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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

I have heard of many bad things about this year, however I have heard of many wonderful things that God has done and I am going to take a Biblical viewpoint (Philippians 4:8) where it states: *...if there be any praise, think on these things*. Since this is the last month of the IFGEA year, let us review some good things that have happened this year.

God has opened the door of opportunity for our churches to get out of the rut that so many churches get into and showed our pastors more ways to minister to the world. I have heard more new ministers this year than any one year in the past. As our churches open the doors to their buildings may they continue using the new ways they have used of spreading the gospel. Some of the ways that has arisen are:

1. Facebook, which has come alive with church services.
2. Some have started having church in their parking lots.
3. Bible Study groups are meeting over the internet.

Therefore, I am giving our ministers a huge "THANK YOU" for going the next step to keep the message out there. Even when this is over, there will be people for one reason or another that are unable to make out it to the local church building.

This year has been a year to remember and if the Lord tarries His return for another 10-20 years, people will look back on 2020 just as my grandparents looked back on 1929 with the stock market or my parents on the Polio Epidemic of 1955. The main thing for us to remember is that God brought them through it and Praise God he will bring us through 2020.

While some have been ill this year, I have heard of the mighty ways that God is still in the healing business. Several of our ministers have been under a doctor's care and, not mentioning names because of space, Praise God that you have received a touch from God.

There are many ways that God has worked in our lives this year and I want to praise Him for His mercy, love, peace and strength that He has given each one of you. May God continue blessing you as you continue growing closer to Him.

In Memory of

Billy R. McCannon

7/30/1931-9/23/2020

Please keep his wife, Connie McCannon, and the rest of their family in your prayers during this time of mourning. Even though we know that he is in Heaven, he will be sorely missed down here by his friends and family.

THE ROVING PULPIT

By Evangelist David Sappington

You're Called

Isaiah 61:1-3 and Jeremiah 1:4-10

All of us has a calling on our lives. It's up to us how we use it for the Kingdom of God. Some talk their way out of it depending on life's circumstances. We often fall into the trap of letting man tell us who we are in Christ Jesus. And it hinders in our walk with the Lord.

These scriptures the Lord has chosen for me, I fought with God for a long time because man told me what I was. As a young minister being influenced by well meaning people, taking to heart every word they said, was I thought true guidance but ended up being the wrong path that I was supposed to be on. God was teaching me how He wanted me to walk with Him; but I wasn't listening to Him. That was a big mistake on my part.

While I was growing up as a child and a young Christian. I was like Samuel when God was calling my name, I kept running to man for the answer instead of saying here am I Lord. The circumstances I grew up in was for such a time as this. I am to preach good tidings unto the meek, to bind up the broken hearted, proclaim liberty to the captive, open prison doors to them that are bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, the day of vengeance for our Lord and comfort all that mourn, was sanctified at birth, ordained a Prophet to speak boldly as a child, but go where He sends me and to say whatever I was commanded to speak.

I was called by God, not man. I am sent here to free you from the things that brought you down to help you receive your calling. You are a child of God seeking Him for the answers. I am here to help, not hinder your calling. Help you destroy the walls of bondage that has you bound. Call out to God and let Him free you.

There's nothing you have done that God can't deliver you from. Don't worry about what man can do, they may turn their back on you but, God never will. I had to learn to breathe and not walk around in fear and, you have to do the same thing. Forgive yourself as God has forgiven you. . .in faith, believing what God has called you to do and, do it.

RENEWAL TIME

Yes, it is that wonderful time of the year that you get to let us know that God has kept you safe and is still working in your life by renewing your credentials. Each one of you should have received your renewal form in your September Express since I have not received any calls asking about where it was, I am trusting in God that you will reply in a timely fashion and not put it off until the last day. Remember they are due on October 31, 2020. For those who have renewed by the time I send out the November newsletter, you will receive your new membership card in with your Newsletter.

However, if you are not renewing this year for any reason it would be nice to hear from you so the Board will know why. We are concerned and we do pray for our ministers and churches.

Evangelist Youth Association (EYA's)

At this time, I have not heard back from our EYA Leader.

Let us keep Brother Tristin Ledford in our prayers. Ministering to our youth is an area that so many people overlook, however they are extremely important to God. In Matthew 19:14, we

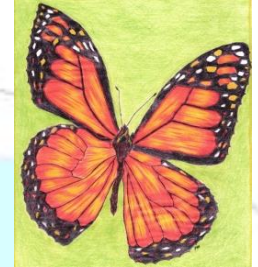
read – *But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.* If Jesus cared about the young people when he walked the earth, then he cares about them today. The youth of this world needs God as much as the adults. The youth in our churches need leaders/youth pastors as much as the adults need leaders/pastors.

If we gain the little children and then lose them as teenagers, what have we gained?



Women of Worth/Helping Hands

Ladies, if you haven't packed your bags for the 2020 Conference it is not too late. Sister Gorham reminded me that it is coming fast. Sterling Full Gospel Church (3007 S. Sterling Avenue, Independence, MO) is hosting the WoW Conference (October 6-8th) with morning, afternoon and evening services. Come out and hear Beverly Gorham, Tamara Gunn and Willie



Shields, who are the evening speakers. Services start at 9 AM for the morning service, afternoon service right after the provided lunch and 7 PM for the night services. We are expecting the Holy Ghost to move in amazing ways again this year as in last years.



Mighty Men of Valor

JUDGES 6:12

I have heard from Brother David Sappington that due to the government decreed Emergency Status for Missouri they are unable to plan things out for next year at this time. Nevertheless, they are still planning on getting the men together so that everyone can meet and greet brothers from outside of their local church.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October

²⁴ The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: ²⁵ The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: ²⁶ The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)

Be sure and wish these fellow workers in the ministry field a Happy Birthday. As we know, we all need a kind word every so often to keep our spirits up so we can do God's work.

David Bittner (18), Steven Coleman (10), Raymond Cox (17), Jimmy Martin (11),
Mark Pope (14), Pamela Shepard (29), and Paul Taylor (29)

The spouse of our fellow workers can use an encouraging word as well, so please be sure to let this supporter know that you are praying for her/him as well.

Karen Charlebois (3), Fay Foyil (26), Donna Hayes (17), Kathy Johnston (29),
Heather Pitman (23), Arletta Pope (31), and Sabrina Powell (16)

We want to recognize those couples that are celebrating anniversaries this month with a special prayer on their day and maybe a kind word.

Phillip & Kathy Christian (25), Carl & Fay Dunlap (9), Wendell & Margie Folsom (18), Randy & Kay Hugo (30), Richard & Darlene Jones (29), and Donald & Virginia Stepp (18)

Another Submission by a minister

By: Genevieve Hebert

Overstepping of Boundaries

The more information we receive, the more we realize that someone is trying their best to see how far they can use fear tactics of a situation that was not dealt with according to the facts rather than how it was allowed to be blown up to the point of rampant fear. I do not blame President Trump, although he is blamed for everything. There are those who are in high places that were somehow able to hide the truth from the American people. There were doctors who said that this has been around for years and that it was not a drop in the bucket compared to the deaths caused by the flu last year. I am not saying that we should not take precautions, but it was built up to the point that it was going to wipe out one third of the people. If it had of been presented the same as the flu, we wouldn't have had all the disasters that we have had.

The elite groups, as I call them, have money and they have power because of using the strategies of Hitler. Taking a bad situation, such as the incident which happened in Chicago, they put fuel on the proverbial fire by sending their agitators in to create havoc and turn it into an all-out war. They use racism, yes it does exist, but not near as much as they lead people to believe.

This pandemic is a test on how much freedom they can take away by using fear tactics and using them as a gauge.

Billions of dollars have been lost through fires, looting, injuries, lost jobs and the list goes on. Then there is the personal side of losses; suicides, mental illness, abuse, families torn apart and this is just the tip of the iceberg. How much are we going to put up with?

You may ask; "What can I do?" I am glad you asked.

First, you can pray, seeking for guidance and be led by the Holy Spirit, His is the Spirit of God which God had chosen to work with us and through us.

Second, know what the issues are and what each party stands for. The person is the party and the party is the person.

Third, VOTE for what you believe in. Example- If you do not believe in abortions, vote for the candidate that is against abortions. If you get in a situation that you do not agree with either one, then you weigh the issues and vote for the one that is closest to your beliefs.

No vote is a vote for the one you disagree with. **JUST BE SURE TO VOTE.**

NOTICE

Starting on September 24th, I will be going to the office in Temple, Oklahoma at least twice a month. I will be varying the date and the day of the week so check with me if you want to come to the office to visit or see the campground and would like a tour. However, you can still use either the Oklahoma or Texas address for your correspondence.

The finances have been down this year; therefore, I want to take this time to thank each one of you that have sent in at least one offering this year. Those offerings have meant a lot to me as

I have needed to hear from you. Your envelopes, with and without notes have been a blessing to me. May God bless each one of you as you follow God's leading in giving to the I.F.G.E.A. as well as giving to your local church.

We, the I.F.G.E.A. have been hit hard financially this year. It seems that one or more than one person had noticed that no one was going to our property on a regular basis and that the water was on, so they helped themselves and ran up our water bill over three thousand dollars for a three month period. Please pray for their soul(s).

We are thankful for your giving in the past so that the funds were in our account and there were no overdraft fees from the bank. At this time, we are asking that you pray about sending a financial gift to help replace the funds so that God's work will continue.

Brother Wingrove is asking that we All start praying about Camp Meeting 2021. With your prayers and God's help it is in the plans to have our Camp Meeting next year on time. So, mark your calendars for June 21-25, 2021. Plan on being there and on the outpouring of God's spirit.

We will also be needing workers for getting the campground buildings ready and support personal to keep things moving smoothly. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen, please contact Sister Linda Martin and/or Sister Lynn Wingrove. Another position that we will need filled is at least one person responsible to gather the trash and put it out for pickup daily. It would be nice if we had enough volunteers that our volunteers would be able to attend some of the services. Sister Linda Martin has missed most if not all of the last two Camp Meetings that she has worked. Now Sister Martin has done it for God and not for glory or praise, however she would like to get some ministering from God in the form of attending some of the services. Make it a matter of prayer about being a volunteer in 2021.

General Board Meeting & Other Information

Our next board meeting will be November 10th in Temple, Oklahoma at the campground facility. It will start at 12:30 PM. If you have anything you want presented to the board, please have it to me no later than November 1st so that it can be put on the agenda.

We will be asking for your help so that we can try to have the new restroom facilities up and running by Camp Meeting 2021. Your help can come as a financial donation or labor or materials. Be sure to ask God and then listen for His answer on how you are to help with this project.

If you are on the 'Ministers wanting to be invited to minister in other churches' list, you might want to consider submitting a short (1/2 typewritten page) for one of the newsletters. We reserve the right to edit material submitted for several factors: length, grammar, spelling, and subject matter. This is not a "soap box," it is however a place for Church News, Revival Announcements, and an outlet for you to let others know more about your preaching style. This is so that we can get to know more about our fellow workers and spread knowledge of your events held at your church.

C.I. Wilson