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DID YOU KNOW?

Offering received at District Convention for Bishop & Marilyn to attend PCG Conference in Israel. Norvells are very grateful for your love and generosity.

Genivieve Ormand still in recovery from painful back surgery.

Jerry Ward recovering from diverticulitis rupture, surgery

Have a prayer need? Call Jerry Ward at 361-937-7474.

New church starting at HQ in San Marcos - His Final Harvest Church, Pastor Ron Green.

PCG Blog Site—
www.pcgeye2eye.net



Filled with *Holy Fire*

I believe the Lord is proclaiming, "My fire will be kindled in many of the darkest places in the land. In the secret chambers of wickedness My fire will fall on desperate hearts. I will turn things inside-out and upside-down. Those who use ministry for personal gain, who have neglected the fire which I had put within them, will not see the favor which I will give to those who are now embracing the fire. But those who have been the last shall be first, and those who have been first in their own eyes, shall be last.

"But revival fires will be carried back and forth across the oceans, and across the deserts, and across the plains, and the mountains. Fires from the cities will be mixed with fires from the country. Fires from the north will be combined with fires from the south. The fires from the east and west will meet and My people will say, "This is a fire which cannot be measured - it is too big and moving too fast.'

"But I have already measured it. It has filled the heavens and will fill the earth. This fire is given to empower My Church to bring in the great harvest. This is a fire that will purify hearts, illuminate minds, and empower the har-

vesters. The fire will fill every willing vessel. There are many vessels which I could use, but I will use those which are full of the fire, not those whom man would choose.

"And now, I command the fire to fall on the sacrifice that is on My altar. I decree that those who cry out for the fire will become blazing torches to light the way for many. They will open the doors to many hearts and even My prophets will say, 'We have not seen this before. Here are unknown vessels proclaiming the Word of the Lord with fire and authority. Surely they have received the fire from Heaven.'

"My holy fire will not be stopped by any human or devilish strategy. My fire will burn until I restrain it on the earth and all things are fulfilled. But today, embrace the fire, put yourselves on the altar, and prepare to burn like the bush which Moses saw. As you burn for Me, many will turn aside to see the fire that I have kindled. For you will burn, but you will not be consumed, for the fire in you is the fire of My great Glory and it shall bring you incredible blessing," says the Lord.

Ben R. Peters, Open Heart Ministries

PCG Minister meets President Bush

During a monthly motorcycle ride on 15 July, we stopped in at Crawford, Texas for some water. As I sat down in my chair I looked across the nearly empty café and our eyes met! The former President of the United States! I wondered if he could see the shock as I nodded and said "hello sir".

He just nodded back and smiled, "Hello." (I think he enjoyed the shock on our faces.) He was sitting there with his wife and some friends having supper and visiting! Who would have known!

We drank the water probably in five minutes or less and each time I looked over at a man that I only dreamed of ever meeting his eyes met mine! The small talk at our table was that no one is going to believe this! The water was finished and as I looked over again, our eyes met! "Sir, do you mind if we get a picture?" He studied the question for a second or less and looked at the secret service behind me as he said, "Sure, got a camera?" I smiled, "Yes sir." He stood up and motioned for us to come over next to his table.

As we posed for the picture my wife told him that we wished he was still the president and he smiled, "Me too, but I am enjoying my retirement."

Monty Van Horn, www.vhmi.org

District Convention Report

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A tremendous District Convention! C. J. Green, teen son of Ron & Karen Green, led praise & worship both nights. The Keynote Tuesday night service was awesome! Churches participating in First Fruits were recognized with a certificate, as were XS Motorcycle Church/Prayer Ride bikers; winners of the T J Thomas Golf Classic were mentioned as Brother Thomas received the coveted trophy, and Gilbert Donald received his 40-year ordination pin and certificate. General Bishop Charles Scott preached a dynamic message, Let's Get Hooked Up". Special guests included Assistant General Bishop C. W. Goforth from Florida.

All were blessed by the revelatory presentation that First Lady Janice Scott made

in the Wednesday morning Women's Ministries Service on birthing. Chad Davis of Lonetree Services in Clovis, CA followed with a mini-seminar on Minister's Taxes and also provided the district with our first CPA certified audit. Afterward, 70 conventioners attended the luncheon at Woody's BBQ.

The Missions Emphasis service included a song from Veronica Powers and a special Philippines presentation from our own missionaries David & Paula Parkman. Bishop Scott gave his all in his second themed-sermon, "you Got to Get Ready for the Hook Up".

The Memorial Service was special as we remembered the life and ministry of James Holloway, Jack Cox and Earl Thompson, as well as spouses

Bro. Brown and Sis. Vannyo.

The Convention business, chaired by Bishop Scott, was short and sweet. All but one resolution carried and Brother Norvell was re-elected as District Bishop. An offering was received to send Bishop and Marilyn to the February Bishop's Conference in Israel. Hands were laid on Walter & Flora Nutt as they return to Bolivia with our love/prayers.

A big finish with the Youth Service Thursday night. Patrick Miller and his team from Copperas Cove led praise & worship and Jonathan Rhodes gave his last message as District Director of Youth Ministries. They leave Texas mid-August for a new pastorate in Santa Paula, California.

Except for well and septic problems, it was the BEST!



Parkman Itineration

Our own missionaries David & Paula Parkman had a sparse itineration in SW Texas during July (will be back in December).

They got some commitment forms at Convention and received about \$2,500 in offerings from churches:
7/12 am **Gatesville, H.O.D.**

7/12 pm **Waco, Victory**

Midweek—*none*

7/19 am **Rio Frio, N.B.**

7/19 pm—*none*

Midweek—*none*

7/26 am Rockport, Baylor

7/26 pm **Pleasanton, N.L.**

Midweek—*none*

8/2 am **Ingleside, Agape**

8/2 pm—*none*



New Beginnings, Rio Frio

Pastoral Vacancies

New Beginnings in Rio Frio is in need of a pastor (housing provided). Nestled in the heart of the hill country, a small core group and community waits for their new pastor. Contact Brother Norvell if inter-

ested in this appointment. It's time; please pray.

Trinity Christian Center in Beeville is accepting resumes for pastor upon the Rhodes' resignation. Contact sectional presbyter Aaron Jayne.

20 Years

Pastor Bob Jayne was honored when the congregation of Coastal Bend Family Worship Center hosted a banquet in recognition of his years as pastor. 20 years ago he was elected unanimously and has led the church in major growth and development.

40 Years

Brother Norvell was privileged to attend the renewal of vows as Jerrel and Cynthia Martinez celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at Hoffbrau's Steakhouse with a host of family and friends.

Youth Ministries

Director Jonathan Rhodes

It was another great year of Camp. Between the two camps about 60 students were ministered to, 80 with leaders. Brian Wise gave excellent messages—“With God, if your off by an inch your off by a mile.” Teens were encouraged not to be among the 85% that walk away from church after graduation. The Kid’s theme for camp was SUPERhero and all learned to serve the second mile. The last evening they were all presented as heroes for the world.

There was a good turnout at the District Youth Rally which

included dance from Austin Revival Center, a performance from the camp drama team *Ragman* (Craig Goodall, Brittany Miller, Alisha Coppedge, Amy Norvell) and great worship led by Patrick Miller and the worship team from North Pointe Church. Director Jonathan Rhodes’ message encouraged the youth to succeed at a young age by fulfilling God’s call on their life now. Everybody headed to Cici’s Pizza afterward.

We so appreciated working with the District these last two

years. We end our term knowing that God has done great things. As we pass the torch we believe God has good things for Jason & Becky and we look forward to hearing good reports from Southwest Texas.

Aloha,

The Rhodes family



Jonathan, LaRonna, Emmy and Koa

Fishers of Men—Do What You Are

“And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him,” Matthew 4:18-20.

I have always loved this portion of scripture, “casting their nets into the sea, for they were

fishers.” I would love to repeat that phrase about one hundred times in this [article] then maybe we would get it. They were casting their nets into the sea... why? Because they were fishermen. Why were they fishing? Because they were fishermen. Because they were fishermen, therefore they were casting their nets into the sea. **THEY WERE FISHING BECAUSE THEY WERE FISHERMEN! BECAUSE THEY**

WERE FISHERMEN, THEY WERE FISHING. What you are dictates what you do! What you do shows everyone what you are.

You are a Christian. That dictates what you do: how you act, how you live, how you talk, how you think. You are an alien living on this planet; your citizenship is not of this world. We are supposed to be professing Christians, and also practicing Christians.

Terry Mize



Board News

Ordained ministers Tim Baylor, Kenneth Mills, Kevin Powers and Jack Davis were reinstated. Jason Norvell was chosen as Director of Youth Ministries, replacing Jonathan Rhodes (relocating to California). Rockport churches were approved for a merger under Pastor Baylor. Pastor Ron Green will begin services in HQ facility as His Final Harvest Church.

Convention Insight

“Was an honor to be in service last night in San Marcos with the Southwest Texas PCG Convention. What a powerful message delivered by the General Bishop, Brother Scott. I began to see the many streams - a representation of the many lives that love God - flowing; but they were flowing

separately. Then at the right time, the streams came together which made a powerful river. This now is happening. We are not lone rangers, but the church, called together, empowered by Spirit for this Last Days revival. Come on in and be a part of our Father's River.” *Bill Pierce*





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Road Warriors
Prayer Warriors

Some of the '09 Xtreme Service
Motorcycle Church/Prayer Ride bikers



August Birthdays/Anniversaries

Hank Cannon	3	Mr. & Mrs. Jerrel Martinez	1
John Norvell	3	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Helms	5
Jim Moore	4	Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Watkins	8
Judy Cody	5	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hagood	14
Martha Woelke	6	Mr. & Mrs. Walter Nutt	14
Bill Hickson	7	Mr. & Mrs. Delmar Summers	26
Ed Newman	8		
Gus Chupe	10		
Frances Watkins	15		
Al Creel	16		
Kathy Reed	16		
Genivieve Ormand	27		

On Call

<input type="checkbox"/> Gus Chupe—Sequin	(830) 386-0101
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<input type="checkbox"/> Jack & Genevive Holderby—Shertz	(210) 722-0036
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<input type="checkbox"/> Doug White, Jr.—Victoria	(361) 275-4738



San Angelo Section **King's Men Fellowship** (KMF) is hosting a men's weekend at **Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat**, lunch Thursday through lunch Saturday, **August 27-29**. Depending on your arrival and departure times, you can pay for one or two nights lodging and only \$6 per meal. For more information contact host KMF Sectional Director Jim Ogden at (325)212-8689.



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**Women's
Conference
Sept. 18-19**

