

# East District News

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### EAST DISTRICT RALLY of the KY Church of God

SUNDAY, April 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.



Eventide



Darryl Allen



#### Shawnee Church of God

1303 Beth Ann Drive  
Flatwoods, KY 41139



For more information contact:

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### EAST DISTRICT RALLY of the KY Church of God

SUNDAY, May 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.



Sons of Liberty



Jeff Fannin



#### Mud Lick First Church of God

9067 KY-36  
Olympia, KY 40358



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May the unity of the Spirit mold us by the Word of God unto the perfect body attracting all men that they may be saved honoring our Lord.

## Greetings from the Chairman

Dear East District Family,

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we approach the 20th year of the Ministry of Unity within the Church of God, our hearts are filled with gratitude and anticipation. This milestone is more than an anniversary, it's a testimony to God's faithfulness and to the steadfast commitment of His people across our district.



We believe this year will be a year of celebration and restoration, a year marked by reconciliation and revitalization among God's people. For two decades, the Ministry of Unity has stood as a witness to what the Spirit can accomplish when the church chooses to walk together in love, humility, and shared purpose. Now, as we enter this significant season, we look forward to renewed strength, renewed relationships, and renewed passion for the mission God has entrusted to us.

Thank you for your ongoing support, your prayers, your encouragement, and your faithful financial giving. Your partnership has made it possible for this ministry to thrive, and your continued investment ensures that the work of unity will flourish for years to come. Truly, the church thrives together. May the Lord bless you richly as we step into this year of celebration and Spirit-led renewal. We look forward to walking this journey with you.

God bless and God speed,

*Terry Frerichs*

Chairman of the East District of KY Church of God

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## Upcoming Events

We hope you make plans to join us at our upcoming East District Rallies. Each rally begins at 5:30 PM. Afterwards, there is a time of fellowship. We invite you to share these dates with your congregations.

**April East District Rally** April 19 | Shawnee COG | Eventide | Darryl Allen

**Spring East District Youth Rally** April 26 | Wildwood COG | Ryan Lynch Worship Band | Micah Taylor

**May East District Rally** May 17 | Mud Lick FCOG | Sons of Liberty | Jeff Fannin

**August East District Rally** August 16 | Campton FCOG | Peace of Bluegrass | Jeff White

**September East District Rally** September 20 | Broadway FCOG | Godsent | Roy Lands

**October East District Rally** October 18 | Prestonsburg FCOG | TBA | Daniel Castle

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## Message from the Vice Chairman

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I begin by saying congratulations to all of you for surviving the 2026 winter storm with all of the ice and snow. The storm made life somewhat inconvenient for a while, but praise the Lord we made it through! The weather and life in general are not always good, but God is good, all the time!

I recently read and studied and preached about what happened to Paul and Silas in the 16th chapter of the book of Acts. They were in the city of Philippi, preaching and teaching the good news about Jesus and Paul had cast a demon out of a woman who was a sooth-sayer. The exorcism put an end to her special ability which meant her method of making money for her “masters” was no longer possible. Which hit her owners in the pocket book. That is when you really get to know somebody. Anyway, Paul and Silas were taken before the local magistrates and charged with being lawbreakers and troublemakers. As a result, they were stripped and beaten, with many stripes, and then locked up in jail, with their feet fastened in stocks.

They were abused and were suffering as a result of serving the Lord. It did not seem fair or deserving for them to be treated so badly, but there they were.

In that situation, most people would be unhappy with what it happened. Most likely would've been feeling very sorry for themselves and maybe even mad at God for allowing it to happen. However, according to the scripture, at midnight Paul and Silas began to pray, and to sing praises unto God. That is so impressive to me. Instead of having a big pity party and instead of complaining to the Lord about their pain and misery due to serving him, they began to sing praises to the Lord!

And when they did that, God moved, sending an earthquake that set them free from their chains and stocks. The final result was that the jailer and his household got saved. That most likely would not have happened if Paul and Silas had not been cast into jail and had they not praised the Lord aloud for all to hear at midnight. The Bible tells us repeatedly to praise God. It tells us to be thankful in all things because that is the will of God for us. Praising God lifts us up and encourages God's involvement in our lives. It also is a powerful witness to unbelievers when they see how well God's people handle adversity. I have to wonder how many of us today would've handled a similar situation if it had happened to us. It is something to think about.

Let us always be quick to praise the Lord. If we have breath, let us praise the Lord. Things will go much better if we will do that!

*Bro. David R. Neace*  
Vice Chairman - East District



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## Hymns & History

THE STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS & WRITERS THAT HAVE BEEN A VITAL PART OF OUR MOVEMENT FOR 100+ YEARS.

Hello East District!

As we enter the spring season and I begin selecting music for upcoming services, I always like to start worship with an upbeat, uplifting song. One of my favorites is "He Keeps Me Singing." While it is a joyful hymn, the story behind it stems from a great tragedy in the writer's life—a story that holds even more meaning because it took place right here in Kentucky.



Luther Bridgers was a preacher who lived in Kentucky with his wife and three young sons. They were a lively, young family kept busy with ministry and church services.

In 1910, Luther and his family took a trip to visit his wife's parents in Harrodsburg. The time together was filled with laughter and joy as the families reunited once again. The children squealed and played with one another and the adults talked late into the night. They fell into their beds exhausted and prepared to sleep soundly all night long. It had been a good time of reunion and the rest of their stay in Harrodsburg was anticipated to be the same.

No one is quite sure how it happened or even when it began, but in the early morning hours tragedy shattered the tranquil happiness. A man in one of the neighboring houses, who was unable to sleep that night, looked out the window of his house. A terrible sight met his gaze—flames licking at the sky from the home of Mrs. Bridgers' parents. He ran out into the night, calling in alarm that their home was on fire. By this time, the house was engulfed in violent flames. Mrs. Bridgers' parents and Luther were aroused by the calls of the neighbor and stumbled out of the house.

In the chaos of the fire, Luther looked around him for his wife and children. It didn't take him long to realize that they hadn't made it out yet. He pushed forward to go back in and find them, but was restrained by those who had gathered. He watched in horror as the house collapsed in an inferno of flames. His wife and sons never made it out of the house. Nothing was left of the house by the time the flames had been extinguished. All that was left was the shattered pieces of Luther Bridgers' heart. At the young age of twenty-six, he had lost his entire family.

In the weeks that followed, Luther wrestled to find comfort amid so much sorrow and loss. How could he find a way to keep going when he had watched his family be burned alive? He didn't understand how God would allow such an event to happen when he and his family had been serving Christ. The questions haunted him. During this time, Luther remembered that God would indeed give "songs in the night." He clung to the promise that God would never leave him or forsake him.

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## Hymns & History Cont.

What a powerful reminder that Jesus -The Timeless Anchor- is the one who keeps us singing, even when the rivers of sorrow flood over our soul.

At one time Luther contemplated leaving ministry totally. He had no idea how he could keep going. Soon after, God gave him confirmation and strength to continue on Preaching!

**You can see Luther's story in the words of the hymn:**

**21 He Keeps Me Singing.**  
L. B. B. L. B. BRIDGERS.

1. There's within my heart a mel - o - dy Je - sus whispers sweet and low,  
2. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife, Dis - cord filled my heart with pain,  
3. Feast - ing on the rich - es of His grace, Resting 'neath His shelt'ring wing,  
4. Tho' sometimes He leads thro' waters deep, Tri - als fall a - cross the way,  
5. Soon He's com - ing back to wel - come me Far be - yond the star - ry sky:

Fear not, I am with thee, peace be still, In all of life's ebb and flow.  
Je - sus swept a - cross the bro - ken strings, Stirred the slumb'ring chords a - gain.  
Always look - ing on His smil - ing face, That is why I shout and sing.  
Tho' sometimes the path seems rough and steep, See His footprints all the way.  
I shall wing my flight to worlds un - known, I shall reign with Him on high.

**CHORUS.**  
Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus - Sweet - est name I know,  
Fills my ev - 'ry long - ing, Keeps me sing - ing as I go.

Copyright, 1910, by L. B. Bridgers.

**Jesus will be with us in good times and bad:**

There's within my heart a melody  
Jesus whispers sweet and low,  
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,  
In all of life's ebb and flow.

**Referring to the tragedy of the fire:**

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,  
Discord filled my heart with pain,

**Referring to the Holy Spirit comforting him:**

Jesus swept across the broken strings,  
Stirred the slumb'ring chords again.

**Jesus will be with us in trials:**

Though sometimes He leads through waters deep,  
Trials fall across the way,  
Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,  
See His footprints all the way.

**Many people asked Luther, "How did you keep on going for the Lord?"**

**He answers in his song:**

Feasting on the riches of His grace,  
Resting 'neath His sheltering wing,  
Always looking on His smiling face,  
That is why I shout and sing

*Brandon S. Pelfrey*  
Worship Leader, KY East District

## Baptisms Across the District

Beattyville First Church of God - Anita McQueen (March 29)  
 Beattyville First Church of God - Jessica Evans (March 22)  
 Beattyville First Church of God - Ruthie Brewer (March 22)  
 Bowen First Church of God - Elliot Faulkner (March 22)  
 Bowen First Church of God - Everett Johnson (February 8)  
 Bowen First Church of God - Jaxon Weddington (February 8)  
 Campton First Church of God - Alivia Tyra (March 1)  
 Campton First Church of God - Ben Fugate (February 4)  
 Campton First Church of God - Brandlee Haddix (March 29)  
 Campton First Church of God - David Young (March 29)  
 Campton First Church of God - Harley Haddix (March 29)  
 Campton First Church of God - Ivey Haddix (March 29)  
 Campton First Church of God - Makaila Fugate (February 4)  
 Grandview Church of God - Jack Henry Brown (January 11)  
 Grandview Church of God - Logan Friley (February 22)  
 Johnson Church - Charlotte Litton (March 15)  
 Johnson Church - Gary Lanham (March 15)  
 Johnson Church - Jacob Robinson (March 15)  
 Johnson Church - Raylee Withrow (April 12)  
 Vaughn's Mill First Church of God - Ryan Poe (April 19)  
 West Bend First Church of God - Dillon Mays (March 8)  
 West Bend First Church of God - Jordon Hix (March 8)  
 West Bend First Church of God - Lawrence Watkins (March 8)  
 West Bend First Church of God - Tonya Collins (April 12)  
 Wildwood Church of God - Cut England (March 15)  
 Wildwood Church of God - John Townsend (March 15)  
 Wildwood Church of God - Kat Kellogg (March 15)  
 Wildwood Church of God - Sophie Hicks (March 15)



**For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks,  
 slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.**

**1 Corinthians 12:13**

# Past Rally Report

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our March Rally and 20th Year Celebration. It was a wonderful evening of worship, fellowship, and reflection on all that God has done over the past two decades.

We were blessed by the incredible singing of The Townesmen, along with special guests Caeden Molihan, Ann Walton, Kristi Parks, and Cindy Barber, as well as our East District Worship Leader, Brandon Pelfrey. Stephen Donithan delivered an eye-opening and heartfelt sermon that challenged and encouraged everyone in attendance.

At the close of service, we enjoyed a time of fellowship while reflecting on the past 20 years and remembering our founding Chairman, Jeff Justice. It was truly a special night for everyone who was there.

If you missed the service, or if you would like to watch it again, the full service was streamed live on our Facebook page and is still available to view.

Thank you again to everyone who attended and helped make the evening so meaningful. We look forward to seeing you next month at our April Rally.



# Activities Around the District



Pastor Sandra Nathanson

## KY East District of the Church of God



# Welcomes

Sandra Nathanson

New Pastor  
Siloam First Church of God



## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

May 17th

**5**  
PM

Clay City  
First Church  
of God

4200 Main Street, Clay City Kentucky 40312

Come join us for a cook out, games, and bring your ideas for developing this new young adult group. Regardless if you are looking for a church or already have a home church, everyone is welcome.



## MEN EQUIPPED

*Becoming the Men God Calls Us to Be*



*A Men's Weekend Gathering*

Friday, May 15 | Beginning at 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 16 | Starting at 9:00 AM • Concluding with a Catered Lunch

Guest Speaker: **BRAD WHITE**

**Topics Include:**

- Real Manhood
- Purity
- Keep the Change (Accountability)

Worship Leader: **BEN STEPHENS**

*Whether you're new in your faith or have walked with the Lord for years, this weekend is for you. Bring a friend and join us!*

**LITTLE PAINT FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**  
671 Little Paint Road, East Point, KY - 606-886-3699

# Activities Around the District



## REGISTRATION

**Early Bird Registration**  
Individual \$30 | with Spouse \$40  
Ends April 1st

**Regular Registration**  
Individual \$40 | with Spouse \$50  
After April 1st



[www.truthmattersonline.com](http://www.truthmattersonline.com)

"Now more than ever truth matters, so we ask that you join us in prayer for Pastors' Fellowship 2026. Pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit among those in attendance. Pray for anointing upon each speaker, singer, and musician. Pray for truth to be proclaimed, Jesus exalted, the Kingdom expanded, and for lives to be eternally changed. And we are praying to see you May 3rd, 4th & 5th in Winchester, KY."



Jessica Hall  
Chairwoman Pastors' Fellowship Steering Committee

Registration is Open for Summer Camp!!!!

## 2024 FREEDOM

John 8:36 Camp Lyons



**Sr High Camp**  
(completed 9-12th grades)  
June 7-13

**Jr High Camp**  
(completed 6-8 grades)  
June 14-19

**Kids**  
(completed 2nd-5th grades)  
June 21-24

# RED RIVER CAMP MEETING

OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

**JUNE 21-26**

Meadowgreen  
Appalachian Music Park  
303 Bluegrass Lane  
Clay City, KY 40312



**NATHAN LEASURE**  
EVENING EVANGELIST

### FEATURING

- 3 DAILY SERVICES
- PRAYER ROOM
- YOUTH AND CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES
- SPECIAL MUSIC
- MEALS PROVIDED
- CAMPING AVAILABLE ON SITE

Presented by Red River Association of the Church of God  
Contact: Wesley Hale | 606.422.0370 | [jweshleyhale@gmail.com](mailto:jweshleyhale@gmail.com)

EAST DISTRICT KY

# YOUTH RALLY


WORSHIP  
RYAN LYNCH WORSHIP BAND & KHA ROBINSON (KCU)

SPEAKER  
MICAH TAYLOR

HOSTED BY  
**WILDWOOD CHURCH OF GOD**  
3500 South 29th St, Ashland, KY

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**  
DOORS OPEN 5:00P | STARTS 5:30P

**AFTER RALLY!**  
TACO BAR & GAMES (at the Youth House)



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## Pulpit Supply & Special Singing

### Pulpit Supply List

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Eventide

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God Sent

- 606-674-6957
- gaye.harmon@bath.kyschools.us

Heritage Messengers

- 859-338-6182

Kentucky Mountain Bible College

- 606-693-5000

Peace of Bluegrass

- 859-498-5988
- peaceofbluegrass@gmail.com

Sons of Liberty

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The McKinneys

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The Townesmen

- 304-206-1303

Whispering Hope

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  - 859-338-5018 (Robin)
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# East District Team and Support

## Ministry Committee



Terry Frerichs  
*Chairman*



David Neace  
*Vice Chairman*



Portia Justice  
*Secretary*



Brandon Pelfrey  
*Treasurer*



Stephen Deal  
*Youth Coordinators*



Caleb Epperson  
*Youth Coordinators*

## Ministry Support



Sandra Hall  
*Graphic Designer*



Jeff Fannin  
*Publication Printer*



Rachel Miller  
*Newsletter Editor*



Brandon Pelfrey  
*Worship Leader/  
Website Designer*



Lisa Hughes  
*Rally Pianist*



Pauline Kesler  
*Rally Photographer*

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## Financial Contributions

*To contribute financially to the East District, please send funds to:*  
East District of the KY Church of God  
P.O. Box 2263  
Pikeville, KY 41502

*Or visit our website at:*  
<https://www.eastdistrictky.org/giving>

## Social Media

“Like” our Facebook page:

@eastdistrictkycog

“Follow” our Instagram:

@eastdistrictkycog

## Youth Social Media

“Like” the East District Youth

Facebook page:

<https://bit.ly/EastDistrictYouth>

## East District Regional Breakdown

### REGION 1

*Counties:* Bath, Fleming, Menifee, Nicholas, Rowan

*Congregations:* Bluebank, Clearfield Tabernacle, Cranston, East Fork, Flemingsburg, Frenchburg, Johnson (Fleming Co.), Johnson (Rowan Co.), Mariba, Midland, Morehead, Morehead Community Fellowship, Mudlick, Oakla, Owingsville, Pleasant Valley, Polksville, Preston, Salt Lick, Siloam, Tunnel Hill, Youngs Valley

### REGION 2

*Counties:* Boyd, Greenup, Lawrence

*Congregations:* Blaine, Grandview, HillCross, Shawnee, Lowmansville, Martha, Meade Station, South Shore, Wildwood

### REGION 3

*Counties:* Floyd, Johnson, Pike

*Congregations:* Elkhorn City, Feds Creek, Johns Creek, Lick Creek, Little Mud Lick, Little Paint, Paintsville, Prestonsburg

### REGION 4

*Counties:* Breathitt, Magoffin, Morgan, Wolfe

*Congregations:* Broadway, Campton, Ezel Jackson, Torrent, Trent, Wells Chapel

### REGION 5

*Counties:* Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Laurel, Letcher, Owsley, Perry

*Congregations:* Chavies, Clay County, Kirby Knob, Neon, Park Place, Sunny Acres

### REGION 6

*Counties:* Estill, Lee, Powell

*Congregations:* Beattyville, Bowen, Clay City, Irvine, Middle Fork, Millers Creek, Morris Creek, Pine Crest, Stanton, Vaughns Mill, West Bend, White Oak, Zoe



## TV & Radio Programs Hosted In The East District

Vision Broadcast - Pastor Jeff Fannin

- WIVY 96.3 FM - WKCA 97.7 FM
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Pastor Raymond Tipton

- WBFC 1470 AM
- Saturday 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Bobby Hollon

- WJSN 97.3 FM
- Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Pastor Bobby Hollon

- T.V. WLJC
- Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Pastor Dan Heaberlin

- WSIP 98.9 FM
- Sunday 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Rob Rice

- WBFC 9.7 FM
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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