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SEPTEMBER 2011

HONORING BISHOP JOHN NORVELL

FYI

- **Gatesville church is for sale, need buyer.**
- **PRAY PRAY PRAY**
Inez Brown cancer diagnosis.
James Iley retina surgery.
Genivie Ormand chemotherapy.
Yardie Hopkins leaking heart valve.
Vernon Groce is in the hospital in San Angelo.
- **Keep the Norvell family in your prayers, during this time of loss.**
- **Do not forget Women's Conference September 16-17!**



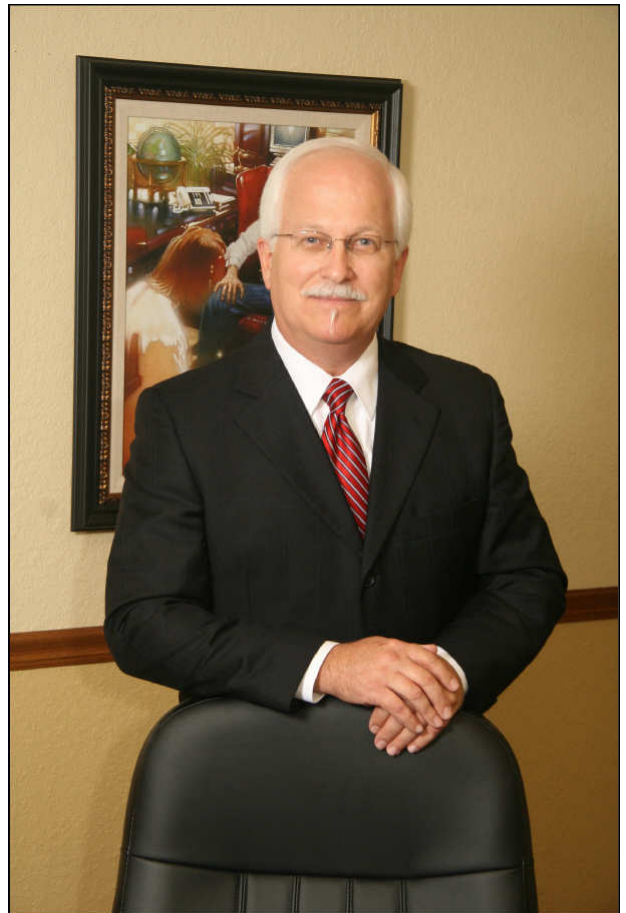
- **See You At The Pole September 28th.**

Whenever two or three of you come together
converge
 in my name, I am there with you. Matthew 18:20

Forty years ago, God audibly spoke and called John Norvell to "Preach, Preach, Preach." This earth-shaking, life-changing experience has provided the impetus for a 36-year adventure in fulltime ministry. He has held various church leadership roles, including evangelist and pastor, as well as state and intra-state youth responsibilities, educator, and community leader. For a decade he served as the District Superintendent of Southwest Texas, with the oversight of 45 churches and 140 ministers under his care. He then served two terms as a denominational executive and Director of World Missions for the Pentecostal Church of God, traveling extensively throughout the United States and the world. He returned as District Bishop of Southwest Texas six years ago. He was seated on the General Council in 2009 when the South Central Division elected him as their Assistant General Bishop.

Rev. Norvell enjoyed the strength and stability that his classical Pentecostal heritage affords, yet he was not limited by tradition. As a progressive Pentecostal, he acknowledged present truths that the Holy Spirit is emphasizing throughout the church in these last days. He is best known for theme presentations on "The Glory of God" as revealed in the Old and New Testaments. His delivery of the Word has been defined as dynamic, demonstrative and animated. He drew on the anointing of the Spirit so that the Scriptures come alive for the audience and there is effective application in the altar.

Rev. Norvell was ordained with the Pentecostal Church of God, the Fellowship that he has enjoyed all of his life. He received his formal training in denominational schools, earning Associate and Bachelor of Arts and Master of Theology degrees. He resided in San Marcos, Texas with his wife, Marilyn, and daughter, Amy. His most noted phrase is, "God's will be done."



MISSIONARY S K THOMAS ITINERATION

Samuel K. Thomas and his wife, Juanita, are no strangers to SW Texas. They have itinerated here several times and district leadership has seen first-hand the great work that these veteran missionaries are accomplishing in southern India. Their residence, Bible training center, and orphanage are based in the city of Punalur in Kerala state.

District World Missions Director Kevin Powers will be contacting pastors to schedule a missions service with the Thomases in the month of September. Better yet, contact him at (361) 254-1503 to get your preferred date now. Let's continue our support for these missionaries!



“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
\$6,100 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
\$500 Trinity Chapel, Austin
\$600 Abundant Life, Victoria
\$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

\$1,843.66 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

YOU CAN BE BLESSED TOO (NOTES OF BISHOP NORVELL):

Giving is a godly manifestation of Abraham-like blessing. It's what God does (see John 3:16) as well as His offspring, those nearest Him. Blessing, for those that give, has been defined as an innate ability to handle increase.

The nature of God is seen in us when we respond favorably to Christ's admonition in Luke 6:35, "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the

unthankful and to the evil."

God addresses civil order and the vantage point we would enjoy within our socio-economic arena in Deuteronomy 28:12, "The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow."

King David in Psalm 37 identifies extremes as the wicked who borrow with no intention of repayment verses the righteous

who are merciful and known for their giving. They have the ability to bless with the same blessing that they possess which ultimately leads to inheriting the earth. The righteous are always giving and their children and grandchildren are blessed as a consequence. The righteous lay up for themselves treasure in heaven (see Matthew 6:20).

David continues this theme in Psalm 112 by reminding us that the one who fears the Lord is blessed. "The generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his

house." "A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth." "He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever." And this is talking about the upright - the good man. That's why he was able to say in Psalm 3:8, "Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah." If you want salvation call upon the name of the Lord for there is salvation in no other. If you want to see what blessing looks like, find an Abraham that knows how to bless others. (Continue on pg.4)

YOUTH MINISTRIES - DYD JASON NORVELL

Camp was a huge success. Not because of anything one person did, but because the power of God moved in the lives of the teens and kids of SWTX. Camp's theme was **Step Up** where we challenged the youth to "Step Up" into ministry to win souls for Christ. Now we challenge you to open up areas of ministry in your churches for them. Be their mentor and teach them along the way what true ministry is, just like Paul

trained Timothy. **September** is full of football and volleyball games, but do not forget the **sectional kid's rallies** coming to a church near you. Your **SYD** will be in contact with details.

Do not forget **October 15th is ILD Day** here at HQ at 10am. This is a time for leaders, young

and not so young, to receive valuable training and resources.

Last but not least, the National Office has kicked off a 2 year soul winning campaign called **Impact Now**. When registering for "Impact Now" you are committing to disciple and double your youth and chil-



dren's groups. We need **100% participation** from each church. Reg-

ister at impactym.com and receive a free impact now kit, with tools to help broaden your outreach efforts.



Text "follow impactswbx" to 40404 and follow the instructions that follow. (Does not use data, but uses texting.)

HEARTFELT THANKS

We thank God for all the wonderful family and friends who have shown so much love and support during this time in our lives. We have definitely felt the love and the prayers that have held us up. Bless you all.

From the Norvell Family

WOMEN'S RETREAT

More than ever come out and support your District Women's Ministries Director at the SWTX Women's Conference, scheduled for September 16-17 at the Headquarters in San Marcos. The theme is **PROJECT RUNWAY/ONEWAY: God's design**. Be sure to reserve your motel room.

Our special guest speaker this year is Gail Lake, Women's Lift Director from Southern Califor-

nia. Gail is a passionate woman of God whose focus is to encourage ladies to understand their purpose in life. Gail's desire is to show ladies that they are valued and loved by Almighty God.

Conference registration is \$40, limited to the first 150 ladies, ages 13 and up. You don't want to miss the fashion shows and contests. There will be a special time just for girls ages



13-19 on Friday night. Bring your missions offering for the Guatemala home for girls.

KINGSMEN'S CAMPOUT

Men and young men alike! Father's, this is also a time to bring your son's. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the King's Men Camp Fall Fellowship, **October 6-8**, at **Pedernales State Park**. Registration is **\$35** which includes lodging and food. Points of interest

include: hiking, swimming, food, daily devotions, fellowship, music and relaxation.

Contact Tim or TJ Baylor by calling (361) 557-1036/(361) 790-4077 or email him at baylortimothy@yahoo.com.



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YOU CAN BE BLESSED TOO (CONT)

Solomon, at one time the wisest man on the earth, got the revelation on giving. Among his many proverbs, be sure to uncover the gem in 19:17, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." It sounds like God desires to use us as His hands extended on earth to advance Him some cash via "the least of these" which God promises to repay. If this is correct, when we feel that nudge from the Spirit to give someone less fortunate a twenty dollar bill for example, we are in actuality making a loan to God. He repays by opening up the windows of heaven and pouring out a blessing that there is not room enough to contain. We literally become a pipeline, conduit, channel and distributor of blessings! This effective flow of blessing creates a residual which we are able to live off of and enjoy.

The Apostle Paul brings the same thought in the New Testament. In 1 Thessalonians 4:12, he states, "That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing." So, the truly blessed person creates a blessing dynamic through their giving that supplies increase and abundance in their own lives. They are living examples of Acts 20:35 and truly know that the blessing of giving far exceeds the blessing of receiving. We receive so that we may give and thus enjoy the abundance of God's provision.

**(From Notes Of Bishop John Norvell
Provided By The Norvell Family)**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Claire Newman	2
David Parkman	2
Anita Helms	4
Marshall Bishop	16
Jeanine Coppedge	26
Vernon Groce	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Rickey Lasly	4
Mr & Mrs Steve Oates	7
Mr & Mrs T. J. Thomas	9
Mr & Mrs Kelly Crenshaw	28
Mr & Mrs Bob Ormand	30

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