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DID YOU KNOW?

Expecting a miracle for Earl Thompson, heart and lungs.

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

Board Meeting approved Richard Van Horn (exhorter) and Mattie Lee Cox (license); appointed Bill Daughtry (world missions director).



Parkmans arrive at Houston Hobby Airport May 3, 10:30am from the Philippines.

Bikers visit churches May 4-8 on 3rd annual XS Motorcycle Church/Prayer Ride!

Pastor Jayne reports 445 in attendance on Easter at CBFWC.

PCG Blog Site—www.pcgeye2eye.net

Happy Birthday AMY Norvell 16 candles!



Bishop's Bible Conference Notes

“BRINGING GLORY TO GOD” Wednesday AM

There is a gravitational pull in the church—inward. It takes no effort. We must continually counteract the gravitational pull and thrust ourselves outward.

Faithfulness is essential. Numbers 12:7-8; Nehemiah 9:8; Psalm 31:23; Proverbs 13:17; 28:20; 1 Cor. 4:2. Where the head goes the others are going to follow. Luke 16:10-12, Be faithful 1) in small things 2) in unrighteous mammon 3) with that which belongs to someone else. We are called to be faithful, but faithfulness is not the end-all. Faithfulness is only one measure. We're called to more than faithfulness.

John 15:8, For too long we only wanted to measure faithfulness and wouldn't measure fruitfulness, when the real glory comes to God when there is fruitfulness. We're afraid to measure fruitfulness because that means accountability, but only a fool doesn't want accountability. Most of our dreams and thinking are too small. The smallest vision you can have biblically is for your entire city. If your vision is just to fill the chairs, that's not enough.

Faithful *and* fruitful, Matthew 25:14-30. Faithfulness is the foundation to launch fruitfulness. The unprofitable servant didn't lose the one coin, he just didn't increase it. To just be faithful with what God has entrusted to me is to be called wicked and lazy before the King of kings. The goal is not faithfulness, but what have you done to bear fruit. True service is not inside the walls, but out there. The one who was only faithful was called wicked and lazy. In the end, I want to be fruitful.

You really only fail when you don't try. I'm either up or getting up. If you going to measure fruitfulness you've got to let go of ego and pride; let the Macedonian call come out of your own mouth—come over here and help us.

CSI:Critical Success Indicators—you tell me what you want to count, then report that in order to show a trend so we will know how to help. If we have a long season without fruitfulness, we've got to back up and say, “Where is our goal?” “What is the longing in my heart?” Because God placed me on earth to bring glory to Him. He wants to receive glory from mankind and if this scripture says it's through fruitfulness that I give Him glory, then I've got to do something to be fruitful. Too many Christians die full, when biblically the only way you should die is empty: You've done everything God has called you

to do, you've fulfilled the dreams and visions He's put in your heart. Now you're empty—you're ready to go home.

John 15:8,16, Launch from faithfulness and become fruitful. Isn't that a great goal? You're on a journey to fruitfulness of the true riches of God, and God is going to supply you with what you need to get there. We're sitting, too many times, waiting on God to give us more. Our conversation with God is like a game of checkers. God has already moved, and we're saying, “Hey, God, move,” and God says, “I'm not going to break My rules—it's your turn... move!”

The car is a whole lot easier to steer when the wheels are rolling. We're saying, “God, steer me.” And God is saying, “Wake up; you aren't going anywhere. The wheels aren't rolling. You're just being faithful. But if you'll start turning the wheels, I'll start steering.” When I decide to step, He starts ordering. When you move in obedience you step out of the natural realm into the supernatural realm; you step into fruitfulness. All of a sudden the favor of God comes on your life, and then the next step and the next... and things start happening. When you begin to say, “Faithfulness is no longer the acceptable norm,” and that “Fruitfulness is the only thing I will sit still for,” you create that culture in the house.

Luke 13:6-9. A tree that is supposed to bear fruit is no good without fruit. Sometimes the journey from faithfulness to fruitfulness is just a little dung. Assessment: 1) Am I in Your will? 2) Is there anything in my life that is out of line? 3) What is it that I don't see that you want me to see? Then get out of your Comfort Zone. Get out of the fishbowl and get into the aquarium. Get around visionaries. Stay away from Eor. The negative wire goes to the ground—negative people will keep you hooked to the ground. Limit your time with chronic, negative people.

I love Jesus' model of reaching the lost: meet the known need, then show them the spiritual need. Proverbs 11:30, If you will keep the goal—the lost, then you will say, “I will not accept anything but fruitfulness.” Praying Hyde told God I need a soul a day or I die. At the end of the year he won 365 souls. The next year two a day—730 souls. The next year he won three souls every day. We've made winning the lost an option; we just have church. God put at the heart of us a desire to be fruitful, because fruitfulness is what brings Him glory. *Bishop Dwayne Deskins*

April Bishop's Tour - Relationships

Sirloin Stockade
Lockhart
Zentner's Daughter
San Angelo
CJ's Diner
Comanche
Luigi's Italian
McGregor
Cannoli Joe's
Austin
Hermann Sons
Hondo
Butter Churn
Aransas Pass

What a blessed time of relationship-building we had in each of the sections. The luncheons were great for a 2+ hour visit. These folks made it:

San Marcos Section: (all 4 churches represented) Bro/Sis Ormand; Bro Carter; Bro/Sis Iley; Bro Pierce; Bro Brown, *David, Butch*. **San Angelo Section:** (all 3 churches) Bro/Sis Cheesman; Sis Cody; Sis Hernandez; Sis Trapini; Sis Ogden, *Emma*,

Athena, Jayden; Bro/Sis *Messer*. **Brownwood Section:** (all 3 churches) Bro/Sis Donald; Bro/Sis Chapman; Bro/Sis Creel; Sis Newman; *Bro Cortez*. **Waco/Temple Section:** (4 of 10 churches) Bro/Sis Daughtry; Bro/Sis Summers, Bro Jones; Bro Dickey; Sis Reed, *Gavin*; Bro/Sis Van Horn. **Austin Section:** (3 of 6 churches) Bro Moore; Bro/Sis Clearman; Bro Avery; Bro/Sis Thomas; Bro Turner; Bro/Sis

Pierce; Bro Gratehouse, *Michael*; *Bro Mills*. **San Antonio Section:** (all 3 churches) Bro/Sis Thompson; Bro/Sis Helms; Bro/Sis Hopkins; Bro Hagood. **Corpus Christi Section:** (6 of 10 churches) Bro/Sis A.Jayne, *Christopher*; Bro/Sis B.Jayne, *Steven, Nicole, Journey, Gloria*; Bro/Sis Martin, *Alexa*; Bro/Sis Swartz; Bro/Sis Webb, *Taylor*; Sis Grubbs; Bro/Sis Irvin; Bro/Sis Crawford; Bro/Sis Wetherell.

Pray May 7

The 58th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 7th. Millions will unite in prayer around the theme "Prayer... America's Hope" based on Psalm 33:22, "Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee." America needs God!

TJ Thomas Golf Classic

District golf tournament slated for **Friday, May 22!** **1:00** shotgun start at Harvey Penick Golf Campus (6601 Ed Bluestein Blvd.) **Austin**.

Entry fee is discounted to \$120 per team (\$30 per person) if received prior to May 9th. After May 9th the regular fee of \$160 per team (\$40 per person) applies.

Return registration forms to the district office by May 8.

We need businesses, churches, and/or individuals to sponsor a hole for \$250 (1/2 for \$125). Proceeds benefit Home Missions repair of parsonages.

For more information contact HM Coordinator Bob Jayne at 361-775-1309.

Deeper Water

Evangelist Bill Pierce met the District Board as a transferring minister and was asked what he saw in the Spirit now. He emailed this response later in the day.

"I am seeing a special dispensation. Remember when Ezekiel was carried into the Temple: water to ankles, then knees, then water to thighs, then water so deep had to swim in it? This is where the remnant

is: those wanting to go from deep to deeper in the Spirit. That day when the Spirit of God is taking us to the place of total trust in Him. Deeper Water: that place in Him—His presence that we must have for this last day revival—that place where we hear and see in the Spirit to accomplish great exploits for our Jesus. Please allow water (Spirit) to rise in your life. We will not miss out on what Jesus has."

Pastors

Island Worship Center in Port Aransas is anticipating a pastoral vacancy. If interested in being considered for this unique pastorate on the island, contact Sectional Presbyter Aaron Jayne or the district office. *Isaiah 42:12*

Looking for a pioneer pastor to start services in our District HQ facility in San Marcos (college town). Contact the Bishop if interested. *Jeremiah 3:15*

58th Annual Observance
**PRAYER...
AMERICA'S
HOPE**



Youth Ministries

Director Jonathan Rhodes—swtxyouth.com

Hope all is good for everyone here in the nation of TEXAS. This past month LaRonna and I have been focused on our first **Kidz Rally Tour**. We traveled the District hosting a "Kid MO Kidz Rally" in four sections: San Angelo, Brownwood, Austin and Corpus Christi. The rallies consisted of a high energy kid's program, ice cream bash, church competition and 4 pies smashed in my face that the winners of the competition had the delight of doing (we know what they say about paybacks). A big thanks to

all the churches who were part of the Rallies.

We want to remind everyone of the 2009 camps! **July 19 - 22** will be **Youth Camp**. Our theme is "Live Your Faith – a lasting encounter". You can expect amazing worship from Aaron Palmer, powerful relevant truth by Brian Wise, and some crazy Camp Fun that we can't get enough of. **July 23 - 26** is **Kids Camp** with our theme "Super – U". The kids will experience rich media ministry, competitions, intimate ministry time, and tons

of messy fun. Our Kids Camp will be hosted by *yours truly*, Jonathan and LaRonna Rhodes. Both camps will be held at the El Shaddiah Retreat Center in the big metropolis of Yorktown, TX. Prices are: **\$120.00 for leaders** and **\$130.00 for campers**. More info via www.swtxyouth.com.

Please Note: We need church & individual support for Camps. Offerings given will help with guest speaker expense and general operating costs. We depend on your support to make Camp happen! Thank You.

Thanks for joining STAR PROGRAM

- Austin Section:**
Pastor/Mrs Jim Moore
Pastor/Mrs Mylon Avery
Rev/Mrs T. J. Thomas
- Brownwood Section:**
New Beginnings
Pastor/Mrs Gilbert Donald
- Corpus Christi Section:**
Abundant Life
Agape Fellowship
Boundless Love
Coastal Bend Family
Island Worship
- San Angelo Section:**
New Hope Community
West Texas Christian
- San Antonio Section:**
Pastor/Mrs Earl Thompson
- San Marcos Section:**
Bishop/Mrs John Norvell
Chris & Jeanine Coppedge
Gospel Lighthouse
Trinity Family
- Waco/Temple Section:**
Grand Old Gospel
Faith Temple Lighthouse

Motorcycle Church/Prayer Ride May 4-8

Schedule distributed at Spring Sectional Tour, and on our website at www.swtx-pcg.org.

Pray for good weather and safety on the road. Can call church/pastor before your's to make sure we will be on time. Join us on the ride or at the church for prayer

MONDAY—May 4

- 12:00 San Marcos
- 12:53 Johnson City
- 1:57 Austin, AHOP
- 2:31 Austin, Trinity
- 2:54 Austin, ARC
- 3:45 Cedar Park
- 4:24 Georgetown
- 5:49 Kingsland
- 7:11 Copperas Cove

TUESDAY—May 5

- 8:00 Copperas Cove
- 8:42 Killeen
- 9:27 Temple
- 10:26 Gatesville
- 11:02 McGregor
- 11:39 Waco, FGA
- 12:06 Waco, VT
- 1:38 Clifton, GO
- 1:58 Clifton, PCG

2:50 Hamilton

- 4:20 Early
- 4:41 Brownwood
- 6:32 San Angelo, NHC
- 6:40 San Angelo, FGA

WEDNESDAY—May 6

- 8:00 San Angelo, FGA
- 8:22 Carlsbad
- 12:09 Rio Frio
- 2:49 San Antonio

3:47 Pleasanton

- 5:36 Beeville
- THURSDAY—May 7**
- 8:00 Beeville
- 11:09 Edinburg

2:50 Corpus, CBT

- 3:16 Corpus, BLF
- 3:48 Corpus, LT
- 4:40 Port Aransas
- 5:48 Ingleside

6:15 Aransas Pass

FRIDAY—May 8

- 8:00 Aransas Pass
- 8:18 Rockport
- 9:58 Victoria
- 10:58 Cuero
- 12:02 Luling
- 12:32 Lockhart
- 12:52 Smithville
- 2:02 San Marcos



Miracle Healing Needed

Two of our ministers are in desperate need of prayer: Earl Thompson and Steve Oates. We will continue to pray until the desired results manifest.

Jackie checked Earl out of Scott & White, April 7th, after the doctors decided there was nothing else they could do. The doctor said he may have six months at the most and referred him to hospice. Nothing short

of a miracle will do. Pray like your life depends on it!

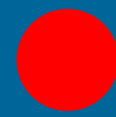
Steve can't walk and has lost all feeling from his knees down (his legs are bone thin) because of diabetic amyotrophy. His feet burn, he is in constant, horrific pain and he has injuries from his attempts to walk. But praise the Lord! The spot that the doctors discovered on his spine is gone! Pray!

90 in Joplin

Make plans to be in Joplin June 27 - July 1 for General Convention & the 90th Anniversary of Pentecostal Church of God. Vote "yes" to move the international headquarters to Dallas!

The General Office assesses each District \$35 per church to help meet the budget. Therefore, each church is asked to send \$35 to the District Office to help defray this expense. Thank you.

Leading up to General Convention join us in 40 Days of Prayer & Fasting May 15 - June 23





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Oops... Two boys were playing together. They had been reading about the animal sacrifices in the O. T. In their little game, they built an altar of stones and placed some wood upon it. When the altar was finished, one boy turned to the other and said, "Now we must find some sacrifice." The other little boy looked at his toys. His eyes fell on a wooden camel. One of the legs was broken off. Picking it up, he said, "Here, let's sacrifice this! It's no good anyhow."



May Birthdays/Anniversaries

Rickey Lasly	9	Mr. & Mrs. Mylon Avery
Kelly Crenshaw	11	3
Jacqueline Emmens	12	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Swartz
Douglas White	12	11
Richard Alden	13	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Alden
Thomas Lawson	16	21
James Iley	20	
Salomon Avila	21	
Carlton Wetherell	21	
Ray Helms	26	
Richard Webb	29	

Ministers on call

- Gus Chupe—Sequin (830) 386-0101
- Donna Classen—Beeville (361) 343-2844
- Les Crawford—Beeville (361) 358-5499
- Jack & Genevive Holderby—Shertz (210) 722-0036
- Ray Keasler—Granite Shoals (830) 798-4019
- Bill Pierce—Austin (719) 821-6906
- Gary D. Seale—Cuero (361) 275-1527
- Jesse Webb—San Angelo (325) 763-5512
- Carlton Wetherell—Rockport (361) 790-7610
- Doug White, Jr.—Victoria (361) 275-4738

Synergy = the interaction of "two or more" agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual efforts. Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Leviticus 26:8a, "And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight." Ecclesiastes 4:9, 12, "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."



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**T. J. Thomas
Golf Classic
Friday, May 22**

