

# TN Ministries of the Church of God

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## TN Ministries Calendar of Events:

- Due now - CMT grant request for Outreach and Revitalization
- Nov - Harvest Offering
- Feb 2018 - Pastor and Spouse Retreat

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## Grace and Peace to You!

Throughout Paul's letters, he shared this greeting with the church multiple times. Sermons and commentaries have explained this simple greeting but the simplicity of it, "grace and peace to you", can sustain us as we face the challenges in our journey here on earth. I can think of no greater greeting I can give, as I accept the

call to be the State Pastor for Tennessee Ministries of the Church of God, than Paul's greeting to the church, "**Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ**".

As we begin this journey together, I am reminded of the calling to Moses and Isaiah. While I am neither one of these

two men, I know that as a united church we can hear the call of God and go forth with confidence that God will be with us as we serve Him! So as we begin this journey together, may God's Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ surround you as you serve Him to reclaim that which has been stolen by the enemy! Be Bold in the service of the King!

## So what is a Ministry Plan?

Last year, during the 2016 TN General Assembly, the Ministry Council conducted a focus group and survey to discover the needs and concerns of the church. Based on your feedback, Tennessee Ministries is beginning an Intentional Ministry Plan that brings a common purpose, vision and unity in our

ministry to the lost and broken-hearted.

### **So what is a Ministry Plan?**

Good question!

A Ministry Plan is a **living roadmap** for our state as we serve Christ together.

The various ministries, under the umbrella of the TN Ministries of the Church of God, will have a common focus

as we serve the church here in TN.

A copy of this detailed ministry plan can be obtained by emailing [TNCHOG@bellsouth.net](mailto:TNCHOG@bellsouth.net).





## Why Have a State Ministry?

- Intentional Ministry that brings a Common Purpose, Vision, and Unity in our Ministry to the Lost and Broken Hearted.
- Train and Mobilize for Greater Missional Endeavors
- Preserve, Record, and Transmit Theology for the Church
- Encourage Pastors and Churches as they Serve
- License Ministers and Uphold Ordination Standards
- Maintain Approved List of Ministers and Churches
- Assist/Mediate in Conflict Resolution
- Assist with Pastoral Placement
- Assist in Church Planting
- Leadership Development and Training for Pastors, Youth, and Lay Leaders

## Disaster Relief

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*As God's people, let us pray, give, or serve. Time passes yet people are still hurting. Let us be generous.*

It is not too late to take an offering or make plans to send a work team to one of the devastated areas.

appropriate State Office.

Contact information:

Florida Church of God Ministries:  
407-737-7633. Ken Love, [ken@flcog.org](mailto:ken@flcog.org)

You can send money to the [Church of God Disaster Relief Fund](#) earmarked for the location or you can send money to the

[Church of God Disaster Relief](#):  
800-848-2464.  
Stephen Lewis, [SLewis@chog.org](mailto:SLewis@chog.org)

Texas General Assembly of the Church of God:  
281-487-4283. Tim West, [timothybwest@mac.com](mailto:timothybwest@mac.com)

## Shopping on Amazon?

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ministries within the state of TN.

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## **Harvest Offering for TN Ministries**

During the past three years, our Unified Budget here in Tennessee has experienced a shortfall in our funding that is impacting our ability to unite together in serving our Lord. As a good friend has repeated several times, "we need to move from a life support budget to a ministry budget."

In the past year, the Ministry Council and through Dwayne's leadership, we have reduced internal costs by more than \$10,000 by leveraging technology and reducing office costs. While we continue to seek God's wisdom in reducing our internal financial needs, we need to begin to seek God's provisions for ministry here in TN.

The Ministries Council is requesting that every church in Tennessee consider receiving a Harvest Offering either the first or second Sunday in November. This special love offering is planned to help us make up the short-fall in Unified Budget giving and to express our thanks to God for the opportunity to share in cooperative ministry for the Kingdom.

Don Hackney  
Ministry Council Chair

## **A Call for Prayer**

Last April, Bro. Danny Pinter ran into his study to grab his Bible study notes for the evening service, but something else caught his eye. An old VHS tape of a Praise Gathering sermon: "My house Shall be Called a House of Prayer " by Jim Cymbala.. The old tape seemed to reach out and grab HIM! So, he put his agenda aside and showed it.

The Lord grabbed the people. The priority of concentrated prayer has taken root, blossomed, and born fruit ever since.

Every Thursday evening, the flock gathers and prays for over an hour together for specific needs and for spiritual growth. They are seeing answers for the Glory of God!

Danny says, "Of all the programs and curriculum we have tried through the years, nothing has given the church the sense of purpose that this has." He sees it as a huge priority in the life of the church:

Concentrated prayer time together. Because of that, The Lord's Kingdom is richly present at Scott Memorial in Chattanooga.

"How is your congregation responding to Jesus' prayer mandate? Our Lord wants us all involved in the battle for spiritual victories! Our earthly culture says to run and run fast-- but Jesus says to pray and fast! Which are we doing?

If you need a prayer jump start, the sermon "My House Shall Be Called a House of Prayer " by Jim Cymbala is available for purchase at <https://store.brooklyntabernacle.org/products/my-house-shall-be-called-a-house-of-prayer-dvd.html>

Or view the sermon on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40F5wMbjugE>

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## **Pastor and Spouse Retreat**

The TN Ministries and Congregational Ministries Team is sponsoring the Pastor and Spouse Retreat in February 2018. This event is scheduled at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg, TN from 23 - 25 February 2018.

The Pastor and Spouse retreat is a weekend designed to encourage, refresh, and fellowship with your fellow pastors and spouses in a retreat like environment. The event includes two nights lodging, and a Saturday evening meal. Our guest speaker is a recently retired pastor, Rev Claude Robold and his wife Janice. The cost is \$300.00. There is a limited availability for this retreat.

For registration information, email [tnchog@bellsouth.net](mailto:tnchog@bellsouth.net)

### **Did you miss the Church of God convention in Wichita last Year?**

If so, check out the  
following videos...

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/convention-2017-  
speaker-videos/](http://www.jesusthesubject.org/convention-2017-speaker-videos/)