

PENTECOSTAL  
CHURCH OF GOD

# SOUTHWEST TEXAN

FEBRUARY 2011

## Southwest Texas District 2011 BIBLE CONFERENCE

### FYI

- **FAST, PRAY, SOW**  
Impacting Eternity  
Friday, February 4th
- **BIBLE Conference**  
March 7-9, 2011
- **Tentative CRUISE**  
plans canceled due  
to lack of response.
- **Ron Gratehouse**  
repaired the district  
copier. Thank you!
- **Joe Cheesman** re-  
covering from by-  
pass surgery
- **Pastors: complete &**  
return **ALCR** asap.



DYD took 7 to Impact Leadership  
Development Regional Encounter

Only GOD can turn...  
a mess into a Message,  
a test into a Testimony,  
a trial into Triumph,  
a victim into a Victor!  
GOD IS GOOD...  
ALL THE TIME!



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### Conference Speaker: Russell Hylton

pastor of Bethel Family Worship Center, a church of 500 in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is National Director of the King's Men Fellowship for the Pentecostal Church of God. "I am endeavoring to fulfill my life call - to make a Generational Impact." Psalms 145:4, "One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts." (KJV)



## MARCH 7-9

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Tues 9:30 am  
7:00 pm  
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rating 2+

## C.E. SYMPOSIUM

We all benefited from the Church Effectiveness Symposium held January 8th. Speakers Sharon Sarles and David Edwards, John Norvell and Charles Bledsoe, as well as workshops with Aaron Jayne, Jason Norvell and Marilyn Norvell were well attended.

Five of our seven sections were represented. Among min-

isters attending were four sectional presbyters and ten senior pastors: Ron Gratehouse, Aaron Jayne, Kenneth Mills, Billy Sanders, Tim & Laura Baylor, Charles Bledsoe, Ronald Bowden, Clay Cale, Richard & Laura Hagood, Var-die & Virginia Hopkins, Rick & Laural Schmidt, Jerry Ward, Jason & Becky Norvell, Louis Roos, and church members.

## TITHERS ARE BLESSED

# 5 listed among the "Eleven Words for 2011" from Dennis Cramer is **The Devourer!** (Malachi 3:11). WARNING: All non-tithing Believers are going to fall victim to a spirit called the "Devourer" unless they return to a systematic lifestyle of financial giving that the Bible calls tithes and offerings! This demonic entity, an actual living thing, will attach itself to the

finances of any non-tithing Believer. However, for all faithful tithing Believers the results will be the opposite: God will rebuke this devourer for their sake, and they will enjoy the "open windows of Heaven" lifestyle promised for all who do not "rob" God. They will be a "blessed land" with showers of financial provision from above! Know your Bible.

## "IT'S SETTLED" OFFERINGS—TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!

We are inching toward *It is finished!* Three checks were received in January for *It's Settled Offering*, and we are grateful for their love and support. However, only a few are carrying the load. Half of our churches and a third of our ministers have not responded yet to the appeal for *It's Settled Offering*. Remember the booster band song, *When We All Pull Together?* That's what we need now. It takes all of us working together to win. Loans and funds must still be repaid. If you haven't given yet, please do so this month.

**\$10,000** Coastal Bend Family, Aransas Pass  
**\$5,400** Gospel Lighthouse, Smithville  
**\$3,000** Trinity Church, Cuero

**\$1,000** Victory Christian, Hamilton  
**\$1,000** New Life Outreach, Pleasanton  
**\$1,000** Austin Revival Center  
**\$1,000** Victory Chapel, McGregor  
**\$500** Trinity Chapel, Austin  
**\$650** North Pointe, Copperas Cove  
**\$200** Full Gospel Assembly, SanAngelo  
**\$300** Abundant Life, Victoria  
**\$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

**\$1,220** John/Marilyn Norvell  
**\$1,050** Robert/Sherri Thomet  
**\$1,000** Billie Sue Thomas  
**\$1,000** Ronald Bowden  
**\$650** **Dan/Delores Chapman**  
**\$600** Al/Jean Creel  
**\$600** **Les/Pansy Crawford**  
**\$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

**\$100** Robert Martin  
**\$100** Jim Moore  
**\$100** Aaron Jayne  
**\$100** Gilbert Donald  
**\$100** Jack/Margie Davis  
**\$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  
**\$20** Michael Cass  
**\$10** Mylon Avery  
**\$10** Hank Cannon  
 Thank you for giving.

## 2011 WILL BE OUR GREATEST YEAR YET!

I believe that 2011 will be our greatest year yet. Does that mean everything will go perfectly according to OUR plans? Does it mean no BAD things will happen? In reality it should mean that no matter what life deals us, we will respond with *grace* and a *victorious* attitude. Daniel didn't say *I don't do*

*lions' dens*. If he had said that and rebelled against God's plan for him, we would not have that great story of deliverance and protection that we grew up with. Worse yet, what if Jesus had said *I don't do crosses*? Jesus had the greatest and most successful year of His life when He went to the cross for us and

was raised again the third day.

So let us determine here and now that 2011 WILL be the greatest year of our lives, with all of it's victories, trials, blessings and troubles. Let us experience it all with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Towanda Martin

## IN HEAVEN

2010 First Place Art winner at National Talent Expo in Art, Joseph Mikeska, passed away Saturday, January 29th. Joe was



a lifelong member of Victory Chapel in McGregor. We miss him; we will remember his family in prayer.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES – DYD JASON NORVELL - [WWW.SWTXYOUTH.COM](http://WWW.SWTXYOUTH.COM)

We were blessed to have such a turnout (350, up from 240 last year) for the **Impact Leadership Development Regional Encounter** in Jefferson City, MO. Last year we took Craig Goodall and this year we were blessed to take Derrick Clemons, Moriah Hunter, Blake & Katy Beard, Natalia & Miranda Lambert and Andrea Wardlaw. We had a great time and stopped along the trip for snowball fights. We

thank Evelyn Hanson and Luling Care Center for allowing us to use the van. We heard from great speakers, had an excellent time and have seen some changes. Our youth have a desire to be leaders in life for God.

We're coming to your section for a **Winter Youth Rally!** We sent flyers and contacted all the churches. And you can always see the activity calendar online.

*Set aside dates for Youth Camp! Senior Camp: July 28th - August 2nd. Junior Camp: August 3rd - August 6th at Lost Pines!*

**Feb.4th - 7:00**, Austin Section @ Austin Revival Center  
**Feb.5th - 1:00**, San Antonio Section @ Open Door  
**Feb.11th - 7:00**, Waco/Temple Section @ Full Gospel Assembly  
**Feb.12th - 2:00**, Brownwood Section @ Trinity Chapel  
**Feb.19th - 2:00**, Corpus Section @ Trinity Christian Center  
**Feb.25th - 7:00** San Marcos Section @ Trinity Church  
**Feb.26th - 2:00** San Angelo Section @ Full Gospel Assembly.

Get ready for the **District Talent Expo** in San Marcos at HQ on March 26th. This year, winners in the Kids Division will advance to Nationals at Summerfest in Dallas, June 23-25! Only certain categories are available for kids at the national level. For a full list of rules, guidelines and suggestions please go to [www.impactym.com/national\\_talent\\_expo.html](http://www.impactym.com/national_talent_expo.html).

## GOOD SOIL FOR SOWING IN JUAREZ - WHERE JESUS WOULD GO

*Our church has gone Mission crazy since Brother Thurston was here. It really all began when we covenanted to send 10% of all our income from the church to Missions.*

A few months ago, a couple of young men in our church came to me after Morning Prayer and told me that the Lord had laid Juarez, Mexico on their heart. (These college boys meet with me for prayer every weekday morning at 6:00.) We had heard that Juarez is one of the most dangerous places in the world right now, so they figured that's where Jesus would go. A couple of weeks later, we sent the two of them to spy out the land.

They came home with a good report and made connections with a few pastors and an orphanage. So, on December 27<sup>th</sup> we helped send about 20 people to Juarez for 10 days; half of them were from our church, in the 18-22 year-old range. They preached and did services in the orphanage, a prison, a police station, on the streets and in churches, and they took food and supplies to the orphanage. People were getting shot

around the team and violence was everywhere, but our team was never touched. About 750 people got saved. Many were baptized in the Spirit. Many miracles and devils cast out. These kids brought back a Mexican pastor, and he preached for me Wednesday night. He and his wife had been robbed by a Mexican gang, and he had been beaten almost to death. He was still recuperating from injuries, and God healed his body during

that Wednesday service.

We are planning on going back in March and sometime in the summer for a week or two. If anyone is interested in hearing about it or being a part of it, we would love to come share these incredible testimonies. Mainly, we need continued prayer cover. Our church is doing good and experiencing growth. God bless. *Pastor Kelly Crenshaw, New Beginnings, Brownwood*

## INDIAN MISSIONS RALLY TOUR

Annually, the National Director of Indian Missions Rev. C. Don Burke conducts rallies in each section of our District the first week of March. Hear his message at the Indian Missions Rally in your section. We're looking for good attendance and support for PCG Native American ministries.

**February 28 - San Angelo**  
*Full Gospel Assembly*  
**March 1 - De Leon**  
*De Leon Christian Fellowship*  
**March 2 - Killeen**  
*Glad Tidings*  
**March 3 - Austin**  
*Trinity Chapel*  
**March 4 - Lockhart**  
*Faith Chapel*  
**March 5 - Rockport**  
*New Beginnings*

## GOD MIRACULOUSLY PROVIDES

*About four months ago during our prayer meeting, Pastor Tim gave prophetic utterance to me and my queen that King Jesus was going to supernaturally supply us with a new house big enough for our whole family. Seeing that there are six of us and we live in a two bedroom trailer, we said, "be it unto us*

*according to your word" lol. Three days before Christmas a member of our church came to us and said that God told to give us their second house. We now own a three bedroom, two bath house, fenced in yard with plenty of room for our chickens. Jesus is the Lord.*  
 Thomas Hattenbach, Rockport

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**A MERRY HEART**

Reverend Boudreaux pastored the local Cajun Baptist Church and Pastor Thibodeau was the minister at Covenant Church across the road. They were both standing by the road, pounding a sign into the ground that read:

**DA END IS NEAR!  
TURN YO SEF 'ROUN NOW  
AFORE IT BE TOO LATE!**

As a car sped past them, the driver leaned out his window and yelled, "You are religious nuts!" From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash. Boudreaux turns to Thibodaux and asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should jussay "Bridge Out"?"

**FEBRUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

Charles Bledsoe	1
Aletha Webb	7
Gilbert Donald	8
Towanda Martin	9
Michael Cass	12
Ron Gratehouse	14
Lawana Hernandez	17
Steve Oates	17
Jimmy Ogden	21
Deborah Irvin	22
Flora Nutt	28

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Mr & Mrs Phillip Hurst	11
Mr & Mrs Billy Sanders	14
Mr & Mrs T D Roberson	15
Mr & Mrs Tim Henderson	25
Mr & Mrs Vernon Groce	26

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*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

**THERE IS A GOD, AND BARBERS DO EXIST**

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut. As the barber began to work, they talked about many things. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said, "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

"Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imag-

ine a loving God who would allow all of these things."

Just after the customer left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy hair and untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkept. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber, You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber, "I am here and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed,

"Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty, long hair and untrimmed beards like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me."

"Exactly!" affirmed the customer, "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

