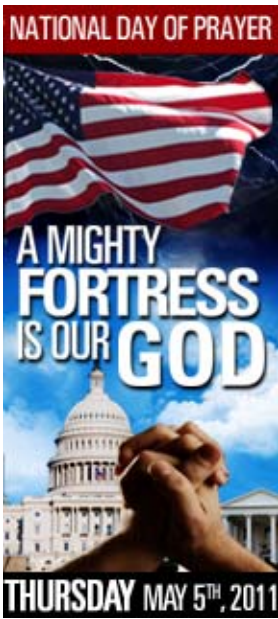


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**SOUTHWEST TEXAN**

MAY 2011

**SPRING FELLOWSHIP**



Bishop shared quotes from his meeting with Texas leaders in Austin and an "On Fire" devotion in each section at Spring Fellowship Luncheons; DYD toured with Dad. Glad to see these SW Texas ministers & spouses:

**SAN MARCOS SECTION @ Cottonseed.** Attending: **Kenneth Mills**, James & Anna **ley**, Clay **Cale**, Gus & Debra **Chupe**.

**AUSTIN SECTION @ Threadgill's.** Attending: **Ron Gratehouse**, Melvin **Clearman**, Mylon **Avery**, Jim **Boatright**, Bill Pierce, Michael **Lytle**.

**SAN ANGELO SECTION @ Las Panchita's.** Attending: **Joe & Shirley Cheesman**, Elton & Judy **Cody**, Vernon & Sandra **Groce**, Jesse Webb, Pearl Trapini, Jack & Margie Davis, Jim & Melissa **Ogden**.

**BROWNWOOD SECTION @ Miguel's.** Attending: **Gilbert & Doris Donald**, Dan & Delores **Chapman**, Hank & Melinda **Cannon**, Al & Jean Creel, Jim & Claire **Newman**.

**WACO/TEMPLE SECTION @ Schoepf's.** Attending: **Billy & Gail Sanders**, Marshall **Bishop**, Lee **Ramey**, Curtis **Jones**, Charles **Bledsoe**, Frances **Watkins**.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SECTION @**

**Butterchurn.** Attending: **Aaron & Bobbie Jayne**, Bob & Eileen **Jayne**, Harold & Deborah **Irvin**, Tim & Lori **Baylor**, Les & Pansy **Crawford**, Carlton & Mitzi **Wetherell**.

**SAN ANTONIO SECTION @ Pancho's.** Attending: Richard **Hagood**, Vardie & Virginia **Hopkins**.

Great food and fellowship at each location! On Fire for God!

**PRAY FOR RAIN**

**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE

**Governor of the State of Texas**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the state of Texas is in the midst of an exceptional drought, with some parts of the state receiving no significant rainfall for almost three months, matching rainfall deficit records dating back to the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, a combination of higher than normal temperatures, low precipitation and low relative humidity has caused an extreme fire danger over most of the State, sparking more than 8,000 wildfires which have cost several lives, engulfed more than 1.8 million acres of land and destroyed almost 400 homes, causing me to issue an ongoing disaster declaration since December of last year; and

WHEREAS, these dire conditions have caused agricultural crops to fail, lake and reservoir levels to fall and cattle and livestock to struggle under intense stress, imposing a tremendous financial and emotional toll on our land and our people; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, both as a state and as individuals, Texans have been strengthened, assured and lifted up through prayer; it seems right and fitting that the people of Texas should join together in prayer to humbly seek an end to this devastating drought and these dangerous wildfires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK PERRY, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim the three-day period from Friday, April 22, 2011, to Sunday, April 24, 2011, as Days of Prayer for Rain in the State of Texas. I urge Texans of all faiths and traditions to offer prayers on those days for the healing of our land, the rebuilding of our communities and the restoration of our normal way of life in Texas.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my Office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 20th day of April, 2011.

*Rick Perry*  
RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

**FYI**

- **Calvary Temple in Gatesville is open for pastor appointment.**
- **Send General Convention assessment (\$40 per church) to district office.**
- **Pastors: complete & return ALCR asap.**
- **Darlene Hurst's mother passed away.**
- **Call Charles Bledsoe for 8ft folding tables.**

**T J THOMAS GOLF CLASSIS - SATURDAY, MAY 21**

**DISTRICT BOARD**

**place:** Quail Creek Country Club, 2701 Hwy 21, San Marcos  
**time:** 12:30 registration, 1:30 shotgun start. Come early to use driving range (included).  
**price:** \$45 per person; \$50 after May 16. (Total team fee \$180; \$200 after May 16.) All inclusive: BBQ banquet, driving range, cart, door prizes. Mulligans and buy-ups are available.  
**prizes:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd place

awards, longest drive, closest to pin, longest putt, plus consolation prizes & lots more!  
**help:** Churches, businesses and individuals are needed to **sponsor a hole for \$150** or co-sponsor for \$75. Proceeds benefit Home Missions in the maintenance of parsonages.  
**also:** each registered player receives a ticket and may purchase additional tickets for...



New "Tight Lies" golf bag and five matching covers

Quarterly meeting - April 18th. Bishop gave devotion from Genesis 47:13-27. Board action included: a) Approve DYD Jason Norvell for promotion to ordination; b) Reduce background checks for new applicants from \$25 to \$7.50; c) Appoint Kevin Powers to fill unexpired term of District World Missions Director; and d) Seek fair market values on District properties.

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

I have been concerned for those that are struggling financially. The Word indicates that **Blessings are activated when you give** above the tithe in cheerful, freewill offerings. The fun comes when you try to "out-give" the Lord - you just can't do it no matter how much you try. The appeal for "It's Settled" is winding down; get your name on the list!

**\$10,000** Coastal Bend Family, Aransas Pass  
**\$5,700** 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  
**\$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  
**\$1,300** John/Marilyn Norvell  
**\$1,000** Billie Sue Thomas  
**\$1,000** Ronald Bowden  
**\$750** Dan/Delores Chapman  
**\$750** 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

**\$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  
**\$100** Michael Cass  
**\$50** Rob/Suzanne Turner  
**\$50** Carlton/Mitzi Wetherell  
**\$25** Elton/Judy Cody  
**\$25** Mattie Lee Cox  
**\$10** Mylon Avery  
**\$10** Hank Cannon

**XS MOTORCYCLE PRAYER RIDE**

**TOWN BLESSED WITH FREE GAS!**

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 to pray and



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

April 16, Trinity Christian Center, Beeville gave away \$2,000 worth of gas (\$10 per car) with a non-threatening, "God has blessed us and we want to bless you." They also gave away \$1,000 worth of \$5 gift certificates to Dollar General, Sonic and McDonald's. No time for sermon Sunday morning with video footage and 20 of the

35 workers testifying through tears. People hugged the workers at the pumps, who were able to pray for families. Lines extended throughout Walmart's parking lot. Four similar events a year are planned. "The focus is on servanthood," Pastor Kevin Powers explained. "Jesus didn't give out titles, He gave out towels."

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

It was a blessing to go on the April Sectional Luncheon Tour with Bishop John Norvell, to get connected with our ministers and give a report of our youth program and to see sectional leaders Jim & Melissa Ogden.

Look for events planned by your sectional youth directors. Lindsey Longo is hosting an Outreach Rally in the Waco/Temple section on Saturday, May 21, 11:00 a.m. at Cam-

eron Park in Waco. They will be passing out water bottles and a message of hope.



New Beginnings in Rockport has primary, junior and senior Bible Quiz teams

competing this year. We're very excited and hope to have more next year. We have 11 entries competing in both Teen and Kids divisions at Nationals in Dallas. Please plan to come and be a part June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. This is as close as it gets. More info at [www.impactym.com](http://www.impactym.com). This is the first year kids will be able to compete at National Talent Expo. We need to support the youth that are repre-

senting SW Texas District.

**Summer Youth Camp will be at Lost Pines in Warda again!**

Senior Camp (ages 13-19) is July 28 - August 2 for only \$75, with speaker Eric Scott. Junior Camp (ages 8-12) is August 3 - 6 for only \$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.

**CAPITOL PRAYER**

Pastor Charles Bledsoe of Victory Tabernacle, Waco and Pastor Billy Sanders of North Pointe Church in Copperas Cove are scheduled to lead in prayer at the Texas State Capitol May 29th for the closing session of Congress and May 9th for the Senate, respectively. Our "politically incorrect" Governor, the honorable Rick Perry, calls on all of us to pray. "God Bless Texas!"

**WM'S NEEDED**

*Pastors, If you have a Women's Ministries group that is sending in Registrations for 2011 or have Alabaster Offerings to give, would you please remind them, for me, that they are due in May. God bless you, Marilyn Norvell, WM Dir.*



**BAPTISTRY GIFT**

*We'd like to give the Bayers, pastors of New Beginnings in Rockport, a big "Thank You" for the baptistry they gave Boundless Love in Corpus Christi. Our men built a platform and steps going into the baptistry. We will be using it to baptize those in our church family for the very first time Easter Sunday. Praise God! It's a real blessing to us. May God richly bless you for your giving. Pastor Rick & Aletha Webb*

**MISSIONARY**

*Greetings in the name of the Lord from the Philippines! We are in the middle of our Northern Luzon PYPY Youth Camp. There is well over 500 kids on campus. You can't even go out of the house without stepping on somebody. The chapel is full wall to wall with people standing all around. The services and activities are great. God's really blessing. David & Paula Parkman*

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Great reports of Attendance & (Salvations) as we celebrated Jesus' Resurrection:  
De Leon 26  
Johnson City 250  
Brownwood 185 (6)  
Copperas Cove 210 (5)  
Beeville 140 (10)  
Aransas Pass 400 (8)  
Waco VT 60 (4)

**YOU REMIND ME OF JESUS**

I'm wondering if someone who knew Jesus really well would look at our lives and say, "You remind me of Jesus!" Your cheerfulness, your humility, your joy, your generosity, your compassion, your attitude, your love. On a wall near the main entrance to the Alamo down in San Antonio, Texas is a portrait

of a man with this inscription written below it, "James Butler Bonham - no picture of him exists. This portrait is of his nephew Major James Bonham, deceased, who greatly resembled his uncle. It is placed here by the family that people may



know the appearance of the man who died for Freedom." My friends, no literal portrait of Jesus, who died to truly free us, exists either. But hopefully others can get a good idea of what He looked like every time they see us. May we strive to be Christ-like in our daily lives. Russell Hylton

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*Congrats Grads*



High School graduating seniors:

Amy Norvell of San Marcos and

Alisha Coppedge of Cuero.

Rev. Deborah Irvin, pastor of Abundant Life in Victoria, graduates Salutatorian of her class and Summa Cum Laude from Messenger College at Commencement Services, Saturday, May 3rd in Joplin, with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministry. Irvin is one of five MC Online students out of the sixteen that are graduating.



**MAY  
BIRTHDAYS**

Rickey Lasly	9
Kelly Crenshaw	11
Jacqueline Emmens	12
Douglas White	12
Thomas Lawson	16
James Iley	20
Salomon Avila	21
Carlton Wetherell	21
Ray Helms	26
Richard Webb	29

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Mr & Mrs Mylon Avery	3
Mr & Mrs Salomon Avila	21
Mr & Mrs Jason Norvell	23
Mr & Mrs Jerry Ward	24

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Have you thought about continuing your education to better serve those to whom God has called you? Consider MC Online at [www.messengercollege.edu](http://www.messengercollege.edu). Just ask recent graduate Deborah Irvin about it.

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- summerfest
- breakouts

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Dallas, TX 75201  
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**SOUTHWEST TEXAS DISTRICT** ministers and congregations need to come out in full force to extend TEXAS hospitality to those coming for GENERAL CONVENTION in Dallas the last week of June. If you have not already registered or reserved your room, please do so today!

Over 70 classes on Pray, Go, Lead, Reach are available on Monday, June 27 from 9am-5pm. It may be hard to choose your classes, but all sessions will be recorded and available for purchase. This will be a great opportunity to network, gain resources and insight.

**PRAY**  
a humble and sincere request, praise, thanksgiving or confession to God.

**GO**  
take up the commission and move into action

**LEAD**  
to guide on a journey by taking the initiative and going in advance

**REACH**  
to extend one's self to another for the building or relationship

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