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DID YOU KNOW?

Calling SWTX to prayer on March 22 court date.

Prayer? Call Jerry Ward 361-937-7474
Healing is coming!

Annual Local Church Report (ALCR) is due.

North Pointe Church in Copperas Cove had a good Sunday: 190 attend, 21 baptized, 3 saved (160 avg. for 2009).

Trinity Christian Center in Beeville had a good Sunday: near 100 (largest since Pastor Powers arrived) w/ 5 saved.

Messenger College COLLEGE DAYS April 1-3. Call 417-624-7070, ext 101.

Primary Election, Tuesday, March 2. It is the expected duty of every registered voter to prayerfully vote Biblical values.

"...what the devil meant for trouble, I will turn into triumph." 12/4/09

Drunk with VICTORY

When the Lord first gave me the revelation about becoming drunk with victory, I began to ask Him, "What does this mean?" He immediately said, "PRACTICE WINNING!" And then He gave me a picture of my son, John Samuel's little league team.

You probably know that 7 to 8-year old boys are very emotional about their baseball. If things are going well in the game, they are excited and energetic; if they get behind much at all or even make one bad play, they drag their feet and their long faces around the field and can hardly muster the energy to swing the bat, much less win the game (so much like us).

The picture God gave me was this - what if I could get those young boys together *before* the game and tell them, "I've got good news for you boys: I already know what the score will be at the end of the game. We win 10-9 in the 5th inning! So just go out there and 'have fun!' Play the game!" What do you think it would do for their attitude and performance?

Suddenly it dawned on me that this is the exact, literal situation we are in. Jesus has **al-**

ready won the victory for our entire lives and our job is to let the intoxicating wine of this fact permeate our minds and our bodies until we are saturated with faith and motivated to get out there and play the game knowing that we have already won! Our present circumstances have nothing to do with the outcome.

We are winners, and we have a choice to live like champions or to drudge through daily life as if we are battle fodder for the devil. No! We are *super overcomers* according to the Word of God! *More than conquerors*, we are kings and priests, co-heirs with Christ! C'mon people! It is time for the Church to become DRUNK WITH VICTORY!

Let's begin to celebrate what Jesus has already won and the victory that we have in Him. Let joy in the Holy Spirit be what attracts the world to us. Start now by asking the Holy Spirit to invade your space. Practice winning every day. Live as if you knew you were going to win. Your whole life will change and everyone around you will notice and want to play.

Keith Luker

Poverty Vs. Potential

A poverty mentality keeps us from entering our full potential. Those bound by expectations of poverty never look beyond the narrow scope of the immediate lack in order to find God's rich promises for the future. If we expect to live in poverty, whether physically or spiritually, we will not be disappointed. Poverty says, "God is not capable!" The poverty mentality is not just linked

with possessions, but with every issue of supply in our lives, including such things as relationships to God and to one another. If we have a poverty mentality, we tend to resist giving because there may not be enough left over. However, the Word of God says that a mindset like that will actually lead to poverty. We must get right in our giving if we are to break out of poverty!

Chuck Pierce



Statue of Liberty



Rockefeller Center



The Garden Tomb



Israel Foreign Affairs



PCG General Council met for five sessions in New York February 5-9. While there we visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, Empire State Building, United Nations, Grand Central Station, and Marilyn enjoyed a Broadway show. We attended Times Square Church Sunday morning. We rode NYC subways, taxis and a carriage ride through Central Park. So much more than can be written.

We flew non-stop from New York to Tel Aviv on El Al. Spent the first night in Ramat Gan with a view of the Mediterranean Sea; two nights at Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee; and two

nights in Jerusalem. We visited:
 ♦Independence Hall where David Ben Gurion declared the State of Israel on May 14, 1948
 ♦toured the coastal route of Galilee, including Caesarea Philippi and Roman ruins
 ♦atop Mount Carmel with breathtaking view where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal
 ♦Nazareth, Jesus' hometown
 ♦Mt. of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered Sermon on the Mount
 ♦enjoyed St. Peter's fish and boat ride across Sea of Galilee
 ♦Capernaum where Jesus spent most of ministry; Peter's house
 ♦Tabgha the site of the miracle of fish and loaves multiplication

♦saw 2,000 year-old, 30 ft. boat that many believe Jesus used
 ♦some braved the cold waters of the Jordan to be baptized at Yardenit (including Bob Jayne)
 ♦atop the Mount of Olives overlooking city of Jerusalem
 ♦Garden of Gethsemane; saw the ancient olive trees and rock where Jesus prayed
 ♦walked through security of the recently built wall to visit Bethlehem, and saw the place where Jesus was born
 ♦partook of communion at the Garden Tomb, went inside — He is not here, for He is risen!
 ♦prayed in the Upper Room (Last Supper and 120 tarried, above King David's tomb) for Holy Ghost to baptize French Catholics that were seeking
 ♦prayed at the Western Wall
 ♦too many sites and activities to list them all. It was awesome!
 Presented the Mayor of Jerusalem with our PCG Covenant proclamation. Visited the Knesset and received briefings at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where we were commissioned as Watchmen on the Wall. Thanks for support and prayer.



I.M. Rallies

Visit with our own PCG Indian Missions Director C. Don Burke at the Indian Missions Rally nearest you. Let's have a good attendance at each our host churches.

March 1—San Angelo

Full Gospel Assembly

March 2—Hamilton

Victory Christian Fellowship

March 3—Gatesville

Heaven's Open Door

March 4—Cedar Park

Trinity Tabernacle

March 5—Luling

River of Life Worship Center

March 6—Corpus Christi

Boundless Love Fellowship



1,000 people living on the grounds of our national compound in Port-au-Prince where PCG suffered heavy damage. Half of one of our congregations is believed dead. Overall death toll unknown: government estimates more than 200,000. 100 amputations per week in make-shift hospital. A fund is set up to help our churches and people. Send offerings to PCG World Missions, P O Box 2248, Joplin, MO 64803, marked "Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund".

Youth Ministries Director Jason Norvell

What's going on in the Youth Department? January and February were full of activities: [ILD Conference](#) in Rolla, MO, [Connect Tour](#) and the [Married Couples Getaway](#).



Talent Expo—March 27, for ages 7-35. Winners in the Teen group (ages 13-19) advance to National Teen Talent Expo in Cincinnati,

Ohio. The overall winner in Junior and Young Adult groups get to perform at the District Youth Rally in July. Registration forms and rule books are online www.swtxyouth.com. **Early Registration (\$15 per entry)** due by March 8th; final registration (**\$25 per entry**) is due by March 18th.

Girls get your handbags and heels ready for the **Handbags & Heels & Everything in-between** Weekend April 16, 17, 18 in San Antonio.

We'll talk about true beauty and have fun on the Riverwalk. Watch the mail for more in-depth details.

Kids don't feel left out. We'll have the **Kids Connect Tour** in May.

And, of course, Camp in July will be an experience you won't forget! **July 18-21 is Teen Camp** at an amazing cost of **\$65**, and **July 22-24 is Kids Camp** only costing **\$50**. All this taking place at a little place called LOST PINES! WOW!

Get connected with us through the website & on Facebook. Jason & Becky both have Facebooks, and SWTX District YOUTH has a Facebook!

World Missions Awards

Two beautiful plaques were received in the District Office from World Missions Director Loyd Naten recognizing SW Texas as "Committed to the Harvest".

With appreciation and recognition of your sacrificial giving for the support of God's work around the world.

Southwest Texas District was **SEVENTH in the Nation** in World Missions contributions in 2009. Churches gave a total of \$90,580.29.

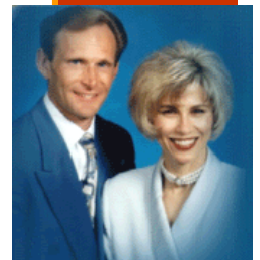
Southwest Texas District was **FOURTH in the Nation** in World Missions contributions per church in 2009. Churches gave an average of \$2,322.57.

While most Districts are feeling the crunch of the plundering economic condition of our country, for your District to continue to give as it has, is greatly appreciated. It simply emphasizes to me that you and your churches are committed to the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

March 8,9,10

2010 Bible Conference will live up to its name with powerful Bible preaching from a premier expositor, Rev. John Parish from Eufala, Oklahoma. Pastor Parish, a graduate of Southern Bible College, has been preaching since he was 12 and has led a thriving church for the last 35 years. He is in demand across the U.S. and is seen by a weekly television audience. Don't miss the fellowship and the time in the Word!

Y'all come! Reserve dates! Mark calendar! Plan to attend!



John & Rhea Parish

Churches

Faith Chapel, Lockhart is open for pastoral consideration. If interested, please contact San Marcos Sectional Presbyter Genivieve Ormand.

Since no one has shown any interest in starting a church in San Marcos utilizing the District HQ at RR 12, the Board voted to rent the facility to a spirit-filled congregation.

ALCR

All chartered and fellowshipping PCG churches should have submitted the **ANNUAL LOCAL CHURCH REPORT** for 2009. If you haven't already done so, we ask that the Pastor or church secretary send it to the District Office ASAP (send a copy if completing it online). We appreciate each church's cooperation for 100% reporting in SW Texas.

Drive thru Prayer

Agape Fellowship and Training Center in Ingleside added something this year to their Week of Prayer and Fasting. Not only did they come together for nightly prayer meetings at 7 p.m., but they also set up a canopy in front of the church for "Drive Thru Prayer" for the hours of 4-6 p.m. The sign in front displayed, **Drive Thru Prayer 4-6 PM nightly Pull Up and Honk**. A while back they put on the sign "Need Prayer? Stop in or call 776-3201" and had quite a few people call and come in. It is a great opportunity to touch lives. TPM



March Birthday/Anniversary

Sidney Vannoy	11	Mr. & Mrs. Les Crawford	17
Vardieman Hopkins	13	Mr. & Mrs. James Boatright	21
Bill Daughtry	17	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schmidt	21
Jason Norvell	18	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jayne	25
Timothy Baylor	20		
Ronald Bowden	20		
Mark Swartz	30		
Bobby Dickey	31		

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Jim & Marsha Boatright
celebrate 40 years of
marriage March 21st.
Family & Church invite
all to a party at Liberty
Lighthouse Fellowship
in Johnson City, Satur-
day, March 20 at 5 pm.

Ministers Available

Gus Chupe—Seguin	(830) 386-0101
Jack & Genevive Holderby—Schertz	(210) 722-0036
Ray Keasler—Granite Shoals	(830) 798-4019
Jim & Melissa Ogden—San Angelo	(325) 212-8689
Bill Pierce—Austin	(719) 821-6906
Jesse Webb—San Angelo	(325) 763-5512
Carlton Wetherell—Rockport	(361) 790-7610
Doug White, Jr.—Victoria	(361) 489-9032
Ben Carter—Lockhart	(512) 213-8982



The District will finally have their day in court on March 22. Comal County denied property tax exemption on Canyon Oaks Ranch, forcing us to trial in district court. Our attorneys feel confident of victory, but we know “the battle is the Lord’s” and He goes before us. Be very much in prayer.



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