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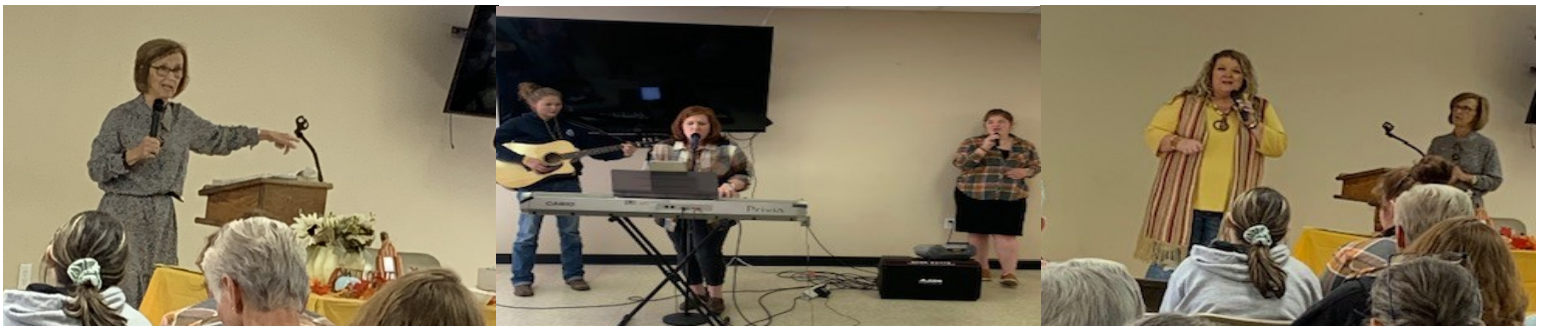
NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT

What a wonderful time we had this year at our Ladies Retreat. We had over 90 ladies present. God is good! Our theme was "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus". Sis Jean Criddle ministered Friday under a heavy anointing. She did awesome. The Ladies truly received from her message. Our worship was led by Sis. Alison Yates and a couple of her youth. Thankful for youth stepping up and participating. It was the first time for so many to be in attendance this year. It is exciting to see other women coming. Sis Melissa Watkins opened the service Saturday morning, and spoke briefly on Making Time to Pray. It was so good to have her and her Ladies from Rivers of Life Community Church.

We had two classes this year. The first was on the Helmet of Salvation, taught by Sis. Joyce Myers. The other class was on "Stay away from places where the lion roams" (the enemy). This was taught by Sis Amy Patrick. Our registration table ladies were Sis Cheryl Johnson and Sis Sarah Stone. Lots to keep on track this year, and they did well.

Once again, I'm overwhelmed with all the ladies that just step up and help. FGCI has some of the best Ladies in their churches. I believe we all received from the Lord. Many were prayed for and blessed by the Word of God and the Power of God. Nothing like His Presence! We want more!

In His Service, Sis Joyce Myers-Ladies President



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Testimonies



The Ladies of FGCI Churches

SOULS...

What does that word mean to you? To your ministry? To your church? What is the cost? Is it all about time, pride, desire, willingness, ability, or, let's not leave out, the all-important dollar? Are SOULS really that important to the church any longer? Is a word like "SOULWINNING" just a common vocabulary term we use as a teaching point and a place for a quick "Praise Break" in a sermon? Shocking aren't they, statements like this. The shame is, they have become a defining part of what is known as the church of today.

What a way to introduce myself right? In case you haven't realized by now, I have a passion for SOULS. Jesus commands us to simply "GO". When I transferred my ordination over to the FGCI this past convention in Granite City it was because I felt a connection with a group of believers that wanted to "GO". I was saved as a 19 1/2 year old man back in December of 1993 and God called me in to ministry that following April. He said Chris you have to "GO". There is a lost world out there and you must "GO". Over the past nearly 30 years, that "GO" has taken me literally around the world many, many times. I've been through Bible College, retired as operations director for a multinational construction company, been an associate pastor at two different churches, a Sunday school teacher, preached around the world, evangelized, coached high school basketball (won 2 state championships) and my greatest accomplishment of all is that I am a soulwinner. LET'S MAKE A SOULWINNER OUT OF YOU AND YOUR CHURCH! On December 20, 2020, my life was forever changed. I contracted Covid-19. By the time I arrived at the hospital on the 23rd I was on a crash cart and entered a 45-day coma. I was on a ventilator twice and had a tracheotomy in twice. I coded a total of 4 times. On January 17, 2021, as the nurse Facetimed my mother during my dying moments, I saw Heaven. In all its splendor and majesty, I saw it. I saw my loved ones and countless souls that had already attained their glory. I spoke to them. I heard the sounds. I felt His presence. I was consumed by His Glory. I have a testimony that changes lives. When I walk into a room and begin to share what He has done for me hearts turn toward Him, whether it be a grocery store, a street corner, a courthouse, a cruise ship, the restaurant, or the church. People feel something that is real. That is what they are looking for. Your testimony can be just as real. Your testimony can have that same result. LET'S MAKE A SOULWINNER OUT OF YOU AND YOUR CHURCH!

I am NOT, what most would consider, a run of the mill evangelist. I'm not the guy that's going to show up, hang out at the hotel, roll in 5 minutes before service, preach 30 minutes, have an alter call and repeat. I believe in evangelism. Making disciples. Empowering people and churches to win the lost. When I show up to a church we're going to evangelize, otherwise, why am I there. I am happy to come and share my testimony anywhere the Lord would have me but let's do some soul winning while we're at it. I am currently finishing up my book, "Say I Won't, my journey from Covid to Heaven and Back" and God is opening some amazing doors and opportunities through that. My heart is for souls, and I really believe that the FGCI is full of workers ready for the harvest. If I can have some small part in equipping, empowering, motivating, pushing, tasking, teaching, or preaching you to that next soul and making you and your church a SOULWINNER my heart will truly be full. We cannot be satisfied with the SAME. God is too big for that. Just as real as the Heaven that I saw, there is a Hell that is just as real. There are people that are dying and meeting that eternal destiny every minute of every day and that should break your heart into a million pieces. If it doesn't, are you really saved? Souls matter. Make sure to contact me at either of the links below and LET'S MAKE A SOULWINNER OUT OF YOU AND YOUR CHURCH!

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Merry Christmas!

Wishing everyone of Full Gospel Churches International a very blessed Christmas!!

As we enter into a new year let us all be mindful of God's greatest commandment.

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.” Matthew 22:37-38

The Lord is speaking to many to seek Him more than we ever have before and to prepare...prepare ourselves, our families, our churches and to reach out in our communities... sound the alarm! The Lord spoke these things about John the Baptist to his father.

“And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:16-17

God bless each and everyone of you, Rev. Cheryl Johnson, Echoes Editor

“Blessed are they which are persecuted
For righteousness' sake: for their's is
the Kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 5:10

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