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VISION, AND SUPPORT**

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Pastors can be pretty demanding. They want us to come to church every time the doors are open, pay our tithes and then also give in offerings, volunteer to teach Sunday School and serve at work days, invite our neighbors to church and then pray for the church an hour per day! How unrealistic is that?!

Seriously, Pastors only want what God wants for their church members. Most Pastors I know love their congregation with a “shepherd’s love.” They pray diligently for their flock. They do their best to feed them and keep them spiritually healthy. But Pastors do have hopes for the people they lead.



- Pastors want their church members to be disciples of Christ. We are all called to make disciples of other people (Matthew 28:19-20). Any pastor who is doing their job will teach and train, develop and challenge. Sometimes they come across as pushy, but it helps to understand their motives.
- Pastors want their church members to grow spiritually. Preachers have the responsibility of feeding those to whom they preach. While personal growth is the responsibility of every individual, pastors want to see their members mature in their faith.
- Pastors want their church members to spiritually reproduce. It has been said, “sheep beget sheep.” Good pastors train the members to do the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:11-13). You will make your pastor rejoice if you become a soul winner!
- Pastors want their church members to discover and utilize their spiritual gifts. Good church members don’t just sit in the pew. They understand that they are called by God to fulfill a ministry. If you function in your gift, you will be a great blessing to your church and pastor.
- Pastors want their church members to experience the joy and fulfillment of being a vital part of a vibrant and growing church. A few church members prefer a small church but most people know that healthy things grow. Let’s embrace church as a dynamic and progressing organism, made alive by the Holy Spirit!

Pastors don’t intentionally use people to get what they want. At times, it may feel like members are only a means to an end – the way that the pastor can build a successful ministry. But true Pastors want only what is best; they only want what God wants for the people they serve.

When your pastor encourages you to attend church, serve and give, he or she is doing so out of a heart of love for you and a desire for your spiritual well being. Pray for your pastor because they have a difficult task. But also pray for your pastors so that they can lead the church with integrity of heart and skillful hands (Psalms 78:72).

Now, make your Pastors day: Do the five things listed above and watch your pastor rejoice!

Rick Whitter

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2019 Illinois
Church of God

Winter Campmeeting

January 24 - 25

Beltline COG

310 Oakwood Ave, Alton, IL 62002

We invite friends and family from across the state to join us for
anointed preaching, powerful worship and warm fellowship!

Bishop Rick Whitter



Thursday - 7pm
Dr. Tim Hill
General Overseer



Friday - 7pm
Kevin McGlamery
Church of God Huntsville, AL
Lead Pastor

STATISTICS

	August Tithes	On Campus	Off Campus	Morning Worship	September Missions	September Rebuilding Walls
Alton, Beltline Christian Center- R. Todd Shaw	\$6,050.50	0	0	88	\$100.00	\$
Alvin- Dan R. Hunt	8,022.00	40	82	75		75.00
Anna- Philip Rexing	600.00	0	0	9		
Benton, New Life- R. J. Joplin	18,728.50	239	96	121	20.00	121.00
Bethalto-	54,887.46	145	0	448	10.00	448.00
Bloomington, Center for Hope- Larry Taylor	Mission					
Bloomington, New Beginnings- Aaron L. Stine	2,233.00	44	10	48	10.00	
Bourbonnais, Worship Center- Rick D. Sexton	5,839.50	20	0	146		146.25
Brookport- Charles D. Tate	16,845.40	46	0	103		103.00
Cahokia- Larry Ridenour	5,394.00	31	22	69	103.00	75.00
Cambridge- Donald Grooms	260.00	0	60	15	20.00	
Carbondale- Janet Lindsay	692.00	14	0	14		
Carlyle, Living Stones- Larry Whited	2,491.00	13	16	8	20.00	12.00
Carmi, New Beginnings- Michael LeBuhn	5,310.00	31	0	112		
Carrier Mills- Jonathan Stevens	1,368.70	24	0	33		
Centralia, New Destiny- Jason Wyman	1,320.00	0	0	28		52.00
Champaign- Christopher Smithey	12,387.87	45	0	60	100.00	
Chauncey- Dwayne R. Sovdi	4,230.00	11	0	46		50.00
Clay City, Transformation- Thomas Cody	290.00	0	0	44		
Clinton- Jeffrey L. DeLaughter	3,269.00	23	27	49	45.00	
Collinsville, Solid Rock-	778.10	10	0	8		
Columbia, East Bridge Fellowship- Larry Ridenour	2,918.00	17	12	29	112.00	40.00
DeKalb, Cathedral of Praise- Brandon Nelson	11,295.00	30	0	110		
East Alton, Flowing River- Kenneth Dickerson	573.00	15	0	15		
Eldorado- Dennis West	5,141.95	45	26	75		
Equality- Peggy J. Winters	3,542.00	100	18	38	30.00	38.00
Fairfield- Chris Vandergraph	3,300.00	66	127	57	10.00	57.00
Fairfield, Canaan Bridge- Jeremy Cline	1,589.00	45	0	155		
Farmer City- Timothy J. Clagg	N/R					
Galesburg, Oasis- Darrell W. Garrett	2,398.94	0	192	24		29.00
Geneseo, Ebenezer- Jerry W. Bosworth	326.00	5	0	10		
Granite City, Michael Mayberry	5,765.53	14	47	28		28.00
Harrisburg, Land Street- Paul J. Taylor	1,875.00	15	10	10		
Herrin, Park Avenue-	3,396.00	44	0	30		30.00
Honey Comb- Harold E. Miller	5,933.42	55	40	46		
Kincaid- Jacob Skelton	10,700.00	43	0	95		125.00
LaSalle, Living Word- Cres Rios	1,129.00	10	70	33		40.00
Lawrenceville- Thomas Cody	4,885.58	22	0	41		
Lincoln- Roman W. Krywyn, II	893.00	16	0	16		22.00
Logan- Rick Fowler	9,121.80	51	0	81	50.00	100.00
Manteno- David R. Hanners	2,665.00	10	6	30	45.00	
Marion- Preston House	1,423.00	12	0	14		
Marion-All Nations- Bruce Fox	11,864.52	12	8	61		
McLeansboro- Terry Hall	4,195.00	34	67	84		81.00
Mt. Vernon, Harlan Road-	11,459.00	61	40	88		88.00
Mt. Vernon, LifePointe- David Gregg	3,694.00	20	0	49		
Norris City- Charles Waggoner	3,170.00	39	0	27	20.00	27.00
Paris- Christian White	1,909.00	0	40	29		
Pekin, Lighthouse- Will Carson	8,708.05	80	2	60		100.00
Peoria- The Lord's Table- Burl Cole	4,741.00	30	6	30		
Plano- John Todd	2,707.00	8	0	27		
Pontiac-	N/R					
Raleigh, Restoration- Troy Brittingham	2,139.00	67	21	31		62.00
Ridgway, Soul's Harbor- Jason Sork	1,238.00	56	12	14	20.00	25.00
Robinson, Westside- Hugh Crowe	543.00	6	0	6		
Rochelle-	2,381.00	0	0	11	10.00	
Salem- Brian Mixon	2,430.00	0	0	31		
Sesser- Fred Ping	1,335.00	25	0	14		25.00
Shawneetown- Randy Vaughn	1,520.38	41	16	20		20.00
Taylorville, Faith Community Worship Center- Jerry L. Thorpe	N/R					
Thompsonville- Brian Mixon	9,046.00	82	48	99	10.00	100.00
Waterloo, New Beginnings- Matt Smith	6,365.00	0	0	28		150.00
Wayne City- Ryan Reavill	670.00	0	0	43		
West City- Harol Whitlock	9,055.50	123	82	134		
West Frankfort, Southpoint- Tod W. Parchman	6,217.15	73	0	65		65.00

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Thompsonville 2



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Illinois
Minister's Meeting
New Life Church
707 DuQuion Street, Benton

Service - October 25 - 7:00pm
Minister's Meeting - October 26 - 9:00am
Session for Pastor's Wives - October 26 - 9:00am