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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The start of a New Year is the perfect time to challenge your congregation to separate themselves from past mistakes, failures, bad relationships and choices and move on in the right direction with the Lord in order to have a prosperous year; spiritually, personally and even financially.

Everything in life is a choice,
Deut.30:15-20 NLT

There are things that have come into a person's life to slow them down spiritually, and thwart the blessings that the Lord has planned for their life.

There are people who can walk away from you. When people can walk away from you: let them walk. Determine not to try to talk another person into staying with you, loving you, calling you, texting you, facebooking you, caring about you, coming to see you, staying attached to you.

When people can walk away from you, let them walk.

Your destiny is never tied to anybody that has left.

1 John 2:19 says that: "they came out from us that it might be made manifest that they were not for us; for had they been of us, no doubt they would have continued with us."

People leave you because they are not joined to you. And if they are not joined to you, you can't make them stay.

When people struggle with emotional duress, it is most likely because they hang on to things they were supposed to release.

If you are holding on to something that doesn't belong to you and was never intended for your life, then you need to: recognize it, accept it and realize that it is not going to be good for you.

If you are holding on to past hurts and pains - put them under the Blood of Jesus and move on.

If someone cannot treat you right, love you back, and see your worth - forget about them and ask the Lord to bring the right person into your life.

If someone has angered you - forgive them and pray for them.

If you are holding on to some thoughts of evil and revenge; - repent and forgive them and release them.

If you are involved in a wrong relationship - recognize it and get out of it ASAP.

If you are holding on to a job that no longer meets your needs or talents ... walk away and allow your God given talent to be expressed.

If you have a bad attitude - ask the Lord to change it for you.

If you keep judging others to make yourself feel better - repent and recognize it for what it is called: a "self righteous spirit".

If you're stuck in the past and God is trying to take you to a new level in Him - accept and embrace the change because the Lord has something better for you.

If you keep trying to help someone who won't even try to help themselves - let them go. They are a waste of your time and energy.

If you're feeling depressed and stressed - it is not scriptural. Encourage yourself in the Lord, praise and celebrate your relationship with the

Lord and get your eyes off of yourself. If you are struggling with any sort of habit or habitual action, remember it is the power of the Holy Spirit and one of His free fruits, "self control" that works in you as a believer if allowed.

If there is a particular situation that you are so used to handling yourself and God is saying "take your hands off it," then you need to be obedient and get your hands off.

"The Battle is the Lords!"

Make a determined effort to let go of the past and make a fresh start for 2012. Never look back, but press towards the mark and the upward call of Jesus Christ.

Missionary C.T. Studd of Cambridge England, missionary to China, India, and Africa, said this great quote:

"Only one life, twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last".

(Some excerpts from T D Jakes sermon called, "Let Them Go", 2009)

If we are going to do any thing beneficial in 2012, we need to do as Isa.43:18&19 says, "*Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth, shall you not know it, I will even make a road in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert*".

Please Lord, help me to make the right choices and direction for my life, Amen.

Bishop's update:

We moved into the parsonage on Dec.12 and spent the next few days unpacking and finding room for all that we had. I really can't tell you where all those clothes came from. I found that I had more clothes than Eileen! How that happened I do not know. A very

Deceased Minister:

Evangelist A.L. Kimmel passed away on Dec.9, there will be a memorial service for him on Jan.7th in Elk Grove, Ca at 12:30 pm. One of our past ministers, Sis. Jackie Thompson of Victoria, passed away on Dec.12. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Winter Camp Meeting:

We will be having a district-wide winter Camp Meeting in two locations for your convenience. The southern region will be at New Beginnings in Rockport on Jan.23-24; The Northern region, at North Pointe in Copperas Cove Jan.26-27. I want to en-

Project Appalachia

A special thank you to all who supported the bicycle drive for the Christmas Appalachian trip. We were able to purchase 104 bicycles. Jason will give an update in his report.

Chaplain Training Seminar

The dates for the chaplain seminar are January 19-21. They are taking place at the headquarters in San Marcos.



Please register by January 10
(dchapman@web-access.net or
(325)646-3943). Preregistration fee is \$50.

special thanks to Pastor Aaron and the gang from CBFWC that helped us load, and to my son Nick and family; Pastor Clay Cale and Billy & Penny Vance who helped us unload; could not have done it without them.

Monthly Newsletter:

Just a reminder that we need your email addresses so that we can electronically send you the monthly newsletter. If you do not have an email please let us know in the district office so we will be able to continue to send you a hard copy. The news letter is also posted each month on the district website. www.swtx-pcg.org

courage each pastor and minister to be there and bring your leadership and congregations.

Jeff & Norine Spring from Joaquin, Texas, will be our evangelist for both meetings. (see attached flyer to be posted on your church's bulletin boards)

Church Available

Smithville Church is open for a Pastor. Please send your resume to Presbyterian Kenny Mills 2009 North Clinton St, Cuero Tx. 77954

Once certified, an individual can serve in their local community as a hospital, prison/jail, or law enforcement chaplain. Our very own Dr. Dan Chapman, Executive Director of Chaplain Ministries for the PCG, will be leading the training.

Women's Ministries

The SWTX Women's Department challenges your local church's women's groups to get behind our National Women's Director, Janice Scott and get your groups registered during the month of January. 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. The cost is still just \$2 a lady. If ladies have e-mail addresses, the national women's department is working on get-

Youth Ministries (www.swtxyouth.com)

Happy New Year! This year is promised to be a busy one for the youth of this district. On January 12, we will be taking a group of 17 young leaders to the "Top of the Hill" Regional ILD Encounter in Jeff City, MO. Pray for safe travels for us all.

February is the Connect Rally tour coming to a church near you! The schedule: Austin-Feb 10 (PM), San Marcos-Feb 11 (AM), Corpus-Feb 11 (PM), Waco/Temple-Feb 17 (PM), San Angelo-Feb 18 (AM), Brownwood-Feb 18 (PM). More details for your section coming soon.

March is the Talent Expo on March 24 at the HQ at 10 (AM). Kids division is ages 6-12 and teen division is ages 13-19. Check out the list of categories, rules and guidelines at impactym.com.

Don't forget to sign up for Impact NOW. Impact NOW is a campaign designed to Double & Disciple your children's and youth ministries. You will receive a free kit when you sign up.

Finally, thank you to all who supported us financially last year. We could not make it without your support. Also thank you to all of you who came out to each of the events last year and supported us. [Do not forget, you too, can join the youth department in financial support of what we do in reaching this current generation.](#)

ting those to send by email a copy of the national newsletter so that every lady can know what is going on nationwide. This is a great way to stay connected. This year, the planner will also be available to all through the national PCG web page and can be downloaded to use. Thanks for your co-operation. 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.

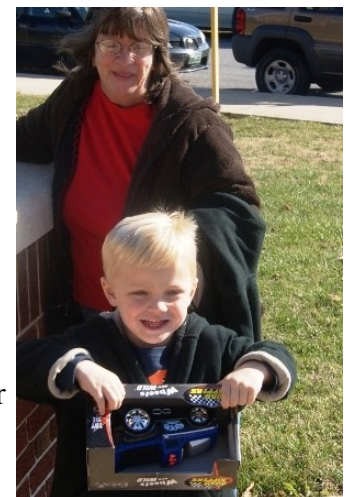
Appalachian Missions Project

Thank you to all who supported in this missions project. It was a huge success. We impacted some of the poorest communities in the nation

and helped them to experience the joy of Christ coming in

Christmas. Southwest Texas had representation at 2 of the 3 outreach locations; those being Craigsville, Virginia and Hazel Green, Kentucky. Kids who would not get anything for Christmas were blessed by your generosity. Families received clothing, gifts, food, and the blessed message of hope.

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Appalachian Missions Project (Continued)



Also the bikes that you gave to bless these children were well received. It was amazing to see the kids eyes light up when they were given one. These are just of few pictures of the event.



After 26 hours of driving one way...the Norvell family can definitely say it was well worth it. All who went, including the Norvell family, Johnson City Youth Walking Along Christ, and Early Trinity Chapel, were

blessed to take your message of hope to those who had little.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jack Davis	10
T.J. Thomas	13
Lawrence Kirkpatrick	14
Robert Martin	19
Dan G. Chapman	29



ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Vardie Hopkins	3
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