

Summer 2014 Newsletter

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Pastor Robert White's Thoughts:

Summer again proves to be a very busy time! Rains have kept our yards looking green and the lawn mowers busy!

Our family has been richly blessed! Our grandson **Rhett Wells** turned a year old and another grandchild is on its way in August. Expectant parents **Ryan and Kate White** are getting anxious. Our son-in-law **Mack Wells** has just been licensed by the United Methodist Church. **He and Brittney** have accepted the bi-vocational pastorate at the United Methodist Church in Nortonville and Mack will begin his duties on June 22nd.

Jayne and I are attending the North American Convention of the Church of God in Oklahoma City. We will take some extended days to vacation with Jayne's parents, **Drs Robert and Juanita Adams** and our son **Jason. Bro. Dennis** will be filling the pulpit for me on June 29th.

I have been asked to share at the **Hickman Church of God** for their Home Coming on July 6th. **Sis. Dee** will be filling the pulpit on the 6th.

We have some exciting events planned so read on!

Before I close, I want to thank all of you for your faithfulness to God and the church. Our fellowship hall looks great. Those involved in painting were **Charlotte Sorrel, Theresa Melton, Treasa Starr and Dee Padgett**. **Chad Davis** re-glued some baseboards. The ladies basement bathroom also has a new look. Thanks to **Steve Starr** for installing a handicapped commode rail.

A recent flash flood caused flooding in the Church Fellowship hall. Thanks to the following for cleaning up the water: **John Slusher, Charlotte Sorrel and Dee Padgett**.

Our Mother's Day and Father's Day are always made a little more special with a take home gift for our women and men. Thanks to **Rachel Schoulweiler** and **Treasa Starr** for their gifts for the women, and to Rachel for her gift to the men.

Blessing and have a safe summer!

Pastor White



Church Cookout

July 6th, Sunday 6 PM

Church will provide hamburger and hot dogs, buns, ice, etc. Bring your ice cream freezers filled, pork n' beans, potato salad, desserts and drinks. There will be fun things for the children to do and a hymn sing after the meal.

New Closet: The former Boy Scout closet in the fellowship hall now stores church tablecloths and flower vases. The closet is unlocked for all to use.



Vacation Bible School

Sat. July 12th 10 AM – 2 PM. In the event of rain, VBS will be on Sat. the 19th. Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbor's children! Children up through 5th grade. Older children are welcome to come and help!



Night of Worship

Sun. July 13th, 6 PM.

Let **Jayne White** know if you can share a musical special. The "Night of Worship" will be followed pie & coffee social in the fellowshiphall. Ladies bring your favorite pie!

New Ceiling Tile for Fellowship Hall

There is a great need for new ceiling tile to be installed in the fellowship hall. Estimates run about \$814 for materials. Designated giving already received for this project is \$239 leaving a balance of about \$575 to be raised.



Car Wash Outreach

Sat. July 26th 9 AM – 12 Noon

Faithweavers and youth are providing hot dogs. Cars will be washed on the outside. This is a **free event and gift to our community**. Brochures will be distributed about the church to guests. No donations will be accepted. We need volunteers to work, donate bottled water, loan car wash items (buckets, brushes, chammies, large sponges). If you can work or have items to donated/loan see Dee Padgett.

Mission's Day, Oaks in Paducah

Our annual Mission's Day at the Oaks Church of God in Paducah during W KY Campmeeting will be **Thurs. Aug. 21st**. Speaker will be **Peggy Prater**, State WCG/CWC Finance Director. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Charlotte Sorrel**.



Madisonville Ch Hosting W KY Missions Prayer Retreat!

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Sept. 13, Sat. 9:45 AM – 2 PM

Our church will be hosting a "Missions Prayer Retreat" for W KY Churches (for men and women). The retreat is FREE, with our ladies providing snacks and lunch. Confirmed speakers/ musicians are **Wayne & Ellen Risinger** (ministry to eastern KY) Owensboro Ch of God, **Chad Davis**, (Ride it Out Ministries) Madisonville Ch of God, **Larry Norton**, music (Oaks Paducah Ch of God) and **Jan Dixon**, (ministry to Honduras) Madisonville. A free will offering will be taken and shared with the three ministry organizations.

Our Church's Anniversary



70th Church Anniv July 17 – 19, 2015

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Plans are underway for the **70th Anniv** of our church in 2015. **Rev. Mark Helton** will be our music worship leader and will give a concert on Sat. night. **Rev. Nathan Starr** will be our

speaker on Fri night and Sunday AM. Be watching for more details and **save the date!**

Worship Service Schedule

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday Bible Study	6:00 PM

Additional Areas of Ministry

Wednesday Bible Study & Activities

Faith Weavers (meal for children)	6:30 PM
Prayer Ministry	6:30 PM
Youth	7 PM
Men & Women's Bible Study	7 PM

Music Ministry

Faith Weavers (Wed)	6:30 PM
Adult Choir (Sun)	5 PM

Missions

Ladies meet 1st Tues. of month	11 AM
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Health

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)
Meets every Thurs;
Weigh-in from 8 – 9 AM

Men's Breakfast

As Announced

*Salvation Makes You a Member
of our Church!*



New Logo for Church of God

In 2013 a new logo was adopted by the National Church of God. Green represents new growth and life; blue represents pure life giving water. A cross stands out in the middle of the logo stating that "Jesus is the subject" and what brings us together. Jesus makes everything whole. The circular form of the logo clearly references wholeness, unity and holiness.

The previous logo (flame) did not communicate abroad what many of us take for granted in the United States and Canada. In western Christian culture historically, fire has been seen as an emblem of the Holy Spirit—and with good reason, found in the Bible (e.g., the Holy Spirit descended on Pentecost in the form of visible tongues of fire, famously).

In the Orient, though, this symbolism for the Holy Spirit has little traction. Fire can suggest many other themes (in Hindu India, e.g., fire often burns before the idol, inspiring worship) and rarely would lead an unbeliever to think about Jesus. Even in the Occident, traditional Christian emblematic representations are falling out of the common culture core and do not speak as they once did.