

March 30, 2018

I hope all of you had a spiritually uplifting Passover. The power and simplicity of the Passover service centers our attention on what God is accomplishing through Jesus Christ as our Savior, Master, High Priest and King. The Feast of Unleavened Bread now focuses our attention on Christ living in us through the Holy Spirit and removing sin from our lives. God's plan isn't just for us to be forgiven. It is for us to be sanctified, changed, and made holy. It is His will to develop in us the mind of Christ. I'm planning a sermon for April on the differences between the spiritual and carnal mind.

Services for the first day of Unleavened Bread are at 10:30 AM in Jackson; 1:30 PM in Murfreesboro; and 2:00 in Nashville. Services for the last Day of Unleavened Bread is combined in Nashville at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM.

At the General Conference of Elders in May there will be the annual tribute to the deceased elders and wives. Part of this tribute are stories and recognition from people who knew the deceased. If you would like to share some comments and photos about Lucretia Kellers please send them to Greg Thomas at gthomas@leadingtoday.org or you can give your information to me and I will get it to Mr. Thomas. **The deadline for responding is April 8.**

Many teens and pre-teens (and staff members) are preparing for summer camp. If anyone needs a scholarship to help with camp please let me know.

The church calendar for April is included with this Pastor's Update. Note that the Proverbs 31 Women's Study has been moved from the second Sunday of the month to the fourth Sunday (April 22) due to scheduling problems.

Nashville Carnival Night-April 14

This will be the second night of our fundraising efforts. Dinner will be provided with a suggested donation of \$ 5.00 per person or \$ 20.00 max per family. (You may donate after sundown). Dinner will consist of hotdogs, baked beans, chips, cookies and a drink. After dinner and sundown, we will have a few "Pay to play" areas such as: carnival games, face painting, cake walk, prize raffle, snow cones and popcorn.

Prize winners for the raffle will be announced at the end of the night. Also, at the end of the evening, we will have the great "Pie in the Face" winner presented with his pie!



These efforts are to raise money for our local youth camp, Camp NaCoMe. We cannot make these events happen without your help. Contact Tina Cason or Sherie Spalding with any questions.

Camp NaCoMe Project-APRIL 15

The 2nd Annual Camp Nacome Service Project Day to be held on April 15th starting at 8am until we drop. We'll be tackling some new projects this year for the Nacome Camp & Retreat Center and we'll need skills like landscaping, carpentry, moderate/heavy lifting and operating machinery. We also need individuals to help with general cleaning, yard work, and the like. Come out and support the Nacome Camp & Retreat Center which is home to the UYC Camp Nacome Preteen program. Light snacks will be provided as well as a sandwich lunch or you can bring your own. A rain-out day is planned for May 6th. If interested, please contact Matthew Puckett by email - mtpuckett@gmail.com or by phone, 615-557-6535."

Bowling Green Mammoth Cave Weekend

The Bowling Green congregation is sponsoring the 2nd annual congregational camping weekend. We will be going back to Mammoth Cave National Park April 27-29, 2018.

We will start the weekend on Friday evening with fellowship around the campsite. Saturday morning we will have Sabbath appropriate fellowship opportunities such as a small museum inside the Visitor Center. Services will be at 2pm and dress for services this day will be casual, modest clothing! That evening we will have a hot dog dinner (donations \$5 per person/\$20 for families) and more fellowship activities. Bring some card games or board games that are family friendly and appropriate for sharing.



Sunday we will do a self-guided tour (cost is \$5 per person). Plus there are a number of cave tours you can reserve to do on your own or with others. We will also have an enclosed shelter for fellowship and lunch before departing from the weekend.

We will be reserving group camp sites, and more if needed. We would like a head count so that we know how many group sites to reserve. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 24th. I will let those who RSVP know the cost for group sites (significant savings for a group). There will be ample campsites available in the area as well for same day drive ups.

Group campsites are near the bathrooms (which do have electricity). There is a bathhouse for showers (bring quarters!). You will need to purchase firewood from the store at the entrance to the campground (I think it was \$6 but lasted the whole weekend).

All others are welcome to make their own reservations at area hotels. And you can also make your own cave tours reservations for Sunday. The number to call is 877-444-6777 or visit recreation.gov or visit the website www.nps.gov for more information on Mammoth Cave and area attractions. Come for the whole weekend or any part to enjoy the fellowship!

Feel free to call or email me with any questions, (and I'll share some of the highlights from last year) RSVP to Sherie Spalding-615-512-5533 call or text, OR spalding1221@gmail.com

Beyond Today TV Returns to WGN America

We are pleased to announce that the *Beyond Today* television program, produced by the United Church of God, will once again return, after a several year absence, to the WGN America television network beginning on Friday, April 6, 2018.

Since our previous association with WGN America, nearly 10 million households have been added to the network's viewership which now includes Alaska and Hawaii. Regarding overall demographics, Nielsen measured viewership shows a balance of 45 percent men and 55 percent women.

Beyond Today programs will air every Friday morning across the United States at 8:30 a.m. ET, 7:30 a.m. CT, 8:30 a.m. MT (except satellite and single-feed cable), 8:30 a.m. PT and 8:30 a.m. in Alaska and Hawaii.

To find the WGN America channel locations in your area please visit wgnamerica.com/channel-finder/ and enter your zip code. You will be shown the providers and channel number(s) on which you can watch WGN America in your area.

On March 31, 2017, *Beyond Today* will end programming on the WORD Network (on which we have aired programs since December 2011).

Finally, we are very grateful to God for this "open door" (Colossians 4:3) to reach a large, new audience with the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. *Beyond Today* presenters Darris McNeely, Steve Myers and Gary Petty, plus our entire home office media team express their special thanks to you for your earnest prayers and your strong, unceasing support.