

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2015 Bi-Annual State Convention of the Church of God of Prophecy in Alabama.

Our theme Empowered denotes a sense of urgency which is calling us to a fresh encounter with God. Nothing of spiritual value is ever accomplished outside of the presence of God. Our calling; our identity; our mission; our message and, empowerment are received in His Presence.



Empowered suggests we're in something that exceeds what we have planned or could possibly accomplish on our own.

The work God commissioned His Church to do was not given without the power for accomplishing the task.

“But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits (extraordinary acts performed by ordinary men), Daniel 11:32.

God is calling to us to come to Him and into His Presence....How will you respond!

GENERAL INFORMATION

- * Reserved seating for guests and Senior Ministry in Overseer's Section.
- * Audio/Video Tapes available at booth.
- * Parents/Guardians are responsible for your children.
- * Nursery available.
- * For medical issues, contact an usher.
- * Hand-outs are available on tables.
- * Griffith Family CD's are available after Saturday evening service.
- * Convention DVD's available. Fill out forms in back of program.
- * Make checks payable to Church of God of Prophecy.
- * Please place phones on vibrate 

*Welcome to each of you
Greet and welcome one another. If I cannot speak to each of you, be assured,
it's not intentional. I'm so glad you are here.*

CAPTURED

KIDS CONVENTION

Denise Junkin.....Coordinator

Schedule and Ministry Team

Friday Morning.....Gordo Church

Friday Afternoon.....Carbon Hill Church

Friday Evening.....Alton Church

Saturday Morning.....Mastin Lake Church

Saturday Afternoon.....Hackleburg Church

Saturday Evening.....Gordo Church

Sunday Morning.....Bessemer Church



Saturday Night after service youth will go to Yogurt Mountain for Fellowship.



Bishop Sam and Linda Clements

*General Overseer
of the
Churches of God of Prophecy*

We welcome you to Alabama State Convention



Bishop Tim Coalter

and

Kelly Coalter

Blessed greetings to all,

The Church of God of Prophecy has certain distinctives which we hold dear; one of which, is our sense of “family.” Throughout this convention, many will share a meal with friends. Talk and laughter will be heard in the hallways. Voices will be united in prayer, worship and song. You will feast on the Word, talk of all His

wondrous works and learn from one another. Vision and priorities will be shared and the business of the Church will be enriched by joint participation so that at the conclusion of this time together, you will leave encouraged, energized, and focused on a common cause.

The one thing that will set this convention apart from other gatherings will be those unrehearsed, unscripted, undeniable breakthroughs of the Holy Spirit. I am confident that God has a fresh Word, a transforming touch and a compelling challenge waiting just for you.

As you lift your voices in praise to God, consider it a precursor to a future gathering in which ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands from every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation will be saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing (Revelation 5:9-12).

Serving together,

Tim Coalter
North America General Presbyter



Ahmun Miles

Guest Pianist

Ahmun Miles, age 21, is an aspiring classical pianist in Birmingham, Alabama. Music became Ahmun's passion at a very young age, picking out the sounds and tunes of melodies on her favorite toy, the Xylophone, Ahmun was inspired to play the piano.

Today, she challenges many

great pieces and continues to expand her repertoire.

Ahmun is currently a student of “Young Musical Geniuses of Birmingham” under the instruction of Mrs. Patricia Bowman Billups. While being a student of Young Musical Geniuses, she is in affiliation with the National Federated Music Club whereas, each year, she participate in piano auditions under the auspices of NFMC; she has earned numerous superior ratings, gold cups and cash awards.

On account of that, Ahmun started her own business "PIAMISTRY" as a musician where she promotes entrepreneurship to the youth as well as recognizes other youth talent. Ahmun have given music appreciation workshops at summer camps in Birmingham and Bessemer, Alabama to introduce Classical music. She also gives beginner music lessons to teach children the basic fundamentals of music and techniques of piano playing.

Ahmun performs for several events throughout the state of Alabama and surrounding areas for weddings, banquets, reception dinners, etc. Ahmun have had the privilege of performing at many venues in Birmingham such as the University of Alabama’s Art Play, Alys Stephens Center, Kirklin Clinic, Children’s Hospital, Samford University Brock Hall, and The Carver Theater.

Ahmun currently attends the University of Alabama of Birmingham where she pursues a career as a Nurse Practitioner.

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Empowered Preaching



Bishop Sam Clement, General Overseer

We are honored to have as our 2015 International Office Representative, the General Overseer of the Churches of God of Prophecy. Bishop Clements will be preaching the opening session on Thursday night. He will also be bringing us The Word during Saturday evening service.



State Overseer's Address

Bishop L.V. Jones, State Overseer of Alabama has served 14 years in Alabama as overseer. Bishop Jones will be sharing his heart for our state on Sunday morning. He has a vision for our leaders (both young and old), our churches, communities, and the people that make those up.



Friday Night Convention Theme

Friday night Bishop Joshua Lynn will be sharing the theme message for the 2015 Convention, *"Empowered through the Vine."* Pastor Lynn serves as the pastor of the Mastin Lake Church in Huntsville, AL. There will a special altar time as well on this evening. Let us live Empowered lives in Christ!

Special Services

The Griffith Family

The Griffith Family consists of Tony, Julie, and Amber from Nashville, TN. They have known since childhood that they were called into ministry. Each of them grew up singing with their family groups and serving in leadership at their home churches. They will be singing for us Saturday night.



Kid's Convention: CAPTURED

Registration begins 15 minutes before the start of the session.

Friday & Saturday Mornings- 9:30 AM- 12:30 AM

Friday and Saturday Afternoons- 2:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Friday & Saturday Evening- 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Sunday Morning- 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Empowered Churches

Empowered Worship

Kevin Seaton has been a worship pastor for over 20 years. He is from Overland Park Kansas where he and his family live and serve. Kevin will be leading Empowered Worship during the Friday morning session, as well and Empowered Worship during the Saturday morning session.



Empowered Children's Ministries

Sandy Knowles has served as a Children's Pastor for many years. Currently she is the Children's Pastor at the Hackleburg Community Church, Hackleburg, AL. She will be leading two dynamic classes on children's ministries. Part one will be Friday morning and part two will be Saturday morning.



Empowered Youth Ministries

Tim Beck serves as the state youth pastor for the Churches of God of Prophecy in Alabama. He will be leading two sessions on empowered youth ministries in the local church. The first session will be on Friday morning and the second will be on Saturday morning.



Empowered for the Harvest

Chris Pilkerton was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. Chris now serves the Senior Pastor at New Life in Hoover, AL. As a church planter, Chris will be speaking about how to impact the Harvest and how to do the impossible. Join him during two different session on Friday and Saturday afternoon.



Empowered Discipleship

Darren Schalk currently serves as the Coordinator of Christian Education and Curriculum Development for the Church of God of Prophecy. Friday afternoon he will be teaching on discipleship in the church. Saturday afternoon Darren will share ways of instilling God's Truths into those in our care.



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CONVENTION 2015

Bishop Sam Clements..... .General Overseer and Guest Speaker

Bishop Tim Coalter..... .North American General Presbyter

L. V. Jones..State Overseer

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TRUE NORTH

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We lost our bearings, following our own mind
We left conviction behind
Fear of the future, springing from the sins of the past
Hiding the hope that would last
How did we ever wander so far and where do we go from here?
How will we know where it is?

True North
There's a strong steady light that is guiding us home
True North
In the lingering night we were never alone
True North
We need an absolute compass now more than ever before
True north, True north

Wonders of nature speak to us all of Your plan
Why would we run from Your hand
Laws of the earth, just like the laws of the heart
Only begin where You are
How did we ever wander so far and where do we
go from here?
How will we find it again?

Turning back to where You met us
We will follow where You lead us
There is Truth inside Your dwelling
We have come to face

True North
There's a strong steady light that is guiding us home
True North
In the lingering night we were never alone
True North
We need an absolute compass now more than ever before
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THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 16, 2015

KIDS CONVENTION
BEGINS FRIDAY MORNING, NO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
TONIGHT

Session Theme: "GOD CALLED UNTO MOSES AND HE SAID
HERE AM I." Exodus 3:1-22

Session Focus: CALLED....EMPOWERED....SENT

7:30 Welcome
L. V. Jones, State Overseer

Opening Prayer
Bryan Baysinger, State Evangelist

Empowered Giving
Kenneth Humphries, Pastor, Eoline
Hopewell Musicians

Empowered Congregational Singing
Dona Prophitt, Hopewell

Remain standing for prayer for readiness of mind to receive God's
Word... Acts 17:11

Empowered Word
Bishop Sam N. Clements, General Overseer

Prayer for every need. Prayer counselors come forward.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 17, 2015

KIDS CONVENTION
AGES 5 - 11, 9:15 - 12:30 PM
(PLEASE PICK KIDS UP PROMPTLY)

Session Theme: "I AM THE VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES: HE THAT

ABIDETH IN ME AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT: FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.” John 15:5

Session Focus: GOD EMPOWERED LEADERSHIP AND LOCAL CHURCHES

8:50 Prelude
Elaine Linkous, Hopewell

9:00 Opening by L. V. Jones

Accountability Report
Terry Gann, Finance Team Leaders
Lisa Mojica, State Accountant

Empowered Praying
Bryan Baysinger

Empowered Worship
Kevin Seaton, Worship Pastor, Overland Park, KS

Empowered Children’s Ministries
Sandy Knowles, Children’s Pastor, Hackleburg

Empowered To Understand and Reach Today’s Youth Culture
Tim Beck, Alabama State Youth Pastor

Lunch Break

FRIDAY AFTERNOON



KIDS CONVENTION
AGES 5 - 11, 2:15 - 4:30 PM
(PLEASE PICK KIDS UP PROMPTLY)

2:30 Opening by L. V. Jones

Empowered for the Harvest
Chris Pilkerton, Pastor, Missionary, Church Planter, Hoover, AL

Empowered to Teach and Make Disciples

Darren Schalk, Christian Ed Curriculum Director, Cleveland, TN

Break:

FRIDAY EVENING

KIDS CONVENTION
AGES 5 - 11, 7:15 - 9:30 PM
(PLEASE PICK KIDS UP PROMPTLY)

7:15 Janet and Kevin Seaton in concert, Overland Park, KS

7:30 Opening by L. V. Jones

Empowered Praying
Bryan Baysinger

Empowered Singing
Fayette Worship Team

Empowered Giving
Don Hull, Woodland Hills

Empowered Word
Joshua Lynn, Pastor, Huntsville-Mastin Lake

Prayer for every need.
Mastin Lake in charge of music. Prayer Counselors come forward.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 18, 2015

KIDS CONVENTION
AGES 5 - 11, 9:15 - 12:30 PM
(PLEASE PICK KIDS UP PROMPTLY)

Session Theme: "CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH THEE...AND I WILL
STRETCH OUT MY HAND.....AND I WILL GIVE THIS
PEOPLE FAVOUR....Exodus 3:12

Session Focus: MISSION POSSIBLE

8:50 Prelude
Darlene Spears, Collinsville

9:00 Opening by L. V. Jones

Accountability Report
Camp Boothe Board

Empowered Praying
Bryan Baysinger

Empowered Worship
Kevin Seaton

Empowered Children Ministries
Sandy Knowles

Empowered Youth Ministries
Tim Beck

Lunch Break:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON



KIDS CONVENTION
AGES 5 - 11, 2:15 - 4:30 PM
(PLEASE PICK KIDS UP PROMPTLY)

2:30 Opening by L. V. Jones

Empowered for the Harvest and Doing the Impossible
Chris Pilkerton

Empowered Disciples
Darren Schalk

Break:

SATURDAY EVENING

KIDS CONVENTION
AGES 5 - 11, 7:15 - 9:30 PM
(PLEASE PICK KIDS UP PROMPTLY)

7:00 Introduced by L. V. Jones
The Griffith Family, Nashville, TN

7:30 Opening by L. V. Jones

Empowered Praying
Bryan Baysinger,

Empowered Praise and Worship
Cliff Haven, Sheffield

Empowered Giving
Clint Knowles, Hackleburg
Terry Highfield, Cliff Haven

Empowered Word
Bishop Sam N. Clements, General Overseer

Prayer for every need.
Griffith Family will provide singing during prayer time. Prayer
counselors come forward.

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 19, 2015

KIDS CONVENTION
AGES 5 - 11, 9:45 - 1:00 PM
(PLEASE PICK KIDS UP PROMPTLY)

Session Theme: “THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL
THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH
ALL THY MIND...THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
AS THYSELF.” Matthew 22: 37- 40

Session Focus: BUT IF WE ARE OUT OF TOUCH WITH WHY WE DO
WHAT WE DO, OUR MINISTRIES WILL BE IRRELEVANT
TO THE NEEDY WORLD AROUND US.

Dr. David Ferguson

“This service is dedicated to our Senior Ministry and Spouses”

9:00 Introduction by L. V. Jones
Piano Concert
Ahman Miles, Bessemer

Memorial Video
Billie Ruth Jones, Directing
Glenda Hockersmith, Producer, Hopewell

Ordination Service for Bishops, Ministers, Deacons, and Deaconess
Bishop Sam Clements and Bishop L. V. Jones, Officiants
State Board Directing
Processional, music by Jim Seymour, Mastin Lake
Ceremonial Readings and Responses
Prayer of Ordination
Recognize Candidates Preparing for Licensure

Offertory
Terry Gann

Song: Via Dolorosa
Miranda Powell, Woodland Hills

Overseer's Address
“Church 101”

Appointments
Remain seated

Closing Challenge
T. J. Armstrong, Now Generation Ministries, Jasper

Appointees and Spouses come forward for prayer of commitment.
Congregation stand, join hands symbolizing we are covenanting to live
the Gospel and be a witness.

Appendix A

IN LOVING MEMORY

Female Minister

Mary Nell Adkins	December 30, 2013
Sue Alderete	December 5, 2013
Rebecca Ann Mojica	August 18, 2014

Male Minister

Bishop Harless Buckner	April 9, 2015
Bishop John R. Davis	February 8, 2014
David Eloff	December 2, 2013
James M. Estes	March 1, 2015
Bishop Henry Lavell Hawkins	May 25, 2014
Jack Jenkins	July 10, 2015
Bishop William M. Lee	March 16, 2015
Bishop Willis Eldred "W. E." Robertson	October 9, 2014
Gary Dee Sims	April 16, 2014

Lay Minister

Kevin D. Rhodes	December 1, 2013
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Deacons

Charles Edward Denard	April 10, 2015
Marvin "Buddy" Hendon	April 17, 2015
Eddie Love	October 2, 2014

Trial Deacon

Forrest Hardy	May 3, 2014
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Companions

Hazel Brewer	December 4, 2013
Eulice Cockrum	August 12, 2014
Barbara Louise Swindle Davis	November 4, 2013
Gerie Gilliland	November 19, 2014
Annie B. Gunter	June 12, 2014
Robert Hadley	April 2, 2014
Sara L. Hardy	May 31, 2014
Nancy Lorene Hayes	March 21, 2014
Pauline Parr	March 20, 2015
Nancy Shepherd	July 20, 2014
Alice Cherian Wessly	January 9, 2014

Appendix B

Ordination of Deacons and Licensed Ministers Church of God of Prophecy in Alabama State Convention 2015 Sunday, July 19, 2015

ORDINATION CEREMONY

[Processional while music is played]

[Candidates still in the process should already be seated in their reserved seats. Ministers to be ordained will march into the sanctuary following the State & General Overseers and the LDT. Ordination candidates will sit in reserved seats in the order prescribed by the State Overseer.]

Invocation: Please stand for the reading of the Word and Prayer

Pastor John Wessly: [1 Timothy 3:1-7 KJV] “This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”

Pastor Judy Lyles: [1 Timothy 3: 8-13 KJV] “Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

Concert Prayer: [Pastors Lyles and Wessly leading . . .]

LDT Chairman: Please be seated. General Overseer Bishop Sam Clements, State Overseer Bishop L. V. Jones, special guests, pastors and ministers, candidates, friends and family: Welcome to the 2015 Ministry Ordination Ceremony of the CGP in Alabama. We are gathered here to formally recognize those ministry candidates who have successfully completed all licensure requirements for the ministry and are being formally ordained today as Deacons, Licensed Ministers, and Bishops in the Church of God of Prophecy of Alabama. For current Deacons, Licensed Ministers, and Bishops who are with us today, we hope this

ceremony will serve to remind us of the standards of biblical excellence we are charged to maintain as servants and ministers of God's calling and this most prestigious honor.

Our church is proud to be ordaining these new ministers with today's ceremony indicating the continuing emphasis on ministry excellence that we represent for our God and his Church. Throughout the licensure process, ministry candidates serve as role models for other Christians. In addition to the strong calling which established their eligibility for licensure and subsequent ordination, candidates serve in local leadership positions and serve their local church and community through many ministry activities. They have completed the required Foundations Courses. They have completed or are enrolled in Hermeneutics and Homiletics classes to sharpen their skills as communicators of God's Word. They have been interviewed by the LDT, who has asked them pertinent questions concerning their call, their philosophy of ministry, and other appropriate doctrinal and personal issues pertinent to the work of ministry. We are proud of this group of men and women who have stepped up and accepted God's call to a higher standard of leadership. We welcome these new ministry leaders who bring fresh energy and inspiration to the continuing work of making disciples of all nations.

Now we proclaim to all in attendance today, that these Deacons, Licensed Ministers, and Bishops have completed all the Church of God of Prophecy requirements for the License and ministry rank to which they are being ordained. Members of the Leadership Development Team will now give the candidates a challenge and lead them in a Covenant for their respective ministries.

We ask all the Deacon candidates to stand and receive the Deacon's charge from Pastor Bill Noe.

Pastor Bill Noe: [charges the Deacons and leads them in the following covenant . . .]

Deacon Covenant

I recognize and freely acknowledge that I am called to the serving ministry of a deacon. As a deacon in the Church of God of Prophecy, I promise to diligently and faithfully serve Christ, my local church, and the Church of God of Prophecy in general.

I will strive to conduct my personal affairs with the highest measure of moral integrity, doing nothing that could bring reproach upon the church in times of worship, ministry, and fellowship.

To my local church, I will be an example in Christian stewardship, cheerfully paying my tithe and giving offerings. I will also offer my time and talents to advance the local ministry of Christ. My ministry will be conducted in submission to the authority of the pastoral leadership and local church conference. I will conduct myself in a manner that promotes peace, unity, and goodwill among all church members.

I will attend leadership meetings faithfully, prayerfully considering all issues presented.

While at times I may disagree, I will not act disagreeably. If offended, I will respond with grace and forgiveness, putting aside all gossip, bitterness, hatred, and strife.

Since the unity and the integrity of the church are at stake, I will maintain strict confidentiality regarding all matters discussed in council with the pastor. As a deacon, I will not seek to control but to serve, relying not on the love of power, but on the power of love. Trusting only in the power of the Spirit, I promise to keep this covenant to the best of my ability. At any time I feel that I am unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a deacon, I will humbly and cheerfully surrender my deacon's credentials to the pastoral authority of the local church.

Bishop L. V. Jones: [asks Deacon candidates to come forward for ordination . . . Bishop Jones invites Gen. Overseer, LDT and any others he chooses to assist him in the laying on hands and ordination prayer]

LDT Chairman: [After Deacons return to their seats] We ask all Licensed Minister candidates to stand and receive the Licensed Minister's charge from Pastor Steven Spears.

Pastor Steven Spears: [Charges the Licensed Ministers and leads them in the following covenant . . .]

Licensed Minister Covenant

I am convinced that God has called me to serve him and His Church in the faith and in the work of ministry. As God's servant, I promise to be diligent in the reading of His word and steadfast in daily prayer. I will do my best to fulfill my calling among the people that I am called to serve. I am committed to life-long learning and personal development. I will faithfully preach and teach the word of God.

To the best of my ability, I will nourish and encourage the saints; give direction to those I am assigned to serve; counsel the troubled; declare God's mercy and forgiveness; and proclaim victory over the adversary and every evil.

I will do my best to be a godly example to the people of God. I will be faithful in my stewardship of tithing and giving. I will endeavor to lead God's people in the mission Christ gave to the Church. I promise to be a responsible leader and accountable to those over me in the Lord.

I will promote and practice unity among the saints of God. I will conduct my personal life and testimony to reflect the fruit of the Spirit and the life of Christ. I will serve like Christ served. I will commit myself to be a partner with God in his transforming work among His people so that we all may be conformed to the image of His Son.

I promise to constantly stir the gift that is in me so that I will be an unashamed workman in preaching the gospel of God which is in Christ Jesus.

Since the unity and the integrity of the church are at stake, I will maintain strict obedience and cooperation regarding all matters of CGP doctrine. As a Licensed Minister, I promise to shepherd God's people with wise and humble oversight according to God's will. I promise to minister eagerly and not as lording it over them or seeking to control them, but to serve them as Christ loves and serves the Church. Trusting fully in the power of the Holy Spirit, I promise to keep this covenant to the best of my ability. At any time I feel that I am unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned to me, I will humbly and cheerfully surrender my credentials to the oversight authority of the church.

Bishop L. V. Jones: [asks Licensed Minister candidates to come forward for ordination . . . Bishop Jones invites Gen. Overseer, LDT and any others he chooses to assist him in the laying on hands and ordination prayer]

LDT Chairman: [after Licensed Ministers return to their seats] We ask all Bishop candidates to stand and receive the Bishop's charge from Pastor Gary Archie.

Pastor Gary Archie: [charges the Bishops and leads them in the following covenant . . .]

Bishop Covenant

I am convinced that God has called me to serve him and His Church in the faith and in the work of ministry. As God's servant, I promise to be diligent in the reading of His word and steadfast in daily prayer. I will do my best to fulfill my calling among the people that I am called to serve. I am committed to life-long learning and personal development. I will faithfully preach and teach the word of God.

To the best of my ability, I will nourish and encourage the saints; give direction to those I am assigned to serve; counsel the troubled; declare God's mercy and forgiveness; and proclaim victory over the adversary and every evil.

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I promise to constantly stir the gift that is in me so that I will be an unashamed workman in preaching the gospel of God which is in Christ Jesus.

Since the unity and the integrity of the church are at stake, I will maintain strict obedience and cooperation regarding all matters of CGP doctrine. As a Bishop, I promise to shepherd God's people with wise and humble oversight according to God's will. I promise to minister

eagerly and not as lording it over them or seeking to control them, but to serve them as Christ loves and serves the Church. Trusting fully in the power of the Holy Spirit, I promise to keep this covenant to the best of my ability. At any time I feel that I am unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned to me, I will humbly and cheerfully surrender my credentials to the oversight authority of the church.

Bishop L. V. Jones: [asks the Bishop candidates to come forward for ordination . . . Bishop Jones invites Gen. Overseer, LDT, and any others he chooses to assist him in the laying on hands and ordination prayer]

[After the Bishops have returned to their seats . . .]

LDT Chairman: At this time, we would like for all ministry candidates still working on the licensure process to stand. Church would you encourage these ministry candidates with a round of applause. We are proud of them and Bishop Jones has provided them with reserved seating for this ceremony today because he and the LDT want them to see firsthand what it is like when the process is complete, the license conferred, and hands are laid on you in ordination. It is our hope that you candidates will be encouraged by this ordination ceremony and inspired to complete the licensure process and be ready at the next state convention for your own ordination.

Thank you. Please remain standing.

Now those who were ordained today, please rise and face those candidates standing behind Church, please stand with us. To our newly ordained ministers: Bishop Jones and the LDT would like for you to pray for these candidates who are still working on their licensure. Pastors John Wessly and Judy Lyles are coming to lead the church in this prayer.

Pastors Wessly and Lyles: Let us pray for the candidates . . .

LDT Chairman: Thank you. You may be seated. And now, please welcome our State Overseer, Bishop L. V. Jones who will offer congratulations and inspirational remarks to the newly ordained ministers.

Bishop L. V. Jones: [Congratulations to the newly ordained ministers]

LDT Chairman: We the members of your State Leadership Development Team want to thank our State Overseer for his leadership and hard work in organizing this year's Ordination Ceremony. Please join me in showing our appreciation to him with a round of applause.

Church, on behalf of your State LDT and all the men and women who are members of the CGP ministry team in Alabama, I sincerely thank you for supporting us in our respective fields of ministry. Once again, please join us in expressing our admiration and appreciation to all of our newly ordained ministers. Thank you. This concludes this ordination ceremony.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Church of God of Prophecy is to bear witness of Christ and His truth and to spread the Gospel of the kingdom in all its fullness and power, so that the rule of God is brought about in the hearts of men.

OUR OBJECTIVES

In order to accomplish our mission, we will pursue four primary objectives: to worship God, evangelize the lost, equip believers, and prepare for Christ's return.

OUR COMMITMENTS

We Will Worship God With All Our Being By....

Acknowledging Him as the Sovereign of all creation,
Submitting to the headship of Christ over the Church,
Practicing fervent, Spirit-led corporate worship,
Allowing the full manifestation of spiritual gifts in our lives,
Modeling personal worship through sacrificial living.

We Will Evangelize The Lost With All Our Resources By....

Utilizing every available means to take the Gospel to all people,
Depending on the Holy Spirit to empower our witness,
Dedicating ourselves to a lifestyle of evangelism,
Cooperating with other Bible-believing Christians in outreach efforts,
Examining every major corporate decision in light of the Great Commission.

We Will Equip Believers, Using All Our Gifts By...

Faithfully preaching and teaching the whole Word of God,
Providing a loving environment for individual, spiritual growth,
Fulfilling the command to "bear one another's burdens,"
Administering the scriptural ordinances,
Applying biblical church discipline with love.

We Will Prepare For Christ's Return With All Our Hearts By...

Covenanting to be faithful to the totality of the inerrant Word of God,
Committing ourselves to lives of biblical holiness,
Being agents of reconciliation in a fragmented world,
Modeling and promoting unity among all God's children,
Helping to take the Gospel to every people-group on earth.

Mission

We, the leaders of the Church of God of Prophecy, feel God is calling us to His mission as He placed the following specific calls on our hearts:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through prayer, we will plant churches and equip leaders to carry out the biblical mandate to make genuine disciples of all the people of the world, to the glory of Christ our Lord, Head of the church.

This mission flows directly from our three Core Values and affirms them in its Callings.

Harvest

The mission of the Church of God of Prophecy is articulated in the New Testament commands of Jesus Christ to the early church.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:18-20).

This passage of Scripture, affectionately known as the Great Commission, has been characterized as Christ’s last command before ascending to heaven (Acts 1:9; Hebrews 7:25). His last command is our primary concern, and all of our resources and energies will be focused on the completion of the task Christ has given to all believers.

Prayer

Jesus said, “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you” (John 15:16). This truth not only reminds us that we are called to the divine purpose of reaching the world for Jesus Christ, but also, inextricably, connects prayer with the completion of this task.

Jesus further reminds us, “I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing” (John 15:5). Recognizing our utter lack of ability apart from Christ’s presence and power, the Church of God of Prophecy is deeply committed to prayer as a spiritual discipline.

Leadership Development

Writing to a young pastor, Timothy, the apostle Paul gave instruction concerning the core value of leadership development; “Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2Timothy 2:1,2). The pattern of training faithful leaders is an integral part to the success of fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:28-30). As each generation passes the mantle of leadership to the next, it is imperative that these leaders receive the best preparation to bring the mission to completion. With this understanding, this Church is committed to training succeeding generations in the most holy faith, using every means available. And we will use new technologies, along with proven educational training to equip the men and women of the Church of God of Prophecy to preach, teach, and model truths to existing churches while encouraging the planting of new churches in all nations.

Historical Events of the Church in Alabama

In the early part of the year 1910, Brother A. J. Tomlinson came on a Missionary Journey to Florence, Alabama, for a eleven (11) night revival. From this revival, the door was opened to the Church of God.

Later that year he returned to the state for a series of meetings. From these meetings, he set in order seven (7) or eight (8) churches, which were the nucleus for a fast growing movement. The next record we have of the work in Alabama is at Gintown, near Adamsville. There Brother Tomlinson conducted a revival and thirty-five (35) received the Holy Ghost. In a ten (10) day revival, there were two (2) churches set in order; Gintown and Coalburg. One Bishop and Four Deacons were ordained at this time. Oh, the power of God was so real. People were praying through everywhere. Holy Ghost messages and interpretations were given frequently and people were slain under the mighty power of God.

From Gintown Brother Tomlinson went to Kimberly. There he conducted a series of meetings and set another church in order. In the fall of 1912 Brother A. J. Tomlinson, came to Ethelville, Alabama, and formally took 200 members into the church, along with their pastor, Z. D. Simpson. Brother Simpson was pastoring five (5) churches at this time.

In the General Assembly of 1913, it was decided to appoint Overseers over the states. But even before this time Brother Tomlinson, had formally appointed an Overseer of Alabama. In 1911 W. W. Kennedy was appointed, under whom C. V. Creel, (father of our present state overseer) accepted the way of holiness, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Also, in 1912 George C. Barrow was appointed. Other Overseers who served the church in Alabama in the early years are as follows:

1.	1913	J. B. Ellis
2.	1913	George J. Brovayer
3.	1914	W. S. Gentry
4.	1916	T. S. Payne
5.	1917	J. B. Ellis
6.	1919	Z. D. Simpson
7.	1921	W. S. Wilemon
8.	1922	G. C. Dunn
9.	1923-1924	George T. Brouayer
10.	1924-1925	T. J. Byerly
11.	1925-1929	L. A. Moxley

There was a wonderful growth of the church in these few short years for by 1921, the records show that there were 49 churches, 4 Bishops, 49 Deacons, and 31 Evangelists in Alabama.

However, due to a serious disruption in the church in 1923 most of this fruit was lost. Only one church, near Red Bay, Alabama, known as the Palestine Church survived and remained true to the basic beliefs by which they were established. But this did not deter some brave warriors of the cross; they fought on for truth and right.

In 1925, Brother L. A. Moxley, was appointed State Overseer. God began to bless His church abundantly. Soon there was a church set in order at Hackleburg. And there the 1925 State Convention was conducted. The former General Overseer, blessed this convention with his presence.

According to all reports this was a milestone in Alabama History for the church. It is reported that Brother Tomlinson preached under such anointing that it amazed the people that heard him. Hackleburg has played an important role in the Church in Alabama and several state conventions were conducted there.

Brother Moxley served the church well during her trying times of the 20's, and was followed by more great men of God as the following State Overseers came to serve God here.

12.	1929-1930	H. R. Jacobs
13.	1930-1931	W. T. Holland
14.	1931-1932	M. C. Harvey
15.	1932-1933	W. I. Campbell
13.	1933-1938	W. T. Holland
14.	1938-1943	G. W. Durham
15.	1944-1947	C. J. Cunningham

The church continued to grow and be blessed by the presence of God. In 1938 Brother G. W. Durham was appointed Overseer, this is a most important year to me because the writer of these historical events was found by the Lord, and became a member of the Bride of Christ. Oh, how God has blessed His church in the last few years.

In 1940 our State Convention was held in the High School Auditorium in Hackleburg. Since that time it has been held in different places, once in Flat Creek Church, better known as Wegra.

In 1941, Brother James Staggs, (who is now the Overseer of Virginia) joined the church, along with all his members.

The Alabama Ministers Convention was in progress at Jasper in the fall of 1943, when word was received that our Beloved General Overseer, A. J. Tomlinson, had expired. This was a time of great mourning all over the Church. Everyone fell on their knees asking God to give us an Overseer pleasing to His will, and for special guidance in this trying time which He so abundantly gave.

The State Overseer appointed in 1944 was Brother Cecil J. Cunningham. During his time in office, the State Headquarters were moved to Bessemer, Alabama. Several state conventions were conducted in the tabernacle, that belonged to the local church, which was on the lot where the (old church on 15th st.) Bessemer Church now stands.

In 1947, Brother Roy H. Phipps, was appointed State Overseer. During his stay in Alabama, the present property was purchased. Sister Willard Boyles was appointed State Properties Booster and played an important part in raising money to purchase this property. Brother L. V. Jones, was appointed State Overseer in 1958 and is esteemed very highly for his good work. In 1960 Brother E. A. McDonald came to serve the church in Alabama as State Overseer. Words are inadequate to express proper appreciation to these great men that led the church ably to this present time.

In 1964, our present State Overseer, Brother A. J. Creel, came to oversee the work of the state. Since that time our present tabernacle has been remodeled and is now one of the most commodious in the church today, as well as a monument to the Church of God in this city. We can all be justly proud of it. Brother Creel has ably led us thus far; consumed with a Holy Zeal for God and His Church. Several new churches have been set in order and many new and modern church buildings and parsonages in the last four (4) years. Also, a nice four bedroom brick veneer state parsonage has been purchased. Truly God has graciously blessed Alabama.

Many capable leaders in the church today have had their beginning with God in Alabama. Some of them are as follows: Brother L. A. Moxley, Former State Overseer, and General B. T. C. Supt., Sister Willard Boyles, former General V. L. B. Secretary, Brothers, W. T. Holland, James Staggs, Roy Day, Jr., G. C. Sloan, Floyd Benton, Willie Vines, A. J. Creel, Roy H. Phipps and J. R. Patterson; all State Overseer, J. W. McDill Manager of the Fields of the Wood and Brother Wm H. Brooks, present General B. T. C. Supt., Praise God for the faithfulness of these fine workers and all others who have had a part in bringing the Church in Alabama to the place it is today.

Alabama State Overseers From 1947-To Present

16.	1947-1958	Roy Phipps
17.	1958-1960	L. V. Jones, Sr.
18.	1960-1963	E. A. McDonald
19.	1963-1968	A. J. Creel
20.	1968-1973	James Staggs
21.	1973-1978	M. S. Curry
22.	1978-1982	Harper Hunter
23.	1982-1987	Hubert J. Vicars
24.	1987-1992	J. Eddie Mounce
25.	1992-1998	Hugh R. Edwards
26.	1998-	L. V. Jones, Jr.

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ICM GUESTS



RYAN FRANK

Ryan Frank serves as the CEO of KidMatter and a Vice President of Awana. Ryan and his wife, Beth, are also the publishers of KidMatter Magazine. Ryan served as a children's pastor for 15 years at the church where he came to the Lord at age five. He is the author of *7 Things They Didn't Teach Me in College About Children's Ministry* (Standard) and *Give Me Jesus* (Baker). Ryan and Beth live in Converse, Indiana, with their three daughters. You can connect with Ryan at www.RyanFrank.com.



DAN NIXON

Dan Nixon has served in children and family ministry for more than 24 years. He has worked in both small and large churches—one that reached over 2000 children at one location. He has a Masters Degree in organizational leadership and is experienced in equipping children's ministry leaders in developing an organizational structure, recruiting, and program development. He also provides training on leading children into the presence of the Lord and altar ministry. He is skilled as well in creative ministry training such as puppetry, gospel skits, clowning, drama, costume characters, and writing and developing curriculum.



CINDY HUNNICUTT

Cindy Hunnicutt is passionate about ministry and considers it a privilege to serve the local church. She eats, breathes, and lives Children's Ministry and loves that God would trust her to help pass faith to the next generation. Cindy sees the big picture of serving kids which includes developing volunteers and then watching them use their gifts. She recognizes the value of engaging and equipping parents to disciple their kids. Cindy currently serves as Director of Children's Ministry at Mt. Paran North in Marietta, Georgia. She oversees ministry to more than 200 children from birth through 5th grade each week. Cindy offers the Institute a wealth of experience in every aspect of children's ministry—leadership, evangelism, discipleship, family ministry and more.

Come Join Us at the 2015 Institute of Children's Ministry

Registration begins at 3:00 pm on Thursday, September 24th. The evening meal will be served at 6:00 with the evening session following. The Institute concludes at 12 noon on Sunday, September 27th.



Registration fee includes buffet breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, 3 nights double accommodations in rooms with two queen-sized beds, as well as conference materials.

Postmarked prior to August 7, 2015

\$295.00

Amount of this fee includes \$50 from the registration fee if received prior to August 7, 2015.

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October 23-24

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Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Alabama School

2015	November 5-8	Pastoral Tract
2016	January 10-22	Dmin
	March 6-19	Dmin
	March 8-11	Pastoral Tract
	November 3-6	Pastoral Tract

Leadership Development (Quarterly) “Empowering Pastor” Dr. David Ferguson

2016	January 16
	April 16
	August 13
	November 12

Hydrate Schedule

2015	August 18	Calera High School
	September 1	Selma City Schools

Camping Ministry

2015	September 25-26	Women’s Conference
	October 23-24	Men’s Conference
	Dec 30-Jan 2	Winter Conference
2016	May 7	Camp Staff Training
	June	Summer Camps

Children’s Ministry Training

2016	Coming in 2016, 2 Regional Training Days
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Youth Workshops

2016	Coming in 2016, 2 Regional Training Days
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International Assembly –Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, Florida

2016	July 13-17
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- Friday morning:
 - Kevin Seaton, *Empowered Worship*
 - Sandy Knowles, *Empowered Children's Ministries*
 - Tim Beck, *Empowered to Understand & Reach Today's Youth*
- Afternoon:
 - Chris Pilkerton, *Empowered for the Harvest*
 - Darren Schalk, *Empowered to Teach and Make Disciples*
- Friday evening, Pastor Joshua Lynn
- Saturday morning:
 - Kevin Seaton, *Empowered Worship*
 - Sandy Knowles, *Empowered Children Ministries*
 - Tim Beck, *Empowered Youth Ministries*
- Afternoon:
 - Chris Pilkerton, *Empowered for the Harvest and Doing the Impossible*
 - Darren Schalk, *Empowered Disciples*
- Saturday evening, Bishop Clements
- Sunday morning, Overseer's Annual Address

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