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## FUELED BY PRAYER AND FASTING

One of the times Jesus took His inner circle of Peter, James, and John aside, He took them to a setting we often refer to as the Mount of Transfiguration. In that moment, the trio get a glimpse of heaven in that they see Moses and Elijah both talking with Jesus. While there is great stuff to be gleaned from that moment, I want to draw your attention to that which happened after.

As they spent this special time with Jesus, having one of the ultimate mountain top experiences I can only imagine, I wonder about the depths of despair they felt as they descended the mountain. Upon their arrival, Mark tells us that the remaining disciples found themselves arguing with the crowd. The question comes to mind, what sparked the argument? It's only speculation on my part, but I wonder if the nine disciples at the foot of the mountain were embarrassed over their lack of power and

ability to bring healing to this child. Look at the story. When Jesus asked what the argument was about, the daddy of this young boy spoke up and actually says, "...I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.". We'll never know the extent of the argument, but it strikes me the disciples of Jesus fell into the trap the enemy often sets for us. The enemy will point out our weaknesses to the world around us, and if we are not careful, we fall into the trap of having to defend ourselves, when the truth is, God may not have revealed His plan to us either. Sometimes we have to find ourselves in situations that require us to move forward in our relationship with Christ. Such was the case with the disciples this day.

Upon arrival of the scene, Jesus immediately takes charge by asking what the argument was about. Make no

mistake, it was an argument, and if the enemy can get the church to argue, either with the world, or within the body, then ministry is hampered, division is brought, and the enemy wins.

Once He hears the situation, Jesus has the child brought to Him, the child is set free, the family finally has rest, and the crowd is dispersed. I like to think the first time



Jesus spoke about faith in this episode, He was talking to the crowd, calling them "a faithless and perverse generation.". It is later when Jesus rebukes His disciples. Rather than bringing more embarrassment to the disciples, he rebukes them privately. This is the practice we should all take to heart, but I'm afraid not a practice at which we excel.

When asked why they found themselves powerless, Jesus (Continued on page 6)

## NEACE'S PIECES



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And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore, they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

(Acts 8:1-4)

Great Commission in Matthew 28 - And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

(Mat 28:18-20)

In the early part of Acts, Jesus told His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. This promise of power was given throughout His earthly ministry and was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, some 50 days after the ascension of Christ into heaven. Once the Holy Spirit was given, the disciples had a responsibility, and that responsibility is found,

not only in Matthew's gospel as we read earlier, but we find it in Luke's historical account of the early church in Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

This verse is key to our understanding today because it speaks to the responsibility of the church then and now. Maybe I can take it for granted that we in the church world understand we can only operate in power when we are endued with power from on high, in other words, if the church is going to be effective in ministry, she must understand that the presence of the Holy Spirit is mandatory. Otherwise we are weak and powerless against the forces of our enemy. But PRAISE GOD! He still yet empowers and equips the church for ministry, even in difficult times

So here they are waiting in Jerusalem...

120 in the upper room.

What were they doing? Praying, fasting, seeking that which they did not yet understand.

I believe they got themselves in a situation in that, while they were in the upper room, they chose two men from which to make a final decision on who should take Judas' place. I believe that person was to have been Paul at a later date, but how often have we gotten ahead of God? We have some record of all twelve original disciples, but no reliable records on what Matthias' ministry actually was after he was chosen by a lottery.

On the day of Pentecost, I don't want to spend too much time here, as we will deal with Acts 2 on another day, but on that day, the early disciples were empowered! A backslidden and

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I remember being a little girl growing up in my parents' apartment in Norfolk. Easter was one of the few times my mother and I attended church. I didn't grow up in a Christian home. I knew that God existed, and that Jesus was His Son, but I didn't know anything else. It wasn't until I became a young woman that I received salvation and found out more about Jesus and got to know Him more intimately. I found out that Jesus died on the cross for my sins, that God wanted to have a relationship with me, and that Jesus rose on the third day. As a little girl, I thought Easter was all about getting new clothes, participating in egg hunts, and eating a lot of candy, especially chocolate which I still love even now. As a Christian woman, I now know and realize that Easter is so much more than new clothes, egg hunts, and candy. It's all about Jesus and His resurrection. Jesus' resurrection is a reminder to us of the new life we have in

Christ.

When the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins, He informs us that we need to change our ways and live different lives, and then we make the decision to accept Christ into our lives, and we become living examples of Jesus's resurrection. As living examples of Jesus's resurrection, we have the power and authority to resurrect anything or anyone that appears dead. I don't mean that we can just place our hands on someone or something and bring them back to life the way Jesus did. I mean that we can bring new life to people and influence them in positive ways. God can use our prayers, praise,



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worship, thanks-giving, skills, abilities, talents etc. to bless others and remind them of the Love Jesus has for them.

As Christians, we are to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Through His Resurrection, He brought new life to us and changed us from the inside out through His Holy Spirit. We cannot keep this Resurrection power to ourselves. We must share it with others so that they can come to Christ, get to know Jesus intimately, and share the same Resurrection power with even more. God is a God of diversity and He is always looking for new ways of doing

things. Isaiah 42:9 says: "Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them." How fitting that Easter occurs during the Spring which signals a new beginning and a new season of life in our hearts, minds, new beginning and a new season of life in our hearts, minds, souls, bodies, and spirits. Notice that the Scripture mentions new things springing forth. This is not a coincidence.

Jesus's Resurrection opens the door for a new life for us as Christians. It opens the door for us to forget what is behind and push forward to what is ahead. In other words, it opens the door for us to overcome our past, embrace the present, and move forward to the future. As Christians with this God-given Resurrection power, we have the power to overcome Satan, sin, death, (continued on page 8)

## THE MEANING OF EASTER AND JESUS' LOVE

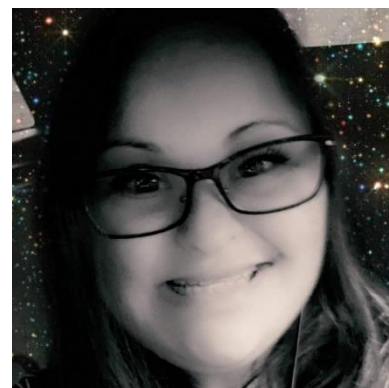
Let's start at the death and bystanders thought that Jesus was calling out to Elijah the Prophet when he wasn't. Jesus was calling out for "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" that Jesus shouted twice and the earth shook. Everyone thought and spoke "this man truly was the Son of God." Before of Jesus' death the soldiers mocked him, taunted, and misunderstood Jesus. Yet, Jesus still died on the cross he was nailed to. (Matthew 27: 27-44), (Matthew 27: 45-56). At the burial of Jesus, was Joseph from Arimathea who became a follower of Jesus. Joseph took Jesus' body and wrapped it in clean linen cloth and placed in a tomb. They then rolled out a great stone rock to the entrance. The next day of the

Sabbath the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate to communicate about keeping the tomb sealed until the third day and the guards protect it. Three days later was the Resurrection. Early Sunday morning Mary Magdalene and Mary went to visit the tomb. An earthquake hit and an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and the guards was shook. The angel spoke to the women "Don't be afraid!" he said. He also said that Jesus had risen, to go back and tell his disciples that Jesus is back from the dead, and to meet him there in Galilee. The women saw Jesus and worship him at His feet. When the disciples saw Jesus, some believed yet some doubted. (Matthew 28). In Matthew 14: 22-23, when Jesus had walked on water and told the

disciples to get back on the boat to get to the other side of the lake to go home. Jesus kneeled and prayed at night, alone in the hills.

First Thessalonians 4:15-18 says our passed loved ones that are believers in Jesus will see him first directly, until one day for us living will see Jesus someday in the clouds. In John 6:35 "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will not never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me." "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Jesus spoke. John 14:6.

In Ephesians 6:23-24 the Bible speaks about God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ who gives you love and faithfulness, and God's



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grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ. We should endure in our own faith by being drenched in the love He gives us, as we should love Him unconditionally back. Speak up in your faith and grace by shining even brighter for God to just make him happy and yourself even happier. The real meaning of Easter is The Son of God, Jesus Christ, is our Lord and Savior. The moment that Jesus died he was being misunderstood and abused by the soldiers and bystanders, and yet still had faith, clearly with excellent perfect love. (Continued on page 9)



## “REDEEMING THE DREAM” TRIP

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As I was asked to write for COGVA news; something about our church Mt. View COG, I had many things I thought about sharing, although like our Lord's brother Jude in his writing of his letter (the book of Jude) feel I should share something that has impacted my life in a significant way.

Early Monday morning October 8, 2018, a group of pastors, all from Lynchburg, embarked on a 5 day

and 4-night journey Danville, Atlanta, Tuskegee, Hayneville, Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham, and Memphis. This group of pastors of which I was privileged to be a part consisted of pastors from both black & white congregations. We had been meeting for prayer and racial reconciliation in the Lynchburg area.

Having been raised in the North, south central Pennsylvania area, I didn't know a great deal about the civil rights times, only the little I picked up on in school.

It was my desire and attitude that I wanted to learn as much as

possible, although not long into our journey did the Lord reveal to me that it was going to be an experience of more than just a learning history trip. First stop on Monday morning was in Danville Va., the site of “Bloody Monday”. The group of pastors walked on the site of that fateful day which is right outside the Danville city offices, including the Police department. I'm not sure but I think it was about 5 minutes into our guide telling us of the incidents of that day when we saw on the porch of the police barracks the Chief of Police and his Captain standing on the porch. The Chief stood with his arms folded and the Captain with his hands fisted and on his hips. It

was obvious to us that they weren't too sure or even happy about a group of people (black & white) congregating there. When our guide returned from speaking to them, he said they were definitely concerned that something racially was going to happen. Well let me tell you it did happen that week, within myself and many of the pastors that went on that trip.

The trip was to be titled “Redeem the Dream”, coming from Martin Luther King's “I Have a Dream” speech. By the end of the week, we were convinced it was the “Racial Healing” trip for each of us. One of the pastors on the trip was at “Bloody Monday” as a teen and (Continued on page 10)



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## **Prayer and Fasting (Continued)**

teaches them the power we have in prayer and fasting.

Prayer in its most basic form is simply fellowship with God. Sharing our burdens with Him and rejoicing in all that He has and will do for us as children of His.

Fasting, however, is a discipline that few master, but one to which we are all called. Many of our pastors have called on church members to fast for specific times in the lives of their congregations. I believe this vital and important. But I am afraid it is a practice too (Continued on page 7)

## ***Prayer and Fasting (Continued)***

many of us go to as a matter of last resort, and some not at all. My challenge as we fast and pray for the health of the church, the leadership of our country, continued blessing for our families, and for a revival that will sweep the globe, among other specific things over which you may be fasting, is this: That it be a fast God honors.

What type of fast does God honor? Most times, we begin to think in terms of food, but it can be other things as well. Take a look at 1 Corinthians 7:5 (NKJV & the Message) as an example, and I leave that illustration where it is...

The fast God honors is that which brings us into a discipline of saying no to self, and yes to time with the Father as we explore His word and become more familiar with the entire Godhead. A fast that God honors

supplies the discipline of focusing on our relationship with Him.

So, as COGVA fasts and prays through these dark times, and churches individually fast and pray, and as we take on this discipline ourselves, may the Lord be pleased, first and foremost, and may we see the destruction of this virus, the church strengthened, and revival brought about in the hearts and lives of our world.

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## **NEACE'S PIECE (CONTINUED)**

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restored preacher named Peter preached what I like to call the first Camp Meeting Sermon of the Church of God!

As he preached, the Holy Spirit that empowered Him brought conviction on 3000 souls who were added to the Kingdom that day.

It was also through this empowering that a

lame man heard Peter say to him, Silver and Gold have we none, but such as we have, give I to you, In the name of Jesus, rise up and walk, and he took him by the hand, lifting him up and he went walking and leaping and praising God into the temple. A sad commentary on the church in the days of St. Thomas of Aquinas is this:

Entering the presence of Innocent II., before whom a large sum of money was spread out, the Pope observed, "You see, the Church is no longer in that age in which she said, 'Silver and gold have I none.'"—"True, holy father," replied Aquinas; "neither can she any longer say to the lame, 'Rise up and walk.'"

I'm afraid some of that can be true today when we have rested on our own power to do what God has called us, or even done things in our own power under the guise of the Holy Spirit, and then ask for God's

blessings rather than His direction.

In the next few chapters, we see a measure of persecution come against the church, but apparently not enough for the church leaders as a whole to stress too much about. Peter and John are told not to proclaim Jesus' name. There is an attempt to squelch the voice of the church. But as I read it, when the persecution of the council was strong, 5000 souls were then added to the Kingdom.

With that kind of church growth, it is no wonder to me that these early apostles felt no compulsion to leave Jerusalem. When the church is growing locally, very few of us ever think that is the time to leave a local setting, but it occurs to me that God may have bigger plans for each of us than we've ever imagined, if we'd just follow His leadership and not get ahead of Him.

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## **(Neace's Piece (Continued)**

But even in the midst of church growth, Satan rears his head, and he's had much practice at bringing discourse among the people of God. There's the story of Ananias and Saphira who lost their lives as they lied to the Holy Spirit, and yet, as the result of that story, many signs and wonders yet filled the church.

As we get closer to our text, the church, in its Jerusalem growth, Hometown ministry gone well, there is even a division among the saints concerning the distribution of food among the widows, resulting the in promotion of Stephen who becomes the first martyr.

All of this happens in Jerusalem. The church's original hometown. The place where they were given power for ministry, and what great things they have done. But. There's a but. We have no record of them

leaving town, What was their original mandate? When they receive power, the Holy Spirit, they were to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, but also in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Depending on the commentary one uses, somewhere between 2-5 years pass between Acts 2 – 8. Any of that time is a long time to be cooped up in the hometown when the mandate was for world dispersion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It took a crisis in the life of the church to disperse the church.

It is the persecution of the church that propels the early church to move from it's comfort zone to proclaiming the Gospel in the places Jesus told them.

I don't completely understand this virus, but in a video, I put out to the Churches in Virginia last month, I reminded folks that what we have seen as evil, God has certainly been using for his good. For years, many

of us have been praying for revival. I am reading of journalists who are taking note of the spiritual awakening that is taking place in our country and around the world. I think it is a God thing to see more people being exposed to the gospel through a variety of means when it is not healthily safe to gather in large groups. I am watching with much excitement the ways in which the church has come out of her local settings, i.e. Jerusalem, and began to get creative in ways to proclaim Christ in innovative ways.

In the last few weeks, I have seen preachers take to the internet who have never dreamed they'd have a media presence anywhere. I've listened to the stories of churches who have feared a drop in their finances, only to see God provide in ways they were not expecting. I hear of people sharing the gospel from online presences and reaching more people

online than can be seated in their sanctuaries.

I like what one brother has shared with me, and it was his thought that the church has not closed, but she has been deployed, activated for ministry.

Today, I challenge you as church members to rise and be the church.

## **Easter Devotion (Continued)**

or anything else that tries to come in and destroy us. As we celebrate Easter this year, let's remember who it is about: Jesus. It's not what we do as Christians, right and wrong things, it's about what Jesus did, dying on the cross for our sins and rising from the dead so we could live with Him here for eternity on earth and in heaven.

Prayer: Lord, I ask that the Holy Spirit reveals to me what it really  
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## **Easter Devotion** **(Continued)**

means to walk in Your Resurrection power

Thank You so much for Jesus dying on the cross for my sins and rising up again on the third day so I could be free from sin, free to be the person You created me to be, and live the holy, abundant, and joyful life You want me to live. In Jesus's name, I pray. Amen. Reflection Question: How can you celebrate Easter in a way that glorifies God?

## ***The Meaning of Easter*** ***(Continued)***

Even while being mistreated and misunderstood, Jesus never stopped loving. And neither should we, even if it hurts, by loving a neighbor or anyone that you don't like. The guards protected Jesus' body while he was dead, then three days later Jesus, he arose. The meaning of Easter, three days later, and Jesus arose from the

dead. We don't ever see this in anyone, but Jesus did. He can do the impossible as well. Take an antique for an example. An antique is like the old road that just keeps going on because it's our life. We do have the good and bad days even bumps in the road and we get back on. Jesus has been a similar way in his lifetime growing up and being The Son of God. Bringing in grace is like bringing in peace. Like walking in the rain and focusing on the sun. The sunshine of Jesus' love is what we should be shining.

In the meaning of Easter, how Jesus rose from the dead three days I used the verses of Matthew 14:22-23, Matthew 27:27-44, and Matthew 27:25-56. In these verses combine the awestruck wonder we sing "Because He Lives", "It Is Well With My Soul", "In Christ Alone", and "The Old Rugged Cross". Also, "We Can Face Tomorrow", and "On

Christ the Solid Rock I Stand."

Christ Jesus had died for our sins, right? Yes, he did, the meaning of Easter is the light of Jesus that we see in our eyes. As three days later, he arose. Take in pride, purity, and purpose in full honest prayer and peace. Jesus is all about purpose even when he came back from the dead three days later, he arose. Purposefully is the most important. Gracefully coming back to raining sunshine on everyone even when they needed it or they don't know they need it, in which by challenging all of you to grow stronger in love, faith, and grace by letting Jesus Christ and God shine through you. Let's see where we can grow stronger together to bring new people into our churches. It's okay, you are shining in your own way and don't stop that. Jesus loves you and we love him back in our own way by worshipping, pastoring, leading in different ways to shine through

him. In Easter, he arose everything in Matthew 14 and 27 combine everything Jesus did this for us. For us, as in every single one of you, are beautiful and talented in your own way shine in the way God allows you. Keep going forward, that's what Jesus wants you to do in life and that is so beautiful. Three days later, he arose for a purpose, for you and your sins to be forgiven.

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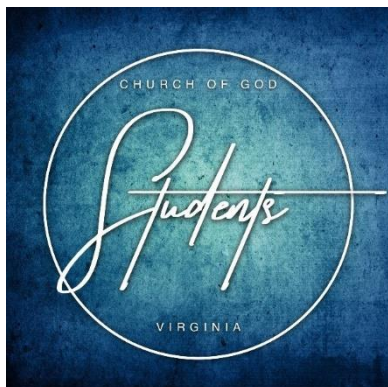
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## LIVE AND ACTIVE LINKS FOR COGVA DIGITAL AND ELECTRONIC WORSHIP SERVICES

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- Greenview Church of God in Lynchburg - <https://greenview.church/live-stream-1> at 10:45 am
- Wytheville First Church of God <https://www.facebook.com/WythevilleFirstChurch/> at 10:30 am
- Allison's Gap First Church of God <https://www.facebook.com/allisongapfcog/> at 11:00 am
- Chilhowie First Church of God <https://www.chilhowie.church/> at 10:30 am
- Water's Edge Church of God/Virginia Beach <https://watersedgevb.com/> at 10:30 am
- Roanoke First Church of God <https://www.facebook.com/fcogroanoke> at 10:45
- Chesapeake Church of God <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheChurchofGodofChesapeake/> Multiple times through the week
- Staunton First Church of God <https://www.facebook.com/StauntonFirstChurchofGod/> at 10:45
- Blacksburg First Church of God  
<https://www.facebook.com/BlacksburgFirstChurchOfGodAndersonIndiana/> at 11:15
- Anderson Church of God in Bristol <https://www.facebook.com/ACOGBristol/> at 11:00
- Joynes Road Church of God <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/749108122> through May 24
- Abingdon First Church of God <https://www.facebook.com/Abingdon-First-Church-of-God-250209848360910/> at 11:00
- Fincastle Lane Church of God/Bluefield <https://www.facebook.com/fireofpreach/> at 11:00
- Christiansburg First Church of God <https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.firstchurchofgodcburg.org/> at 10:00
- Atkins First Church of God <https://www.facebook.com/AtkinsFCOG/> at 10:30
- Bellamy Avenue Church of God <https://www.facebook.com/Bellamy-Avenue-Church-of-God-330127757046467/> at 10:00
- 21<sup>st</sup> Church of God in Richmond <https://www.facebook.com/netta.oliver1> or conference call at 1-712-832-8330, access code - #6895095 at 11:00
- Slussers Chapel <https://www.slussers-themount.org/live-stream> at 10:30
- Groseclose First Church of God -  
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## What you need to know about COGVA Summer camps!

The Virginia State CE team has been hard at work this past year putting together this year's summer camps. Packets were ready to be delivered at SYC2020, but due to the rise of Covid-19 in our nation, life has drastically changed in the past month all across our nation and we felt we should wait and discuss our current situation before sending out the camp packets.

The CE team has met several times over the past 2 weeks discussing the viability of having summer camp this summer. We have decided to prayerfully move forward with current dates June 15-19, 2020. Our team will come together often in the next month and discuss new information and guidelines that are being laid out by our government officials. We will keep churches informed of any changes that need to be made. We understand that summer camp may need to be cancelled or dates changed but we want to wait and see how things change over the next month before we make any decisions.

In the event that we feel June 15-19, 2020 needs to be cancelled we will look at the option of holding camp the same week as our state camp meeting July 26-31, 2020. As said before we will let you know of any changes that we need to make.

Your youth and kids camp packets should be in your mailboxes within the next week. In the packet you will find a letter. Please read the letter. We ask that no registrations be sent before May 15. This will give us time to continue to assess the situation and not have to send monies back if camp needs to be changed or cancelled. Also, you will notice a change in the registration cost.

Please note the below registration deadline changes \$120 if postmarked by May 29<sup>th</sup> and \$140 after May 29<sup>th</sup>

Please watch email and Facebook for up to date changes that may have to happen for summer camp.

Just a reminder our camps are volunteer based so please keep in mind all kids and students must have camp counselors coming with them from their local church. All volunteers need to have a current background check on file. The state office can help with background checks.

We are also in search of volunteers to fill the positions below at this year's camp.

Cooks, Nurse, and Lifeguard (CPR and First Aid certified)



If you or you know of anyone in your local church that could serve in one of these positions, please let us know as soon as possible!

[www.cogva.com](http://www.cogva.com) has packets and camp information as well

Please reach out if you have any questions.

jwynnelk@gmail.com or 540-449-7379

In Christ,

State CE Team, Chair: Pastor Jessica Willis Vice Chair: Pastor Matt Holman Secretary: Pastor Jeremy Dunn, Pastor Scott Stedman, Pastor Todd Conn, Scott Roulo

<b><u>COGVA GIVING RECORD 08/01/ - 3/31/20</u></b>					
Church	Budget	Other	Kitchen Fund	KB	Total
					<b>Giving</b>
Abingdon	\$1,583.23				<b>\$1,583.23</b>
Atkins	\$500.00				<b>\$500.00</b>
Big Stone Gap					<b>\$0.00</b>
Birdsnest					<b>\$0.00</b>
Blacksburg First	\$1,200.00				<b>\$1,200.00</b>
Blacksburg Slussers	\$666.64				<b>\$666.64</b>
Bluefield					<b>\$0.00</b>
Boones Mill					<b>\$0.00</b>
Boykins	\$ 25.00				<b>\$25.00</b>
Bristol					<b>\$0.00</b>
Chesapeake					<b>\$0.00</b>
Chilhowie	\$5,236.30				<b>\$5,236.30</b>
Christiansburg	\$8,826.73				<b>\$8,826.73</b>
Cloverdale					<b>\$0.00</b>
Dublin		\$1,995.94			<b>\$1,995.94</b>

Emporia	\$1,000.00				<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Fredericksburg	\$16,500.00				<b>\$16,500.00</b>
Glade Spring					<b>\$0.00</b>
Goodview	\$200.00				<b>\$200.00</b>
Hampton Joynes Rd	\$1,400.00				<b>\$1,400.00</b>
Lynchburg Greenview	\$1,452.14				<b>\$1,452.14</b>
Lynchburg Mnt. View					<b>\$0.00</b>
Marion	\$1,625.00				<b>\$1,625.00</b>
Martinsville					<b>\$0.00</b>
Newport News Cmnty					<b>\$0.00</b>
Newport News First					<b>\$0.00</b>
Norfolk Bellamy Ave	\$1,707.00				<b>\$1,707.00</b>
North Tazewell					<b>\$0.00</b>
Norton	\$2,325.14				<b>\$2,325.14</b>
Reedville	\$4,056.12				<b>\$4,056.12</b>
Rich Creek					<b>\$0.00</b>
Richmond First	\$2,127.00				<b>\$2,127.00</b>
Richmond 21st	\$1,600.00				<b>\$1,600.00</b>
Roanoke First	\$3,397.13			\$1,132.38	<b>\$4,529.51</b>
Roanoke Staunton Ave					<b>\$0.00</b>
Rural Retreat	\$1,137.21				<b>\$1,137.21</b>
Salem					<b>\$0.00</b>
Saltville Allison Gap	\$1,303.69				<b>\$1,303.69</b>
Saltville Broadford	\$450.00				<b>\$450.00</b>
Saltville Chatham Hill	\$200.00				<b>\$200.00</b>
Saltville MtnView					<b>\$0.00</b>
Spotsylvania	\$2,000.00	\$800.00			<b>\$2,800.00</b>
Staunton	\$3,322.46				<b>\$3,322.46</b>
Suffolk					<b>\$0.00</b>
VA Beach	\$1,800.00				<b>\$1,800.00</b>
Wise	\$7,400.00				<b>\$7,400.00</b>
Wytheville	\$ 1,171.31				<b>\$1,171.31</b>
Insurance Reimbursement		\$ 339.00			<b>\$339.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74,212.10</b>	<b>\$2,795.94</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,132.38</b>	<b>\$78,140.42</b>

<b>COGVA Budget August 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020</b>				
		<b>Aug-Oct</b>	<b>Nov-Jan</b>	<b>Feb-April</b>
<b>Categories</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>1st Qtr</b>	<b>2nd Qtr</b>	<b>3rd Qtr</b>
		<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
1000 State Office				
1100 Business Office	\$3,500.00	\$969.77	\$958.38	\$383.19
1200 Insurance	\$12,800.00	\$3,533.75	\$3,363.11	\$3,252.62
1300 Office Manager	\$14,437.50	\$3,609.36	\$3,609.36	\$2,406.24
1400 Income Taxes	\$3,600.00	\$882.98	\$884.11	\$588.93
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$34,337.50</b>	<b>\$8,995.86</b>	<b>\$8,814.96</b>	<b>\$6,630.98</b>
1500 Chair	\$400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>2000 State Minister</b>				
Salary	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Reimbursement Fund	\$8,000.00	\$3,297.32	\$648.43	\$798.02
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$20,400.00</b>	<b>\$6,297.32</b>	<b>\$3,648.43</b>	<b>\$2,798.02</b>
3000 Executive Board/Standing Ministries				
3100 Executive Board	\$400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3200 Ministry of Church Service/Credentials	\$300.00	\$206.85	\$6.85	\$ -
3300 Ministry of Christian Education	\$50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3400 Ministry of Evangelism	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3600 Ministry of Program	\$50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3800 Ministerial Fellowship	\$50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3900 Church Property Team	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$ 206.85</b>	<b>\$6.85</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
5000 Property and Maintenance				
5110 Camp Bedford				
5110 Caretaker	\$5,250.00	\$1,312.50	\$1,312.50	\$875.00
5120 Campground Expenses (Maintenance)	\$500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Improvements	\$500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Camp Bedford Mkt/Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5140 Utilities	\$3,500.00	\$598.68	\$998.83	\$973.39
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$10,250.00</b>	<b>\$1,911.18</b>	<b>\$2,311.33</b>	<b>\$1,848.39</b>
5200 Camp Christi				
5210 Caretaker	\$26,565.12	\$6,641.28	\$6,641.28	\$4,427.52
5220 Health Insurance	\$7,000.00	\$1,788.00	\$1,788.00	\$1,192.00
5250 Utilities	\$14,000.00	\$4,122.19	\$2,744.51	\$1,677.28

5260 Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5270 Capital Improvements	\$50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5280 Vehicle Maintenance	\$250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5300 Legal Fees	\$500.00	\$48.50	\$160.00	\$64.00
5400 Ministry Expenses	\$100.00	\$ -	\$100.00	\$ -
Christmas Bonus	\$1,300.00	\$ -	\$1,300.00	\$ -
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$50,765.12</b>	<b>\$12,599.97</b>	<b>\$12,733.79</b>	<b>\$7,360.80</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$116,652.62</b>	<b>\$30,011.18</b>	<b>\$27,515.36</b>	<b>\$18,638.19</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$36,516.38</b>	<b>\$21,885.51</b>	<b>\$9,595.38</b>
<b>Kingdom B. Transfer for State Minister Salary</b>		<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>\$9,505.20</b>	<b>\$(2,629.85)</b>	<b>\$(7,042.81)</b>