.

First Annual Pastor's Wives/Women in Ministry Retreat

HeartSpa was the theme for the First Annual **Pastor's Wives/Women in Ministry Retreat**, sponsored by the Congregational Ministries Team. The retreat was held March 5-7 in Sevierville. Fourteen ladies from around the state enjoyed a weekend of fellowship, Bible Study, worship, fun, and good friendship opportunities. From the first gathering on Friday evening till the communion/footwashing service on Sunday morning, the presence of the Lord was very evident as this group of women shared their lives, opened their hearts, and received strength, encouragement, and love from each other. The laughter rang in our hearts as we left the beautiful setting of East TN to return to our responsibilities, but we all felt renewed, refreshed, and revived. There is already a spirit of anticipation for next year's retreat which promises to minister to even more pastor's wives and women in ministry. Submitted by Donna Pierce, Co-Captain CMT



Middle & West WCG Spring Gathering
April 16-17
Scott Memorial, Chattanooga

Spring Convention East Tennessee Women of the Church of God Christians Connecting (a unit of *Christian Women Connection*) April 23 & 24, 2010

Meet, Greet & Eat on Friday, April 23, 6:00 p.m. at Watauga TN (309 W Fourth Avenue) 37694 an informal gathering to allow opportunity for women to become acquainted with each other and meet our regional coordinator, Sharon Fannin. Pizza (not store bought but the real stuff made from scratch) will be served. RSVP to avmcmahan@yahoo.com or (423) 957-9186 is encouraged.

Spring Convention on Saturday, April 24, 10:00 am, Johnson City, TN registration from 9:30-10:00am; host: Tacoma WCG; speaker Sharon Fannin, Eastern Mountain Regional Coordinator, lunch following. RSVP to Tacoma WCG encouraged.



April 23 & 24 Camp Overton
Theme: AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE
Speaker: David Kitchen
Golf & Fishing 23rd @ 8:30am
More info contact Rocky Cunningham
931-637-0028



10 Churches Attended the Leadership Conference at Grace Place. The basics of leadership and understanding personalities differences were the main topics. If you feel your church would benefit from a workshop in a specific area of need provided by the Congregational Ministries Team contact the State Office. 615-893-4987

Searching for a New Pastor



Greeneville Camp Ground/Worship
Memphis East-Bartlett
Murfreesboro
Rockvale
Scott Memorial/Youth
Union City

Please keep these churches in your prayers.

Pastoral Changes

Due to forth coming knee surgeries, **Pastor Elder Goble** has resigned as pastor of **Cookeville First Church of God**. **Virgil Paul** has accepted the pastorate for six months, followed by a review and decision toward future leadership. Please keep Pastor Goble, his wife Ellie and Pastor Paul and his wife in your prayers.

Phillip and Susan Marsh has accepted the pastorate at **Baxter Church of God**. Pastor Marsh is a Warner University Alumni ('82) and Susan is a manager at WalMart in Cookeville. We welcome these capable leaders to Tennessee.

Del Rio Church of God has a new pastor, **Todd St. John**. Rev. St. John and his wife **Delora** come from Mt. Sterling, KY. We are pleased to have them in Tennessee.

Norm and Marge Patton are serving as interim pastors at **Union City Church of God**. Former pastors, **Mel and Myrlene Jacobs**, have accepted the pastorate in Arab, AL. They will be missed.



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Tennessee Summer Camp Schedules

Camp Greene

Junior Camp

May 31-June 4, 2010

Ages 7-11 years old

Registration Cost

Early Bird-\$85.00, May 1, 2010

Regular-\$95.00, May 15, 2010

Late-\$105.00, after May 15, 2010

Speaker-Bobby Morrison

Worship Leader-Shannon Brewer

Teen Camp

June 7-June 11, 2010

Ages 12-18 years old

Registration Cost

Early Bird-\$95.00, May 15, 2010

Regular-\$105.00, May 31, 2010

Late-\$115.00, after May 31, 2010

Speaker-Kristy Carlisle

Worship Leader-Ben Foulks

Camp Meeting

July 25-August 1

Speaker-Mark Jackson



West TN Camp Meeting

@ Big Rock

July 25-30

Speaker Jeannette Flynn



CAMP NEWS

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June 14-17

Ages: 8-12

Theme: Who's Your Daddy?

Speaker: Kathy Tack

Worship: Chronicle

Directors: Derek Herren/Pam Withers

Teen Camp

July 7-12

Ages: 13-18

Theme: Disciple of Jesus

More than a label...more than you know!

Speaker: Gator Harrison

Worship: MACU Camp Team

Directors: Zach Dickson

Camp Meeting

July 8-11

Speaker: Rev. Tommy Walker

Worship Leader: Rich & Sherry Tiner

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Dwayne's Travel Schedule

April

4 Greenville

9 Camp Overton

16-17 Chattanooga

18 Cedar Creek

23-24 State Men's Retreat/Overton

25 Rockvale

May

2-5 CTI Training/Orlando, FL

10-11 PMT/State Office

15 Executive Committee Meeting/Knoxville

28-31 Family Fest/Gatlinburg

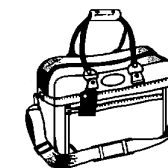
June

1-4 SHAPE Regional/Colorado Springs

6 Mid TN/Murfreesboro

12 Ministries Council/Knoxville

13 NAC/Anderson, IN



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Please pray for all
involved in camps this
summer.

Englewood Indoor Camp Meeting

August 1-6,

Speaker: Rev. Gary Ausbun

Worship: Rev. Will Hughes