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**St. Louis Area Minister's Association**

News & Information  
for  
... Ministry  
... Fellowship

## **About our speaker...**

**Pastor Miki Merritt**, a native of St. Louis, attended St. Louis Public Schools graduating from Northwest High School in 1977. He continued his education at Washington University in St. Louis, where he met and married his college sweetheart, Carol E. Flewellen in 1980. He graduated with a degree in Business Administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Pastor Merritt answered God's call to ministry in February, 1990 and began pastoring the New Cote Brillante Church of God in February, 1991. His visionary leadership and his unique gift of declaring God's word incorporating his creativity and sense of humor, have contributed to the successful growth of the ministry. Pastor Merritt truly has a shepherd's heart and is a man of integrity. His love for people and his gift of giving have been an asset not only to his congregation but to the church at large.

Pastor Merritt is a national leader serving as Presiding Elder of the National Association of the Church of God. The installation service will take place on Zion's Hill during the camp meeting in August (see page 3). He shares his leadership gift on several national committees, and is active on the state and local levels as well. He serves the Missouri Ministries of the Church of God as a mentoring pastor and on the Credentials Committee. He also works with the Board of Pensions, the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, the St. Louis Area Minister's Association (SLAMA) and holds several other community affiliations.

Pastor Merritt travels extensively proclaiming the Word of God. He is a sought after guest preacher and teacher conducting revivals, workshops, leadership training and conferences. He has been married to Dr. Carol F. Merritt for 32 years and they are the proud parents of four young adult sons – Miki Maurice (Emily), Sean Christopher, Carl Edward and Joshua Caleb. They have recently become the proud grandparents of their first granddaughter Marley Jackson Merritt.



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### **Unity Services**


**September 29, 2013 – Kinloch Church of God**  
**December 29, 2013 - There will be no meeting - NIYC – Joint Convention**



Meetings are held every fourth Monday of the month at 7:00pm at

**Community Christ Fellowship  
Church of God**  
121 Williams Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63135

We're asking for all youth leaders or representatives from each church to participate in these meetings to assist in the planning and organizing of area youth

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## **PASTOR'S PRAYER FELLOWSHIP**

The Pastor's Prayer Fellowship meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of every month. The time (AM or PM) is at the discretion of the host pastor. The next Pastor's fellowship prayer meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 2nd, 2013** at **9:00am** at the following location:

**Community Christ Fellowship  
Church of God**  
121 Williams Blvd  
Hazelwood, MO 63135  
314-522-1010  
Host Pastor:  
Rev. Marilyn Stowers

## **UMBRELLA PRAYER MEETINGS**



The umbrella prayer group is a women's prayer circle that will greatly enhance your prayer life and spiritual growth. It is held every **third Saturday** at 8:00 am at the Richmond Heights COG, 7770 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, MO 63117. 314-781-7994.

### **Coordinators:**

Sis. Sallie Hatter 618-271-2214  
Rev. Willie Stevens 314-653-2542  
Sis. Janna Sue Stowers 314-388-2464

## **The Gathering Place Church of God Fairview Heights, IL and Fireworks Station Church of God East St. Louis, IL Merge**

On June 2, 2013, The Gathering Place Church of God (Rev. Bill Strawn) located at 5500 Old Collinsville Rd., in Fairview Heights and the Fireworks Station Church of God (Rev. Fred Wright) held its first service as a combined congregation. We applaud this merger and the obedience of the leaders in following God's plan. Please pray for these congregations as they move towards becoming the multi-cultural congregation that God plans for them to be.

## **CHURCH OF GOD UNITY PICNIC**



**WHEN:** August 17, 2013

**TIME:** 9:00am – 4:00pm

**WHERE:** Tiemeyer Park  
3311 Asbhy Rd  
St. Ann, MO 63074

**Contact person:** Pastor Nelson  
618-271-4775

Donations are being accepted and volunteers are always needed.



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# Zion's Hill

## WHAT'S NEW

- Grand Opening of the Hospitality Center/ Internet Cafe'
- Grand Opening of the Medical Center
- Expanded / Enhanced Prayer Garden
- Inauguration of the Campground Shuttle Service
- Maintenance / Emergency Call Center
- NameTags – A Piece of the Puzzle
- Filming of the NACOG Story
- Luncheon Roundtable Discussions regarding relevant topics (Open dialog, everyone welcome)
- General Assembly On-going and innovative strategies to serve the church and achieve greater "Collective Impact"
- Upgraded Lighting - Campground Wide

# Aug 4-11, 2013

### Awards Banquet Honoree

PRESIDING ELDER  
EMERITUS;

## Bishop Robert S. Davis Sr.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Dynamic Preaching, Inspiring Music and Rich Fellowship
- Opening Day Ice Cream Social
- Early Morning Warfare Prayer (M-F)
- The Gospel According to Arts: (Saturday Evening Worship Service)
- Wimbish-Benn "Race to the Finish" Tours
- Mini In-Service Training Institute (ISTI)
- Children's Corner
- Mini-Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop & Special Programming
- NACOG Awards Banquet
- Ministers' Consecration and Footwashing Service
- Ministers' Memorial Recognition
- Reception for New Pastors/Ordinations (2012-2013)
- Ministers' Group Photo/March
- NACOG Family Cookout and more...

## ADVANCING THE KINGDOM THROUGH HOLINESS & HUMILITY

### Speakers

	Sun Aug 4	Mon Aug 5	Tues Aug 6	Wed Aug 7	Thurs Aug 8	Fri Aug 9	Sat Aug 10	Sun Aug 11
AM	Maxwell Ware	Arthur Grier	Steve Terry	Roberetta Young	Sylvia Reid	Tim Quainoo	Milton Grannum	James Massey
PM	Jeffery Johnson	Carlos Sanchez	David Grubbs	Evelyn Carswell	Miki Merritt	Greg Skinner	Concert	

Registration information available online at [www.NACOG.com](http://www.NACOG.com) • WEST MIDDLESEX, PA •

Travel to West Middlesex, PA via motor coach (August 8 -11) to the Annual Camp Meeting of the National Association of the Church of God and witness the installation of Elder Miki Merritt as he is installed as Presiding Elder. For more information you may call Rhonda Burgett at 314-913-4069, Kathy Caldwell at 314-358-1947 or go to [www.burgett-travel.com](http://www.burgett-travel.com).

## Pastor Anniversary / Appreciation Schedule

April (TBA) Westminster  
 May (first Sun) Riverview  
 June (first Sun) Market Ave  
 July (third Sun) Richmond Heights  
 Aug (second Sun) Edgemont  
 Sept (first Sun) Wentzville  
 Oct (first Sun) Community –Black Jack, MO  
 Oct (fourth Sun) New Cote Brilliante  
 Nov (TBA) Gathering Place-Fairview Heights, IL  
 Nov (third Sun) Kinloch  
 Dec (first Sun) Madison

## *In Memory*

The Lord called a few area pastors home to glory since the last time we met. They blessed the area with their lives and ministry. They will be missed.



**Rev. Frank Broach, Sr.**  
 1933-2013  
 46 Years in Ministry



**Rev. William Gibb**  
 1939-2013  
 44 Years in Ministry



**Elder Dr. Timmie McNeese**  
 1921-2013  
 53 Years in Ministry

Visit [www.slamaonline.org](http://www.slamaonline.org) to find out what's going on in the area and to view archived issues of the SLAMA newsletter.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
 INVOCATION / SCRIPTURE READING  
 PRAYER REQUESTS  
 PRAYER SONG  
 GENERAL PRAYER  
 CHOIR SELECTION  
 OFFERING  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER  
 CHOIR SELECTION  
 MESSAGE  
 ALTAR CALL/PRAYER  
 BENEDICTION

-PRAISE TEAM / WORSHIP LEADER

-CONGREGATION  
 -AREA MINISTER / PASTOR  
 -CHURCH OF GOD AREA CHOIR  
 -SLAMA OFFICERS

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-AREA MINISTER / PASTOR

