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"Thy Kingdom Come"

SAVE THE DATE!

July 28th-30th, 2021

Church of God in Virginia State Camp Meeting

Rev. Jimmy Swogger, Evangelist

Sister Jan Miller, Worship Evangelist

8:30AM Devotions

10AM Daily Men's and Women's Conferences

3PM 7/28—"Be the Bridge" Conference

3PM 7/29—"Bridging the Generational Gap" Conference

3PM 7/30—CoGVA Meeting

Worship Services each evening beginning at 7PM!

Children's Ministries Daily at 9AM and 7PM

Youth Ministries Daily at 9AM and after evening Worship

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND!

Room Rental \$20.00 per night or \$60.00 for Wed. – Friday

Camper Sites available for the same fees

Contact Diana Aufrecht for a room reservation -540-268-2040

Local Hotel Information found on page 5

Meals are \$3.00 for Breakfast, \$4.00 for Lunch, and
\$5.00 for Supper

Neace's Pieces



**Dr. Bob Neace COGVA
State Minister**

In his Gospel, Mark relates this episode in the life of Jesus: A man who had a withered hand was

brought to the synagogue. Some have even said he may not have been there before but brought in as a means by which Christ might be accused or belittled. In any case, he was there when Jesus was. The Pharisees watched to see what might happen this day, as it was a Sabbath day. Jesus called to the man with need to come forward, and asked the crowd, (Pharisees in particular) if it was legal to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil, to save life or to kill. When the crowd kept their silence, the scripture tells us He "looked around them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts." As there was no response from the crowd, Jesus gave a demonstration of His teaching from the previous chapter when the Pharisees challenged Jesus over His disciples eating grain from the field on the way to the synagogue. He told them the sabbath was created for man, and not the other way around, and thus healed the man, restoring his hand to the same health and strength as the other.

This is a great story about the miracle-working power of Christ. But I fear we miss some of the other meat in the story if our only focus is on the miracle. You see, I have not shared all the story. Mark continues by saying, "...the

Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him." After which Jesus leaves the synagogue and goes to the seashore. Many who heard about the things Jesus was doing, followed Him there.

The Pharisees... religious leaders, men who were self-appointed teachers, possibly lacking the call of God as a result, steeped in the law of the Old Testament and more, could not recognize Jesus as the present reality of every prophecy ever given (sound familiar?) It is not lost on me that we in the church struggle with seeing Jesus and His kingdom as a present-day reality, and not some future event. The similarity of this moment in Jesus' life and our present situation is that there were those who have this access to Christ and yet, for whatever reason, align themselves with the world and its teachings. Look again, at the response of the Pharisees: they went out and plotted with the Herodians against Him. This supposed leadership aligned themselves with the world, rather than acknowledge the failures of their own spiritual eyesight in seeing the fulfillment of the Father's promise through His son, Jesus. (Continued on page 4)

2021 Camp Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, July 28th

7:30 Breakfast – Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Eggs, Coffee, Milk, Orange Juice \$3.00

8:30 Devotions in the Tabernacle with Dr. Simeon Green

9:00 am – Youth (Gather on dining hall porch) and Children's (gather at Children's Center) Activities

10:00 am Conferences with the Christian Women's Connection (hopefully in the cottage) and COGVA Men's Fellowship in the tabernacle

12:00 Lunch – Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Dessert, Chips, Soft Drinks \$4.00

3:00 pm "Be the Bridge Conference"
This will be a panel discussion to share thoughts and actions resulting from the on-going conversation about race taking place through ZOOM on Thursday nights. This group has advanced to studying Dr. Tony Evan's book, "Oneness Embraced." Dr. Simeon R. Green III is leading a new group of students through the "Be the Bridge" curriculum on the 2nd Monday of each month. Invitations go out each month, but if you'd like to participate and need an extra reminder, please make Dr. Bob Neace aware.

5:00 pm Supper – BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips, Desserts, And Soft Drinks - \$5.00

7:00 pm Evening Worship with Sis. Jan Miller leading worship, Rev. Jimmy Swogger preaching, and Dr. Bob Neace/Chair

Youth Activities immediately after worship service

Thursday, July 29th

7:30 Breakfast – Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Coffee, Milk, Orange Juice \$3.00

8:30 Devotions in the Tabernacle with Brother Timothy Peterson

9:00 am – Youth (Gather on dining hall porch) and Children's (gather at Children's Center) Activities

10:00 am Conferences with the Christian Women's Connection (hopefully in the cottage) and COGVA Men's Fellowship in the tabernacle

12:00 Lunch Spaghetti, Salad, Dessert, Soft Drinks, \$4.00

3:00 pm "Bridging the Generational Gap" with Rev. Scott Stedman in the tabernacle

5:00 pm Supper –Chicken and Dumplings, Green Beans, Corn, Desserts, And Soft Drinks - \$5.00

7:00 pm Evening Worship with Sis. Jan Miller leading worship, Rev. Jimmy Swogger preaching, and Rev. Judy Jones, Chair

Youth Activities immediately after
worship service

Friday, July 30th

7:30 Breakfast – Breakfast Casserole,
Bacon, Eggs, Coffee, Milk, Orange
Juice \$3.00

8:30 Devotions in the Tabernacle with
Rev. Jessica Willis

9:00 am – Youth (Gather on dining hall
porch) and Children's (gather at
Children's Center) Activities

10:00 am Conferences with the
Christian Women's Connection
(hopefully in the cottage) and COGVA
Men's Fellowship in the tabernacle

12:00 Lunch Baked Potato Bar, Dessert,
Soft Drinks \$4.00

3:00 pm Annual COGVA Business
Meeting Each

5:00 pm Supper –Picnic on the grounds
- \$5.00

7:00 pm Evening Worship with Sis. Jan
Miller leading worship, Rev. Jimmy
Swogger preaching, and Program Chair,
Bro. Edgar Myers, Chair

Youth Activities immediately after
worship service

Kitchen Fund Plea

You will notice the cost of meals is
astronomically low. The reason for this
stems from churches who give toward
the kitchen fund each year. This push
enables us to provide meals on the

grounds for less cost and provide great
opportunities to fellowship over meals
together.

Would you please consider giving to the
Kitchen Fund by writing a check to
COGVA and designating it toward the
kitchen? Your blessing in this area will
be greatly appreciated by those in
attendance for this year's camp
meeting.

(Neace's Pieces Continued) Whether it
was their fear of the loss of position and
authority, or the inner knowledge of the
sinfulness of each of them, we will never
know. What I do know is this: They
chose to align themselves with the
world, rather than with Jesus.

It doesn't take much effort to find
examples of ways we cheapen the
teaching and expectations of Christ for
His church when we are willing to
placate segments of society for the sake
of tolerance or "getting along." I fear
there are times when our desire to "get
along" with society supersedes our
responsibility to lift the banner of
holiness in a world that desperately
needs a message of Christ's love and
mercy. For the sake of tolerance, is it
possible to "love someone all the way to
hell" because we don't want to offend
anyone? Just a thought...

Another point that must be made from
this story is this. When the Pharisees
left to confer with the world, Jesus
continued to minister by serving... He
left the **(Continued on page 5)**

(Neace's Pieces continued) Synagogue taking His disciples with Him, and continued to minister to the people. He healed them of diseases, cleansed them from demonic possession, and given the emphasis on it earlier in the Gospel, we must believe that the message of repentance and forgiveness of sin was also present. It is later in this chapter, and Luke indicates it was even a different date, when Jesus named His twelve disciples as a specific group. From the time of the presence of the synagogue Pharisees rebuke to the time the disciples are named, no one is identified, other than to call them a great multitude. The lesson for me here is that Jesus, while concerned for the soul of each Pharisee, maintained His focus on the task/ministry to which He was called. This is the lesson I am gleaning in the current societal climate. While others seemingly are willing to loosen Biblical standards and align with things taught us by society in order to be accepted by the crowd, my responsibility is to live as close to the standard of holiness as possible while maintaining this physical body, all the while ministering to those who are lost, hurting, and dying. Often this may mean I have to tell the truth in love, but yet, still tell the truth that God calls us unto holiness, even when those

purporting themselves to be leaders choose to align themselves with something other than the word of God.

I wonder how significant the impact would be on our society if we concerned ourselves with the things that concerned Jesus without polluting our agenda with the ideology of worldly ideas as the Pharisees did. I wonder how our world might be impacted by seeking the Kingdom of God with a focus on choosing Jesus and not the influence of the world... I wonder what our place would be in the Kingdom if we spent as much time seeking the mind of God as we do the approval of society, or the sanctioning of the world.

May the Lord forgive this preacher for the times I have allowed my thinking about the church to be clouded by the mindset of those around me who have sought to align themselves with the world, and may I recognize myself in the story as, not a bystander, or a Pharisee who sought to align themselves with the world to overturn the mindset of God working through His Son, but may I fall to the place of the man with a withered hand. May the Lord be pleased to heal me, not only of a withered hand, but clouded thinking, and restore me as He did the crippled man that day.

Local Hotel Information

Hampton Inn - 380 Arbor Drive, Christiansburg, Virginia (540)-381-5874

Holiday Inn - 99 Bradley Dr NW, Christiansburg, VA (540) 381-8100

Fairfield Inn & Suites 2659 Roanoke St, Christiansburg, VA (540) 381-9596

Homewood Suites by Hilton 2657 Roanoke St, Christiansburg, VA (540) 381-1394



VA Christian Women Connection Zoom Conference “Woman of Resilience – God’s Warrior”



Dr. Velma L. Green

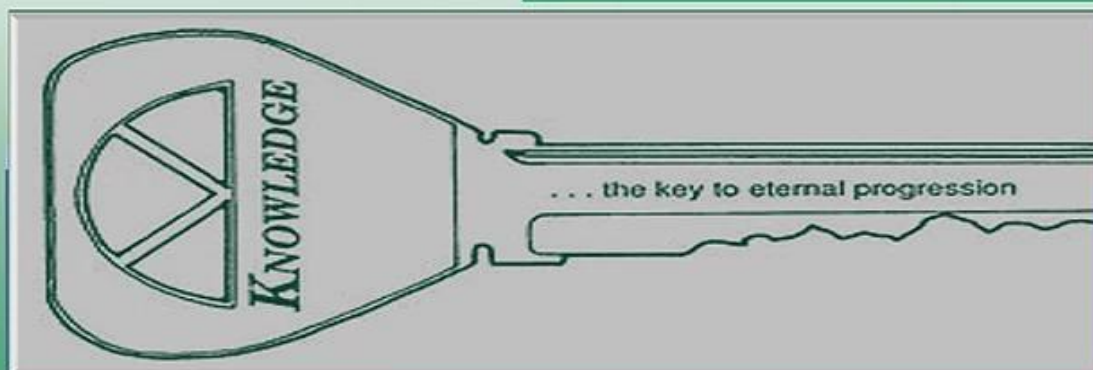
All are invited

June 18, 2021

7:00 p.m. (EST)

For Zoom Information: Contact
Velma L. Green via email

velma.green@comcast.net



COGVA Men's Fellowship

invites you to gather with us July 3 at
Camp Christi to help put the sub-floor
in the C.W.C. Cottage

*Dr. Simeon R.
Green III
COGVA
Men's
Fellowship
President*



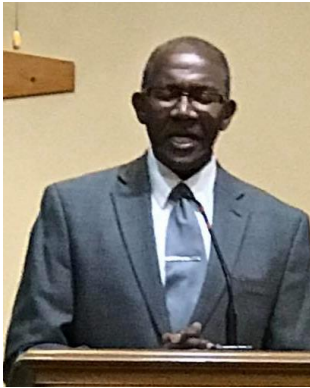
*Rev. Perry
Blankenship
COGVA
Men's
Fellowship
Vice-
President*

This opportunity to work alongside one another will give us allow to be a blessing the larger church, and especially for the ladies who are trying to complete their project of remodeling the cottage. Just a bit of history: A new floor was laid with a durable laminate floor. As a result, the sub-floor, being unable to “breathe” as the carpet that was previously there, sustained some damage, and the laminate floor had to come up. Most of the sub-floor has been removed as of this writing, and we would like to be a blessing and provide the labor to put the new sub-floor down, and hopefully have the cottage ready for use by the ladies of COGVA by the time Camp Meeting rolls around. Please bring a hammer, a desire to work, and an appetite, as I am sure we will be fed well 😊! Those wishing to arrive on Friday evening should let us know by calling the COGVA State Office at 540-268-2040.

COGVA LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

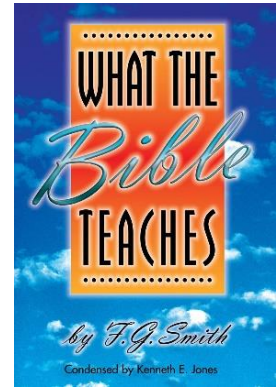
Will meet via ZOOM until further notice each Second Saturday monthly at 900:am. The link or call in opportunities can be found highlighted at the end of this article

The books being studied for the Fall Semester are:



What the Bible Teaches
By F. G. Smith

Taught by
Rev. Calvin Peterson

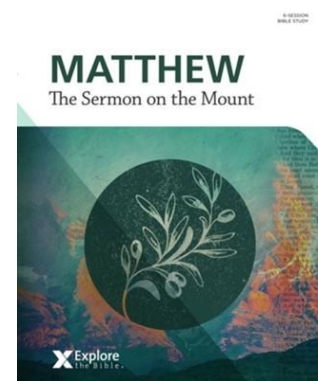


The Sermon on the Mount
Greg Matte
Lifeway Publishers

Taught by
Rev. Silas Oliver

Each student is responsible for
purchasing their own books and here is
an added blessing:

**There will be no tuition for this school
year.**



Regular dates for COGVA Leadership School are every month on the Second Saturday
of each month

Jun 12, 2021 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89129322078>

Call-in Number: 1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 891 2932 2078

Passcode: 783920

COGVA Continues Second Opportunity for “Be the Bridge” Discussion Next session June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm



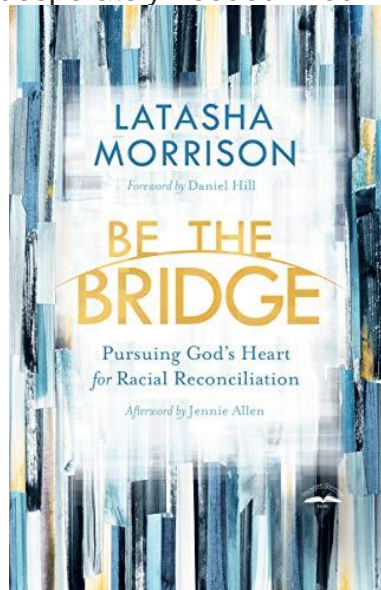
Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green III

Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green III will be hosting and leading the “Be the Bridge” dialogue each second Monday of the month for 9 months at 7:00 pm. The ZOOM Link for this series of gatherings is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82552173879> or you may dial in: 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID – 82552173879
Passcode - 034680#

Curriculum for these meetings is the same as it was for the first gathering of the Be the Bridge. Each person is asked to read the book, *Be the Bridge, Pursuing God’s Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison, as well as download the study guide from the site:

<https://shop.bethebridge.com/products/the-bridge-to-racial-unity-discussion-guide-2-0>

This opportunity is for those who have not previously been a part of this conversation and is a great resource for being able to broach the subject of racial reconciliation that is so desperately needed in our time.



This book can be purchased from the aforementioned website for Be the Bridge, but can also be purchased from numerous local bookstores, as well as online sites such as the following:

www.dicoverbooks.com
www.thriftbooks.com
www.christianbook.com

Unity Service of the Mountain Empire Churches of God present for 2021: A Doctrinal Series



**Rev. Ken Higgins
at Marion FCOG
418 Chatham Hill Road
The Kingdom Jesus Proclaimed
June 27, 2021, 4:00 pm**

July 25: Rev. Jeremy Dunn at Abingdon FCOG – The Church Jesus Built
August 29: Rev. Bob Neace at Atkins FCOG – The Coming Christ Proclaimed

**Indoor Camp Meeting
Chilhowie FCOG
September 19-24**

Annual Income: The Church of God in Virginia 08/01/20-05/31/2021					
Church	Budget	Other	Kitchen Fund	KB	Total
					Giving
Abingdon	\$1,545.00				\$1,545.00
Atkins	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00
Big Stone Gap					\$0.00
Birdsnest					\$0.00
Blacksburg First	\$1,800.00				\$1,800.00
Blacksburg Slussers	\$833.30				\$833.30
Bluefield	\$50.00				\$50.00
Boones Mill					\$0.00
Boykins	\$435.00				\$435.00
Bristol					\$0.00
Chesapeake					\$0.00
Chilhowie	\$4,078.10				\$4,078.10
Christiansburg	\$8,042.06				\$8,042.06
Cloverdale					\$0.00
Dublin		\$ 3,267.02			\$3,267.02
Emporia	\$1,300.00				\$1,300.00
Fredericksburg	\$3,600.00				\$3,600.00
Glade Spring					\$0.00
Goodview	\$100.00				\$100.00
Hampton Joynes Rd	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00
Lynchburg Greenview	\$1,429.00				\$1,429.00
Lynchburg Mnt. View	\$100.00				\$100.00
Marion	\$2,825.00				\$2,825.00
Martinsville	\$50.00				\$50.00
Newport News Cmnty	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00
Newport News First					\$0.00
Norfolk Bellamy Ave	\$2,090.00				\$2,090.00
North Tazewell					\$0.00
Norton	\$3,608.84				\$3,608.84
Reedville	\$2,847.80				\$2,847.80
Rich Creek	\$300.00				\$300.00
Richmond First	\$3,420.25				\$3,420.25
Richmond 21st	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00
Roanoke First	\$3,476.56			\$1,158.87	\$4,635.43
Roanoke Staunton Ave	\$100.00				\$100.00

Rural Retreat	\$1,515.42				\$1,515.42
Salem					\$0.00
Saltville Allison Gap	\$1,625.31				\$1,625.31
Saltville Broadford	\$300.00				\$300.00
Saltville Chatham Hill	\$250.00				\$250.00
Saltville MtnView					\$0.00
Spotsylvania	\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00
Staunton	\$2,882.96				\$2,882.96
Suffolk	\$100.00				\$100.00
VA Beach	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00
Wise	\$17,150.00				\$17,150.00
Wytheville	\$1,811.00				\$1,811.00
Individual Donation	\$ 965.00				\$965.00
Faithlife	\$24.08				\$24.08
Brotherhood Mutual Refund	\$293.00				\$293.00
Permit Refund	\$120.00				\$120.00
Credit Card Cashback	\$137.50				\$137.50
Total	\$79,205.18	\$3,267.02	\$0.00	\$1,158.87	\$83,631.07

COGVA Budget August 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021					
		Aug-Oct	Nov-Jan	Feb-April	May-July
Categories	Budget	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
		Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	Expenses
1000 State Office					
1100 Business Office	\$3,500.00	\$1,078.08	\$ 762.75	\$1,292.64	\$265.42
1200 Insurance	\$14,000.00	\$3,375.50	\$3,581.47	\$3,680.50	\$3,597.50
1300 Office Manager	\$14,437.50	\$3,609.36	\$3,609.36	\$3,609.36	\$1,203.12
1400 Income Taxes	\$3,600.00	\$883.39	\$886.07	\$752.74	\$294.87
Subtotal	\$35,537.50	\$8,946.33	\$8,839.65	\$9,335.24	\$5,360.91
1500 Chair	\$ 400.00	\$	\$	\$113.71	\$
2000 State Minister					
Salary	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Reimbursement Fund	\$5,000.00	\$	\$ 444.50	\$ 628.47	\$ 213.23
Subtotal	\$17,400.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,444.50	\$3,742.18	\$1,213.23
3000 Executive Board/Standing Ministries					
3100 Executive Board	\$400.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
3200 Ministry of Church Service/Credentials	\$800.00	\$100.00	\$6.95	\$	\$149.41
3300 Ministry of Christian Education	\$ 50.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
3600 Ministry of Program	\$ 50.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
3800 Ministerial Fellowship	\$ 50.00	\$	\$	\$	\$

3900 Church Property Team	\$ 50.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 6.95	\$	\$149.41
5000 Property and Maintenance					
5110 Camp Bedford					
5110 Caretaker	\$ 5,250.00	\$1,312.50	\$1,312.50	\$1,312.50	\$ 437.50
5120 Campground Expenses (Maintenance)	\$1,000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital Improvements	\$ 500.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
Camp Bedford Mkt/Advertising	\$250.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
5140 Utilities	\$3,500.00	\$618.25	\$938.24	\$1,270.46	\$255.16
Subtotal	\$10,500.00	\$1,930.75	\$2,250.74	\$2,582.96	\$692.66
5200 Camp Christi					
5210 Caretaker	\$26,565.12	\$6,641.28	\$6,641.28	\$6,641.28	\$2,213.76
5220 Health Insurance	\$7,000.00	\$1,740.00	\$1,740.00	\$1,740.00	\$580.00
5250 Utilities	\$14,000.00	\$1,810.30	\$1,830.43	\$1,567.13	\$ 850.86
5260 Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$375.00	\$125.00
5270 Capital Improvements	\$50.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
5280 Vehicle Maintenance	\$250.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
5300 Legal Fees	\$500.00	\$200.46	\$ 100.00	\$211.00	\$22.86
5400 Ministry Expenses	\$100.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
Christmas Bonus	\$1,500.00	\$	\$1,500.00	\$	\$
Subtotal	\$51,465.12	\$10,767.04	\$12,186.71	\$10,534.41	\$3,792.48
Total Expenses	\$116,302.62	\$24,744.12	\$26,728.55	\$26,194.79	\$11,208.69
Total Income		\$27,927.80	\$22,599.48	\$22,203.00	\$6,474.90
Kingdom B. Transfer for State Minister Salary		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Difference		\$ 6,183.68	\$(1,129.07)	\$991.79	\$(3,733.79)

Obituary



Henry Lee Davis Brown
May 25, 1932 - May 6, 2021

Henry Lee Davis Brown, 88, of Roanoke, passed away on Thursday, May 6, 2021. A public viewing was held on Friday, May 14, 2021, from 1 until 5 p.m. at Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home & Crematory. Funeral services was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at the Hamlar-Curtis Chapel with Rev. Dr. Rawleigh Quarles Officiant and Eulogist, with Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green III, Rev. Dr Bob Neace, and Rev. Lonni Wickard assisting. Interment was in Bonds Family Cemetery, Goodview, VA.