

## Restore Our City

Praise the Lord,

Recently Sis. Riggs and I drove through a city we are very familiar with. However, the city we drove through looked so very different then we had ever seen it before. It is in such disarray, damaged and destroyed in so many ways, it was so shocking.

Many cities and lives are in the same situation. They are living with no direction, no hope, no joy, no peace, no God.

The Lord had laid an idea on my heart, that during Restoration Conference we would get out into the city and Restore the City. Kim and I went into the different locations to inform them as to what we were going to do. Almost immediately they would become cautious and a little suspicious as to what we were planning. One even asked what we were raising the money for. They were brought to tears when we told them we weren't raising money, but we were doing this in hope that they would be increased. As the groups of people went to each location the sound of joy, love and laughter filled the void. God's presence was evident in a tangible way. The impact of Restore the City was felt in each location. Sis. Donna Miles returned to one of the locations the following week and an employee said, "weren't you with the church group the other day?" The employee even remembered her name!

This was not about one city, this is about restoring hope in hopeless places. For joy to be renewed. That peace will reign once again. That God's direction will be revitalized in their lives. That they will be Restored.

The conference was great. The singing and preaching were wonderfully anointed but we can't keep it to ourselves.

Matthew 9:38 KJV

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Go out and let this world be restored unto God.

In His Service,

Bishop Joseph R. Riggs
UAC of JC General Superintendent

Joseph R. Riggs

## Restoration Conference











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### Seasons of Change

#### The Lighthouse Apostolic Church Rising Sun, Indiana

Pastor Richard Kast

It's that time of year again when the seasons change. The trees are taking on a transformation from beautiful green leaf's to very vibrant brilliant colors of different hues. They will eventually leave the tree bare to fall on the ground and become a brown crunchy thing that we step on, rake up, and make up into piles for children to play in.

Changes come into our lives all the time. They are unfortunately a huge part of our lives. Seasons of change can be good, or they can be bad, but they can lead to the good. (ROM. 8:28 And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love GOD, to them who are the called according to His purpose.)

Now, I am a person who has a tough time with change. I do not like to move furniture around because it is a change. I put it the way I like it the first time I place it and that is where I want it to stay. I am content with it like that forever, but God and my husband may have other ideas. I want to share a lesson God taught me recently about change.

#### Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven. now purpose is a matter in which one delights or the reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists. on the flip side of that, it also means that sometimes God allows suffering into our lives and has purposed it for our good.

A time to be born. Here comes a change. When a couple gets married and God says it's time, your family starts growing. Things change drastically but beautifully. Just like when you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you change from who and what you used to be into what God wants you to be. (It is for the good)

A time to kill. When you have chosen to live a life for Jesus, you have to kill out the old ways you have done things, you are a new creation now. God wants you to be a reflection of HIM. HE wants others to see Him in you.

A time to heal. We all have different healing periods in our lives. Both physically and spiritually. A cut dose not heal overnight. A broken bone can take weeks to heal. Spiritual hurts take time to heal, but no matter what type of healing you have need of, praise God for the season of healing. (Remember He is working all things out for your good.)

A time to break down. We all have periods of breaking down. Funerals, finances, loss of a job, health problems, etc... We also have spiritual breakdowns because God is wanting us to climb up higher in Him so that He can use us. (All things work together for the good.)

A time to build up. If we never ever had lost something or been through anything, how are you growing from the experience? God is the potter; we are the clay. Sometimes we can crack under the pressure of this life. The potter will break us just to rebuild us, to shape us, to mold us into His perfection but we have to allow Him to do so. It only makes us better when we accept what God is doing in our lives even when we don't understand it.

A time to weep. Growing up in my days, boys were taught to be tough and not to cry. I was a tom boy so guess who didn't cry? When I was a young Christian, I was also taught, "Don't let the devil see your tears". Guess what that is, bold faced lies from the devil. Tears show emotion. They are not bad. There are many times in life to weep. weddings, funerals, hardships, laughter, being proud parents, when you give your life to GOD, when in deep discussion with God, when someone receives the Holy Ghost, etc... Crying does not show weakness in a person, it shows compassion and love. PSALM 30:5 Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning.

A time to laugh. The Mayo Clinic will tell you that laughter is good for you. Laughter is a stress reliever. It helps to lighten your load which in turn makes your burdens easier to bear. Laughter stimulates many organs in the body. It enhances your intake of oxygen rich air, stimulates your heart, lungs, muscles, & increases the endorphins released by our brains. It can decrease your heart rate and blood flow. Laughter can stimulate circulation and help in muscle relaxation, improve your immune system, relieve pain, and improve your mood.

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A time to mourn. We all go through this when we lose a loved one naturally and spiritually. There are many losses in life that we are never prepared for, but it is in these times that we hold and trust in God to turn our mourning into dancing. Why do I say this? He has clothed us with all joy. Sometimes God wants to see if you will be faithful when you are going through a loss. God speaks life, are you listening to HIM? God wants us to know what it is like to be broken and that with Him in our lives there is nothing to fear but all the reason to dance.

A time to cast away stones. God wants us to stand up to the devil. We need to use the things that Satan throws at us as tools to show him that we will hold on to GOD no matter what.

A time to embrace & a time to refrain from embracing. I love hugs. I am a hugger. We tend to hug others when we are excited, happy, sad, or trying to offer comfort to others. Hugging reduces stress. On the flip side of that refraining just might keep you from getting Covid, Ha-ha.

A time to get. You cannot have a victory without having gone through the battle. You have to fight these battles on your knees & lay down everything before the Lord.

A time to lose. We need to lose all the bad things that hinder our walk with the Lord.

A time to keep & a time to cast away. Get rid of toxic things in your life that will keep you away from God, away from going to church. Take hold of the things of GOD.

A time to rend/ tear apart. Sometimes a seamstress or a builder has to completely tear apart something in order to fix it correctly.

A time to sew. To fix something. To sow seeds. Are you sowing seeds for the LORD?

A time to keep silent and a time to speak. There are times people have said things that are the total opposite of what I was speaking or turned it around completely. I could have said something & caused a huge scene, but God sometimes says, "Child be quiet! I will handle this."

A time to love, a time to hate. We are to love the sinner, the person. but we can hate the sin they have in their lives.

A time of war and a time of peace. There is a time we must fight but there are more times that we need to be in peace with things that are going on around us. To have this peace means that you trust Jesus with everything and you know that He has everything under control.

Love and Prayers to you all

Sis. Jodie Kast



## Spreading God's Love

Drakesboro Holiness Church Drakesboro, Kentucky

Pastor Mitchell Sublett



**Showing our Camp spirit in Pigeon Forge!! Compeling them!** 



Bro. & Sis. Sublett celebrated their 59th Anniversary on August 31st



Items were gathered for "Fostering Jesus' Love"



We honored our grandparents. It was great to have grandchildren and great grandchildren in church to help celebrate.

### Keep Believing

Faith Tabernacle Church Montgomery City, Missouri Pastor Allen Laramore

Praise the Lord our wonderful brothers and sister is in the Lord.

Our God is an awesome God. What would we all do without our Lord?

Well, we have had some wonderful things happen at Faith Tabernacle this year. Our sweet grandson Noah received the wonderful gift of the Holy Ghost. He was also baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. He was so thrilled to have his Grandpa baptized him. Bro. Laramore was so proud because we have been praying for this. God is so good.

We were able to have two revivals this year. There was a grandmother that brought her daughter and grandchildren and had been praying for her kids to start seeking God more. The altar call came and almost all of them came to the altar seeking God. One has the holy ghost. She told us after church that it was a wonderful prayer answered for her and we are all praying for them all to be revived in the Holy Ghost. Never stop praying for your children.

We have been having birthday parties for all the Sunday School kids this year. Lots of fun and good times. One Sunday little Jack which is three loves the story of Noah and the ark. We had a wooden ark an all the animals had to go into the ark or they would drown when the water came. It was extremely hard to get all those animals in there because there where to many and they did not fit well. So little Jack worked and worked on it till they all got in. He said there not going to drown.

It reminds us of Holy Ghost Christians today that are determine to live for God no matter how hard life gets. Through prayer God keeps us going so we can love him and show him he is our God.







## Beyond Our Walls

Apostolic Pentecostal Church-Greenfield, 9M

Pastor Joseph R. Riggs

Praise the Lord from APCGI. The Lord is great and greatly to be praised. Apostolic Pentecostal Church is blessed beyond measure with the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior. APCGI is thankful to have had a successful Vacation Bible School and Backpack Bash. Each night our VBS kids were taught what it was like to be "Heaven Bound Buckaroos." We ended the week with an awesome surprise with pony and horse rides along with providing a hand up to over 200 young people in our Backpack Bash.

In August we hosted the UAC of JC Restoration Conference. How amazing it was to "Restore Our City." Congratulations to Sis. Carlie Masters for winning a free all tuition paid and canteen gift card for Church Camp 2022. Thank you to everyone that made Restoration a conference to remember.

September we were blessed to have our annual Coat Drive. In it's third year we were able to provide from baby to adult with a warm winter coat, hat and gloves. The Lord blessed as we reached beyond our community and helped several from out of state passing through Greenfield. As always we are thankful for our Greenfield Steak n' Shake. Manager Shauna Kuhn and her team are a great help and support to make our Coat Drive a success.

APCGI was blessed to have Bro. Bobby Killmon with us for our Bible Study Revival. Bible Study Revival are services filled with an in-depth teaching of God's Word. Bro. and Sis. Killmon have been like family to APCGI. We are thankful for there anointed ministry and following God's leading.

As we wait for the sounding of the trumpet may we always be about the Lord's plan. Always be ready to tell of the hope that is within us to share the love of God's plan of salvation. Until we meet again. God Bless.







# Behind the Lens Stay Focused! Sis. Jennifer Clark

#### Praise the Lord,

What kind of picture is that? That is what I like to call a "NO" photo. No means that I do not post it, use it or try to correct it. No means that I accept defeat in that photo, learn from my mistake and move on. It might look "good" but in all actuality it is out of focus.

One major part of taking photos is the question "Are you focused?" Is the camera set to capture clearly what you are aiming for? Are the camera settings correct? So much to think about before you ever push a button to capture a moment.

Being out of focus from a photographer standpoint is one thing. Being out of focus with the plan God has for you is something different. Matthew 7:13-14 states 13: Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

So many times, we think what we see as the clear picture. We have OUR plan in clear view. But in reality, our view is distorted, blurred and not in focus. Our plan does not capture a pretty picture. Trust me when I say that you can try and fix it. I can take a computer program and correct a photo, but it is still not the original. The photo may look nice, but it is still not perfectly captured. God wants us to stay focused on him. To trust in his plan for us no matter if our eyes cannot see things clearly. God trusts us enough to carry a testimony perfectly designed for us. Why not trust Him in the process. Our lives may go out of focus but don't let it stay there long. Make the adjustment, get your focus back in tune. All of heaven is cheering you on. Stay focused!



"Photography is the story I fail to put into words."

— Destin Sparks

# The Ashley McCallough Scholarship



The UAC of JC has established the Ashley McCullough Scholarship, and has partnered with Indiana Bible College to help a student in the Missiology program further their education. Sis. Ashley's desire was to go on a mission field and reach the lost, and through this scholarship we are helping.her vision become a continuous reality.

If God moves your heart to donate to this scholarship, you can do so by mailing your contribution to

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Make checks payable to UAC of JC, Inc.

We thank you, on Sis. Ashley's behalf, for helping reach the lost.



4th Quarter Article Deadline
December 31st

Please submit articles by email to

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