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DID YOU KNOW?

Jim Moore's father passed away.

Joann Jackson miraculously healed of trigeminal neuralgia, etc. PTL!

Prayer? Call Jerry Ward 361-937-7474

District Board Monday, October 19th.

Attend Fall Fellowship in your Section

October is Pastor appreciation month

Liberty Lighthouse Fellowship in Johnson City dedicated new facility Sept 20.

Revival at North Pointe 60+ saved, many healed, best attendance ever.

Agape Fellowship needs a youth pastor (no youth group in Ingleside). Contact Pastor Martin at 361-776-3201.

Bishop installed Tim Baylor as pastor of church merger in Rockport (160+).

80+ at installation service in Beeville for Pastor Powers.

How BIG is Your Vision?

Over the years, I've learned that, contrary to popular opinion, the bigger the vision, the easier it is to reach that vision, and, ultimately, the size of your vision should be determined by the size of God.

How big do you think God is? The issue is not who do you think you are, but who do you think God is? In your dreams for your ministry, don't limit yourself by saying, "What can I do?" Instead ask, "What can God do in this place?"

When determining the size of your vision you need to keep three factors in mind. The first factor is the ultimate population of your ministry area. Go get a map of your community, draw a circle that would include approximately 15 minutes' driving distance to your

church and find out how many people are in that area. Then you say, "Ultimately, we want to try to reach everybody."

The second factor is a question only you can answer: How long do you intend to stay there? Most of us overestimate what we can do in one year and underestimate what we can do in 10 years or 20 years. The trouble with most goal setting is we set our goals too low and try to accomplish them too soon.

Instead, we need to set big goals, huge goals, enormous goals, but plan on plenty of time in getting there. To reach big goals, you have to plan for the long haul in ministry. If you don't plan on staying someplace for the long haul, don't go there. You must plan for time. Persistence is the key in reach-

ing a large goal. Conversely, the size of your goal will be determined by how much of your life you plan to spend in reaching it.

The third factor for determining the size of your vision is a frank appraisal of your own gifts. The Bible makes very clear that there are one-talent people and five-talent people and ten-talent people. Some pastors will never have more than 150 in their church because they insist on doing everything themselves. If you have a vision to grow a large church reaching people from across the spectrum, you'll have to change the way you think. That's why you have to do an honest assessment of your gifts. Your own gifts and abilities will determine your style of ministry and the size of your vision.

from Rick Warren

We are Spiritual Beings

We must never lose sight of the fact that this life is a spiritual journey. As New Testament believers, we are spiritual beings. It may help to understand this concept about life: we are *not* human beings who are having a temporary spiritual experience; we

are spiritual beings who are having a temporary human experience! We are spirit, soul and body... but spirit first. We are not spirit only under certain circumstances or during certain times. We are called to "walk by the Spirit" at all times (Rom. 8:1,5,6;

Gal. 5:16). As believers we are always spiritual (1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17)! Therefore, let us walk in the Spirit as spiritual men and women, confident because of our solid foundation in God through Christ.

World MAP Digest

Sunday House Inn - Fredericksburg



This is going to be the best **Minister's Advance** ever! In the beautiful hill country resort town of Fredericksburg at the famed Sunday House Inn, right on Main Street next to blocks of shopping. Our special guest speaker Vernell Ingle is flying in from Kentucky to strengthen

our homes, and thus our ministries. And for those that sign up early, we have group rate tickets \$25 to the #1 show in Texas at the Rockbox Theater. Join us for a cookout picnic on the grounds and later "Dutch treat" dinner at Double Jade Restaurant across the street. Everything is within walking

distance.

Make your own reservation at **Sunday House Inn**. Call now **1-800-274-3762** and tell them you are with SW TX District Minister's Advance for the **\$89** per night special discount rate.

Don't miss the chance to be strengthened and blessed!

If there seems to be 100 reasons why God would never use you, then rejoice, because those are the 100 reasons why He will use you. When God is looking for someone to change the world, He looks for the most unlikely candidate.

Bishop's Fall District Combo Tour

Bishop Norvell will use his October Tour to introduce the new District Youth Director, Jason Norvell, in each section. Be sure to bring the Kids and Teens with you. Note time and place on the schedule & make every effort to attend. After a sixty-minute service, we will fellowship around the table.



Heb. 10:25 - Assembling together much more. C'mon, we need it!

San Marcos Section

October 20, Tuesday, 7:00
Trinity Church, Cuero

San Angelo Section

October 22, Thursday, 7:00
Full Gospel Assembly, San Angelo

Brownwood Section

October 23, Friday, 7:00
Victory Christian, Hamilton

Waco/Temple Section

October 24, Saturday, 3:00
Victory Chapel, McGregor

Austin Section

October 26, Monday, 7:00
Austin Revival Center, Austin

San Antonio Section

October 27, Tuesday, 7:00
New Life Outreach, Pleasanton

Corpus Christi Section

October 29, Thursday, 7:00
Trinity Christian Center, Beeville

One of our most remote churches, in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. Awesome!



New Beginnings in Rio Frio has had an open pulpit since May 10. Needs a Pastor! Call Bishop Norvell!

Jackie Thompson writes: Thanks and hugs to my brothers and sisters in the Dis-

trict for all of your prayers, encouraging words and financial help. God has been at work in

me and I feel his strength every day. He continues to supply all of my needs spiritually, physically and financially.

The kids moved me back home to Belton within a week of Earl going to see Jesus. I spent a week with family celebrating my 70th birthday before coming home to start dealing with Social Security, which took about two months. I attended the Discipleship Minis-

tries meeting in Joplin, June 22nd. In July, I took a trip to Golden Dale, Washington where Ronald works. I returned in time to attend District Convention and am back doing substitute teaching and waiting excitedly to see what God has in the future for me.

Thank you again for your love, prayers, phone calls, cards and encouraging support you have shared with me. JET

Youth Ministries Director Jason Norvell



We've been busy here in the Youth Department. I hope your youth "Saw" You at the Pole to pray with them on September 23. Over 2 million students were expected to be praying around flagpoles that morning. Please send us any SYATP pictures you may have. We had a great time at the **Youth Leader Development Day** on Saturday, September 26th here in San Marcos. We got a lot accomplished for the upcoming year.

Next big event is **October 16 -17** for the **Young Adult** age group (includes out of high school to age 35, single and married). We are going to San Antonio and staying at Hampton Inn. The rooms are \$76.42 (if you have 4 people in a room that is only \$19 per person). All together, with the room and activities, the cost is \$33 per person, plus the cost of food. More details can be found in the mailout and on-line.

Be sure to catch your DYD, Jason, on the October Bishop's Tour.



YOUTH Leadership Development DAY

We are also planning a **Connect Tour** for youth in November. Watch the mail and website for more info. See you there!

Phenomenal SWTX Women's Conference

92 women gathered for the annual Women's Conference. There were movie clips, singing, skits and entertainment, and lots of prizes. The skit with Big Bertha was hilarious, but carried a powerful message - right in line with what our speaker, Holly Campbell, shared. We were truly blessed by the Word and many needs were met through her powerful ministry. We were refreshed, renewed and blessed in the presence of Jesus.

In our first session, we traveled to **Hawaii** where we learned how to relax and let God work through us. Friday evening we took a trip to **Mexico** for a time of celebration. At our very own *El Mercado*, we feasted on Mamacita's fajitas with all the trimmings. Our own famous Flamenco dancers (Pina Colada, Charro, Chiquita Banana) put on quite a show. Our own Mariachi Band (Tres Juans) did a couple of numbers in which the Tres Sisters

tried to make their talent known. Then, the Cuban Shuffle. Saturday we visited **China** and shared our heart for missions. A special offering of \$800 came in for Rapha House where they rescue young girls from a life of sexual exploitation. Holly shared more personal testimony: *Though the enemy tried to do her in, God has delivered her out of it all.* We ended the Conference with a time of prayer and anointing. MN

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Chapman Awarded ICPC Honor

Dr. Dan Chapman was recognized for his years of service and accomplishments as police chaplain during the International Conference of Police Chaplains International Seminar recently in Knoxville, TN, where he was awarded Diplomat status. To earn the Diplomat credential a chaplain must have served a minimum of 20 years and

amassed several hundred training hours while attending ICPC training seminars. Dr. Chapman had previously been awarded Master Chaplain status. He has served as a law enforcement chaplain for over 20 years and is the Senior Chaplain of the Brownwood Police Chaplain Program. Chapman also serves as a Chaplain for the Early Police De-

partment and as Chaplain for the Texas Department of Public Safety. Dr. Chapman, pastor of Trinity Chapel in Early and Secretary-Treasurer of SW Texas District, has also been named Director of Crisis Response by the PCG National Missions Department and is responsible for conducting regional training seminars.



Dr. Dan Chapman



October Birthday/Anniversary

Charles Grubbs	2	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Newman	10
Pearl Trapini	3	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Coppedge	17
Melvin Clearman	4	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thomet	20
Jerry Ward	10	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Dickey	25
Tom Wilson	13	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martin	26
Jesse Webb	26		

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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) 275-4738
Ben Carter—Lockhart	(512) 213-8982

Missionaries David & Paula Parkman held a few missions services in SW TX in July. They've been in Capitol, Tennessee and Kentucky Districts, and are with us again the first two weeks of October before heading to Louisiana and Georgia Districts. Would you like to have world-class missionaries for a service? Call Director Bill Daughtry for October 4th or 8th, weekend or midweek; also beginning 11/08/09.



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