

## Missouri State Convention

By: Rev Clayton Patrick, Missouri State Secretary/Treasurer Greetings FGCI Family

We had a wonderful Missouri State convention last month. We are so grateful for those that were able to attend. Thank you so much to Pastors Darnell and Rochelle West along with Influence Church for being such wonderful hosts. Many thanks to Pastor West for putting together such a great convention. We were surely blessed by powerful messages and teachings from our theme "Faith Forward" as well as anointed worship from Influence Church. I thank God for the fellowship that was had and relationships that were formed and grown in our time together. I also would like to acknowledge the changes in leadership of Missouri that came from the business meeting. Pastor Tim Reeves, Heart of Worship Community Church, was elected as our new State Presbyter. Meanwhile , I Clayton Patrick, will continue in my role as the State Secretary of Treasure. We are thankful for the service of Brother Ken Paxton over this past year and wish his family a blessed transition as they move to Texas in the near future. I am grateful that we have state leaders who have a heart for the fellowship and are already discussing and praying about how they can serve you. We are also so grateful for the leadership and vision that our State superintendent, Pastor West laid out for us in our final service and excited to see what great things are in store for FGCI Missouri.

I want to conclude with this word of encouragement to my fellow ministers. As I reflected on our theme, "Faith Forward," the words of Isaiah 43:18–19 stirred something in my heart: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!" It's easy in the ministry to look back at past disappointments, missed opportunities, or even former successes and allow those things to shape our present outlook, but the Lord is calling us to look ahead with faith, to believe that He is already working in ways we may not yet see. Just because it hasn't happened yet doesn't mean God isn't moving. So let this be a year where we stop dwelling on what was and start walking in expectation of what's coming. God is doing a new thing let's be ready to perceive it, pursue it, and move forward with courage and confidence.

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## **Arkansas State Convention**

By: Rev Brian Rookey



The theme of this year's conference was "Make Disciples.". After some amazing praise and worship Rev. Steve Williams kicked off the conference with a message focused on two main points. First what it takes to be a disciple and second what it takes to make a disciple. "We need to be a lifelong student of Christ."

Saturday morning started with more amazing praise and worship. This was followed by Rev. Johnathan Leonard teaching on the importance of investing your time in others, with a strong focus on the youth. "God did not call you to get saved, sit on a pew, and die."

The message was followed by an ordination ceremony. Our National Assistant General Superintendent, Rev. William Allen ordained Kathy Butler, Jonathan Leonard, and Margaret Williams. We are truly blessed by their joining FGCI.

After lunch we had our state election of officers . Kathy Butler was elected State Secretary/Treasurer and Christopher Butler (no relation) was elected State Presbyter. The conference closed with our Fine Arts Competition. This year we will have five entries in the National Convention.

# Action Missions Conference

Action Missions held a two day conference May 3 and 4 at Freedom Tabernacle Full Gospel. Missions supporters came from far and near with great expectations. During this time great fellowship was had as well as looking at presentations of past projects and trips as well as planning for the future! We heard a challenging message by Bro. Yates about the importance and purpose

of missions work in today's world. We have a vision!



Our first Monthy Ministers Meetup is in the books! during this meeting we were challenged and infomed of the purpose behind this monthly meeting. We are expecting great things for FGCI and know that our fellowship and leadership will be a large part. Please plan to be a part of our next zoom call on a June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM

We would like to welcome the following new Ministers to FGCI. We are excited for what God has in store for your ministry!

Rev. Paul Turner- Granite City, IL Rev. Anthony Steinbring- OK

## Graduation to Glory

Rev. Fred Bisby of Butler, MO has been welcomed into his heavenly home.

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