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About our speaker...



Dr. Ronald J. Fowler is the Pastor Laureate of Arlington Church of God in Akron, Ohio. He has held the position of Senior Pastor for 42-years. The Arlington Church of God parish has a membership of approximately 1100.

Dr. Fowler is the eighth of ten children born to Robert L. and Susie Bell Fowler. At age eleven, his family moved to Akron where his father became the pastor of the Robert Street Church of God. His remaining school years were spent at Robinson Elementary School and later at East High School where he received his diploma in June, 1954.

With the aid of a football scholarship to Kent State University, he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Education in June, 1959 having majored in Physical Education and with a minor in Industrial Arts. It was during that time that he made the most important decision of his life: to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

After graduating from Kent State University in June, 1959, Dr. Fowler was drafted into the United States Army. He served two years in the military as a veterinarian food instructor. He received an honorable discharge in December, 1960. In the spring of 1961, he became engaged to the one who would become his lifelong partner. In December of 1961, Ronald Joseph Fowler and Ella Le Joyce Sojourner were married at their home congregation by the late Reverend Robert L. Fowler. This union was blessed with three children, Cynthia DeAnne Fowler-Starks (current Supervisor of the Grant Wound Care Unit., Columbus, Ohio), Christine Denise Fowler-Mack (Assistant Superintendent of Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public School District, Cleveland Heights, Ohio) and Ronald Joseph Fowler, II (Material Buyer Analyst for Diebold Service Logistics in Green, Ohio and Director of Technology at the Arlington Church of God., Akron, Ohio).

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SLAMA Meetings

Meetings for the St. Louis Area Minister's Association are held from September—May at 9:30 a.m. every fourth Saturday, alternating between Market Ave COG (IL) and Richmond Heights COG (MO). Please mark your calendars.

METRO AREA YOUTH OF THE CHURCH OF GOD (MAYCOG)

Meetings are held every third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Riverview Church of God. Please be sure to send a youth leader or representative from your church.

UNITY SERVICES

Services are typically held every fifth Sunday. Choir rehearsal for the St. Louis Area Unity Choir is generally held on the Friday evening before the Unity service. The location will be announced.

Unity Services for 2009:

**November 29, 2009 - There will be no meeting - Holiday weekend.
The next service will be January 31, 2010 at Kinloch COG.**

About our speaker... (continued)

Reverend Fowler's career as a teacher began in the Detroit Public schools where he worked in the areas of Special Education and Physical Education. In obedience to God's call, Reverend Fowler and his family moved to Anderson, Indiana in 1963. There, he attended Anderson College School of Theology, presently Anderson University School of Theology. He graduated in June, 1966 with a Master of Divinity Degree. Reverend Fowler went on to pursue Doctorate studies in Theology at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Other graduate studies included 30 plus hours toward a Masters Degree in Education at Kent State University. He also participated in a post-graduate seminar course in Wholeness at the Jungian Institute in Zurich, Switzerland. Following his graduation from seminary, Reverend Fowler and family moved back to his hometown and home church to assist his ailing father. He assumed the position of Associate Pastor at the Robert Street Church of God. He was elected to the office of Pastor in December, 1968 following his father's retirement. He was installed as Pastor in January, 1969.

From the desk of...

Eric Livingston – Illinois State Minister

CHERRY STREET

At one time I felt that the first church that I would see closing during my tenure as State Minister was to be the Lebanon Cherry Street Church of God. The date was set—the utilities were to be turned off—the refrigerator was cleaned out. Then God provided Minister Timothy West. Pastor West called me and said, "Brother Livingston, I didn't want to say yes—but I was open to the Holy Spirit's leading and He said, "GO." Pray for Minister West as he begins. Lebanon now has two Churches of God—*this community will be influenced in a powerful way!*

**Check out the St. Louis Area
Minister's Association online at**

www.slamaonline.org

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, Sept. 1st, 2009** at **9:00am** at the following location:

Market Avenue Church of God

1505 Market Avenue

East St. Louis, IL 62207

618-271-0527

Host Pastor: Elder George Prude

Thank You

We thank God for the beautiful weather and the wonderful spirit that was experienced on Saturday during the Unity Picnic. We thank God for you, the area Churches of God who participated, made donations, and volunteered to serve to make this annual event a success. It wouldn't be possible without you. We all had a glorious time. We look forward to doing this again next year. Don't forget, there is no such thing as too many volunteers.

-Pastor Norma Nelson



SLAMA has arranged bus transportation to the joint conference in Washington, D.C. The roundtrip fare will be \$170.00 per person. The bus will depart on December 26 and return on December 31st. A non-refundable* \$50 deposit is and is required to hold your reservations. It is imperative that you submit a deposit by October 1, 2009 if you plan to travel by bus with us. To inquire about the bus trip you may contact Sis. Wanda Stroter 618-398-9857 or Sis. Mary Anderson 314-727-3550.

2010 Mid-Year Leadership Conference / Cruise

A special time of personal refreshment, spiritual renewal & building relationships.

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COZUMEL

The 2010 Mid-Year Leadership Conference will be held on a cruise ship leaving from Miami, Florida on Monday, March 1, 2010 and returning Friday, March 5, 2010. Ports of call include Key West, Florida and Cozumel, Mexico. The cruise will be a special time of personal refreshment, spiritual renewal and building relationships. For additional information, please contact the NACOG office at (724) 528-1340 or go to www.nacog.com.

2009 Missouri Ministries of the Church of God Events

September 18-20 ChurchMen Convention Camp Sharon

October 2-4 WCG Prayer Retreat Camp Sharon

October 10 Cog-A-Mo Deadline State Office

November 27-29 Youth Convention Springfield

2009 Illinois Ministries of the Church of God Events

9/18-9/19/09 WCG State Prayer Retreat (Camp Warren)

10/26-10/27 Pastor/Spouse Retreat (Decatur Hilton Suites)

10/30-10/31 Youth Worker Retreat (Camp Warren)

2009 National Association of the Church of God Events

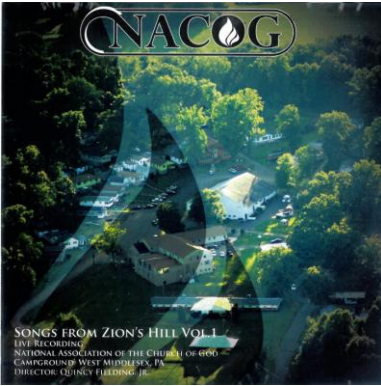
September 25-27, 2009 Church Administrators and Treasurers Summit; NACOG Campground, West Middlesex, PA

October 1, 2009 Self-Study Center for Christian Leadership; Local Homes

October 2-4, 2009 Youth and Children Ministry Summit; NACOG Campground, West Middlesex, PA

October 15-17, 2009 Music Ministry Summit; NACOG Campground, West Middlesex, PA

December 27-30, 2009 Joint Conference (Youth, Women, Men and Seniors Conventions) Washington D.C.



The National Association of the Church of God's CD – live recording from Zion's Hill. This CD was recorded at the camp meeting in 2008 and is available for a donation of \$15.00 per copy. All proceeds will go towards the development of the campgrounds and other NACOG projects. See Minister Jeannette Cochran or Sis. Janna Sue Stowers after service for your copy today.

Congratulations

to Rev. Dr. Carol Merritt on her Ordination during the MO General Assembly this year.

Honoring our Retired Pastors

Rev. Frank Broach - Kirkwood COG (Kirkwood, MO)

Rev. Jim Duncan - MO State Minister (St. James, MO)

Rev. Joseph Eikerenkotter - Westminister COG (St. Louis, MO)

Rev. David Hall - IL State Minister (Mt. Zion, IL)

Rev. Timothy Hatter - Richmond Heights COG (Richmond Heights, MO)

Rev. Timothy McNeese - Market Ave COG (East St. Louis, IL)

Rev. Willie B. Stevens - Cherry St. Community COG (Lebanon, IL)

Rev. Charles W. Strawn - Meadowbrook COG (Bethalto, IL)

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