

## In the beginning... was Texas District.

In **1943**, Texas District was divided into two districts, West Texas and East Texas.

In **1948**, West Texas District was incorporated/chartered with the State of Texas as "West Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God of America."

In **1955**, West Texas District was divided into two districts, West Texas and North Texas.

In **1985**, the name, West Texas District, was changed to Southwest Texas District, and the State Charter was amended to read: "The name of the corporation shall be Southwest Texas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, Inc." Property was purchased in San Marcos, and a Headquarters & Convention Center was constructed and dedicated in 1987.

In **1993**, a newly constructed parsonage for the District Superintendent was dedicated without mortgage.

In **1997**, the House Next Door was purchased as a parsonage for the District Secretary-Treasurer without mortgage.

### Brief historical sketch of the District *from Rev. L. C. Sansom*

The Texas District Convention of the Pentecostal Church of God was conducted in Houston in 1941. A resolution was passed making two districts of the state of Texas: one known as the East Texas District and the other the West Texas District. Rev. S. D. Doyle was elected Superintendent of West Texas, Rev. Charles R. Blevins was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and Rev. C. E. Courtney was elected P.Y.P.A. President. There were 22 churches within the West Texas boundaries. Churches were added until the division of the district in 1955. Rev. S. D. Doyle served as Superintendent until 1951 when E. N. Gurr was elected. Rev. Gurr served five months and Rev. Doyle was re-elected and served until 1955.

### Minutes of the 1955 District Convention

The West Texas District convened on the Camp Grounds in Brownwood, Texas, June 6, 7, 8, 1955. June 7, the convention came to order at 2:00 with Rev. A. W. Thomas acting as chairman, and the following resolution was adopted to-wit: Resolved, that we effect an equal division of the district in regards to assets and property and as nearly as possible an equal division of churches, said suggested boundary to include all territory north of U. S. Highway 80 from Fort Worth to El Paso and to include all churches and cities on proposed line and that details of the division of assets be mutually agreed upon by the respective Boards and Superintendents of the respective districts and that the newly formed District be known as the North Texas District.

June 8, 1955, the District Boards met for division of assets and voted to sell the Camp Grounds and divide the proceeds. The finance and office equipment was equally divided. The combined Conventions met for ordination service in the Brownwood Church, June 8, night service, Rev. Thomas, speaker.

July 10, 1956, the West Texas District Board met in San Antonio and approved the sale of the camp grounds and improvements and on July 20, 1956, sale was completed.

# Those who have served us...

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT / DISTRICT BISHOP

Rev. S. D. Doyle was the first Superintendent of the West Texas District when Texas was divided into East and West Texas District in 1943.

S. D. Doyle	June 1943 to December 1951
E. N. Gurr	July 1951 to December 1951
S. D. Doyle	January 1952 to June 1955

Rev. L. C. Sansom was the first Superintendent of the newly designed West Texas District when North Texas was formed in 1955.

L. C. Sansom	June 1955 to 1973
M. D. Morris	1973 to 1974
W. C. Terrell	June 1974 to January 1981
T. J. Thomas	January 1981 to August 1983
C. C. Hurst, Jr.	August 1983 to August 1989

Rev. C. C. Hurst, Jr. was the Superintendent and initiated the name change from West Texas District to Southwest Texas District in 1985.

J. K. Norvell, Jr.	August 1989 to August 1999
S. E. Oates	August 1999 to 2001
Cecil Cox	2001 to July 2005
J. K. Norvell, Jr.	July 2005—

## DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURER

Rev. Charles Blevins served as National Presbyter until 1943 when the Texas District was divided into East and West Texas, and he became the Secretary-Treasurer of West Texas.

Charles Blevins	June 1943 to January 1946
C. C. Hurst	January 1946 to June 1946
Homer Tarkington	June 1946 to June 1948
L. C. Sansom	June 1948 to June 1955

Rev. Homer Wallace was the first Secretary-Treasurer to serve the new West Texas District when the original was divided into North and West Texas in 1955.

Homer Wallace	June 1955 to June 1959
George Long	June 1959 to June 1963
Homer Wallace	June 1963 to June 1967
A. L. Creel	June 1967 to August 1986

Rev. A. L. Creel was the Secretary-Treasurer of West Texas District in 1985 when the name was changed to Southwest Texas District.

Bill Daughtry	August 1986 to August 1987
A. L. Creel	August 1987 to August 1998
Roy Chappell	August 1998 to August 2000
Cecil Cox	2000 to 2001
Billy Sanders	2001 to 200
Dan Chapman	200—

## DISTRICT PRESBYTER

C. H. Elwood	1948
G. W. Woodward	July 1949 to June 1950
C. C. Jenkins	June 1950 to July 1951
G. W. Woodward	July 1951 to
Willie Terrell	June 1953 to

Rev. C. F. Ingley was the first District Presbyter of the newly formed West Texas District.

C. F. Ingley	June 1955
A. L. Creel	
Melvin Clearman	1966
Homer Wallace	June 1967 to
T. J. Thomas	
C. C. Hurst, Jr.	
Bill Daughtry	
E. D. Throckmorton	August 1984 to August 1994
T. J. Thomas	August 1994 to
Robert Jayne	
Jim Boatright	
Robert Jayne	July—

## P.Y.P.A. PRESIDENT / YOUTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

### Pentecostal Youth People's Association

Rev. C. E. Courtney became the first West Texas District PYPA President when Texas District was divided into East Texas and West Texas in 1943.

C. E. Courtney	June 1943 to June 1946
Henry Cutbirth, Jr.	June 1946 to June 1948
M. R. Owens	June 1948 to July 1951
Georgia Huffman	July 1951 to June 1952
C. E. Courtney	June 1952 to June 1953
H. M. Sewell	June 1953 to June 1955

Rev. H. M. Sewell was the West Texas PYPA President when West Texas District was divided into North and West Texas in 1955. Rev. Sewell went with North Texas and Rev. C. C. Hurst, Jr. was elected in the newly designed West Texas District.

C. C. Hurst, Jr.	June 1955 to June 1957
A. L. Creel	June 1957 to June 1958
C. C. Hurst, Jr.	June 1958 to June 1959
A. L. Creel	June 1959 to June 1961
T. J. Thomas	June 1961 to June 1963
L. L. St. Clergy	June 1963 to February 1964
T. J. Thomas	February 1964 to June 1964
M. D. Morris	June 1964 to August 1969
Leon Lott	August 1969 to November 1972
Dan Chapman	November 1972 to June 1980
Marvin Andrews	June 1980 to January 1981
Jimmy Fitzhugh	January 1981 to June 1982
Richard Moore	August 1982 to August 1983
Jimmy Boatright	August 1983 to August 1988
Cecil Cox	August 1988 to August 1991
Steve Throckmorton	August 1991 to August 1993
Kelly Crenshaw	August 1993 to August 1999
Jim White	August 1999 to July 2005
James Miller	July 2005 to July 2008
Jonathan Rhodes	July 2008—

## PLA PRESIDENT / WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

### Pentecostal Ladies Auxiliary

Sister Cauble	
Sister Wallace	1948
Sister Doyle	July 1949 to July 1951
Sister Gurr	July 1951 to December 1951
Sister Doyle	January 1952 to June 1955

Sister Homer Wallace was the first PLA President to be elected in the newly designed West Texas District.

Sister Wallace	June 1955
Velma Sansom	1966 to 1973
Carlene Morris	1973 to 1974
Winnie Terrell	June 1974 to January 1981
Billie Sue Thomas	January 1981 to August 1983
Genivieve Ormand	August 1983 to August 1985
Dorothy Hurst	August 1985 to August 1989
Marilyn Norvell	August 1989 to August 1989
Joann Oates	August 1989 to 2001
Neda Cox	2001 to July 2005
Marilyn Norvell	July 2005—

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