

Nov - Dec 2013 Newsletter

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Pastor Robert White's Thoughts:

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, I want to let you know how much you are loved ... by Jayne and I and by our Heavenly Father. Jayne and I are also so very thankful for you. Your generosity to us on Clergy Appreciation Sunday was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to our local WCG who sponsored the carry-in-dinner.

Lately I've heard some catchy phrases that I thought I would pass on to you:

- When satan reminds you of your past, remind him of his future.
- We know who wins the spiritual war. There is one final chapter to be written. If your walk doesn't match your talk you are not a trusted witness for Jesus Christ.
- Life is short. Pray hard.
- Write out your plans in pencil, but give God the eraser.
- Jesus invested his life for you. Have you shown any interest?

Pastor White

Names in the NEWS!

We have enjoyed seeing new faces! A special welcome to **Saundra Williams** and her daughters **McKensie, Madison & Mayce Foreman**. Saundra is married to **Justin Foreman**. Justin is a great-grandson of **Helen Dillingham**.

Hayden & Landen Schouweiler have been coming to church with their grandmother, **Rachel Schouweiler**. **Hayden and Landen** moved here with their parents from Georgia during the summer.

Charlotte Sorrel was recently given a Life Membership from the local Women of the Church of God (WCG.)

Bro. Dennis Coombs served as Spiritual Director at the Men's Great Banquet Oct. 24 – 27th. **Bro. White** will serve as the Spiritual Director for the upcoming Great Banquet at Vienna Prison Nov. 21 – 24. **Jayne White** served as Lay Director of the W KY Correctional Complex in Sept.

Bro. White was voted as Vice Chairman of the Kentucky Church of God Ministries at the General Assembly. He is also serving on the Evangelism Board. **Dee Padgett** was appointed to fill a vacant term for the State Board of Christian Education.

Mallory Carlton is busy directing the adult choir. The choir will be singing a Christmas Musical entitled "Peace, Hope and Joy." Members of the choir include **Steve Michael, Terry Cates, Dennis Coombs, Louie Gamblin, Shirley Hill, Treasa Starr, Jayne White, Lisa Coombs, Mary Jane Gamblin & Dee Padgett**. Thanks to **Rev. Mark Helton** who let us borrow the music and sound tracks from the **East**

Prairie, Missouri First Church of God. The choir will share their musical on Sun. Dec. 22nd in the morning worship service.

Kevin Glaysbrook is learning how to operate the church sound system from teacher **Steve Starr**.

Holiday Calendar

November

9	5:30 PM	Sat.	Baby Shower for Amy Carlisle
12	11 AM	Tues.	WCG at Church
19	7 PM	Tues.	Nominating Committee
21 – 24			Great Banquet Vienna Prison
24	12 Noon		Thanksgiving Meal in Fellowship Hall
24			Dee Padgett preaching
28		Thurs.	Thanksgiving

December

1	Sun		Dennis Coombs preaching
2	Mon		Men's Evansville Shopping Trip
8	Sun		Candles and Carols PM Service
10	Tues		11 AM WCG Christmas Luncheon. Bring a salad & \$5 gift
15	Sun.		6 PM. Children's Christmas Musical "My Three Spies"; Christmas treats given out
22	Sun		Adult Choir Musical; Christ's Birthday Offering.
25	Wed.		Christmas Day
29	Sun		Dennis Coombs preaching

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8	Wed		Annual reports due
9	Thurs		Church Council Meeting
15	Wed		Annual Church Business Meeting
26	Sun	2 – 4 PM	Reception for Bro and Sis White's 25 th Ministry Anniversary in Madisonville. Sponsored by WCG.



“**We Three Spies**” is the name of the children’s Christmas Musical that will be presented on Dec. 15th. at 6 PM. **Mary Jane Gamblin** is directing the children’s choir with co-directors **Lisa Coombs & Shirley Hill**. The following children will be singing: **Amaris Defatti, Logan & Austin Scarbrough, Evan & Devon Carlton, Tanner & Conner Blackburn, McKensie & Madison Foreman, Jessica & Matthew Glaysbrook, and Holden Buchanan.**

The Christ’s Birthday Offering Theme this year is “HOPE”. The offering to be taken on Sun. Dec. 22 will be used in the following ministries: (Space did not allow for all the ministries)

- CBH radio broadcasts in multiple languages
- communications and publishing of church school curriculum, *Communion*, & additional publishing resources
- National Prayer Ministry
- Major events including the North American Convention and the International Youth Convention
- Family ministries to children, youth, & adults
- Global Missions outreach and support services in 87 countries
- Disaster and relief response efforts
- Multicultural ministries
- Church of God colleges & universities (Anderson University & School of Theology, Mid-America Christian University, Warner Pacific College, and Warner Southern University).

Bring your bottles of dimes or write a check!



Service Times

Sunday		
Sunday School		9:30 AM
Morning Worship		10:30 AM
Adult Choir Practice		4:30 PM *
Evening Small Group		6 PM
Wednesday		
Children’s Choir and Activity		5:30 PM *
Adult Prayer		6:30 PM
Youth, Men & Women’s Studies		7 PM
Thursday		
TOPS	Weigh-in	8 – 9 AM
Boy Scouts		6 PM

* Special practice time for holiday season.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Bro. Jeff Hendricks**, 55, who passed away suddenly on Wed, Nov. 6, 2013. Jeff is survived by **Teresa Hendricks** and two sons, **Trevor and Ryan**, two sisters of **Mary Jane Gamblin (Louie)** and **Letitia Raney (Bill)**.

Jeff was born to the late **Carlos and Jane Hendricks**. Bro. Jeff’s funeral will be Sat. Nov. 9, at 11 AM at Grapevine Baptist Church. Memorial donations may be made to the Walnut Memorial Baptist Church or Grapevine Baptist Church.

Many have fond memories of Jeff growing up in our church. Jeff served as pastor at Grapevine Baptist Church, Madisonville, New Salem Baptist, Nortonville, Brandenburg Baptist Church, Liberty Point Church, Cadiz, and Liberty Baptist Church in Hickory, KY. He was currently pasturing the Walnut Memorial Baptist Church in Owensboro.



Our Thanksgiving meal will be served after the worship service on Sun. Nov. 24th. Be sure to sign up to bring your favorite food. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Remember our shut-ins in the nursing homes during the holidays:

Lucille Todd and **Levi White** at NHC, **Barbara Embry** at Brighton Health Care and **Mable Hendrix** at the Paragon.