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

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

## About our speaker...

On July 18, 1960, God sent His angels into the earth and called forth a son – a son whom He (God), would later use to be a tremendous blessing to His people. A young minister was born on that day and God must have been pleased. On that day, Sis. Willie B. Stevens gave birth to a set of twins. Born the first of that set of twins was a young man whom God would use in a mighty special way. In fact, before his mother could give him a name, God gave him a gift – the gift of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Minister Wendell Stevens is a young man born and raised here in the St. Louis Metropolitan area and is the son of Sister Willie B. Stevens. He grew up in the Church of God all over the St. Louis metropolitan area. His church training began at the Richmond Heights COG under Pastor Marie Riley. His mother then moved the family to Westminster COG where he learned and grew in Christ under the leadership of Sis. Irene Bell. The Lord later placed a call upon Sister Stevens' life and required her to take the reigns as pastor at Lebanon COG. Reluctantly, her children followed, and the family moved its worship to Lebanon IL. He is currently worshipping at Edgemont COG under the leadership of Pastor Ferrell and Donna Roddy.

Minister Stevens believes in continual growth in Christ. He is a student of practical Theology having studied Theology at Campbellsville University in Louisville, KY. He is currently a student at MCBI. Minister Wendell Stevens is also a leading business man and has successfully operated several businesses in the St. Louis, Mo. and Louisville, Kentucky markets. While in Louisville, KY., in addition to running his business, Minister Stevens served as Interim Pastor of Parkland Ave. Church of God until Dec. 2009.

Business was good to Bro. Stevens, allowing him to travel the world extensively. He was blessed to visit places like Rome and Venice, Italy and blessed to ride the Orient Express train traveling on a journey through the country-side of Europe. He was also blessed to visit cities along the way such as Bremen, Germany; Paris France, and London, England. It was once Bro. Stevens' testimony that, "this has to be the best that life has to offer;" but then he met Jesus and nothing has been the same.

It is now his testimony and his song that "Jesus is the best thing that ever happened to me." Minister Wendell Stevens is **Saved, Sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit** and is in love with Jesus!



### St. Louis Area used to serve at the NAC in Anderson, IN

St. Louis was called upon to be of service during the North American Convention (NAC) in Anderson, IN. Dr. Carol F. Merritt, of New Cote Brillante Church of God facilitated a workshop, titled, "Dealing with the Difficult Person", in the worship track and Min. Keisha Patrick, of Riverview Church of God was one of the speakers at the Christian Women's Connection Preaching Forum.



### 2012 Unity Services

**September 30, 2012 – Richmond Heights Church of God**  
**December 30, 2012 - There will be no meeting - Holiday weekend / NIYC**



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 events.

## 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, August 14th, 2012 at 9:00am** at the following location:

**Community Church of God**  
 12105 Old Halls Ferry Rd.  
 Black Jack, MO 63033  
 314-355-6901  
 Host Pastor:  
 Rev. Douglass Parham

## 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  
 Min. Laura Young 314-383-6459

**YOUTH EVENTS!!!** (Check with your Pastor or Youth Leader for Details)  
**August 17-18<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Lock-In at the Heights, \$25 donation  
**Sep - Oct** – Purity Sessions  
**Oct** – Judgment House, Hayride  
**Dec 27-30** – NIYC - New Orleans, LA

Visit MAYCOG on [facebook](#).

## CHURCH OF GOD UNITY PICNIC



**WHEN:** August 25, 2012

**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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Aug 5-12, 2012

# Zion's Hill

Advancing the KINGDOM through EVANGELISM  
*A Path Forward*

Speakers	Sun Aug 5	Mon Aug 6	Tues Aug 7	Wed Aug 8	Thurs Aug 9	Fri Aug 10	Sat Aug 11	Sun Aug 12
AM	Hideon Thompson	James Marshall	Bert Riggins	Virginia Robinson	Del Barkeade	Jimmy Terry	Jerold January	Robert Culp
PM	Phyllis Newby	Jeff Frymier	Monte Dillard	Rita Johnson	Tim Clarke	Jeff Richardson	Children's Concert	

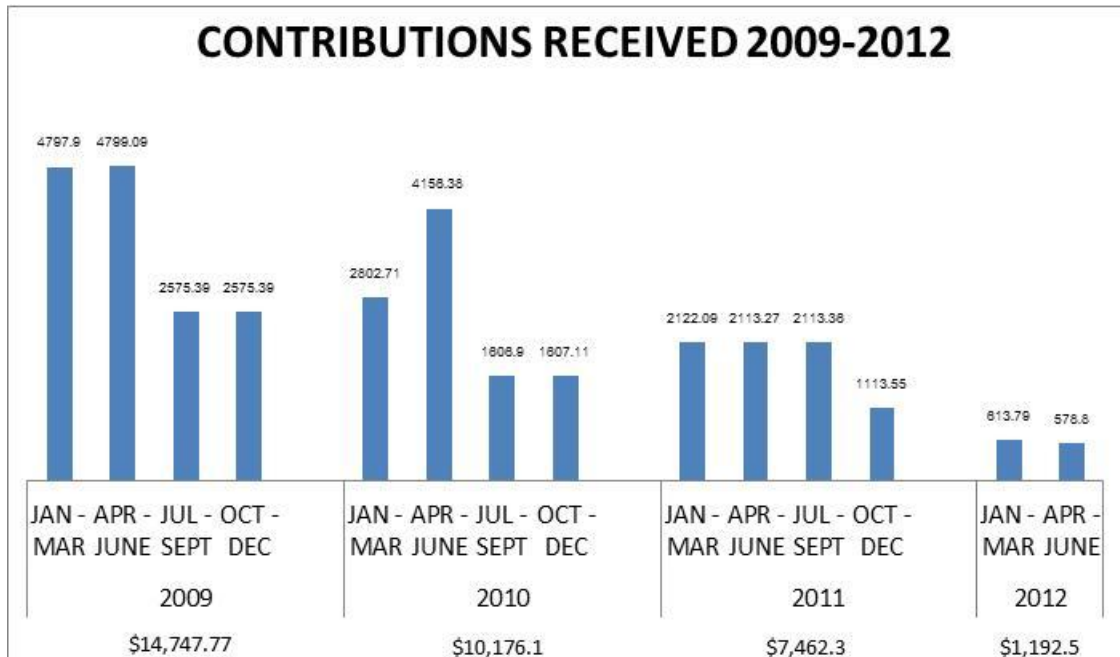
Registration information available online at [www.NACOG.com](http://www.NACOG.com) • WEST MIDDLESEX, PA •

## Northern Missouri Camp Meeting

July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

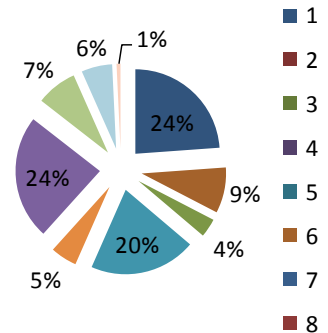
At Camp Pierce

The St. Louis Area Minister's Association (SLAMA) exists to strengthen the work of the Church of God in the St. Louis metropolitan area as we celebrate a rich heritage of unity. This is accomplished by planning for projects involving cooperative efforts of the churches in the area with the voluntary financial support of congregations and individuals. Contributions are important to fund the joint projects. With your contributions we are able to assist in funding events for the Metro Area Youth of the Church of God (MAYCOG), host an area picnic annually, provide workshops for the area ministers as well as provide an honorarium and travel expenses to guest speakers for these events as well as unity services.



We have provided a snapshot showing what has been received from the period of 2009-2012 and shown below is a summary of where it goes.

24%	NATIONAL INSPIRATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION	\$	3,992.34
9%	SLAMA PICNIC	\$	1,464.36
4%	HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE	\$	600.00
20%	METRO AREA YOUTH CHURCH OF GOD (MAYCOG)	\$	3,418.04
5%	SLAMA SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATION	\$	850.00
24%	UNITY SERVICES - INCLUDING TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$	3,987.15
8%	SLAMA NEWSLETTER & Printing	\$	1,309.33
6%	THE SHRINE - SLAMA CONFERENCE	\$	988.34
1%	SLAMA WEB-SITE	\$	125.80
100%		\$	16,735.36



We thank you for your contributions and pray for continued support moving forward.



**BUS TRANSPORTATION to NIYC in  
New Orleans, LA**

MAYCOG has arranged bus transportation to the National Inspirational Youth Convention (NIYC) in New Orleans, LA. The roundtrip fare is \$95.00 per person. The bus will depart from Market Avenue Church of God, 1305 Market Avenue, East St. Louis, IL 62207 on December 26, at 10:30 p.m. and return on **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. A non-refundable\* \$45 deposit is required to hold your reservations. It is imperative that your deposit is received by September 28, 2012 if you plan to travel by bus with MAYCOG.

To inquire about seating availability, contact Sis. Gazella Jefferson at 618-593-7557 or Sis. Sheila Williams at 618-274-0726.

**Pastor Anniversary /  
Appreciation Schedule**

- Feb (third Sun) Westminster**
- Mar (first Sun) Kirkwood**
- May (first Sun) Riverview**
- June (first Sun) Market Ave**
- June (second Sun) Lebanon**
- 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 (first Sun) Fireworks Station**
- Nov (third Sun) Kinloch**
- Dec (first Sun) Madison**

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.

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

*PRAISE AND WORSHIP*

*-PRAISE TEAM / WORSHIP LEADER*

*INVOCATION / SCRIPTURE READING*

*PRAYER REQUESTS*

*PRAYER SONG*

*-CONGREGATION*

*GENERAL PRAYER*

*-AREA MINISTER / PASTOR*

*CHOIR SELECTION*

*-CHURCH OF GOD AREA CHOIR*

*OFFERING*

*-SLAMA OFFICERS*

*INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER*

*CHOIR SELECTION*

*-CHURCH OF GOD AREA CHOIR*

*MESSAGE*

*ALTAR CALL/PRAYER*

*ANNOUNCEMENTS*

*BENEDICTION*

*-AREA MINISTER / PASTOR*

