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Family Treasures



Some families have heirlooms on display in their homes. Others have jewelry boxes or hope chests full of keepsakes tucked safely away. Still others have safe deposit boxes containing valuables. Wherever they are kept, most families have items that are important to them. They speak of times past. They honor forefathers and foremothers. They are handed down from one generation to the next; they are part of the inheritance.

Some of the treasures we have aren't worth much monetarily. Only a few of us have expensive jewelry, rare art or ancient artifacts. Most of our

treasure has sentimental value. It is the people connected to the items that make them valuable.

Our church family has valuable treasures!

While not many churches own expensive or rare items, every church has valuable riches and untold wealth. These "treasures" may not bring much on the open market, but for the people who embrace them, they are immensely valuable.

The **prayers of faithful saints** through the years are treasures. Without them, there would be no ministry. Although many of the heroes who prayed these prayers are gone, the power of the prayer remains. What a treasure!

The **commitment to the truth of the Bible** is a treasure. Churches that have a history of adherence to the Scriptures provide a true and rare gift to those who attend the church.

Anointed preaching and teaching is a treasure. These gifts have been provided by godly men and women who have worked hard, remained faithful and relied on the Holy Spirit. Such a treasure!

Inspiring and life-changing worship is a gem. Churches that know how to sing, give, praise, celebrate and fellowship provide valuable assets to the worshippers.

Sustained discipleship in a church is a genuine jewel. Whether it is Sunday School, home Bible studies, small groups or effective midweek services, growing disciples of Christ recognize this treasure in their church.

Godly wisdom and Biblical counsel by leaders is a true gift. Churches that possess these treasures experience a real advantage over those that do not. True treasures!

We could list many more treasures but consider this: While these church treasures cause us to look back, they also motivate us to look ahead. They connect us with those who came before us; they also inspire us to hand these treasures down to future generations.

Let's value what has been provided. While it is important for us to adapt to modern ministry methods, we must not abandon our treasures. Our founders thought they were important. They have significantly impacted us. Those who come along behind us will also need these precious jewels.

Because these "treasures" impact eternity, they are a wise investment. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:19-20 *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."*

We owe it to our children to pass on our family treasures!



One day of State Wide
Student Service Projects

SATURATE

*Community Missions, Church Work
Projects, Shut In Visitations, Outreach
Events, Door-to-Door Ministry...*

NOV. 9TH 2019

Please email your service projects to
dmaplesyd@gmail.com by October 21st.
Group T-Shirts can be ordered online at
illinoiscog.org through October 21st.

Illinois Church of God



Christmas Open House And Fellowship

Come be our guest at the

State Parsonage

104 Hickory Drive, Bethalto, IL

Friday, December 7 • 2 - 4^{PM}

All Ministers and Spouses are invited!

Christmas photo shots will be available.

Illinois Church of God Winter Campmeeting

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January 23-24, 2020

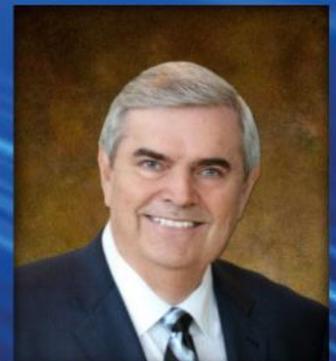
New Life Church of God

707 N. DuQuoin, Benton, IL



Pastor Joe Dobbins
Twin Rivers Worship Center
Thursday, Jan. 23 - 7pm

Dr. John Childers
Assistant General Overseer
Friday, Jan. 24 - 7pm



STATISTICS

	August Tithes	On Campus	Off Campus	Morning Worship	Sept. Missions	Sept. Rebuilding Walls
Alton, Beltline Christian Center- R. Todd Shaw	\$ 5,478.00	0	0	95	\$ 200.00	\$ 80.00
Alvin- Dan R. Hunt	9,883.24	90	72	80		
Anna- Philip Rexing	1,645.00	44	0	14		
Benton, New Life- R. J. Joplin	20,487.30	519	114	161	1,190.00	161.00
Bethalto- Dennis Laughlin	39,520.58	130	0	290		290.00
Bloomington, Center for Hope- Larry Taylor	Mission					
Bloomington, New Beginnings- Aaron L. Stine	1,982.00	22	17	29		30.00
Bourbonnais, Worship Center- Rick D. Sexton	4,826.00	15	0	139	700.00	139.00
Brookport- Charles D. Tate	16,493.12	57	0	129	1,020.00	129.00
Cahokia- Larry Ridenour	5,105.00	36	16	69		
Cambridge- Donald Grooms	225.00	0	60	11	20.00	
Carbondale- Jamie Karales	809.00	23	11	23		
Carmi, New Beginnings- Kenny Rager	5,048.25	108	0	149		
Carrier Mills- Jonathan Stevens	1,875.40	14	0	28		
Centralia, New Destiny- Nathaniel LeCrone , Interim	829.00	0	0	24		
Champaign- Christopher Smithey	11,259.87	35	0	46	155.00	
Chauncey- Dwayne R. Sovdi	3,702.20	8	0	37	225.00	50.0
Clay City, Transformation- Thomas Cody	1,134.00	0	10	60	10.00	
Clinton- Jeffrey L. DeLaughter	3,484.40	45	24	48	45.00	
Collinsville, Solid Rock- Travis Watkins	890.00	0	0	50		
Columbia, East Bridge Fellowship- Larry Ridenour	2,310.00	26	15	28		
DeKalb, Cathedral of Praise- Brandon Nelson	11,355.00	50	0	120		
East Alton, Flowing River- R. Todd Shaw, Interim	488.00	0	0	11		
Eldorado- Brian Barrett	6,439.10	45	55	70	50.00	70.00
Equality- Peggy J. Winters	3,820.00	86	12	30	10.00	30.00
Fairfield- Chris Vandergraph	4,000.00	63	183	50		50.00
Fairfield, Canaan Bridge- Jeremy Cline	1,778.00	31	0	128	10.00	
Galesburg, Oasis- Sherman Jones, Jr.	1,933.00	0	250	20		
Geneseo, Ebenezer- Jerry W. Bosworth	260.00	5	0	8		
Granite City, Michael Mayberry	4,078.00	12	0	27	10.00	27.00
Harrisburg, Land Street- Paul J. Taylor	33,734.00	13	7	15		
Herrin, Park Avenue- Daniel Maples	4,701.48	61	0	45		45.00
Honey Comb- Harold E. Miller	6,464.73	61	50	56		100.00
Kincaid- Jacob Skelton	11,703.46	55	0	92		125.00
LaSalle, Living Word- Cres Rios	1,705.00	15	30	30		35.00
Lawrenceville- Thomas Cody	4,685.00	16	0	44	10.00	
Lincoln- Roman W. Krywyn, II	610.00	12	0	25		27.00
Logan- Rick Fowler	N/R					100.00
Manteno- David R. Hanners	3,255.00	10	6	30	45.00	
Marion- Jarrold Barton	4,020.00	0	0	15		
Marion-All Nations- Bruce Fox	9,210.68	22	0	71		
McLeansboro- Terry Hall	2,732.75	45	55	86		
Mt. Vernon, Harlan Road- Michael Campbell	7,096.50	24	0	55		
Mt. Vernon, LifePointe- David Gregg	4,784.00	21	0	50		
Norris City- Charles Waggoner	2,989.00	37	8	27	20.00	
Paris- Christian White	3,569.00	4	30	29		
Pekin, Lighthouse- Will Carson	7,080.00	44	2	48		
Peoria- The Lord's Table- Cody Dickerson	5,097.00	39	10	39		
Plano- John Todd	3,385.80	18	0	29	100.00	
Pontiac- Kris Wattelet	840.00	0	0	7		15.00
Raleigh, Restoration- Troy Brittingham	N/R					
Ridgway, Soul's Harbor- Jason Sork	1,314.00	88	12	14	20.00	25.00
Robinson, Westside- Hugh Crowe	N/R					
Rochelle- Moises Serrano	3,377.00	0	0	10	10.00	
Salem- Brian Mixon	7,185.00	0	0	38	100.00	
Sesser- Fred Ping	1,033.00	25	0	9		25.00
Shawneetown- Randy Vaughn	2,210.38	34	13	34		34.00
Taylorville, Faith Community Worship Center- Jerry L. Thorpe	2,582.50	37	21	51		
Thompsonville- Brian Mixon	4,987.00	55	30	71	100.00	100.00
Waterloo, New Beginnings- Matt Smith	4,495.80	0	3	24		150.00
Wayne City- Ryan Reavill	720.00	0	0	53		
West City- Harol Whitlock	8,372.70	136	82	130		
West Frankfort, Southpoint- Tod W. Parchman	6,648.00	73	0	73		73.00

Tithe Breakers

Harrisburg
\$33,734.00

New Members

Alvin	6
Plano	4
Benton, New Life	1
Honey Comb	1



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MINISTERS' MEETING & SERVICE

Herrin Church of God
117 W. State Street, Herrin, IL

October 25, 2019

6:00 PM Meeting & Financial Update

(Non-credentialed spouses are welcomed to attend.)

Kids Fun Time & Nursey

7:00 PM Service

Nursery for 4 and under

Fellowship & Pizza Following Service

\$5.00 Per Person - No reservations required

