

PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH OF GOD

SOUTHWEST TEXAN

AUGUST 2011

DISTRICT CONVENTION

FYI

- **Gatesville church is for sale, need buyer.**
- **Governor Perry calls us to The Response USA at Reliant Stadium in Houston, August 6, 10am-5pm**
- **Congratulations to Herman & Britnee Gardner on the birth of their twins!**
- **PRAY PRAY PRAY**
Inez Brown cancer diagnosis.
James Iley retina surgery.
Genivie Ormand chemotherapy.
Yardie Hopkins leaking heart valve.
Joe Cheesman heart rhythm.

Empowered Living!



Filled with Holy Spirit Power

It was great to have Bishop C. W. Goforth, former Southeast Assistant General and Bishop of Florida, as our guest speaker Tuesday and Wednesday evening, accompanied by his wife of 58 years, Sula, and his uncle, Rev. Delbert Mitchell. All in attendance were blessed, while many received prayer and personal words of encouragement. We will not soon forget the illustration from the lives of Jim, Joanie and a shepherd boy anointed to be king. The Goforths are endeared to our hearts and we welcome them to SW Texas.

David and Paula Parkman, our missionaries to the Philippines, almost missed the Missions-Emphasis Service Tuesday night due to car trouble. They are now back in the Philippines with two years remaining on this term.

Churches participating in First Fruits are appreciated for their faithful support and were recognized with a certificate.

Rosie the Riveter showed up at the Women's Ministries service Wednesday morning to encourage the ladies, "You Can Do It!" Director Marilyn Norvell gave the message in a "Rosie" outfit and received an offering (\$289) for the girls home in Guatemala (\$50 went to Paula Parkman).

Messenger College President Daniel Davis and his wife, Rhonda, who is VP of Student Life, gave an awesome presentation of the College with Q&A opportunity. President Davis preached a powerful message themed, "God Knew You Could Handle It." It was also a joy to have their three fine sons: Evan, Gideon and baby Lincoln, as well as two MC students, Cody and Ronnie, who helped at Camp.

Students benefited from the Wednesday afternoon class "Character, Calling, Commission" taught by Dan Chapman.

Holly sang "Four days late, He's right on time" and touched the entire convention with a mighty anointing. LaDonna Taylor came with violin the next night and blessed us with "The Hallelujah Chorus" and "It Is Well".

With the budget met in the first night offerings, we dedicated the offering Wednesday night \$850 to our own Phillip & Darlene Hurst in Joplin, MO. She survived in the bathtub of their home when it was totally destroyed by the tornado. We want to let them know that we love them and pray for blessing as they deal with insurance and recovery.

Bishop had the heartfelt joy of

ordaining his son, District DYD Jason Norvell, to the gospel ministry. Herman Gardner and Vernon Groce came to us ordained, but experienced PCG rite of ordination. A reception in their honor followed the service.

We honored the memory of our dear friend and fellow laborer, Delmar Summers, in the Memorial Service Thursday morning.

Conventioneers had fun bidding on select items at the Silent Auction hosted by Laura Baylor. While HQ became less cluttered, the general fund benefited from \$531 that was raised.

Only a dozen or so made it out to Lost Pines Camp for the final service of District Convention, but DYD Jason Norvell had everyone's attention with his message titled, "Step Up!" If you were unable to attend, but would like to support with your Youth Rally offering, send it to the district office earmarked Youth Rally.

Bishop Goforth chaired the business portion of the convention. Personal and financial reports were received, and incumbent John Norvell was returned to the office of District Bishop.

It took lots of caring and blessed people to make it a success.

MISSIONARY S K THOMAS TO ITINERATE DISTRICT IN SEPTEMBER

Samuel K. Thomas and his wife, Juanita, are no strangers to SW Texas. They have itinerated here several times and district leadership has seen first-hand the great work that these veteran missionaries are accomplishing in southern India. Their residence, Bible training center, and orphanage are based in the city of Punalur in Kerala state.

District World Missions Director Kevin Powers will be contacting pastors to schedule a missions service with the Thomases in the month of September. Better yet, contact him at (361) 254-1503 to get your preferred date now. Let's continue our support for these missionaries!



S K Thomas with Tommy's Orphanage

"IT'S SETTLED" OFFERINGS—IS YOUR CHURCH ON THE LIST?

We would love to add more churches to the list of churches that have given to the "It's Settled" offering! We need to hear from 15 more to make it 100%. And we would love to add more individuals and ministers that have given to "It's Settled" offering. We still need to hear from 2/3 of our ministers to make it 100% participation. Can we hear from you this month?

\$10,000 Coastal Bend Family, Aransas Pass
\$6,000 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
\$1,000 New Beginnings, Rockport
\$650 North Pointe, Copperas Cove
\$500 Trinity Chapel, Austin
\$500 Abundant Life, Victoria
\$240 River of Life, Luling
\$200 Full Gospel Assembly, SanAngelo
\$200 De Leon Christian Fellowship
\$125 Lord's House, Edinburg
\$100 Full Gospel Assembly, Waco
\$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

\$1,653.39 Robert/Sherri Thomet
\$1,623 John/Marilyn Norvell
\$1,000 Billie Sue Thomas
\$1,000 Ronald Bowden
\$850 Les/Pansy Crawford
\$750 Dan/Delores Chapman
\$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

\$160 Michael Cass
\$150 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
\$50 Rob/Suzanne Turner
\$50 Carlton/Mitzi Wetherell
\$25 Elton/Judy Cody
\$25 Mattie Lee Cox
\$10 Mylon Avery
\$10 Hank Cannon

THE RESPONSE: A CALL TO PRAYER FOR A NATION IN CRISIS

On August 6, the nation will come together at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas for a solemn gathering of prayer and fasting for our country.

We believe that America is in a state of crisis. Not just politically, financially or morally, but

because we are a nation that has not honored God in our successes or humbly called on Him in our struggles.

According to the Bible, the answer to a nation in such crisis is to gather in humility and repentance and ask God to intervene.

The Response will be a historic gathering of people from across the nation to pray and fast for America.

I sincerely hope you'll join me in Houston on August 6th and take your place in Reliant Stadium with praying people asking

God's forgiveness, wisdom and provision for our state and nation. There is hope for America. It lies in heaven, and we will find it on our knees.

Sincerely,
 Rick Perry, Governor
www.theresponseusa.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Camp at Lost Pines in Warda is going great! Already we have had first-time salvations! Campers were excited about the Messenger College presentations from Rhonda Davis and MC students. PCG Missions outreaches were introduced and campers signed up with interest. Junior camp ends on August 6th.

September Sectional Rallies will be geared for Kids! Everyone come out and support.

NEW PASTOR

Melissa Ogden was recently appointed pastor of New Hope Community Church in San Angelo. She and her husband, Jim, have been assisting in the church the last year. They and the congregation are excited about the future of the church. Pray that God will use them to grow and win many souls for the kingdom of God.

BOARD ACTION

Jason Norvell was reappointed to serve as District Youth Director. Jenifer Sanders was accepted as an Exhorter. Church coach, Bob Barker, from Oregon, was welcomed to plant a church in San Marcos and will temporarily reside at HQ facility.

SW TX WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 16-17

SW TX Women's Conference, scheduled for September 16-17 at the Headquarters in San Marcos, is themed **PROJECT RUNWAY/ONEWAY: God's design**. Be sure to reserve your motel room now to guarantee that you'll have a place to stay.

Our special guest speaker this year is Gail Lake, Women's Lift Director from Southern California. Gail is a passionate woman of God whose focus is to encourage ladies to understand their purpose in life. She will

inspire you to speak God's Word through your circum-



stances. With her humor, she can drive the point home. She is the wife of Southern California District Bishop Jan Lake, the Mom of three children, and

"Poizie" of eight grandchildren whom she adores very much. Gail's desire is to show ladies that they are valued and loved by Almighty God.

Conference registration is \$40, limited to the first 150 ladies, ages 13 and up. Be sure to get it in by September 1st. You don't want to miss the fashion shows and contests. There will be a special time just for girls ages 13-19 on Friday night. Bring your missions offering for the Guatemala home for girls.

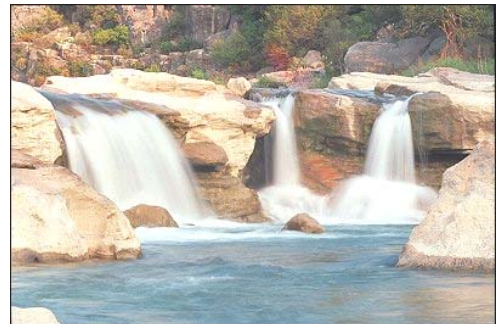
NEW KMF DIRECTOR PLANS MEN'S CAMP OCT 13-15

Timothy Baylor Sr., pastor of New Beginnings in Rockport, was appointed by the District Board to serve as Director of King's Men Fellowship.

Men! Mark your calendar and plan to attend the King's Men Camp Fall Fellowship, **October 13-15, at Pedernales State Park**. Registration is **\$35** which includes lodging and food.

Points of interest include: hiking, swimming, food, daily devotions, fellowship, music and relaxation.

Contact Tim Baylor by calling (361) 557-1036 or email him at baylortimothy@yahoo.com.



Picture you and your son at Pedernales State Park near Johnson City in mid-October

SIX CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS CARRIED

District Board recommended:

- #1 Sectional Presbyters are no longer responsible for appropriating the annual convention expense fund of \$25 per church.
- #2 Only new applicants are required to meet the Sectional

Credentials Committee.

#3 The minimum size of sections increased from 3 to 4.

#4 The District Board was given the discretion of adjusting the Convention dates if necessary.

#5 In that all ministers are required to report to the district office each month, the phrase "and if not, a reason must be given" was deleted.

#6 "All ministers are required to attend at least one annual District meeting (i.e. Conven-

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Herman Gardner	2
Hank Cannon	3
John Norvell	3
Judy Cody	5
Martha Woelke	6
Bill Hickson	7
Kenneth Mills	8
Ed Newman	8
Frances Watkins	15
Al Creel	16
Kathy Reed	16
Genivieve Ormand	27
Kevin Powers	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Herman Gardner	1
Mr & Mrs Jerrel Martinez	1
Mr & Mrs Ray Helms	5
Mr & Mrs Doyle Evans	6
Mr & Mrs Dewey Watkins	8
Mr & Mrs Richard Hagood	14
Mr & Mrs Walter Nutt	14

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BE ANGRY AND SIN NOT

In his autobiography, *Number 1*, Billy Martin told about hunting in Texas with Mickey Mantle.

Mickey had a friend who would let him hunt on his ranch. When they reached the ranch, Mickey told Billy to wait in the car while he checked in with his friend. Mantle's friend quickly gave them permission to hunt, but he asked Mickey a favor. He had a pet mule in the barn who was going blind, and he didn't have the heart to put him out of his misery. He asked Mickey to shoot the mule for him.

When Mickey came back to the car, he pretended to be angry. He scowled and slammed the

door. Billy asked him what was wrong, and Mickey said his friend wouldn't let them hunt.

"I'm so mad at that guy," Mantle said, "I'm going to his barn and shoot one of his mules!"

Mantle drove like a maniac to the barn. Martin protested, "We can't do that!" But Mickey was adamant.

"Just watch me," he shouted. When they got to the barn, Mickey jumped out of the car with his rifle, ran inside, and shot the mule.

As he was leaving, though, he heard two shots, and he ran back to the car. He saw that Martin had taken out his rifle, too. "What are you doing, Martin?" he yelled.

Martin yelled back, face red with anger, "We'll show him! I just killed two of his cows!"

Proverbs 22:24-25



THE LORD'S DAY

Who's day is it? Sunday should be more than another busy, pleasure-filled, weekend play day. It ought to be more than another excuse for sleeping late and lounging about the house. It must be seen as more than another opportunity to water the grass or wash the car.

Sunday, the first day of the week, is special. It is the Lord's Day - a day for worship.

The apostle Paul tarried seven days in Troas, until "the first day of the week," when he met with the saints of that city in worship (Acts 20:6-7). John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved," wrote, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day" (Revelation 1:10).

And is it any wonder why? Our Lord arose from the dead on the first day of the week (Matthew 28:1-6). The church was established on Pentecost Day, the first day of the week (Acts 2). This day, the Lord's Day, is more than ordinary. It is special.

Justin Martyr, one of the recognized historians of the early church, wrote near the beginning of the second century, "On Sunday a meeting is held of all who live in the cities and villages... They rise together and send up prayer."

And what of us? What will you be doing this Sunday?