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dis-ci-ple \ di-'sī-pəl \ **n.** Someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus.

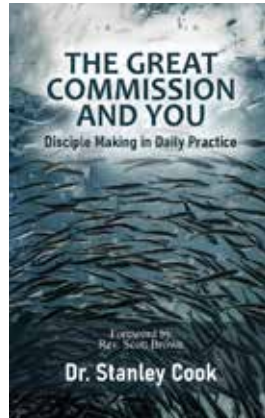
dis-ci-ple mak-er \ di-'sī-pəl 'mā-kər \ **n.** A disciple of Jesus who enters into relationships with people to help them trust and follow Jesus.

A word from our Superintendent

"The goal of a disciple is to be like Jesus. This is an on-going process that involves both intellectual learning and hands-on experience. Developing a discipling culture within the church is vital to the maturing of disciples."
- Dr. Stan Cook

Get your copy today of KMN's Dr. Stan Cook's book, **The Great Commission and You: Disciple-Making in Daily Practice.**

-- Pastor Joe & Reneé Girdler,
KMN Superintendent



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2022 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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**August 16, 2022
Camp Crestwood**

Guest Speaker

Dr. Carolyn Tennant

Author & Adjunct Professor at AG Theological Seminary,
Member: AG Commission on Doctrines and Practices

***Bring your team and
leave inspired!***



**Church board members and key leaders are invited,
along with credentialed ministers and pastors.**

***Tuesday, August 16, 10 am-4 pm (ET)
Lunch provided. Register at www.kyag.org/events***

LIFE IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS



Joseph S. Girdler, DMin
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1 | At AG Theological Seminary with Alabama Supt. Ken Draughon & TN pastor, JP Vick

2 | With missionary giant Paul Brannan

3 | With Iglesia Hispana Bethel (Lexington) pastor Dr. Alberto & Rev. Ligia Carrillo

4 | With PAC pastor Raul Garcia Guerra, Restauracion (Lexington)

5 | Adult & Teen Challenge Board Meetings

6 | Dr. Charlie Self, AGTS discipleship with KMN Presbytery

7 | Reneé ministering at Christ's Chapel (Erlanger)



Sincerely yours and for our families,
Pastor Joe

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ONGOING EDUCATION NEEDED



Rev. Terry Crigger
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Luke 2:52

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”

2 Timothy 2:15

“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

These two verses underscore the treasure and necessity of ongoing learning.

Luke 2:52 is the only verse of commentary that we have of Jesus’ development from a child to adulthood. Nearly two decades of silence on this subject. Only one verse giving insight that Jesus became a man physically, matured as a son spiritually, and trained his mind academically. His final three years, from his water baptism in the Jordan River to his ascension on the Mount of Olives, exemplified the tremendous depth of his learning and how it sustained his God inspired calling and purpose

2 Timothy 2:15 reveals the call to a similar commitment of learning written by the Apostle Paul to his young understudy named Timothy. The veteran is challenging the rookie to devote his life to the same journey that Jesus traveled in his quest for truth and obedience to God.

KSOM (Kentucky School of Ministry) is a gift of ongoing education to our developing ministers. It provides three years of learning and offers internships that merge practical experience with academic training. We have pastors in our churches that would benefit from continuing their educational pursuit of knowledge and laity that would grow in



their relationship with Christ if they were encouraged to devote themselves to this wonderful opportunity.

Pastors, please consider offering KSOM to your congregation. Invite them to contact me as the KSOM Director or Melissa Pabon at the Network Office who serves as the Administrative Assistant. We will be quick to answer any questions folks have and give them specific details on how to begin or move forward in this exciting resource that’s available to our local churches.

By the grace of God,

Terry Crigger

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WE CAN HELP YOU SAY “YES”



Rev. Darren Lewis
KMN SECRETARY/TREASURER

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Our **SAY YES WEEKEND** is all about your call. We are here to help you answer questions such as:

- I feel called, **now what?**
- How can I gain **Biblical knowledge and study skills?**
- Where can I go to **build relationships with others** who also feel called?
- I have said yes to the call, but **I am not sure what area of ministry** God is calling me to.

Our **SAY YES WEEKEND** is for you to find the answers to these questions, build relationships with our Network leaders and other people called, and experience a KSOM class. This event is free to you. There is no registration cost or fee for your overnight stay. We want to invest

in you and your call. We will worship together, pray for each other, and listen to what God is saying to you.

Join us! We are here to help you as you “Say Yes” to the call. Register today with the QR below or email mpabon@kyag.org.

PASTORS, please help those in your church connect with us.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 “Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.” (ESV)

Darren Lewis

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KMN MINISTERS



Joseph S. Girdler, DMin
KMN Superintendent

"I recently sat in a meeting with our General Superintendent, Doug Clay. Pastor Clay said of our amazing 'tribe' (the Assemblies of God) as it relates to our innate goals of reaching more souls, planting more churches, and resourcing, developing, and credentialing more ministers for the harvest: 'If we continue the way we've been it will take us decades to grow' and accomplish our God-given callings.

Friends, KMN is an amazing Network. Let's work to see our greatest days ahead! I'm Looking Forward. Come join us and let's talk about all God can do in and through us!"

LOOKING FORWARD

Kentucky Ministry Network

**AUGUST 11
1-4 PM (ET)**

Camp Crestwood
Activities Center

Continuing Conversation
on KMN Restructure

No Registration Needed
Open to All KMN Ministers



DEPARTAMENTO MULTICULTURAL



Rev. Fabian Sanchez
DIRECTOR del DEPARTAMENTO

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Saludos amada familia ministerial.

Jesús oró para que el mundo supiera que lo conocemos por nuestro amor mutuo y por nuestra unidad unos con otros en el Evangelio. A continuación encontrarán algunas de las formas en que nosotros, como compañeros en el ministerio, podemos ser intencionales sobre nuestro amor y unidad ministerial. ¡Le esperamos!

Fabian Sanchez

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16 Agosto 2022
Camp Crestwood

Oradora Invitada
Dr. Carolyn Tennant
Autora y Profesora Adjunta en el Seminario Teológico de las AD,
Miembro de la Comisión de Doctrinas y Prácticas de las AD

LA EDUCACIÓN CRISTIANA Y EL DISCIPULADO

Una buena comida requiere una buena preparación, pensada con mucho tiempo y preparada con gran esfuerzo. En el cristianismo hay que entender que “Para ser grande primero tenemos que aprender a ser pequeños.” La humildad es la base de toda verdadera grandeza.

“Y hablaba Jehová a Moisés cara a cara, como habla cualquiera a su compañero. Y él volvía al campamento; pero el joven Josué hijo de Nun, su servidor, nunca se apartaba de en medio del tabernáculo” (Éxodo 33:11). Así fue como comenzó la vida de Josué y a causa de su persistencia llegó a ocupar el puesto de Moisés.

Dios, hablando con Josué, le dice: “Mi siervo Moisés ha muerto; ahora, pues, levántate y pasa este Jordán, tú y todo este pueblo, a la tierra que yo les doy a los hijos de Israel” (Josué 1:2). Josué no estaba buscando puesto, ni buscaba liderazgo y de igual forma usted no ande buscando liderazgo ni fama, porque los planes de Dios no son los nuestros, los de El siempre serán mejores.

En el Discipulado, como hijos de Dios, tenemos la obligación de dejar un buen legado (2 Timoteo 2:2). Hay dos definiciones principales de la palabra legado la primera tiene que ver con bienes materiales y las posesiones que alguien lo deja de herencia a su descendencia, la segunda definición

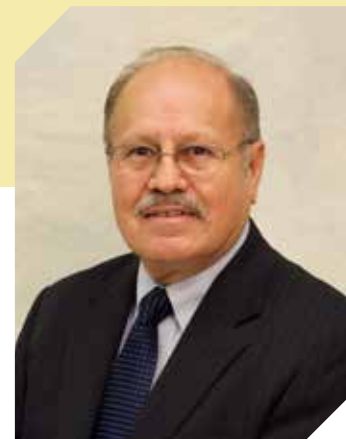
tiene que ver con valores, pensamientos y principios que igualmente pasan a la siguiente generación, cada uno de nosotros tiene que tomar el tiempo para revisar cuáles son los valores que han definido nuestra vida, porque queramos o no, seremos recordados de acuerdo a estos valores.

Con los años de experiencia en el ministerio con casi 75 años vividos, hay algunos conceptos que definen y me caracterizan, creo que la herencia más importante que pueda dejar a los líderes y cristianos de hoy no será monetaria, sino en actitudes que deben definir nuestra vida. Actitudes que se convierten en hábitos, y me pregunto, *¿Cuáles serían las actitudes que gustaría ver en mis hijos espirituales?*

LA EXCELENCIA ES UN ESTADO MENTAL, UN COMPROMISO PERSONAL, UNA DECISIÓN MORAL.

La mayoría de las personas que viven sin un compromiso de excelencia, se han pasado buscando excusas para justificar sus acciones, de hecho una de las maneras más seguras para identificar a los mediocres, es la cantidad de excusas que ponen para justificar sus acciones.

Dr. Alberto Carrillo



Dr. Alberto Carrillo
- Pastor de la Iglesia Hispana Bethel,
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It had been about four years since Brian and I had transitioned to the Anglo-American Assemblies of God fellowship, when the worship song “Heart of Worship” was at its height. At that time, I was regularly filling in as the worship leader at our local church of four hundred members. And, although I devoted countless hours in vocal/band practices and putting a worship sets together, I did not devote much time seeking the Lord’s guidance. It was only because of His faithfulness that the services were anointed, and the Holy Spirit moved.

Today, I am once again reminded of the lyrics. However, I am taking creative liberty and changing the words...

*I’m coming back to the heart of “discipleship”
And it’s all about You, it’s all about You, Jesus
I’m sorry, Lord, for the thing I’ve made it
When it’s all about You, it’s all about You, Jesus
(Redman, 2004)*

Discipleship is at the heart of who and what the Lord has called us to be: disciple-making disciples. There is an urgency in my spirit which I have not felt in other seasons of my life. We look around at what is happening in our society, and we can sense His second coming. How are we impacting those around us? Are we teaching them His word? Are we disciplining them?


I urge you brothers and sisters to seek after Him, now more than ever and to guide others to Him. The time is now. If not us, then who?

Redman, Matt (2004). The heart of worship [CD]. Capitol CMG Publishing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XsBoltXmRs>

Grace and peace,

Rev. Chriss Rooney



National Christian Education and Discipleship Director
Elly Marroquin


July 9th – Lexington First Assembly

10:00 am – Elly Marroquin
7 Dimensions of A Spirit-Filled Disciple

12:00 pm – Chriss Rooney
The Christian Educator

1:00 - Paul Johnstone
Marker Mover Movement

- Free event with lunch included
- Register by July 1st to Chriss Rooney:
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or 941-979-6818



DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Rev. Rodney Goodlett
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Please pray for our KYM students who will travel to Orlando in August to present at National Fine Arts Festival.

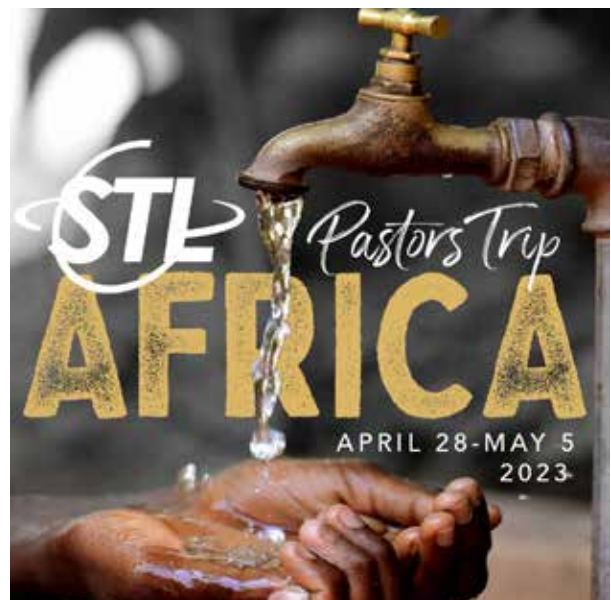


Don't miss this opportunity for your youth pastor or main youth leader to connect with other KYM leaders for relationships and resourcing.



Mark your calendars now to attend The Movement Youth Convention in November.

Contact Rodney Goodlett for info,
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WHAT IS AGWM PIPELINE?



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Choosing to take Jesus' name to unreached peoples around the world is a significant step that will change the course of your life. There are countless places to plug into what God is doing throughout the nations, and it can be daunting to know where you fit; however, your journey does not have to be filled with confusion or frustration. AGWM's **Pipeline** is a team dedicated to seeing you through from start to finish in the missions placement process.

The AGWM team is prepared to walk alongside you as take your first steps into missions. They take your gifts and skills into consideration as



they explore options available to you. After you have discovered opportunities that fit your talents and background, they connect you with a missionary to begin the conversation about how, what, and when. Whether you are interested in short-term

missions or have a lifetime calling, there is a place for you to serve.

Our desire in **Pipeline** is to support you as you begin navigating the ways God can use you in opportunities worldwide.

Martin Jacobson

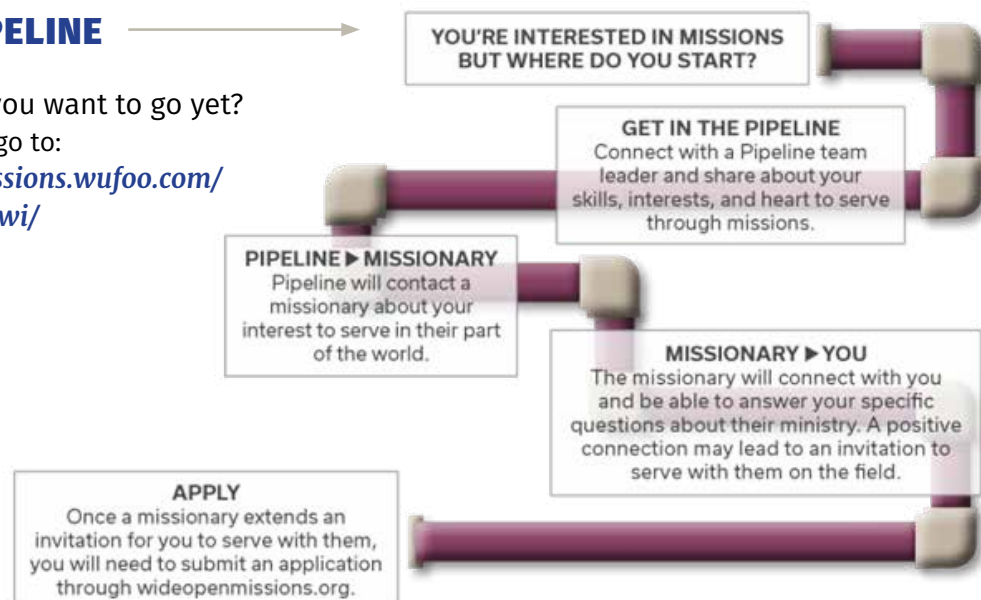
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ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE OF KY

Lori (Priscilla's Place Executive Director):

"The curriculum at ATC-KY is designed to help students work through life's challenges biblically. During Emily's time in the program and her internship, she was given Christian guidance on how to live a Christ-like life. To disciple is to become relational. Just as Jesus did life with His disciples, I and my staff shared meals, tears, and times of joy with Emily. We've encouraged her and guided her with love and with the Word. I have shared my own challenges and victories and how Christ has been a part of each. Now Emily is on staff and discipling other ladies as they learn to follow Jesus."

Discipleship is Relationship: Lori & Emily



Emily (ATC-KY Graduate and Staff Member):

"Discipleship is not something I had ever really experienced in my life. I entered the doors of Priscilla's Place ATC-KY with the desire to be set free from addiction but through the discipleship of the program I soon learned that knowing and understanding who Jesus is and how to be more like Him is the true key to sobriety. The elements of discipleship I have learned here—Jesus, relationships, intentionality, and the Word—are things I will carry with me the rest of

my life. As I have transitioned from student to staff member, I want to share the gospel, grow in humility, and build stronger relationships with others, not only for myself but for the other ladies that walk through the doors of ATC-KY."



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MEN'S MINISTRIES LIGHT FOR THE LOST

2022 KY AG MEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

AUGUST 26-27, 2022

**Lexington First Assembly of God
2780 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington KY**

EARLY REGISTRATION BY AUGUST 18: \$45

STUDENTS REGISTRATION: \$35

Register at tinyurl.com/22KYMMConf

BUILDING THE CHURCH



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**GIRLS
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National Girls Ministries
LEADERSHIP
Conference

OCTOBER
 14-15, 2022



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 NGM Leadership Development



TATE KELLY
 NGM Teen Girl Specialist

Conference Schedule

Friday 6:00pm-9:00pm
 Saturday 9:00am-3:30pm

Preconference Workshops
 Sticky Lessons/Learning that Lasts
 or Leaving a Spiritual Legacy
 Friday 3:00pm-5:00pm

Location

University Assembly of God
 221 Solon Road
 Waxahachie, TX 75165

Registration

Early registration until July 31: \$50 per person
 Registration August 1-September 30: \$60 per person
 Late registration after October 1: \$75 per person
 All registrations include lunch on Saturday

Preconference Workshop: \$20 per person
 Includes book from the Momentum Training Series

<https://ngm.ag.org/leaders/leadership-conferences>



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ROYAL RANGERS
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The Royal Rangers program is a fun activity-based, small group church ministry for boys and young men in grades K-12. Our mission is to evangelize, equip and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders.



Every meeting, outing or service activity is designed to encourage boys and young men in their walk with God.

We provide men with the tools to model Christlike manhood as they mentor boys on a Bible-based, Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered journey to

Royal Rangers is a cross-generational ministry that interconnects well with children, youth and adult ministries and fits easily into the fabric of pastoral vision and into the flow of church ministries. We affirm the male hands-on, interactive learning style by featuring an intentional discipleship journey for boys and young men based on their unique design, needs and interests.

maturity in the faith. Boys learn to study and apply what the Bible says about integrity, doctrine, biblical worldview, cultural issues, and manhood. In addition, Royal Rangers molds boys into servant leaders, teaching them vital personal, social, and service skills.

SUMMER ADVENTURES FOR BOYS

Canoe Action Camp – August 5, 2022

KY District Pow Wow – September 9, 2022



KMN Zoom Connect

JULY 7

2 pm EST / 1 pm CST**

— *and* —

8 pm EST / 7 pm CST*

AUG 4 *and* SEPT 1

8 pm EST / 7 pm CST*

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IN KMN**

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 Joseph S. Girdler, DMin
KMN Superintendent

*KSOM equips Christians to serve the Lord in their church and beyond.
Welcoming students age 15 and up! Enroll at any time.*

August 12–13, 2022 at Camp Crestwood

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Intro to Hermeneutics



Rev. Landon Holder

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Prison Epistles



Rev. Phil Walton

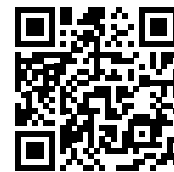
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Psalms & Proverbs



Rev. Julie Duvall

REGISTER BY JULY 29

kyag.org/ksom
or use the QR code



Questions? 502-241-7111 or
mpabon@kyag.org.

Cost = \$75 registration fee + the price of textbook(s)

Fee includes overnight housing at Camp Crestwood and a student user account on *Moodle.com*



Tell your friends about KSOM!



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**WE BELIEVE THERE IS A CALL OF GOD ON EVERY BELIEVER'S LIFE.
SOME ARE CALLED TO SERVE AS CREDENTIALLED MINISTERS.**

How can we help you in your calling?



IDENTIFY

Identify those in the local church that have the call of God on their lives.



CONNECT

Connect those individuals with KMN and KMN Pipeline events.



EQUIP

Equip through KSOM, other AG recognized organizations and KMN training events.



LAUNCH

Launch those called into ministry in the local church or across the globe.



SUPPORT

Support through ongoing relationships and continued resourcing events.



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU REACH YOUR FULL MINISTRY POTENTIAL?

To Join the Pipeline
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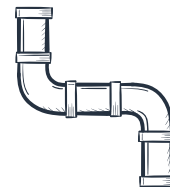
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#40Twenty20

Our goal is to raise up
40 New Under 40 Ministers,
Twenty New Female Ministers,
20 New Multicultural Ministers
by 2025



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We're *here for* YOU

*Have questions?
Want help?
Need to talk?*

Call: **502-241-7111**

Email: **office@kyag.org**

Please let us know if:

- You've moved or any of your contact info has changed
- Your family has grown
- Your church ministry position has changed
- You are moving to another District and need to transfer your credential

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- Join the monthly KMN Zoom Connect: Email Rebecca, **rhenslee@kyag.org**



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Darren Lewis, Secretary/Treasurer



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KMN HAPPENINGS

What's new and what's next

PASTORS' REPORTS:

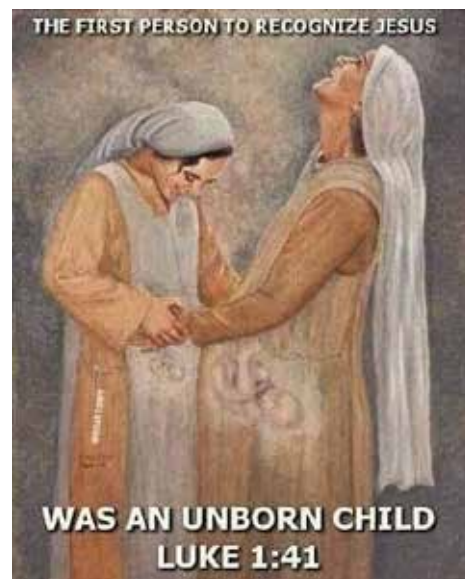
- Clinton, First AG: 5 salvations, 4 water baptisms
- LaGrange, Real Family AG: 2 new members
- Lexington, Bread of Life: 3 water baptisms, 1 new member
- Louisville, C3AG: 3 Spirit baptisms
- Louisville, Trinity Chapel: 1 salvation
- Middlesboro, LifeChurch: 3 salvations, 2 water baptisms
- Pikeville, Jubilee Christian AG: 5 salvations, 2 Spirit baptisms, 1 water baptism

Please email your news, prayer requests, announcements and info to Melissa Pabón at mpabon@kyag.org or mail them to the KMN Office.

On Pastor Joe's Radar...

The recent SCOTUS decision overturning the 49-year landmark decision of Roe v. Wade has returned the issue of abortion to the states. Lawmakers scramble across the land to set their laws in order, on both sides of this proverbial fence. While I rejoice - there is a season, a day, for rejoicing - I also recognize the battle may have just heated up and the weapons are being drawn. It is the hour for the Church to stand and be counted, voices crying in the wilderness, voices for those who cannot speak for themselves, and disciples committed to action. We must now "make the most of every opportunity" (Apostle Paul). **Adoption Services** and **Foster Care** are at the top of priorities - and should be. Court battles may rage for tax-emption status, or more.

But, God. He is - our ever present - our Jireh - our King of Kings. Lead on, Church. Lead on. Hold the Line, Church. Hold the Line. God ... is Faithful.



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