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Minister's Wives and Women In Ministry Retreats Scheduled

On November 6-7th, the wives of ministers and all the commissioned, licensed or ordained female ministers are invited to attend the fall getaway retreat at Lake Junaluska. The ladies are planning to have a great time of fellowship, prayer and time to be renewed and refreshed.

The annual Spring Retreat is planned for April 9-10th. It will be held at the Fairhaven Retreat Center in Tennessee.

More information regarding both retreats will be mailed out. In the mean time, save those dates!

40 Headed to Haiti for Mission Trip

The first Carolina Ministries mission trip has 40 people registered to go this summer. The group represents members from 9 churches including, Sumter First, Columbia First Church, Darlington First, Whitmire, Newton NewStar, Raleigh First, Elm City, Archdale, and Marshville. The mission trip is being led by Rev. Mike & Rev. Carol Claypool.

The Claypool's went to Haiti over the New Year's holiday to plan this trip.

During the mission trip, the group will lead a four day teacher's training convention for teacher's of 10 Christian schools, build a home for a Haitian family, provide a two day conference for local Haitian pastors, visit children in an orphanage, help with the medical clinic, and do repairs and painting around the mission compound.

18 group members will be arriving July 30th and the remaining 22 members will arrive on Aug 1st. Members will be staying in Haiti 7 or 10 days.

Supplies are still needed. If you would like to help, please contact Carolina Ministries or visit our website for a list of supplies that are needed.

The group will be working with Children's International Lifeline, a free standing Church of God organization who feeds over 1600 children 5 days a week, operates a medical clinic and Christian schools. For more information on Children's International Lifeline and how you can be involved, visit their website at www.childrenslifeline.com

Camp Meetings Fill July Schedule

There are three camp meetings scheduled in the Carolinas during the month of July.

NC GA will get the camp meeting schedule started with Rev. Jim Lyon speaking at the Hickory First Church of God from July 12-16. Kyle Canerday will be the worship leader.

WNC will follow shortly afterwards with their services beginning on July 13 running through July 19th. David Watson will be speaking and Ralph Shelton will be leading the music

The SC Presbytery of the Church of God will have their annual campmeeting beginning July 22nd -26th. Rev. Dr. David Lunn from Detroit, MI will be the evangelist. Auxiliary groups sponsor special days starting at 10 AM, Dinner is served at 2 daily, Divine Healing Service at 5 daily and Evangelistic services begin at 5:30 daily. Sunday services begin at 10:30 and a business meeting will be held at 3 on Saturday.

News From Around The Carolinas..

Bible Bowl Competition Held

The first children's Bible quiz competition (Bible Bowl) was held at the Church of God in Archdale. Teams from Concord and Sneads Ferry competed.

The Sneads Ferry 'Green Team' took first place, the Sneads Ferry 'Blue Team' came in second and the "Firecrackers" from Branchview in Concord came in third.

All of the children did a great job memorizing Bible facts on the book of Exodus, memorizing Scriptures and doing 'sword drills' (racing to find Bible passages).

Next years competition will be on Joshua, Judges and Ruth. Churches wanting to start teams can contact Carolina Ministries for more information.



First Place: Joey Ault, Simone Jones, Kirkland Johnson, Hannah Davis, Coach: Mary Ludwig



Second place - Addie Browne, Ashlind Browne, Leah Rhoades, Kayla Sheffield, Josie Thompson, Coach: Patty Browne



Third Place: Monika Eisenheim, Nina Eisenheim, Jacob Patterson, Breanna Bennett, Coach Becky Cooper



Children ready for "Sword Drills"

Highlights from Pittsboro

The Pittsboro Church of God has been busy with a variety of services, annual days and events:

Annual Women's Day was celebrated on Sunday, April 5, 2009. Our Annual Building Fund Rally was held on Sunday May 3. Mothers' Day speaker was Rev. Lucy Baldwin of Chapel Hill. The Annual Sunday School Picnic was held on Saturday May 24, 2009 at Lake Michael in Mebane, N.C. Fun, food, games and canoe rides were enjoyed by all.

The Annual Ushers' Day was celebrated on Sunday June 7, 2009. Children's Day-Sunday June 14, 2009, the Youth and Young Adults rendered service. Sister Hattie A.

Parker, our young adult teacher, was the morning speaker. Men's Day was Sunday June 28, with Rev. Morris Clark of the Anointed Christian Church of Chapel Hill. Wednesday night Bible Study continues. We completed the series: "Basic Beliefs". Plans are underway for Pastor Bell's birthday celebration on Friday, July 10, 2009. A large group went to Los Angeles, California, in April to attend and participate in the wedding of our former Associate Minister Rev. Brian Tolbert and Joinel Dixon.

Coaches Training Concluding

About a dozen ministers representing every assembly in the Carolinas, have been going through "Coach's Training". This is a nationally certificate process that is valued at over \$2400 per person, but through Carolina Ministries and Church of God Ministries, Anderson, this training has been offered free of charge. After attending a two day conference last November, each Coach has been coaching two people for an hour each month. They have also been meeting with a Coach Mentor who has further trained them in Coaching techniques. A second two day conference is schedule for August to complete the training. After satisfactorily passing a coaching assessment they will be certified coaches. The Carolinas are the first region to be selected for this program. Our Coaches will be mentoring ministers from Ohio as they go through the training this fall.

Drexel Calls Interim Pastor



Rev. Jerry & Rose Reynolds

This summer the First Church of God is welcoming a new interim pastor, Rev. Jerry and Rose Reynolds. Pastor Jerry and Rose both grew up in the Church of God in Newton Falls, OH. They have been married over thirty-nine years, have four grown children, seven grandchildren with two more coming soon! Pastor Jerry pastored the Eaton First Church of God in Eaton, OH from 1986 until retiring in 2008 after 22 years of ministry there. He has served in various capacities in local, state and national ministerial associations. Pastor Jerry and Rose, we welcome you to the Carolinas!

Bennettsville's Revival

The First Church of God of Bennettsville will have their fall Revival Wednesday, August 26 through Friday August 28. The services will began 7:00 p.m. nightly. Pastor Leroy Robinson of The Evening Life Church of God of Graniteville, S.C. will be the evangelist. Please pray for Pastor Leroy Robinson and The First Church of God of Bennettsville.

News at St. Andrew Church of God

The last three years have been a period of discovery and rediscovery as a congregation. When one thinks of the concept of 'mega-church' invariably the focus is on being in a metropolitan area, having a vast population and attendance that is exceptionally large. However, St. Andrew Church of God is a 'mega-church' without any of the above mentioned scenario. Beginning in 1894 St. Andrew Church of God has a vast history of great spiritual contributions and faithfulness to the cause of Christ in the setting in which it exists and the expressions are 'mega' in their context.

Consider these experiences,

Three years ago St. Andrew experienced a paradigm shift and moved into the understood formula of "Get out of Debt and Focus on a Global Perspective of Ministry!"

The idea of 'getting out of debt' became a concerted effort and happened within 18 months after the challenge was issued.

Remodeling was done in the church facility to provide a special area for the youth along with a 'sand pit volleyball' area now in progress.

A new steeple was purchased to replace the one that had been recycled after Hugo.

A new children's playground area has been put in place with \$10,000.00+ in playground equipment.

New sanctuary sound system including DVD recording capability and closed circuit connections to various facility areas. The old system was installed in the Fellowship Hall.

Perhaps the most transforming and invigorating is the 'reemphasis' of Global Outreach through the annual Faith Promise Mission Convention.

September 2007 saw the new launch with the theme "On Mission with Christ in the 21st Century!" The convention proposed 12 projects with a Basic Goal: \$10,200.00 Challenge Goal: \$11, 400.00 and Super Goal: \$12,600. The final tabulation saw commitments of \$21,000.00+.

September 2008 Convention Theme: "Going Global with the Gospel of Christ!" featured 15 projects with the Basic Goal: \$17,100.00, Challenge Goal: \$18,300.00 and Super Goal: \$19, 500.00 and again the commitments were \$21,000.00. Because of this we have added a new Living Link missionary making 16 projects. This together with the 10% congregational tithes with the breakout of Carolina Ministries, Church of God Global Ministries and a Christ Birthday Offering of \$3,500.00 and Warner University allowed St. Andrew Church of God to give between \$40,000.00 and \$50,000.00 beyond our congregational borders in 2008. Guest Speaker for both Conventions was Dr. Bill Konstantopoulos.

The Summer Theme for the congregation is: "Special Summer Sundays at St. Andrew" with participation in the Global Communion and Baptismal Service in the June 28, 2009 evening service. "Summer Homecoming with a Carolina Pig Pickin" featuring the Heritage Quartet and an attendance goal of 200. August 23 will feature the "End of Summer Celebration" with congregational picnic, home made ice cream and make your own Sundaes.

St. Andrew Church of God is trying to honor the memory and ministry commitment of the founders and the previous pastors who have served.

North Carolina Giving Report through June 9, 2009

	State Giving	Church Planting	Avg Attendance	YTD Per Capita Giving to State	
ARCHDALE FCOG	\$1,342.92		175	7.67	Needed for Budget YTD \$12.26
ASHEVILLE ORA ST.			15		
ASHEVILLE FCOG	\$372.00		53	7.01	
BLACK MOUNTAIN FAITH COM.	\$291.22		42	6.93	
CARRBORO FCOG			23		
CHARLOTTE 1st COG	\$300.00		65	4.61	
CHARLOTTE FAITH COM.			10		
CHARLOTTE SEIGLE AVE			125		
CHARLOTTE WILSON HGTS			140		
CONCORD BRANCHVIEW	\$4,060.00		142	28.59	
CONCORD FCOG			153		
DREXEL FCOG	\$8,000.02		175	45.71	
ELM CITY COG			20		
GREENSBORO FRIENDSHIP	\$880.45		85	10.35	
HICKORY FCOG	\$4,227.89	\$2,160.00	225	18.79	
HICKORY-ROYAL CHAPEL	\$900.00		85	10.58	
HIGH POINT CEDAR ST.			50		
HOLLY SPRINGS-EXCEL CH.					
JACKSONVILLE FCOG			51		
LENOIR FCOG			189		
MARSHVILLE FCOG			20		
MONROE FCOG			65		
MORGANTON HEARTLAND			75		
MORGANTON FCOG	\$2,642.31	\$1,761.55	250	10.56	
MORGANTON IDLV			150		
NEWTON NEW STAR	\$596.41		60	9.94	
PITTSBORO COG			33		
POLKTON FAIRVIEW COG					
RALEIGH COLLEGE VIEW	\$322.58		25	12.9	
RALEIGH FCOG MIN.	\$200.00	\$50.00	68	2.94	
RICHLANDS GOSPEL CHA.	\$4,345.31	\$1,738.12	175	24.83	
SALISBURY SOLID ROCK			20		
SELMA TABERNACLE	\$967.00		60	16.11	
SNEADS FERRY NR COM.	\$5,042.39		185	27.25	
STATESVILLE IGLV	\$2,490.00		250	9.96	
WINSTON-SALEM LULA ST					

Carolina Ministries General Assembly TOTAL Avg Per Capita

Budget \$82,00 YTD Per Capita Needed:for budget \$31.63

First Church of God - Summerville	0.00	2,118.25	2,118.25	105	\$20.17
First Church of God - Camden	0.00	7,335.81	7,335.81	108	\$67.92
First Church of God - Columbia	2,104.91	2,618.51	4,723.42	97	\$48.70
First Church of God - Sumter	1,987.50	1,066.66	3,054.16	420	\$7.27
First Church of God - Taylors	0.00	1,203.78	1,203.78	78	\$15.43
First Church of God - Whitmire	0.00	917.45	917.45	35	\$26.21
First Church of God -Darlington	1,279.00	5,018.23	6,297.23	162	\$38.87
First Church of God -Hartsville	76.25	2,690.68	2,766.93	62	\$44.63
Grand Strand Community Church,	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	150	\$6.67
Spartanburg First Church of God	1,331.63	1,291.35	2,622.98	79	\$33.20
Other	0.00	1,566.25	1,566.25		
Total Members	6,779.29	26,826.97	33,606.26	1296	

Color designates Budget Level giving or above

Youth News...

Youth Convention to be held at Great Wolf Lodge!

We are very excited about this year's youth convention. It will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Concord. This is an amazing facility. It offers us all the amenities that we have had in the past, plus an incredible indoor water park, game room, high tech video game and dance room and so much more. Check it out at <http://www.greatwolf.com/concord/lodge> It will be an amazing weekend as we are able to offer groups the ability to check in on Friday and check out on Sunday without leaving the hotel for any reason. Yes, all meals are included.

This year our theme is REACH, Up, In, and Out. Our speaker is Steve Fitzhugh. Steve is well known as a former NFL player, spokesman for FCA, and founder of Powermoves. He has spoken at International Youth Convention of the Church of God as well as been part of the Church of God National Youth Team. You can check him out at www.powermoves.org Leading worship is the group Elisha from the Hickory area. Conferences will be lead by our Student Leadership Team which has also done all the planning for convention. The team consists of 8 students and 6 Youth Pastors.

Please watch your church's mail for registration information. We want to make this the greatest Youth Convention in the history of Carolina Ministry and we need you to make that possible. If you have any questions please contact Bob Cook at 336-909-0886 or pastorbobc@gmail.com

Summer Camp Scheduled

Teen and Kids Camp is scheduled for August 10-14 at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, NC. Cost is \$190 and covers all amenities, lodging, and meals. Camp Walter Johnson is a great facility that offers our groups plenty of opportunities. The camp offers a large pool, paddle boats, canoes, putt putt golf, a climbing wall, and ropes course. It is a great environment for camp and you can check it out at <http://campwj.com/>. We have both Teen and Kids Camp the same week at the same facility. Yet both are completely independent and have their own lodging and schedules.

The theme for Teen Camp is Image: What are You Reflecting? Our speaker for the camp is Scott Arnold. Scott is now in Florida and is involved in state and local ministries and is also the founder of Team Sports Ministries and ministers to several local schools. His website has more details. www.sportsministries.org.

The theme for Kids Camp is The Great Adventure. Our speaker will be Derek Specht. Derek is pastor at Newstar Community Church in Newton, NC. Derek has a tremendous heart for kids and has been involved in our camps for several years.

Leading worship for both camps will be the Youth Praise Band from Morganton First Church of God. They will lead worship for both the kids and teens services. We are looking forward to a time of worship led by student leaders.

We are looking forward to an

SC Presbytery of the Church of God State Youth Convention - August 7th - 9th

The theme for this year's came is "Ready or Not, Here He Comes". Rev. Del Barksdale, will be the evangelist. He is the Pastor of the Church of God in Savannah, GA. The convention will be held at White Oaks

Richlands Youth

Experiencing Revival

In mid March, a revival started among the teens and young adults. After a message about David & Goliath, a few teens showed up at Youth Pastor Willie's house and agreed they too, were tired of standing around and not fighting back. The next night a few more teens showed up and they should meet every time the waters were stirred. That ended up being every night for 2 solid weeks. Each night the goal was to bring in a friend who had no commitment to the Lord. They would ask the newcomers a simple question, 'if you die before you make it home, where would you spend eternity?' Through this question a lot of discussion came about and many of the visitors gave their hearts to the Lord.

They had a bonfire one night and everyone was asked to bring some thing or bad habit they wanted to get rid of. God was setting many of them free from years of bondage. All kinds of things went up in smoke to symbolize their new commitment.

The teen Sunday School class went from 4 or 5 to 19 in one week. The young group has tired to gather together every night some-

General Assembly Meetings Planned

In cooperation with Carolina Ministries, the General Assembly meeting for NC GA and SC GA will be State Ministry Conferences.

NC GA will hold their general assembly meetings on Oct. 2-3. Oct 2 will be a banquet for the pastors, ministers and spouses. Oct. 3 will feature a variety of conference opportunities as well as the business meeting.

The SC GA will hold their general assembly meeting on Sept. 12th. A variety of conferences will begin at 9:30, the business meeting will be at 11:00 and after lunch, there will be another conference session.

SC Minister's Prayer Meetings Planned

In an effort to offer support, encouragement and to further unify our churches, prayer meetings are scheduled for all ministers in SC.

The first one will be held July 14th in Darlington. Lunch will be provided. Please contact the church to RSVP.

A second meeting is scheduled for August 18 at Columbia First Church. Another meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22 at a site to be determined.

All the meetings are scheduled to begin at 10:30 AM.

For more information, please contact Carolina Ministries.

WCG News

The NC WCG will hold their fall prayer retreat Sept.

The annual spring retreat is scheduled for April.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Eiseheim at the Brachview congregation in Concord.

NC GA Singspiration

Friendship Community Church of God in Greensboro hosted the NC GA "Singspiration". Groups and individuals provided excellent music and vocals as around 100 people were led in worship. A picnic lunch was shared following the service.

Plans for next years "Singspiration" will be forthcoming.



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