

PENTECOSTAL  
CHURCH OF GOD

SOUTHWEST TEXAN

APRIL 2011

BIBLE CONFERENCE  
WAS AWESOME

## PRAISE

- **Joe Cheesman** checked out of rehab day after bible conf.
- **Jason Chapman** got out of hospital during bible conf.

## PRAY

- **Lee Ramey** needs a physical miracle.
- **T. J. Thomas**, bad diagnosis by doctor.
- **Gen Ormand**, bad diagnosis by doctor.
- **Vardie Hopkins** had stints & pneumonia.

## FYI

- **Send General Convention assessment (\$40 per church) to district office.**
- **Pastors: complete & return ALCR asap.**
- **Celebrate EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24. Jesus is Risen from the dead; He is Lord!**



Russell Hylton w/ "son" Bill Pierce and Herman Gardner also shared. Below is from Bishop's notes:

## Monday evening...

Prov 3:5, *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

The seed of everything is in itself - reproduce after its kind. Victimized doctrine produces victims.

Culture = 1) cultivation of soil, 2) ideas, custom, skills, arts of a people group that are transferred from one generation to another, 3) growth of bacteria, micro-organisms.

*This was my prayer; maybe you would like to make it your own: "I want to change, grow, develop. I want to create a culture of health and unity. Use me, Lord, to Your fullest advantage." JN*

Seed is the same; soil is the heart. Matt 7:7-20, *Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them* (20). Matt 11:15-19, *But wisdom is justified of her children* (19). Wisdom produces children (others too busy playing church); Luke 11:19, *And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by*

*whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.* The answer is in itself.

Tuesday morning...  
THE DNA OF YOUR CHURCH

Matt 11:15-19, *But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets* (16). You reproduce what you are.

Psalm 127:1-5, *As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth* (4). God builds: 1) revelationally, 2) relationally, 3) generationally.

What kind of Christian do I want to reproduce? 1) Forward thinking people - ahead of the curve, innovative; 2) Manifestation without weirdness; 3) Punctuality - if you're on time, you're late; 4) Participatory services - active; 5) Acceptance that releases freedom; 6) Embrace order and resist chaos; 7) Increase with integrity - success without excess; 8) Generationally-minded saints; 9) Identifiable leadership; 10) Ministering members

Tuesday evening...  
WHOSE SON IS THIS?

1 Sam 17:51-58, *And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David an-*

*swered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.*

1 Sam 16:1, *Fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.* 11, *There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.*

*What a special Word and Spirit Bible Conference in San Marcos over the last three days. Understanding the father/son relationship has dynamically changed me and will do so in the future. BP*

Acts 20:20 - 20/20 Leadership. 2 Tim 2:2 - the 222 Principle. 5-fold fatherhood. God wants to establish relational equity. That I might provide a son for the Lord.

John 17:6-9, *For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them* (8b).

23rd Psalm, 1) The Lord is my authority, rule of my life. (relational authority); 2) He makes me. Only sons respond. I give God the 'make' in my life. 3) He leads me. Leadership first. 1 Peter 5:2 feed the flock, willingly. Everything you need is already in your house.

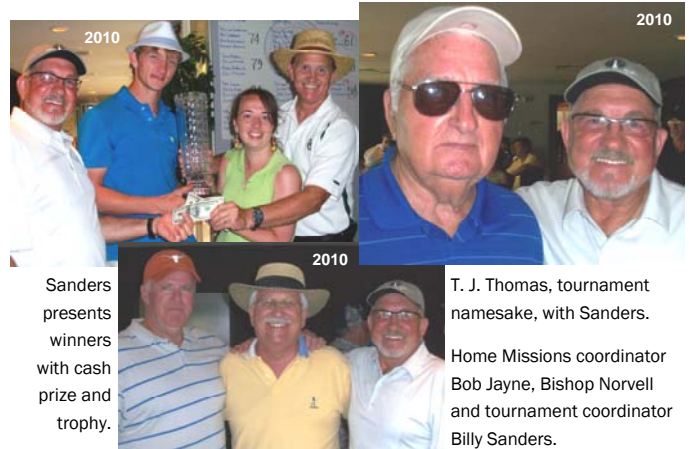
**T J THOMAS GOLF CLASSIS MAY 21**

Last year's tournament is hard to beat... so we're doing it again! Saturday, May 21st! Proceeds benefit Home Missions in maintenance of parsonages.

**Same place:** Quail Creek Country Club, 2701 Airport Hwy 21, San Marcos

**Same time:** 12:30 registration, 1:30 shotgun start. Come early

for driving range warm-up. **Same price:** \$45 per person; \$50 after May 16. (total fee per team \$180, \$200 after May 16) **Same prizes:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards, longest drive, closest to pin, longest putt, plus consolation prizes & lots more! Churches, businesses and individuals are needed to **sponsor a hole \$150 or co-sponsor \$75.**



Sanders presents winners with cash prize and trophy.

T. J. Thomas, tournament namesake, with Sanders. Home Missions coordinator Bob Jayne, Bishop Norvell and tournament coordinator Billy Sanders.

**"IT'S SETTLED" OFFERINGS—IF THEY CAN, I CAN**

The churches and individuals to the right know that it is more blessed to give than to receive. They support their district even when the economic climate challenges their generosity. Their needs are met and they have access to God's abundance because of their obedient, cheerful giving. The principle of seed time and harvest (reciprocity) work in their favor and they are BLESSED!

- \$10,000 Coastal Bend Family, Aransas Pass
- \$5,600 Gospel Lighthouse, Smithville
- \$3,000 Trinity Church, Cuero
- \$1,000 Victory Christian, Hamilton
- \$1,000 New Life Outreach, Pleasanton

- \$1,000 Austin Revival Center, Austin
- \$1,000 Victory Chapel, McGregor
- \$650 North Pointe, Copperas Cove
- \$500 Trinity Chapel, Austin
- \$400 Abundant Life, Victoria
- \$200 Full Gospel Assembly, SanAngelo
- \$200 De Leon Christian Fellowship
- \$100 Full Gospel Assembly, Waco
- \$100 River of Life, Luling
- \$100 Calvary Temple, Gatesville
- \$100 Agape Fellowship, Ingleside
- \$100 Trinity Christian Center, Beeville
- \$100 SWTX Women's Ministry
- \$25 Open Door Christian, San Antonio
- \$25 West Texas Christian, Carlsbad
- \$25 Lord's House, Edinburg

- \$1,311.15 Robert/Sherri Thomet
- \$1,220 John/Marilyn Norvell
- \$1,000 Billie Sue Thomas
- \$1,000 Ronald Bowden
- \$750 Dan/Delores Chapman
- \$700 Les/Pansy Crawford
- \$600 Al/Jean Creel
- \$500 Jason/Becky Norvell
- \$500 Eileen Jayne
- \$500 Melvin/Rosalee Clearman
- \$300 Tim Baylor
- \$250 Bill Pierce
- \$250 Billy/Gail Sanders
- \$250 Rick/Roberta Lasly
- \$250 Phil/Darlene Hurst
- \$200 Kenneth Mills

- \$200 Aletha Webb
- \$120 Jack/Margie Davis
- \$100 Robert Martin
- \$100 Jim Moore
- \$100 Aaron Jayne
- \$100 Gilbert Donald
- \$100 Salomon Avila
- \$100 Louise Hardt
- \$100 Harold/Deborah Irvin
- \$100 Bruce/Carol Cessna
- \$100 Rachel Valencia
- \$60 Michael Cass
- \$50 Rob/Suzanne Turner
- \$50 Carlton/Mitzi Wetherell
- \$25 Elton/Judy Cody
- \$10 Mylon Avery
- \$10 Hank Cannon

**XS MOTORCYCLE PRAYER RIDE**

Bishop Norvell will be leading fellow bikers on the grueling weeklong 5th annual Xtreme Service Motorcycle Ride May 2-6. Road Warriors/Prayer Warriors will stop at each of our churches in the district to pray and declare



a blessing. There are a few minor changes in the schedule from last year. Photo op at each church with bikers, pastor and the saints. Pray for the Warriors' safety and protection and good weather.

**"GOD BLESS TEXAS!"**

Bishop Norvell and Pastor Bledsoe met in Austin with Texas Pastor Council to hear Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, Attorney General Greg Abbot, Supreme Court Justice Don Willett, Senator Dan Patrick, Congressman Charlie Howard and Jonathan Saenz of Liberty Institute concerning items of interest to the

church. Dr. Robert Jeffries (FBC Dallas/dynamic pastor) moderated the 9:00-2:30 conference. Our leaders not only deserve our prayers as is mandated in scripture, but they pray themselves and request your prayer.



You have reason to be proud of your politically-incorrect governor. "People of faith must not be afraid to speak up."

**YOUTH MINISTRIES – DYD JASON NORVELL - WWW.SWXYOUTH.COM**

**Regional Youth Rallies** were at parks in Belton for Austin & Waco/Temple sections on Friday April 1st, in Coleman for Brownwood & San Angelo sections on Saturday April 2nd, and in Floresville for San Marcos, San Antonio & Corpus Christi sections on Saturday April 9th. Lets get together and make an impact.

We had our **District Talent Expo** in San Marcos at the District HQ on Saturday March 26th. We had 22 entries compete in

all divisions: Teens, Kids, Young Adult. **TEENS:** 1st Male Vocal Samuel Kinnin, 1st Female Vocal Katie Stevenson, 1st Multiple Voice Katie Stevenson & Chelsea Dowdy, 1st Persuasive Speaking Samuel Kinnin, 1st Instrumental Solo Rachel Cannon, 1st Solo Dance Isaiah Vilaire, 1st Theatrical Drama Blake Beard & Natalia Lambert, 1st Christian Comedy Blake Beard, 1st Human Video LLF Youth WAC, 1st Craft Caleb Cannon, 1st Short Story and Art

Kelsy Mascorro, 2nd Art Garrett Knox. **KIDS:** 1st Female Vocal Fara Bonner, 2nd Female Vocal Bethany Norvell, 1st Male Vocal Thomas Kinnin, 1st Human Video Godman Crew, 1st Art Adrianna Mayes, 1st Craft Raifton Barrett. **YOUNG ADULTS** 1st Group Dance Worship Unit, 1st Male Vocal Derrick Clemons. This is the first year that Kid Division will advance to **National Talent Expo**, June 22-24 in Dallas. With Summerfest being so close this year,

lets get as many Southwest Texans there as possible. We also need to support the Youth representing the District.

And let's not forget Lost Pines Camp at Warda. **Senior Camp** is ages 13-19 on July 28 - August 2 for \$75 with speaker Eric Scott. **Junior Camp** is ages 8-12 on August 3 - 6 for \$60 with speaker Brandon Sanders. We are trying to make it more about winning and reaching youth and children and less about trying to raise funds.

**2011 IS A YEAR OF BLESSINGS**

*Paulette Reed prophesied the following word at 4 Corners Healing & Conference Center in Pinehurst, TX on February 23:*

*The Lord would say, "Align, align, align. I've given you time to prepare and now I am calling the troops to action. I have given you My joy, which is your strength. I've given you My only*

*begotten Son. I've given you the completed work of the Cross. I have given you time which I created - now I want yours. Time, time, time. Say, 'Yes, Lord!' There is no more, 'No, I can't.' It's time to say, 'Yes, I can. Yes, I can!' It's time to believe, 'I CAN do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'*

*"Some of you are being stretched like never before. For this is what you asked for... this is what you prayed. 'Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge (stretch) my territory.' So, don't say no, say yes. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Lose your joy - lose your strength.*

*"I will bless you, indeed.*

*Two thousand eleven is a year of blessings for those who have aligned.*

*Blessings, blessings, blessings. My blessing, My joy, My strength for My covenant people."*

**BISHOP'S SPRING LUNCHEON APPOINTMENT**

We need the fellowship! Let's do lunch at these restaurants:

**Tuesday, April 19, 1:00 pm**  
**HQ—San Marcos Section**  
 Cottonseed Café & Deli, 17033 San Marcos Hwy, Martindale.

**Wednesday, April 20, 1:00 pm**  
**Capitol—Austin Section**  
 Threadgrill's, 6416 N Lamar, Austin.

**Thursday, April 21, 1:00 pm**  
**Concho—San Angelo Section**  
 Western Sky Steakhouse, 2024 N Chadbourne, San Angelo.

**Friday, April 22, 1:00 pm**  
**Home—Brownwood Section**  
 Miguel's Little Mexico, 1000 E Central Avenue, Comanche.

**Tuesday, April 26, 1:00 pm**  
**H.O.T.—Waco/Temple Section**

**Schoepf's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que, 702 E Central Ave, Belton.**  
**Wednesday, April 27, 1:00 pm**  
**Coast—Corpus Christi Section**  
 Butter Churn, 207 W Sinton St., Sinton.

**Thursday, April 28, 1:00 pm**  
**Alamo—San Antonio Section**  
 La Cabana, 23425 Hwy 281, San Antonio.

**INDIAN RALLY**

Those attending **Indian Missions** rallies with Director C. Don Burke in March were blessed. \$6,850 was raised in support for ministry to First Americans. Awards were given in each section to the church giving the most. Victory Christian Fellowship, Hamilton, Pastor Gilbert Donald was #1,

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

James Morris	4
Richard Schmidt	10
James Boatright	11
Mylon Avery	13
Gordon Emmens	13
Don Allen	21
Doyle Evans	29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Hank Cannon	2
Mr & Mrs Clay Cale	3
Mr & Mrs Wayne Coker	18
Mr & Mrs Marshall Bishop	30

## MINISTERS ON CALL

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**Herman Gardner**, San Antonio  
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**Doyle Evans**, Cuero  
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## A SOUTHWEST TEXAS CHURCH IN THE NEWS

*The Brownwood Bulletin ran a full-page story on New Beginnings Church titled "Offering a Helping Hand." Following is a brief excerpt of Steve Nash's article subtitled New Beginnings Church provides warm meals and shelter to those in need.*

Standing in a hallway at the decidedly non-traditional New Beginnings Church on a cold, windy and icy February morning, Pastor Kelly Crenshaw made a simple observation.

"There's so many stories here," the 49-year-old Crenshaw noted.

Throughout the winter blast of early February, the church had been operating almost non-stop as a shelter and meals station. That's in addition to its already considerable outreach efforts that have included Christmas toy drives, clothing and coat drives, a food pantry and an outreach to substance abusers.

"We're not 'all that,'" Crenshaw said of the church. "We're just trying to love these people."

And, so many stories associated with the people eating lunch that day. The man living in a storage shed. The 80-year-old man living in Bangs with no heat. The family of five living in a camper.

They are among the folks in New Beginnings' harvest fields. "The fringe people that nobody else would have," Crenshaw said. "The down-and-out fringe people of society. Our culture looks at them as throw-aways. I look at them as valuable.

"I believe that's what Jesus would want us to do. How we do it, I don't know." New Beginnings, Crenshaw noted, isn't a big church - about 100 attend Sunday morning services - and it doesn't have a lot of money.

"How can you not share your heat and food when you're

blessed to have heat and food?" Donna Crenshaw asked.

Individually and in groups, people trickled into the church, headed for the room where lunch was being served. "Hi, you all! Come on in!" Crenshaw piped as a group entered. "Make yourselves at home. There's plenty to eat..."

Crenshaw pondered how much the church can continue to do with limited resources. "We can't do this forever," Crenshaw said. "How do you stop? How do you say 'no'?"

"We can't do everything, but we can do something."



Pastor Kelly and Donna Crenshaw

