

PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH OF GOD

S O U T H W E S T T E X A N

OCTOBER 2011

SEASONS OF CHANGE

FYI

- **Gatesville church is for sale, need buyer. Please be in prayer for a quick sale on this property. A sale would bless our district.**
- **Herman Gardner has accepted the position of Assoc. Pastor at New Beginnings Rockport**
- **PRAY PRAY PRAY**
Inez Brown cancer diagnosis.
Genivie Ormand chemotherapy.
Athel Kimmel is in need of prayer.
- **Be in prayer for our youth. The campground we are currently using is trying to double the rates.**

The scriptures tell us in Ecclesiastes 3:1 **“To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven”**

I believe we are in a season of change for our Southwest Texas District. It is a season of going farther than we have ever gone before, doing more than we have ever done before, and growing larger than we have ever grown before. I believe we have the greatest potential to be what God had planned for us to be, and that was a vibrant, strong, excelling and prosperous district. We have gone through some weary seasons in the past and we have struggled to get through. Many jumped ship in those seasons for one reason or another, but we have remained to enjoy this new season coming to our district and above all, to our churches.

Our beloved previous Bishop John Norvell spent the last six years working through a season of debt, loss and struggles that hindered him from experiencing the goals he had planned for our district for the Glory of God. His goal was new churches, greater district meetings, more sectional fellowships and for the finances not to be an obstacle when it came to starting a new work. We

are in a season of change where we are capable of being that district that Brother John set out to accomplish. We have it in us to be the best that we can be through the power of the Lord and His Word working in each and every one of us.

There is a statement used quite often in teaching on change and that is, **“if you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got”**. If we are going to experience a real season of change, we will have to take inventory of what we have done or are doing that works and what doesn't. History teaches us that many in church work are quite comfortable riding a dead horse. I have always told my leadership that if the horse is dead, dismount, unsaddle and get a new horse. It may be uncomfortable for awhile but in the long run you will be a whole lot more productive.

There are a few ways to look at change:

- A leader/ Pastor can retreat from change and deny it.
- A leader/ Pastor can resist change and delay it.
- A leader/ Pastor can rebel against change and fight it.
- A leader/ Pastor can receive change to grow from it.

John Maxwell teaches that **“Change equals growth”**. We need to grow numerically in our churches, district and also in our finances. We may need to look at what we have done and what we are doing and make changes that may even be uncomfortable or hurt for awhile but in the long run, be very beneficial to the Kingdom of God. Mediocrity is only acceptable when you choose to be average, but is totally unacceptable when we have the makings of being the best and functioning as the best.

God doesn't change us so that He can accept us. He accepts us so that he can change us.

Dr. Richard Dobbins said: ***Until the pain of remaining the same is greater than the pain of change, we choose to remain the same.***

I truly believe we are coming into our finest hour, and our most productive season. Why? Because time is short and what must be done for the Lord, must be done now. The signs of the time are very apparent and we must be about our Fathers business.

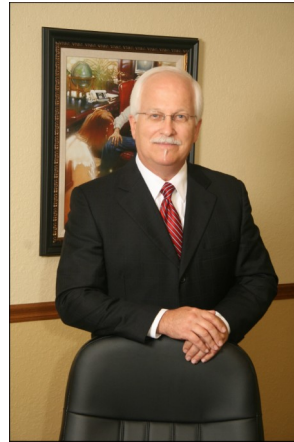
Pastor Bob Jayne, District Presbyter, and Acting Bishop, SWTXDIST PCG

THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM—NOTES OF JOHN NORVELL

Genesis 14:18-20 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine; and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, **Blessed be Abram of the most high God**, possessor of heaven and earth: and blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Elevation: Abram becomes **Abram of the most high God.** (El Elyon – elevated one) Name distinction is based on identification and relationship. God amends His Name accordingly.

Galatians 3:13-14 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: **That the blessing of Abra-**



ham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Because of Christ, we can now be **(Place Your Name Here) of the most high God.** Blessed above and beyond. Blessed coming and going. Blessed to be a blessing. So what is your name? **Proclaim it right now out loud!**

“IT’S SETTLED” OFFERINGS—IS YOUR CHURCH ON THE LIST?

We would love to add more churches to the list of churches that have given to the “It’s Settled” offering! We need to hear from 15 more to make it 100%. And we would love to add more individuals and ministers that have given to “It’s Settled” offering. We still need to hear from 2/3 of our ministers to make it 100% participation. Can we hear from you this month?

- \$10,000** Coastal Bend Family, Aransas Pass
- \$6,300** Gospel Lighthouse, Smithville
- \$3,000** Trinity Church, Cuero
- \$1,000** Victory Christian, Hamilton
- \$1,000** New Life Outreach, Pleasanton

- \$1,000** Austin Revival Center, Austin
- \$1,000** Victory Chapel, McGregor
- \$1,000** New Beginnings, Rockport
- \$650** North Pointe, Copperas Cove
- \$600** Abundant Life, Victoria
- \$500** Trinity Chapel, Austin
- \$240** River of Life, Luling
- \$200** Full Gospel Assembly, SanAngelo
- \$200** De Leon Christian Fellowship
- \$125** Lord’s House, Edinburg
- \$100** Full Gospel Assembly, Waco
- \$100** Calvary Temple, Gatesville
- \$100** Agape Fellowship, Ingleside
- \$100** Trinity Christian Center, Beeville
- \$100** SWTX Women’s Ministry
- \$25** Open Door Christian, San Antonio
- \$25** West Texas Christian, Carlsbad

- \$1,943.88** Robert/Sherri Thomet
- \$1,623** John/Marilyn Norvell
- \$1,000** Billie Sue Thomas
- \$1,000** Ronald Bowden
- \$900** Les/Pansy Crawford
- \$750** Dan/Delores Chapman
- \$600** Al/Jean Creel
- \$500** Jason/Becky Norvell
- \$500** Eileen Jayne
- \$500** Melvin/Rosalee Clearman
- \$300** Tim Baylor
- \$250** Bill Pierce
- \$250** Billy/Gail Sanders
- \$250** Rick/Roberta Lasly
- \$250** Phil/Darlene Hurst
- \$200** Kenneth Mills
- \$200** Aletha Webb

- \$175** Michael Cass
- \$150** Jack/Margie Davis
- \$100** Robert Martin
- \$100** Jim Moore
- \$100** Aaron Jayne
- \$100** Gilbert Donald
- \$100** Salomon Avila
- \$100** Louise Hardt
- \$100** Harold/Deborah Irvin
- \$100** Bruce/Carol Cessna
- \$100** Rachel Valencia
- \$50** Rob/Suzanne Turner
- \$50** Carlton/Mitzi Wetherell
- \$25** Elton/Judy Cody
- \$25** Mattie Lee Cox
- \$10** Mylon Avery
- \$10** Hank Cannon

PROJECT CHRISTMAS/IMPACT APPALACHIA

The dream of Impact Appalachia started with one school and has now expanded to 3 schools in 3 states. Join the journey to Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia as we use public schools to reach out at Christmas to families who are in need. Impact Youth partners with our Women’s & National

Missions departments to meet the needs of almost 600 families. This is a short trip and a real opportunity to take your children and show them the real meaning of



Christmas.

Dates: December 8th-11th
Cost: \$275

Southwest Texas District has been asked to help in this mission by raising the money for 100 bikes for under-privileged children. We need a total of about \$5,000. With us all work-

ing together we can raise the money needed. Please do your part. Send your money into the district office.



TOP OF THE HILL

Encounter 2012: gathering of multi-generation leaders.

On January 13-14 in Jefferson City, MO we will attend the encounter. We want to take all the youth and young adults we can. We cut down the cost as much as possible, with rooms and travel being somewhat covered by the department. Please let us know ASAP, so we can know how big of a vehicle we need. We will leave early on January 12.

Jason (512)757-7015 or
Becky (512)757-7030

NEW CHURCH

Ray Keasler is starting a new church in Granite Shoals. Abundant Heart Ministries is the name of the new church. October 9th will be the first service. Pray for a great success in this new ministry.

BOARD

Please be in prayer; on Monday October 10th Bishop Charles Scott will be chairing our district board meeting. At this time our new district bishop will be elected to serve until the next convention according to Southwest Texas District bylaws.

SWTX WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The 2011 Women's Conference was well attended and the gals had a great time. Gail Lake, our special speaker really blessed us with her testimony and sharing the Word. I thank God for being there and for a memorable event. I would like to thank everyone who helped. Special thanks to all our guest celebrities, and designers. When all was said and done, I knew that people had prayed for us and that God was again faithful to our ladies. We took up a special offering for the Guatemala project and looks



like we have around \$1600.00 to send towards the orphanage. PTL! I thank God for women who love God and gave

cheerfully to help young girls see that people care for them and let them know that God loves them, and is using us to show that love. Jennifer Sand-

ers, our newest minister in the SWTX District, also shared from her heart on Friday evening and did a great job. We love you Gail Lake (my FFL) and Jennifer. This is the first year we invited the girls from ages 13-19 and were so blessed to have them join us in our worship and fun times. To God be the glory.....great things He hath done. Thank you ladies also for the love gift and all your love and prayers.

Love you,
Marilyn Norvell

IMPACT YOUTH SWTX- (SWTXYOUTH.COM)

October 15th we are having our Impact Leadership Development Day for the SWTX District. It will be a day of hands on learning, mind-opening games, lunch will be provided, and fellowship/connecting. We will also have a lot of resources to hand out. We will start at 10:00 am at the HQ. This is for leaders and future leaders (youth).

Christmas will be here before you know it. We will be having our annual Christmas Blast on December 3rd at the HQ. If you missed it last year you really missed it. Our speaker will be Ricky Martinez our Divisional Youth Director. We will have faith, food, fellowship, and fun.

We have had people ask to help in getting things done for the youth department. If they contact you about helping to get things for camp or about upcoming events be a part of what we have going on.

Last, but certainly not least the PCG on a national level is beginning a global soul-winning movement. It is time to stop maintaining the status quo and reach the lost. We read in Romans 10, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they

have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" We are sending you out with all the tools. Go to <http://www.impactym.com/impactnowreg.html> and be part of the movement.



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FOR SALE

Women's Ministries Director Marilyn Norvell has some items for sale. She is asking \$2800 for the set. If interested please call (512)396-8448. In good condition. Only serious inquiries please. The leaves cannot be removed from the table, but otherwise normal functioning order. Set includes: 8 chairs, table, and china cabinet.



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**LAUGH
TODAY**

TOP TEN

"Signs your pastor didn't have time to study this week."

10: He tells the ushers to take the offering twice.

9: During the children's sermon he serves cake and ice cream.

8: He asks you to give a 20 minute testimony.

7: During his pastoral prayer he prays for your government officials...listing every member of congress by name.

6: He wears his reading glasses for the entire sermon.

5: The sermon sounds eerily similar to one you heard Chuck Swindoll preach on the radio last Thursday.

4: Instead of preaching he decides to show slides from his last vacation.

3: Before preaching he takes 15 minutes reviewing last Sunday's sermon.

2: Even he's falling asleep!

And the number one sign your pastor didn't have time to study last week is:

"If you didn't know better you'd swear he was lip synching to Charles Stanley."

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Pearl Trapini	3
Melvin Clearman	4
Jerry Ward	10
Tom Wilson	13
Jesse Webb	26



ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Edward Newman	10
Jeanine & Chris Coppedge	17
Mr & Mrs Robert Thomet	20
Mr & Mrs Bobby Dickey	25
Mr & Mrs Robert Martin	26

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