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About our speaker...



Pastor Joseph Eikerenkoetter, Jr. is a Christ-like believer that loves worshiping God and serving others. His love for God transcends every part of his life and is demonstrated in all that he does for kingdom building. His mission is humbly portrayed: to show a dying world the Living Savior! It is his assignment on this spiritual journey. He answered the call to pastor the Westminster Church of God in January 2012. He models and encourages his flock to have a daily intimate relationship with God. His church's family-friendly ministries are designed to meet people where they are and to love them unconditionally. This plight is not unfamiliar to Pastor Joe, as he is humbly called, for he testifies of his gratefulness to God for meeting

him where he was in a small prison cell, away from life, but in a place where God could reach him and minister to him, unconditionally forgiving him, renewing him, restoring him, sanctifying him, and preparing him to serve. His compassion for the lost and desire to teach holy living is represented in his humorous, but serious belief: "Don't throw out the baby with the bath water." Pastor Joe will tell you and those who are closest to him that this time, he lives life On Purpose and with Purpose; God's purpose!

Pastor Joe eternally thanks God for his wife and best friend Ida of 37 years; she is his biggest supporter! He is a proud father of two children and two children-in-love: Lori & Wayne and Joe, III & Kim. He has been generously blessed with 11 grandchildren that keep him eternally busy and happy. Pastor Joe is also most proud to be serving at the church where his father Joseph Eikerenkoetter, Sr. once pastored for over twenty years. Both of his parents are faithful members and avid supporters. Although Pastor Joe attended Anderson University and has experience in corporate America, upon his renewed relationship with God and entry back into society, he answered a call in 2007 to start a business, All Covered Cleaning, a commercial cleaning company that contracts with various companies and organizations in the St. Louis Metropolitan area. Although it is a for-hire organization, *All Covered* is indeed a ministry that reflects its own name in providing a holistic, all-covering employment that provides spiritual, emotional, and social support for employees and especially an open door for individuals who are ex-offenders. Pastor Joe is kind and generous with a sincere compassion for the lost and thus his entrepreneurship endeavors have overall included counseling, re-entry skills, life-skills training, men's ministry, marriage counseling, GED support, addictions counseling, and so many other resources providing support for his employees.

In all that Pastor Joe does, he is committed to loving the Word, living the Word, and teaching the Word.



Meetings are held every fourth Monday of the month at 7:00pm

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 to participate in these meetings to assist in the planning and organizing of area youth events.

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PASTOR'S PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

The Pastor's Prayer Fellowship meetings are typically 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, October 2nd, 2012 at 9:00am

at the following location:

Richmond Heights Church of God

7770 Dale Ave.
Richmond Heights, MO 63033
314-355-6901

Host Pastor: Rev. Etta Bell

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.

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

Min. Antonio Payton NIYC Conference Speaker



Min. Antonio Payton

Min. Antonio Payton of New Cote Brilliante Church of God will be leading the Morning Glory service at the National Inspirational Youth Convention on December 29, 2012 at 7:00am in New Orleans. We're asking that you not only pray for him, but come, support, and pray with him during the conference.

Missouri Christian Women Connection (CWC)

Prayer Retreat

October 5-7th, 2012 At Camp Sharon

Missouri Youth Fellowship (MYF)

November 23-25th, 2012 University Plaza Hotel Springfield, MO (Check with your youth leader for more details)

BEST CHURCH OF GOD UNITY PICNIC EVER!

Thanks to you, we had another successful Unity Picnic. The phrase, "This is the best picnic ever," was heard repeatedly during the picnic and throughout the following weeks. We thank God for his favor in blessing us with a great location and for holding off the rain until the very end. We extend a special, "Thank You," to the picnic committee members and churches for their contributions.

-Pastor Norma Nelson

Pastor Miki Merritt **Presiding Elder** of the **National Association** of the Church of God



Congratulations to Pastor Miki Merritt of the New Cote Brilliante Church of God. As of August 2012, Pastor Merritt has become the Presiding Elder-Elect of the National Association of the Church of God with headquarters and over 100 acre campground known as "Zion's Hill" in West Middlesex, PA. Pastor Merritt will succeed Bishop Robert S. Davis, Sr. as Presiding Elder as of January 1, 2013. The National Association of the Church of God is a family of over 400 Church of God congregations with historic and relational ties to the African American community. The National Association's mission is, "to support and nurture pastors, identify and mentor leaders, develop healthy connected churches, and empower Spirit-filled servants to do the work of the Kingdom of God." The Association sponsors a National Convention, Women's Convention, Men's Convention, Youth Convention, Ushers' Convention, the In-Service Training Institute, and various Leadership Summits.

Pastor Merritt has served as Vice-Presiding Elder since August 2008. His duties include serving as Chairman of the Program Committee, serving on the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee. Responsibilities have ranged from budget development to crisis management. As Presiding Elder, Pastor Merritt will be called on to provide spiritual leadership as he presides over the General Assembly, serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and works closely with the Chief **Operating and Development Officer Charles** Myricks to carry out the vision and mission of the Association. Pray for Pastor Merritt as he embarks on this new assignment.

1Ctory 2012 Extraordinary Women's Convention:

November 8, 9, 10, 11

Sheraton Gateway Hotel Atlanta Airport, 1900 Sullivan Rd. , Atlanta Phone: (770) 997-1100 · www.sheraton.com\atlantaairport All room types (Single/Double) are \$94 + tax per night Thursday, November 8, 6:30pm thru Sunday, November 11, 10:30 am

Dynamic Keynote Speakers







The Honorable Ruth Hassell-Thompson

Interim Pastor Langley Ave Church of God, Chicago, IL **New York State Senator**

Rev. Dr. Gina M Stewart Rev. Carol Warner Ligons President-NAWCG Pastor Christ Missionary ntist Church Memphis. TN

5 Anointed Conference Leaders

- * Rev. Arnetta McNeese Bailey:
- * Elder Cecilia B. Dennery:
- * Rev. Felecia Smith:
- * Dr. Dorothy Wright:
- * Dr. Kenya Ayers

- "It's Foolish to Let Go! "Hidden in Plain Sight"
- "Can You Drink the Cup"
- "Prospering in Your Health" "What is Your S.A.U.L.? Unstuck Once and For All!"

Registration Information

- -Regular Registration (May 2nd October 1st)
- -Late Registration (October 2nd-November 1st)
- \$175.00 -Final Registration (November 2nd - On site) \$200.00
 - ntal Breakfast and Saturday Banquet*****
- -Optional Tours-Must Pre-Register, Non Refundable
- -Atlanta Black Historical Tour (includes boxed lunch)
- -Shopping Spree (Arbor Place Mall)
- \$30.00 \$12.00

\$150.00

-Checks/Money Orders are to be made payable to NAWCG and mailed to: P.O. Box 7382 Bloomfield Hills, Mi. 48302 Or Register Online at www.nacog.com

Complimentary Shuttle Service

- -To/From Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport every 20 minutes.
- "Shuttle Service to Camp Creek Marketplace (Open Air Mall to an array of shopping, restaurants and services)"

Contacts for Travel

Special Discounts on airline tickets for Group of 10 or more

- -American Airlines: www.aa.com/group call: 1-800-221-2255 Groups of 10 or more may qualify for 5% discount at AA with this information. Group Name: VICTORY CONVENTION **** Valid Dates: 05Nov12-12Nov12****Authorization Number: 33N2BG
- -Delta Airlines: www.delta.com call: 1-800-328-1111

Groups of 10 or more may qualify for 5% or 10% discount at Delta with this information. Meeting Code: 415736

-Avis Car Rental: 1-800-331-1600 refer to AWD #B136001 for discount.

During the "Victory 2012" convention you will be spiritually edified with the powerful word God, shared by our dynamic speakers, physically renewed, in an anointed atmosphere and blessed by rich fellowship with your sisters. As you are seeking your "Victory", no matter what is going on in your life, keep in mind our convention theme.

"All Is Well! The Best Is Yet To Come!"

For More info: Contact Pauline Anderson Brown @ 516-358-7508 or email phasean@hotmail.com



December 27 – 30, 2012 New Orleans, LA

The National Inspirational Youth Convention (NIYC) will be held at the following location:

New Orleans Marriot 555 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70130

The conference will OPEN at 7:00pm with an evening Worship Celebration on Thursday, December 27 and will CLOSE at 9:00pm after the evening Worship Celebration on Sunday, December 30. Please plan your travel schedule accordingly.

Registration information can be found at www.niyc.org. You must be registered to receive convention hotel rates.

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

Visit <u>www.slamaonline.org</u> to find out what's going on in the area and to view archived issues of the SLAMA newsletter.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRAISE AND WORSHIP
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-PRAISE TEAM / WORSHIP LEADER

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

-CHURCH OF GOD AREA CHOIR

-AREA MINISTER / PASTOR

