

A month of Thanks and Giving.

Seeing how our various FGCI churches and ministries bless their communities is a great part of being in this fellowship as well as a way to find new ideas for others. The holiday season this time of year is probably the time where the most blessing happens, and these outreaches deserve to be given recognition. Rivers of Life Community Church in Granite City, IL held a community outreach Thanksgiving dinner on November 19th for anyone and everyone in their community, The homeless and needy were bussed to the church to be blessed. Freedom Tabernacle in Osceola, Mo gave out over 100 Turkeys and holiday sides to families in need in their community. Living Word Fellowship Church in Corning, AR held a "Blessing Day" for their community, giving food and clothes to all in need! While God is the one who has blessed us, we must show others His love for us.

A young volunteer at Freedom Tabernacle's Thanksgiving Dinner giveaway



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WINTER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

FEB. 23-24, 2024

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Oklahoma State Happenings

BY REV. CHRIS BACON, OKLAHOMA STATE SUPERINTENDENT

First of all, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing leadership and to the members for their confidence in me. I look forward to working with all of you as we advance His kingdom and take this gospel to all the world. Being Mission minded and Soul Winning, that is my passion. Working with people and churches that have that passion or want it is a real driving force for me. I look forward to visiting each of the churches here in my home state of Oklahoma and getting to meet all of our licensed ministers, face to face, as well. I would also like to extend an invitation to any of our churches within our fellowship, if you are interested in outreach, soul winning, community engagement I am available. My phone line is open. My inbox is available. I'm here to help. That being said there is much more to come in the near future so keep your eyes and ears open. God bless you all.

Oklahoma is excited to send all of the Brothers and Sisters throughout our great Full Gospel Churches International fellowship a very warm and heartfelt greeting in the Name of the Lord. As we go into this holiday season let us all remember the things that we must truly be thankful for. I am happy to report that Oklahoma had yet another successful state convention on November 3rd and 4th under the direction of our outgoing superintendent, Rev. Bob Massey. Rev. Massey has served with distinction for the past 7 years. First stepping in as interim superintendent for a year and then serving for three consecutive terms. Rev. Massey has been a proven leader and will be a valued resource as we continue the work of advancing the gospel here in our state and abroad. We would also like to give a big thank you and bless Rev. Jerrico Martin for serving as
Presbyter.

The Services for the 2023 Oklahoma State Convention were held in Guthrie, Oklahoma at the Guthrie Church of Faith with challenging messages from Brother Massey and Brother Woodie. We were honored to have our General Superintendent Rev. Jim Yates and our Assistant General Superintendent Rev. William Allen in attendance both days. We were blessed to have General Superintendent Rev. Jim Yates chair our business meeting this year. Elections were held and the results were as follows:
State Superintendent: Rev. Chris Bacon State Presbyter: Rev. Jean Criddle

With a thankful heart we are excited to announce that Oklahoma FGCI is already taking the gospel to people across our state and abroad. Our new State Superintendent Rev. Chris Bacon is bringing members from his Light the Way Mission in Hobbs, New Mexico and Kansas City to Tulsa Oklahoma for a 4-day Mission. From Thursday December 7th - December 10th he is partnering with Rev. Jerrico Martin and his brand-new facility at 31st and Sheridan, Tulsa Oklahoma, The Dwelling Place, for a powerful community outreach. We will be giving out comfort supply bags, sleeping bags, coats, food and the precious gospel of Jesus Christ to the homeless throughout the city. We will be doing community engagement to create an atmosphere of excitement for The Dwelling Place helping Pastor Martin and his congregation build their work. Our new State Presbyter Rev. Jean Criddle will be traveling with our General Superintendent Jim Yates and his delegation to Uganda in January representing the great state of Oklahoma, FGCI and taking the gospel of Jesus Christ across the world.

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Prospectives on the Homeless

BY REV. BOB MASSEY

Before you condemn or ignore a homeless person on the street, it's good to remember, that is someone's son or daughter. Me, I wonder how they grew up, what their home was like and I wonder if their families know or care what has become of those sons and daughters.

" Most people never really sat down and got to know a homeless person, but every homeless person is a real person that was created by God and is the same kind of different as us; They just have a different story."

- Ron Hall

"But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish."

- Psalm 9:18

" Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.-

Proverbs 19:17

" He who oppressed the poor shows contempt for their maker, but whoever is kind to the needy, honors

God."-Proverbs 14:31

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