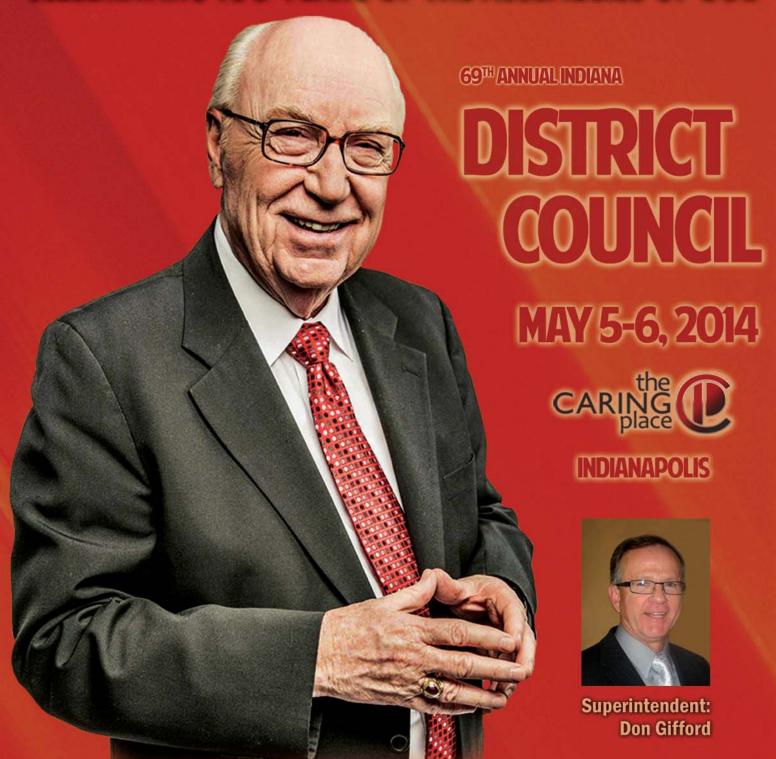


# **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**



Special Guest: General Superintendent George O. Wood



# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

I am sitting here with Diane (March 18, 2014) in the Medical ICU at Johns Hopkins Hospital, while our daughter Megan is on a ventilator and has been sedated for the last 4.5 days. My remarks may reflect a dad and mom who are once again dealing with life and death issues of their 28-year-old daughter who has been snatched from death at least eight times. Today is a good day for Megan with signs of life and healing.

April 1st is Megan's birthday and also the 100th birthday of the Assemblies of God. I want to paraphrase from Dr. George Wood's article in the *Called to Serve Minister's Letter* on why the Assemblies of God exists:

- 1. UNITY We desire to build unity around what we believe and teach. We established our major beliefs with the four cardinal doctrines of Salvation, Healing, Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the Second Coming of Jesus. We believe the Holy Spirit never goes where the Word of God does not. We have come together to study the Word and pray for one another, not being tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. Although many who have reached out to our family during these days are outside the Assemblies of God, we have been overwhelmed by the support of our AG family. Megan's battle this time has been different than prior battles. This battle has been heavy, with the enemy injecting heavy fear. In the past we have known what was wrong and how to specifically pray. The cause for Megan's illness is still unknown. Because of that, many have been praying in tongues and driving back the heaviness and fear. Immediately, Psalm 56:3 comes to mind, "What time I am afraid I will trust in God."
- 2. CONSERVATION We came together that we might know how to conserve the work, to build up and not tear down, both at home and around the world. We have built the Assemblies of God around biblical doctrines and principles, not around human personalities, because groups built on human personalities fail. We also formed because we need each other, and we do not operate under a "Lone Ranger" mentality. We are better together. I urge all our ministers and leaders to band together and not to isolate ourselves. This movement is stronger together if we all participate in this wonderful cooperative fellowship.
- **3. MISSIONS** This is the very heart and soul of the Assemblies of God. We believe, according to Acts 1:8, the purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit is to be a witness, fulfilling the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. We are not only called to our Jerusalem and Judea, but to Samaria and the world...not one at a time,

but ALL at ONCE. We are completing our Spring Area Ministers Meetings with our focus on missions. (Thanks to Dan Pongratz and David Delp who ran the last three AMM meetings while we are here at Johns Hopkins. I cannot tell you the huge value of team.)

Here are some practical things Holy Spirit said to me about Missions:

- First, support world and U.S. missionaries. Many of our churches contribute nothing or little to missions. How can a church identify itself as Pentecostal and be so neglectful? Our people, as a general rule, are not overburdened with missions giving. They are underinformed, under-challenged and under-motivated, and, if a pastor has no heart for missions neither will his people. We are often moved with compassion for disaster relief, missions trips, church buildings and taking care of the poor. I personally participate in these efforts, but no one is more important than the local missionary who is faithfully serving every day. There is no substitute for the effectiveness of placing a missionary in his or her appointed field.
- Return phone calls to all world and U.S. missionaries.
- Make sure you schedule mission services and/or a missions emphasis (banquet, convention).
- Always take an offering when a missionary comes.
- Consider giving 10% of your General Fund income to world and U.S. missions and local outreaches. Of that 10%, give 2% to Indiana Advance to support our camps at Lake Placid and church planting. We had two new church plants in 2013, and we have at least ten more in the process right now. We will soon open our first Burmese church in Indianapolis.

When finances are tight, who is usually the first to be cut? Our missionaries. Please give them time to get new finances. If at all possible, wait till they come home or give them a year's notice. They are very, very important. They are the reason the Assemblies of God exists. Think about it; they are a big reason *your* church exists.

As I conclude this article, our daughter, Megan, has been breathing on her own for the first time. We sit here overwhelmed by the mercies of God. May the Holy Spirit breathe fresh, vibrant life and power in our Fellowship. May we never forget the purpose for which we exist. Our son-in-law, Chris, said this morning, "I would never want to lose my wife, but I'm asking God to spare her life for the sake of our three children." May I kindly ask us to remember our purpose is not only for ourselves and our local churches, but for the sake of the whole world who needs to know Jesus.

# **CAN THESE BONES LIVE AGAIN?**

Dying is the eventual termination of this earthly life. It is the period on a biography full of events, transformations, disappointments, laughs, sorrows, accomplishments, and joys. Most of us do not choose when or how we will die. It happens sometimes during a season when it is anticipated. Sometimes it comes suddenly and without warning.

For most of us, dying will be the natural outcome of aging and we will know full well of its approach. We don't like to talk about dying, but we know it will happen (insert the obligatory "unless Jesus comes back first") and as the eventuality approaches we make preparations.

What about churches? Organizations have a life cycle: They are born, they progress through adolescence, come to maturity, show signs of aging, and sometimes they die.

When a loved one is terminally ill--being people who adamantly believe in divine healing--we pray and believe God. We often refuse to accept the diagnosis and the signs of dying before our very eyes. I am one who holds (held) out to the very last breath, believing God to heal and resurrect. I have seen him do it. I have seen him not do it, and be left in the swirl of the unproductive "why" questions.

What about churches? Being people of the resurrection we have a hard time giving up. There is a difference between a dying church and a dead church. We believe in a God who can breathe on dry bones and they live again. If we can just find the right pastor; if we can just polish up the structures; if we can just get the people to pray and believe again.

When do we decide to walk away from a church that is not only dead, but rigor mortis has set in, and the people clinging to its lifeless form are in denial? We have to either walk away when it is hopeless, or allow the transformation required for a resurrection. If the church is dead we walk away; if the church is dying we look for resurrection power to bring it back. Without such a commitment death is imminent.

How do we know if a church is dying? When the memories of past glories are our focus, the church is dying. When no one is visiting the church, and, really, no one is expecting anyone new to show up, the church is dying. When voting is seen as God's will, finances are viewed as "ours", and ministries are not formed around need, the church is dying.

Resurrections are rare. Life support is futile unless there is enough life to have hope of a recovery. Sometimes, surgery that cuts infection away, transplants that replace vital functions that have died, and bold acts of faith are necessary to start a movement back to health. I would never give up on a loved one too soon. I still believe in resurrection power. I still believe in transformation. I still believe in life; but, in the words of an unknown statesman, "When the horse is dead, dismount." Until such a time as we dismount, we will continue to dig new wells and expect a fresh breath of the Spirit. Together, we remain committed to pursuing God's Presence and connecting with one another that we may be challenged and encouraged toward good and spiritual things.

### **IMPORTANT CREDENTIAL DATES:**

Upcoming Credential Orientation for All Applicants Who Are New to Indiana: Certified & Licensed - May 29, 2014

Summer Exams for Certified and Licensed: July 10, 2014



▲ Ordination candidates gather for orientation and interview with their spouses.



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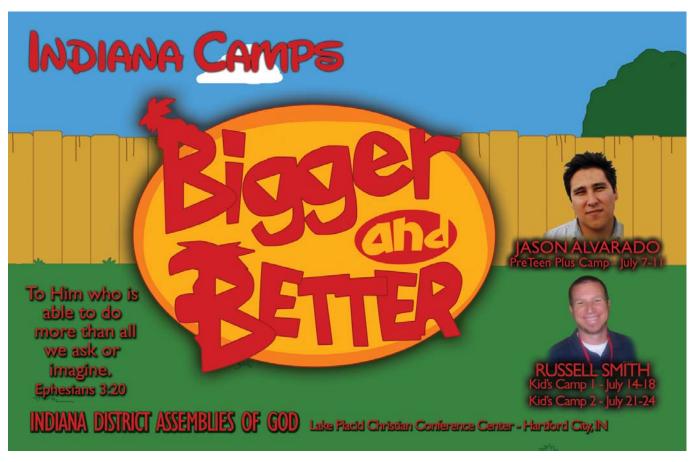
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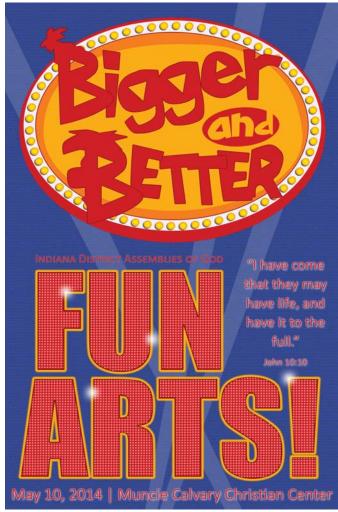
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# BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CHALLENGE PARTNERS WITH ROYAL RANGERS

BGMC is partnering with Royal Rangers through "Master's Toolbox." Congratulations, Royal Rangers, for giving \$54,202.37 to Master's Toolbox in 2013!

At the 2014 Rangers LEAD Conference in Dallas, Texas, we announced the new "\$31 in 31 Days" challenge. We are

challenging Royal Rangers across the nation to do chores and fundraisers in 2014, so they can raise \$31 in just 31 days.

Do the math: If just 10 boys in one outpost were to raise \$31, that equals \$310. If that outpost were to find

just four adults who would match those funds, that would total over \$1,500. And...if just 10 outposts in our district were to take on this challenge, that would generate over \$15,000 for Master's Toolbox!

Be on the lookout for details on how your Royal Rangers can enter upcoming drawings when completing their "\$31 in 31 Days" challenge.

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# **CHURCH PLANTS ON THE RISE IN 2014**

Once a year we bring our Church Development Cabinet, better known as Area Team Leaders, together for an appreciation dinner. Each one of these men is in contact with a group of our district supervised church pastors to assist and encourage them in their ministry journey. They also meet quarterly to discuss and approve all new church planters and the locations of these plants. They are a great blessing to me personally and to the overall ministry of the Church Development Department. These men are (pictured on right with their spouses): Scott Burr, Randy Burton, Jeff Carlson, Justin Chambers, James Clark, Roger Dean, Chad McAtee, Brent Oliver, David Salyer and Jon Susa.

We had another record year in Indiana Advance giving in 2013. You gave \$206,975 in 2010, \$242,147 in 2011, \$291,138 in 2012, and \$320,684 in 2013. What a blessing to have so many of our churches contributing to this ministry of church planting! Of course 25%, or \$80,171, went to the ministry of Lake Placid.

I noted in the annual report that there were two new churches planted in 2013:

- 1) Pastor Phil Willingham and the congregation of Heartland Christian Center in Valparaiso planted a Parent Affiliated Satellite (PAS) in North Judson. James Young is the campus pastor. As of the writing of this article, their average attendance was 37.
- 2) Pastor Jonathan and Nicole Ember called my office and told me they felt the Lord was calling them to the Southwest side of Indianapolis to plant a church that would meet the needs of many cultures. Diversity Church, a Planter Initiated Church (PIC), now exists, and their average Sunday morning attendance is 100.

We thank the Lord for both of these new congregations ministering to the lost of their communities.

What I am also very excited about is that the Lord has begun to answer the prayers of those who have joined me in praying for the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers. At the conclusion of 2013, there were ten locations that have pastors working on planting churches in 2014. In a couple of these locations, the churches are already meeting. Those cities are Danville/Avon, Kokomo, Noblesville, Goshen, Seymour, South



▲ Pastor Greg and Amy Allison, pastors of Indianapolis Franklin Park Church, celebrated the church becoming a General Council church on January 12, 2014. The church was planted seven years ago. The elders are (pictured above, from left to right): Dennis Nash, Pastor Greg Allison, Paul Bhosle, and Jerry Meyers. We are thankful for the influence Franklin Park Church continues to have in its community.



Bend, Vincennes, Fort Wayne, Chesterton and Indianapolis. Will you join us as we pray that prayer? Then when the Lord of the Harvest speaks, will you say yes?

Thank you to all the churches who have so faithfully given to Indiana Advance this past year. Here are the churches who were the top four contributors in their divisions:

#### 2013 INDIANA ADVANCE GIVING LEADERS

#### DIVISION I (351 & UP)

**DIVISION IV (1-75)** 

1. Granger Journey Church-Jeremy Eisele

2. Huntington Bethel-John Backes

4. Kirklin Assembly-Jeremy Turner

3. Aurora Hosanna-Pete Bryk

1. Indianapolis Lakeview-Ron Bontrager	\$ 60,012.98
2. Fort Wayne First-Ron Hawkins	\$ 19,700.00
3. Newburgh Abundant Life-Troy Boulware	\$ 13,818.00
4. Merrillville Living Hope-Todd Matchett	\$ 6,000.00
<b>DIVISION II (201-350)</b>	
1. Elkhart Calvary-Brian Whidden	\$ 9,404.42
2. Middlebury Pathway-Scott Miller	\$ 9,400.00
3. Madison First-Peter Joudry	\$ 5,676.77
4. Delphi First-Brent Oliver	\$ 4,966.88
DIVISION III (76-200)	
1. Plainfield The Journey-Jeff Carlson	\$ 7,618.59
2. Columbus Northview-Randy Burton	\$ 5,175.00
3. Columbus First-Rick Glowacki	\$ 4,800.00
4. North Manchester Sweetwater-Chad McAtee	\$ 4,271.03

#### Thanks to all Indiana Advance partners!



▲ With the help of Kent Anderson of Rural Compassion, Pastor James Young of North Judson Heartland Christian Center was able to distribute shoes to the 7th and 8th grade students at the local school. North Judson is a community of just over 1700 people. Starke County (where North Judson is located) is the second poorest county in Indiana. For some of these students. these were the first pairs of brand new shoes they had ever received!







# **INDIANA RANGER DERBY: A DAY OF FAMILY FUN**

The Indiana Ranger Derby was an awesome experience, with 91 racers racing from churches across the state of Indiana. We met at Mooresville Springhill Christian Center this year and had 130+ people in attendance. This was a great event that allowed the entire family to get out of the house and spend time with brothers and sisters in Christ. We had a great time with plenty of racing,

Minute to Win It competitions, great food, and a devotion on the temporary sweetness, but ultimately destructive power of sin. Special thanks goes out to Shawn Stewart and his team from Plainfield Journey Church for helping coordinate the race event. This was their first year to coordinate the race, and they are already working on improvements for next year! Also, thanks to Pastor Angie Squires from Mooresville for hosting

the event and for providing lunch and cafeteria services.

Families also got to meet Captain Gassee, son of Zorro, who will be making an appearance this June at the 2014 Indiana Rangerfest. More details on Rangerfest can be found on our website! God has great things planned for Indiana Rangers as we follow His leading and continue to mentor the next generation of

Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders!

Upcoming Events to be held at Lake Placid Conference Center:

April 11 – 13 FCF Spring Trace/Adventure

April 12 Ranger District Staff Meeting

May 3 Commander's Meeting/Work Day

June 20 – 22 Rangerfest

















- The Indiana District launched its 6th Church Life Cohort. The Church Life Cohort couples a Pentecostal pursuit of the Presence of God and the direction of the Holy Spirit with practical biblical realities. When the Holy Spirit gives us a vision and a direction, we then must implement that vision. The Church Life Cohort provides tools addressing 15 vital functions every church must consider in implementing God's vision for that church. This year we have 15 different churches represented with a total of 30 participants. Our teaching consultants this year include Jeff Carlson, Troy Boulware, Ron Hawkins, Wayne Murray, and David Delp. Pastor Don Gifford leads us in the spiritual life component in each session. The next Cohort will launch in January or February of 2015, and information and schedule will be available
- We appreciate those pastors who serve as ministry presbyters leading pastors small groups. Pictured are 20 of those presbyters present at our February 2014 meeting.

The Indiana District School of Ministry (ISOM) meets monthly at Lakeview Church. The classes fulfill the minimum study requirements for Assemblies of God ministerial credentials, and many of our students are preparing for credentialed ministry.

Not everyone who attends

ISOM is on a credential track, nor should they be. Many attend to deepen their knowledge of the Word of God, develop stronger ministry/spiritual leadership skills, and to prepare themselves



# indiana school of ministry

to serve more effectively in the local church.

Those desiring to take just one class that interests them may do so by registering at least 30 days prior to the date of the class.

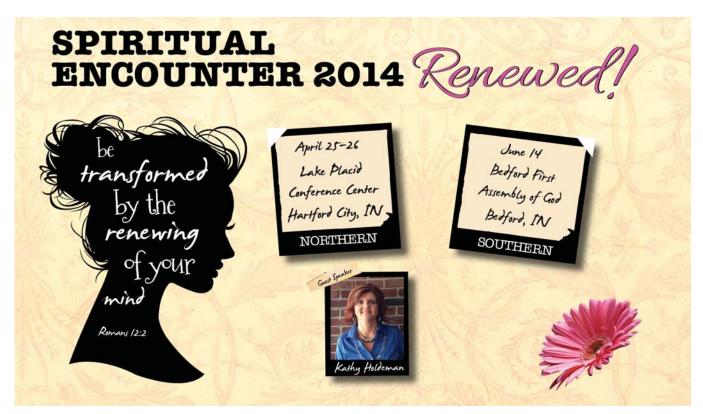
The classes do not have to be taken in sequence or succession. In other words, students can start ISOM at any time during

the year. Our typical ISOM session hosts about 100 students. The relationship and interaction are foundational benefits of ISOM.

# ISOM COURSE SCHEDULE | online at: isom.indianaag.org

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CLASS DATE Registration Deadline One month prior	May 2-3, 2014	May 30-31, 2014	CBS = Certificate in Biblical Studies		
Level One (Certified) Courses	The Local Church in Evangelism CERT 106	Spiritual Leadership CERT 109 (CCL)	CCL= Certificate in Church Leadership  (T) indicates a		
Level Two (Licensed) Courses	Conflict Management (T) LIC 209 (CCL)	Introduction to AG Missions (T) LIC 207	course on the transitional list.		
Level Three (Ordained) Courses	The Poetic Books ORD 304 (CBS)	Corinthians ORD 302 (CBS)	This schedule accommodates those who started credential courses under the old Berean schedule and who now need to take courses on the transitional plan.		
Certificate in Children's Ministries	Conflict Management LIC 209	Leadership for Children's Ministries (Offered in 2015)			
Certificate in Youth Ministries	Conflict Management LIC 209	Communicating with Today's Generation YM 504			





Make plans now to join us for the 2014 Spiritual Encounters! The Northern Spiritual Encounter is April 25-26, at Lake Placid Conference Center in Hartford City. The Southern Spiritual Encounter is June 14, at First Assembly of God in Bedford. Our speaker for both weekends is Kathy Holdeman. She and her husband have been in ministry for

over 30 years, and Kathy has ministered across the nation and in many countries around the world. You won't want to miss her side-splitting humor as she ministers the Word of God. Come ready for God-time, fellowship-time, funtime, and to be RENEWED! Make plans now to be there! For more information go to http://wms.indianaag.org



It is always great to kick off the summer with Girls Retreat! We want our girls to know that they are "Worth More than Gold"! Kelly Isaacs will be our speaker this year. Kelly was the District Girls Ministries Coordinator for seven years and loves ministering to the girls! Every year, the girls have a great time hearing from God, having late-night fun, swimming, doing crafts, hearing from missionaries, and being crazy! This is a weekend for girls of all ages, so come expecting!



VISIT OUR WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION: wms.indianaag.org and mettes.indianaag.org



### MISSIONARIES HOME AND AVAILABLE

Stuart and Wendy Brown - Career Missionaries to Mexico - stuart.brown@agmd.org -260.490.6756

Bill and Melissa Chappel – Candidate Career Missionaries to India – wmchappel@gmail.com – 574.835.5501

Rick and Angela Forker – Career Missionaries to Italy 260.585.7199 – rick.forker@agmd.org – angela.forker@agmd.org Richard and Gloria McCartney - Candidate Career Missionaries to Malta richard.mccartney@agmd.org - 574.784.8558 Tanya Jo Shipley - Career Missionary to Indonesia -Tanyajo.shipley@agmd.org - 740.504.5062 Carolyn Slaughter - Career Missionary to Sensitive

Country - cslaughter@na-link.com - 317.315.3093 Chris and Amy Stubbs - Career Missionaries to South Africa - chris.stubbs@agmd.org - 812.583.8182

### **NEW CANDIDATE MISSIONARIES: MCCARTNEY'S**

I am honored that Gloria and I have been approved by AGWM Assemblies of God World Missions, as candidate missionaries to the country of Malta. We are believing to raise our cash budget and needed monthly commitments in 12-15 months. We will then go to Malta for 3 years. It has been 15 years since the AGWM has had a worker in the country. There is much work to do. We will work to grow the existing church, plant new churches, reach out to the students at

the University of Malta, raise up national leaders to continue to spread God's Word to the Maltese people and work to expand the existing Global University network. Over the last 31 years we have served in the capacities of youth pastor, associate pastor, senior pastor, and as nationally appointed home missionaries with Chi Alpha, which has prepared us for this exciting task of ministering to the people of Malta.

- Richard McCartney



### SARAH CAREINS AND KELLY DELP RETURN TO THE FIELD

Note: We are thankful to all our pastors and churches of Indiana for coming through again. Sarah Careins was able to return to South Africa, and Kelly Delp returned to Paris.

Kelly has shared some of her thoughts about her itineration experience:

I heard it all the time on the itineration trail – "I would love to go into missions, but I just can't ask people for money." I can understand the sentiment! For me, itineration was the number one intimidating factor about going into missions. I had heard horror stories from veteran missionaries and pastors alike. I walked into my first few services steeling myself for the worst.

What a lesson God had for me! In the 18 months that I traveled

throughout the state of Indiana and the U.S., I was blessed beyond measure by the hearts of you, who serve as shepherds in our district. From the churches with blazing music and



Kelly Delp with David, her father; Ashley, her sister; and Sawyer, her dog.

lights on Sunday mornings to humble gatherings of just a few, God's presence was evident! I was prayed over by children and by elderly heroes of the faith. I was prophesied and sung over. From the inner city to Amish country, the people of Indiana churches were moved by God's heart for the nations.

I traveled outside Indiana as well, but there is something about being home. At each church I went to, and each pastor I was honored to break bread with, I had a strong sense that I was with my family.

Here I sit in my French apartment, with a heavy heart for the people I cross paths with each day. God saw them before I did. They so moved His heart that He moved me to go. But more importantly, He moved on your hearts to give and to partner with me through spiritual and physical sustenance. He did this simply because of His great love and compassion for the people here. What an awesome Savior, who allows us to be a part of His eternal plan for people's lives.

I will always count my first itineration as a beautiful time in my



Sarah Careins

life. Most of that beauty was found in your churches. I expected to minister, but you, the pastors, and your people: the saints, the meth addicts, the sullen teenagers, volunteers, the broken, have ministered to me and filled me to overflowing. Thank you for believing for the people here, thank you for tirelessly giving, and thank you for partnering with me!



# TEEN CAMP 2014

Camper and Staff Registration Forms Available Online at youth.indianaag.org



#### APRIL 12, 2014 LAFAYETTE FIRST AG



▲ "A" League, First Place Team



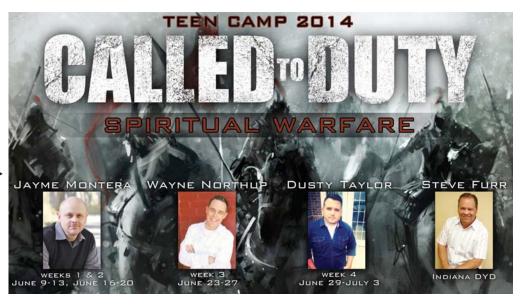
▲ "A" League, Top Ten Quizzers



▲ "B" League, Top Ten Quizzers



▲ Middle School, Top Ten Quizzers



# **TEEN BIBLE QUIZ**

In Teen Bible Quiz this year, we studied these books of the Bible: 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and 1, 2, 3 John. Congratulations to all of our quizzers and teams who went to state finals, held at Indianapolis Lakeview Church, on

March 8, 2014. We are so proud of these students who spent hours of their time in the Word. Their dedication builds faith in their hearts to do great things for God.

#### "A" LEAGUE

1st Indianapolis Lakeview 2nd Lafayette First 3rd South Bend Southgate

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL LEAGUE

1st Indpls Caring Place CSI 2nd Pendleton Rock 3rd Indpls Caring Place Beamers

#### "B" LEAGUE

1st Terre Haute Cross Tab 2nd Ft. Wayne Southwest 3rd Lowell First Assembly

## **2014 STL GOAL: \$300,000**

### **Speed-the-Light Leaders 2014**

	Church Name	Lead Pastor	Youth Pastor	2013 STL Giving			
1.	New Whiteland Grace	Wayne Murray	Phil Sadaka	\$19,127.58			
2.	Linton Assembly	David Atkins	Billy Worland	\$12,686.37			
3.	Valparaiso Heartland	Phillip Willingham	Matthew Willingham	\$10,038.90			
4.	Lowell First Assembly	Scott Weinkauff	Stephen Green	\$8,019.00			
5.	Bloomington Highland Faith	Richard Deckard	Spring Terrell	\$6,203.76			
6.	Lafayette First Assembly	Robby Bradford	Jonathan Bohl	\$6,183.28			
7.	Indianapolis The Caring Place	Jon Susa	Steve Jones	\$6,170.00			
8.	Marion Lighthouse Assembly	Jerry Gallaway	Jeremy Snodgrass	\$5,105.04			
9.	Worthington Assembly	David Dyer	Brenden Dyer	\$5,010.00			
10.	Franklin First Assembly	Phillip Curtis	Brian Smiley	\$5,000.00			
11.	Ellettsville First Assembly	Doug Carter	Ronnie Hinson	\$4,656.04			
12.	Indianapolis Lifeway Assembly	Neil Bell	Andrew Bailey	\$4,100.85			
13.	N Manchester Sweetwater AG	Chad McAtee	Jeff Poynter	\$3,825.51			
14.	Bedford Tabernacle of Praise	Gary Thomas	Angie Tidd	\$3,155.00			
15.	Avon Crossroads Church	Craig White	Nathan Goss	\$3,057.40			
16.	Greencastle The StoreHouse	Troy Trout	Jason Espinoza	\$2,946.48			
17.	Bedford First Assembly	Bill McKee	Steve Terry	\$2,841.38			
18.	Marion New Life	David Grieve	Shaun Hardie	\$2,625.62			
19.	Terre Haute Cross Tabernacle	Keith Taylor	Justin Keyes	\$2,573.95			
20.	Auburn Souls Harbor Assembly	David Snodderly	Chris Stull	\$2,500.00			
21.	Evansville Oak Hill	Jay Nicoson	Matt King	\$2,500.00			
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#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STL GIVING!!

### CONSECRATION SERVICES





■Pastor Doug and Meagan Hawkins were installed as the new pastors of Kingsford Heights Lighthouse, on February 16, 2014, at a special consecration service. Pastor Doug is another ISOM student who is a senior pastor of one of our Indiana churches. Pastor Jeff Hines and the support staff from La Porte Assembly (pictured above) attended the consecration service.

► Pastor Adam and Lindsay Ping were installed as the new pastors of Haubstadt New Life House of Prayer at a special consecration service on January 19, 2014. Superintendent Don Gifford was there to conduct the ceremony, along with the church board and congregation. The Ping's were introduced to the Assemblies of God by Pastor Scott Burr, and sent out from Owensville Dayspring Community Church.







A Pastor R. Jay and Kimberly Nicoson were installed as the new pastors of Evansville Oak Hill **Christian Center on December** 22, 2013. There to install them were Pastor Karl and Cindy Fleig, representing the district office, along with elders Bobby Stead and Mike Borman.



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▲ We had a great time at our New Pastor's Welcome on February 27, at the District Office. Those present were (left to right): Pastor Brad and Robin Porter, Clay City Assembly; Pastor Tristan Heyde, Wabash Calvary Chapel; Pastor Jay and Kim Nicoson, Evansville Oak Hill; Pastor Michael and Linda Winters. Harrodsburg Assembly: and Pastor Michael and Angie Burk, Portland Banner Christian Assembly.

# **AREA MINISTER'S MEETINGS**



John Flower with World Missions Secretary Dan Pongratz.

■Southwest and Central Area Minister's Meetings speaker



► Veteran missionaries to the Philippines Herb and Karen Johnson attended the Central Area Minister's Meeting on March 10, 2014.





■Jeff Hartensveld was our guest speaker for the Northeast, Northwest and Southeast Area Minister's Meetings.

With an emphasis on "Rekindling our Mandate to Reach the World." we had 92 churches participate in this year's Spring Area Minister's Meetings, with a total of 589 minister's in attendance.



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### WITH CHRIST...

Rev. Cletus D. Bough, 79, of Lyons, went to be with the Lord on February

23, 2014. Cletus was a minister for 30 years before retiring in 2002. He was a member of the



Pleasant Hill Community Church of Odon. Survivors include his wife, Martha Bovenschen Bough; two sons, Robert Bough of Bedford and Allen (Ann) Bough of Lyons; four daughters, Nelda (Roy) Eddy of Worthington, Regina (Don) Keller of Lyons, Jodeana (Randy) Raney of Vicksburg and Donna (Joe) Shelton of Bloomfield; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one brother, Ona (Phyllis) Bough of Lake Alford, Fla.; and one sister, Kathryn Hensley of Worthington.

Rev. John B. Ellison, 83, of Orlando, Florida, went to be with the Lord on

January 31, 2014. Ellison and his wife Eva served as world missionaries to Ghana, W. Africa, and

also in Brussels, Belgium. Later, they worked as a musical team in various churches in Baltimore and Orlando. John is survived by his wife, Eva (Crank); his children, Gary and Lori Ellison (missionaries in Port Vila, Vanuatu) and Tricia and Alan Baker (pastoring in Newark, Delaware); and four grandchildren: Alicia and Allison Baker, and Jasmine and Jeremy Ellison.

Rev. Ronald Wayne Michael, 76, Indianapolis, went to be with the Lord on February 2, 2014. He

served as pastor at several Assembly of God churches in the Indiana District and served on staff at multiple



churches as well. Survivors include his wife of 58 1/2 years, Judith (Fuller) Michael; children, Cheryl Jarnigan, Kevin Michael, Kimberly Miller and Shellie Steinbaker; 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren; sister, Wanda Wagner.

Rev. John M. Washler Sr., 90, of Columbus, went to be with the Lord on February 15, 2014. John served as a pastor for over 50 years in churches in Minnesota, later in Wheatfield, Lebanon, Valparaiso, and Columbus. John is survived by

his wife, Mary Lou Phipps Washler; children, Judy (Don) Washler Pleasant of Lebanon, John (Jean Ann) Washler



of Edinburgh and Janett (Dan)
Washler Lancaster of Columbus;
grandchildren, Michelle Johnson,
Melissa (Steve) Todd, Erika (Josh)
Meyer, Amber (David) Parks,
April Lancaster, Rebecca Smock,
Amanda (Andrew) Bean, Angela
Murphy, Brittany (Jeremy) Eldridge
and Kevin Pleasant; and 16 greatgrandchildren.



Over 500 students and staff from around the Great Lakes region gathered in Indianapolis at the beginning of January 2014, for the Chi Alpha Salt Conference. The theme was ME(†)AMORPHOSIS: Becoming New through Jesus (allowing the Word to transform our biological, sexual and racial identities). More than 100 students and staff also participated in two preconferences: The African American Leadership Conference and the Infusion Missions Conference.

Partnering with Speed-the-Light, over \$17,000 was pledged to help equip over 500 pastors in India. At the altars, hundreds of students were radically transformed, healed and delivered, including, five salvations, two physical healings and dozens more were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for partnering with Chi Alpha in Indiana and across the Great Lakes to engage students with the Gospel. Continue to pray for our students and staff to live out their identities in Christ and to have great boldness and anointing as they share the Gospel.



Jeff Hines, lead pastor of La Porte Assembly of God, married his beautiful bride, Johanna on December 28th. The ceremony was conducted by several ministers who have served alongside Hines during his ministry at La Porte Assembly, including Ryan Jackson, children's pastor, New Whiteland Grace Assembly; Roger Coleman, executive pastor, La Porte Assembly; Doug Hawkins, pastor, Kingsford Heights Lighthouse: Glen Hammonds, pastor, Pittsfield Assembly, Pittsfield, IL; Ken Grace, worship and youth pastor, La Porte Assembly; and Rev. Cory Kirkham.



▲ Ian Eugene Snodderly was born on October 26, 2013, to Mark and Stacie Snodderly, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.



▲ Selah June Wilson was born on November 22, 2013, to Michael and Jessica Wilson, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 20 inches long.



▲ Superintendent Don and Diane Gifford drove approximately 300 miles on February 9, 2014, to be with Pastor Moses and Ruth Paez of East Chicago Harbor Lighthouse, as the church became a General Council Affiliated congregation.