

THE CHURCH

Whenever we mention the word 'Church' we usually get a number of varied looks, followed by questions such as: What religion or denomination are you? Where do you attend? Do you go every Sunday? Are you a member? Is it exciting or boring? Do you have anything for youth and children? Do they provide a nursery? Is it clean and staffed with qualified personnel? What kind of music do you have? Is your Pastor a good one? Is the church friendly? Would I fit in?

These and many other questions can be asked as we try to influence people to become part of the church where we are involved. I think there is a far more important question which we should be asking ourselves, and that is: WHAT KIND OF CHURCH MUST THIS CHURCH BE?

That is a penetrating question which deserves a truthful and biblical answer. Since the church is not yours or mine, we must look to the owner for the answer. As important as all the other questions may be, none is as important as the one asked in bold letters above.

Let's interview the purchaser/owner of the church and get His answer. First He said, "The church must be built upon the solid foundation that He is the Christ the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:13-19) If the

church is not built upon that rock, there is no foundation for real truth and hope.

Secondly, He said, "My house shall be called the house of prayer." (Matthew 21:13) His church must be the place where men, women and youth of all ages can come into the presence of God Jehovah. Remember the church is not just a building but you are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. (1Corinthians 3:16) Prayer must become a lifestyle of daily conversation with your Father. We must be people of prayer.

Thirdly, His church can have only one head as the leading personality and that is Jesus. Paul settled that in Ephesians 5:23 when he said Christ is the head of the church. Regardless the talents or charisma of any gifted personality; they are not the head of the church, only Jesus is.

Fourthly, the church must be a place where people are ministered to. The greatest indictment of any house that calls itself a church, is for people who are in dire need to enter our doors, sit through our services and leave with those same dire needs. Likewise the greatest testimony is for that same individual to come, but be delivered and set free. (Matthew 4:23-24)

Fifthly, the fruit of the Spirit must be witnessed as a testimony to all who look at the church so it can be said of us, we are the true examples of Christ likeness. (Galatians 5:22-26) This fruit must be our identifying characteristic. When we allow the fruit of the Spirit to live through us then we become candidates to operate in the gifts of the Spirit. Oh how this is needed today as never before. My prayer is, "Lord set your house in order so we may operate in the fullness of your spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

Sixthly, the church must be prepared as a waiting bride for the bridegroom. This same Jesus who ascended up into heaven is coming back for His holy, prepared bride, the church. The spirit which we must be demonstrating today is gladness, rejoicing and honor to the King of kings. (Revelation 19:7)

Much more could be written about WHAT KIND OF CHURCH MUST THIS CHURCH BE? Hopefully, I have provoked you to be what our Father intends for you to be. Let's put on the garment of praise and enter into daily worship of the King as we journey toward home. The next time you enter the house of God, do it with thanksgiving and praise. with the determination to bless the Lord with your worship and present yourself to him as an obedient vessel ready to be filled and overflowing with His presence. If you will allow that to happen then the world will recognize you have been with Jesus.

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Phil Gross
Richard Gibson
Ira Lafferty

Clarksburg Church of God Salem Church of God Ravencliff Church of God August 9, 2015 August 16, 2015 August 23, 2015

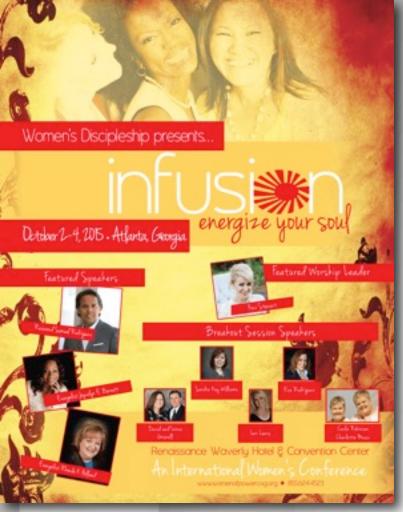
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS!

OUR CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the following family in their time of loss. You are in our prayers.

• Retired Minister, David Lee Kerns, passed away on July 30, 2015.





West Virginia Church of God May - July 2015 Quarterly Statistics

Tithe Breakers Top 10 On Campus

			WSS/Bethesda Temple of Praise	838
			Parsons	606
			Delbarton/Regional	506
	May 2015		New Martinsville	342
			Princeton	340
Chattaroy, Michael N Bostic		\$28,058.00	Bolt	337
Fort Gay, Randy Smith		\$3,515.86	Oak Hill/Mountain View	269
			Chattaroy	268
			Mallory	231
			Parkersburg/19th Street	205

Top 10 Tithes Top 10 Morning Worship

Princeton	\$104,303.00	Princeton	1374
WSS/Bethesda Temple of Praise	\$45,298.00	WSS/Bethesda Temple of Praise	588
Huntington/Jefferson Ave	\$41,315.00	Delbarton/Regional	290
Elkins	\$24,531.00	Hurricane/Tabernacle of Praise	253
Delbarton/Regional	\$24,489.00	Oceana	251
Parkersburg/19th Street	\$23,958.00	Bolt	239
Oak Hill/Mountain View	\$23,465.00	Huntington/Jefferson Ave	237
Chattaroy	\$21,373.00	Oak Hill/Mountain View	221
Ranson, CrossPoint	\$20,013.00	Elkins	218
West Logan	\$18,956.00	Ranson, CrossPoint	187

Church/Pastor	Tithes	On Campus	Off Campus	Worship
Alderson/River of Life, Anthony Michael Carter	\$4,573.91	36	35	105
Allen Junction, Reba Lockard	\$512.50	15	2	15
Ansted/Fresh Fountain FWC, Jesse Smith	\$2,714.63	30	49	22
Antioch, Johnny Goldizen	\$3,369.67	31	0	31
Artie, Jerry Dale Lawrence	\$1,400.42	18	10	19
Athens, Stanley Edward Metz	\$1,937.78	32	0	23
Bayard, Phillip Marcum	\$9,273.86	65	12	46
Beaver, Fountains of Liberty, Jerryd Clyburn	\$1,440.03	8	0	20
Beckley, Franklin Sexton	\$18,694.17	59	8	135
Beckley/Family Worship Center, Robert Stacy Dingess	N/R	0	0	0
Blair	\$228.33	14	0	26
Bluewell, Dewayne Houk	\$3,483.33	25	25	39
Bolt, Randall Pugh	\$17,900.33	337	0	239
Bradley, Brian White	\$729.67	20	0	26
Bradshaw, Brian Patterson	\$3,205.58	40	313	45
Brenton, Frederick Lee Fischer	\$5,699.35	68	0	62
Bruno, Roger Frye	\$6,970.33	125	0	49
Brushy Run, Bruce Cosner	N/R	0	0	0
Buckhannon, Frank Spears	\$12,005.80	84	0	83
Burnsville, Eddie Barker	\$1,768.00	11	3	11
Campus, Michael Dent	\$5,763.06	141	0	105
Capels, Kenneth Felts	\$749.33	25	0	22
Chapmanville, Michael Davis	\$8,898.37	77	0	64
Charleston/Harvest Time, Jess Inclenrock	N/R	0	0	0
Chattaroy, Michael Bostic	\$21,373.00	268	142	134

Church/Pastor	Tithes	On Campus	Off Campus	Worship
Cherry Tree, William Maynard	N/R	0	0	0
Chesapeake/Abounding Grace, John Simmons	\$865.00	0	0	0
Clarksburg, Ronald Miller	\$7,611.72	34	0	48
Coal City, Clarence Lee	\$4,538.71	23	30	55
Conklintown, Jerry Lee Graham	\$3,129.08	46	0	0
Crawley, Vivie Marcum	\$7,072.73	82	83	84
Cumberland Rd., Glenn York	\$12,748.34	94	50	76
Davis	\$603.33	11	0	11
Davis Creek, David Wall	\$5,017.87	26	0	35
Delbarton/Regional, D Mitchell Bias	\$24,488.65	506	99	290
Dorothy, Robby Brown	\$803.00	0	0	8
East Bank, George Ocheltree	\$1,437.45	12	0	14
East Fork, Roy David Browning	\$1,182.33	0	0	0
East Kermit, Otis Linville	\$4,283.33	27	29	45
East Lynn, Jody Lucas	\$5,184.95	27	3	19
Eleanor/New Vision, Leonard May	\$5,005.53	23	0	30
Elk Garden, John Legeer	\$1,290.03	14	0	14
Elk Lick, Lafayette Marcum	\$2,516.15	21	0	25
Elkins, James Estep	\$24,531.38	166	8	218
Evans, Benjamin Riggleman	\$11,816.50	81	0	160
Fairlea/New Covenant Sanctuary, Susan Erskine	\$4,899.54	36	0	47
Fairmont /Tri-City, Joseph Palmer	\$1,892.00	22	0	22
Ferrellsburg, Clifford Ellis	\$3,733.12	31	0	38
Follansbee/Promise of Victory, Albert Mitchem	\$10,393.38	69	0	106
Fort Gay, Randy Smith	\$2,983.19	83	58	46
Franklin, Rob Borror	\$2,160.67	0	0	0
Garwood, Ricky Shrewsbury	\$1,835.00	16	3	20
Gassaway/Mid State, Rodney England	\$5,053.29	35	41	50
Gatewood, Morris Nutter	\$4,583.18	51	40	41
Genoa, Elmer Mullins	\$392.50	16	0	16
Ghent, Lucas Luzier	\$4,807.67	23	0	62
Gilbert, David Babbitt	\$2,963.70	57	0	67
Glen Fork, Darrell Stapleton	\$3,299.67	46	36	48
Glen Jean/New Beginning, Thomas Fife	\$4,100.60	51	0	35
Glen White, Jesse Farley	\$10,042.33	131	0	86
Greenwood, Donald Elam	N/R	0	0	0
Halltown, Ollie Baer	\$2,760.00	19	17	14
Hamlin Praise and Worship Center, Michael France	\$100.00	10	15	7
Hotchkiss, Billy Belcher	\$1,982.81	28	1	20
Huntington/10th Avenue, Darrell Buttram	\$5,327.00	31	12	29
Huntington/Jefferson Ave, Gregory Tomlinson	\$41,315.45	137	0	237
Hurricane/Tabernacle of Praise, Bryan Mathews	\$7,172.58	202	0	253
laeger, Donald Morgan	\$1,402.00	17	35	17
Inwood/Family Worship Center, David Palmer	\$5,979.67	78	15	148
Isaban, Ryan Seabolt	\$1,085.21	32	0	40
Jeffrey, Curtis White	\$706.33	117	0	0
Job, Todd Rhodes	\$9,339.87	117	0	69
Justice, Billy Cresong	\$600.00	25	0	15
Kellysville, J. Franklin Adkins	\$17,770.88	44	0	134
Kenova, J. Rabun Haddock	\$12,943.75	80	90	60

Church/Pastor	Títhes	On Campus	Off Campus	Worship
Keyser, Larry Allen Idleman	\$5,296.63	0	0	34
Laing, John Cantley	\$575.00	13	15	16
Lashmeet, Gary Raulerson	\$3,558.67	57	0	79
Laurel Branch, Seth Cline	\$908.00	15	0	14
Lenore/Living Stone, Kenneth Toler	\$2,217.62	0	0	41
Lester, Ernest Francis	\$2,884.67	17	0	18
Liberty, Ronald Hoskinson	\$2,685.97	27	0	34
Lincoln, Lonnie Wilson	\$10,443.67	59	0	72
Lost Creek, Ronnie Beeson	\$2,622.00	16	22	16
Madison, Ronnie Luke	\$12,652.52	100	0	131
Mallory, Shaun Walker	\$12,519.36	231	20	161
Man, Donald Lafferty	\$3,426.14	25	0	31
Marfrance, Drema Kincaid	\$300.00	0	0	4
Marlinton, Fred Goldizen	\$2,565.44	13	32	13
Martinsburg/Living Waters, Rick Knight	\$4,922.77	112	0	76
Matewan, David Smith	\$3,162.60	78	308	161
Matheny, Tommy Perry	\$940.67	16	33	16
Maybeury, Kenneth Abram	\$3,630.45	40	0	57
Mill Creek, JD Wall	\$12,192.32	116	45	75
Milton, Ronnie Lee Marcum	\$1,196.44	82	5	14
Monclo, Daniel Boyd	\$1,641.33	16	0	7
Montcalm, Darryl Christian	\$7,028.33	103	99	71
Moorefield, Daryl Dunsmore	\$14,461.08	201	0	164
Morgantown/Harvest, Kevin Summers	\$5,655.67	0	0	37
Moundsville/Cornerstone, Ronald Wilfong	\$7,734.29	26	0	86
Mullens, Junior Riffe	\$5,860.02	63	0	68
National, William Page	\$4,852.00	25	0	42
Naugatuck, Etsel Rose	\$4,133.17	87	0	64
Neola, Jason Crabaugh	\$1,386.90	14	0	14
New Martinsville, Mick Frye	\$14,518.04	342	45	128
Nitro/Cornerstone, Phillip Gross	\$2,732.20	32	0	31
Northfork, Omar Burns	\$2,266.37	30	0	49
Oak Hill/Mountain View, Rudell Bloomfield	\$23,464.51	269	238	221
Oceana, P. Randall Bowles	\$13,374.83	180	1098	251
Open Arms, Ray Sexton	\$349.60	0	0	0
Paden City, Adrian Grant Cowgill	\$4,144.37	41	7	36
Page, James Elmore	\$973.33	27	0	26
Parkersburg/10th Avenue, Gary Pack	\$2,298.02	61	0	21
Parkersburg/19th Street, Jimmie Cox	\$23,958.17	205	124	169
Parsons, David Snyder	\$15,284.59	606	133	158
Paw Paw, Larry Shrout	\$3,268.55	21	0	25
Pennsboro, Paul Cantrell	\$3,037.53	24	0	36
Petersburg, Aaron Davidson	\$16,815.14	112	0	106
Peterstown, Ray Hurt	\$2,413.52	0	0	39
Philippi, Joe Palmer	\$2,411.62	27	15	32
Pie, Randy Williams	\$5,631.03	40	14	29
Piedmont, Ada Kittle	\$4,676.92	24	27	31
Pike, Joyce Hill	\$1,230.00	61	6	24
Pine Top, James M Means	\$1,168.15	23	5	12
Pineville, Norman Gray	\$4,427.23	14	0	52
Prichard, James Fred Ferguson	\$1,485.17	86	41	52
Princeton, Ray Hurt	\$104,303.18	340	105	1374
Rainelle/Greenbrier Avenue, John Keeling	\$3,304.43	26	15	44
Ranson, CrossPoint, Harold R. Newsome, Jr.	\$20,013.33	104	0	187
Ravencliff, Ira Lafferty	\$3,561.05	36	0	31
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Ravenswood, Malcolm Riggins	\$6,087.14	33	0	40
Renick, John Taylor	\$2,418.00	27	20	24
Rhodell, Gary Eskins	\$5,286.41	34	0	36
Richwood, Michael Simms	\$2,204.00	22	9	28
Ridgeview, L.A. Farmer	\$3,054.67	19	0	52
Robinette, Albert Cline	\$937.97	41	0	27
Romney, Raymond Sterling	\$1,491.00	0	0	14
Rum Junction, Leslie Williamson	\$677.83	12	0	12
Rupert, Frank Jones	\$1,016.85	16	0	25
Saint George, Carolyn Shreve	\$763.32	23	22	34
Salem, Michael Cox	\$6,423.66	78	23	51
Seth/New Life, Roy Barnette	\$987.67	0	0	24
Shrewsbury, James Pittman	\$5,365.67	42	42	71
Smithers, Joseph Hubbard	\$6,623.89	69	0	43
Sophia, James Bostic	\$5,901.88	29	19	52
St. Albans/Foundations, Christopher Colagrosso	\$2,338.00	29	0	50
Stone Branch, Jody Bias	\$8,263.39	103	115	63
Summersville/New Beginnings, Joey Sheppard	\$10,683.68	36	0	127
Switzer, Harold D McMillen	\$7,234.33	67	0	44
Sylvester, Ricky Peters	\$4,311.83	45	15	37
Trace, Bobby Carter	\$6,046.00	117	0	105
Union, Michael Smith	\$7,123.00	0	0	98
Van, Patricia Smith	\$981.80	15	0	15
Verdunville, Michael Hartwell	\$15,091.33	110	54	110
Vienna, Wesley Vernatter	\$1,966.55	74	0	34
WSS/Bethesda Temple of Praise, Chad Edward Dinge	\$45,297.55	838	250	588
War, Leroy Richards	\$1,497.67	14	12	19
Wayne, Toney Cox	\$3,670.67	66	0	63
Webster Spgs/Compassionate Hope, Ty Farlow	\$1,588.00	17	0	24
Weirton/Northside, Tony Milliron	\$1,630.00	0	0	0
Weirton/Tri State, Joshua Martin	N/R	0	0	0
Welch, Timothy Akers	\$3,736.44	18	0	22
West Logan, Scotty Dingess	\$18,955.54	170	40	17
Weston, Randall Hughes	N/R	0	0	0
Weyanoke, Margaret Holt	\$2,706.90	24	0	29
Wheeling/Prayer Hill, Fred Ream	\$5,884.78	126	47	46
Whitby, Kepple Bolen	N/R	0	0	0
Whitman, Richard C McCoy	\$712.00	8	0	9
Whitmer, James Purnell	\$1,696.42	27	0	18
Wilcoe, Ronald Felts	\$1,576.68	37	10	16
Williamson, Earl Coleman	\$5,804.24	51	22	37
Williamstown, Ronald Blevins	\$1,446.17	11	0	25

2015 West Virginia Women's Ministries

CONFERENCE



Dynamic and powerfully anointed, <u>Elizabeth Sikes</u> is a Christian; wife; mother; grandmother; (former) pastor's wife; registered nurse; (former) professor/educator; an ordained minister in the Church of God; (former) full-time evangelist (along with her husband, Daniel); contributing author to various publications, including her (former) monthly article, "**Wisdom for Women**" featured in the Church of God **Evangel**. Her calling and passion is to lead people into God's presence. Through her anointed preaching and teaching, using real-life examples that illustrate biblical principles, many people have received salvation, healing and deliverance. She ministers with a heavy prophetic anointing. (added from original press release)

Her unique ability to address the physical and emotional needs of people, in combination with their needs, has brought her to the forefront as a prophetic voice for "such a time as this".

Her educational background includes: an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing; Masters of Science Degree in Nursing; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education. Prior to becoming a full-time Evangelist, she was employed as Assistant Professor of Nursing at a prominent Southern University.

After successfully serving as Pastors for 30 years, the Sikes' felt God redirecting their ministry into the full-time Evangelistic ministry. She was in demand, as a speaker on the local, state and international level for: churches; conferences; retreats; seminars; and camp meetings but is now semi-retired.

They are the proud parents of a son and daughter and have three grandchildren. She and her husband, Daniel, reside in Kingsland, Georgia. We are honored to have her with us for this conference?



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September: Scripture – Psalm 104:33

7Labor Day - STATE OFFICE CLOSED 18-19Girls Jamboree - New River Ministry Center

October: Scripture – Psalm 119:104

November: Scripture – Psalm 150:6

25-27Thanksgiving - STATE OFFICE CLOSED