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"...Write the vision and make it plain on the tablet so that it might be read quickly."

Habakkuk 2:2 (LEB)

Third Regional Convention Fast Approaching

Excitement continues to build as the Church of God prepares for its final Regional Convention and CHOG Table later this month.

The first two regional conventions have come and gone, but the impact of each gathering will continue to spur the Church of God to greater vision, thought and dialogue. Concluding each regional convention has been a CHOG Round Table where Sexual Ethics were discussed in Vancouver, WA, and the Immigration and Refugee Crisis we face nationally was the topic in Anderson, IN. As we gather in Philadelphia, PA, the discussion will center on

Race Relations and should prove to be a time of challenge and growth, for our movement. While it is true we in COGVA have much work to do in the arenas of trust and moving forward in the unity process, we should recognize that Christ has afforded us opportunity and responsibility to share with others seeking to begin the process of reconciling various factions within the church. Whether it be along race lines, gender, or class, there is no place for division within the church, and it is the prayer of this editor that the conversations thus far, and the one yet left, will provide fodder for thoughtful reflection, and



will inspire us across the movement to action as we pursue the mandate of Christ "...they (we) may be one, even as we (Father and Son) are one:..." John 17: 22b

There are opportunities for those wishing to go to Philadelphia for free. That information is found on page 11. For more information on registration please refer to "Mark Your Calendars" on page 7.

Trio Announces Release of CD and Christmas Tour



Trio, the southern gospel group from the Dublin FCOG has announced their first recording project, along with a Christmas tour with Eventide. Trio presents the gospel of Jesus Christ in a powerful way through their music and testimony. This group has been a tremendous blessing for the Church of God in Virginia and is being used in circles outside our group as well. Currently, they are offering a premium for those who pre-order their CD project by going to <http://www.grouptrioonline.com/>

I've Been Thinkin...



Dr. Bob Neace, COGVA State Minister



Hazel & Bob Million

My friend, Rev. Bob Million. Bob's ministry spanned time in Ohio and Virginia, and some work in Georgia. The last several months, I have watched the strength ebb away from his 93 year old body. Each day this past week, I have sat by his bedside, along with his family, and watched him drift away into the presence of the Lord. It was my wish to have this issue of COGVA News completed last week, but there are times when we must prioritize our time, and this was one of those times. I will cherish these last few days with my friend and trust I have been a blessing to him and his family.

My mind has gone back over almost twenty years

the Lord has allowed me to serve him as pastor. When I first met Bob, his first wife was dying of Parkinson's disease. After her passing, Bob, found a new zeal for ministry and began networking all over again. He became my travelling buddy, going with me to Camp Meetings, revivals, Pastor's Fellowship, and anywhere else one might find a gang of pastors. About a year or so into our travelling, I saw this man in his seventies morph into a teen ager, or so it seemed. He began to hint that there was a lady he was interested in seeing and wanted my opinion. Being one who recognized it is not good for man to be alone, I encouraged this relationship, and soon

he brought a woman to church with him to introduce to his pastor. Not many days hence, Bob had proposed, she accepted, and they were married.

I thought once they were married, I would be travelling alone again. To my delight, I found Hazel was just as apt to travel as Bob was, and in fact, Hazel knew how to pack a bag of snacks with which to travel. I knew this was going to be a great match, for the two of them, and for me as their third wheel, 😊.

Today, my heart breaks for the family of my friend. His granddaughter in Florida was in such high hopes of introducing her

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A Prayer for Our Students



Rev. Marian B. Thomas

As I go back to school,
I do not know what to expect,
But I'm asking you dear Jesus, help me to stay on track.
I know the teachers are there,
To help me with what I need,
So open my mind to the good, dear Lord,
That I may succeed.

The bullies I may meet in the hallways,
The trouble makers on the field;
Don't let me get caught up, but stay focused,
On things of you, that are real.
I thank you, that you give us wisdom,
To make the right choice to be a light to others,

That they may hear your voice.
I close this prayer dear Jesus, with this one thing in mind;
I know you'll be there with me,
And with that, I will be fine.

Amen

Inspired By:
The Holy Spirit
Written By:

Sis. Marian B. Thomas

Virginia Beach Church Prays for 'Racial Reconciliation'

Note: This was an article within The Virginian-Pilot newspaper by Mechelle Hankerson on July 28, 2016

Hampton Roads residents responded with protests and demonstrations after police shot black men in Louisiana and Minnesota and police officers were gunned down in Dallas and Baton Rouge, La.

At Waters Edge Church in Virginia Beach, members are still figuring out how to deal with the fallout of the recent events.

"We had to come to the conclusion that in this country, racism still exists," the Rev. Steve Roby said July 20 during a prayer event the church regularly holds. "This is a time to come together and think about issues as Christians."

Prayer nights typically center on projects the church is working on. Last week's was supposed to focus solely on a group of church members getting ready to take a mission trip to Honduras, but Roby said he felt like he needed to change the purpose.

"It's on everyone's minds," he said. The church invited the community to the event through their marquee, which encouraged praying for racial reconciliation.

Roby also wanted to touch on recent violence after hearing from Curt Cooper, a black member of Waters Edge.

Cooper led a prayer for the families affected by racial injustice and recent violence. The church also prayed for Virginia Beach police officers, and other

law enforcement across the country.

"Some people ask us to take sides," Cooper said. "I'm asking us not to take sides."

He condemned the Dallas and Baton Rouge police shootings, calling them disgusting. But he also said he was scared of his sons becoming the next example of officer-involved violence.

Roby also emphasized that the church's role is to offer love and support to people affected by racial injustice and violence.

"We're not here to indict anybody," he said. "Our belief in equality runs deeper than anything."

Article submitted by Larry Ebinger – Water's Edge Community Church of God, Virginia Beach



Christiansburg and Abingdon Congregations to Serve in WV Disaster Relief

On September 12, the Christiansburg FCOG, along with the Abingdon congregation will be working side by side to help one of our sister congregations devastated by the torrential floods back in June. Many work crews have served in this capacity, and there are churches who are providing disaster relief in the more recent floods of Louisiana. The need is great for both of these states and each stand in

need of money, labor, and especially prayers. Some have asked where money can be sent to help in either situation. If a check is written to help in either of these two states, it can be sent to the address listed at the close of this article, or if you are familiar with a local church, can be sent directly to an affected congregation.

If there are folks interested in joining Christiansburg and

Abingdon next week, please feel free to contact Lance Jenkins at 540-382-6350, or Bob Neace at 276-356-1433.

West Virginia Ministries of the Church of God P.O. Box 998, Coal City, WV 25823

LA Congregational Ministries of the Church of God PO Box 130 Georgetown, LA 71432

CWC of Joynes Road Report on Camp Meeting

On August 5, 2016, several of the women from Joynes Road Church of God attended the Camp Meeting at Camp Christi in Christiansburg, VA. This was the first time for two of the women being in attendance and seeing the campground. The drive to Christiansburg was relaxing and the scenery of the mountains was beautiful. It rained off and on all day once we arrived on Friday. At times, the downpour was very heavy.

We were privileged to hear some of the conference led by Rev. Dr. MaryAnn Hawkins, the first female Dean of Theology and Christian Ministry at Anderson University. We also attended the COGVA

business meeting. Then, on Friday night, we were blessed to hear the conclusion of a five part message by the Evangelist, Rev. Dr. Horace W. Sheppard, Jr. The sub-theme was "A Delivering Faith".

Our lodging accommodations were excellent. On Saturday morning the hotel served a nice continental breakfast. Several attendees from other Church of God congregations were present at the breakfast and we enjoyed a wonderful fellowship.

Our pastor, Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green, III, prayed for a safe journey as we were preparing to depart.

Some of us were heading to the National Association Camp Meeting at West Middlesex and others were returning to Hampton Roads.

Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green, III; his wife, Dr. Velma Green and Rev. Lola Dixon attended the Camp Meeting for the entire week.

Other women in attendance were Sis Helen B. Lawrence, CWC President; Sis Velda Witcher, Vice

President; Dr. Gwendolyn Porter; Sis Effie Green; Sis Renita Howard and Sis Mae Rankin



Members of Joynes Road Church of God, L-R Dr. Gwendolyn Porter, Sis. Renita Howard, Rev. Lola Dixon, Sis Effie Greene, Dr. Velma Green, Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green, III – Pastor, Sis Helen Lawrence, CWC President and Sis Velda Witcher, CWC Vice-President

Pastor leads church in serving the community.

For a long time I have been preaching that when we leave the church building we have to be the church body. Recently, in an effort to better lead the church, I have focused on my own leadership. To better lead the church in serving I have to serve better. If I wanted them to serve in the community, I have to serve in the community. When I was contacted about the possibility of being a volunteer sheriff's chaplain I saw it as a way to serve and to lead. I and others in the church are already involved with the department of probation and parole teaching a class, serve on the local substance abuse coalition

and run a Celebrate recovery program so this seemed like a good fit. I saw a unique possibility to build a bridge between the recovery community and the local law enforcement and was excited about the opportunity. After completing an interview process and background check we (myself and 3 other chaplains) completed 13 core courses through the International Conference of Police Chaplains, additional training and orientation. We were sworn in and are now ready to serve. We have a rotational on call schedule for service with the sheriff's department to do death notifications, crisis

assistance, stress, debriefings and assist with any other needs. Additionally we are able to offer prayer, devotions, ride along with deputies and participate in special functions. Given recent tragic events involving law enforcement and my own personal leadership focus it seems that this is an opportunity for such a time as this. This is not the time for any of us to sit back and watch our communities or our country continue to slide toward Hell; we must get up and go out and each do what we can about it. This has made me even more committed to lead the church here in doing so.



Rev. Donn Sunshine, 2nd from right

Dr. James Lewis To Leader at Minister's Gathering



Dr. James Lewis

Dr. Lewis has been with AU for 24 years. He began teaching at AU with a dual appointment in the Department of Religious Studies and the School of Theology. Then, two years ago, he answered the call to be Dean of the School of Theology. The last several months have been especially busy for Dr. Lewis as he has led a team of faculty and staff working to merge the Department of Religious Studies with the School of Theology. He's also been an active leader in our discussions about the possibility of adding a major in Spiritual Formation, and doing the early preparation work for SOT accreditation review.

9:00-9:30 Ministers fellowship Business meeting

9:30-10:00 Welcome/light refreshments and coffee

10:00-11:00 Gathering/Worship [Focus on the Kingdom of God and the Church]

11:05-12:00 Communal Reflections on Kingdom and Church: Implications for Life and Ministry

12:00-2:00 Lunch on your own

2:00-2:50 Aspects of Kingdom Ethics I: The Beatitudes and the Character of Christ Followers

3:00-3:50 Aspects of Kingdom Ethics II: The "Lord's Prayer"

4:00-5:20 Case Study / Communal Reflections

5:30-7:30 Dinner on your own

7:30-9:00 Worship -- Focused on Prayers in light of our Common Mission and Specific Contexts / Benediction

Hotel information for hotels near exit 41 off I 77 is as follows. There are lots of other hotels in town with easy access but these are the closest.

Ramada 276 228 6000

Comfort Inn 276 223 1058

Hampton Inn 276 228 6090

Comfort Suites 276 228 4488

Fairfield Inn and Suites 276 228 8080

Super 8 276 228 6620

Sleep Inn 276 625 0667

Best Western 276 228 7300

*Due to last minute changes the meeting will be at the Wytheville First Church of God, 1135 Cove Road, Wytheville, Virginia. I can be reached at 276 620 0565 if anyone has questions.

I've Been Thinkin... (Continued)

yet unborn (but due any moment) child to her grandpa. It also breaks for his son and daughter who carry the memories of their dad, some of which I have heard and laughed, as well as cried about. My heart breaks for our local church, as Bob was a mainstay and faithful member of our congregation. My heart further breaks for his

widow, Hazel, who was his soul-mate. At 94 years of age, she has much strength, but her loss is monumental. My heart is also torn, however, because as much as it is broken for these, it also rejoices in that we have hope. Bob trusted Jesus as his Savior years ago, and has lived his life accordingly. As a result of this trust, Bob will be

among those with whom we who are saved will spend eternity. When As I officiated his funeral last night and commit his body to the ground today, I will not be saying goodbye, but will reiterate what I told him when he was still with us, "I'll see you in the morning. Until then, so long, 'Old Buddy.'"

Resolution of Grief for Deaconess Alberta C. Woods



Deaconess Alberta C.
Woods

July 21, 2016

A Resolution of Grief for the family of Deaconess Alberta C. Woods, The Officers, Pastors, and Members of the Church of God in Virginia humbly bow our heads to the will of God in the calling home of Deaconess Alberta C. Woods.

God, in His infinite wisdom has blessed His church throughout the life of Alberta C. Woods. He gave her a ministry that has included the founding of Joynes Road Church of God in Hampton, VA, Teacher of Sunday School, Missionary, Deaconess in the local church, preparing meals at camp meetings for decades, and quite possibly the most important aspect of ministry, Intercessory Prayer Warrior.

Given her character and life of servant leadership, the Kingdom of God has been richly and positively impacted for eternity through her life. Many will cherish her memory for years, and, as the Lord tarries, there will be generations whose lives will benefit because of her willingness to serve during her tenure of life on earth. Not all benefactors will know of her impact. Some will be aware of her legacy, but none will know for certain all the ripple effects of her life and ministry until we meet as promised in God's word concerning a heavenly reward to those faithful to His call on our lives.

God has further seen, in His infinite wisdom, to call home to be with Him this dear saint from whom so much has been given. The Word of God says in Psalm 90: 10 and 12, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ... So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." If an average lifespan of a person stands at 70, and by reason of strength, 80, one can only surmise the intensity of blessings for a life well-lived before Christ that causes the Lord to bless until 94 years.

To those who grieve today, from immediate family, extended relations, church family, and friends, please know that you are each being remembered in prayer today. The content of prayer includes comfort as you grieve, but also encouragement as you remember the servanthood of Jesus Christ so well embodied in the person of Deaconess Alberta C. Woods. Be encouraged and be blessed as you remember the legacy of Deaconess Alberta C. Woods.

Rev. Gertrude Goode, COGVA Chair

Dr. Bob Neace, COGVA State Minister

Mark Your Calendar

September

1st-4th Revival Church of God Chesapeake, 7:00 nightly Elder Debra Adams, Evangelist
5-11 Christian Family Week, Joynes Road CHOG, Hampton. Picnic on Saturday, Friends and Family Day 11:00 Sunday

10th COGVA Unity Service and Picnic @ Camp Bedford. Camp Bedford, 1032 Cider Mill Road
Bedford, VA 24523 Worship Service 10:30 with Trio as Worship Leaders, and Rev. Silas Oliver Preaching, Meal at 12:00
noon. Every person is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Soft drinks and paper goods will be provided by COGVA

11th-13, Homecoming and Revival @ 21st CHOG, Richmond, Rev. Howard K. Hammond, Evangelist 11:00 and 4:00
Sunday, 7:00 pm Mon-Tue.

14-16 Revival @ FCOG Norfolk, 8600 Granby Street, Theme: "Different areas in our lives that need to be revived." 14th :
Pastor Steve Roby of Waters Edge COG, 15th : Rev. Dr. Simeon Green III of Joynes Road COG, Hampton, 16th: Rev. Leon
Aaron from FCOG Newport News, 18th: Pastor Harold Boyd will conclude Revival.

23rd -24th at the Wytheville FCOG, Dr. James Lewis, Resource Leader

24th Joynes Road CHOG/Hampton Sunday School Workshop on Saturday 9:00am-12: noon.

27th – 29th Church of God Regional Convention, Philadelphia, PA CHOG Table "Racial Unity"
27th 5:00 PM—7:00 PM:Check-in and registration 7:00 PM—9:00 PM:Session One with Milton Grannum
28th 9:00 AM—10:15 AM:Session Two with Ben Hardman 10:15 AM—10:45 AM: Break, 10:45 AM—NOON:Session Three with
Arnetta McNeese Bailey
NOON—2:00 PM: Lunch Break 2:00 PM—3:15 PM:Session Four with Steve Arterburn, 3:15 PM—3:45 PM: Break, 3:45 PM—
5:00 PM: Session Five with Steve Arterburn 5:00 PM—7:00 PM:Dinner Break
7:00 PM—9:00 PM: Session Six with Reggie McNeal
29th 9:00 AM—12:15 PM:CHOG Table—TOPIC: Reconciliation 12:15 PM—1:45 PM: Lunch Break
1:45 PM—4:30 PM:CHOG Table—TOPIC: Racial Reconciliation

For registration, go to www.jesusisthesubject.org

October

1st Men's Ministry Training - Speaker/Trainer: Pastor Pete Conciglia Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 10 a.m. Topic: Joseph

7-9 Youth Retreat @ Camp Christi Theme: "Created". The cost for this event will be \$20 by September 23rd. After
September 23rd, the cost to attend will be \$30. Please mail your registration/medical release form to Pastor Scott Stedman
Attn: Fall Retreat 2016 1850 Shutterlee Mill Road Staunton, Virginia 24401

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Rev. Scott Stedman at pastorscott1982@gmail.com or call him at
540-290-4310.

9th Installation Service for Rev. Rick Hayes and family as the new Pastor for CHOG/Chilhowie, Time to be announced

16th Homecoming and Celebration for 75 years of God's faithfulness for the Abingdon FCOG. Common Bond will be in
concert in the AM Service with dinner to follow the service

29th – 30th Dr. Jim Lyon will be the Facilitator for Joynes Road Church of God's Fall Annual Conference—10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Community Leaders Meeting—1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Voices of Norfolk Concert—5 p.m. and will be the Guest Speaker for 11:00
a.m. Worship Service and 4:00 p.m. Unity Service Joynes Road CHOG/ Dr. Jim Lyon, Guest Speaker
30th Unity Service Marion FCOG, 419 Chatham Hill Rd, Marion, VA 24354

BE BOLD ACADEMY EXPANDS, REACHES BEYOND NORTH AMERICA



Since its launch in the summer of 2015, Be Bold Academy continues to expand its toolbox of resources, its accessibility to pastors and leaders across the country, and its reach to countries around the world. Considering its remarkable affordability, its online portability, and its practical ministry advantages, the increasing popularity of this tool among pastoral staff, ministry directors, church boards, and state and district assemblies should come as no surprise.

This year alone, an average of more than 530 users are seizing the opportunity to utilize a vast array of resources just a click away. Though Be Bold Academy initially captured the attention of North American pastors, a spike in interest from countries such as Poland, Great Britain, and France—to name a few—suggests our global brothers and sisters are also actively looking for ways to continue to develop as Christ-centered leaders. With Be

Bold Academy, users are finding all of these ways through a single portal.

So why is it that Be Bold Academy stands out among online ministry resource brokers? Ryan Chapman, director of domestic ministry initiatives for Church of God Ministries, says it has a lot to do with the wide variety of subjects the tool addresses. “Be Bold Academy addresses so many areas of ministry, making the appeal greater,” he explains. “This list of resources continues to grow, which only better serves the Christian community of leaders.”

After seminary and ordination, pastors may feel exhausted by their studies. But they’re soon reminded that there is always opportunity for growth. “Those who are college- and seminary-trained know that learning must be life-long,” Ryan explains. “Even the best educational experiences cannot possibly cover area of ministry. Be Bold Academy helps address both of these. We need to

be refreshed as we continue our leadership development.”

Be Bold Academy is Church of God Ministries serving our pastors. Ministers give of themselves over and over to church and community. They, too, need to be refreshed. They need to be invested in. That’s why Be Bold Academy exists. That’s why it’s so affordable, and why the price for enrollment has dropped since its launch. It’s also why more and more state and regional ministries of the movement are purchasing bulk subscriptions for all of their ministers. “We recognize the importance of Christ-centered and growing leaders,” Ryan concludes. “In an effort to serve the church, we want to partner with our pastors and regional pastors in providing a continually growing resource that is available anywhere at a very minimal cost.”

Discover the advantages of Be Bold Academy for yourself at

www.beboldacademy.org



COGVA Budget Income and Expenditures YTD/2016/2017

August 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017

Categories	Budget	8/1/2016
1000 STATE OFFICE		
1100 Business Office	\$3,500.00	
Postage		\$22.95
Telephone		\$43.46
Internet		\$36.00
Office Supplies		\$33.99
Office (Word)		
New Website and Domain		
Accounting (taxes)		
Yearbook		
Computer AntiVirus		
Safe Deposit Box Fee		
Bank Service Charges		
Credit Card Finance Charge		
1200 Insurance	\$14,800.00	
Property		
W/C		
Special Risk		
Van/Camp Christi		
1300 Office Manager	\$14,437.50	\$1,203.12
1400 Income Taxes and Social Security	\$3,320.00	
Federal		\$293.25
SUBTOTAL	\$36,057.50	
1500 Chair	\$800.00	
SUBTOTAL		
2000 State Minister	\$16,050.00	\$345.65
SUBTOTAL		
3000 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL/STANDING MINISTRIES		
3100 Executive Board	\$800.00	
3200 Ministry of Church Service/Credentials	\$300.00	
3300 Ministry of Christian Education	\$75.00	
3400 Ministry of Evangelism	\$50.00	
3600 Ministry of Program	\$2,000.00	\$24.32
3800 Ministerial Fellowship	\$100.00	

3900 Church Property Team	\$75.00	
SUBTOTAL	\$3,400.00	
5000 PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE		
5110 Camp Bedford		
5110 Caretaker	\$5,000.00	\$416.67
Health Insurance	\$840.00	\$70.00
5120 Campground Expenses (Maintenance)	\$1,000.00	
Capital Improvements	\$750.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$300.00	
Camp Bedford Mkt/Advertising	\$500.00	
5140 Utilities	\$6,000.00	
Power		\$145.54
Propane		\$312.29
Telephone		\$39.42
SUBTOTAL	\$14,390.00	
5200 Camp Christi		
5210 Caretaker	\$26,565.12	\$2,213.76
5220 Health Insurance	\$7,000.00	\$596.00
5250 Utilities	\$14,000.00	
Power		\$1,785.74
Water		\$379.15
Propane		\$248.54
5260 Maintenance	\$4,000.00	
Camp Christi Mkt/Advertising	\$500.00	
5270 Capital Improvements	\$750.00	
5280 Vehicle Maintenance	\$500.00	
5300 Legal Fees	\$500.00	
5400 Ministry Expenses	\$300.00	
Christmas Bonus	\$1,300.00	
SUBTOTAL	\$55,415.12	
TOTAL	\$126,112.62	
Total Expenses to Date		\$8,209.85
Total Income for Each Month		\$8,283.61
Difference between Expenses and Income		\$73.76

Complimentary Philadelphia Registration Opportunity for Pastors

This is too good to pass up! If you're a credentialed pastor in the Church of God, you and your spouse now have the opportunity to take advantage of complimentary registration for the Church of God Regional Convention and CHOG Table in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 27–29. Yes, there is a catch. But this one you'll appreciate! Sign up for the inaugural training seminar of CARE—Clergy Advocacy and Resource Effort—of the Church of God, and you'll not only be granted free admission to Reclaim 2016 in Philadelphia, but you'll also receive a modest voucher to assist in convention travel expenses. Far from a timeshare sales pitch, this event will train Church of God pastors and congregational board members with insights, best practices, and resources to understand, plan for, and manage pastoral compensation and financial matters. CARE is the new initiative funded by a Lilly grant awarded to Church of God Ministries in 2015.

According to a 2015 national survey of Church of God pastors and board leaders, financial concerns were among the primary reasons young pastors were more likely

to leave the ministry. Especially within the first ten years of ministry, pastoral compensation and financial management added significant strain to pastors. Under the umbrella of the advancement and domestic teams of Church of God Ministries, CARE is the movement's response to this crisis.

Pastors and churches don't get there intentionally. Often it's miscommunication and lack of practical information that lead both pastors and boards to contribute to an unhealthy financial situation for the pastor. Church of God Ministries has stepped up to address the problem, and CARE is offering solutions. These six hours leading up to the kickoff of the Regional Convention in Philadelphia might be more than informative for you—they could be the first steps to foundational change. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to schedule follow-up conversations and counsel with the goal of improving the financial health and stability of pastors. Through the CARE initiative, Church of God Ministries seeks to free pastors, especially young pastors, from unnecessary financial strain, thereby enabling them to better accomplish

what God has called them to do.

The seminar lasts from 9:00 until 3:00 during the day on Tuesday, September 27, so plan to arrive to the Regional Convention early—you may even win a prize! Look forward to engaging TED talk-style presentations and opportunities for one-on-one dialogue to stimulate your thinking. Experts from Servant Solutions will be on hand to share and encourage, as well. Then, when the event is over, you'll enjoy your complimentary registration for the Regional Convention and CHOG Table.

It's a big win for pastoral wellness, and it's a big win for the Church of God. So sign up today for the CARE training event at New Covenant Church on Tuesday, September 27. Contact Cheryl Elff at CElff@chog.org or 800-848-2464 to receive your free registration code.

Read the article we published earlier this year about CARE at <https://chognews.org/2016/02/11/church-of-god-ministries-announces-clergy-advocacy-resource-effort/>.



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Guidelines for COGVA News Submission

COGVA News is a tool for the Church of God in Virginia to disseminate news of the Church at large and has begun to grow where clearer guidelines are necessary. Under direction from the Executive Board in their meeting of March 13, 2015, COGVA News will operate under the following guidelines. What follows is a work in progress as other State Newsletters are consulted. All articles should be limited to a length of 500 – 700 words. Submission to COGVA News implies permission to edit submitted articles for clarity and space availability. Priorities of

space will be given to items of news of local congregations/ministries, COGVA functions, regional activities, and COGVA Entities (C.W.C/W.C.G., M.C.G., Christian Education, and all ministries of COGVA).

Non-news items and editorials must be original to the author and quotes attributed to its proper sources. Priorities of space will be given to items of news of local church news, COGVA Ministries.

Submission of articles should be limited to a minimum of one article per local church/ministry per quarter. A quarter will be

defined as Aug.-Oct., Nov. – Jan., Feb. – Apr., and May –Jul.

Please remember, these guidelines are a work in progress and a future set of guidelines governing COGVA News will be forthcoming

About the Church of God in Virginia..

The Church of God in Virginia consists of 50 churches across the Commonwealth and according to current accounting serve over 2,500 constituents each

Sunday Morning. Our current State Leadership consists of Chair - Rev. Dick Gilbert, Vice-Chair – Rev. Henry Haskins, Secretary – Sister Cathy

Atkins, and State Minister – Dr. Bob Neace.

CHURCH OF GOD IN VIRGINIA

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