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MORE OF GOD

Over the last month I have been impressed and greatly encouraged with individuals seeking for more of God. Through several different events I saw this desire manifested. Each event was very different, but each showed an intense desire for more of God.

Betty and I traveled to Costa Rica with Dr. Luis Avila and Lillian, Pastor Stacy Hilliard and Bobbie, and Reverend John Parker. We all went to participate in a Congress of Evangelism at the church in San Jose pastored by Pastor Jorge Fernandez. Pastor Fernandez has been to North Carolina several times to minister to our Hispanic people. The services were awesome to say the least.

The church is very special. It has been built in a poor and depressed area of San Jose suburb. It is a building with three open sides. It is a church of over 700. It is a church of much power. Many are getting saved weekly.

During the services the Lord moved mightily. The people worshipped mightily giving praise to the Lord. They listened intently to the preaching of the Word. Then came to the altar services. They literally ran to the altar to see more of the Lord. During the Saturday night service they came forward so quickly and powerfully that they knock down the six preachers waiting to pray with them. I was one of those six. WOW!

The New Minister's Day was very special this year. The attendance was excellent. Nearly fifty new ministers and new pastors were present. They listened intently to every word spoken. Each Department leader shared their vision and yearly emphasis.

Those present seemed to be very interested in their future. They knew God had called. They desired to know more of God. What was He wanting them to do? In what area was He wanting them to specialize? They wanted more of God!

Today after speaking to the husbands of the Deborah's Daughter I went over to the M-25 meeting. I found a host of individuals desiring to know how to better minister in His name to bikers, the poor, homeless, and those in jail.

The husbands wanted to know how to better support their preacher wives. The M-25 warriors wanted to see more of God being manifested in the lives of those who do not know Him.

God is at work today. He is moving to present more of Himself to the lost. His is blessing the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. We have His favor. May He bless each of us as we seek more of Him. I certainly desire Him. More of God! May it happen.

May is Retired Ministers Month

Pastors please recognize and give special attention to the retired ministers in your church. May 3rd is your opportunity to give to the Retired Ministers Fund. This fund is for the special needs of our retired ministers.

Retired Minister's Retreat

The Retired Minister's Retreat is in Falcon beginning Monday night, May 4th through Wednesday noon, May 6th. Reverend Jim Whitfield is the primary speaker. Reverend Wiley Clark and I urge all the Retired Ministers to attend.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- David Nesbitt from Kinston has been appointed to the Men's Ministry Board.
- Calvary Temple, Southport has changed their name to The Potter's House. The pastor is Cyrena McNally.

Praise Corner:

- Pastor Doug Bartlett and the Mount Olive First Church praise the Lord for 1,360 total attendance for Easter weekend with at least 20 new commitments for Christ.
- Pastor Noah Barefoot and the Grace Outreach Church praise the Lord for 100 on membership Sunday and 60 new members.
- Pastor Dean Walker of the Homestead Church praise the Lord for 10 souls saved and 4 new members.
- Pastor Gary Strickland and Kingdom Place praise the Lord for 442 Easter Sunday.
- Pastor Jim Whitfield praises the Lord for 1085 at The First Church on Easter Sunday.
- Praise the Lord for the Costa Rico trip.
- Praise the Lord for a good Finance Committee meeting in Oklahoma City.
- Praise the Lord for a good Financial month in March. January and February were very slow.
- Praise the Lord for the Living Faith Resurrection Breakfast—Some ten churches were present.
- For the New Minister's/New Pastor's Day.
- For the Deborah's Daughters meeting—Well done Director Janice Marshburn and team!
- For the M-25 meeting—Well Done, Danny Nelson and Gary Burd.
- For the North Carolina Conference Staff. We celebrated Administrative Professional Day on April 22nd.
- For the Conference Talent—Well Done Jon Oliver and Team! We have a very talented group of young people.
- For a great African American Council meeting.
- For the great Anointing II Conference in Goldsboro.
- Pastor Dennis Barbee, Grace Church, Washington praises the Lord for 10 new members.
- For the dedication of the new Faith Family Worship Church, Rocky Mount—Pastor Gerald Parker.
- For the new president of Holmes Bible College beginning September 1, 2009—Bishop James D. Leggett.

Prayer Corner:



- Jiep Gonzales, missionary to Thailand—Father passed
- Family of Sister Annie Mae Todd who went to heaven
- Christine Norris—Hospital
- Esther Joyner—Hospital
- Lorena Williams—Hospital
- Faye Hedgepeth—Hospital
- Gloria Dixon
- Kathleen Williams
- Edith & William Page
- Kenneth Tart
- T.L. Byrd
- Conrad Hall
- Raleigh Horton
- Myrtle Marshburn
- Betty Tolar
- Tim Henry
- Gladys Johnson
- W.M. Cordon
- Allen Mayo's father
- Bill Cavalier - Accident
- Christine Tyson
- Ella Whichard

Ministerial News:

- Rev. Tom Johnson has accepted the Harvest Fellowship Church, Shallotte
- Rev. Kevin Lowery has joined as a Licensed Minister
- Rev. Will Haddock has rejoined the Conference as an Ordained Minister
- Rev. Earl Campbell has been granted a Local Church Minister certificate
- Rev. Sue Thigpen has withdrawn from the Conference.
- Rev. Cindy Midyette has been appointed to the Deborah's Daughters Advisory Council
- Rev. Calvin Trueblood has been granted Conference Retirement
- Aida Santini has withdrawn from the Conference
- Rev. Steve Enloe has withdrawn as Director of M-25
- Harold Dudley has withdrawn from the Conference
- Rev. Ben Britt has been appointed as District Evangelism/World Missions Director of the New Bern District
- Rev. Marty Warren has been appointed as pastor of the Holly Hill Church.
- Rev. Ray Lewis has been re-instated as a Local Church Minister

Open Churches:

- Pinetown—Raymond Potter Interim
- Wakelon – Bill Dunning Interim
- Hamilton—Ralph Leggett Interim
- Rehoboth—Jimmy Williams Interim
- Greater Mt. Paran—Emmett Turner Interim
- The Capital, Garner
- Higher Ground, Ahoskie
- Thomas Chapel



Sound Training

Our Sound Technician Chairman Mike Reynolds is conducting a training day on Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the New Auditorium. We need additional individuals to be trained in running the system.

School of Ministry

May 9 and 10

This is the last meeting for the Spring. There will be two classes. All are invited.

MCP 1.10 The Power of the Call

Instructor: Rev. Jim Whitfield

MCP1.04 Pentecostal/IPHC History-Old Time Power

Instructor: Bishop Chris Thompson

Revival

I will be in revival at Graham Memorial on May 17th through Wednesday, May 20th.

Ministerial Credentials:

Examining Committee—License - May 28th

Examining Committee—Ordination—May 29th

Our annual meeting of the Examining Committee will meet for License on Thursday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m. and for Ordination on Friday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m. **Reservations are requested.** Please call Secretary Dolores Reynolds at (910) 980-1162 to make your reservation. Pastors please share this information with anyone in your churches who might be interested.

Pentecostal Heritage Offering:

On May 31st, Pentecost Sunday the Board and I are asking each church to take a special Pentecostal Heritage Offering. With all the recent annual cut backs, special funds are needed for campus needs. We are presently replacing slightly over half the campus mattresses. The cost is \$21,000. The Octagon Tabernacle is needing repair to windows and the outer Cypress Boards. The cost is \$22,000. Funds are needed to complete the Renewed Vision Campaign and to put in the R.V. Courts. Several areas need a new coat of paint. The carpet in the Cafeteria needs replacing so it goes. Pastors, please present the needs to your people. A brochure is forthcoming.

May 31st Pentecostal Heritage Service:

On Sunday night, Pentecost Sunday, May 31st the seven Pentecostal denominations and independent Pentecostal churches will gather in Falcon together to celebrate our heritage. Reverend William Lee of the Church of God will be preaching. Brother Lee spoke at the Azusa East Celebration. Let's all plan to be present. The choir concert begins at 5:00 p.m. The service begins at 6:00 p.m.

Falcon Camp Meeting

August 9th through August 16th

Brochures will be coming out soon. I am looking for sixteen churches to give \$1000 each for the support of Camp Meeting. Three have already signed up.

General Conference—Special Word

Remember every spouse of a pastor and ordained minister is a delegate to General Conference. Several have registered their spouses as visitors. Please register them as delegates.

Please, everyone who is certified as a delegate, get registered as quickly as possible. We might be able to certify additional delegates but I cannot until more register.

Don't forget to check out the N.C. Conference website for all your resource needs. Conference Calendar, Monthly Newsletter, Ministerial Forms, etc. Go to www.nciphc.com

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Attention Ministers—Please put your name and ID number on your monthly reports. This will greatly help our secretaries and insure the accuracy of your records. Make sure your name is on any CEU report you send in.

Special Announcement for Jettie and Sue Parker—Missionaries

Their daughter Patricia Cable was the 2008 winner in the Wordclay Short Story Contest for her wonderful collection of short stories—Legogote—Tales from the Bottom Township. This book tells many of her memories of being a missionary child growing up in South Africa. The book may be ordered from any book store or www.wordclay.com