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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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KENTUCKY NORTH CAROLINA EAST TENNESSEE MIDDLE/WEST TENNESSEE VIRGINIA WEST VIRGINIA

A NOTE FROM SHARON

Well ladies, hear I am trying to find my brain. I lost it somewhere between Christmas and New Years. I'm sure I am not by myself. Those of you that have e-mailed me seem to be frazzled too. I think what we need to do is sit in our recliner or our favorite spot, take a deep breath, close our eyes and not do one thing for 30 minutes. Would our life fall apart, no, would we be interrupted, probably. Now, the next 30 minutes spent in devotions or prayer. One hour out of 24, is that too much to ask for? Sometimes that one hour seems like a long time and we don't have enough time in the day to get everything done. I need to spend more time with our Lord. I'm going to tell something on myself. Today (Jan. 22nd) I fixed my 2 year old grandson Grant's breakfast. Now, while I'm doing breakfast I am trying to keep him out of everything. It seems like he has 4 sets of hands and they go in every direction. I put breakfast on the table, and started to take a bite and Grant says, "Mamma, Pray". I turned to him and saw a beautiful angelic face, with hands in position of prayer, waiting. Wow! He sure put me in my place with two little words, and one of those words is a very powerful word, "PRAY". I realized I sometimes am neglectful of thanking God for our food and other things too. "Lord, please forgive me when I get frazzled and neglect to thank you for the good times and the frazzled times".

I'm getting back to writing the newsletter, it is now February 10th, and a lot has happened to us here in Kentucky. I'm sure you heard about the Ice Storm, January 27-28th. My daughter, baby Grant and I spent two nights in a local motel. Our electricity was off for two days, but lots of families did not have electricity for over a week. My husband stayed home (a very cold home) and when the electricity came back on, he said we were lucky it didn't stay off any longer; I said we were blessed by God. "Thank you God for taking care of me and my family, and God bless the other families during this time of trials."

2008 NATIONAL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD CONVENTION

The convention was held in a beautiful setting of the Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 16-19th. If you got to attend I hope you enjoyed the services and conferences as much as I did. All the services were God lead, because you could feel the Holy Spirit of God everywhere. I would like to thank the Convention Committee for all the planning and hard work that was put into this special time of refreshing and renewal. Also, I would like to say the decorations were beautiful and the prayer room was wonderful. One of the highlights of my trip, I got to visit the President Gerald R. Ford Museum and enjoyed it very much.

A BIT OF INFORMATION

I received this information on the Kentucky E-Mail Prayer Chain and thought I would pass it onto you. Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed to be in order. Without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keeps the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital. Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their lives!

From Health Cares, Rochester General Hospital via Chapter 240s newsletter, "AND THE BEAT GOES ON."

**EASTERN MOUNTAIN REGION CONVENTION, AUGUST 12-14, 2010
LIFEWAY RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER, RIDGECREST, NC.**

TENTATIVE INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

GUEST KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REV. JEANNETTE FLYNN
WORSHIP LEADER: MANDY MOBLEY BOHM
MUSIC LEADER: CHE CHE MOBLEY
SOUND/DVD LEADER: DIANE WILLIAMS
MISSIONS CONFERENCE SPEAKER: REV. KATHI SELLERS
CONCERT OF PRAYER & COMMUNION LEADER: MARSHA MOBLEY REEDER
THEME: "DISPATCHED BY GOD" CONFERENCE SPEAKER: TBA

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00 (Registration Form will be sent out in the July/August Newsletter)

You will be responsible for reserving your own rooms and meal plans

Room Rates: \$81.00/Single-Double \$91.00/Triple \$101.00/Quad per Night

Meal Plan: 5 meals (Buffet Style in Main Dining Hall) Thurs. Dinner thru Sat. Breakfast about \$55.00

(This cost is for convention dates only, if you come early or stay later, your cost will change)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010

Gather together in Registration Area to do Goodie Bags: 10:00AM

All states are to bring items for the Goodie Bags, start gathering now

West Virginia WCG will bring bags and make folders with all information

Registration: 2:00-5:00PM (North Carolina WCG)

Dinner: 5:30-6:30PM (Main Dining Hall)

Worship Service: 7:30- ? PM (Rev. Jeannette Flynn, Mandy Bohm & Che Che Mobley)

Registration: After Worship Service for 1 hour (Sharon Fannin)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010

Breakfast: 7:15-8:15AM (Main Dining Hall)

Registration: 8:15-9:00AM (M&W TN WCG)

Devotions: 9:00-9:30AM (Che Che Mobley)

Conference: 10:00-11:30AM "Dispatched by God": Speaker: TBA / Hostess: KY WCG

Lunch: 12:00-1:00PM (Main Dining Hall)

Conference: 2:00-3:30PM Missions Speaker-Rev. Kathi Sellers / Hostess: E TN WCG

FREE TIME: 3:30-5:30PM

Dinner: 5:30-6:30PM (Main Dining Hall)

Worship Service: 7:30PM-? PM (Rev. Jeannette Flynn, Mandy Bohm & Che Che Mobley)

Social Event: After Worship Service

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

Breakfast: 7:15-8:15AM (Main Dining Hall)

Concert of Prayer and Communion: 8:45-9:45AM Leader: Marsha Reeder

Hostess: Virginia WCG

Motel Checkout: 9:45-10:30AM

Worship Service: 10:30-Noon (Rev. Jeannette Flynn, Mandy Bohm & Che Che Mobley)

Thank you for attending and be safe going home, God Bless You!

PLEASE START PLANNING TO ATTEND THE EASTERN MOUNTAIN REGION CONVENTION.

State Presidents, Please pay attention to your assignments on the schedule. If you cannot do the job, please let me know ASAP.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

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NEWS FROM (Almost Heaven) WEST VIRGINIA WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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The WVWCG state officer will be traveling from different parts of our state for an "All Boards Meeting" on February 27-28 at the Southridge Church of God. Each Board has been asked by our State Minister, Bro. Mitchell Burch, to develop a Vision Statement. We will be (1) discussing the Vision/Purpose Statement and each boards response to executing it and (2) hearing from each board concerning their new Vision/Purpose Statement that will incorporate the principles of the

WV Ministries Statement which their board will be focusing on for the next three years and, (3) we will conclude with a time of prayer for overall state ministry and its continued focus and funding.

2009 WEST VIRGINIA WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD SPRING CONVENTION

We are excited about our theme for the year, "Women Developed by God" and will be focusing on this them when we meet for our Spring State Convention on March 20-21 at the Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to move our meeting to this date for this year only. We are so honored to have Rev. Arnetta McNeese Bailey, Executive Director of the Women of the Church Of God as our speaker. Vaughn Zopp, WVWCG Stewardship Coordinator, will be conducting a conference on "Developed by God". Tracy Laboldo (Trinity CHOG) will lead us in worship and Tonya Orr (Grafton Road CHOG) will lead us in Saturday morning devotion.

2009 STATE PRAYER RETREAT

Our State Prayer retreat will be held on September 25-26 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV. Debby Carter, State Spiritual Life Coordinator will announce the speaker later.

WORKING ON PLANS FOR THE MISSION DAY

Bobbi Martin, our new State Mission/Program Resource Coordinator, is working on plans for our Missions Day on August 15th at Rippling Waters Campground. A full day of activities will include a morning and afternoon service led by our speaker (to be announced later), a covered dish picnic lunch, President's Council Meeting, History Book Awards, Mission Offering March (that is used for our scholarship fund), and updates on the Children of Promise program by Monica Carrier, State Representative. This event takes place during the State Camp Meeting. We have a Mission Cottage Sales Room, where you can buy baked items, candy, canned goods, fresh vegetables, craft, books, cards, quilts and many other items. Joan Mangus, State Finance Coordinator oversees this and seeks volunteers from different local WCG groups to work in the cottage throughout the week. Sales usually run over \$1,000.00 during this week.

STATE OFFICERS FOR WEST VIRGINIA WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD 2009-2010

President:	Carol Keeling
Vice-President:	Mavis (Cooki) Holyfield
Secretary:	Nancy Joplin
Treasurer:	Diane Williams
Historians:	Helen Horvath/Miriam Kimple
Parliamentarian:	Sharon Campbell
Literature Promoter:	Damita Johnson
Stewardship:	Vaughn Zopp
Finance:	Joan Mangus
Spiritual Life:	Debby Carter
Mission/Program Resource:	Bobbi Martin
Friendship/Enlistment:	Dyan Hefner
Board Member Emeritus:	Ruby McCormick

NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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2009 NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD STATE CONVENTION

April 24-25 Christmore Christian Assembly, Black Mountain, NC Speaker: TBA

STATE PRAYER RETREAT

September, 2009 Information TBA

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NEWS FROM VIRGINIA WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD 2008-09

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The 2008 Virginia Women of the Church of God Autumn Board Meeting was held September 12-13th at Camp Christi.

STATE PRAYER RETREATS THEME: *"Is There Something More?"*

November 1 6 pm Western Region (Chilhowie) Rev. Gertrude Goode

November 17 12 pm Central Region (Bedford) Olde Liberty Station, Anita McMahan (East TN President)

February 21 12 pm Eastern Region (Williamsburg) Ramada Inn 1776, Rev. Tammy Clark

March 28 9 am Prayer Breakfast (Allison's Gap/Saltville)

2009 VIRGINIA WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD STATE CONVENTION

April 24-25 Slusser's Chapel / Blacksburg Laura Shallenburger, Pennsylvania (Former Nat. President)
Friday Nite After-Event is being planned

VIRGINIA STATE CAMPMEETING

August 3-9 Campmeeting Speaker Cheryl Barton-Johnson (Missionary/Author)
Friday Nite After-Event: Celebrity Auction (Treasury) Items donated from Paula Deen,
Condoleeza Rice, Hokies Coach, Governor or Mayor, Cece Wynans (One item donated from each of
the WCG units)

FOREIGN MISSIONS PROJECT

"Love Without Boundaries" (Chinese Children Coats @ \$12.00 each and Cribs @ \$75.00 each

DOMESTIC MISSIONS PROJECT

"Hospice House of Williamsburg" a goal set for \$1,000.00 which will go toward a needed color copier. Also, they are in need for supplies; and therefore, we will have a contest award for the best-decorated "Care Box" from each WCG unit. Each "Care Box" will need to include the following items:

Tide Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener, Lysol Spray, Kleenex, Bathroom Tissue, Paper Towels, Chicken Noodle
Soup, Brownie or Cookie Mix, Oatmeal Packets, Light bulbs, Napkins, Sugar, Birdseed, Bottle Water, and Juices

NEWS FROM MIDDLE & WEST TENNESSEE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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2009 MIDDLE & WEST TENNESSEE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD SPRING CONVENTION

April 17-18 Boma Church Of God, Baxter, Tennessee
Theme: "Restore Refresh, Renew"
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Kimberly Majeski

2009 MISSIONS DAY

July 11 Camp Overton Campmeeting
Mission Speakers: Doug and Barbara Miller

2009 FALL PRAYER RETREAT

September 18-19 Camp Overton

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NEWS FROM KENTUCKY WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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2009 KENTUCKY WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD STATE CONVENTION

April 17-18 Capital Plaza Hotel, Frankfort, KY. Keynote speaker, Rev. Arnetta McNeese Bailey, the Executive Director of Women of the Church of God. The worship leader will be Mandy Mobley Bohm who was the worship leader for the National Women of the Church Of God Convention in Grand Rapids. The conference leader will be Doris Khalaf, who is originally from Beirut, Lebanon. She is currently studying at Asbury Theological Seminary and plans to return to Lebanon when she has completed her studies. Rev. Rebecca New-Edson will conduct a Breakout Session on "Stressed Out" on Friday afternoon.

WORKING ON MISSION DAYS FOR 2009

We are in the process of finalizing plans for Mission Days:

June 13TH, 1:00PM-- Little Paint First Church Of God, East Point, KY
July 25TH, 12:30PM-- Camargo Campmeeting, Camargo First Church of God, Camargo, KY
August 20TH, 1:30PM-- Western KY Campmeeting, Paducah Oaks Church of God, Paducah, KY. All ladies are invited to attend.

2009 STATE PRAYER RETREATS

Plans are being made for two Prayer Retreats. The dates are September 25-26 and October 9-10. They will be held at Four Seasons Christian Center at Olympia, KY.

We encourage all ladies to attend this special time of prayer.

SPECIAL EVENT "GIRLS DAY OUT"

This event will be held at Four Seasons Christian Center on May 16, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 4:00PM. We invite ladies to come and bring their daughters and granddaughters. Baby sitting services will be provided. This is going to be an exciting afternoon of fun and fellowship. Activities planned: Spa Treatment (Hands & Feet) Make-up Party, Glamour Shots and a Tea Party.

TIDBITS FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE PRESIDENT, ANITA MCMAHAN

ARE YOU HESITANT TO SERVE AS STATE PRESIDENT?

As I begin to think on the accomplishments of the outgoing year and begin to focus on the goals of the coming year, I understand why many women are hesitant to accept the position of state president. It is a fine line a state president walks, and it requires much prayer, energy, wisdom, mediating, and careful speaking. She has to have the interest of the unit foremost in her mind—being patient with those who are resistant and knowing how to hold back those who are too impatient. A state president must be a cheerleader, and sometimes she finds herself cheerleading with no team—a team that is dressed to play but when the buzzer sounds forget there is a game. Nevertheless, it is peaceful when one is in the center of God's will in calling and in obedience. The commissioning of Joshua by God should be an encouragement to all who are called to serve: *Then the LORD commissioned Joshua son of Nun with these words: "Be strong and courageous, for you must bring the people of Israel into the land I swore to give them. I will be with you."* (Deuteronomy 31:23nlt)

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NEWS FROM EAST TENNESSEE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD
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UPDATED FROM 2008

Although 2008 was a calmer year for East Tennessee Women of the Church of God, we continued to see increased fellowship. We formed cluster groups that allowed flexibility, provided greater opportunity for fellowship, and encouraged our women in the local units to take leadership in reaching out to other women. Three "get-togethers" were scheduled through this cluster idea and local units taking the initiative in all three. In one of those "get-togethers" we designed a state banner and acquired a state theme song.

Our speakers during the year encouraged us spiritually, challenged us to serve, and acquainted us with needs in the mission field. Our host locals were Englewood, Watauga, and Heritage (Kingsport).

In October four of our women attended the national convention at Grand Rapids, MI. We made new friends and met old friends. North Carolina state president, Cynthia Eisenheim, and I share a room. *I'm glad I did not let my fear of flying keep me from attending!*

On January 17, 2009 I was privileged to speak at the Central Virginia WCG Prayer & Fellowship Lunch by invitation from Geanna Walker, Virginia State President. The hospitality was great and the food was good too! I spoke from John 4 and encouraged our sisters to abandon water pots that hinder our relationships with God and service in His Kingdom.

2009 EVENTS PLANNED

March 28---President's Council, Flag Branch, Greeneville, TN

April 25----Spring Convention, New Bethel Church of God, Madisonville, TN
Speaker: Donna Pierce

August 1---Mission Day, East Tennessee Campground, Greeneville, TN

October 3 – Fall Rally, First Church of God, Englewood, TN
Speaker: Peggy Prater, Kentucky State President

PRESIDENTS PASS THIS ON TO YOUR STATE TREASURER

It is a critical time for all of us that have felt the economy crunch. Not only in our homes but the National Women of the Church of God has been hit hard with low financial giving. Budgeted items have not reached their goal. The CBO is way down and this means that the Church of God Ministries will not be receiving the amount that is needed to meet their budget. The National WCG Office Staff has been cut and they have cut back to save money.

Please contact your State Treasurer and make sure that all of the designated monies have been sent in to the National. The State Treasurer's Books close on April 15th and the National Treasurer's Books close on April 30th. Make sure CBO has been sent in.