

PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH OF GOD

SOUTHWEST TEXAN

JANUARY 2011

BREAKTHROUGH SEASON IN 2011

FYI

- Bishop Norvell would like to thank all those that helped to make their Christmas special.
- **Church Effectiveness Symposium**—January 8th at San Marcos HQ.
- District Board meeting January 17.
- **2011 District Bylaws** and District Calendars will be distributed by each sectional presbyter after January 17.

PRAY FOR...

- District Youth Director Jason Norvell recovering from kidney stones.
- Melvin Clearman recovering from successful open heart surgery.
- Thelma Coker's health.
- Debbie Mills needs job and their house to sell.
- Seasons of Revival!

November 5th at Minister's Advance, the following word came through Kevin Powers. Only recorded portions were able to be transcribed.

"...days are ahead. For I will," says the LORD, "revisit the Promises that I have spoken over this place. For in days gone by Prophets of old came through and talked about what God would do in this region through this Fellowship. And we began to see by the Spirit of God those prophecies come to pass. But then the enemy began to cleverly work his way to bring discouragement, and to bring disharmony, and to bring disunity amongst the people. But I am breathing again," says the LORD, "and watch and see in 2011. For there will be Revival that shall come unto the Churches that shall heed the Word of the Living God and shall begin to wait upon Me. And Churches shall begin to rise out of the ashes. They shall begin to take their place again amongst their cities."

"...will blow through this District again. The best days are not behind it; the best days are

ahead. And there's going to be a re-stirring of the Holy Ghost in the Churches. There is going to be a reissuing of the Gifts of the Spirit. There is going to be a new Move of God that's going to take place. Churches are going to bust into Seasons of Revival. And get this: it's not going to be because you brought an evangelist in; it's going to be because you just set forward and had a good service on Sunday night and said, 'How many of you want to come back Monday?' And you're going to see; they're going to come back. And they're going to come back Tuesday. And you Pastors and your staff Pastors are going to preach the meeting. And Revival is not going to be because Joe Blow came in with a big name, who after he is gone everybody disperses. It's going to be an in-house Move of God that's going to go forward and continue to build for the Glory of God."

...growth. New members are coming in. Ceilings are going to be broken. Brother John, I am going to prophesy this by the Holy Ghost, that in 2011 you're

going to see what you put as your goal for the budget of the District superseded. You're no longer going to have *this* as our goal and *this* how short we came of it. But you're going to start seeing *this* is our goal and *this* is where we are up here. Finances are going to come in because churches are going to get blessed. They're going to begin to be able to give. People are going to respond. 2011 is going to be a Breakthrough Season. It's going to be Breakthrough. It's going to be Breakthrough. It's Breakthrough.

...we're going to talk about the churches that have been in Revival. We're going to talk about the Glory that's being poured out in 2011. Churches that have exceeded their numerical number that has held them at that level for years. We are going to be rejoicing over Revival. And I don't want us to think that when we get into Revival that we're free of challenge. We're going to have challenge. But if we'll stay full of the Holy Ghost – Amen? You stay full of the Holy Ghost, you see differently, you think differently, you talk differently.

CHRISTMAS ON THE NEW MEXICO INDIAN RESERVATION

We were so blessed by all the churches this year, and God knew the needs. **Faith Chapel, Lockhart** ladies made stock-



ings for the children and they gathered school supplies, candy, little toys, books, color-

ing books, underclothes and games. Also, **Boundless Love, Corpus Christi** gathered enough products to complete 29 bags, and Bro. & Sis. Webb, Bro. Vannoy and Peggy joined us again for this trip. **Full Gospel Assembly, San Angelo** gathered small toys, toothpaste and brushes, and some Bibles. **New Hope Community, San Angelo** gathered school supplies and fruit for the stock-

ings, and Bibles, soap and shampoo. Agape Fellowship, Ingleside sent some hats and gloves. We even had an independent church in San Angelo help us with the Bibles and stuffed animals.

We had a wonderful service in Alamo, New Mexico on the night of the 21st. We prayed for all the youth and children, then we handed out gift bags

and Bibles. The roads were so bad that we could not get to Bro. Chase's church the next day. We were told to call another mission that we did not even know. Sis. Vandever was called and came to get what we had for Bro. Chase. We had enough for her church also! Three churches were blessed this year! PTL! We got home safe Christmas eve.

Melissa Ogden

GIVING "IT'S SETTLED" OFFERINGS—IS YOUR CHURCH LISTED?

\$10,000 Coastal Bend Family Worship Center, Aransas Pass

\$5,300 Gospel Lighthouse, Smithville

\$3,000 Trinity Church, Cuero

\$1,000 Victory Christian Fellowship, Hamilton

\$1,000 New Life Outreach, Pleasanton

\$1,000 Austin Revival Center, Austin

\$1,000 Victory Chapel, McGregor

\$500 Trinity Chapel, Austin

\$650 North Pointe Church, Copperas Cove

\$200 Full Gospel Assembly, San

Angelo

\$300 Abundant Life, Victoria

\$200 De Leon Christian Fellowship, De Leon

\$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 Fellowship, San Antonio

\$25 West Texas Christian Fellowship, Carlsbad

\$1,220 John/Marilyn Norvell

\$1,050 Robert/Sherri Thomet

\$1,000 Billie Sue Thomas

\$1,000 Ronald Bowden

\$600 Al/Jean Creel

\$550 Les/Pansy Crawford

\$500 Jason/Becky Norvell

\$500 Eileen Jayne

\$500 Melvin/Rosalee Clearman

\$500 Dan/Delores Chapman

\$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

IS THERE A CRUISE IN YOUR FUTURE?

A ship cruise has been discussed before and there was show of hands at Minister's Advance. We have negotiated a group rate and are interested to know how many are ready to sign on the dotted line. If we get a good number of commitments, we will finalize the arrangements with

details to follow. The 5-day cruise leaves out of Galveston, Monday, October 10th on Carnival's Triumph for five nights with stops in Progresso and Cozumel, Mexico, returning Saturday morning, October 15th. You have a choice of an inside cabin \$484.37, oceanview with picture window

\$549.37, or balcony \$654.37 (double occupancy priced per person). All-Inclusive Price includes port charges, taxes and gratuity. 1st deposit (\$25 per person) due upon verification; 2nd deposit (\$200 per person) due June 1st; balance due August 11th. Confirm with district office if you are going.



YOUTH MINISTRIES – DYD JASON NORVELL - WWW.SWTXYOUTH.COM

We were excited to see a good representation from our District participate in the **Impact Appalachia Missions Encounter**. Pastor Chapman and Pastor Boatright led groups from Early and Johnson City, and



Robert & Velma Martin pulled the Disaster Response trailer from Ingleside filled to the max with supplies and toys.



Thanks to all those who came to our first *Youth Department led Christmas Blast*. About 90 people attended with every section represented. We were very happy to have National Youth Director Joe Skiles with

us and Sectional Directors Lindsey Longo, Walter/Becky Mayes, Melissa Ogden and Bunny Beard. Clothing donations from the event were given to GSMYC - a SW Texas Youth Crisis Center. It was a blessing to see the staff and youth faces as we unloaded tub-loads of clothing.



Be a part of the **Church Effectiveness Symposium** in San Marcos, January 8th. There will be a Youth workshop led by yours truly and a Children's workshop led by Aaron Jayne.

January 13th we head to Solid Rock Family Church in Jefferson City, MO for **Impact Leadership Development Regional Encounter**. We are excited to be taking six young leaders with us.

February . . . Youth Rally Tour!
March . . . Teen Talent Expo!

DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY AND RALLY WAS A SUCCESS

The **CHRISTMAS BLAST!** sponsored by the Youth Department was great - complete with lights and trees, life-size gingerbread house, living nativity, and good food. National Youth Director Joe Skiles held everyone's attention with

tales of running a marathon and riding a bull, all wrapped up in the Word. It was good to see our ministers that support Youth alongside our Bishop and District Youth Director... District Presbyter Bob/Eileen Jayne, sectional presbyters

Billy & Gail Sanders and Aaron & Bobbie Jayne, Pastor Richard & Laura Hagood, Pastor Rick & Aletha Webb, Pastor Clay Cale, Pastor Herman Gardner, Jim & Melissa Ogden, Sidney Vannoy; and sectional youth directors from

Waco/Temple, San Marcos, Austin, and San Angelo sections. Churches represented: Aransas Pass, Copperas Cove, Pleasanton, Lockhart, San Angelo (NH), Luling, Austin (TC & ARC), McGregor, Johnson City, Waco (VT), San Antonio (WE).

Quotable Quotes: "My availability gives God opportunity to do a miracle through me." "If I change, everything changes." Joe Skiles Jr

HAPPY "BREAKTHROUGH" NEW YEAR FROM YOUR DISTRICT LEADERS

Years ago we never dreamed we'd see 2011, but here it is... a year filled with *Seasons of Revival and Breakthroughs*.

All of us at Southwest Texas District Office pray that you have your share of God's best. You are favored and God is with you. The year is packed with special events and meetings. We hope to see you.



Bishop John & Marilyn Norvell, Bob & Eileen Jayne, Dan & Delores Chapman, and Jason & Becky Norvell.

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Avoiding Ministry Burnout

Pastors are less likely to experience a burnout syndrome when they are more organized and more disciplined in their schedules. Time management is critical. Pastors who have regularly-scheduled time for study, regular office hours, and regular visitation schedules are less likely to experience burnout. Structure and discipline are important in non-work related areas, like diet, exercise, and sleep.

Q: What is a good way for church, ministries, and Christian schools to avoid costly lawsuits from former employees?

A: One option available for all Christian ministries is to put a Christian binding arbitration provision in employment contracts. This approach to dispute resolution is distinctly Biblical and has been upheld by courts when the terms are clearly set forth in employment contracts and other agreements.

Christian Law Association

**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Vardie Hopkins	3
Mr & Mrs Jack Davis	4
Mr & Mrs Gilbert Donald	19

WISDOM

“Put Your Trust in God Fully, and see what doors he will open for you! Most of all Praise Him through the storm you might be going through.” Troy Gratehouse

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**Southwest Texas District - Church Effectiveness Symposium
Saturday, January 8, 2011 - 3107 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos**

- 09:30 Registration
- 10:00 Welcome/Introduction of Speakers
- 10:15 Opening Session – Bishop John Norvell
- 11:00 Jesus' Method of Teaching – Rev. Sharon Sarles
- 12:20 Lunch
- 12:50 Administrative Planning – Rev. David Edwards
- 02:20 Workshops: Youth Ministries – Rev. Jason Norvell
Women's Ministries – Marilyn Norvell
Children's Ministries – Rev. Aaron Jayne
- 3:15 Leadership and the Leader – Rev. Charles Bledsoe
- 3:50 Review

WORD & INSIGHT BLESSES MANY

“I have an expectation of a mighty move of Spirit that is about to be unfolded in the first three months of 2011.” BPEA

Evangelist Bill Pierce emails a daily Word & Insight to all who request it - a refreshing word from the Lord. You can view Daily Word at Bill Pierce Evangelistic Association website: www.billpiercea.org. One recipient recently wrote...

*Dear Brother Bill,
For the past year my cousin Cindy has sent me your emails daily. I want you to know personally that it is because of these I am alive. I wanted to Thank you personally from the bottom of my heart. I have also been passing them on to my cousin with cancer and also friends. They give us all the uplift we need each day to make it through.* VL, San Diego, CA