

# Eastern Mountain Region Newsletter

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## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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### A NOTE FROM SHARON

#### ARE YOU READY? HERE IT COMES, READY OR NOT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I can't believe it, it is a year until the Eastern Mountain Regional Convention. We started this process three years ago and at that time it seemed a long way off. Now is the time to start promoting, if you have not already. In this newsletter I have enclosed the following information for the Eastern Mountain Regional Convention: Information and Schedule of Events is included in this newsletter

These forms will be separate from your newsletter, but sent at the same time.

- Registration Form for Convention Only
- Registration Form for Room Accommodations and Food, including costs

Please make copies of this newsletter and give to all of your ladies. E-mail, mail, handouts; any way you can do it, do it! Remember, some of you will be having prayer retreats, mission days, etc. A great opportunity to promote. Your spring convention in 2010 will probably be your final push to make sure everyone that would like to attend has the information.

### EAST TENNESSEE CLUSTER GROUP EVENTS INFORMATION

I asked Anita, East Tennessee's State President, if I could share what she sends me in her e-mails, about what they are doing in East Tennessee and she gave me her permission.

East Tennessee WCG is hosting "Cluster Groups Events" in different areas of East Tennessee. They have already held an Ice Cream Social and maybe one other event.

This is what Anita has to say, "We try to work at making these Cluster Group Events very informal and unstructured. The purpose of these events is (1) to increase fellowship among our members; (2) to create an opportunity to get other women involved (both in the Church of God movement and in our communities); and (3) to promote Women of the Church of God.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the last weekend of the East Tennessee summer camp meeting, we are having a Friendship/Fellowship Breakfast (formerly called Missions Day). This will be open to anyone who wishes to attend – women and their families and singles, too--Andy Odie from Church on the Street (Atlanta) will be providing information about this ministry. We are encouraging a RSVP, and a "donation" to help defray the cost of the breakfast. Again, our goal is to get others involved and to promote our state WCG and our projects.

We are having a "Cut-Up Party" on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Watauga First Church of God Activity Building. Everyone attending was to bring fabric to cut into quilt size pieces. The patches are used by women in other countries for hospitals and clinics, making baby quilts and selling as women's projects. Scraps of washable materials are cut into blocks measuring either 5"x5" or 6"x6", placed in stacks & bound with thread through the center of the stack. These are placed in a shoe box and sent to the National WCG Office for distribution. A supper of cold cuts & cookies will be served. I gave complete instructions on how to get to our church activity building."

Reply from Sharon, "I love these ideas. We are going to have to reach out to others, whether they attend our church or not or whether they attend our WCG group or not. Anything we do for God's glory is worth every effort we put forth."

**"THANK YOU EAST TENNESSEE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD FOR YOUR INTERESTING IDEAS AND FOR PUTTING THESE IDEAS INTO ACTION. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!"**

## KENTUCKY STATE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD NEWS

Peggy Prater, State President—606-647-2447 (e-mail) [pprater@earthlink.net](mailto:pprater@earthlink.net)

The Kentucky Women of the Church of God State Convention was held April 17-18 at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Frankfort, KY. We were privileged to have wonderful speakers and worship leaders. The convention began on Friday afternoon and Rev. Rebecca New-Edson conducting a conference on "Stress". After a short break, Doris Khalaf, From Beirut, Lebanon, did a Mission Conference where she told her experiences in Beirut and how God led her to study in Kentucky at Asbury Theological Seminary. The afternoon activities were followed by a banquet, the evening service, a memorial service and an auction. For the evening service Mandy Bohm was the Worship Leader with Rev. Michelle Hutchinson as the pianist. Rev. Arnetta McNeese Bailey, the Executive Director of the Women of the Church of God, was the Keynote Speaker. As the Spirit of God moved among the ladies, some came forward for prayer and were anointed for healing by Rev. Kathy Cantrell, Senior Pastor of the Lick Creek Church of God in Pike County. A Memorial Service was held for those ladies who have gone to be with the Lord during this past year. The Kentucky Women of the Church of God Memorial Award was given In Memory of Woodie Wills, President of the Winchester WCG. Woodie had just returned from a mission's trip when she passed away. The final activity of the night was an auction of items donated by the attendees of the convention. Proceeds from the auction are used to give scholarship to help children attend Summer Camp at Four Seasons Christian Center at Olympia, KY.

Saturday activities started with an awards program. Certificates were given to the WCG Locals that participated in the Christ's Birthday Offering and paid their Membership Dues. History Book awards were given and the Kentucky Women of the Church of God Mabel Johnson Woman of the Year Award was awarded to Sister Agnes Singleton of the Paris Trinity Church of God. The General Assembly was held and the installation of the new state officers. Mandy led the worship service and Rev. Arnetta was the speaker. These ladies are outstanding in their fields of ministry.

WOW!!!! What a wonderful convention. Wonderful comments were heard. Many thought it was one of the *BEST* ever. We are thankful to God for leading our convention and sending our speakers and worship leaders to us.

### 2009 MISSION DAYS / PRAYER RETREATS

#### MISSION DAYS

East Kentucky Camp Meeting at Lowmansville, KY May 15-17, 2009--Mission Day, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00AM

Speaker: Sister Agnes Singleton, Music: Rev. Natalie Bittner & Rev. Michelle Hutchinson

Camargo Camp Meeting at Mt. Sterling, KY July 19-26, 2009—Mission Day, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM

Speaker: Sister Judith Curtis, Music: Karen Brown

Western Kentucky Camp Meeting at Paducah Oaks Church of God, Mission Day, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30PM

Speaker: Rev. Cindy Feller

#### PRAYER RETREATS

Four Seasons Christian Center, at Olympia, KY

September 25-26, 2009, Speaker: Martha Williams, Music: Elaine Rice

October 9-10, 2009, Speaker: Patsy Daugherty, Music: Lorie Daugherty

## MIDDLE / WEST TENNESSEE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

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The Middle / West Tennessee Women of the Church of God Spring State Convention went very well. It was held April 17-18 at the Boma Church of God. Our theme was "Refresh, Restore, Renew." Our guest speaker was Rev. Kimberly Majeski from Anderson, Indiana, originally a Tennessee girl. We had several break out sessions that were well attended including a "Day Spa" type class that ministered to the physical as well as the spiritual. Some of our attendees learned about being restored through "Gardening". We had a wonderful lunch on Saturday before everyone headed home. It was a wonderful weekend.

### 2009 MISSION DAY / PRAYER RETREAT

#### MISSION DAY

Camp Overton Camp Meeting, July 11 2009—Mission Speaker: Doug & Barbara Miller

#### PRAYER RETREAT

Camp Overton, September 18-19, 2009

**NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD NEWS**  
**Cynthia Eisenheim, State President, 704-630-9888 (e-mail) [faithacademy 2@bellsouth.net](mailto:faithacademy2@bellsouth.net)**

On April 24-25, 2009 the North Carolina Women of the Church of God met at Christmount Christian Assembly in Black Mountain, NC. The fresh clean spring air was beautiful and so was our convention, despite the heat wave. With a black and white "*Black Tie Optional*" theme, the wise and lovely Veeda J. Smalls lead us in praise and worship. She addressed us on the topic, "Women Developed by God", found in Corinthians 1:10. Veeda is a one of a kind, Woman of God. She was educated at Anderson, Indiana and can sing such a wide range of Christian music including her specialty of southern gospel. She touched each of our hearts.

Praise the Lord that He used me as a facilitator of this convention since it was my first year as President of North Carolina Women of the Church of God. It was two short days of jammed packed information and praise. There is no doubt in my mind, no matter who or what steps in your way, when the *Light of Jesus Christ* is lighting your path, everyone and everything can and will be pushed to the side as He walks you down the path; He was in control.

Two new officers were elected; a new treasurer, Esther Hartshorn, was elected, as our long time friend and faithful servant, Nana Williams, stepped down. Sister Williams has been in the WCG for over 60 years. We could have not done what we have done, if it had not been for her dedication to the Lord. A new vice-president, Judy Hines, who was filling the position vacated by Sindie Sigmon. Sindie was one of the hardest working women in the NC WCG. These women wisdom is beyond compare and I know they are lead by the Lord and I thank each of the officers in North Carolina for their help and for listening and letting the Lord lead them. You know, as humans if we lean on our own understanding and feelings we tend to think it is the right way, yet when we listen to the Lord it might not get the popular vote at "first", yet it turns out to be the best for all and for His needs in the end.

We have also just said goodbye, for a little while, to a Sister of the Women of the Church of God. Lina Irene Overton Osteen, age 95, dies Monday, May 18, 2009. Sister Lina was a devoted partner with her husband in ministry. She was doing mission work, before the Women's Missionary Society was formed. So it is safe to say that Sister Lina was working for the Lord for over 75 years. She told me that the women were the Church of God. That is why the missionaries have prospered. We have to take good care of them and the Lord will do the rest. I believe that and it is one of the reasons I am where I am today in the Women of the Church of God. I was embraced as a woman in God's house.

Thank you ladies who did it all for the Lord and have passed it on and if you haven't passed it on, you should; it could inspire the next president of your state.

### PRAYER RETREAT

September, 2009-- Information TBA

## VIRGINIA WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD NEWS

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What a wonderful Spring Convention! It was held April 24-25<sup>th</sup> at the Slusser's Chapel Church of God, Blacksburg, VA. The theme was "*Choosing the Path of Integrity*". We thank the Lord for His presence and leading...we are also so grateful for the hosts, volunteers, and participants who made it such a success. We praise God for the tremendous response to the need for Coats & Cribs (Love without Boundaries) among Chinese orphaned children. Laura Shallenberger, former National Women of the Church of God President was our guest speaker. Sharon Fannin, Eastern Mountain Regional Director, joined us for the weekend. After the service Friday evening a "Dessert Bar" was enjoyed by all.

### 2009 UPCOMING PROJECTS AND EVENTS

#### VIRGINIA CAMP MEETING

##### IRON CHEF CAMP CHRISTI

On Wednesday's supper, August 8 @5:00PM we will have an Iron chef competition (Virginia Women of the Church of God vs. Men of the Church of God). A sampler platter costs \$5.00 adults and \$3.00 children. Our "Savory Sweethearts" team will be announced at Camp Meeting.

##### CAMP MEETING SPEAKER/BANQUET

August 7-8<sup>th</sup>---Deanna Corbett will be our guest speaker for this event. On Saturday at noon, we will have a banquet at "The Farmhouse Restaurant".

##### WILLIAMSBURG HOSPICE HOUSE

This is our domestic missions' project. Monies will be received following our Saturday banquet (August 8<sup>th</sup>). We will also collect the boxes containing items from the "Wish List".

## EAST TENNESSEE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD NEWS

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The East Tennessee Women of the Church of God met at New Bethel Church of God at Madisonville for their 2009 Spring Convention on April 25<sup>th</sup>, with eight local units represented. Several items of business were transacted, which included approval of the 2009-9010 Budget, acceptance of a change in format for the August 1<sup>st</sup> Missions Day meeting, distribution of Joseph's Coat guidelines, and presentation of the 2010 calendar. Candace Tilley of the Kingsport Heritage Church of God, conducted the installation ceremony of incoming officers, and the ladies of New Bethel Church of God served an excellent country meal in their beautiful Fellowship Hall.

Donna Pierce was the speaker for this event and presented a moving and timely message about finding contentment by connection, which emphasized our national theme: "*Women Developed by God*". She titled her program "Let's Party", and provided a personal story of her journey over the past 38 years in pastoral ministry with her husband, Dwayne, who is our Tennessee State Pastor, and brought both tears and laughter to the listeners. If your ladies group is seeking an event speaker, we highly recommend Donna Pierce.

On another issue, the findings in the relevancy survey report of the Women of the Church of God indicated that many in the movement know very little about our organization. This lack of understanding of the structure, vision, and mission of the WCG has contributed on several occasions to unnecessary conflict between our state unit and groups and individuals in East Tennessee. In order to address that misconception and to reflect the unity of the Women of the Church of God, I was led to present a report to a different vein at the April East Tennessee Campground Association on April 14<sup>th</sup>. This report was distributed to our members of the ET WCG Spring Convention with a confirmation of my position as State President to represent God first and the women of ET WCG second. I encouraged the women to read the report so they would be knowledgeable of how I was representing them and to always be free to provide feedback. Sharon Fannin, along with ET WCG officers reviewed the report and provided feedback prior to its presentation in April. Women of the Church of God work very hard in their ministry and should be respected for what they do.

### 2009 UP COMING EVENTS

#### MISSION DAY

August 1<sup>st</sup>—East Tennessee Campground, Greenville, TN

#### FALL RALLY

October 3<sup>rd</sup>—First Church of God, Englewood, TN

Guest Speaker: Peggy Prater, State President Women of the Church of God

## WEST VIRGINIA WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD NEWS

Carol Keeling, State President 304-755-9239 (e-mail) [keelinca@comcast.net](mailto:keelinca@comcast.net)

We are still basking in the blessings we received at our Spring Convention. This was held on March 20-21 this year at Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown, WV. Rev. Arnetta McNeese Bailey was our speaker and my how she touched us with the messages that the Lord had laid upon her heart. It was such a privilege to have Sister Arnetta in our midst for the weekend. Sister Julie Harrell from the Liberty Street Church of God in Parkersburg lifted us up in song and praise as she served as our Worship Leader. We enjoyed a wonderful banquet and had our annual auction following the banquet. Our new officers were installed by Sister Arnetta in the Saturday morning service. At our business meeting on Friday, we adopted our budget for the coming year and also gave our coin holders for the ladies to fill and bring to our Prayer Retreat in September. This money will go toward our Scholarship Fund. Since Sister Sharon Fannin is our Eastern Mountain Regional Director and we have been praying for her grandson Ryder, who suffers from Arthritis, we wanted to take up a love offering for Ryder. Ryder was ambassador for the Arthritis Foundation Walk in Cincinnati on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We collected \$300.00 which was sent to the Arthritis Foundation in his name. When there is a need, our ladies rally together and open up their hearts and give. A special thank you to all who helped in this endeavor. What a joy it is to see the beautiful faces of all our wonderful women throughout the state all gathered together for one purpose...to praise God and enjoy the blessings of each other.

One important aspect of our convention was the adoption of a Vision Statement for the Women of the Church of God in West Virginia. This is:

*WV Women of the Church of God purpose to so live that the Spirit of God may grow Kingdom Women in and through us. Our trust is in the love of God to compel and empower us as we commit to make a holy difference in the hearts and lives of ladies of all ages, families, and the world.*

*This Vision/Purpose statement incorporates the principles of the WV Ministries Vision/Purpose statement by expressing that we commit to Holy transformation in us and the goal for this transformation to happen in women around the world. This absolutely relates to strengthening our spiritual health as we serve Christ to serve women."*

West Virginia News Continues:

### STATE CAMP MEETING/MISSIONS DAY

We are preparing for our State Camp Meeting at Rippling Waters in August. Missions Day will be observed on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Our ladies will be working in the WCG Cottage throughout the week selling baked goods, crafts, books, cards, quilts, canned items, fresh vegetables, odds and ends, etc. Last year we received over \$1,600 through cottage sales. We hope to top that this year.

### STATE PRAYER RETREAT/ BOARD MEETING

Our State Prayer Retreat and Board Meeting will be September 25-26 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV. Our National President, CheChe Mobley will be our guest speaker.

### OUR PRAYER

*"...all will know that we (WV WCG) are His disciples by the love we have one for another" (John 13:35)*

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## Reminders

1. **There will be a total of 3 attachments to this e-mail.**

- **Eastern Mountain Regional Newsletter**
- **Registration Form for Eastern Mountain Regional Convention**
- **Registration Form for Room Accommodations and Food Plan Costs**

**Please start spreading the word about our regional convention. Make copies of this newsletter and Registrations Forms and give them out at you camp meetings, fall Prayer Retreats and the big push at you 2010 Spring State Convention. Send this information to your State Ministers Newsletter and web sites if they have one.**

2. **If you would like to have Ridgecrest Brochures to hand out at your events, contact:**

**Robin Hawkins, Account Manager**  
**LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center**  
**828-669-3596 (e-mail) [robin.hawkins@lifeway.com](mailto:robin.hawkins@lifeway.com)**

3. **The National Board Meeting in Anderson, IN for all State Presidents will be October 16-17, 2009**

- **Friday, October 16** Travel Day, if flying, make flight reservations arriving into Indianapolis early enough to be transported to Anderson before the meeting begins at 6:00PM
- **Friday, October 16** 6:00PM – National Board Meeting begins
- **Saturday, October 17** 8:00AM – 6:00PM, Meeting  
If returning home on Saturday night, make flight reservations to depart after 8:00PM.
- **Sunday, October 18** Travel day if staying over Saturday night
- **Watch for the packet that will be coming in the mail**

## A BIG THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to Peggy Prater, Cynthia Eisenheim, Anita McMahan, Robin Stetzel, Geanna Walker and Carol Keeling the Eastern Mountain Region State Presidents. You make me look good!! All the things you do for the glory of God. Giving! Giving! Giving! Behind every great President are your State Officers. Behind great State Officers are all your local WCG Groups that raise funds so your state can reach its Budget. Working together we can accomplish much. Work alone not much will get done.

Thanks again, I love all of you and all the Women of the Church of God,

*Sharon*

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

INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00 LATE REGISTRATION FEE: \$50.00**

**DEADLINE DATE: JULY 22, 2010**

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

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

**Each one attending will be required to pay a \$40.00 deposit; credit will be given on final bill**

**DEADLINE DATE: JULY 22, 2010**

**Meal Plan: 5 meals (Buffet Style in Dining Hall) Thursday Dinner thru Saturday Breakfast-Total \$49.75**

*(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- 9:30PM (Rev. Jeannette Flynn, Mandy Bohm & Che-Che Mobley)

Registration: After Worship Service for 1 hour (North Carolina WCG)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010**

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

Registration: 8:15-9:00AM (Middle/West Tennessee WCG)

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

Theme Conference: 10:00-11:30AM "Dispatched by God": Leader: Martha Williams

Hostess: Kentucky WCG

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

Mission Conference: 2:00-3:30PM Missions Leader-Rev. Kathi Sellers

Hostess: East Tennessee WCG

FREE TIME: 3:30-5:30PM

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

Worship Service: 7:30PM-9:30PM (Rev. Jeannette Flynn, Mandy Bohm & Che-Che)

"Sundae" Ice Cream Social—after evening service

Hostesses: All State Presidents and Regional Director

**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.