

THE ECHOES

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FULL GOSPEL CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL **GENERAL CONVENTION 2020**

General Convention 2020 was a great success in spite of the Corona Virus. There were many that missed Convention this year mostly due to the Virus, either because they themselves were sick or they didn't want to take a chance being around others due to low immune systems. We pray for healing for all of you!

Luke 1:37 says, "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

We serve the God of the impossible! Our faith and trust must be in Him and Him alone. Psalms 91:3 "Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence." Verse 10: "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

We are trusting God with you for protection over this plague and ALL sickness.

The theme for convention was Jeremiah 29:11, "To Give You an Expected End".

This was a very timely theme! The Lord knew what we would be going through during this time and He used this convention to encourage His Ministers.

The ingathering service on Monday evening started off with powerful worship by the Rivers of Life Worship Team, and communion officiated by Rev. Travis Watkins. Melissa Watkins did a great job bringing forth an encouraging Word to all that were there.

Tuesday, there were some committee meetings in the morning and in the afternoon the General Board Meeting was surprisingly short and to the point. I believe we were in one accord for this meeting. Praise God! The appointments made by the General Board are as follows: World Missions Director - Rev. Elizabeth Major, National Ladies President - Rev. Joyce Myers, National Men's President (new department for FGCI) - Rev. Josh Patrick, National Evangelist - Rev. David Johnson, Editor & Chief of The Echoes - Rev. Cheryl Johnson, Youth Camp Director - Rev. Elizabeth Major, FGCI Army Youth Department Secretary - Sister Denise Loness, and Disaster Relief Emergency Fund - Rev. Joyce Myers.

Tuesday evening Youth Service with the National Youth President speaking. Rev. Josh Patrick brought forth a powerful message. This was followed by a powerful alter service.

Wednesday morning was our Ladies Service. There were two teachings by Rev. Cheryl Johnson, "Keeping Our Priorities Straight" and Rev. Amy Patrick, "Get Connected" followed by a great message by Rev. Joyce Myers. This year for the first time there was a Men's meeting at the same time as the Ladies Service. It was taught by Rev. William Allen, "The Role of Holy Spirit in These Last Days". Although I was not a part of the men's meeting I understand it was very good.

Wednesday afternoon there was the World Missions service with Rev. Elizabeth Major in charge, informing us of testimonies sent to her from our missionaries. After a short break there was a time of teaching on a much needed topic, Ministerial Ethics taught by Rev. Joyce Myers.

Wednesday night service brought Rev. Gary Thomas to the pulpit with another encouraging word to all in attendance. This was followed by another wonderful time in the alters praying for one another.

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Thursday morning was our annual business meeting and elections. The elections included General Superintendent and National Youth President. Rev. Jim Yates was elected to continue to hold the office of General Superintendent and Rev. Michael Barnett was elected our new National Youth President. We would like to thank Rev. Josh Patrick for four years serving as FGCI National Youth President. You have been a blessing to not only the young people but to the adults as well.

There were two resolutions passed:

Establishing a Men's National Department

Be it Resolved that:

A National Men's Department be formed within our fellowship led by a National Men's President which will sit on the General Board.

The National Men's President shall be an ordained FGCI minister with not less than 5 years in proven ministry within FGCI and at least 35 years of age. He shall be appointed annually by the FGCI General Board.

Article IX Membership

Section 3

The Resolution reads:

The renewal of Fellowship credentials shall be made through the general office annually and be accompanied by a \$100 renewal fee. It is required that each minister contribute at least 2% of their ministerial income in addition to their renewal fee to support Full Gospel Churches International Fellowship. Any member 70 years of age that has maintained membership in FGCI for 5 years or more will be given a 50% discount on the renewal fee, and shall be required to contribute 2% of their ministerial income.

Thursday afternoon there was a class on Church Security. This was very informative for the pastors. Thursday evening service speaker was Rev. Jim Yates. He brought forth a timely and encouraging message to end our General Convention. There was a great time of prayer during the alter call and many were truly ministered to. This was followed by ordination with Rev. Michael Barnett being ordained, Rev. Gary Thomas Officiating. Ordination Service is always a wonderful way to end General Convention.

I was so encouraged at this year's General Convention. Even though attendance was down due to Covid 19, those that did attend were blessed! We have many, many, quality ministers in Full Gospel Churches International, and we truly enjoyed being able to fellowship and be in services together. We definitely miss those ministers that were unable to attend this year, as well as our missionaries who usually travel back to the states for these meetings.

This year's Convention theme was out of Jeremiah, chapter 29:11. "God has given us an expected end." God is already aware of the struggles and challenges that 2020 has brought, and He is in our midst! I was humbled and honored to be elected as General Superintendent. I take this position very seriously, and I pray for wisdom as we move forward with Full Gospel Churches International. 2020 has been a year of reset, shaking up, and stirring, and it is time to get our feet on the ground and take action! As in Luke 6, as we give of our time, our finances, our ministry, we will be pressed down, shaken together, and running over. See how God will use us as we work together to build His Kingdom in this season! At this year's convention there were two resolutions that passed.

The first resolution that passed creates a FGCI National Men's Department. There is no doubt that it is of upmost importance that we minister to men in this fatherless generation. This gives FGCI an opportunity to teach men to rise up and become the priest, provider, and protector of their homes and I look so forward to see what God has in store for this department.

The second resolution states that the wording would be changed regarding renewal fees. Instead of the Renewal fee being \$40 plus a \$60 mandatory tithe, the resolution simply states the renewal fee will be \$100 per year. For our Senior saints who are over 70 years of age, and who have been in the fellowship for five years, the renewal fee will be \$10 less than in previous years.

If you have any questions regarding these resolutions please feel free to call me at anytime.
Rev. Jim Yates, General Superintendent

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FGCI ANNUAL NATIONAL LADIES RETREAT

Ladies, it's that time again for our annual Retreat. It will be held at Lebanon Missouri again at the same new building site. The Wallace building. The address is 325 Hardwood Ave. We will be meeting again on the second Friday and Saturday of October 9th and 10th. Remember this changed last year because of scheduling with the city of Lebanon. There will be service Friday night and classes and a service on Saturday morning as well.

I'm so looking forward in seeing you all! Boy, what a year this has been. God has been with us through it all! Looking forward to a time of refreshing.

Theme: Psalms 46:1

Friday-Registration@6:30--\$4.00- Service @ 7:00. We will be serving a light dinner afterwards. We sure enjoy our fellowship .

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Super 8--417-588-2574

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Thank you for your faithfulness! Be in prayer for these services and classes on Saturday.

In His Service, Sis Joyce Myers

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**"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
From whence cometh my help."
Psalms 121:1**

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