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The Great Lakes Mountaineer Regional Overseer *James T. Smith*



Honoring Regional Overseer Brother Smith and his wife Sister Smith at Regional Convention



Let's Keep Our Tabernacle Zeal Running High!

*James Smith - Regional
Tabernacle Booster*

[Bro. Lofton's last Regional Tabernacle Boost]: To date [July 31, 2026] our region has raised \$71,309.89 for our Assembly Tabernacle project. If you have attended a recent Assembly you know just how much we need that new Tabernacle! Let's keep up the good efforts and try even harder as God permits and blesses us to raise even more for this worthy cause.

Some Can—Some Can't—Some Will—Some Won't
Which One Are You?

I want to be a **Can** and **Will** Member. How about YOU?

Regional Convention

A Tribute to Brother Walter Lofton's Mighty Work for the Lord



Tabernacle Boost



Scripture Reading
& Evangelism Boost



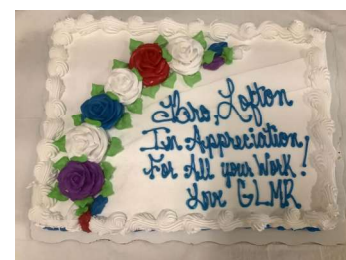
Welcoming a new Member



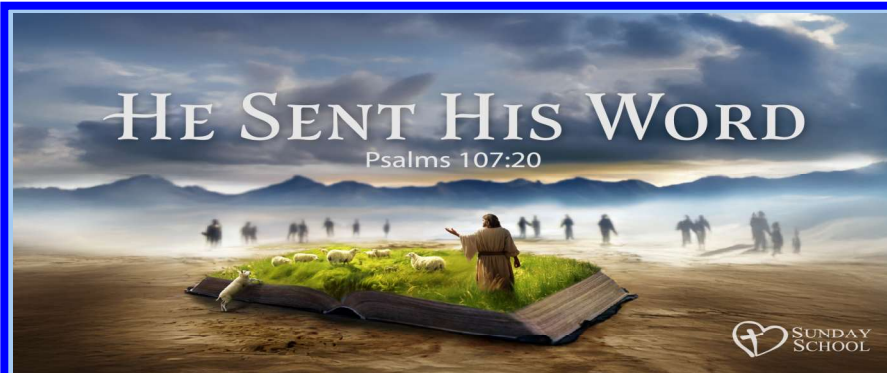
Singing



Praying, Worshiping and always working

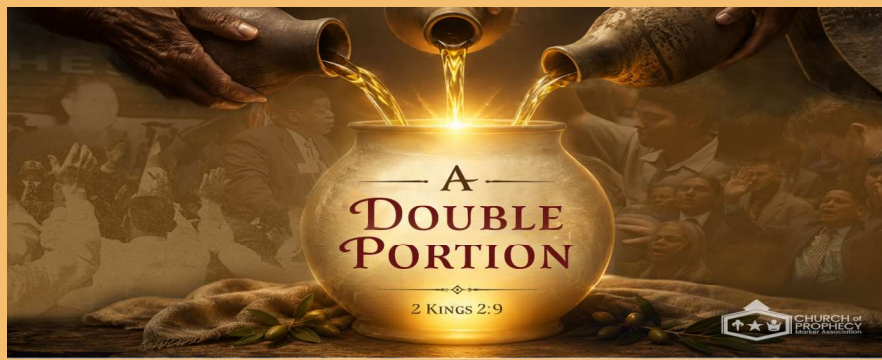


We are Honoring a true Man of God



Annette Oglesbee
Regional
Sunday School &
Children's Church
Coordinator

The theme this year for Sunday School continues to be "He Sent His Word" Psalm 107:20. He sent his word, and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions. Sister Annette Oglesbee was appointed as Regional Sunday School & Children's Church Coordinator for another year. Sister Smith gave a powerful message from our Regional Sunday School & Children's Church Coordinator.



Ronald Robe
Regional
CPMA Coordinator

The theme this year for CPMA is "A Double Portion" 2 Kings 2:9

9. And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. Brother Ronald Robe was appointed as Regional CPMA Coordinator for another year.

C.P.M.Aaaa JOIN todaaaay! .



Wanda Sutherland
Regional ABM
Coordinator

The theme this year for the ABM is

"Shoulder to Shoulder Striving together - Perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God" 2 Corinthians 7:1

1. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Sister Wanda Sutherland was appointed as Regional ABM Coordinator for another year. .



James Smith
Regional Evangelism
Coordinator

The theme this year for the Evangelism Dept is "Evangelism FIRE Fan The Flame"

Luke 12:49

49. **I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?**

Brother James Smith was appointed as Regional Evangelism Coordinator for the coming year.



**Kandy
Saunders**
Regional WMB
Coordinator

The theme this year for the WMB is "It is Finished" John 19:30

30. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished**: and bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. At Regional Convention Sister Saunders became Seth's new Interim Pastor, and gave several exhilarating messages about the Women's Missionary Band & Ladies Retreat as well as the regional treasurer's report. Sister Kandy Saunders was appointed as Regional Women's Missionary Band, Ladies Retreat and Treasurer Coordinator for another year. .



Alyce Silvia
Regional
BTI Coordinator

This year's theme for BTI is "Clay in His Hands" Jeremiah 18:1-6 **1.)** The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, **2.)** Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. **3.)** The I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. **4.)** And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. **5.)** Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **6.)** O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD, Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

Sister Alyce Silvia was appointed as Regional Bible Training Institute for another year and and became Regional Paper & Reporter for the year.

I was appointed Regional BTI Coordinator for another year, and as Regional Paper and Reporter for the year.

We raised \$713 last year for the BTI Challenge. The Lord has blessed me with another idea...**New Challenge** for the year, I'm sending each local church 2 containers to keep at the front of the church one for weekly offering for BTI challenge the goal is still \$2700 by the 2027 Assembly and the other is for the "Let's Build the Tabernacle" Boost. These are freewill offerings. Let's use them as reminders to give to both these causes. Remember we are only 3 countries away from BTI being held in every country and they will need somewhere to gather. Are we doing our part to reach all the world? The money can be counted and recorded at the end of each month.

Regional News

Port Clinton



Rev. Ray D. Moyers

81, of Carey passed away Sunday, July 19, 2026 in the comfort of his own home surrounded by those he loved.

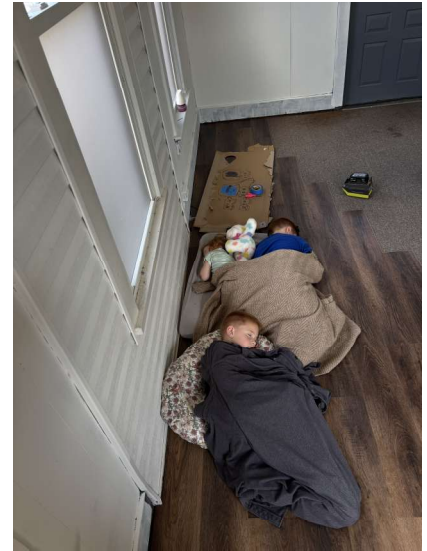
Reverend Ray was born on November 12, 1944 in Boyd County, Kentucky. He married the love of his life Elizabeth Faye Vaughn on July 7, 1966 and she survives in Carey. Also surviving are 2 daughters Annie Moore and Misty (Chris) Loubert; grand-children: Amanda Faye Moore, Jackie Moore, Brianna Pate and Kelsey Moyers; great- grandchildren Levi, Harvey, Liberty, Raven, London, Jordyn, Carson, Messiah, Serenity, Zy'air and Baby Zharmonie on the way and siblings : Jimmy Moyers, Mary Stewart and Barbara Moyers. He was also preceded in death by his son-in-law Ronald Moore; brothers: Billy, Charles and Johnny Moyers and a sister Bonnie England.

He retired after many years at Lowes Distribution Center in Finley, he faithfully answered God's call to ministry, serving as pastor of the Church of God in Tiffin for 20 years. He remained a devoted member of the Church of God in Port Clinton, where his faith continued to be the foundation of his life.

A compassionate servant to both his church and his community, Ray took his ministry to heart. He faithfully visited members of his congregation, offering comfort, encouragement, and prayer, and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He found peace and joy in the outdoors, but nothing brought him greater happiness than time spent with his family. His grandchildren were the pride and joy of his life, and his great-grandchildren held an especially treasured place in his heart. Whether sharing stories, offering guidance, or simply enjoying their company, Ray's greatest fulfillment came from the love he shared with his family.

From the Port Clinton church: Bro. Ray Moyers was a kind brother who will truly be missed. He and his wife Faye were always faithful. In the church and the work of the Lord. His loving and faithful wife Faye of 60 years. Will appreciate your prayers. God Bless you all. Let's keep all his family and friends in our prayers.

From Dayton Ohio: acquiring a building and preparing it to church quality and dedication.



Seth: Bake sale in the Park and new equipment



From Michigan: New Town and location now in Edwardsburg, Michigan



Regional Convention Recap

Musicians and Singing



Special Guest Speaker: Brother Donalhue Grimes



Scripture Readings, Prayers, Messages and Auxiliary Boosts



Healing line, A New Member, Great Fellowships & Worship Services



Appointments and Prayers



120th General Assembly Recap





Tabernacle Advancement
Committee

International WMB Luncheon



TABERNACLE ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

NEW FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: VISION FOR VICTORY

Our new fundraising campaign is called "Vision for Victory!" Our goal is to raise two million dollars as quickly as possible. While our previous "10 for 100" campaign was focused on individual effort, this new campaign centers on the teamwork of our local churches. To encourage unity across The Church of God, our General Overseer is challenging EVERY local church to join by filling out a challenge card, returning it to General Headquarters, and then joining hands to raise funds for the Tabernacle.

In conclusion Our committee would like to thank The Church of God for the opportunity to serve you this year. While we fully recognize that there are times the "preparing to build" phase feels slow, through the eyes of faith, our committee sees the building phase just on the horizon, Let's pull together Church and make this next Assembly year our greatest fundraising year to date.

For with God, all things are possible! To God be the glory.



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