

# Women OF THE Church God News & Coming Events



## WCG Ladies Night Out – Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

All ladies here at church are invited to join us for a night out at Friday's Friends in Morganton on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We'll have food, fellowship and a lot of fun. You can sign-up on the sheet outside of Pam's office or contact Kristen Horton at 439-8573.

## Change the World Fundraiser (Penny-a-Day) Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

First, a "mite bag," then "Penny-A-Day," and now "**Change the World.**" Since 1933, Women of the Church of God has been gathering coins that might be otherwise overlooked to illustrate the power of small things when prayer is added. Every coin is accompanied by a prayer for the needs of the world. The funds gathered, some \$60,000 each year, help support the various ministries of Women of the Church of God. **We are open to change!**

Thanks to visionaries like Irene Sweeney and Minnie Riggle; what began, as faithful stewardship to respond to a shortfall of funds for overseas missions has become a milestone in the life of WCG. Faithful women have contributed to Penny-a-Day for 60 years now, and their collective faithfulness has garnered nearly \$2.6 million dollars in the ministry's history.

Like the widow in the Mark 12:41-44 story, there are many women in our midst who have faithfully given what they had. In my humble opinion, most of us could not have predicted the enormous effect all those pennies and prayers would have. All I can say to such a tremendous witness of ministry is "Praise the Lord!"

The WCG here at Morganton First Church of God invite you to join with us in giving to this important ministry. We are blessed to receive change (coins) for this offering but we also welcome dollars and checks. Please give from your heart.

Our **WCG Basement Sale** will be July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup> this year. As you do your spring-cleaning around the house, don't forget to save back items for the basement sale.

If you have any questions, you can contact Kathy Turner at 728-9345 or email at [mi-mi@charter.net](mailto:mi-mi@charter.net).



## Giving for March

Regular Offerings: ..... \$34,420.79  
 Budgeted Needs: ..... \$30,991.62  
 Over/Under Giving for Mo. ... \$3,429.17  
 Building Fund Need: ..... \$4,554.00  
 Building Funds: ..... \$4,786.00  
 Building Fund Over/Under: .... -\$232.00  
 Designated Projects: ..... \$1,464.15  
 Total Giving for Month..... \$40,670.94

## Monthly Totals

### Year to Date Giving

Regular YTD Offerings: ..... \$86,473.48  
 YTD Budgeted Needs: ..... \$87,610.08  
 Over/Under YTD Giving: ..... -\$1,248.24  
 YTD Building Fund Need: ..... \$13,663.98  
 YTD Building Funds: ..... \$14,156.50  
 YTD Build. Fund Over/Under: .... -\$492.52  
 YTD Designated Projects: ..... \$19,669.00  
 Total YTD Giving: ..... \$120,298.98

## Reminder Graduates!



If you are graduating from High School or College, please let Pastor Kevin know so you can be recognized during our graduation service.

\*\*High School Grads...Please turn in your photographs to Pastor Kevin as soon as possible!

They must be turned in by Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

## Thank You Very Much!

*To Pastor Don Blankenship and My Church Angels,*

*To each of you that surrounded me during my recent medical problem at worship a few weeks ago, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to Pat Stroup, Dr. Johanson, and the host of "angels" that ministered to my needs, both physically and prayerfully. To Janie, Brooke & Raymond Walker and Falls Price, thanks for the safe escort home. A Iso, thanks to Pastors Ruth & Don Smith for their offer of 24/7 assistance. Thanks to those that called with appreciation of your love and support. Praise be to God, all my tests and x-rays came back clean, with no sign of tumors, blockages or stroke. Daily I am gaining strength, as I continue under my doctor's care, and for that I am grateful to God.*

*With Christian Love, Dorothy Whisnant*



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus! Wow oh Wow; what a Great and Awesome God we serve! **PowerHouse Youth Ministry** would like to encourage each of you to take a moment out of your busy lives and intentionally set aside some time for you and the Lord. Allow this opportunity for you to find rest, to find peace, find reassurance, or to listen to what the Lord has for you!

On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, we had our kickoff to: **'EMERGENCE'** 'Emergence' is the beginning of something that once was very vibrant and exciting for our youth, and we feel very strongly about bringing back this great event and time for our youth of today. 'Emergence' is a youth rally for students, student leaders, and parents to come and join together with other students and leaders and parents from other church bodies, for a time of prayer, worship, fellowship, followed with a biblical based message and food and other activities. Jacob Powell (former youth pastor from the Drexel Church of God) was our guest speaker for the kickoff along with the band Elishah, which led us into an awesome worship service. We held the 'Emergence' youth rally in our youth building for the kickoff and are planning in June to have our second 'Emergence'! Look for it on your calendars and began to spread the word.

**PowerHouse Youth** has new Tee-Shirts printed up. We held a designing contest between our students and came up with a new design. Congratulations to our winning team. Great job! Please contact Pastor Kevin if you haven't gotten your shirt or if you would be interested in purchasing a shirt.

**\* A couple reminders of dates and deadlines coming up: \***

1. April 29<sup>th</sup> Every student bring a friend with you to our Wednesday night service
  2. May the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastor Kevin is asking for, 10 per senior -Graduation Pictures!!!
  3. May 10<sup>th</sup> Mothers Day – No Youth
  4. May 31<sup>st</sup> Destination Unknown at 6:00 p.m.
  5. \*!\*
- Don't forget about our Jr. High and Sr. High Sunday classes.

Our Wednesday night services began at 7:00 p.m., with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., with Sunday night activities starting at 6:00 p.m. We would be honored to have you as a guest and would love to see you at **PowerHouse Youth Ministry**.

Serving Him,  
Pastor Kevin Wyatt

# Soli Deo Gloria

## BIO FOR WILLIAM "JUD" SMALL

Jud is the third man still in our church to have served his country in WW II. He is also a direct descendant of one of the first families to establish the Church of God in Drexel, NC.

Every Sunday "Jud" sits on the back row of the overflow area under the Holy Spirit stained glass window. He was born Dec. 5, 1922 to James and Mary Jo Small. Jud's mother took back her maiden name, Mary Jo Garrison, and moved back home with her parents, Henry and Alice Garrison, who lived in Bridgeport. Henry's brother, Charlie, and Alice's sister, Fannie Bolinger, also married—making Mary Jo a double first cousin to Lula Griffin, Myrtle Ramsey, Edna LaFone, Ollie Griffin, Cleo Sebastian, and their 3 brothers, Forrest, Sherrill, and Frank Garrison. All of these have passed away except Cleo, who lives in NM. However, Carol Powell is Sherrill's daughter, and Paul Ramsey was Myrtle's son, making both of these Jud's third cousins. Charlie and Fannie gave the land for the first COG building in Drexel. When Jud was a small boy, he, his mother, and his grandmother faithfully walked to the Drexel church (across the corner from what is now Autumn Care), by way of a shortcut on the R. R. track. Grandmother Alice was the first one to call this little guy "Jud"—and it stuck. He never was called by the name of Willy or Billy.

Jud went through the Drexel schools and graduated from high school in 1940. He then went to an NYA (National Youth Administration) school in Wilmington, NC, where he learned to work in the shipyard. He was later transferred to Newport News, VA, and was not drafted because he was building ships for the Navy. However, all his buddies were in service, so in 1942 he joined the Army Air Force, where he was sent to Aircraft Engine Repair School. He went to New Guinea to repair engines when the planes returned from fire fights and dropping bombs. From there, he was sent to the Philippines, and then to Okinawa, as the Allies closed in on Japan. After the two Atomic Bombs were dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, Jud was transferred to Japan. All the troops were told to stay away from the bombsites, but crazy guys that they were (Jud's own words), they went directly to Hiroshima on their first leave. It was terrible. Everything on their side of the river was burned out and flattened to the ground, except for a church building that was dangling over the river. Jud was trained to fly and became a Flying Sergeant in liaison duty, where he did some evacuations before he came home in January of 1946. His mother's prayers had followed him all through this time of danger. Jud was saved as a child, and a number of years later, he recommitted his life to Christ.

On the day after Thanksgiving, 1952, he married Flora "Flo" Clarke. Her husband had died, and her son, Eddie Bailey, became Jud and Flo's only child. He now lives locally up on Highway 181. This son has two children, a son, Eddie Jr., and a daughter, Elizabeth "Liz" Ramsey, who lives on Zion Road. Jud was Service Manager at Cutting Cross Chevrolet for years. He later did custodial and maintenance work in the schools until he retired.

Jud and Flo attended Drexel COG for some time, but when Flo had difficulty getting out, Jud started coming to MFCOG with Paul Ramsey. Paul is now deceased, and Flo is home-bound, but Jud comes to church every Sunday morning unless he is in the hospital, etc. God bless you, Jud!

Soli Deo Gloria – Ruth