

## Texas State Convention

REV. TANYA BETAK, TEXAS STATE PRESBYTER

What a wonderful time as the ministers of Texas gathered for fellowship at the Texas State Convention in Bastrop, Texas. Rev. Tanya Betak, the Texas State Presbyter, opened in prayer. The End Tyme Fellowship Praise Team led everyone in Praise & Worship, sang the state fellowship song, "Send the Light" and ushered us into the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Roy Cummings, the Texas State Superintendent, welcomed everyone. He reminded us that, God's never failed us. We can trust Him in every circumstance. God is so good and as Christians, sometimes we need to come to the altar for a refreshing! Sometimes we are of the mindset that we are above the refreshing! If you get there, you're in trouble, but you can always come back to the altar!

We were privileged to have Rev. Jim Yates, the General Superintendent of Full Gospel Churches International, from Osceola, Missouri, in attendance and welcomed him to the platform to greet and welcome everyone. He shared a story of someone having a discussion with God and the man said God, I've let you down so much. God told him, how can you let me down, you weren't holding me up! He's not depending on us. God loves us...isn't Grace something great! He also shared that true brotherly love is when we can walk hand in hand even, if we don't see eye to eye! Amen!

In addition, Rev. William Allen, the Assistant General Superintendent, drove in from Paragould, Arkansas, as well as several from his church. He spoke a true word stating that Jesus is still on the throne, He can't be defeated, you can't vote Him out of office, you can't impeach Him, and He won't resign! Praise the Lord!

Rev. Roy Cummings brought the Word. Being in the ministry, we're in the work of the Lord.

"Not Everybody Goes, Where You're Called" II Kings 2

We are called to be separated into our ministry. We're called to do the work that God has called us to do. We may work in unison with other ministers, but we are called into our individual ministry. Our commitment and service to God as individuals. We stand before God alone. We will not be judged in a group. Conform your mind to the mind of God, not everyone else. Have the right mindset to be faithful to your calling and listen to God.

Let God be the main influence in your life.

After service, the business meeting was initiated. Congratulations to Rev. Gordon North! He was elected as the new Texas State Superintendent.



Left: Our General and Assistant General Superintendent Bro. Yates and Bro. Allen with Newly Elected Tx. State Superintendent, Bro. North.

Right: Former Tx. State Superintendent, Bro. Cummings delivering the word.



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**Cuba, MO**

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## Missouri State Convention

REV. CLAYTON PATRICK MO. STATE SECRETARY/TREASURER

Greetings FGCI Family,

We had a wonderful Missouri State convention last month and are so grateful for all those that were able to attend. Thank you so much to Brother and Sister Owens and Master's Touch Church for being such wonderful hosts and Brother Nelson for putting together such a great convention. We were surely blessed by powerful messages from our theme "return to the old paths" as well as anointed worship from Brother Kenny Pind. I thank God for the fellowship that was had, and the relationships formed and grown in our time together. I also would like to acknowledge the changes in leadership for Missouri that came from the business meeting. Pastor Darnell West, Influence Church, was elected as our new State Superintendent, and Brother Ken Paxton was appointed by the state board to assume the role of State Presbyter for the remainder of the term. These men have a heart for the fellowship and are already discussing and praying about how they can serve you. We are so grateful for the leadership and vision that Brother Nelson led our State with and are excited to see what great things are in store for FGCI Missouri.

I wanted to conclude with this word of encouragement to my fellow ministers. There's this verse I came across the other day and while it isn't one that we typically would give a second glance for some reason it stuck out to me. It says, "Joshua madewar a long time with all those kings." (11:18) Whenever you read about the victories and great feats that God accomplished, we seem to want to picture these things happening suddenly and with little struggle. However, I think this verse shows us a little about the toil and fight that sometimes comes before the victory is won. Although God had given the promised land to Joshua and the Israelites, it didn't come overnight and without a struggle. Sometimes I think we can get tired, weary, and frustrated when we feel like we've been making war a long time without seeing much progress. I want to encourage you to cling to the promises of God and trust in His time. He is faithful and His Word is sure to come to pass so be of good courage and keep waging war because victory is on the way!



*Left and above: Worship during night 1 of Missouri State Convention*



*Right: Prayer during an altar call after a compelling message.*



# Arkansas State Convention

REV. STEVEN RAPERT, AR. STATE SUPERINTENDENT

The Arkansas State Convention was held April 19th and 20th at Living Word Fellowship Church in Corning, AR. We first want to thank Pastors and Assistant General Superintendent William and Jance Allen for the use of their facilities and the great food prepared by the church on both days. The great Praise and Worship led by Rev. Ginger Hewett and the Praise Team at LWF Church ushered in a beautiful presence of God to all in attendance. An on-time Word was delivered both Friday night and Saturday morning by Rev. Benjamin Shadwick and newcomer Rev. Charles Williams. It was an honor and pleasure to have General Superintendent Rev. Jim Yates attend and greet the people.

After the service and fellowship Saturday morning the Board and Ministers met for state elections. The office of Superintendent was to be voted on. Rev. David Johnson, the exiting Superintendent, led the meeting with

Secretary/Treasurer Rev. Lisa Rookey and Presbyter Rev. Steven Rapert. After voting was cast, Rev. Steven Rapert was voted to be the new State Superintendent. With the office of Presbyter vacated, the Board appointed Rev. Benjamin Shadwick to fill the position. The office of Ladies President was also appointed to Rev. Sarah Stone for the next year. We are excited to see what God is going to do in the coming year in this great state.

## *Graduation to Glory*



Rev. Gloria M. Betak, age 80, made her journey to Heaven on April 1, 2024.

She was an ordained minister with FGCI. She loved the Lord and loved serving as Assistant Pastor at End Tyme Fellowship in Bastrop, Texas. She is survived by her husband Ray Betak, son Michael, daughter Tanya, grandson Benjamin, and wife Melanie, and great granddaughter Avalon Belle. Her favorite scripture was Romans 8: 35-39. If she could, Sis Gloria would tell you, "See you at the Father's House"!

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