

# Tennessee Ministries of the Church of God

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## TN Ministries Calendar of Event

June 11 – 14 – Junior  
Camp – Camp Overton

June 11 - 15 – Junior  
Camp – Camp Greene

June 18 – 22 – Junior  
High Camp – Camp  
Greene

June 18 – 23 – Teen  
Camp – Camp Overton

June 19 – 20 – CHOG  
Regional Conference –  
Columbus, OH

June 25 – 29 – Senior  
High Camp – Camp  
Greene

July 2 - 5 -  
International Youth  
Convention

July 5 - 8 - Family  
Camp - Camp Overton

July 15 - 20 -  
Southeast TN Indoor  
Camp Meeting -  
Englewood 1st CHOG

July 29 - Aug 5 - East  
TN Camp Meeting -  
Camp Greene

Sept 6 - 7 - TN State  
Assembly - Knoxville  
1st CHOG

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## Living Outside the Box!

I was privileged to attend Pastor's Fellowship last month and was truly blessed. On Tuesday, Allan Hutchinson shared a wonderful illustration using crayons in his sermon on "New Life from Biblical Unity." He described the purpose of a crayon was to be used for creative use. While it looks nice and pretty inside the box, he shared that the crayon could not fulfill its purpose until it was taken outside of its box. He then went further and stated that the church, like the

crayon, cannot fulfill the purpose God intends until we get outside the box a.k.a. walls of our church and get into our communities.

This simple illustration brought home a powerful truth, for when a church focuses on its comforts, wants, and needs, it becomes more like a country club than what God intended for the church. (Phil 2:3-4) Yes, serving one another within the church is part of our ministry, but when ministry is primarily inwardly focused, the church moves from being a

light in our communities to one of self service. (Matt 5:14-16) So to move outside the box is to move away from an attitude of "I Want" to one saying, "I Will" (*I will; Nine traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian* by Thomas Rainer p.9-10). May we be known as a church that is missionally minded in our service to our communities.

How are you living outside the walls of your church?

May God's blessing fill you as you serve our Lord outside the box!

## SAVE THE DATE!

## TN Annual Assembly of the Church of God - Sept 6-7

The TN Ministries of the Church of God annual Assembly meeting will be held Sept 6 - 7, 2018 at the First Church of God in Knoxville, TN.

Registration and lodging information will be available in July.

# Beast Feast At Harmony Hill

By Don Hackney, Pastor at Harmony Hill Church of God, Fayetteville, Tennessee

Sportsman and outdoor enthusiasts from all around south central Tennessee and north central Alabama converged on Harmony Hill for their second annual Beast Feast and Sportsman Dinner Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. God blessed with extraordinarily beautiful weather as hunters and wildlife enthusiasts gathered for a day of family, food, fellowship, and fun. There were outdoor exhibits of primitive early American cooking and living, complete with hatchet



*Beast Fest  
@  
Harmony Hill  
April 2018*

throwing and flint lock long rifles. There were archery games for the kids as well as a demonstration of flint-knapping, the art of making real arrow heads for hunting. There was deer scoring by the Tennessee Wildlife Association for those who had killed big bucks. As a matter of fact, we were able to host Stephen Tucker from Gallatin, who this year killed the world record white tail deer and posed for pictures with his impressive trophy mount. There were stuffed bear, stuffed deer, stuffed elk, and stuffed attendees who ate an assortment of wild game, some of which came all the way from Alaska. Most everyone received a door prize of some kind.

The evening culminated with a combination of gospel bluegrass music and our world renowned speaker and Christian outdoorsman, Dr. Jimmy Sites, host of the TV show, Spiritual Outdoor Adventures. Jimmy's lesson challenged all to consider that while deception is the art of a successful hunter's skill, it is also Satan's strategy to make each of us his trophy of destruction.

For more pictures and information check us out on Facebook under: Harmony Hill Annual Beast Feast

## New Credentials Manual Information meeting on Sept 6

The PMT is sponsoring an informational meeting about the Credentials Manual at the State Assembly meeting on Thursday evening, Sept 6. If you have any questions that you would like addressed during this meeting, 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/7\\_3\\_1.htm](http://pastorsfellowship.worthyofpraise.org/truthmatters/7_3_1.htm)

# Help from Hurts, Habits, Hang-ups

By Ralph Shipley, Celebrate Recovery at First Church of God, Greeneville, Tennessee

The average person tells 4 lies a day, or 1,460 a year; a total of 87,600 by age 60, and the most common lie is: **“I’m fine.”** Everyone struggles with something all the time. Everyone has hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

## **What is a Hurt?**

The feeling of being hurt is an emotional reaction to another person’s behavior or to a disturbing situation.

## **What is a Habit?**

A habit is an addiction to someone or something.

## **What is a Hang-up?**

Hang-ups are negative mental attitudes used to cope with people or an adversity.

## **What Can The Church Do To Help? Start a Celebrate Recovery ministry!**

**Celebrate Recovery** is a biblical and balanced program that helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups, and habits. It is based on the actual words of Jesus, rather than psychological theory.

The program began 26 years ago with 43 people. It was designed as a program to help those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups, by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process.

CR is local, national, and international, and is presently in over 30,000 churches. There have been a million and a half people who have experienced this recovery program.

**Celebrate Recovery (CR) began at First Church of God**, in Greeneville, TN, in 2015, with eight people. It has grown to an average of 40 per week, with the highest attendance at almost 100. Our program is available every Tuesday evening, 52 weeks a year. Along with our regular Tuesday night meeting, there are other opportunities to grow in developing coping skills and in our relationship with Christ.

We have witnessed Changed Lives in many different ways...many have completed this program and ...

Have remained sober for a number of years.

Have assumed leadership responsibilities in the small groups.

Have given their testimonies in churches, camp meetings, and other CR programs.

Have started attending our church.

Have had their life and their families lives transformed through their commitment to Jesus Christ and the Celebrate Recovery program.

**There is No Hurt - - - Beyond Healing!**

**There is No Habit - - - Beyond Help!**

**There is No Hang-up - - - Beyond Hope!**

If you are interested in starting a chapter of Celebrate Recovery at your church, please contact Pastor Ralph Shipley, at First Church of God at 423-638-4818 or 423-620-3534. Pastor Shipley will also be leading a CR conference on Thursday at our Annual TN Assembly meeting in Knoxville First Church of God. <http://www.greenevillefcog.org/celebrate-recovery>

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## TN Annual Minister and Church Registration is due by July 6, 2018

Registration forms and letters have been sent out. If you need a registration form for yourself or your church, please email or call the state office. [tnchog@gmail.com](mailto:tnchog@gmail.com) or (931) 224-0581

**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/>

### FREE CLASS

The Church of God Bible Institute is offering a free class to new students in the 2018 Fall Semester. Students may choose either *Study the Bible* or the book of *Ruth*. There is no obligation to sign up for more classes but COGBI welcomes all to continue. The school offers three diploma courses of study: Ministry, Leadership, and Books of the Bible. Classes are affordable and completely online. Call Dean Dorothy Hall at (423) 783-8988 or email: [dothallsr@comcast.net](mailto:dothallsr@comcast.net) today to learn more. <http://www.cogbi.net/>

### 2018 Church of God 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)

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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