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## COGVA State Youth Convention Dates and Speakers Announced



AND THIS IS THE VICTORY  
THAT HAS OVERCOME THE  
WORLD... OUR FAITH"  
1ST JOHN 5:4



**Dalton  
Bishop**  
Worship Leader



**Speaker  
Jed Worline**

**Virginia State Youth Convention  
2022**  
**March 11-13, 2022**  
**Holiday Inn Conference Center  
Staunton**

\$99 Early Bird Reg.  
Postmarked by Dec. 15th  
\$109 Early Reg.  
Postmarked by Jan. 31st  
\$129 At the Door  
Send in \$50 Deposit to Lock-in Rate  
(Balance Due Jan. 31st)  
Registrations can be printed at cog-va.com  
Contact COGVA at 540-268-2040

**HOLD ON!!!** Someone with an extremely generous heart has offered Convention Scholarships of \$50.00 to the first 50 students to register. All registration information can be printed from <https://www.cogva.com/registration-info>

## Neace's Pieces



Dr. Bob Neace COGVA  
State Minister

There is a story of a Christmas pageant where three small children were to play the part of the wise men. At the appropriate time, the actors were to kneel and give to the baby Jesus and His parents their gifts. The first

knelt before the manger and said, "From a very far country, we present this gift of gold." The second actor, in a moment of stage fright forgot his lines, but was rescued by the third actor who quickly stepped in like a professional, and bore his gift, saying, "My king from where I come has given the incense of Myrrh." Knowing all eyes were now on him to say his part and present his gift, the second child knelt before the manger and family and confidently declared, "Frank sent this!"

Send in the ...Magi!

The presence of the Magi in Jesus' day has always intrigued me. Most nativity scenes and Christmas pageants present them as if they were there the night of Jesus' birth, but a careful reading of the scripture reveals it may have been up to two years before the Magi show up at the home of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. Rather than a visit to a stable to see a babe in a manger, most translations of scripture identify the wise men as coming into the house and presenting gifts of whose implications vary more than this short article can afford. Not much is revealed about these men, other than they "came from the east". Their ultimate goal and destination

was to worship this King. Their trek took them through Herod's court where the insecurities of those to whom power had been given gave way to weak-minded thinking that resulted in the massacre of innocent children throughout Bethlehem and all its districts. These wise men, as scripture refers to them, were well read enough in the now Old Testament to grasp the prophecies foretold there.

It would seem one of the purposes of the Magi was to provide a set of gifts to the Christ child and His family for that which would happen once Herod realized the wise men were not coming back with word about the location of the one, they sought to worship. Each of the three gifts listed in scripture would have been easily transitioned into provisions that would have made an exilic home in Egypt possible. In short, the wise men provided gifts that secured the presence of Christ in a world/society bent on His destruction. In every generation, God has provided people of great wisdom. In a time when the church had become apostate, seeking her own wealth and power rather than the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit, God raised up a man named Martin Luther, who was bold enough to challenge the status quo of his day and declare, "The just shall live by faith" and not the man-made traditions of the church.

In another day, God raised two brothers named Charles and John Wesley to help us understand prevenient grace and entire sanctification.

Our own tribe has produced women and men like Nora Hunter, Arlo Newell, James Earl Massey, and others who have helped  
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## C.W.C. News!



Rev. Dr. Arnetta McNeese Bailey

Chief Operating Development Officer (CODO), National Association of the Church of God, West Middlesex, Pa; formerly National Executive Director, Christian Women Connection (CWC), Anderson, IN

Sometimes, God slows us down in production for a season to do the proper maintenance, upgrades, renovations, and other kinds of spiritual, emotional, mental, or

physical repairs needed for us to be in optimal condition to receive and steward the next level of increase and multiplication. I believe He did this for my dear sister, Arnetta, so she could begin her new season as author and CODO at West Middlesex. Rev. Dr. Bailey was invited to Hampton, VA by Dr. Velma L. Green, COGVA's State CWC Coordinator for her book signing, "It's Not in Vain." The book signing was held at Parklawn-Woods Funeral Home, Hampton, VA, on November 13, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Her book speaks on finding purpose in life's struggles. She used the courageous, unpredictable, and surprising stories of women in the Bible to show us that

God not only uniquely equipped them to star in their own stories, but to also augment the stories of those around them. Also, she wants us to know that God has a wonderful plan and purpose for our lives. She says, "No one is more perfectly suited to fill the lead role in your God-ordained adventure than you, so get ready to take your place as the supernaturally appointed heroine of your own story!"

Then, on November 14, 2021, Rev. Dr. Simeon R. Green, III, Pastor of Joynes Road Church of God allowed Rev. Dr. Bailey, an inspired preacher, advocate for reconciliation, servant-leader, and woman of God, to spoke at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Her theme was "God Love is Without Measures" and the Scripture was John 3:16-17. Sister Gretchen Smith joined Rev. Dr. Bailey and she did the introduction during the morning Worship Service.

May God continue to bless and keep us all in His loving care until we meet again.

Happy Thanksgiving and Season Greetings to all!!

P.S. CWC will be doing a souvenir book as a fundraiser. If you wish to place an article in it, please contact Dr. Velma Green at [velma.green@comcast.net](mailto:velma.green@comcast.net) or (804) 586-9463 (c) or (804) 269-5972 (h) before March 15, 2022. Full page-\$100, half page-\$50, quarter page-\$25, your name will be listed for any donations given.

Composed & submitted by: Dr. Velma L. Green, COGVA State Coordinator

## A Time of Unity

We are living in a time like no other in our lives, a time where it seems as if life is closing in all around us and a time in which many feel as if they are weathering the storms all alone" I believe that we are in a time when the children of God need to come together in unity and harmony. A time where the church operates and functions as one church. united together as one body with one vision and goal in sight. Dr. Simeon



Green and his wife Velma came to fellowship with my wife and I here at Fincastle First Church of God in Bluefield, VA on November the 6th. The day started out at Camp Christi for Men's Fellowship and Thanksgiving Dinner cooked by our State Minister Bob Neace. The atmosphere was filled with love, fellowship, and unity. The men that came together that day developed into that one body of Christ as we sang together and celebrated God, his church, and one another.

Dr. Simeon Green came to our home on that Saturday evening, and we came together as we ate dinner and began developing a closer walk-in unity and

friendship with one another. Dr. Green and his wonderful wife were such a blessing during their time with us in Bluefield, Va.



That following Sunday morning Dr. Green and his wife joined our church in morning worship and Dr. Green delivered an amazing message about Seizing the Moment, I can tell you that it impacted myself and my congregation in an uplifting way. My church members are still talking about our fellowship and Dr. Green's message.

I pray that this will reinforce the work of the First Church of God here in Virginia as we see a transformation from separation/segregation to unity and oneness. As the Pastor's and minister leaders in the First Church of God we must make sure that we are continuing in setting the example for our churches to follow. I pray you all will have a blessed holiday season and may God bless your Congregations richly with his spirit and love.

Many Blessings to you all,

Dr. Perry Blankenship

Vice President of Men's Fellowship





January 2, 2022

**First Gathering of 2022!**



Church of God Virginia

Each man in the Church of God in Virginia is encouraged to take part in the activities of the COGVA Men's

Fellowship.

Topic: COGVA Men's Fellowship

Time: Jan 1, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Jan 1, 2022 10:00 AM

Join us on ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81724827237>

Join us by phone: +13017158592, Meeting ID:,81724827237



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



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



*Dr. Bob Neace,  
 Guest Speaker*

**(Neace's Pieces, Continued)** us maintain the presence of Christ in this world through the presence of His church.

Nora Hunter was an early pioneer in the Church of God Reformation Movement who developed a passion for missions and entered the ministry at age nineteen. She would eventually become the founder and first president of the National Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, now known as Christian Women's Connection. John W.V. Smith compiled some of her wisdom in his book, *Herald's of a Brighter Day*. "We who have seen the dawn must help others to see the Day Star." "Take root downward and bear fruit upward." "System, not spasm, is God's method." "There is only one way to make dreams come true; wake up and go to work." "Pain and disappointment sometimes cut channels into one's life deep enough for streams of living water to flow through to refresh thirsty souls." And "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success."

James Earl Massey, a product of and leader within the church of God, was recognized in 2006 by Christianity Today as one of the 25 most influential preachers of the previous 50 years. Writing for Christianity Today in 1995, Dr. James Earl Massey wrote about the racial climate in the United States. "Today a new historical moment is upon our churches to stand against attitudes that polarize and demonize. The church is armed with valid ethical claims and the means to deal positively with a diverse population that challenges those still tainted by the heresy that race and skin color is a measure of human worth. The quest for a reasoned Christian approach to our nation's needs might be long and costly, but it will lead to

our salvation as a people." James Earl Massey

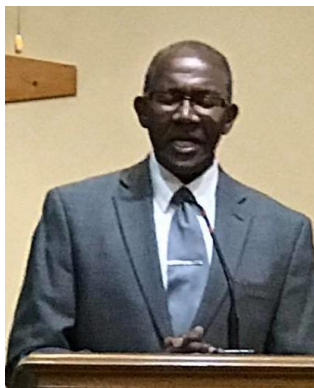
Concerning the unity of the Church, Dr. Massey said this: "The doctrines of the Christian holiness and unity must be seriously taught again and become our core beliefs. Core beliefs inform, shape, motivate, and determine behavior." African Americans and the Church of God.

Arlo Newell stated, "Life in the church (is) changing, requiring that we walk by faith, knowing that Christ is Lord we can trust the future in his hands. When one has "seen the church," as Merle Strege has written: we realize that it is not an organization but a spiritual organism empowered by the Holy Spirit. Having seen the church and knowing that Christ is Lord, we live in anticipation as inevitable changes take place..... (We are often faced) with temptations to make life in the Spirit so bland it has little or no meaning to personal conduct, or, we make it so legalistic that it is a negative factor in one's faith. Each generation must discover afresh that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord" (Zech. 4: 6 KJV). Our people wait for a clear voice on balanced, practical, rational, sanctified living. In reality, this is the "Life" in the church." – Arlo Newell in "Life in the Church" I stand with Arlo Newell in his declaration that we wait for a clear voice in this current generation. Clarity and wisdom may be found in a variety of places, but it is my hope and prayer that some coming after me might be able to say of those in my generation, there were wise people there. Just as in the days of Jesus early life, there were those who sought him, made it possible for the gospel message to live on and thrive to the next generation.

## COGVA LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

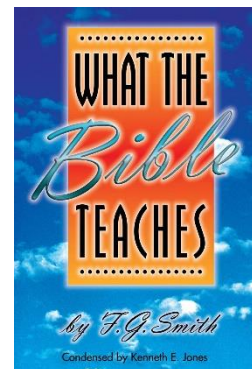
Will meet via ZOOM until further notice each Second Saturday monthly at 9:00am. The link or call in opportunities can be found highlighted at the end of this flyer

The books being studied for the Fall Semester are:



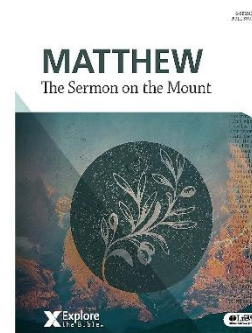
What the Bible Teaches  
 By F. G. Smith

Taught by  
 Rev. Calvin Peterson



The Master Plan of Evangelism 2nd  
 Edition by Dr. Robert E. Coleman

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

Robert Neace is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Leadership College

**Time: Dec 11, 2021, 9:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Every month on the Second Sat,

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86369201873?pwd=OXI2c1loQTZDM0w4RUYxR2I2UzBpQT09>

Dial by local number:

1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 863 6920 1873

Passcode: 933218



## Southeastern Association Church of God

### VIRTUAL CAMP MEETING 2021

Sunday, Dec 26TH - Tuesday, Dec 28TH  
6:00 PM NIGHTLY



Rev. Dr. Simeon Green, III  
Chairperson



Keynote Speaker  
Pastor Cornelius Atkinson  
Charlotte, North Carolina



Rev. Reginald Alford  
Vice Chairperson

#### THEME:

*"Seize the Moment, Share the Love  
of Christ with Others"*

Matthew 28:16-20

#### FACILITATORS



Rev. Dr. Arnetta McNeese Bailey  
West Middlesex, Pennsylvania  
December 27, 2021  
10:00 AM



Pastor Silas Oliver  
Richmond, Virginia  
December 28, 2021  
10:00 AM



Dial in Number: 1 646 876 9923 US  
Meeting ID: 675 535 6491



## Hampton City is Blessed Through the Ministry of Joynes Road Church of God



Mayor Donnie Tucker, Supervisor Ms. Martha, and Pastor Simeon R. Green III

The USDA Food Distribution that takes place at Joynes Road Church of God continues to serve the city of Hampton. God is using this ministry to help meet the needs of many in the community. For the Month of November, we served: 162 Households; 491 individuals. 2022 will be JRCOG 7th year! To God Be The Glory!

## COGVA Income

Churches	August	September	October	November	Total
Abingdon	\$200.00		\$438.00	\$404.15	\$1,042.15
Atkins					\$0.00
Big Stone Gap					\$0.00
Birdsnest					\$0.00
Blacksburg First			\$600.00		\$600.00
Blacksburg Slussers	\$83.33	\$83.33	\$83.33	\$83.33	\$333.32
Bluefield					\$0.00
Boones Mill	\$22.00				\$22.00
Boykins					\$0.00
Bristol					\$0.00
Chesapeake	\$22.00				\$22.00
Chilhowie	\$221.34	\$341.57	\$208.41	\$288.37	\$1,059.69
Christiansburg	\$589.11	\$582.87	\$523.45	\$1,553.66	\$3,249.09
Cloverdale	\$22.00				\$22.00
Dublin					\$0.00

Emporia					\$0.00
Fredericksburg		\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00
Glade Spring					\$0.00
Goodview	\$22.00				\$22.00
Hampton Joynes Road	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$500.00
Lynchburg Greenview		\$172.30		\$293.21	\$465.51
Lynchburg Mtn View				\$630.00	\$630.00
Marion				\$875.00	\$875.00
Martinsville					\$0.00
Newport News First 20th Street					\$0.00
Newport News First Randolph Road					\$0.00
Norfolk Bellamy Ave	\$204.00	\$204.00	\$204.00	\$204.00	\$816.00
North Tazewell					\$0.00
Norton	\$397.56	\$291.25	\$313.50	\$352.68	\$1,354.99
Reedville			\$1,225.00		\$1,225.00
Rich Creek					\$0.00
Richmond First			\$1,997.87		\$1,997.87
Richmond 21st	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$1,200.00
Roanoke First		\$805.50		\$703.81	\$1,509.31
Roanoke Staunton Ave	\$22.00				\$22.00
Rural Retreat	\$142.50	\$251.04	\$141.96	\$241.32	\$776.82
Salem					\$0.00
Saltville Broadford	\$150.00				\$150.00
Saltville Chatham Hill	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
Saltville Allison Gap		\$165.28	\$188.26	\$165.47	\$519.01
Saltville MntView					\$0.00
Spotsylvania				\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Staunton	\$322.55		\$448.28	\$283.46	\$1,054.29
Suffolk					\$0.00
Virginia beach	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$800.00
Wise		\$1,860.00		\$1,400.00	\$3,260.00
Wytheville	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$760.00
Faithlife					\$0.00
Brotherhood Mutual Refund			\$290.00		\$290.00
Credit Card Cashback	\$110.00			\$27.50	\$137.50
Individual Donation					\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,445.39</b>	<b>\$7,172.14</b>	<b>\$7,377.06</b>	<b>\$9,320.96</b>	<b>\$27,315.55</b>

## COGVA Budget

August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022			
		Aug-Oct	Nov-Jan
Categories	Budget	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr
		Expenses	Expenses
1000 State Office			
1100 Business Office	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 859.55	\$ 135.11
1200 Insurance	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 3,496.75	\$ 3,718.75
1300 Office Manager	\$ 14,437.50	\$ 3,609.36	\$ 1,203.12
1400 Income Taxes	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 884.58	\$ 294.87
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 35,837.50</b>	<b>\$ 8,850.24</b>	<b>\$ 5,351.85</b>
1500 Chair	\$ 400.00	\$ -	
<b>2000 State Minister</b>			
Salary	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Reimbursement Fund	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 763.05	\$ 210.38
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 14,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,763.05</b>	<b>\$ 1,210.38</b>
3000 Executive Board/Standing Ministries			
3100 Executive Board	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
3200 Ministry of Church Service/Credentials	\$ 800.00	\$ 84.64	\$ 13.36
3300 Ministry of Christian Education	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
3600 Ministry of Program	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
3800 Ministerial Fellowship	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
3900 Church Property Team	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 84.64</b>	<b>\$ 13.36</b>
5000 Property and Maintenance			
5110 Camp Bedford			
5110 Caretaker	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 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	\$ 620.55	\$ 156.40
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 10,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,933.05</b>	<b>\$ 593.90</b>
5200 Camp Christi			
5210 Caretaker	\$ 26,565.12	\$ 6,641.28	\$ 2,213.76
5220 Health Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,250.01	\$ 416.67
5250 Utilities	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,519.88	\$ 652.12
5260 Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -



5270 Capital Improvements	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
5280 Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -
5300 Legal Fees	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
5400 Ministry Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Christmas Bonus	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 49,515.12</b>	<b>\$ 12,411.17</b>	<b>\$ 3,307.55</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 111,802.62</b>	<b>\$ 27,042.15</b>	<b>\$ 10,477.04</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 17,994.59</b>	<b>\$ 9,320.96</b>
<b>Kingdom B. Transfer for State Minister Salary</b>		<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>\$ (6,047.56)</b>	<b>\$ (156.08)</b>

## Obituaries



Nancy Lou Hart Hall Stultz

September 21, 1941 - October 10, 2021

Nancy Lou Hart Hall Stultz, age 80, of Salem, Virginia, peacefully went home to be with the Lord Jesus whom she loved so much on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Jesse and Marvin Hart; husband, James Ray Hall; and brothers, Doug Hart, Ray Hart, and Julian Hart.

Nancy leaves behind siblings, Margaret Roberson, Edith Fisher, and Tom Hart; children, Dianne Ward and husband, Matt, Susan Conn and husband, Todd, Buck Hall, Mary Johnson and husband, Dave, and Betsy

Linkous and husband, Chris; several grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters on the way. The family is honored Nancy at the Richfield Chapel on Wednesday October 13, 2021. A period of visitation began at 1 p.m. with a service following at 2 p.m. She was laid to rest at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

Nancy will always be remembered for her beauty and for making this world an amazing place for the people around her.