

# Spring 2016 Newsletter

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## Pastor's Thoughts

Spring seems a loooong time coming this year. We've had some beautiful weather and now on Palm Sunday it is turning cold! Spring brings that promise of new life, freshness and excitement!

It also brings that same anticipation into the life of the church. We are so excited about the things we see God doing in our church! Our children and youth ministry is growing and it is exciting to see our young families.

We have many financial challenges this year, but God is faithful. I am so proud of you as a congregation as we meet these challenges. God is faithful and so are his people. I'm proud to be your pastor.

**Pastor White**

## Extending Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sharon and John Harris at the death of her mother Marie Risner Wilder on March 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Easter Events

Our **Easter Egg hunt** will be Wed. March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM for our GameChangers children.



**Come and Go Communion** on Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 AM to 6 PM in the sanctuary



**Honoring and Remembering our Loved Ones.** This year instead of purchasing Easter Lilies to honor or remember a loved one, you can make a donation of any amount (over \$1.00) to Door of Hope.

Turn in your money to **Pastor White** or **Dee Padgett** and fill out the card inside the Door of Hope envelope located in the foyer. We will list the name in our bulletin on Sunday (but not the amount donated). If you make out a check, please make it out to the church. We will write a check to Door of Hope from the Church. This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one ... with the promise of new life.



**Easter Musical Celebration.** Our choir will be presenting an "Easter Celebration" of music on Sat. March 26 at 6 PM. Come enjoy the Celebration of our Lord.

## Thank you

A special thank you to the following men **John Harris, Steve Michael & Pastor White** who came on work day to install new lights and do needed inside jobs. The rain kept them from doing outside work. Also thanks to **Bill Lantrip** for doing plumbing repairs at the parsonage and church.

## Conventions and Conferences

WCG/CWC Missions Convention is **April 29 – 30** at the Four Points by Sheraton in Lexington. Speaker is **Marty Sperow** from Lexington, She and her husband Dr. David Sperow have founded **La Cima World Missions**. Early registration is \$50 by March 31<sup>st</sup>. See **Charlotte Sorrel** for information.

The **Regional Conference of the Church of God** will be held in Anderson June 20 – 23.



## Bible Study Opportunities

Our 6 PM Sunday night study is from the Book and Video Son of God by Rick Warren is led by Pastor White. On Wed. 7 PM men's group is studying the book The Harbinger by Jonathan

Cahn led by **Pastor White**.

**Jayne White** is leading the women's group on Wed. 7 PM in a study on "Prayer." **Shelley Cates** will start a study entitled "Love Like Him" from 1 Cor. 13 in several weeks.

## Projects

A special thanks to those who donated monies for our **commercial refrigerator**. We were able to purchase an excellent used one for \$ 887.50 from Kentucky Restaurant Supply (Arctic Refrigeration). So far we have raised \$770.

Our **soundboard** and **projector** need to be replaced. Monies donated to date are \$1,772. Total projected cost is approximately \$2,000 including a CD recorder.



A major **air conditioner** in the church is down. The consensus of opinion is to replace the air conditioner and the furnace as well. Total is a cost of \$6,100. Monies donated for project to date are \$770.

### Upcoming Church Events



- **Easter Egg Hunt**, Wed. March 23, 6:30 PM
- **Church Council**, Thurs. March 31, 7 PM
- Good Friday, March 24th **“Come and Go” Communion** 6 AM – 6 PM.
- March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, Sat. Our Choir will be sharing an **“Easter Celebration”** of Music.
- **Easter Sunday**; No evening Bible Study.
- **Spring Break**, April 4 – 8. Bro and Sis White will be traveling to Oklahoma to see Sis. White’s parents.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Rev. Dennis Coombs** preaching, no evening Bible Study



### Annual Business Meeting Report

A budget of **\$77,366** was adopted.

#### The following officers were elected

Vice Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer

**Rev. Dennis Coombs**  
**Theresa Melton**  
**Dee Padgett**

#### Committee Members Elected

BD of Trustees: **John Slusher & Theresa Melton**

BD of Christian Education: **Mallory Carlton, Louie Gamblin, Lisa Coombs, & Mary Jane Gamblin**

Assist. SS Superintendent: **Treasa Starr**

### Church News



The By-laws committee has been busy working on By-laws revisions. Members of the committee are **Terry Cates, Dennis Coombs, Dee Padgett and Pastor White.**

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#### Helton’s going on Missions Trip

**Rev. Mark Helton, Stacey, Haylee and Matthew** are going with their church in East Prairie, MO to the Dominican Republic in May. They will be part of a group of 23 going from their church to the city of LaRomana. While there they hope to complete a project on a two-story building that houses the church and a school. This is the fourth trip the First Church of God in East Prairie has made to this area. They have also raised money for a second piece of land that is now a playground.



A special thanks to **Shirley Hill** who donated 51 hardback, Guideposts, mystery books to our church library. Visit the library and check some out!

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Save that RUMMAGE! The WCG is planning a rummage sale on Sat. July 9<sup>th</sup>. Set-up will be on Fri.

The youth may also have a rummage sale in the fall to raise money for the state youth convention ... so save that stuff!

### Don’t forget to save your

- Aluminum cans for WCG recycling for missions
- Used postage stamps for “Missions in Asia”
- Used ink jet cartridges for credit at Staples for church office supplies
- Campbell’s Soup labels and “Box Tops for Education” for our schools.

