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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)*

## Dr. Tyrone Cushman Conducts Leadership Training at 21st Street CHOG



**Dr. Tyrone Cushman, Sister Vernetta and Rev. Silas Oliver**

On Saturday, January 11, 2014, Dr. Michael Tyrone Cushman, Sr., of San Antonio, Texas, conducted leadership training entitled "From Good To Great – Leading and Growing God's Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

Dr. Cushman accepted the invitation of his long-time friend, Pastor Silas Oliver, Jr., and decided to visit Richmond, again. Even though it had been a few years since he was in Richmond, he was not a stranger. In fact, 21<sup>st</sup> Street looked forward to the opportunity to see, learn from and worship with him again.

During Saturday's workshop, Dr. Cushman shared a great deal of his wealth of knowledge and experiences with attendees coaching them

on how to become not only better leaders but also how to evolve as leaders which will undoubtedly be important to fueling the church's future growth. Areas he addressed included, but was not limited to, The Biblical Call to Lead, The Challenge of Change and The Courage to Grow. Attendees were fortunate to be able to benefit from Dr. Cushman's vast wisdom. The only regret is that his session wasn't longer. However, the congregation would hear from him again during the morning worship service. Sunday morning's worship was special in that Dr. Cushman delivered a word from God. His message was entitled "The Best News You've Ever Heard In Your Life". The scripture was taken from *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*. His message only had three points but they were quite significant; God died, God Is Not Counting Sins and God Is For You. Truly, the news doesn't get any better than this! If God is for us, who can be against us? God is all we need. We thank God for a wonderful message

and for His messenger.



Speaking of God's messenger, a special presentation was made to Pastor Emeritus Irnishel P. Drew during the morning service, who celebrated her birthday Saturday. For over 16 years, she pastored the congregation at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and shows her continued support with her presence during Sunday School and the morning worship services. She was presented several gifts, including a bouquet of roses (she loves flowers), several scarves and a few other bags that we're not sure of the contents. The finale was the singing of Happy Birthday to her. Her day was made even more special as several of her family members surprised her and traveled to Richmond to attend church with her and to help her celebrate. The weekend's training was very successful and culminated in recognizing a significant past leader of the church. To God be the glory!

## Allison Gap Men's Ministry Kicks Off To A Great Start



Seafood is a great draw for men of all ages!

On May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, the congregation at Allison Gap First Church of God in Saltville, Virginia had a LIVE Connect weekend. The weekend was wonderful for the church, and a group of men in the church were inspired by one of the members from the LIVE Connect team to meet on a regular basis for fellowship, community outreach, and to do projects in the church. The men met together shortly after the LIVE Weekend and elected officers. The Men's Ministry had thirteen men present in the first meeting, and have met once a month every second Saturday of the month at the church with good attendance every month since.

The men's group has had a yard sale, a hot dog sale, helped make apple butter for the church, and a bake sale. All of these efforts have contributed to building the funds of the men's group, which are being used to help build

the Kingdom of God in the church and community.

The men's ministry also sponsored a seafood meal on November 15th at 7pm. The menu included fish, crab cakes, fried oysters, slaw, hush puppies, French fries, and drinks. That evening, there were about one hundred and twenty people who came to the meal and about \$1,200 was donated to the men's ministry.

The men's group has done several forms of outreach in the community. The men have bought groceries for a needy family. The men have been involved in a food give-away for needy high school students. During the Christmas season, the men helped buy clothes and gifts for needy children in the community. The men have helped install a water heater for a man, who was converted to the Christian faith. The group has helped a young man who

has cancer by giving him a financial donation.

The men's ministry goals for this year include sponsoring an effort in the church to fund a power point system, sponsoring a golf tournament, prepare a meal on Valentine's Day weekend for the women of the church, working on a project to upgrade the church marquee sign out in front of the church, clean the church steeple, and the men are to bring a list of people who they can do house visits with purpose of inviting them to know Christ and to receive an invitation to the church services.

All men are welcome to attend the monthly meetings, every second Saturday of the month at the church (located at 747 Allison Gap Road in Saltville), starting at 8:30am in the morning.

Contributors to this article include Tommy Louthen, Bill Woodward, and Pastor Kenny Howard.

## Tibitha Church in Reedville Remodeling, Used Church Furniture Available

Tibitha Church of God, in Reedville, is remodeling and has a used pulpit and communion table that are available if another congregation is interested.

Both pieces of furniture need a little work done on them. There are nicks, etc, in the wood. The communion table has some trim pieces that

need to be replaced. If you are interested, contact Pastor Steve Hency, 804-453-4972 or [stevehency@aol.com](mailto:stevehency@aol.com), or [tibithacog@kaballero.com](mailto:tibithacog@kaballero.com)

## Women of the Church of God (W.C.G.) Anticipates a Blessed Time at Spring Convention

April 25- 27: WCG Spring Convention will be held at Joynes Road Church of God, Hampton Va. The theme for the weekend is "Puzzle Pieces – Where Do You Fit In?" The guest speaker is Donna Cox from Dayton, Ohio.

Donna Cox is a Licensed Professional Counselor that has provided Christian Counseling and Consultation to the Dayton area for over 20 years. Currently, she maintains a private practice called Christian Counseling Associates. She is the founder and Executive

Director of OneHeart of Dayton outreach ministry.

For the last six years she has boldly and compassionately reached out with the love of Jesus to women who work in strip clubs. Armed with nothing more than homemade meals, gift bags and unconditional love she has gone into strip clubs and patiently built relationships with owners, managers, bartenders, bouncers, and dancers. In the clubs, she was at first called the "church lady", now she is fondly called "mama -

donna". Many people have left the sex industry, come to know the Lord, and rebuilt their lives due to her tenacious love, influence, and guidance.

In the midst of her busy schedule, Donna is an everyday woman who simply seeks to glorify God through her life. She and her husband, David, reside in Dayton, Ohio where they serve at Salem Church of God. They have three awesome grown children, two daughters and a son, and two wonderful son-in-laws!



**Donna Cox, Executive Director One Heart Ministry,**

**Dayton, OH**

## Central Region Women of the Church of God (W.C.G.) Celebrates Prayer Retreat

There was much fun and laughter as Women of the Church of God in the central region gathered for their annual Prayer Banquet on Saturday, January 18th at "Old Liberty Station", in Bedford. Six churches were represented from across the region, with 39 women present. We were thankful that the snow held off!

The theme for the day was "Diamonds of the Rarest Kind." We were honored to have Sister Linda Haskins from Goodview Church of God, as the guest

speaker. Sister Linda reminded us that diamonds come from deep within the earth, however, God never intended us to be a lump of coal. It is through the hard times that God purifies and strengthens us so that we can be the "shining diamonds" He meant us to be.

As we waited for our food to be served, we were entertained with a skit promoting our Spring Convention. We enjoyed a sweet time of singing some "old songs and choruses" before Sister

Linda spoke.

The Eastern Region's Prayer Banquet is on February 22, 2014 at the Clarion Hotel Historic District in Williamsburg. The guest speaker will be Tammy Clark from Lynchburg. "Diamonds of the Rarest Kind" will once again, be the theme for the banquet. Although the banquet is in the eastern region, the banquet is open to everyone across the state. For more information, please contact Racheal Baez at [beltbaez@gmail.com](mailto:beltbaez@gmail.com).

**Spring Minister's Gathering**  
 Twenty-First Street Church of God, 1601 N. 21<sup>st</sup>, Richmond, VA,  
 Rev. Silas Oliver – Host Pastor April 4-5, 2013



**Session I 10:30 am Friday, April 4, 2013**

- Introduction to crisis & crisis intervention
- Crisis reactions
- Crisis intervention
- PCI\* vs pastoral counseling

**Session II 10:15am Saturday April 5, 2013**

- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)
- SAFER-R-PCI model
- Common problems
- Common mistakes
- Self-care issues

\*PCI-Pastoral Crisis Intervention

**Trevor Belcher, Ph.D.** serves as an Assistant Professor teaching undergraduate psychology and graduate counseling courses. Trevor is an ordained minister with the Church of God and preaches regularly in various settings.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH:**

- 10:00 AM Registration and greetings at 21 ST. Church of God
- 10:30 AM Worship & Teaching Session With Dr. Belcher
- 12-1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own (Various Ministry Teams Should Try To Meet Together Over Lunch)
- 2:00 PM Executive Board Meeting
- 2:00 PM Alternative Session for Laity and Spouses With Minister Lola Dixon, Pastor of Shell Road Church of God in Hampton, VA. Her Topic is "I Had To Go Through It."
- 3:30 PM Free Time or Overflow Time of Meetings/Sessions
- 5-6:30 PM Dinner at Twenty First Street Church of God
- 7:00 PM Worship Service With Dr. Trevor Belcher



**Minister Lola Dixon**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

- 9-10 AM Devotions and Communion Service (Rev. Silas Oliver)
- 10:15-11:45 Session II – Closing Session with Dr. Belcher



## *I was Just Thinkin... Rev. Dr. Bob Neace, COGVA State Minister*



Recently, I was privileged to attend the Regional Pastor's Association gathering for this year. This is a gathering of all the state ministers and regional pastors of the Churches of God in North America. The resource leader for the time we were together was Mike Luekens, pastor of Oak Hills Church in Folsom, CA. Throughout the gathering, teaching focused on the spiritual growth in and of our congregations. This was different in that recent church growth movements have been more focused on numbers, rather than.

A number of challenges were laid out for us was to ask questions of ourselves in leadership and I'd like to share some of them with you. In his last session, Rev. Luekens took on the challenge of what he would hope from a State Minister if he were part of our organizational structure. While pertinent to State Ministry, I felt they could just as easily apply in local settings where voluntary accountability is something we should strive for. Voluntary accountability is the term

Voluntary accountability is the term we sometimes use when there is not a hierarchal structure as in many of our denominational church settings, but recognize the need for accountability for and from those in leadership.

The following are some of the questions Rev. Luekens suggested, along with some of my own thoughts as I've had time to think about them:

1. Where am I encountering Christ?

a. In addition to regular, healthy Bible study and prayer, how and where are we as leaders being fed?

2. What about your time with Jesus?

a. Are we spending actual time with the Lord, or have we simply allowed sermon preparation to take the place of healthy devotional time spent with Jesus?

3. How is your character growth?

a. How do I (you) deal with not getting what I (you) want?

b. How do we respond

4. What about our marriages – very specifically – how well are we loving, being accepting, and gracious toward our spouses?

a. This is a tough area, and a place where we have a tendency to shut out everyone else. While it is true that married life is to be private, our attitudes and actions toward our spouses

speaking volumes about the health of our marriages, our personal spiritual life, and our ability to lead others spiritually.

5. What are we teaching from our pulpits ?

a. How are we living that out? – Do people see us actually living out the spiritual principles we easily proclaim from the pulpit on Sunday mornings?

6. Are we free with one another to check on various leadership issues.

a. As leaders, especially in the Church of God with its autonomous nature, we tend to allow ourselves to give in to a "Lone Ranger" mentality. If we are placed in leadership, we should be the first to recognize our need for community. Within community comes the freedom to be honest and open with one another. Each of us struggles with various issues personally and publicly and rather than go it alone, God has placed us within the community of His church. That should give us the freedom to ask one another how we are doing spiritually in order that community can be strengthened by lifting up one another.

Questions to be asked in regard to measuring success in ministry/spiritual growth

1. Are we being faithful to the gospel?

a. Are we preaching the Kingdom and it's availability right now?

## “Don’t Dance With The Devil”

Let us consider some people in the Bible who made mistakes. Jonah made a mistake. When God told him to go to Nineveh to preach, he went to Tarshish instead. God taught him a lesson. In essence, God said, “Jonah, I told you to go to Nineveh, but you got on a boat to Tarshish. I have news for you. You are going to sleep in the belly of a big fish for a few days.”

Samson made a mistake. His parents warned him about dealing with the Philistine women and they asked: “Samson, why are you dealing with those Philistine women? What’s wrong with the women of Israel?” Even though he was warned, Samson went and told Delilah the secret of his strength. As a result, he lost his eyes and strength. He then was forced to grind in the Philistine’s prison house. Friend, do not play around with the devil.

The Prodigal Son made a mistake when, in so many words, he said: “Father, give me all the inheritance that is mine. I’m going out

on my own.” Young person are you dissatisfied and want to go out on your own? Do you want to pack your clothes and leave because you do not like the rules around the house anymore? Like the prodigal son, you too will learn a hard lesson. After the prodigal son spent all his money, he ended up feeding swine. In desperation, he decided to go back home. His father met him and in essence, said: “Come on home, son. I love you.”

The Rich Man in Luke, Chapter 12, made a mistake when he said, “I’m going to tear down my barns and build greater barns.” The Lord said, “Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee” (Luke 12:20). The rich man clothed in purple and fine linen in Luke, Chapter 16, died and the Scripture says he lift up his eyes in hell.

In Matthew, Chapter 25, you can read of the ten virgins. Five of them were wise and five were foolish. The foolish virgins did not have oil for their lamps. When it came time for the

bridegroom to come, a cry went out, “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him” (verse 6). You must keep oil in your lamp. Do not make the mistake of not having oil. You had better watch for your own soul, my brother, my sister. You had better quit listening to all those other voices besides the voice of Truth.

You can read about Ananias and Sapphira in Acts, Chapter 5, who made a deadly mistake. Peter said, “Why have you lied to the Holy Spirit?” Ananias dropped dead and they took him out and buried him. A little later, in came his wife and she told the same lie. She too dropped dead.

Do not think that God does not know what is going on in your life. The greatest mistake in the world is failing to get saved. Without God you cannot make it. That is the reason it is so important to stay close to Him. God bless you is my prayer. Happy New Year, 2014!

Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green, III



Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green III

## Joynes Road CHOG Announces Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green III as Pastor

The leadership of the Joynes Road Church of God 31 Joynes Road, Hapmton, VA is please to announce the Installation Service for their new pastor, Rev. Dr. Simeon

R. Green III will take place Sunday, March 30, 2014. Please be in prayer for Rev and Sister Green as they accept the responsibilities of their new charge in leadership.

More details will follow in future emails and in the March 2014 issue of COGVA News.

## Mark Your Calendars

### W.C.G. Eastern Region

Prayer Retreat –  
Feb. 22, 2014 at 12:00 pm  
Clarion Hotel Historic  
Williamsburg, VA

### Spring Youth

**Convention** – March 21 –  
23 at the Tanglewood  
Holiday Inn/Roanoke, VA.  
Worship Leaders  
scheduled for the  
weekend: “Relinquish”  
and Dr. Andy Stephenson  
will be speaking to our  
youth and adult leaders as  
well. Registration can still  
take place by going to  
www.vasyc.com and  
downloading the forms  
and sending them the  
address listed on the  
packet.

### Spring Minister’s

**Fellowship** – April 4-5  
Hosted by the 21st CHOG  
Richmond. See the full  
[schedule on page](#)

W.C.G. Spring Convention  
– April 25 – 27 at Joynes  
Road CHOG, Hampton.  
Programming and hotel  
details will soon follow.

### Southwest Virginia Indoor Camp Meeting

May 18 – 23, Alan  
Hutchinson Preaching  
Evangelist, Brock  
Barnhouse to lead in  
worship

### Middler Youth Camp

Grades 1 – 5  
July 16 – 19

### Senior High Youth Camp

Grades 9 – 12  
July 21 – 26

### Junior High Youth Camp

Grades 6 – 8  
July 28 – August 2

### Camp Meeting -

August 3 – 9  
Opportunities for camping  
and refreshing times of  
worship and growth in a  
family atmosphere. Rev.  
Howard K. Hammond of  
Springdale Community  
Church, Springdale, MD is  
our scheduled evangelist  
with Rev. Jimmy Swogger  
of Distant, PA leading us  
in worship.

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Please feel free to  
forward calendar  
announcements to  
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## Churches With Open Pulpits and Pulpit Supply

### **Current open congregations in the Church of God in Virginia include:**

Staunton First Church of God  
1850 Shutterlee Mill Road  
Staunton, VA

Contact Pulpit Committee  
Chair Sylvia McDorman  
mcdormans@verizon.net

Dublin First Church of God  
6330 Courtney Lane  
Dublin, VA

Contact Pulpit Committee  
Chair Mary Wright  
mary@nrvgateway.com

Atkins First Church of God  
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VA Church Contact:  
Harold Henderlite  
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276-591-8996

### **Names submitted for Pulpit Supply include:**

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Dr. Gene Miller  
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Gary Campbell  
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Karla Campbell  
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Ben Stultz  
Reedville, VA  
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“If you are a licensed or  
ordained minister in the  
Church of God and  
would like your contact  
information published in  
COGVA News, please  
forward your information  
to  
[drbobneace@virginiachurchofgod.com](mailto:drbobneace@virginiachurchofgod.com)

## Water's Edge Church of God/ Virginia Beach Calls New Pastor

Pastor Steve Roby joined the Water's Edge Church as Lead Pastor in January of 2014. Steve most recently served as the Teaching Pastor at the Towne Blvd Church of God in Middletown, OH where he was on staff for more than five years. He and his wife Lisa have been married for 10 years and have two children: Malachi (8) & Michalyn (6). Steve is passionate

about Jesus and proclaiming His gospel. He also serves as a Chaplain (CPT) in the U.S. Army Reserve. He holds a B.S. in Accounting from the College of Mount St. Joseph and a Masters in Divinity from Cincinnati Christian University.

Steve is an avid sports fan having played football and baseball at Mount St. Joe. After graduating from the

Mount, he enlisted in the Army where he served more than 3 years on active duty. During that time, Steve served both in Germany and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It was there he received a call to ministry and has since continued to minister to Soldiers in the Reserve as well as in the local church.



**Steve, Lisa, Malachi, and Michalyn Roby**

## Youth Convention Reminder

The final deadline has passed for the information to be sent to my office for the State Youth Convention. If you have a room list, or t-shirt order form that has not yet been mailed, you can fax that to me at 276 646 5919. If you need to make final payment, please send the

check to Po Box 198, Chilhowie Va. 24319. I need to submit the name list and the hotel room list by Monday the 10th of February to ensure that name badges are printed and to not get charged for the rooms not needed in our block. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Mike Potter

Youth Pastor

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Chilhowie

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January 28, 2014

To my Brothers and Sisters in the faith:  
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As the recently-elected Chair of the Southeastern Association of the Church of God, I want to formally introduce the officers and Executive Council who will serve with me for the next four years of one of the oldest ministries in the southeast. We invite your prayers, support and active participation in the work of the Association; an association with roots dating to 1893; an association wherein states within a region would come together to live, eat and worship in one place, as the Body of Christ.

While maintaining a connection to our heritage, we are responsible to each of you and to our member states to become a more welcoming, outward-focused ministry while aligning ourselves with the mission of the Church at this time in history.

The life of a ministry relies on the faithfulness of the people of God and I express my sincere appreciation to the brethren and sisters who served before us and to those who worked tirelessly throughout the years to preserve our rich heritage.

Our goal for the next four years is two-fold: to strengthen and to continuously build the body of Christ and the Southeastern Association with your input.

We look forward to worshipping with you at the Southeastern Association of the Church of God in Augusta, Georgia

May 19, 2014 SEA Heritage Day  
Dec. 26-30, 2014 SEA Camp Meeting

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green, III  
Chair, Southeastern A



<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,950.00</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117.32	\$0.00	\$41.46	\$0.00	<b>\$2,791.22</b>
<b>5000 PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE</b>								
<b>5110 Camp Bedford</b>								
5110 Caretaker	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	\$416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$ 416.67	\$416.67	\$416.67	<b>\$2,499.98</b>
Health Insurance	<b>\$840.00</b>	\$70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$70.00	<b>\$420.00</b>
<b>5120 Campground Expenses (Maintenance)</b>								
5120 Campground Expenses (Maintenance)	<b>\$1,000.00</b>							<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Vehicle Maintenance	<b>\$500.00</b>							<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>5140 Utilities</b>								
5140 Utilities	<b>\$5,000.00</b>							<b>\$2,174.01</b>
Power		\$132.39	\$198.33	\$ 194.34	\$305.84	\$518.27	\$858.29	
Propane		\$105.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$155.00	\$ 30.00	\$50.00	
Telephone		\$34.34	\$35.86	\$ 33.32	\$ 33.29	\$33.31	\$33.41	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,340.00</b>	\$758.40	\$745.86	\$764.33	\$980.80	\$1,068.25	\$1,428.37	<b>\$6,593.99</b>
<b>5200 Camp Christi</b>								
<b>5210 Caretaker</b>								
5210 Caretaker	<b>\$26,565.12</b>	\$2,213.76	\$ 2,133.76	\$ 2,133.76	\$ 2,133.76	\$ 2,133.76	\$2,133.76	<b>\$13,682.56</b>
<b>5220 Health Insurance</b>								
5220 Health Insurance	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	\$596.00	\$596.00	\$ 596.00	\$ 596.00	\$ 596.00	\$596.00	<b>\$3,424.00</b>
<b>5250 Utilities</b>								
5250 Utilities	<b>\$12,500.00</b>							<b>\$4,979.50</b>
Power		\$2,045.66	\$1,020.46	\$719.18	\$671.22	\$ 705.32	\$947.93	
Water			\$1,154.83		\$118.60	\$ 75.53	\$ 61.77	
Propane								
<b>5260 Maintenance</b>								
5260 Maintenance	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	\$333.33	\$ 333.33				\$333.33	<b>\$3,000.01</b>
<b>5270 Capital Improvements</b>								
5270 Capital Improvements	<b>\$1,500.00</b>							<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>5280 Vehicle Maintenance</b>								
5280 Vehicle Maintenance	<b>\$500.00</b>						\$384.03	<b>\$115.97</b>
<b>5300 Legal Fees</b>								
5300 Legal Fees	<b>\$500.00</b>			\$66.50				<b>\$433.50</b>
<b>5400 Ministry Expenses</b>								
5400 Ministry Expenses	<b>\$400.00</b>						\$43.00	<b>\$357.00</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,965.12</b>	\$5,188.75	\$5,238.38	\$3,515.44	\$3,519.58	\$3,510.61	\$4,499.82	<b>\$27,492.54</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$118,892.62</b>	\$9,679.27	\$8,699.36	\$10,127.67	\$7,823.43	\$8,303.64	\$12,332.66	<b>\$61,926.59</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>								<b>\$56,966.03</b>
<b>Total Income for Each Month</b>		\$6,218.87	\$ 7,254.02	\$10,279.29	\$10,475.43	\$8,751.72	\$12,399.62	<b>\$55,378.95</b>
<b>Difference between Expenses and Income</b>		<b>(\$3,460.40)</b>	<b>(\$1,445.34)</b>	<b>\$151.62</b>	<b>\$2,652.00</b>	<b>\$ 448.08</b>	<b>\$ 66.96</b>	<b>(\$1,587.08)</b>

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## I' was Just Thinkin... (cont.)

a. Are we preaching the Kingdom and it's availability right now?

As that question was asked, relief and encouragement came, because the present day reality of the Kingdom of God is a doctrine not preached as often in Church of God circles as it once was, and has been picked up by other church groups. The Church of God should be vocal on this doctrine as it was key to bring this Reformation into existence

b. Are we as leaders casting a vision of eternal life for people that enables them to begin that eternal life now?

2. Are we being faithful to the larger story of God?

a. Do our worship services tell the story of God or are

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we most driven by "great worship services"? – In other words, what is the most important thing that happens on Sunday Morning? Albert Mohler reminds us it is the preaching of the Word of God (Christ) that should be front and center of every worship service. All the other is important, but often our congregations are more fascinated with the entertainment value of worship service we forget we are responsible for telling the story of God. Let's be faithful to sound, solid preaching of the Word of God

3. What kind of people is my congregation producing?

a. What would the people closest to you say about you if they were totally honest and you weren't in the room?

context.

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b. What would the people in our congregations say about those in leadership and their lifestyle as it is lived out in from of them.

I know these are pretty heavy questions, and have continually weighed on my mind. I suspect will for some time to come. I hope we can implement them in voluntary accountability among state leaders, pastors, and local congregational leadership as we continue to grow spiritually in the Kingdom of God throughout the Church of God in Virginia. As we recognize we are a team, let us remember our responsibilities toward one another, and above all, recognize our accountability and responsibility to our heaven Father.

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