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We are entering the time of year when most families are drawn together. Holiday celebrations are the time for people who have been busily scattered all year to pause from their work and come together. Thanksgiving and Christmas are family time!

The same should be said for church family. This is especially true because so many nuclear families won't gather during the holidays. We are all aware that the family is under attack. The painful truth is, many people have no intention of seeing their families during the holiday. The church must respond proactively to this sociological crisis.

We need a church family! We need to be known and to know others. God did not create us to be alone in this life. Unfortunately, many people believe that the church is optional. Others think of the church only in times of crisis. But we understand that in order to receive ministry in times of crisis, we must build relationships in the good as well as the bad times.

The holidays are the perfect time to make a renewed commitment to the church. Gather with others to worship, to fellowship, to pray and to work. And rather than observing the church as a place to go only in crisis, let's consider this: We need the church family:

When we need prayer and when we need to pray for others.

When we are lonely and when we need to visit others.

When we are sick and when others are sick.

When others need to be taught and when we need to learn.

When we need the spiritual gifts and talents of others, and when we need to share our spiritual gifts and talents with others.

In good times and bad, in happy times and in sad times.

We need the church family!

When it comes to involvement in the church, we face many challenges. Anyone who has attended a church for very long has been hurt by someone in the church. This is a natural part of relationships. But some of us hold the church to a higher standard than we hold for ourselves. The church is made up of people and, as such, is subject to failure. Don't demand perfection. Don't expect the pastor or leaders to be flawless. When offended, forgive quickly. When you get hurt, allow the Spirit of God to bring healing quickly. Otherwise, division is sure to come to the church, and you will be separated from your church family.

Whether your family is healthy and fully functional or unhealthy and dysfunctional, you need the church family. And your church family certainly needs you.

Make a commitment this season. Celebrate the beauty of the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons with your church family. Make plans for a productive New Year with your family. Be a productive part of a productive church. If you do these things, when you need it, the church will be there for you. Please don't wait until a crisis strikes before you commit to a church; at that point, the level of necessary trust will not yet be cultivated. Commit now to be there for others; they will return the favor when needed.

Don't miss this season for the family - God's family. I John 3:1 says, "*The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children.*" (NCV) Make time for your Father and your Brothers and Sisters. They will be blessed and you will be blessed!

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

	Tithes	On Campus	Off Campus	Morning Worship	Missions	Rebuilding Walls
Alton, Beltline Christian Center- R. Todd Shaw	\$5,574.75	0	0	88	\$	\$
Alvin- Dan R. Hunt	9,830.00	52	95	92		92.00
Anna- Philip Rexing	1,006.00	0	0	8		3.00
Benton, New Life- R. J. Joplin	24,000.50	222	102	142	470.00	142.00
Bethalto- Dennis Laughlin	52,796.88	149	0	413		413.00
Bloomington, Center for Hope- Larry Taylor	Mission					
Bloomington, New Beginnings- Aaron L. Stine	2,575.50	43	13	48		96.00
Bourbonnais, Worship Center- Rick D. Sexton	7,314.35	32	18	155		155.00
Brookport- Charles D. Tate	19,240.26	58	0	99	20.00	99.00
Cahokia- Larry Ridenour	13,381.00	37	21	80	104.00	80.00
Cambridge- Donald Grooms	255.00	0	60	13	20.00	
Carbondale- Janet Lindsay	944.00	11	0	15		
Carlyle, Living Stones-	2,550.00	13	16	9	20.00	13.00
Carmi, New Beginnings- Michael LeBuhn	7,276.00	32	0	114		
Carrier Mills- Jonathan Stevens	1,668.70	20	0	33		
Centralia, New Destiny- Jason Wyman	1,452.00	0	0	22		52.00
Champaign- Christopher Smithey	15,185.87	45	0	59	100.00	
Chauncey- Dwayne R. Sovdi	5,496.00	11	16	43		50.00
Clay City, Transformation- Thomas Cody	470.00	0	0	35		
Clinton- Jeffrey L. DeLaughter	4,245.00	27	28	40	45.00	
Collinsville, Solid Rock-	1,295.10	10	0	8		
Columbia, East Bridge Fellowship- Larry Ridenour	3,075.00	22	18	34	113.00	35.00
DeKalb, Cathedral of Praise- Brandon Nelson	10,783.00	30	0	130		
East Alton, Flowing River- Kenneth Dickerson	506.00	0	0	15		
Eldorado- Dennis West	7,690.00	68	56	67		
Equality- Peggy J. Winters	4,333.00	108	60	55	10.00	59.00
Fairfield- Chris Vandergraph	3,600.00	50	163	50		
Fairfield, Canaan Bridge- Jeremy Cline	1,520.00	35	0	114		
Farmer City- Timothy J. Clagg	N/R					
Galesburg, Oasis- Darrell W. Garrett	3,149.00	0	219	26		24.00
Geneseo, Ebenezer- Jerry W. Bosworth	1,565.00	4	0	9		
Granite City, Michael Mayberry	7,406.43	14	57	23	10.00	23.00
Harrisburg, Land Street- Paul J. Taylor	3,353.00	15	0	11		
Herrin, Park Avenue- Daniel Maples	4,500.00	45	0	31		31.00
Honey Comb- Harold E. Miller	7,863.63	51	40	47		
Kincaid- Jacob Skelton	14,293.00	62	0	90		125.00
LaSalle, Living Word- Cres Rios	2,312.00	15	30	24		32.00
Lawrenceville- Thomas Cody	5,034.03	21	0	44		
Lincoln- Roman W. Krywyn, II	1,383.00	49	0	17		17.00
Logan- Rick Fowler	10,331.80	59	0	59	50.00	100.00
Manteno- David R. Hanners	2,695.00	10	6	30	70.00	
Marion-	1,983.00	12	0	14		
Marion-All Nations- Bruce Fox	10,621.03	12	8	54		
McLeansboro- Terry Hall	3,944.75	34	67	79		79.00
Mt. Vernon, Harlan Road- Michael Campbell	11,122.00	44	40	97	10.00	97.00
Mt. Vernon, LifePointe- David Gregg	4588.00	17	0	42		
Norris City- Charles Waggoner	3,999.00	39	8	27	20.00	27.00
Paris- Christian White	4,228.00	0	30	29		
Pekin, Lighthouse- Will Carson	8,684.70	60	0	56		100.00
Peoria- The Lord's Table-	4,216.00	30	6	30	20.00	20.00
Plano- John Todd	3,368.00	20	10	35		50.00
Pontiac-	N/R					
Raleigh, Restoration- Troy Brittingham	2,827.00	61	39	26		
Ridgway, Soul's Harbor- Jason Sork	1,409.25	80	12	14	20.00	25.00
Robinson, Westside- Hugh Crowe	878.00	6	0	6		
Rochelle-	2,875.00	0	0	10	10.00	
Salem- Brian Mixon	1,680.00	0	0	28		
Sesser- Fred Ping	1,152.00	25	0	10		25.00
Shawneetown- Randy Vaughn	1,530.38	44	16	23		23.00
Taylorville, Faith Community Worship Center- Jerry L. Thorpe	3,017.46	35	19	48		145.00
Thompsonville- Brian Mixon	8,376.00	85	45	86	10.00	100.00
Waterloo, New Beginnings- Matt Smith	6,839.00	0	0	30		150.00
Wayne City- Ryan Reavill	1,303.00	0	0	47		
West City- Harol Whitlock	9,227.50	119	83	127		
West Frankfort, Southpoint- Tod W. Parchman	7,714.20	77	0	62		62.00

Tithe Breaker

Cahokia
\$13,381.00

Waterloo
New Beginnings
\$6,839.00

New Members

Raleigh, Restoration	3
Benton, New Life	2
Kincaid	2
Cahokia	1
Champaign	1



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Guest Speakers
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