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THE ADJUSTMENT!

God never sends disturbing news to bring fear, but to empower us to have peace in the midst of the storm. He often tells us what is going to happen before it happens to let us know He is still in control when it looks like no one is. I believe that's why He began to open this story in Acts 27 to me a few years ago. He showed me a condition of the future of our nation and much of the world. I hope it gives you peace about the days ahead.

THE WARNING:

Acts 27:9 So Paul **warned** them, "Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also.

God has never been surprised by human activity. He always knows the end from the beginning and the resulting effect of every decision. He knows when to send rain on the just and unjust, and when to send a flood or a draught. He knows where our activities will lead us, and how His actions will alter our direction.

It is His way to send a warning, before He sends a life altering disruption. He told Noah a flood was coming long before it came. He told the king of Egypt and Joseph that a drought was coming seven years before the draught began. Divine warning was given to Lot and to Nineveh. In this passage He used Paul to warn and encourage the passengers and sailors to align their plans with the ways of God. He told them to adjust their destination and schedule or suffer great loss. They refused!

THE REALIGNMENT:

History teaches us that every so often we need to realign our lives with God's will, or God will realign us. For instance, the Old Testament Jubilee was a season of realignment, a divine opportunity that came every 50 years and was to be voluntarily adhered to. It required everyone to return to their rightful inheritance. Once Israel stopped applying the law of Jubilee and returning to the plan and purpose of God (a plan that life and human desire so often move us away from), He sent armies to forcefully remove them from the Promised Land. When the next generation returned, 70 years later, they returned to their God-ordained family lands and proper positions.

Jesus is the New Testament Jubilee. Like the Old Testament Jubilee, He often requires us to voluntarily walk away from what we have become too comfortable with and accept what He has assigned us. His Word and Spirit provide the opportunity for realignment, but still requires work, spiritual warfare, and faith on our part. After a while, most people and nations choose to ignore the plan of God rather than align with it. They choose to stay like they are and align their society to fit their desires, rather than their life to God's purpose. They choose to sail away from the Port of Fairhaven, even though they have been warned they will be sailing into a coming storm!

THE DECISION:

Acts 27:11-12 But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship. Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority **decided** that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there.

This ship and its inhabitants are a type of worldly society. It had government authorities, businessmen, professionals, and a working class of sailors. The government official (the Centurion) heard what Paul (the representative of God and the church) said but looked for advice from the business community, the professional pilot, and the working majority. In the end he based his decision on the vote of the majority and led the entire society into a life-altering storm.

THE OPPORTUNITY:

Acts 27:13 When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their **opportunity**;

The desire of the ship's inhabitants was to find a place that was supportive of their sinful lifestyles and was financially profitable. They looked for any wind that could get them away from the confines of the Port of Fairhaven and on to a place compatible with their wants. We are the same. When people, all people, have an agenda, they look at every event--social injustice, financial upheaval, worldwide pandemic, and all other events and activities--as winds that can be used as an opportunity to sail away. It may be that the God of the wind sent the gentle wind, because He knew they needed to sail into the storm. The storm they were about to sail into became God's **opportunity** to truly set them free from their eternally destructive agenda and to lead them into true salvation.

THE STORM:

Acts 27:14-15 Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the **storm** and could not head into the wind; so, we gave way to it and were driven along.

The storm in our generation and society may include weather events and natural disasters. It may be a financial crash. It could be war either within or without or all of the above. All I am confident in is that without it, the course we are on will lead us to a worse place than a storm will. God's storm is a realignment, a recalibration that will position us to finish the work of world evangelism. Like Paul on the island of Malta, it will drop us onto a prepared place filled with Kingdom opportunity.

HOLD IT TOGETHER:

Acts 27:17 so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to **hold it together**.

The first response of the ship's inhabitants was to undergird its trusted systems. They still believed in the ship and its construction. They still believed in the work of their own hands and the leadership

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GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

In no part of my upbringing was I ever told or taught to... just take the easy road, quit early, just settle, be satisfied even if you do not reach your goal, mediocre is OK, quit dreaming, not everyone will succeed, vision is only for some people, accomplishments don't really matter, or you are who you are, don't push to make yourself better. Those were never words that came from my parents' mouths or anyone's mouth who ever had an opportunity to speak into my life. But what was spoken were things like...shoot for the moon, try again, put your boots back on and get to work, mediocrity is your enemy, you can do anything that you put your mind to, etc. One thing I do not believe I was ever told, by anyone who knew me well, is, "if you put your mind to it, you could be the President of the United States." Believe me when I say, I am alright with that.

Going to the next level has always been a part of my life in everything that I put my mind to. If it was playing a sport that I loved, I wanted to get better. In my marriage, I do not want to just settle for being a husband. I want to be an incredible husband (I am still working on that). "World's Greatest Dad" is not just something I want on a T-shirt, but permanently tattooed on me and the next generation of McAtees. (I don't have any tattoos, in case you were wondering.)

I have never wanted to just settle and say "pastor" or "preacher," is who I am in ministry. I would rather say, "Who is it you want me to be Lord? What have you called and anointed me to do for your Kingdom?" Then, I could prepare for it, so that I am ready when the time or opportunity comes.

Here in Indiana, we are blessed to have about 750 credentialed ministers. That seems like a lot, and it is, but we also have many churches that are looking for someone to join their team. My question to all of us is this, "Have we quit on the credentialing process?" Last week we had a special credentialing orientation here at the district office, and I wonder who is out there that maybe should have been here? What I mean is this, if you are certified, you need to move to the license level. If you are licensed, you need to move to the ordination level. What is it that God has called you to do that you need to prepare for?

I heard a story recently of a youth pastor in another district whose pastor kept encouraging him to get ordained. The pastor would tell him to take the last few classes he needed in order to be prepared for whatever might come his way. The day came when the district youth director stepped away from that office, and this youth pastor thought that he should be the next

DYD. His pastor looked at him and said, "You are not going to get the position because you failed to prepare yourself. You are not qualified because you have to be ordained." The youth pastor did not get upset with himself but became upset with the system. You can look at this short little true story from many angles, but the question is, do you need to move to the next level in your credentials?

"You district people just want more of my money!" No, that is not it. Are you settling for the lowest step on the ladder? Believe me, I am not judging spirituality; I am just asking a question. You may say, "I don't ever want to work at a district office." But what if God asks you to be a lead pastor, and what if the church God wants you to lead is looking for someone who put in the time and effort to be ordained. You want to be a youth pastor, but what if the pastor is looking for someone who is credentialed as a licensed minister? Many say that will never happen to them. I say let's get prepared now. Believe me, you never know where God might lead you.

If you need to move to the next level in your credentials, let us help get the process started. Faith Bradshaw is our credentials specialist. She is amazing to work with. You can call the office at (317) 872-9812 or email her at secretariat@indianaag.org. If you need to take a few extra classes, Indiana School of Ministry (ISOM) is an amazing tool to use to get the classes that you may still need. For ISOM, you can contact Toni Mosburg at isom@indianaag.org.

You can be anything God wants you to be, but you better get prepared. Let's go to the next level!

Make the switch!



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WHAT'S ON THE 'NEW' SCORECARD

We love measurables. I think it's in our nature, planted by a God who remembers and measures all kinds of things to exact specifications. The Old Testament is filled with various examples of God setting things in order with measurements or even challenging us to examine the exactness of His commands and creations. Jesus' life is full of numbers and measurables as well. He chose twelve disciples, not eleven, not fifteen, but twelve. He saved twelve baskets of food. He changed six jars of water to wine. He was no doubt imitating His father. Since the very beginning of the church in Acts 2, we have measured the progress of His Kingdom on the earth. That day, 3,000 souls became some of the first to have their names written in the Book of Life because of Jesus' death and resurrection. There are other examples in Scripture of different ways we have measured the Church through history.

For about the last five hundred years, we have mostly measured progress in our churches the same way, by attendance and giving. In fact, I'd suggest there are strong ties to how encouraged or discouraged a pastor is to how strong or weak these two measurables are in their church. I know I felt better about life and ministry when attendance was strong and the bank accounts had some cushion. I've lived both sides of that coin and have struggled to trust the Lord when those things weren't strong. Measurables are linked to how we perceive success. With vast numbers of pastors depressed, lonely, and discouraged, is it possible we are measuring the wrong things?

With 2020 finally in the rearview mirror, maybe it's time to take a hard look at the things we've been measuring since The Reformation and put some new measurables on our dashboard. I think these four would be a great place to start!

of DISCIPLES you are MAKING

We tell ourselves this has always been the goal, right? We believe in the Great Commission to disciple men, women, and children into a transformational relationship with Jesus. Looking around the current landscape of Christianity, I'm not sure we've been terribly successful. Be honest about your own ministry/church. Are you truly developing disciples? I mean people who will be sold out to the cause of Christ when the world really begins to fall apart, and we truly begin living in "unprecedented times." Church experts are suggesting, just in 2020, as much as 33% of pre-COVID church goers aren't coming back. That's not a good look for how effective we've been making disciples. Some people found the church just wasn't as relevant and important in their lives as they thought. Some took the opportunity to abandon the faith. But some have such a shallow walk with Jesus they've just found other things to do. Regardless, this stat is not a positive sign for the Church. Maybe 2021 is the critical time we should all examine our processes and systems and start measuring, with intensity, the number of disciples we are actually making--disciples who will stand the test of time and circumstance.

of LEADERS you are MOBILIZING

With more leadership classes, books, conferences, and opportunities than ever in the Church's history, one would think we'd have leaders ready to step up everywhere we look. However, today we have churches that cannot find pastors, and pastors who cannot find staff, and staff

who cannot find laity to lead the various systems and ministries essential to church life. Something is off. I would suggest our process of making leaders might be the culprit. But the key here isn't the *knowledge* we need leaders to possess: It is *mobilizing them* to engage the work of the Gospel. Often our goal seems to just fill vacancies in our volunteer apparatus rather than to help emerging leaders find their calling and engage the ministry God has set before them. In 2021, let's not just find people to serve on our teams, let's help people find their purpose, invest in their growth, and release them to fulfill their ultimate purpose in the Kingdom of God.

of CHURCHES you are MULTIPLYING

The New Testament church is a church multiplying movement! We always have been from the beginning stages of the Great Diaspora. Together, we have planted more churches in the last ten years than ever before. Yet even with this great surge in new churches, there is still so much work to do. We have 25 counties and county seats in Indiana without an Assembly of God church. Many rural counties only have one church serving the entire county. Let's not forget the population centers across Indiana that are vastly under-served by life-giving churches. There are many different methods of church planting available to pastors and churches today. We have training, funds, and coaching to help literally any church or pastor multiply a new church in a nearby location. What if, in 2021, as part of your missional strategy, you prayed and fasted about planting a new church (with one of those new leaders you're going to mobilize) in a nearby community, neighborhood, apartment complex, or county? I can give you a list of dozens of places. Maybe the Lord would speak to you about just one as you look to 2021. I know if you pursue this, and God does speak to you, He'll provide for every detail and unknown along the way. His heart is for the lost. If you go and find them, He'll go with you.

of MISSIONARIES you are SENDING

The Assemblies of God is a missionary movement! I would estimate, of these four measurables, we may be doing our best work here. I'm thankful for our co-laborers who uproot their families and put down new roots in a foreign culture somewhere in the world. What a difference these men and women are making for the Kingdom of God! What I'd encourage us to do is activate and send missionaries from our own churches into our own cities, neighborhoods, schools, and new workplaces. The missionary Spirit doesn't just reside in those who go to a foreign land. This Spirit is in every believer and needs only be activated to lead us on daily missions to minister reconciliation to the people we see. What if, in 2021, every church and pastor in Indiana, as they actively support world and U.S. missionaries, also activated the Spirit of the missionary in their own people for their own mission field? What might be the result? I'd love to find out!

Like you, I'm praying 2021 sees a return to more normal circumstances in our nation and world--but not completely. I pray these four measurables will take root in our hearts, while the old ones diminish. I pray that when normalcy returns, the Kingdom of God moves into a new renaissance of power, effectiveness, and advancement. What would that be like? I hope we can find out!



ISOM HIGHLIGHTS



Opening session with Pastor Chad McAtee and Micah Beckwith



Worship time at ISOM



Pastor Greg Carter teaching at ISOM



Level One *Life of Christ* class



ISOM November faculty



Level Two *Romans* class



Pastor Jon Susa teaching Spanish class



ISOM graduates, Duane and Jamie Harrison, return for ISOMplus seminar



ISOM Spanish students worshipping

ISOM COURSE SCHEDULE

CLASS DATES	LEVEL ONE	LEVEL TWO	LEVEL THREE	SPANISH
Jan. 30, 2021	Old Testament Survey CERT 112	The Local Church in Evangelism LIC 211	Church Administration and Law ORD 310	Introducción a la Antiguo Testamento CERT 112s
Feb. 27, 2021	Relationships & Ethics in Ministry CERT 108	Eschatology LIC 206	Preaching in Cultural Context ORD 305	Las Relaciones y la Ética en el Ministerio CERT 108s
March 27, 2021	Introduction to Theology CERT 113	Prison Epistles LIC 212	Pastoral Ministry ORD 307	Introducción a la Teología CERT 113s
May 1, 2021	AG History, Missions & Governance CERT 107	Introduction to AG Missions LIC 207	Corinthians ORD 302	La Historia, Misiones y Organización de las AD CERT 107s

Class times are 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. El Horario de la clase es de 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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See internship information on the ISOM website. Puede ver la información del interinato en el website de ISOM.



STEVE FURR, STUDENT MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

2020 YOUTH CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Many are testifying across Indiana that the **2020 “Surge” Convention** exceeded all of our expectations. We rejoice that, even in the midst of Covid restrictions, this year we saw around 1,000 students attend one of our twenty plus watch party locations. From the very beginning, there was a very unique and incredible anointing present that even now continues to impact youth groups across Indiana. One youth pastor testified how their watch party essentially became one long, extended time of seeking God in the altars, and never actually plugged into the livestream at all, due to the Spirit’s moving!

Our heartfelt thanks goes to Pastor Ricky Spindler who preached the Word, along with Colton Kellam and his worship team from Church 52, who led us in incredible, anointed worship at the host church. One of the additional highlights again this year was the favor of God during our annual Speed the Light Goal Rush offering. We are rejoicing that one of our youth groups from the Indianapolis area gave nearly \$33,000 to Speed the Light for the year. Sincere thanks also to all those leaders who are praying, believing, and dreaming with us for greater things here in Indiana!



WILL YOU BE PART OF THE MIRACLE?

2021 Indiana Goal: \$1 Million from STL and BGMC combined!

In the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, the boy gave what he had at the moment to Jesus. Jesus blessed it, and his offering fed well over 5,000 people! He was only 1 in a crowd of 5,000 men that day, but a miracle took place because he gave.



We are asking for all of our student ministries across Indiana to be:



1) Gospel Centered 2) Spirit Empowered 3) Personally Responsible to reach the lost around the world.



KidMin Conference

February 26-27
at Lafayette River City Church

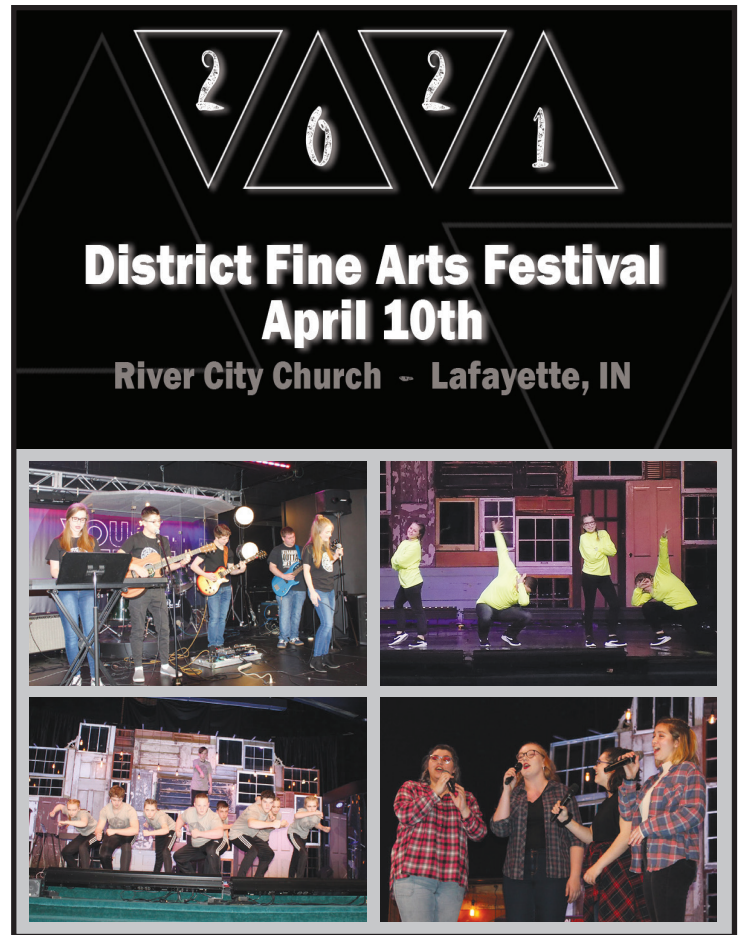


Ranger Derby

February 27
at Indianapolis
Life Church 180

2021 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Teen Camp 1 - June 7-11
Teen Camp 2 - June 14-18
Teen Camp 3 - June 21-25
Teen Camp 4 - June 28-July 2
Kids Full Week Camp - July 5-9
Junior Teen Camp - July 11-14
Kids Short Week Camp - July 14-17



Indiana District JBQ Quiz Schedule 2021

Date	Pee Wee League <i>(Pee Wee Teams compete at <u>every</u> other meet)</i>	Hoosier League <i>(Questions are <u>not</u> cumulative from meet to meet)</i>	Discover & Searcher League 10's	Discover & Searcher League 20's	Discover & Searcher League 30's
League Meet #1 CANCELLED January 9th	1-50	10's: 58-114 20's: 327-364	1-150	289-384	481-528
League Meet #2 February 6th	1-100	10's: 115-172 20's: 365-402	1-288 (ALL)	289-480 (ALL)	481-576 (ALL)
League Meet #3 March 6th	1-150	10's: 173-230 20's: 403-441	1-288 (ALL)	289-480 (ALL)	481-576 (ALL)
State Finals March 27th	-- <i>(Pee Wee League does <u>not</u> compete at State Finals)</i>	(ALL) <i>(Hoosier League does <u>not</u> advance to Regionals)</i>	1-288 (ALL)	289-480 (ALL)	481-576 (ALL)



KATHY HOLDEMAN, WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

I AM POSITIVE!

Oh, how things have changed this year! To say we were “positive” used to mean we were optimistic, confident, affirmative, encouraged. Now, after a pandemic, when we hear those words, “I am positive” our minds and hearts are saddened a bit, a little downcast, until we unravel where the conversation is going and what “positive” we are talking about. I tend to be a “positive” person most of the time and I am a person who loves change, new ideas, and methods. I discovered this year that I only love change on my terms, in my control, and at my discretion. So, 2020 has been an eye opener on many levels for me. I find myself vacillating between the God of Isaiah 43:19, “*Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert....*” and the stationary description of Hebrews 13:8, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*” Each day I swing back and forth trying to keep my head from spinning, but still landing on total trust.

Today, I reclaim my desire to be positive. I AM POSITIVE:

- That He calls you beloved. (Romans 9:25)
- You are never alone. (Hebrews 13:5)
- You are a treasure. (Deuteronomy 7:6)
- You are His child. (John 1:12; Romans 8:17)
- You are free. (Galatians 5:1)
- You have been redeemed. (Ephesians 1:7)
- You are forgiven. (1 John 1:9)
- You have victory. (1 John 5:4)



To the amazing women across this great district, I AM POSITIVE that we will:

- Bless over 70 ministers’ widows with a Christmas gift.
- Give to over 40 missionary families for Christmas.
- Continue to provide household goods for returning missionary families through “Our Martha Room.”

I AM POSITIVE that we will see great ministry in 2021 at:

- Regional Encounters - April 24th
- Vital Conference - September 24th-25th
- Women in Leadership Training - August 14th & 21st

Although things may look different and remain unpredictable, I AM POSITIVE:

- God CANNOT FAIL! (Lamentations 3:22-23)

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**REGIONAL
ENCOUNTERS**
SATURDAY
APRIL 24TH
AT A LOCATION
NEAR YOU!

**VITAL
CONFERENCE**
FRIDAY &
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
24TH & 25TH

**WOMEN IN
LEADERSHIP
TRAINING**
SATURDAYS
AUGUST 14TH
AUGUST 21ST



ASK GOD FOR: MORE OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT

In prior Envoys I have shared a biblical truth that I want to revisit one last time: **we can ask God for more.** This time I want to encourage you to **ask God for more of His Holy Spirit.** In Acts 4:1-24, Peter & John have been threatened by the Sanhedrin to stop preaching. I want you to note that in the midst of intimidations, they did *not* pray for more favor or protection (both of which are great things); instead, they prayed for more boldness.

Peter and John were still fresh from the supernatural pyrotechnics of the Upper Room, and yet they asked God for **more.** If that is the prayer of these spiritual veterans, how much **more** for us! It is completely right and even necessary, especially in transitional and challenging moments in our lives, to ask God for a fresh, new, greater outpouring of His **Holy Spirit** for this moment in life.

In the face of ongoing opposition, ask and believe God for **more** of His **Holy Spirit** (for boldness, healings, miracles) in your life. 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV) states, *“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*

God is a God of blessing who has so much **more** for us. Don't settle for halfway measures—ask God for total victory. Believe God for **more** anointing and greater responsibility in leadership and pray for **more of His Holy Spirit.** Even in the face of greater opposition, we can discover even greater boldness.



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of the professionals. We will do the same. We will respond to the storm by undergirding the courts, the schools, the stock market, the Sunday morning service, and so on. We will cry out to the professionals and trust in the work of our own hands, until we are sure we are not enough for the storm we are in.

SLOW THE PROGRESS:

...they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along.

They dropped the sea anchors, large parachutes, to slow the ship in hopes that the storm would pass them by. They thought they could wait it out. They thought they could outlast it as they had in times past, but not this time.

MONEY NO LONGER MATTERS:

Acts 27:18 *We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard.*

The profit was in the cargo. Money is the other god in America, and most of the world, but not in a storm. It became nothing more than a weight, causing them to take on more water. Money was dethroned by the storm. By the 14th day of the storm, every false hope had been proven untrue and every man-made idol had been thrown overboard. As it was with Moses in Egypt, by the end of the plagues, the only god left standing was Jesus!

THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH RESTORED:

Acts 27:21 *Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss.*

Paul has the stage again. Only this time, what Paul said became the law of the ship. He told them that he wasn't worried or afraid,

because he had a God-given destiny. As a part of the church, He had a heavenly purpose that their decisions could not steer him away from. But if they did not heed his word and stay with the crumbling ship, they would perish. When two men tried to drop a lifeboat and abandon the ship, the Centurion cut the rope. He no longer asked for the voice of the majority. He now based his action solely on the word of Paul. **The storm restored the voice of the church and its preachers,** and so will the storm we are now entering!

SURVIVING THE STORM:

Luke 6:47-48 *As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.*

Noah's ark was built of wood; ours is of the Word. Hear it, learn it, obey it, and you will not only survive the storm, but you will be at peace while the world and its gods are being defeated. In the end, God is going to give us our fellow travelers, just like He did Paul. Pray that the sinners who are sailing with us into the storm will, in the end, be saved!

FINAL WORD:

Acts 27:24 *God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.*

Do not be afraid. The storm is a great gift to the lost and an opportunity to the church.

Bring it on!

Amen!

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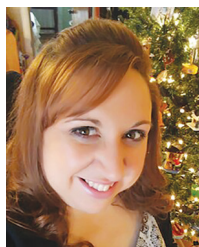
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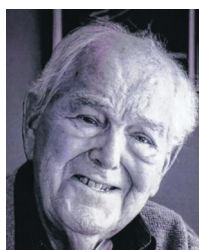
Rev. Tabitha R. Worthington, age 42, went to be with the Lord October 30, 2020. She was born on October 3, 1978, in Tipton, Indiana. She graduated from Central Bible

College in Springfield, Missouri, and was a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God. She was a faithful member of Anderson Faith Church. Tabitha is survived by her parents, John and Pam Worthington, and her sister, Rachael Worthington.



Rev. Russell L. "Russ" Cockrum, age 73, went to be with the Lord on December 1, 2020. He was born on May 4, 1947, in Seymour, Indiana. Russ moved his family

to Martinsville, Indiana in 1985 to become senior pastor of Martinsville First Assembly of God (now Trinity Worship Center). In 2000, he started HonorBound motorcycle ministry as a U.S. missionary with the Assemblies of God. Most recently, Russ served as Recovery Chaplain to Celebrate Recovery at Greenwood Grace Assembly of God. He was also a chaplain for the City of Martinsville Police Department and care rep for U.S. missionary chaplains nationally. Russ is survived by his wife, Judy; two sons, Jim (Andrea), and Ken (Jennifer); sisters and grandchildren.



Rev. Edgar F. Allen, age 93, went to be with the Lord on December 2, 2020. He was born on October 22, 1927, in Jasonville, Indiana. He pastored for many years at Bremen, Logansport,

and for 31 years at Covington; as assistant pastor at Franklin First Assembly and Elkhart Bethel First Assembly; and as an interim pastor at South Bend New Life. He also served as a sectional presbyter from 1973-1991. He proudly served in the United States Army. Edgar is survived by his wife Phyllis; two daughters, Judith (Larry) Lund, and Karen (Phillip) Curtis; and his sister, Ruth (Charles) Van Dusen.



A consecration service was held for Pastor Steve and Heather Terry at Corydon Trinity Assembly of God on November 22, 2020. Pastor Paul and Susan Greer, who faithfully served this church for 31 years, were there to pass the baton and pray over the Terrys. Superintendent Don Gifford, and his wife, Diane, were there to officially install Pastor Steve as the new pastor.



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MINISTER'S WIVES/ WOMEN IN MINISTRY RETREAT

NEW DATE:
OCTOBER 4-5, 2021

**Location: Season's Lodge
Nashville, Indiana**

Speaker: Karen Yancey



Karen Yancey, an ordained minister, serves the AGK Ministry Network in Kansas. As the director of Network Development, she oversees four initiatives: Crisis Assistance, Connection, Community and Coaching. Karen earned a Masters degree at AGTS, with emphasis in theology, organizational leadership and coaching. Karen recently joined the national team for the Network of Women Ministers.

With humor, appealing genuineness, personal stories, and wisdom rooted in scripture, Karen shares her heart with others who are on a similar journey in their calling and love for Christ. She recognizes the multi-faceted challenges

inherent in the lives of women in ministry leadership, yet maintains that focus on God and His agenda is the key to navigating the storms and challenges of life. "God is calling women in ministry to step-out of their comfort zone, step-in to their God-designed destiny, step-over obstacles that marginalize faith, and step-beyond the status quo into fullness of life with Him!"

For fun, Karen enjoys reading, while sipping on her favorite Starbucks drink, and finds decorating therapeutic. However, being a grandmother to seven remains one of her greatest joys.

