



ILLINOIS CHURCH OF GOD

April, 2021

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RICK WHITTER, ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP

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## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Illinois is awakening! After a long Winter, over a year of the Covid-19 pandemic and many months of isolation, new life is springing up all around us. Most of our churches enjoyed wonderful Easter Sunday gatherings in the building and testimonies have been received of many salvations during the services and events. It is so good to finally be turning a corner into what we believe will be a most productive season for the ministry!

Allow us to utilize this month's LINK to share valuable details.

## Reaching Illinois:

We are seeing great progress in many parts of the state. Several of our churches are growing and reaching their communities. New churches are starting and several others are being revitalized. The State Office offers as much assistance as possible to new or struggling churches. In order to do this, we must increase our financial foundation. Consistency in tithing is very much appreciated. Several churches participate in the "Rebuilding the Walls" program, where one dollar is given each month for every person in Sunday morning attendance. Still others send a monthly offering designated to "Reaching Illinois." All of these efforts are greatly appreciated.

If you would prayerfully consider a generous offering to this cause, we believe that God will bless you. There are several ways you may give: Checks may be mailed to PO Box 978 Decatur, IL 62525. Online giving is available on our website at: [Illinoiscog.org/give/](http://Illinoiscog.org/give/). Your donations are making a difference – thank you!



## Campmeeting:

Campmeeting season is just around the corner! June 9-11 is the date and Bethalto Church of God is the location. We will enjoy the preaching ministry of Bishop J. David Stephens, Pastor Joe Dobbins, Bishop Gary Lewis and Bishop Daniel Maples. Powerful times of worship, prayer, fellowship and training are slated. Since we missed Campmeeting 2020, this year's gathering is all the more important. All safety measures will be in place and protocols will be followed. But the gathering of the Illinois family is vitally significant; let's not miss the great things that God will do among us!

Make plans now to be fully involved.

## Summer Camp:

Kids Camp, ages 6-11 is June 14-18. Student Camp, ages 12-18 is July 5-9. Special guest speakers are Dan Hunt and Joel Talley, respectively. The location of the camp is the beautiful Lake Sallateeska in Pinckneyville, Illinois. Along with loads of fun, the campers will experience a life-transforming encounter with God!

Registration information is available on our website: [Illinoiscog.org](http://Illinoiscog.org) or by calling the State Office (217) 429-5121. We are so thankful for our excellent Youth and Discipleship Directors, Daniel and Jordan Maples! Please pray for them, the Youth Board, staff, volunteers and campers as we head into this exciting season!

## Illinois Vision:

### ILLINOIS VISION

Finally, we wish to remind you of the driving vision behind everything that we do. Souls are lost. We are surrounded by people and families who need a relationship with Jesus! God has given us the Mission of making disciples of the people of our state.

Illinois is our Mission Field. Our vision is to reach every person under the influence of our churches around the state and to see Illinois transformed one person and family at a time. Every event, gathering, worship service and communication has the same Mission: Make Disciples!

We are a State on Mission! We are so glad that each of you are a part.

It is our honor to serve you,

**Bishop Rick Whitter**



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LOCATION:  
LAKE SALLATEESKA  
PINCKNEYVILLE, IL



## STUDENT CAMP

JULY 5-9TH 2021  
AGES 12-18YRS



## KIDS CAMP

JUNE 14-18TH 2021  
AGES 6-11YRS

# ESSENTIAL YOUTH CAMP



Joel Talley



Forward Drama



Dan Hunt

# YWCA

2020/2021

PIERCING THE DARKNESS  
WITH THE  
LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL



# STATISTICS

	February Tithes	On Campus	Off Campus	Morning Worship	March Missions	March Rebuilding Walls
Alton, Beltline Christian Center- <b>R. Todd Shaw</b>	\$ 5,661.00	0	0	0	\$ 150.00	\$
Alvin- <b>Dan R. Hunt</b>	11,048.51	0	0	80		100.00
Anna- <b>Philip Rexing</b>	1,380.00	3	0	7		
Benton, New Life- <b>R. J. Joplin</b>	67,074.70	0	0	10	30.00	
Bethalto- <b>Dennis Laughlin</b>	37,826.35	0	0	139		139.00
Bloomington, New Beginnings- <b>Aaron L. Stine</b>	3,646.00	26	0	49		48.00
Bourbonnais, Worship Center- <b>Rick D. Sexton</b>	2,736.50	0	0	75		
Brookport- <b>Charles D. Tate</b>	11,011.86	36	0	85	20.00	
Cahokia- <b>Larry Ridenour</b>	5,896.00	0	0	41	25.00	25.00
Cambridge- <b>Troy Sullivan</b>	580.00	0	20	18	20.00	
Carterville-	N/R					
Carmi, New Beginnings- <b>Kenny Rager</b>	6,872.00	11	0	33		
Carrier Mills- <b>Jonathan Stevens</b>	1,918.30	10	12	33		
Centralia, New Destiny- <b>Nathaniel LeCrone</b>	1,527.00	0	0	12		
Champaign- <b>Christopher Smitley</b>	14,285.46	0	84	17	50.00	
Chauncey- <b>Dwayne R. Sovdi</b>	5,994.50	5	0	26		50.00
Clay City, Transformation- <b>Thomas Cody</b>	1,911.00	6	0	33		
Clinton- <b>Mark Cooper</b>	3,337.53	30	24	33	58.00	
Collinsville, Solid Rock-	0.00					
Columbia, East Bridge Fellowship- <b>Larry Ridenour</b>	1,923.00	0	0	22	25.00	25.00
Danville, Church of the Lord Almighty-	816.00	0	0	12		
DeKalb, Cathedral of Praise- <b>Brandon Nelson</b>	14,810.00	0	0	0		
East Alton, Flowing River- <b>R. Todd Shaw, Interim</b>	62.00	11	5	11		10.00
Eldorado- <b>Brian Barrett</b>	6,439.75	15	0	20	100.00	70.00
Equality- <b>Peggy J. Winters</b>	3,196.45	69	13	34	10.00	40.18
Fairfield- <b>Chris Vandergraph</b>	3,000.00	23	287	30		
Galesburg, Oasis- <b>Sherman Jones, Jr.</b>	2,692.00	108		16		
Geneseo, Ebenezer- <b>Jerry W. Bosworth</b>	800.00	0	0	5		
Granite City, <b>Michael Mayberry</b>	5,610.00	0	0	0	10.00	
Harrisburg, Land Street- <b>Paul J. Taylor</b>	1,446.00	10	0	11		
Herrin, Park Avenue- <b>Daniel Maples</b>	4,356.00	66	5	39		39.00
Honey Comb- <b>Harold E. Miller</b>	4,450.14	29	223	22		100.00
Kincaid- <b>Jacob Skelton</b>	14,255.42	41	0	91		125.00
LaSalle, Living Word- <b>Cres Rios</b>	2,812.00	0	163	16		40.00
Lawrenceville- <b>Thomas Cody</b>	5050.50	9	189	30		
Lincoln- <b>Mike Lake</b>	638.00	0	0	10		
Logan- <b>Rick Fowler</b>	8,019.96	23	0	38		
Manteno- <b>David R. Hanners</b>	4,586.00	10	0	30	45.00	
Marion- <b>Jarrod Barton</b>	N/R		6			
Marion-All Nations- <b>Bruce Fox</b>	10,976.94	0		34		
McLeansboro- <b>Terry Hall</b>	1,939.00	88	0	88		
Mt. Vernon, Harlan Road- <b>Michael Campbell</b>	8,098.50	0	880	50		50.00
Mt. Vernon, LifePointe- <b>David Gregg</b>	4,436.98	0	0	0		
Norris City- <b>Charles Waggoner</b>	3,625.00	26	0	18	20.00	18.00
Paris- <b>Christian White</b>	3,521.00	24	0	34		
Pekin, Lighthouse- <b>Rick Hill</b>	7,132.00	28	24	100		30.00
Peoria- The Lord's Table- <b>John Miller</b>	3,670.00	22	0	22		
Plano- <b>John Todd</b>	4,440.53	0	6	34		
Ridgway, Soul's Harbor- <b>Jason Sork</b>	1,242.00	70	0	14	40.00	
Robinson, Westside- <b>Jake Popejoy</b>	468.00	0	12	7		
Rochelle- <b>Moises Serrano</b>	1,355.00	0	0	9	10.00	
Salem- <b>Brian Mixon</b>	3,706.00	0	0	31	40.00	
Sesser- <b>Walter Rexing</b>	811.00	0	0	0		25.00
Shawneetown- <b>Randy Vaughn</b>	1,698.90	25	0	40		
Taylorville, Faith Community Worship Center- <b>Jerry L. Thorpe</b>	2,847.61	12	0	31		
Thompsonville- <b>Brian Mixon</b>	8,480.61	49	15	63		100.00
Washington-Restoration Chapel- <b>Matt Smith</b>	3,520.00	26	0	32		
Waterloo, New Beginnings- <b>Matt Smith</b>	7,075.00	23	0	34		
Wayne City- <b>Jeremy Cline</b>	875.00	0	0	34		
West City- <b>Harol Whitlock</b>	7,215.00	0	0	25		
West Frankfort, Southpoint- <b>Tod W. Parchman</b>	6,446.00	0	0	40		40.00
Wood River-Restoring Hope- <b>Cory Kendall</b>	2,653.00	125	0	85		

## Tithe Breakers

Benton-New Life

\$67,074.70

Wood River-

Restoring Hope

\$2,653.00

## New Members

Pekin-Lighthouse

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Kincaid

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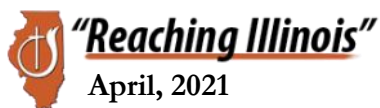
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Thompsonville

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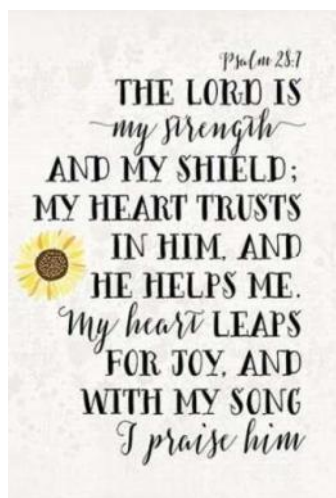
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ILLINOIS CHURCH OF GOD CAMPMEETING

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FINISH COMMITMENT

## The Church On Mission!

**June 9-11, 2021**  
7:00pm Nightly  
10:00am (Thursday & Friday)

**Bethalto Church of God**  
800 E. Bethalto Blvd.  
Bethalto, IL

**Special Guests**

**Joe & Kayla Dobbins**  
Lead Pastor, Twin Rivers Church

**J. David & Joyce Stephens**  
2nd Assistant General Overseer

**Gary & Lori Lewis**  
State Administrative Bishop  
South Georgia

**Daniel & Jordan Maples**  
Illinois Church of God  
Youth & Discipleship Director

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