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DID YOU KNOW?

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

Bishop's Fall District Tour is coming up next month - intro for new DYD.

Kevin Powers was elected pastor of Trinity Christian Center, Beeville.

Kenneth Mills was elected pastor of Trinity Church, Cuero.

Tim Baylor is pastor of Rockport church merger, New Beginnings Ministries.

Women's Conference is Sept 18-19.

PCG Blog Site—
www.pcgeye2eye.net

MINISTER'S ADVANCE

NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7
SUNDAY HOUSE
FREDERICKSBURG
RESERVE TODAY
(830) 997-4484

Treat Me As I Treat My Neighbor

Are you aware that this is what you are saying to your Father? Give me what I give them. Grant me the same peace I grant others. Let me enjoy the same tolerance I offer. God will treat you the way you treat others.

In any given Christian community there are two groups: those who are contagious in their joy and those who are cranky in their faith. They've accepted Christ and are seeking him, but their balloon has no helium. One is grateful, the other is grumpy. Both are saved. Both are heaven bound. But one sees the rainbow and the other sees the rain.

Could this principle explain the difference? Could it be that they are experiencing the same joy they have given their offenders? One says, "I forgive you," and feels forgiven. The other says, "I'm ticked off," and lives ticked off at the world.

It's as if God sends you to the market to purchase your neighbor's groceries saying, "Whatever you get your neighbor, get also for yourself. For whatever you give him is what you receive."

Let's take this a step further. Suppose your neighbor's trash blows into your yard. You mention the mess to him, and he says he'll get to it sometime next week. You inform him that you've got company coming and couldn't he get out of that chair and do some work? He tells you not to be so picky, that the garbage fertilizes your garden. You're just about to walk across the lawn to have a

talk when God reminds you, "Time to go to the market and buy your neighbor's groceries." So you grumble and mumble your way to the store, and then it hits you, "I'll get even with the old bum." You go straight to the skim milk. Then you make a beeline to the anchovies and sardines. You march right past the double-chocolate ice cream and head toward the okra and rice. You make a final stop in the day-old bread section and pick up a crusty loaf with green spots on the edge.

Chuckling, you drive back to the house and drop the sack in the lap of your lazy, good-for-nothing neighbor. "Have a good dinner." And you walk away.

All your brilliant scheming left you hungry, so you go to your refrigerator to fix a sandwich, but guess what you find. Your pantry is full of what you gave your enemy. All you have to eat is exactly what you just bought. We get what we give.

Some of you have been eating sardines for a long time. Your diet ain't gonna change until you change. You look around at other Christians. They aren't as sour as you are. They're enjoying the delicacies of God, and you're stuck with okra and anchovies on moldy bread. You've always wondered why they look so happy and you feel so cranky. Maybe now you know. Could it be God is giving you exactly what you're giving someone else?

by Max Lucado



Bishop's District Convention Notes

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General Bishop Charles Scott preached! Tuesday night the message was titled, “**Let’s Get Hooked Up.**” Scripture text included Ezekiel 37:1-7, 9; 1 Corinthians 12:18; Ephesians 4:12, 5:30; Acts 2:17-18. Let’s get hooked up to our heritage, our legacy. Bone of His bone. There is resurrection anointing! Your situation can change from frustration to celebration through revelation, determination and perspiration. There are two orders among living things: 1) higher order are vertebrates, skeleton grows on the inside; 2) lower order are invertebrates, skeleton grows on the outside (restricted within shell, a defense, never grows). Bishop

Scott walked us through Think Holes chart (below).

Wednesday night the message continued, “**You Got To Get Ready for the Hookup.**” Ezekiel 37:7, bone to bone. Bust a move! You’ve got to go through something to be something. Ephesians 4:12– the purpose of the church. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, we are the body. The PCG is a Pentecostal body, a community of believers, a God-ordained church! Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, “The church is nothing but a section of humanity in which Christ has taken form.” Three themes for **We are the Body of Christ.** 1) The need to serve the Head loyally. Pascal said, “To be a member is to

have neither life, being nor movement, except through the spirit of the Body and for the Body.” 100 trillion cells all operate in submission to the head. Each one has direct access to the brain. The basis for our unity in the Body begins not with our similarity but our diversity. The malfunction of one cell can ultimately destroy a person (cancer). 2) The importance of the Body as a covering. Church must have skin to protect from disease. Leviticus 17:11. William Harvey said, “Blood is the first part of our body to live and the last to die.” Matthew 26:27-28. 3) The healing activity of the Body. What change is God trying to accomplish?

THINK HOLES	NEGLECT	PROBLEMS	PRACTICE
Ministry Treadmill	Prayer	Strategy	Programs
Competency	Kingdom	Creativity	Work harder
Needs Based	Spiritual value	Needs	Make everybody happy
Buzz Church	Eternal values	Addicted to new things	Cutting edge
Stuck Church	Discipline	Tiredness	Talk about good ol’ days
Conference Church	Originality	No inspiration	Borrowed thinking
Rut Church	Resources	No life	Protect tradition
Healthy Church	(none) Eternal	(none)	Evaluation



New Beginnings, Rio Frio

Opening

New Beginnings in Rio Frio is in need of a pastor (housing provided). They have been without a pastor since May. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. We must hear from you this month. Contact Brother Norvell if God is speaking to you about this pastoral appointment.

KMF Charges Forward

Convinced that it should not be called a “retreat”, San Angelo sectional KMF Director Jim Ogden hosted an “advance” for the men at Lake Brownwood the last weekend of August.



Attendance was primarily from Full Gospel Assembly,

San Angelo and Boundless Love Fellowship, Corpus Christi. Bishop Norvell was the sword-waving featured speaker for the evening sessions while Ogden led the morning devotionals. The King’s men were knighted to be real men for God.

Youth Ministries Director Jason Norvell



Introducing the new District Youth Ministries Director and family: Jason Norvell, Becky, Bethany, Jackson.



We've been working in youth ministry since we were married May 1997. During a nine year youth pastorate in Forth Smith, AR, Jason completed youth ministry internship under former national youth directors Reggie Powers and Eddie Vansell, and in 2006 became youth pastors

for Liberty Lighthouse in Johnson City. God has laid such a strong desire on our hearts for the youth of this district. We are so excited about what God is going to do in the lives of our youth! For more information about upcoming events, call my cell (512) 757-7015 or jason.norvell@gmail.com

See you where?

September 23rd
See You At The Pole!
Let me know you did it.

September 26th at
Youth Ministry Training
sectional & local leaders

October 16-17 tentative
Young Adult Retreat

October 20-30 at
Bishop's Tour Intro DYD

Women's Conference - September 18-19



Pack your bags and prepare to travel with us...

Departures from San Marcos

District Office & Conference Center, 3107 RR 12

Destinations: Hawaii, Mexico, and China

Hawaii	Fri	Sept 18	10 am
Mexico	Fri	Sept 18	6 pm
China	Sat	Sept 19	10 am

Early arrival at departure site will assist in proper seating before take off. →

- Gates 1 & 2 will be open for first departure 1 hour prior to flight.
- Boarding times for the following departures will be announced
- Fasten your seatbelt and make certain that your seat backs and tray tables are in their upright and locked position... we're about to take off! →

Flight registration: \$45

\$40 "Early Bird" Discount available if registration is received before September 1st.

Your co-captain (special speaker) for the flight is La Donna Taylor's daughter

Holly Campbell

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Backpacks

Pastor Billy Sanders of North Pointe Church in Copperas Cove reports a giveaway of 500 backpacks with school supplies and 160 in attendance with 70 in the newly renovated children's church. It's back to school time again. Pray protection and wisdom for our children.

Newest Church in District

His Final Harvest Church in San Marcos started August 9th with 38 in attendance; the following Sundays were 23, 22 and 14 reports Pastor Ron Green.

Although the HQ facility and utilities are provided for the start-up, a donor's pledged support was redirected that would have gone a long way in assisting with additional expenses. If you would like

to sow into this fledgling work, you may send it to the District Office marked His Final Harvest, and it will be forwarded to the church. And if interested, Evangelist Karen Green (661) 316-5851 is making herself available for revival or weekend services. Pray for success in reaching the community and Texas State University for the Lord.





September Birthdays/Anniversaries

Claire Newman	02	Mr. & Mrs. Rick Lasly	04
David Parkman	02	Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Thomas	09
Anita Helms	04	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Grubbs	25
Marshall Bishop	16	Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Crenshaw	28
Pauline Holloway	21	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Moore	30
Jeanine Coppedge	26	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ormand	30

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Ministers Available

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gus Chupe—Sequin	(830) 386-0101
<input type="checkbox"/> Donna Classen—Beeville	(361) 343-2844
<input type="checkbox"/> Jack & Genevive Holderby—Shertz	(210) 722-0036
<input type="checkbox"/> Ray Keasler—Granite Shoals	(830) 798-4019
<input type="checkbox"/> Jim & Melissa Ogden—San Angelo	(325) 212-8689
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Pierce—Austin	(719) 821-6906
<input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Webb—San Angelo	(325) 763-5512
<input type="checkbox"/> Carlton Wetherell—Rockport	(361) 790-7610
<input type="checkbox"/> Doug White, Jr.—Victoria	(361) 275-4738

Shop 'n Swap

Does your church need something or have something that another church might find useful? Pews, bus, computer hardware or software, communion ware, etc. Contact the district office



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**Women's
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