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Something special occurs when we come together; every time we come together as Believers, heaven gets involved!

It's no secret that the Lord calls us to assemble in His name. Throughout Scripture and history, the people of God have met in groups, large and small. In cathedrals, temples, caves and brush arbors, we have gathered to worship. We come from every corner of the earth. We stop what we are doing and we focus on the Lord. We give God our time and attention. And when we do, God responds. God moves among groups in ways that are not possible when we are alone.

It is also no secret that many are forsaking the gathering. At this point in our nation, church attendance is at the lowest percentage point of any previous time. Think of it: fewer folks hearing the Word preached and taught. Little children missing out on the Sunday School Bible stories. Only a few singing God's praise, worshipping in giving and praying at the altars. And when worship is forsaken, the devil responds.

CoVid-19 has wreaked havoc on the gathering. While we are so very grateful for the recovery we're experiencing, still many feel so differently about gathering. Thomas Haynes Bayly said that, "absence makes the heart grow fonder." But sometimes, absence causes people to forget. Some are failing to remember what congregating means. Disregarding the flock results in isolated sheep. And isolated sheep are in danger.

An enemy of gathering is time constraints. People are busier than ever and worship services often fall prey to the time crunch. Lack of finances can prevent some from meeting with others for worship. But we find that discouragement is the greatest hindrance to the gathering. When people get down spiritually or emotionally, many withdraw. They prefer to be alone. They feel that the meeting has little or no ability to help in their situation, so they stay home. This is precisely what the devil wants! He knows full well the power of gathering and he will stop at nothing to try to prevent it. He likes for us to detach ourselves, disengage from the church and disconnect from the family. Secluded Christians are vulnerable targets. Let's not fall into the devil's trap.

As Pastors want church members to attend services, State leaders want pastors and members to attend State meetings. Campmeeting 2021 is just around the corner. June 9-11 is our assigned time to gather as a State family. I truly hope that our Illinois family will come together. We so desperately need to do so! Please rest assured that all safety precautions will be in place and protocols observed.

Alice Waters said, "This is the power of gathering: it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive." This is especially true for Christians. When we gather in the name of the Lord, the Holy Spirit in us creates hope. Joy is natural. We come alive in the power of gathering!

Let's gather. Let's worship. Let's pray and sing and share the Word. Let's hang out with old friends after the services. Let's make new friends. Let's make a difference in the meetings by being fully engaged. Let's engage the power of gathering!

I hope to see you at Campmeeting!

Bishop Rick Whitter



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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

	March Tithes	On Campus	Off Campus	Morning Worship	April Missions	April Rebuilding Walls
Alton, Beltline Christian Center- R. Todd Shaw	\$ N/R	0	0	0	\$	\$
Alvin- Dan R. Hunt	16,257.43	0	0	85		100.00
Anna- Philip Rexing	5,270.00	4	0	7		
Benton, New Life- R. J. Joplin	20,292.50	0	0	10	130.00	
Bethalto- Jacob Skelton	52,020.56	0	0	180		180.00
Bloomington, New Beginnings- Aaron L. Stine	6,063.00	29	0	71		71.00
Bourbonnais, Worship Center- Rick D. Sexton	3,535.25	0	0	59		
Brookport- Charles D. Tate	22,303.08	52	0	130		
Cahokia- Larry Ridenour	7,880.50	0	0	44	25.00	25.00
Cambridge- Troy Sullivan	1,040.00	0	20	18		
Carterville-	909.00	0	0	5		
Carmi, New Beginnings- Kenny Rager	8,753.65	54	0	86		
Carrier Mills- Jonathan Stevens	1,638.30	12	12	39		
Centralia, New Destiny- Nathaniel LeCrone	1,914.70	0	0	12		
Champaign- Christopher Smitley	16,277.67	0	38	33	50.00	
Chauncey- Dwayne R. Sovdi	8,724.20	6	0	26		50.00
Clay City, Transformation- Thomas Cody	3,676.00	8	0	41		
Clinton- Mark Cooper	6,089.50	31	34	36		
Collinsville, Solid Rock-	0.00	0				
Columbia, East Bridge Fellowship- Larry Ridenour	1,503.00	0	0	22	25.00	25.00
Danville, Church of the Lord Almighty-	598.00	0	0	12		
DeKalb, Cathedral of Praise- Brandon Nelson	N/R					
East Alton, Flowing River- R. Todd Shaw, Interim	80.00	0	8	12		10.00
Eldorado- Brian Barrett	10,984.33	15	0	30	100.00	70.00
Equality- Peggy J. Winters	3,424.00	70	10	34		34.00
Fairfield- Chris Vandergraph	3,600.00	73	575	33		
Galesburg, Oasis- Sherman Jones, Jr.	2,868.06	25	69	17		
Geneseo, Ebenezer- Jerry W. Bosworth	780.00	0	0	7		
Granite City, Michael Mayberry	6,014.00	10	0	23	10.00	
Harrisburg, Land Street- Paul J. Taylor	1,514.00	13	7	9		
Herrin, Park Avenue- Daniel Maples	4,447.00	72	0	48		48.00
Honey Comb- Harold E. Miller	9,921.92	41	0	33		100.00
Kincaid- Vance Massengill	17,504.58	40	226	94		125.00
LaSalle, Living Word- Cres Rios	2,470.00	10	89	17		40.00
Lawrenceville- Thomas Cody	5,964.50	7	0	30	50.00	
Lincoln- Mike Lake	1,902.00	0	0	11		
Logan- Rick Fowler	11,788.62	29	0	41		
Manteno- David R. Hanners	8,025.00	10	6	30	45.00	
Marion- Jarrod Barton	500.00	0	0	30		
Marion-All Nations- Bruce Fox	11,909.50	0	0	43		
McLeansboro- Terry Hall	4,931.00	111	661	111		
Mt. Vernon, Harlan Road- Michael Campbell	9,105.00	0	0	0		62.25
Mt. Vernon, LifePointe- David Gregg	5,242.96	0	24	37		
Norris City- Charles Waggoner	3,634.30	24	0	20	20.00	20.00
Paris- Christian White	3,736.00	20	20	31		
Pekin, Lighthouse- Rick Hill	6,217.33	0	0	33		30.00
Peoria- The Lord's Table- John Miller	4,830.00	23	7	23		
Plano- John Todd	4,868.20	36	0	34		
Ridgway, Soul's Harbor- Jason Sork	1,701.00	70	12	14	100.00	
Robinson, Westside- Jake Popejoy	783.00	4	0	9	25.00	
Rochelle- Moises Serrano	1,425.00	0	0	0	10.00	
Salem- Brian Mixon	3,203.00	0	0	28	10.00	
Sesser- Walter Rexing	11,607.00	0	0	7		25.00
Shawneetown- Randy Vaughn	1,402.00	26	8	36		
Taylorville, Faith Community Worship Center- Jerry L. Thorpe	4,766.00	18	15	46		
Thompsonville- Brian Mixon	10,511.53	44	0	78		100.00
Washington-Restoration Chapel- Matt Smith	3,220.00	24	0	29		
Waterloo, New Beginnings- Matt Smith	13,239.00	15	0	26		
Wayne City- Jeremy Cline	720.00	0	0	44		
West City- Harol Whitlock	8,339.59	0	0	42		
West Frankfort, Southpoint- Tod W. Parchman	9,699.00	33	0	40		40.00
Wood River-Restoring Hope- Cory Kendall	2,146.95	0	0	85		

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Manteno

\$8,025.00

Sesser

\$11,607.00

Waterloo-

New Beginning

\$13,239.00

New Members

Peoria-

The Lord's Table

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Plano

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is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen
Hebrews 11:1

ILLINOIS CHURCH OF GOD CAMPMEEETING



The Church On Mission!

June 9-11, 2021

7:00pm Nightly

10:00am (Thursday)

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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