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HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the Lord bless you, your family and your church with peace, joy, an increased outreach to your lost neighbors and spiritual growth in your personal life as well as in your church.

For Your Information

The following link is to an article by the IRS, for those who have access to the internet you might want to read it and then pass the information on to your churches.

<https://www.irs.gov/about-irs/special-tax-deductions-available-this-year-for-cash-donations-to-charities-irs-works-to-raise-awareness>

To the best of my understanding if your church has a 501(c)3 then any contribution is eligible to be used as a deduction on an individual's tax return. This includes those that have renewed their Church Charter with us. The thing that is new for your 2020 Income Tax return is that you can take the Standard Itemized Deduction plus up to \$300, if you are like over 80% of the people who file taxes each year who do not itemize.

To claim any charitable donations, you must have a receipt from the charity or church before you file your taxes, according to the website. For the ministers that have given to the IFGEA above and beyond the credential fees in 2020, you will be getting your receipts from us in your February Newsletter. If you need it earlier, you may email me at: ciwilson@ifgea.com and I will email you a copy.

In Remembrance

For those who know Brother and Sister Charles Belville, it is with mixed emotions that I ask that you pray for their families. We recently found out that Sister Belville died during the first part of 2020 and Brother Belville (1931-2020), went to be with her on 12/14/2020. It is hard losing one parent, so I know it must be hard on them to lose both in the same year. According to our records Brother Belville was with the I.F.G.E.A. since 2008.

Brother Joe Wilkerson (1941-2020) passed away on December 20th so please keep Sister Pamela Shephard and the rest of his family in your prayers. He will be missed by a host of friends and family members as well as his church family.

Missions

With all the things happening in America and the world, the thought has come to me that we are getting closer to the catching away of the Bride of Christ. According to some of the information that I get from different Associations or Organizations, it seems that more prophecies have been happening during this past year (2020) and that they are the type that our Bible states is a sign that the end is drawing nigh. Such as Jerusalem being recognized and the capital of Israel (and not by just the USA) we also have read and heard about two Arab countries signing peace treaties with Israel and the possibility of more doing so in the near future.

With all that is going on around the globe there is a need for missionaries, evangelists, pastors, ministers and every born again believer in Christ Jesus to spread the Word of God to the lost and dying sinners that are all around us. God put a special desire in my life for furthering missionaries. For a period of time being in the Pentecostal Church of God I had a burden for a missionary in Japan and latter the Philippine people, whatever the culture that God has laid on my heart the one that has stayed the longest is our American Indian Missionaries. Yes, we have Indian Missionaries in the IFGEA's.

God brought to my attention a copy of the February – March 2005 edition of the Full Gospel Express and a certain article in it. Which I felt led to reprint here titled "MISSIONS".

You may say, "I just cannot afford to give to missions." My answer to that is, "Yes, you can."

Everyone of us find ourselves buying things that we really do not need. Some say that it takes all they have to pay their bills. After they have paid their tithes [every body pays tithes, don't they?] there is not enough money to go around. I realize that these are hard times but they have and always will be hard times. We do what we want too. We could give up that cola, coffee, donut, candy bar, etc. if we really wanted to once a week and by the end of the month, we could send an offering to Bro & Sis Wade for missions. They have given their life and their finances, so surely we should give of our prayers and money to win souls for Jesus. They are trying to demonstrate to people that God loves them. Let us become a part of that on a regular basis.

Brother Wade is no longer listing himself as a missionary, however we do have some that are missionaries: Brother Jay & Sister Bertha Arviso are missionaries to the Indians in New Mexico while Sister Marsha Colucci, Brother Ross McCourtie and Sister Esther Wilson are World Missionaries.

Will you join in and become missionaries by supporting the work of our IFGEA Missionaries? Remember, not all are called to go on the mission field, there are some that God calls to support the missionaries with finances and some with prayers. Pray about it and if God lays one of our missionaries on your heart to help support their work send the money to the IFGEA with the name of the missionary that God has laid on your heart and we will send it to them for their work. Or you can ask for their address so that you might let them know that you are praying for them.

Evangelist Youth Association (EYA's)

We have not heard from Brother Tristin Ledford this month. Keep him and the youth of our Association in your prayers.



Mighty Men of Valor

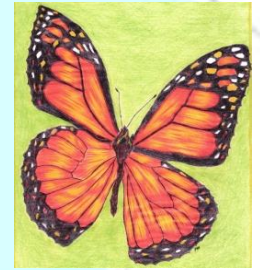
JUDGES 6:12

At this time, we do not have a leader of our men's Association and we ask that you pray that God will lay the burden for our men, that Brother David Sappington carried with a humble heart on the best person for that position. We do not want all of his good work to lay fallow during this time when our men need our support and encouragement.



Women of Worth/Helping Hands

This is a busy time for women everywhere with their home, families, and church work. Therefore, when you see them out and about doing God's work say a prayer for them. I am sure that we will be hearing good things that the Lord is doing for the women in our churches during the new year, 2021.



The Roving Pulpit

By Brother Gary Wingrove

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This has been a year of many ups and downs for the Body of Christ. I know many have been affected by covid-19 and I pray for the families who suffered loss during this time. We also hold up those who are currently experiencing the virus, and Praise the Lord, with the many who have come through it or have been Blessed to have not felt the effects of the pandemic.

Through it all, Jesus is there. He said He would never leave us, neither will He forsake us, but He would go with us until the end of the age. I know God has been with his children and has granted strength, encouragement, healing, comfort, and most importantly peace through every storm we encounter.

This year has been completely turned upside down, totally disrupted Holidays, ability to carry on as we did before the "shut downs", life certainly is not normal as we have known it. I personally believe the old normal, had in itself, became a real spiritual drag on our lives over the years and many things have been taken for granted. Change is in the air and I believe the change God has in mind for His children will be far greater than anything we have ever known. Sometimes we must step aside from our normal and let God show us His plan all over again. He has gotten the attention of the whole world. Many have taken heed to His warnings, and many will not. Give Jesus thanks and rejoice in Him.

Stand Firm, Fear Not, Keep the Faith, Be Thankful and Love One Another

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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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.

Rocky Blaylock (22), Emilio Carrillo (24), Aaron Finney (10), Barbara Fox (22), Shannon Posey (12), Ralph Prentice (1), and Gene Wingrove (6)

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.

Fay Dunlap (17), Bobby Markham (24), and Rhonda Resendez (7)

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

Jimmy & Linda Martin (24), David & Darla Payne (17), Keith & Tracie Penny (17), and Paul & Christina Taylor (3)

RENEWAL TIME IS ALMOST OVER

I want to thank all of you who have sent your renewal forms and fees in. It is a busy time of the year and by your prompt response to "Renewal Time" it has made mine busy and that has been a blessing this year.

However, it is with sadness that this may be the last newsletter some of you will receive. Please take the time to look at your address label that is on the envelope that this newsletter came in. If it is highlighted in yellow that means I have not (at the time of mailing) received your form and/or fee.

It is also with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to some of our churches since their charter has expired due to the lack of not renewing. If you are not sure that you sent in your Church Charter Renewal please contact me by phone or email. We have five that have not renewed their Charter. Please check and make for sure that you are not one of these five.

I am reminding you of this because I do not want you to have to go through the process of having to fill out new applications for credentials and charters. If you are not sure if you have sent it, look at the address label to see if it is highlighted in yellow. If you have sent it recently please contact me and let me know. As some of you may have experienced, the postal system has been overwhelmed during the holidays.

This is your final reminder about renewing your credentials. Remember that your Renewal Form and your fee have to be in the office no later than January 28, 2021.

If not and you want to stay with the I.F.G.E.A. you will need to request an application.

General Board Meeting & Other Information

At the present time we do not know if we will have a virtual Board Meeting in February. However, now is the time to submit applications for credentials and church charters. If you know of anyone that is wanting to have credentials or has just received their calling to the ministry from God and you do not have an application, just let me know and I will get one to you. I ask that they be in my office before the end of the year so that I will have time to check out the references before the board meeting.

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 page) sermon for one of the newsletters. We reserve the right to edit material submitted for several factors: length, grammar, spelling, and subject matter. Remember 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.

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