

A close-up photograph of a field of golden wheat. The wheat stalks are in sharp focus in the foreground, with their heads of grain clearly visible. The background is a soft-focus field of similar wheat, extending to a clear blue sky. The overall lighting is bright and natural, suggesting a sunny day.

OCCUPY

*till I come*

Luke 19:13

Tennessee State Convention  
2024



## Convention Staff

General Overseer ..... Oscar Pimentel  
State Overseer ..... Harvey Anders  
Guest Speaker ..... Deborah Perkins  
State Overseer’s Secretary ..... Amy Anders  
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Aaron Barrows - *Coordinator*

### **Media:**

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Vicki Smith

Dear Pastors and Members of The Church of God across the State of Tennessee; I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how thankful I am for each one! The Apostle Paul had this to say to the church at Ephesus; *“Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;”* Ephesians 1:15-16.

I to feel this way toward you and your faithful labors for Christ and His Church. All the wonderful reports across the state are because of your labors. We are engaged in such a great and exciting work where the rewards are out of this world. As we go into a new church year let us stay focused on what the will of the Lord is in the hour that we are living in.

What is the meaning of the parable in Luke Chapter 19? The main point of this parable is clear; the kingdom will be delayed, so we must concentrate on being faithful servants in the meantime. Our Master has gone away to a far country and will one day return with His Kingdom. In the meantime, we are commanded to do His business with what He has given us until He returns. The word occupy means to busy oneself with what the Lord has left us in charge of until He returns for The Church. Are we busy about our Father’s business, working to build up The Church of God? God has given us every necessary tool to complete the work, let us ensure that we are Occupying til He comes!

I pray that during this convention every member of the The Church of God in Tennessee becomes strengthened and encouraged as we go away from this convention. We have a great world to reach and we want to be obedient to God's task that He has given us to win the lost!

God bless each one,  
Brother Anders

## **Friday Evening**

- 6:45 Preliminary Music by the Zion Hill Church  
7:00 Official opening of Convention by State Overseer  
Spanish Bible Pledge—Joel Bañuelos  
English Bible Pledge—Julian Pimentel  
Spanish Flag Pledge—Hector Campos  
English Flag Pledge—Wesley Denard  
Scripture Reading: Luke 19:10-26—J. D. Alcott Jr  
Concert Prayer: Aaron Barrows  
Congregational Singing led by Janet Talley  
Worship in Giving—for Guest Speaker  
Message by Guest Speaker: Deborah Perkins  
Altar music provided by Zion Hill

## **Saturday Morning**

- 9:30 Opening of Session by State Overseer  
Scripture Reading: John 4:33-35—Andy Stephens  
Concert Prayer: Galen Donnafield  
Congregational Singing led by Carol Frizzell  
10:00 WMB Boost—Missy Hawkins  
10:15 Message by Clint Pulliam—2 Peter 3:8-14  
10:45 BTI Boost—Erik Shelton  
11:00 Special Song—Lovest Thou Me More Than These  
11:10 Treasurers Report  
State Finance and Advisory Committee  
Dismissal for Lunch Break

\*\*All VLB's please be lined up in the lobby at 1:45\*\*

## **Saturday Afternoon**

- 1:45 VLB Program directed by Chandler & Heather Fox
- 2:15 Special Song—Ragen Browning
- 2:25 Message: Edwina Slone—Ecclesiastes 9:10
- 2:40 Special Song by Julio Bonilla
- 2:50 Evangelism & Army of Compassion Boost—Mary Shelton
- 3:10 Message: Vivian Campbell—Ephesians 6:13  
3:40 CPMA Boost—Tim Blaylock (Special time for Heritage Month)
- 4:00 Supper Break

## **Saturday Evening**

- 6:00 Opening of Session by State Overseer  
Scripture Reading: Zechariah 2:8—Levi Brady  
Concert Prayer: Andy Stephens  
Congregational Singing led by Glenna Brady
- 6:15 Family Camp Boost—Brandon & Emily Shaw
- 6:30 Ladies Retreat Boost—Vicki Smith
- 6:40 Men's Retreat Boost—Thomas Brady
- 6:50 Special Song—The Chattanooga Church
- 7:00 Worship in Giving—for Guest Speaker
- 7:10 Special Song—I'm Gonna Keep On Working  
Message by Guest Speaker: Deborah Perkins  
Altar Call music by Antioch Church

## Sunday Morning

- 10:00 Opening of Session by State Overseer  
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:58—Noah Stephens  
Concert Prayer: James Frizzell  
Congregational Singing led by Elizabeth Denard
- 10:20 Sunday School Boost—Aaron Barrows
- 10:35 Children’s Church Program—Amy Donnafield
- 10:55 ABM Boost—Amy Anders
- 11:15 Special Song—The Perkins Family  
Special Recognition  
Overseer's Annual Address  
    Report of Convention—Amy Anders  
    Appointments  
    Prayer for Appointees by Bishop Oscar Pimentel  
Closing Comments & Closing of Convention

## PASTORS

Antioch.....	Brandon Shaw
Athens .....	Delores Pulliam
Chattanooga .....	Luis Bañuelos
Crossville .....	Thomas Brady
Michie .....	Mary Shelton
Murfreesboro.....	Harvey Anders
New Bern-Mission.....	Philip Bradley
Pelham Valley .....	James Frizzell
Portland.....	Philip Deitz
Southside.....	Christopher Anders
Twin Cities .....	Teresa Letcher
White Bluff.....	Edwina Slone
Zion Hill.....	Clint Pulliam

## **State Auxiliary Coordinators:**

**ABM**—Amy Anders

**BTI**—Erik Shelton

**Children’s Church**—Amy Donnafield

**CPMA**—Tim Blaylock

**Evangelism**—Mary Shelton

**Assistant**—Andy Stephens

**State Paper**—Vicki Smith

**State Website**—Christopher Anders

**Sunday School**—Aaron Barrows

**VLB/Outreach Lit.**—Chandler & Heather Fox

**WMB**—Missy Hawkins

**Family Camp**—Brandon & Emily Shaw

**Ladies’ Retreat**—Vicki Smith

**Men’s Retreat**—Thomas Brady

## **State Advisory Committee:**

Galen Donnafield - Chairman, Brandon Shaw,  
Dennis Shaw, James Frizzell, Andy Stephens

## **District Overseers:**

East #1 - Clint Pulliam

Central #2 - James Frizzell

West #3 - Doug Letcher



Thank you for being apart of the Tennessee State Convention! Our prayer is that each member of The Church of God in Tennessee return back to their fields of labor excited for the work ahead. Let us be faithful til His return!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Family Camp** is July 6-10, 2024, at Camp Hickory Hills, Dickson, TN. Get your applications in today.

**Annual General Assembly** will be held July 29-August 3, 2024, at Westmore Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee. Make plans now to attend this great spiritual time with all of our Brothers and Sisters in the Lord from all around the world.

**International Youth Camp** will be August 30- September 2, 2024, Register online at [www.thechurchofgod.org/vlb/iycc](http://www.thechurchofgod.org/vlb/iycc).

**Youth Retreat** will be held September 27-29, 2024. More information to come.

**Ministers Convention** will be held October 11-12, 2024. More information to come.