

Minnesota Messenger

CHURCHES OF GOD



I would do a disservice to the Minnesota Messenger not to acknowledge and thank Gaye Wood-Rollins for the many years she has served as our president. As I spoke to her after our conference business meeting it dawned on me since my family moved back into the Minnesota Conference in 1984 (we were a part of this conference from 1968 - 1972 serving the Graytown, Wisconsin Church of God) with the exception of a few years when Bob See was our President, all of our presidents are related, being relatives of S.P. Matheny, one of the Pioneer Ministers of the Minnesota Conference of the Churches of God. Those presidents are S.O. Ross, Lowell Wegner, Gaye Wood-Rollins, and now myself, Pastor V.E. Kirkpatrick II. It is my desire to serve you as faithfully as they did.

I would also remind you that our next spring conference, June 7-9, 2024, will, as Gaye informed us, be our 150th anniversary. Please mark that on your calendar in permanent ink so you don't miss this anniversary. A committee is already making plans. Of course, the conference

will be canceled in the event that Our Lord Jesus comes! In that case we will gladly allow our conference to give way to the Kingdom of God!

In the way of news and future plans, our campground now has a new campfire area and the lower shelter

has been cleaned and new benches installed as part of Kyle Shull's requirements to become an Eagle Scout. We want to thank Kyle, and his Boy Scout troop members for bringing these campground projects to fruition.

My grandsons have all expressed to me they love this campground. If other young people feel the same way it would be nice to have more opportunities for them to be at the campground for spiritual programs. So, I would love to find a willing volunteer for a position in our constitution that has been vacant for too long, i.e. a State Youth Director. If you feel so called, pray about it and come talk to me. We are also looking for a new individual or individuals to plan and direct our Senior Camp, our Junior camp, (or even to combine the camps as we did some years ago).

Another project, proposed by our campground director, Jon Lapp, would be to enlarge our dining hall. You might be hear-



ing about this plan in the future. We would ask that you keep the campgrounds, and our campground director in your prayers. Pray that we make the best use of this wonderful asset provided to us by God, working hand in hand with our forefathers. Also pray about what you can do financially to support the future upgrades to the campground. As the Lord directs you, start thinking about the kind of donation you could make to bring a project like this to fruition. By the way, also give Jon a

big thank you for the wonderful way he tirelessly works to keep our campground looking so great.

President V.E. Kirkpatrick II





Psalm 115:14

Flourish

Women's Enrichment Weekend

for women ages 15 and up!

Partial Schedule & Speakers:

Friday:

3-5:00 Registration
5:00 Supper
7:30 Paula Kirkpatrick
9:30 Campfire

Saturday:

8:00 Breakfast
9:45 Lynn Piram
11:15 Andrea Moore &
Rachel Karl
12:45 Lunch
2:00 Makenna Landry
6:00 Supper
7:45 Ashley McGarry
9:00 Campfire

Sunday:

8:00 Breakfast
10:00 Worship/Devotions
12:00 Lunch
1:30 Activities
3:30 Closing & Reflection

October 6-8, 2023

@ Church of God Campground
20302 Rolling Acres Drive, Richmond, MN
COST: \$35 per person

What to Bring:

- bedding for twin mattress (bunks available in dorms for sleeping)
- clothing for indoors/outdoors & personal care items
- Bible
- food, if on special diet

Register at
mncogconference.org

Questions to weweekend7@gmail.com

MN Conference--150 years old next year!

In 2024, the MN Church of God Conference will be 150 years old! What a milestone! Plans are underway to celebrate this amazing anniversary, as well as focus on the future work and service of the MN Conference. June 7th-9th--Save the Date!

MN Junior Bible Camp Recap!

We have morning and evening Chapel, and this is the highlight for

leave with hearts as full as we do!
Jason and Bethany Becker



2023 MN State Junior Bible Camp was another fantastic week! We hosted 22 campers and many staff. This summer we learned about being a part of the "Jesus League", becoming one of Jesus' SUPER FOLLOWERS!!... We focused on 2 different people each day from the Bible, learning what made them such a great follower for Christ. Some examples were the Disciples, the original "team" who assembled, starting with Jesus when he began his ministry. Peter the Bold, Thomas the Brave, Mary the Believer, and Paul the Transformed, just to name a few. Teaching the kids that God has the power to change their life if they are willing to follow Him and his Son, Jesus!

many! Our worship team blesses us with beautiful music focusing on a lot of old favorites, but every year we always choose a theme song. This year it was "Ain't Nobody" by Cody Carnes. We love to do this because it gets the kids familiar with at least one song, of which they look forward to singing every day!

Our days fly by, packed full of fun workshops, classes where we hear stories from the Bible, and many outdoor activities. The week was HOT to say the least, but we tried to spend as much time swimming, boating and having water balloon fights to keep us cool! And then always ending our days gathering around the fire singing beloved campfire songs, listening to Russ Rankin's famous Bible stories.

Many memories made and we know this is a wonderful week for everyone to unplug from this crazy world we are living in and learn about how great our God's love is for us. We hope the campers

House Light Ministries

Greetings Friends in Christ from House Light Ministries!

We are excited to welcome Huxtin Leigh Hoemberg to our fellowship. He was born July 11th to Jared and Trenda Hoemberg. Congratulations!!

Darrell and Lisa Hoemberg enjoyed a week in the Yellowstone area with son Shawn Hoemberg's family. They enjoyed the Cody rodeo, Buffalo Bill Dam, Museums & fine eating Please keep Jessie Hoemberg in your prayers as she is having back surgery on August 14.

Joyce Moore and Lisa Hoemberg and friend Carla (Trenda's mom) took a weekend trip to Duluth in early July and had a great time relaxing, fellowshiping and remembering Ed (he loved it there).

Easton Braaten has been struggling with pain in his legs...please keep him in prayers as hopefully the muscles will get stronger with Physical Therapy. He is not a complainer so we know that it must be an issue.

Byron Hartung had a good check-up from the Mayo and we are very thankful for that. His back stays status quo which is a blessing.

Samuel Moore graduated from Minnesota State University Mankato with BS degree in May. He finished his track participation at the Conference meet at Concordia St. Paul. He has a job near his parents and continues to build his online businesses: Vector Athletica (track equipment) and Gaming Outdoorsmen, LLC.

In June Terri Moore attended



the National Women's Conference at Oregon Church of God in Oregon, Illinois. She spoke on the believer's position and identity in Jesus for general sessions and taught a workshop on how to study the Bible.

Terri Moore spent five days visiting daughter, Victoria, and husband David Rennie, in Fargo. They were joined by Jeff Moore and Joyce Moore for Fargo fireworks on the 4th.

Samuel watched the farm animals so Pastor Jeff and Terri could take a trip to the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming in early July. Unfortunately the A/C quit on their vehicle first day out so they kept their trip short but did camp in the Bighorns and saw deer, mountain goats, and herds of elk while moose walked right next to their car. In Roosevelt National Park they saw wild horses and bison. The animal sightings, beautiful landscapes, and high speed limits made lack of A/C bearable.

Pastor Jeff Moore is in the process of planning the MN Fall Conference. All Minnesota pastors are being invited to speak/teach throughout the weekend. Keep watching for more information.

A couple ladies are considering attending the Michigan Women's Conference at North Kent Church of God in Rockford, MI, on September 22-23. If you are interested in going and want to discuss travel arrangements, contact Terri Moore, houslite@wcta.net.

Plans for the Women's Enrichment Weekend, October 6-8 at the MN State Conference Campground are moving ahead. See the advertisement elsewhere in this newsletter.

Terri Moore, reporter

Hutchinson Church of God

Our church family had several reasons for rejoicing together this-summer!

Todd & Mindy Pursel are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Macie Ruth born on June 21, 2023.

Please pray with us that she will continue to grow well and her cleft palate can be taken care of successfully. Macie is the first grandchild of Jeff & Amanda Forcier and the 10th great grandchild of Lee & Melody Moore.

We celebrated two beautiful weddings in July. Micayla Moore & Charlie Franklin were married on July 8 in Duluth, MN. Micayla is the daughter of Eric & Andrea Moore. Faith Forcier & John Peterson were married on July 29th in Fosston, MN. Faith is the daughter of Jeff & Amanda Forcier.

Eric Moore had the honor of baptizing his son-in-law, Josh Olson on July 29th at Grace Lake, east of Bemidji, MN. We rejoice that Josh has made the decision to follow Christ!

Linda Sandifer, reporter

Pine Grove Bible Church

It has been a busy spring and summer for the Pine Grove Bible Church.

On May 2nd, Logan Edward Johnson was born, much to the delight of his proud parents, Nathaniel and Abigail Johnson. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and measured 20 inches. Beaming grandparents are Darris and Susan Johnson and first-time great-grandma is Miriam Howard, (who has returned to MN from MD and is part of the church family again.)

On May 21st, the children presented a fun musical with a good message—Sermon on the Mound. Special thanks go to directors Samantha Mikulak and Sierra Hillsdale.

The church family enjoyed a pizza and bowling outing on June 4th after the worship service.

Several individuals from our church attended MN Junior Camp the week of June 19th. Max, Leah and Sadie Kirkpatrick, and Isaiah Bormes were campers, Hannah Bormes was a counsellor, Jeremy Kirkpatrick was a teacher, and Nathaniel Johnson led worship music.

Many individuals went as a group to view the "Sound of

Freedom" movie on July 8th.

A large number of adults and youth attended FUEL at Manchester University in Indiana—Joel and Stephanie Fletcher, JJ Fletcher, Susan Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, Denise Kirkpatrick, Aly Bormes, Hannah and Isaiah Bormes, Angela Cisler, Philip Kirkpatrick, Kevin, Kyle, and Trevor Shull, Deborah Smead, and Anya Zhykhovich.

Pastor JJ Fletcher, Vivian and Paula Kirkpatrick, and Cameron, Makenna, Marcus Landry and Angela Cisler attended General Conference in Oregon, IL Aug. 2nd-4th.

Stephanie Fletcher hosted a morning brunch/tea for the Pine Grove ladies on Saturday, Aug. 12th.

Paula Kirkpatrick, reporter

Kingdom of God Ministry and Missions

So many things to praise God for! Maksim baptized several people. You can read the latest newsletters here:

<https://kogmissions.com/newsletters/> (Email Tracy (tracy@kogmissions.com) if you are not on the monthly missionsnewsletter list. In the cover email I share more details that cannot be online or in the actual newsletter. Please print and share the newsletters with your church. Your prayers are much appreciated!)

Pakistan ministry, "Save the Faith" will be going on an evangelism trip at the end of summer (once more booklets are printed and travel expenses-raised) and they will be taking the human Messiah and coming Kingdom to towns where they have not been preached before. Please pray for their safety and for open hearts and minds.

Mark your calendars for the 2023 ONLINE Missions Conference (November 9-11): "Finish the Task" (Acts 20:24-25) More details coming soon.

We have several new sisters on our weekly Bible studies who have come out of the New Age religion. I have begun a video series with one of the

sisters, “New Age Infiltration: Sorcery and the Occult in the Church.”

The first videos, “Clairvoyance to Christ” was a testimony and interview with Clare McNaul. She is not only an ex-psyche, but she was a career medium, animal communicator, and a professional teacher of these trades. In the first two videos she took a deep dive into her story on how she came to be involved in the occult, what occult practices she engaged in, and how she came out the other side to believe in and follow the human Messiah Jesus.

Testimony: <https://youtu.be/inU-w3l5CXzw>

Interview after Testimony: <https://youtu.be/lzOMV9RGUe0>

August 3rd was the first live stream, “. “Sorcery, the Occult: Is it Real?” and we will be doing several other livestreams at the end of August and in September. You can find them here once they are scheduled: <https://www.youtube.com/c/Kingdomof-GodMinistryMissions>

I traveled to Iowa to speak and teach at their state conference July 26-30, and am flying to Vancouver, CA to baptize an elderly sister August 16-23.

Please continue to pray for the scattered brethren all around the states and world.

Submitted by Tracy Z
(KOG MISSIONS.COM)

Welcome to THE WELL: Worship Evangelism, Love and Learning

It’s hard to believe, but we are already celebrating our first anniversary on August 13th!! There have been a lot of firsts for us as God continues to bless our group. We have approximately 8-10 each Sunday, with our highest attendance of 16. We started out meeting in a Barber shop, but in February we began meeting at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato. Aside from celebrating our first anniversary, we also celebrated the wed-

ding of two of our members – Billie Harrison and Jessie Clobes, with Pastor Darrell officiating. Another first that is in the works is the baptism of Dallas Mitchell. This will happen in the near future once the arrangements have been made.

Thank you for your prayers and support of The WELL.

Pastor Darrell and
Laura Cardwell

**Support the MN Conference
Remember to check out the MN
Church of God Conference website.
There is so much available there,
including the online Systematic
Bible Study course. <https://mncog-conference.org/> Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter. We are also on LinkedIn and YouTube. If you would like to support the MN Conference, you can give your offering online here. <https://mncogconference.org/online-giving> Also, donations can be sent to the treasurer, Dan Karl. Mail checks to: Dan Karl 19199 651st Avenue Buffalo Lake, MN 55314**



Fall Conference 2023

“Be Bold. Be Bright.”

“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamp burning.” Jesus, Luke 12:35

Friday, September 8

7:30 PM Welcome Service - Hutchinson Church
Pastor Darrell Cardwell, *“To the Lost & Hurting”*
9:00 PM Fellowship (Campfire?)

Saturday, September 9

8:00 – 9:15AM Breakfast - Eden Valley Church
10:00 AM Bob Shutes, *“To Your Neighbor”*
11:00 AM Darrell Hoemberg, *“To Your Family”*
12:30 PM Lunch - Litchfield Church
2:00 PM Pastor Anne Fischhaber, *“To God for Help”*
3:00 PM Fellowship, Games, Activities
Board Meeting
Followed by Missions Meeting
5:00 PM Supper - Pine Grove Church
7:00 PM Evening Service - Pine Grove Church
Larry Johnson, *“To the Church of God”*
9:00 PM Fellowship, Campfire – House Light Ministries

Sunday, September 10

8:00 AM Breakfast – St. Cloud Church of God & House Light Ministries
10:00 AM Worship Service - Eden Valley Church
Pastor & Conference President Vivian Kirkpatrick, *“Commitment of Truth”*
Communion – Pastor Jeff Moore
12:00 noon Dinner, St. Cloud Church of God & House Light Ministries

Questions: contact Pastor Jeff Moore, 218-639-3459, houslite@wcta.net

Church Responsibilities:

Saturday Breakfast
Sunday Worship
Sunday 2 Desserts

House Light Ministries:

Saturday Campfire
Sunday Breakfast
Sunday Communion
Sunday Dinner

Hutchinson Church:

Friday PM Worship
Friday PM Fellowship Snacks
Sunday 2 Desserts

Litchfield Church

Saturday Lunch
Saturday PM Fellowship Snacks
Sunday 2 Desserts

Pine Grove Bible Church:

Saturday Supper
Saturday Evening Worship Service
Sunday 2 Desserts

St. Cloud Church:

Sunday Breakfast
Sunday Dinner
Sunday 2 Desserts

Childcare or children's classes could be available if someone wishes to provide supervision or instruction. Contact Jeff Moore if you want to volunteer.

Can anyone provide music for campfires (lead singing, play guitar, etc.)? Please contact Jeff Moore if you can help with this.

If you have ideas for other activities or if you see something missing from the schedule, contact Jeff Moore. Thank you!

