

**MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT COUNCIL ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
E-3 CONFERENCE
MAGNOLIA SPRINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
HURLEY, MS
MAY 2-4, 2017**

**Tuesday Evening
May 2, 2017
U.S. Missions Celebration Banquet
5:30 P.M.**

The 2017 E-3 Conference began with the Missions Banquet. Each Department participated in this year's event as follows: Light for the Lost (LFTL) Director Jody Gurley, honored Jim Dickey with a Japanese Fire Bible for his many years as a missionary to Japan. Brother Gurley announced the top three donors for LFTL giving in the District: Ron Delgado – Vibrant Church, Columbus, Otis Moore - First Assembly, Jackson and Greg Davis – Cornerstone Church, Southaven.

David Maxwell, District Y&CE Director, named the top three donors to Speed the Light (STL) which were First Assembly of God, Meridian, Vibrant Church, Columbus and First Assembly of God, Jackson. The top three donors for Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC) were Vibrant Church, Columbus, Magnolia Springs Assembly of God, Hurley and Southside Assembly of God, Jackson.

Tom Greene of Greene and Raley introduced the partnership between his organization and the Mississippi District. Their goal is to improve our focus on missions throughout the District.

Missionaries Dean and Emily Hartsell, Chris and Katie Sasser and Chris and Carey Murdoch each had opportunity to share their vision and what is happening in their areas of service.

**U.S. Missions Celebration Service
7:00 P.M.**

The U.S. Missions Celebration service was opened with welcome by host Pastor, Keith Kirkwood and a video featuring Greg Mundis, General Council World Missions Director. Praise and worship was led by the Praise & Worship Team of Three Rivers Assembly of God. David Raley of Greene and Raley shared a missions story and Ron Delgado of Vibrant Church in Columbus gave testimony on Vibrant Church's missions giving.

Rev. Gene Emswiler, Assistant Superintendent, introduced the speaker for E-3, Rev. Alton Garrison, Assistant Superintendent of the General Council Assemblies of God who brought the message. At the conclusion of the service, he gave those present the opportunity to complete the mission budgets of several of the missionaries. Over \$75,000 in faith pledges and cash offerings was raised and two missions families received enough to be able to return to the mission field.

The After Party to the service was hosted by Magnolia Springs.

**Wednesday Morning
Business Session
May 3, 2017
10:00 A.M.**

Superintendent Bob Wilburn, hereinafter referred to as the Chair, gave welcome and offered prayer for the business session. The Roster Report was given and the meeting called to order. The Roster was as follows: 93 Ordained, 26 Licensed, 15 Certified and 44 Delegates with 178 total voting; 51 Visitors brought total registered to 229. Additional instructions were given regarding the business session. The Parliamentary Committee consisting of Dexter Bambara and Sherry Watson were called to the platform by the Chair. The motion to close the Roster was seconded and carried.

Brother Wilburn asked Derek Youngblood, District Secretary Treasurer to guide the Council through the Financial Statement in the Annual Report. Brother Youngblood gave an overview of the report and fielded questions.

The Chair called on David Maxwell to give comments on the Youth Department's financial situation. Chair made additional observations and comments on the Department.

Brother Wilburn introduced the new Pastor for Real Life in New Albany, Robert & Chelsea Bennett. Chair recognized Jim Mannon, appointed as Men's Ministries Director since last Council who made comments related to Men's Ministry in the District.

Attention was called to the People of the Cross display in the 18 wheeler parked on the grounds and everyone was encouraged to visit it during E-3. This year's Disaster Response Team was announced: Robert Bingham, Director, Assistant Director Virgil Scherff, Safety & Training J.P. Sherman, Communications Bryan Wilson, Logistics Mike Ryals, Volunteer Caroline Fitch, and Long Term Outreach Bob Wilkerson.

Superintendent Wilburn moved to the elections which consisted of three Non-Resident Nominees. Chair paused the elections to take action on the Financial Report. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report as given. The Chair continued with the elections at hand, reading the qualifications of Non Resident Nominees from the Bylaws.

Brother Wilburn asked David Maxwell to give instructions on the use of the electronic voting keypads and test questions were given.

The Chair paused to take action on the Annual Report. A motion was made to accept the Annual Report which was seconded and carried.

Attention returned to the election of the Non-Resident Executive Presbyter Nominee, the African American Nominee and the Under 40 Nominee. Nominees elected were Gene Emswiler, Mozart Dor and Jody Gurley, respectively.

The Chair called Executive Presbyter Darrell Worley to bring a report on the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. Brother Worley reviewed the task that the Study Committee was assigned, made additional comments and fielded questions. Several Members made comments and the Chair made remarks to conclude the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 A.M.

**Wednesday Evening Service
May 3, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Pre-service music was given by the SAGU Harvesters. The service was opened with praise and worship by the Magnolia Springs worship team. Rev. Keith Kirkwood, host Pastor welcomed those in attendance, had prayer and gave announcements. Praise and worship continued and the offering received. District Superintendent, Bob Wilburn introduced guest speaker Rev. Alton Garrison who brought the message. Magnolia Springs hosted an After Party following the service.

**Thursday Morning
May 4, 2017
9:00 A.M.**

Brother Wilburn held a drawing for door prizes at the opening of the Devotion service. Host church worship team led in song. Assistant Superintendent, Gene Emswiler introduced the speaker, Brother Alton Garrison who gave the devotion. A special song was given by Magnolia Springs praise and worship team.

Brother Wilburn called for the Executive Presbytery to serve communion elements. Host church worship team provided music during the serving of communion and prayer for special needs.

**Thursday Afternoon
Workshops
May 4, 2017
2:00 P.M.**

Speakers for workshops held Thursday afternoon were Alton Garrison, David Maxwell and Jennifer Stafford.

**Thursday Evening
Celebration of Ministry Service
May 4, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Welcome, announcements and prayer were given by Rev. Tim Bentley. Brother Bentley also held the drawing for the Passport device given by World Missions and Home Missions Departments of the Mississippi District. Host church worship team led in song. Rev. Derek Youngblood, District Secretary Treasurer memorialized ministers that had passed away the prior year. Those ministers were Rev. Walter L. Davis, Rev. Ray Finney and Rev. Regonald Pitts. Brother Youngblood also recognized Rev. Florence Ehrat for 50 Years in Ordained Ministry. Sister Ehrat, due to age, was not able to be present. Offering was received and a video presentation was displayed listing the newly credentialed and upgraded ministers in the District. Brother Wilburn gave additional comments for those recognized.

Rev. Wilburn brought the message and Magnolia Springs gave special music "Everything and Nothing Less". Rev. Wilburn and Rev. Youngblood conducted the Ordination Ceremony for the

Ordination candidates who were Jason Dyess, Dean and Emily Hartsell and Havard McDonald.

After Party was provided by the host church.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Derek Youngblood
Secretary Treasurer
Mississippi District Assemblies of God