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News & Information
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About our speaker...

Wesley G. Robinson-McNeese, MD, has pastored the New Mission Church of God, Springfield, IL, since its inception in September of 2003. He is an ordained Minister in the Church of God headquartered at Anderson, IN and past president of the Ministerial Alliance of Springfield and Vicinity. Dr. McNeese is Executive Assistant to the Dean for Diversity, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine; an Emergency Physician, and an Associate Professor in the Departments of Internal Medicine and Humanities.

McNeese is married; his wife was formerly LaVern Ollie of Pine Bluff, AR. They have four daughters – Safiya, Omega, Libra and Aziza. Dr. McNeese has four other children – Miguel, Timothy, Deanna and Maya.

A native of East St. Louis, IL, Pastor McNeese served as a Morse Intercept Operator in Vietnam achieving the rank of Technical Sergeant before becoming an Air Force Paramedic.

He was Editor of the *Crusader*, a weekly newspaper in his hometown before attending college. A frequently published essayist and poet, Dr. McNeese recently completed the book, *Can We Do That?*, a primer on Christian sexual thought and behavior.

His undergraduate education was at Anderson University, IN, Illinois State University-Normal and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. His medical training was at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine ('86), and then a Residency at McGaw Medical Center, Northwestern Medical School, Chicago, IL ('90).



PASTOR NORMA NELSON RETIRES



CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Norma Nelson upon her retirement as Pastor of Westminster Church of God. She served as the shepherd of the flock there for a over ten years. A celebration banquet in honor of her retirement will be held on February 18, 2012 at the Norwood Hills Country Club (1 Norwood Hills Country Club Drive, St. Louis, MO 63121) at 4:00pm. You may call 314-382-5017 to see if tickets are still available at \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

Congratulations are also in order to Rev. Joseph Eikerenkoetter, Jr. who has accepted the position as the new pastor of Westminster Church of God. Notification will be sent at a future date announcing his installation service.

Please keep Pastor Nelson, Pastor Eikerenkoetter, and the entire Westminster Church of God family in your prayers during their time of transition.

PASTOR'S PRAYER MEETING

The Pastor's Prayer Fellowship meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. The time (AM or PM) is at the discretion of the host pastor. The next Pastor's fellowship prayer meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 7th, 2011** at **9:00am** at the following location:
 First Church of God
 111 Richard Drive
 West Alton, MO 63147
 636-899-0030
 Host Pastor: Rev. Kelvin Lustick



Metropolitan Area Youth of the Church of God

Meetings are held every fourth Monday of the Month at 7:00pm at the **Community Christ Fellowship**

Church of God
 121 Williams Blvd
 St. Louis, MO 63135

We're asking for all youth leaders or representatives from each church.

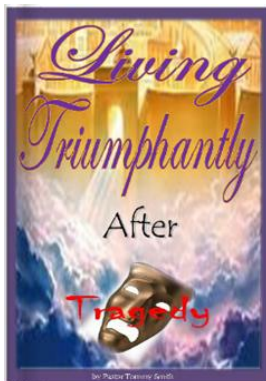
UMBRELLA PRAYER MEETINGS

The umbrella prayer group is a women's prayer circle that will greatly enhance your prayer life and spiritual growth. It is held every **third Saturday** at 8:00 am at the Richmond Heights COG, 7770 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, MO 63117.

314-781-7994.

Coordinators:

Sis. Sallie Hatter	618-271-2214
Rev. Willie Stevens	314-653-2542
Sis. Janna Sue Stowers	314-388-2464
Min. Laura Young	314-383-6459



Rev. Tommy Smith, Pastor of Church of God Community Worship recently published a book, "Living Triumphantly After Tragedy". He will be available after today's unity service for a book signing.

Riverview Youth Fundraiser Gospel Skate Night

All ages are Welcome!



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2012

Fun! 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

SKATE CITY

2200 E. Broadway - ESL, IL 62205

Donation at the door: **\$6.00 ea** (all ages)

Skate Rental: **\$1.50 ea** (pay at the rink)

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February 29-April 8, 2012

CHURCH of GOD MINISTRIES

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MISSION MINDED



Plans are being made for a missionary trip to La Ceiba, Honduras leaving on July 9, 2012 and returning on July 19, 2012. The purpose of this trip is to help build a second story on the El Pino Church of God.

The cost of the trip depends greatly on the airline tickets. At this time, the estimated cost of the trip is around \$1300.00 each. You may be assured that the cost will be kept as low as possible. The price includes airfare, hotel room, airport fees to get out of Honduras, and two meals (lunch and dinner) each day. Breakfast would be on your own.

Funds are also needed to purchase the building supplies we would use in Honduras. While you can never seem to have too much money, our goal is to raise at least \$5000.00 (five thousand) for building supplies.

We normally take a day for rest and relaxation and go to Roatan West End Beach, prior to returning home. It is one of the best places in the world to snorkel and scuba diving. The cost for the Roatan trip is about \$170.00, which is not included in the cost of the trip.

If you, or anyone that you know, is interested in going on this mission trip please contact Pastor Randy Butler as soon as you can by email rbjb68@sbcglobal.net, cell 314-496-9421, or the church number 314-522-1010. Additional information and forms that you need will be sent to you after hearing from you. This trip will require a passport, which may be obtained from your local post office.

If you would like to make a contribution in support of raising the \$5,000 for building supplies, you may send your donation to the following location:

Community Christ Fellowship
121 Williams Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63135
Attn: Pastor Randy Butler

Please be sure to write "Honduras building supplies" in the memo section of the check. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers of this missionary ministry.

National Inspirational Youth Convention 2011 Indianapolis, IN



The St. Louis metropolitan area was well represented at the 2011 NIYC held in Indianapolis, IN. Featured in the photo above is a group of the area youth posing at the courthouse with the Honorable Robert D. Rucker, Indiana State Supreme Court Justice.

Pastor Anniversary / Appreciation Schedule

Feb (third Sun) Westminster
Mar (first Sun) Kirkwood
May (first Sun) Riverview
June (first Sun) Market Ave
June (second Sun) Lebanon
July (third Sun) Richmond Heights
Aug (second Sun) Edgemont
Sept (first Sun) Wentzville
Oct (first Sun) Community –Black Jack, MO
Oct (fourth Sun) New Cote Brilliante
Nov (first Sun) Fireworks Station
Nov (third Sun) Kinloch
Dec (first Sun) Madison

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRAISE AND WORSHIP
INVOCATION / SCRIPTURE READING
PRAYER REQUESTS
PRAYER SONG
GENERAL PRAYER
CHOIR SELECTION
OFFERING
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
CHOIR SELECTION
MESSAGE
ALTAR CALL/PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BENEDICTION

-PRAISE TEAM / WORSHIP LEADER

-CHAIRPERSON
-CONGREGATION
-AREA MINISTER / PASTOR
-CHURCH OF GOD AREA CHOIR
-SLAMA OFFICERS

-CHURCH OF GOD AREA CHOIR
-SPEAKER

-AREA MINISTER / PASTOR

