

PENTECOSTAL
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FEBRUARY 2012

2012 CAMP MEETING

To God be the Glory, great things He has done. We just finished our 2012 camp meeting. It was a huge success. God showed up in every meeting, both in the South meeting and the North meeting. I have had many reports of the Lord giving people major breakthroughs in their lives and finances since this past week's meetings.

A special thank you to Pastors Tim & Laura Baylor and Pastors Billy & Gail Sanders and their staff for being such excellent hosts. Both churches served with a spirit of excellence, I could not have asked for anything better. May the blessings of the Lord be on your churches and ministries.

Bro. Jeff Spring out did himself each service with a timely message telling us it is time to trust the Lord and not our circumstances, nor the economy. I believe it was at an appointed time for our entire district, for every Pastor, Minister and church. All that is needed to be

done is accept it and allow the Lord to work it out for your benefit. There will be CD's available if anyone would like to hear what was preached at the Camp meeting. Just contact the District office and we will be glad to send you a copy.

Those Pastors and ministers attending were: **Southern Region**- Tim & Laura Baylor, T.J & Cassie Baylor, Rodney & Mikayla Brooks, Les & Pansy Crawford, Clay Cale, Aaron & Bobbie Jayne, Thomas & Kristen Hattenback, Mark & Vicki Kennedy, Kenny Mills, James & Towanda Martin, Kevin & Veronica Powers & Jerry Ward. **Northern Region** – Jimmy Boatright, Charles & Wanda Bledsoe, Ron Bowden, Hank & Melinda Cannon, Dan & Delores Chapman, Melvin Clearman, Mattie Cox, Kelly & Donna Crenshaw, Bobby & Belinda Dickey, Ron & Jeannie Gratehouse, Bill & Marilyn Hickson, Ray & Cricket Keasler, Rick & Roberta Lasley, Jason & Becky

Norvell, Steve & Jo Ann Oates, Bill & Karen Pierce, Billy & Gail Sanders, Jennifer & Brandon Sanders, T J & Sue Thomas thank you for your time and participation in the services.

SOME GOOD QUOTES:

Remember, if you say you have no faults, that makes one more!

Never stretch the truth too far - it may snap back in your face.

If you don't have time to do it right, you may have to find time to do it over.

COMING SOON

Bible Conference

**Saturday March 17th
(10AM-5PM)**

*** Information To Follow**

Make Plans To Attend.

BISHOP'S DISTRICT PERSPECTIVE

Our District has suffered a mighty blow over the past seven to eight years. We have lost approximately 50 ministers to other organizations and ministries. It has resulted in a major financial drain that has become a daily weight which is a major distraction from being able to accomplish that which we should be doing. But we are still here and we still have a mission to accomplish, before the return of the Lord for His church. We will come out of the financial hole and we will accomplish great things for the Lord.

How will we do it?

1. Not looking back but pressing forward to the goals that are set, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, not goals that we were not able to accomplish.

2. Making a decision that being average is not acceptable, we are better than the norm.

3. District wide we must elevate ourselves above our accepted norm and casual complacency with the thoughts that we are doing ministry alone and no one else cares.

4. The challenge is to change that thought process:

A. By showing how much I care and doing my level best to help each and every Pastor and church congregation to reach its highest potential with whatever is needed to do the job at hand.

B. I do not know everything nor do I wish to infer that I do. But I know many who have been successful including myself in ministry, and can help pastors out and help them to go to a higher level in their ministry.

C. We need to find out who has done it and ask for help so as to succeed faster and

experience a greater reward sooner so we will be able to advance the Kingdom of God quicker than you thought.

5. Determine that you as the Minister are going to be faithful to your commitment to the Lord and the responsibilities you agreed to and to be in the position of leadership that you are holding.

6. By changing the attitude carried by some for:

a. The lack of financial support to the district. Some hold their money back from the district for their churches, the same way people hold back their tithe from the church for their own needs.

b. Lack of submission to authority. "I am my own person." (Romans 13: 1-7)NLT

c. Lack of support for the district functions results from the same lack of support for the church functions.

d. The pastor sets the attitude and environment for the blessings to be had or missed in their church.

e. As the pastor submits to authority and his obligations to those in authority over them, so then the people submit to their leadership and obligations expected by the Word of God.

The key that the Lord showed me is that as a District we need to tithe from the income coming into the district in order to keep the river flowing. Then we will be successful once again as a district and have finances to help ministries and ministers to accomplish their goals for the Kingdom of God. **We can do it !!!**

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

I was pleased to be able to attend the Winter Camp Meeting in Copperas Cove, TX. It was a blessing to hear the ministry of the word through the evangelist and to be able to connect with all the wonderful people from the district.

We are still needing to get all the local church's women's groups registered for the SWTX District challenge. We need to stand strong with our National Women's Director, Janice Scott .

You can go online and download copy of registration or just send in a list of your women who register, along with addresses and e-mails to the district office (womensministry@swtx-pcg.org). The cost is still just \$2 a lady. Thanks for your cooperation. I pray that God will bless all that you set your hands to do to further His kingdom. This is the time...to get connected.

Your Women's Director, Marilyn Norvell

YOUTH MINISTRIES (SWTXYOUTH.COM)

On January 12, we took a group of 14 young leaders with us to the "Top of the Hill" Regional ILD Encounter in Jeff City, MO. We are definitely excited about the leadership that is being raised up. Thank you to Victory Tabernacle Waco for the use of their van. Thank you for donations so far received from Victory Chapel McGregor and Abundant Life Church Victoria.

Make sure and be a part of the Impact Youth Tour in February. Friday the 10th at 7PM we will be at Austin Revival Center. Saturday the 11th at 10AM we will be at Faith Chapel in Lockhart and at 6PM we will be at Boundless Love Fellowship in Corpus Christi. Friday the 17th at 7PM we will be at Victory Tabernacle in Waco. Saturday the 18th at 10AM we will be at New Hope Community Church in San Angelo and at 6PM we will be at New Beginnings PCG in Brownwood. Your DYD family will be there, hope you will be too.

Get ready for our District Talent Expo on Saturday March 24th. We will be beginning at the headquarters in San Marcos at 10AM. There will be a youth rally immediately following the Talent

Expo. Divisions are broken into Kids (6-12) and Teens (13-19). You can view and download rules, registration forms, and a flyer at swtxyouth.com. Remember qualifying winners can go onto Nationals taking place in Hurst, TX.

Also start getting ready for camp. You can go to swtxyouth.com and get all the information. Teen camp is July 22nd-26th. Our speaker is Impact East Texas DYD Ricky Martinez. Early bird registration is \$75 by May 1st. Kids camp is July 27th-30th. Impact NOW Kids will be speaking at our kid's camp. This is a group from our National Youth Department. Early bird registration is \$60 by May 1st. Staff applications are due by May 1st.

Thank you, to all those who support the youth department monthly. Without you, none of the ministries we have with youth would be possible. There is still plenty of need. Become a monthly youth supporter. A wise man once said, "Your heart is where you pocket book is."

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FEBRUARY **BIRTHDAYS**

Charles Bledsoe	1
Aletha I. Webb	7
Gilbert G. Donald	8
Towanda P. Martin	9
J. Michael Cass	12
Ronald L. Gratehouse	14
Jennifer Sanders	15
Stephen E. Oates	17
Lawana Hernandez	17
Jimmy D. Ogden	21
Deborah L. Irvin	22
Flora B. Nutt	28

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Phillip R. Hurst	11
Mr & Mrs Billy R. Sanders	14
Mr & Mrs T. D. Roberson	15
Rev Crystal Henderson	25
Mr & Mrs Vernon Groce	26

BISHOP'S VISION CASTING

We had an opportunity to share with the Pastors and Ministers on Tuesday and Friday afternoon for about an hour. It was informative and well received by those in attendance. I appreciated the input of the Ministers for the Q&A time. I feel your input was a sign that you want to see things change in the district.

Some clips from the Bishops hour were as follows.

Now is our time to pray with Holy Spirit-empowered conviction, **go** with Holy Spirit-birthered direction, **lead**

with Holy Spirit-infused abilities and **reach** with Holy Spirit-controlled relationships.

Now is our moment.

Pray for the fire of Pentecostal truth to spread across our world.

Go as a consecrated vessel of honor.

Lead with the heart, soul and passion of Jesus Christ.

Reach until your heart embraces every member of our covenant community with an undying love.

We are PCG; now is our time and we will not miss our moment.

(taken from Bishop Scott's report at this past convention in Dallas)

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(512) 228-8048

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Doyle Evans, Cuero

(361) 275-8015

SIS. MARILYN NORVELL PAID IN FULL

During the Friday night meeting, by the direction of the Holy Spirit, I took an offering to pay Sis. Marilyn the mileage due to Bro. John during the time he was Bishop. The funds were not available in the district. We were able to receive \$14,000 .00, the amount owed, within a few

minutes. The Spirit of giving came over the house. How exciting, Praise God!!!

(We are already hearing of God's blessings being poured out on people's lives since last week, spiritually, relationally and financially, Praise God it is so exciting!)