

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

Habakkuk 2:2 (LEB)

Chatham Hill and Pastor Dunn Complement One Another



Rev. Jeremy Dunn
Chatham Hill
FCOG/Saltville

Like many young ministers, when the Rev. Jeremy Dunn graduated from Warner Southern College in Lake Wales, Fla., in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Church Ministry, he wanted to serve as a youth minister. Early into his ministry, God led him in a different direction.

From the age of 18 until he earned his degree, Dunn had worked with youth during summer breaks from college. He started his full-time ministry at 21. Upon graduation from college, he accepted a position as youth pastor at the Roanoke First Church of God.

"My middle brother, Jason, was youth pastor for three years at the church in Roanoke. I had talked via email with the senior pastor for several months before graduation. When I graduated, one of the first things I did was to meet with him in Roanoke. I served as youth minister in that church for two years," Dunn said, adding that his brother had left his position there to study child psychology at Wheaton University in Chicago.

Four months after leaving the Roanoke church, Dunn was living with his parents in Chilhowie when he was invited to preach at the Chatham Hill First Church of God in Rich Valley. A few weeks later, the church asked him to serve as interim pastor since their pastor, the Rev. Bob Million, was having health issues and needed to take time off.

Dunn's father, the Rev. Bobby Dunn, pastor of the Chilhowie First Church of God at the time, saw Calvin Lucy, superintendent of the Chatham Hill church at Sam's Club in Bristol.

Lucy mentioned the church needed someone to fill in at the Sunday service. Bobby Dunn said he knew of someone and gave Lucy his son Jeremy's name and telephone number.

"I preached the next Sunday. I went out on faith and trusted God to help me. I wanted to do what God had called me to do," Dunn said. He and his wife, Amy, are now in their sixth year of serving at the Chatham Hill church, where his congregation is a bit older than the youth he originally wanted to pastor.

Dunn's congregation is made up primarily of senior citizens ranging in age from their 60s to their 90s with a few younger members also attending services. Dunn admits he wasn't sure about making the transition from youth pastor to pastor of a more mature congregation, but he had no problems.

"I thought it would be a hard transition but it really wasn't..

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I've Been Thinkin...



**Dr. Bob Neace, COGVA
State Minister**

Why would God choose shepherds to be the first to hear the announcement of the birth of Jesus, the Messiah who had been promised by God Himself in Genesis 3: 15, prophesied about throughout the teaching of the Old Testament prophets, and hoped for throughout the 400 silent years between the Old and New Testaments? Shepherds were a necessary cog in the economic wheels of their day, but they were rarely given the respect of society. They were not always social, as their nomadic life prevented that. When they met with other people, they would have smelled of the sheep. For a host of other reasons, shepherds represented a class of people not usually sought after and yet, God dispatches an angel, then an angelic choir to herald the birth of His Son, Jesus.

There are many reasons God would honor those who served as shepherds. In fact, more reasons than there would be time here to discuss, but among them could be this: Perhaps the shepherds represented something many people miss, especially those whose relationship with Christ is superficial at best. Something took place April 8, 20015 that wasn't expected until late June of that year. Abigail Grace

Neace was born. The doctors told Kathy and I that we were going to be parents by midnight. (The truth is, we'd been parents since Abby was conceived...) When this realization sank in, I called Kathy's parents, my parents, her brother, my brothers and sister, and our church family. In addition to prayer for a baby who seemed to be in a hurry to get here (and often seems to be in a hurry to grow up quicker than Daddy wants), we wanted to share this news with those we love most. And this is one of the things I wonder about God sharing this birth announcement with shepherds first. Could it be, that as we read scripture, the shepherds represented the people God loved most? Please don't read more into that statement than what is meant, for we know that God loves everyone and His desire is that all would know Him and have relationship with Him through His Son. We can glean from scripture, however, that God has a place in His heart where He hold close those whom society forgets, those who do not have a voice, or those who may not be treated fairly. In fact, Matthew 25: 35-40 says, "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the

creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

As we celebrate birth of Christ this Christmas, let's make a special effort to grasp the significance of God sharing this WONDERFUL NEWS of prophesy fulfilled and the message of salvation with lowly shepherds, - folks who were representative of all of us. Let's be like the shepherds who, through the grace of God, received the news of Christ and His birth, and took their responsibilities seriously enough to seek Christ, and share His message with others around us. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward man!" (Luke 2: 14)

The Fragrance of Christ by Dr. Rawleigh W. Quarles Sr.

In the middle of discussing his unscheduled trip to Macedonia to the Corinthians, Paul begins a long digression on the nature of his Christian ministry. He breaks off into a discussion about his ministry, his relationship with the Corinthian believers, and the way God has used him to help others wherever he went.

Paul says that believers are to be like a sweet perfume whose fragrance others can't help noticing. Just as we cannot control a person's opinion about a perfume's fragrance, we cannot control a person's reaction to our Christian message and actions. But if we remain true to Christ, His Spirit working in us will attract others.

In a Roman victory procession, the Roman general would display his treasures and captives amidst a cloud of incense. To the victors, the smell was sweet; to the captives in the parade, it was the stench of death. When Christians preach the gospel, it is good news to some and repulsive to others. Believers recognize the life-giving fragrance of this news. To nonbelievers, however, it smells foul, like their own death.

The fragrance of Christ (the Gospel) is to those who are perishing an aroma of death leading to

death, for it signifies and leads to their ultimate judgment. Those who are being saved find the knowledge of Christ to be an aroma of life leading to life, for it now signifies life now and leads to life eternal. For Christians to have such significance for the eternal destinies of others is a serious matter.

When we face the task of representing Christ (the fragrance of Christ, the Gospel), preaching and proclaiming the Gospel, we never feel adequate. Perhaps we shouldn't, for to do so would also be the basis for pride. Our adequacy is always from God (**1 Corinthians 15: 10; 2 Corinthians 3: 5**). He has already commissioned and sent us (**Matthew 28: 18-20**). He has given the Holy Spirit to speak with Christ's power. He keeps His eye upon us, protecting us as we work for Him. Thus, if we realize that God makes us adequate and useful for Him, there is no such thing as an inadequate believer. Serving Him, therefore, requires that we focus on what He can do through us, not on what we can do for ourselves.

Speaking of adequacy in God and not ourselves, David said to Goliath the Philistine giant in **1 Samuel 17: 45** "Thou cometh to me with a sword and with a spear, and with

a shield; but I come to thee in the Name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied". In **Zechariah 4: 6**, "God spoke unto Zechariah these words for Zerubabel, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." And in **Philippians 4:13** Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Finally, regarding the fragrance of Christ, **Ephesians 5: 2** tells us that Christ's love for us was like a sweet perfume to God. (**Read Ephesians 5: 1-2**). Our love for others should be the same kind of love that goes beyond affection to self-sacrificing service.

As a Christian, is your life like a sweet perfume (fragrance of Christ), that others can't help noticing? Is there a sweet, wholesome fragrance in your life; is the fragrance of Christ within you, an aroma both to the saved and unsaved all around you? To those who are not being saved, we seem a fearful smell of death and doom, while to those who know Christ; we are a living perfume. We have the fragrance of Christ.



Barbara & Dr. Rawleigh Quarles, Sr.

"Thus, if we realize that God makes us adequate and useful for Him, there is no such thing as an inadequate believer."

Christmas Devotion By Michelle Milner Moore



**Norman, Michelle,
Sierra, Emma, and Kelley
Moore**

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2:13-14

Christmas to me radiates peace. No matter what else is going on in the world, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day give a feeling of peace like no other time. But what is peace. In English, it means free from conflict, strife or war. The word peace is mentioned over 400 times in the Bible. The ancient Hebrew word for peace *Shalom* refers to fulfilling and prosperous relationships between people, nations and humans with God. But can there be peace in our world? When listening to world and even local news today, there is no peace on earth. There is strife, fighting and terror everywhere. How can we have peace? Even at the time Jesus was born, there was not peace on earth. The Jews were ruled by Rome and even God’s house was not a place of peace. Strife was everywhere. But the angel said “On earth peace, goodwill toward men.” Jesus has come!

Peace can only come from God. Peace is a gift from God. There is no peace without God. In 2 Thessalonians 3:16, Paul writes, “Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.” In John 14:27, Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Peace came the moment Heaven came to Earth in the birth of Jesus. On that Christmas morning, peace came. Isaiah 9:6 states, “For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Peace has come! This Christmas experience God’s gift of peace.

In 1863, during the American Civil War, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, wrote a poem that has become a beloved Christmas carol. In the mist of personal hardship (his son had been severely wounded and his wife had been killed in a fire) and the bloodiest, deadliest war ever on

American soil, Longfellow penned the words to “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.”

I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, goodwill to men. I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom, had rolled along the unbroken song of peace on earth, goodwill to men. And in despair I bowed my head: “There is no peace on earth,” I said, “For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.” Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: “God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, goodwill to men.”

Jesus said in John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

This Christmas experience the peace that came to earth on that Christmas morning long ago.

Chatham Hill (Continued)

The people I was coming to, these people have loved Amy and me and we have loved them. We've needed this kind of environment, this kind of love. It's been an easy transition. This is evidence this is where God wanted me to be," he said.

Dunn first felt the call to preach at the age of 13 when he was attending a summer youth camp.

"I was saved on Tuesday and on Thursday I felt the call to the ministry. The speaker said if anyone was feeling the call to the ministry to come forward, so I went. I didn't really believe it. I just didn't believe he would call me. Ministry was what my dad did. I saw what kind of man my dad was. It was hard for me to believe God would call me to the same thing," Dunn said.

Dunn felt the same calling to serve God as a minister a second time when he was 16 years old. He was at an international youth convention when the speaker asked the same question he had heard three years earlier – does anyone feel the call to the ministry? – and again, Dunn went forward.

Already active in his church youth group as a teen, when he became 16, his youth minister was "instrumental in plugging me and a couple of others in the youth group into the services – youth-led services and youth preaching," Dunn said. Dunn's father recently retired as pastor from the Chilhowie First Church of God after serving 40 years

many of those years in Smyth County. He passed his love of the ministry and the church to his son.

"I come from a strong, church-going family, a family that is heavily involved in church. My grandmother, my dad's mother, was dedicated to the Church of God. That is kind of where the foundation was set. My dad was the greatest influence. Even though I am 30 years old, I still say my dad is my hero. I have always looked up to him and aspired to be like him. I never considered him pastor. I considered him my dad who pastored. He still helps me more than I can ever thank him for," Dunn said.

And now that Dunn's father has retired, Sunday mornings often find him and his wife sitting in their son's congregation, listening to God's message through their son's preaching.

"I preach what I feel God has laid on my heart. It is different preaching to an older congregation than to teenagers. You can't preach a 30-minute sermon to teenagers. Usually 10 to 15 minutes and you have lost their attention, but the content hasn't changed," Dunn said. "Adults, especially the elderly are more grounded. Their needs change more from spiritual to physical and emotional needs. They want to know someone is praying for them and cares about them."

As the holiday season approaches, Dunn points

out that the best gift someone can give the elderly is "the gift of our presence – a visit or a phone call to help with the loneliness and let them know we are thinking of them and praying for them."

An older congregation is also different from young people in that death is more common. A month after Dunn came to the Chatham Hill church, he experienced firsthand what it was like to lose a church member to death.

"I came into an elderly church and was embraced by the members. Roy and Annie Sanders were among those who took me into their homes and embraced me. About a month after I first met them, Annie passed away and I found myself involved in her funeral. That was a tough one," Dunn said.

Noting that the Chatham Hill church has been open and serving the Lord for over 100 years, Dunn said the congregation is a warm and welcoming congregation that has been important in the community for many years.

The Chatham Hill church was founded in 1904 and is believed to be the first Church of God congregation, according to the church's history book. The church celebrated its 111th year of service in the local community in August.

As a part of the church's community outreach, members deliver fruit baskets to the shut-ins in

the community and support the Rich Valley Bible program. They are beginning to collect items for a local food pantry and for Valley Nursing Home. Perhaps the most important work of the church and its members is the impact that can be seen in the local community.

"We can have a positive influence wherever we are. Whether we are doing something in the name of the church or not, we are all doing something in the name of Jesus Christ," Dunn said.

Calling himself a "people person," Dunn and his wife have become a part of the community their church serves. He is a substitute teacher and coaches a boys' basketball team. His wife is a guidance counselor.

He is grateful that God has placed him and his wife in Rich Valley in a small country church with an elderly membership. He feels blessed and thankful and eager to continue allowing God to use him as he sees fit.

"My vision for this church has always been to keep on doing what they've been doing. It is a successful church. The members are faithful to God and do his work. If a church is faithful to God, he will keep the doors open and will continue to bless the church," Dunn said.

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State Men's Ministry Report and Activities by Harold Boyd



State Men's Ministry: On November 7th the State Men's Ministry came together in Emporia, VA with Pastor Brian Beverly as the host. This training concluded 2015 and we will start fresh after the new year. This year's theme was "Being A Godly Man." State Minister, Bob Neace and the State Men's Ministry President, Harold Boyd spoke on being a Godly man in the church. Along with training this past year, the men did two projects at Camp Bedford and individual men helped the Chesapeake Church of God with some various clean up details.



This has been a great year and we can only expect even more coming up next year. Next year's theme is "Christian Men On Fire For God." Training sessions will occur in Spotsylvania, Norfolk, Lynchburg, and Boykin. We are excited about our new hosts and the availability of the guest speakers. The men will be working at Camp Christi in April to redo the floors in the tabernacle and in the dining hall. We are planning for an awesome time in 2016. We would like to double our attendance at each function this year.



Theme: Christian Men on Fire for God

JANUARY: January 2nd, 2016

WHERE: Spotsylvania, VA (Tom Carnahan, Pastor)

SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Simeon Green III

TOPIC: The Apostle Paul

APRIL: April 2nd, 2016

WHERE: Bellamy Ave. Norfolk, VA (Calvin Peterson, Pastor)

SPEAKER: Bro. Dave Tackett

TOPIC: Peter (Disciple)

JULY: July 16th, 2016

WHERE: Lynchburg, VA (Lonnie Wickard)

SPEAKER: Bro. Perry Hargrove

TOPIC: Moses

OCTOBER: October 1st, 2016

WHERE: Boykin, VA (George Murrell)

SPEAKER: Rev. Lonnie Wickard

TOPIC: Joseph

Remember, all training will begin promptly at 10:00am for each session. The host church pastor will either supply a fellowship meal made by the church members or have a location selected so all can go out and enjoy a fellowship time together upon the conclusion of each training session.



Mark Your Calendars

December 2015 –

25th MERRY CHRISTMAS!

26 - 30 Southeastern Association of the Church of God

January 2016 –

1st HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2nd Men's Ministry "Christian Men On Fire For God" Gordon Rd CHOG/Spotsylvania Host Congregation Dr. Simeon Green III to speak on the Apostle Paul

February –

14th Freedom Sunday/Leap of Faith Sunday – Emphasis on CHOG Trafficklight COGVA Congregations are being challenged to join with believers and communities around the world to unite through prayer and worship on behalf of the more than 30 million men, women, and children around the world who are enslaved today. Join us for this global celebration and help us reach our goal of \$1 million dollars to spread Jesus' good news of freedom around the world. More information on COGVA's Leap of Faith participation in this even will be in the January 2016 COGVA News.

March –

11th -13th Virginia State Youth Convention Great Wolf Lodge, 549 East Rochambeau Dr., Williamsburg, VA Theme: "Confidently Transformed" Michael Thigpen, Speaker, "Exodus" leading worship. Registration packets have been mailed. For questions, please contact Stuart May at 434-841-1615 or info@vasyc.com

19th C.W.C./W.C.G. Regional Prayer Breakfast – Roanoke FCOG,

20th PALM SUNDAY

27th EASTER/RESURRECTION SUNDAY

April –

2nd Men's Ministry "Christian Men On Fire For God", Bellamy Ave. CHOG/Norfolk Host Congregation. Dave Tackett will be speaking on Peter, the Disciple

8th -9th Minister's Fellowship Place to be determined, Theme: "Keeping a Kingdom Focus In Conflict"

22nd-23rd C.W.C./W.C.G. Convention, Atkins FCOG, Theme: "He Calls Us Friend" Naomi Bryant- Resource Leader

26th-28th Church of God Regional Convention and CHOG Table Vancouver, WA

May

8th Mother's Day

15th-20th Mountain Empire Churches of God Indoor Camp Meeting, Chilhowie FCOG, Dr. Dave Sebastian,

Why go on a Short Term Mission Trip? By Larry Ebinger

There are for sure many answers to that question. For most of us, it could be answered with, "It is just not my thing." That is OK and is likely what I would have said several years ago. Why don't you give me a few minutes of your time as I tell you about my Honduran experience?

Last year, I wrote about my trip to Honduras (see COGVA NEWS, December 2014, Volume 2, Issue 3) but failed to answer the question of "Why?" Let me see if I can resolve that question and perhaps interest you in making a Short Term Mission Trip.

The first trip I made was in 2013. I cannot speak Spanish and was sure they could not speak English. How was I to communicate with them? What about the food and the sleeping arrangements? Could I really be useful on such a trip?

As it turned out, all of those questions did not really matter. We had a great interpreter who was with us the whole time. Our transportation needs were met and there a

cook and good food for us to eat. The pastor of the church actually opened his home to us and he stayed elsewhere. None of the concerns I had before the trip were realized. It was very rewarding. The projects we worked on were called Pilas (sanitary facilities). These are often structures with three sections. One is a shower, the other is a toilet and the final section is a laundry station. These are, of course, some of the basic needs of everyone.

The 2015 trip had 11 in our group and more than half of us had never been to Honduras before but were instantly accepted as friends. The relation between the children and us was incredible. Even though there was a speaking language difference, it was overcome with the interactions. The games were the same and we sang songs with different words but the same tune.

We were there to replace the home of Ana Rosa Castellanos Portillo. She is 52 years old and married to Macario

Quintanilla who is 75. They have three children of the ages of 22, 17 and 12. Macario has serious problems with stomach ulcers which affected his health and strength to the point that he is no longer able to continue in the agricultural work that he had developed throughout his entire life. As a result, Rosa is now the primary provider for the family. She travels into the city of Santa Barbara in order to purchase used clothes and then bring them to her locale to sell them locally. Through these sales, she earns approximately \$60/month. Her grown children also support the couple financially as they are able.

The year before, we could see their house was about to fall down. Part of it had collapsed during the following year. The project was to replace her home with a wooden structure rather than the original adobe.

When we arrived, the original house was already demolished. We cleared the site, dug the footers, mixed the foreman to complete the



Macario and Rosa in front of their old home.

concrete by hand and poured the footers. After the local craftsmen laid cinder blocks three high, we worked on building the structure. It is a 20' by 24' structure. The Honduran people would come daily to help us as we worked together to build the house. It was quite interesting with our unskilled and semi-skilled labor working with a local structure within the week we were there. We not only build the structure but we also built the windows and doors. Before we left a local crew poured and finished the concrete floor. We dedicated Rosa's home the last evening we were there and gave them furniture and even built a table for them. Rosa said she never felt so blessed and loved.

Some of those who went were actually able to raise all the money needed for the trip. If you might like to join us in 2016...

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Our crew and locals in front of Macario and Rosa's new home



Summary of COGVA Expenditures YTD 2015/2016			
August 1, 2014 - July 31st, 2015			
		Aug-Oct	Nov
Categories	Budget	1st Qtr	2nd qtr
1000 STATE OFFICE			
1100 Business Office	\$3,800.00	\$ 552.90	\$ 92.85
1200 Insurance	\$14,800.00	\$ -	\$ 3,412.50
1300 Office Manager	\$14,437.50	\$ 3,609.36	\$ 1,203.12
1400 Income Taxes and Social Security	\$3,320.00	\$ 880.07	\$ 215.02
SUBTOTAL	\$36,357.50	\$5,042.33	\$4,923.49
2000 STATE MINISTER			
2100 Salary Package (Salary, House, Etc.)	\$9,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00
Pension Contribution	\$450.00	\$ -	\$ -
2200 Travel & Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$ 1,192.62	\$ 189.81
2300 Expenses for State and National Meetings	\$2,600.00	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL	\$16,050.00	\$2,692.62	\$939.81
3000 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL/STANDING MINISTRIES			
3100 Executive Board	\$1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
3200 Ministry of Church Service/Credentials	\$300.00	\$ 18.28	\$ 2.60
3300 Ministry of Christian Education	\$75.00	\$ 36.75	\$ -
3400 Ministry of Evangelism	\$50.00	\$ -	\$ -
3600 Ministry of Program	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 331.98
3800 Ministerial Fellowship	\$100.00	\$ -	\$ -
3900 Church Property Team	\$75.00	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL	\$3,600.00	\$ 55.03	\$ 334.58
5000 PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE			
5110 Camp Bedford			
5110 Caretaker	\$5,000.00	\$ 1,250.01	\$ 416.67
5111 Health Insurance	\$840.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 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	\$ 976.77	\$ 371.17
SUBTOTAL	\$14,390.00	\$ 2,436.78	\$ 857.84
5200 Camp Christi			
5210 Caretaker	\$26,565.12	\$ 6,641.28	\$ 2,213.76
5220 Health Insurance	\$7,000.00	\$ 1,788.00	\$ 596.00
5250 Utilities	\$14,000.00	\$ 5,929.42	\$ 1,304.05
5260 Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$ 333.33	\$ -
Camp Christi Mkt/Advertising	\$500.00	\$ -	\$ -
5270 Capital Improvements	\$750.00	\$ -	\$ -
5280 Vehicle Maintenance	\$500.00	\$ -	\$ -
5300 Legal Fees	\$400.00	\$ 23.50	\$ 25.00
5400 Ministry Expenses	\$300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Christmas Bonus	\$1,300.00	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL	\$55,315.12	\$14,715.53	\$4,138.81
TOTAL	\$125,712.62	\$24,942.29	\$11,194.53
Income		\$ 24,423.67	\$6,685.99
Difference		\$ (518.62)	\$ (4,508.54)

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Submission Guidelines for COGVA News

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.

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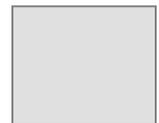
The Church of God in Virginia consists of 50 churches across the Commonwealth and according to current accounting serve over 2,500 constituents each

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