

THE ECHOES

March, 2019

LET'S GROW THE CHURCH

Look around. The denomination makes little difference. Inside churches all across America, the population is dwindling, other than some mega churches popping up.

If a person was to be honest, churches as we know it, are dying. The average age is creeping up past retirement, yet little is done to attract families or millennials. Why is that? Our culture has changed. But we're still doing things the same.

Don't lose me yet. We are never to change the message of Jesus Christ, but in order to survive, we must change our methods. If we want to see our vision of filling our church walls with people who love God and are eager to serve Him, and they're not showing up, then don't give up...change.

The philosophy of many churches has been "Dreams" movie - build it and they will know much about the community or its needs. It's what we've done in the past, door-knocking. A special singing members, ones the same age, thoughts and actions as ourselves.

It's time the church steps back and take a look at how our culture has changed and how we can rescue the per-

- 1. First of all, we must admit our job is to preach the Gospel unto ALL nations, first in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, then unto the rest of the world. We don't do this by sitting in our churches for forty years.*
- 2. Realize one of the ways people have changed is they are surrounded by entertainment. With a phone or tablet in front to them, they can communicate with friends constantly, watch movies and podcasts, and play games. This means, they don't want to leave their entertainment. Hold on, we're not to entertain them - that's not where I'm going here. The point is to realize the mindset of those we want to reach.*
- 3. Add value. If a person is going to leave their entertainment, and give up their precious time, you must have some value to add to their lives. Whether it's meeting a need for food, counseling, paying a water bill, or a sermon, individuals must be able to tell you are genuine. They must be able to see God's love through you.*
- 4. Go fishing. In order to catch fish, you must go to where the fish are. You must be willing to see them at school and community functions, in the stores and restaurants. Don't hesitate to invite them to church. But, what I'm talking about even more so, is most younger people are online. Churches must have an online presence of some level, but it must be adding value. Are you talking about relevant issues this generation is facing.*
- 5. Be willing to invest time and energy in your congregants outside church services.*



similar to that of the "Field of Dreams" movie - build it and they will know much about the community or its needs. If there is any work done, knocking. A special singing members, ones the same age,

look at how our culture has changed and how we can rescue the per-

preach the Gospel unto ALL nations, then unto the rest of the world. We don't do this by sitting in our churches for forty years.

changed is they are surrounded by entertainment. With a phone or tablet in front to them, they can watch movies and podcasts, and want to leave their entertainment. Hold on, we're

not to entertain them - that's not where I'm going here. The point is to realize the mindset of those we want to reach.

Remember, we're running a race. There are no quick gimmicks. We're the only Jesus some will ever see and we must build relationships and be there when the broken-hearted are down and choose to come to someone who cared, someone they trust, and pray for their conversion. Start building relationships with unchurched people so the church will thrive in the future.

Rev. Jena Fellers

STATE CONVENTIONS

MISSOURI - Theme: “Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit says the Lord of Hosts

April 4th 7:00p.m., In Gathering Service, Rev. Craig Baslee, Speaker,
April 5th 9:00a.m. Business Meeting, 10:00a.m. Morning Service, Rev. Steve Macy, Speaker
1:00p.m. Ladies Service, Rev. Alison Yates, Speaker
5:00p.m. Ordination Service, Rev. Jim Yates, Speaker
General Superintendent, Rev. Steve Fellers Officiating Ordination
Hotels: Super 8, (573) 392-2100, \$68-\$72 (Rooms have been blocked for FGCI)
Western Hills Motel in Versailles, Missouri (573)378-4663, (Call for information)
Big Rock Church
18294 Big Rock Rd.
Barnett, Missouri 65011
(573) 378-4530
Fine Arts applications are due to Sister Alison Yates by March 22nd.

TEXAS - Theme: “If We All Pull Together”

April 13th, 10:00a.m.
End Tyme Fellowship
1289 E. Hwy. 71
Bastrop, TX 78602

ARKANSAS - Theme: “That the Word May Have Free Course, and be Glorified” II Thessalonians 3:1

April 19th, 7:00p.m. & 20th 10:00a.m.
Fine Arts applications are due March 15th, send Rev. William Allen

TENNESSEE

April 26th– 27th

Details to be announced.

ILLINOIS

May 3rd - 4th

Details to be announced.

WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

Please send your World Missions Offering to:

Rev. Liz Majors
World Missions Director
P.O. Box 252
Salem, Missouri
65560
(573)247-0497

Email:
ekmajor@yahoo.com

NEW MEMBERS, REINSTATEMENTS, ADVANCEMENTS, NEW CHURCHES

New Ministers:
Missouri:
Rev. Donald C. Simmons, Jr

Reinstatements:

New Churches:

FGCI NATIONAL EVANGELIST

REV. DAVID JOHNSON
Is scheduling for 2019.
Please call, text or email
to schedule for Sunday
morning or evening
services or for revivals.

(870) 239-8811

davidjohnson.1949@icloud.com

FGCI GENERAL OFFICE

Credentials - Church Charters
Tithes & Offerings
Home Missions Offerings
By-Law Books—\$5.00

Send all inquiries to:
Rev. Amy Partrick
General Secretary/Treasurer
2013 E. 50th Street
Joplin, Missouri 64804
(417) 850-1254

Email:
amyjopatrck44@yahoo.com

Send your email addresses to:
WWW.FGCI.US

**Remember: Renewals are due
by April 15th. Any questions
contact Sister Amy.**



THE ECHOES Is the official publication of: Full Gospel Church International

Editor:
Rev. Cheryl Johnson
P.O. Box 1374
Paragould, Arkansas
72451
(870) 239-8811

Email:
echoeseditor@gmail.com

All submissions must be received no
later than the 20th of the preceding
month.

FGCI EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF

Vision statement:
*Helping people in our group
and enabling them to help
others.*

*For important notices and
updates, join us on
Facebook!*

Search for:
**FGCI DISASTER
RELIEF**

**Please make checks
payable to:
FGCI EDR**

Send to:
Rev. Joyce Myers
2822 Ohio
Joplin, Missouri 64804
(417) 529-3672

*All designated funds will go
directly into this fund and
are tax-deductible.*

GRADUATION TO GLORY

Virginia "Aline" Dillard
Graduated to Glory on
February 25, 2019. She was mar-
ried to Rev. James Dillard, Sr for
59 years. She dedicated her life to
being a mother, grandmother,
great-grandmother and wife.
Forever standing by her husbands
side in prayer and through many
years of pastoring and evangelis-
tic ministry.

*The Lord was her first love, a fact
that was evident to all who knew
her. She was always gracious,
loving and kind, ready to minister
to anyone. She will be missed.*

ARKANSAS STATE LADIES CONFERENCE

“IT IS WELL”

II Kings 4:26

Saturday, March 23, 2019

*House of Prayer, Paragould, Arkansas
10:00 a.m.— ?? (when the Lord is finished)*



Speakers:

- Sister Lisa Rookey*
- Rev. Kathleen Diles*
- Rev. Lisa Shinault*
- Rev. Cheryl Johnson*

Meal will be provided by host church.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. Come expecting a great time of ministry and bring someone who may be struggling with difficult circumstances in their lives.

Rev. Janice Allen, Arkansas Ladies President (870) 335-8687

*“Teach me to do thy will, for thou art
My God...” Psalms 143:10*

**Are you planning on moving?
Please notify us of your new address.
Email us at: echoeseditor@gmail.com**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS
PERMIT NO. 41**

**FULL GOSPEL CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL
Rev. Cheryl Johnson, Editor
P.O. Box 1374
Paragould, Arkansas 72451**