

# Tennessee Ministries of the Church of God

P.O. Box 1464 Murfreesboro, TN 37133

## TN Ministries Calendar of Events:

Feb 18 – 21  
East TN Winter  
Camp Meeting

Feb 23 – 25  
Pastor and  
Spouse Retreat

Mar 23  
Executive Ministry  
Council meeting

Mar 23 – 25  
TN State Youth  
Convention

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## Living transformed lives!

When Christ called, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matt 4:19) His disciples left their nets and followed Christ. By following, their lives were transformed from being known by their occupation to a higher calling.

Is our calling to live transformed lives any different? I don’t think so.

When Christ called us, He did not leave us as we were, but rather through His grace, each area of our lives is transformed for His purpose. What great news! Christ’s calling touches our family relationships, friendships, work, play, and our world view. Christ did not call us to stay the same, but rather to

real life. Christ’s call is to transformation!

That is the beauty of fellowship within a body of believers in your local church. To find strength, and to grow together through the transformation of the gospel.

May God’s blessing of joy and peace fill you as you follow our Lord!

## TN Ministries State Office in Murfreesboro has sold.

The TN General Assembly in Sept 2017 approved a resolution to sell the TN Ministries State Office in Murfreesboro!

Well, the office sold on Jan 26, 2018. This sale will mean our physical location for the state office will become more mobile.

### **NOTE:**

**Mailing address will stay the same**

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### **Changes:**

**New office phone:**  
(931) 294-5978

**New email:**  
[tnchog@gmail.com](mailto:tnchog@gmail.com)

**Thanks to the members of the Ministry Council and local pastors who helped pack and move the files of the State Office!**

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## Do you have a call into ministry?

If you or someone in your church feels called to ministry and the pursuit of ordination, you should first contact the Pastoral Ministry Team (PMT) Chairman, Jeff Wallace with a letter of intent.

([RodeoReverend@gmail.com](mailto:RodeoReverend@gmail.com))



*TN Ministries  
Ordination Service  
Murfreesboro, TN  
Sept 2017*

The candidate's letter/email should state:

- a. The sense of a divine call to Christian vocational ministry
- b. The willingness to engage in a substantial program of preparation for this ministry
- c. The readiness to provide all information required to substantiate his/her identity, background, experience, education, etc.
- d. The desire for ordination by the Church of God (Anderson) when the required preparation is completed successfully
- e. The availability for an initial interview by a Credentials Committee representative to build acquaintance and respond to questions.

Upon receipt of that letter of intent, the Chairman will arrange for an initial interview by a member of the PMT. Instructions on the rest of the enrollment process will follow. The deadline for enrollment in the Fall 2018 session begins in Oct and will close to new applicants on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Camp Overton Association is seeking a Caretaker for Camp Overton

The caretaker's position is one of year round residence and maintenance of the campground. The salary package includes a home and utilities along with salary. Below are some basic qualifications that the Board of Directors are looking for:

- ✓ The Caretaker shall have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- ✓ Must be experienced in general maintenance duties.
- ✓ Must have the ability to operate and maintain equipment.
- ✓ Record keeping abilities for camp reservations and invoicing.

Those wishing to apply or are interested in more information on the position may email resumes and inquiries to Angel Wallace at [aijwallace@yahoo.com](mailto:aijwallace@yahoo.com). You may also contact Board Chairman Don Patterson at (931) 580-7656.

# Credentials Manual Update

The Credentials Manual has a number of changes. If you have any questions, please direct them to Jeff Wallace (PMT chair) or to Bob O'Dell. To help in explaining the changes, there is a Word document from the Standing Committee of Credentials highlighting some of the changes. Please contact Bob O'Dell at [tnchog@gmail.com](mailto:tnchog@gmail.com) for a copy. In addition, the November 2017 Truth Matters by the Pastor Fellowship has a very good article about the development of the Credentials Manual and some of its history. The Credentials Manual Truth Matters article url is listed below.

[http://pastorsfellowship.worthyofpraise.org/truthmatters/November\\_2017.htm](http://pastorsfellowship.worthyofpraise.org/truthmatters/November_2017.htm)

## Why Our Church is Invested in Global Missions?

By Tommy Dove, Lead Pastor at Grace Place

When I read Acts 1:8 and it says, But you will be my witnesses in Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, I am challenged to look beyond my local community, my state, and even my nation. Our congregation in Hermitage hadn't been on a missions trip in recent history, if ever, before 2006. We went on our first trip to Honduras in 2009. Heart to Honduras was active in building homes for widows at that time. We were privileged to build several of these homes during our week in the country for a couple of years. During this time the ministry based in Xenia, Ohio challenged us to select a sister congregation and to focus our work there on that community. For the last four years we have been partnering with a congregation in Santa Rita, a very poor area. The church there has been a beacon of love and ministry to the many single mothers and children of the community. We have not only helped fund and complete a new church building there, and installed a sound system, but we have helped the community construct a water tower, and supplied back packs and uniforms for children to attend the local school. For the last three years we have taken medical teams and hosted clinics in the church building. We are blessed to have nurses, medical technicians, and two Physicians Assistants in our church that provide treatment to over 250 patients each October. Other volunteers run the pharmacy for the clinic. During the winter a second team travels to do construction, Vacation Bible Schools, and build relationships with our pastor, community leaders, and congregation members. The members of our congregation who can't go to Honduras donate funds and medical supplies to the teams who are traveling there. Our partnership also provides income for the pastor of the local church and other pastors as well.

One of the exciting developments has been the call on the life of one of our members to move to Santa Rita as a missionary. Jennifer Estep has been traveling with our teams twice a year and during that time she felt God speaking to her to move there to love and care for the children and women of the community. Jennifer has purchased a home just up the hill from the church and our men have been working to ready it for her to move there in February of 2018. Grace Place will literally be living out the Great Commission to go to the ends of the earth when we have our missionary spreading the Gospel in Honduras.

I would challenge every congregation to do more than talk about missions, get involved in missions in some way. It's not as expensive as you might think and it changes the hearts of the people of our church. I have found that we care more deeply about the needs both spiritually and physically in our own community because we have answered the call to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. If you would like to know more about traveling abroad for missions work especially in Central America contact me at [TbirdJDove@aol.com](mailto:TbirdJDove@aol.com), or 615-883-1826.

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## TN State Youth News and State Convention Info

This past September, Chris and Carrie Ricketts completed their 5 year term as our State Youth Director. We were blessed during their leadership with our youth. Thanks Chris and Carrie for your faithful service. We are blessed that Beverly and Kevin Robinson have agreed to fill the TN Youth Director Position. Beverly and Kevin Robinson served previously as State Youth Directors and recently completed a successful ministry as the Youth Pastor at Grace Place in Hermitage, TN. Not only are they willing to serve, but they have a great vision for the youth which will build upon the outstanding ministry the Ricketts have shared with our youth in TN.

Beverly and Kevin can be contacted at (615) 419-3231 or via email [Bevrobinson1@yahoo.com](mailto:Bevrobinson1@yahoo.com)

### State Youth Convention

The annual TN State Youth Convention (SYC) "Guard your Heart" should be an exciting and fulfilling spiritual experience. The SYC will be in Gatlinburg on March 23-25 at the Park Vista. This year's speaker will be Chip Taylor and worship will be by John Tibbs. This year we will have a special guest, John Michael Hinton, Illusionist.

Registration materials are available online - [www.tnchogyouth.org](http://www.tnchogyouth.org)

**International Youth Convention of the Church of God Ministries** will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 2-5 2018.

<http://www.jesusisthesubject.org/international-youth-convention-2018/>

### 2018 Regional Conventions

Life Abundant, whole, complete, perfect. It is the signature of the living Christ. That is the Church of God we want to be. This is where the Lord wants to take you at the Regional Church of God Conventions in five locations throughout 2018. Jesus is the subject. Take back what hell has stolen. **Receive life. Hear life. Embrace life.** [www.jesusisthesubject.org](http://www.jesusisthesubject.org)

**April 17-18    April 24-25    June 19-20    Sept. 18-19    Sept. 25-26**

## Shopping on Amazon?

Did you know that TN Ministries is now registered as a Smile Charitable Organization on Amazon? As you shop on Amazon, if you designate TN Ministries as your Smile Charity, you will be funding our various ministries within the state of TN.

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