

JULY 2016

HONORING & LOVING THE WORD OF GOD

While in devotions this morning, I was reading in Nehemiah 8 where Ezra opened the Book of the Law and all the people stood up in honor of the Word. It says in verse 3 that He read the Word from morning until midday. Some times it's hard to read for 30 minutes. I was reading and was captivated by the 9th verse; the last sentence says, "For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law". They were convicted of their misdoings concerning the Law of God.

I believe somewhere over the years we may have become so use to hearing the Word, or reading it, that we may have lost the love, respect and reverence for the Holy Scriptures. When was the last time you were convicted by the Word or wept over a scripture that you read, perhaps because it caused you to just sit and seek the Lord and thank Him for His Word which we are so blessed with on a daily basis?

I am reminded of a Missionary that I know who came to my church when I was pastoring. He makes regular trips into China taking the Gospel and Bibles to the underground church. There is a film showing him passing out Bibles to Christians for the first time, they have never owned one before; they had just been taught from it. They were crying and hugging and kissing their first Bible. My wife said to me, "I wonder if people in America really love the Bible like that." You see, we use the Bible as a tool from our spiritual toolbox to prepare a sermon, give a lesson, or to prove a point. The question being asked is, "Do we really love, honor, and revere the Holy Scriptures?"

I still have a bit of a problem when I see people using an electronic device reading the Scriptures. Now don't get me wrong, I have done it myself on occasion, so I'm not saying it is wrong. But I guess what I am trying to say is that something seems to be missing when you don't see the man or woman of God carrying or using their Bible. There is no need to get upset with my observation, because I'm not ridiculing or demeaning anyone...it is just my thoughts. I see people that can't leave the room without their phones yet sometimes don't remember where they left their Bible. I asked an individual one time where their Bible was and they said, "Oh, I have one downloaded on my phone." So they do have access to a Bible, but my main point is, does it have the same effect on my life, causing me to hate missing an opportunity to read it? Will I regret that I missed reading it yesterday, and will I make sure I take time to read it today?

The scriptures state that the Word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our pathway. It gives us insight to marriage, children, life in general, sins of the people, upcoming events that are still to take place and most of all, how much He loves us. Well my thoughts are coming to a close for this topic, but I just wanted to share my heart as Bishop and friend of our great District, ministers and leaders. My prayer is that the Word will come alive in these uncertain days that we are living in and that we allow the Word, not our circumstances, dictate our lives.

Blessings,

Bob Jayne

OUR 61ST SWTX DISTRICT CONVENTION



Our District Convention Speaker is Pastor Ben Dailey. Ben Dailey serves as the Lead Pastor of Calvary Church, a multi-site church in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Known for his creative style of communication and passion for nonconventional ministry, he reaches one of the most culturally diverse congregations in the nation. His unique ministry approach, along with his passion to reach the un-churched, has produced an atmosphere for record growth. Ben has served as a church planter and ministry consultant. He is the author of **Collide**, "When Your Desires Meet God's Heart." Ben has been married to his wife and ministry partner, Kim, for 23 years and has 2 children, Kyla and Kade.

We are looking forward to seeing each of you here at HQ for our convention services.

Women's Convention Meeting

This year's speaker for the Women's meeting will be our very own Gail Sanders, co-pastor of North Pointe Church in Copperas Cove, TX. She has labored along side her husband, Pastor Billy Sanders, for the past 36 + years advancing the Kingdom of God.

Gail is a life long member of the SWTX District, literally born and raised in our SWTX District, and has added much to our district over the years. You don't want to miss this special time , 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 26th. Looking forward to seeing you here.

Eileen Jayne

SWTX District Women's Director



Missions Convention Meeting

Alain and Jada Tanoh are missionaries to the Ivory Coast in Africa. If you have not had an opportunity to hear them, you will be blessed. They have a few openings while here in our District, July 10, 13, 17, 20 & 24.

If you would like to have them for a service please contact the District office at 512-353-8595, or Bishop at 361-332-9361, and we will be glad to accommodate you. They put on a tremendous meeting and Sis. Jada sings absolutely beautiful.



DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday July 25th: 7PM with our special speaker Pastor Ben Dailey, Lead Pastor of Calvary Church

Tuesday July 26th:

9AM - Memorial Service

9:55 – 10:00AM - Break

10:00 – 10:55AM - Women's Meeting with District Women's Director, Eileen Jayne. Gail Sanders will be the special speaker for this service.

11:00AM - Global Missions service with Alain & Jada Tanoh, Missionaries to the Ivory Coast.

12:00PM Lunch

7:00PM – Youth Service – DYD La Donna Sanders

Wednesday July 27th: 9:00AM – Bishop Jayne “Connect & Making the Connection”

10:00AM – District Business

Convention ends when business is completed.

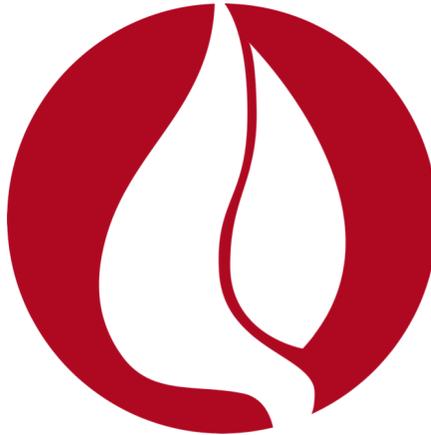
Ministers Attendance Requirements

According to the SWTX District Bylaws under Article Eleven (11) District Meetings, page 37, #10 it states: All ministers are required to attend at least one annual District meeting (i.e. Convention, Bible Conference or Camp Meeting) per year, or the minister will be called before the District Board.

There are some ministers, which we the District leaders haven't seen at any District function in the past four years and some in two years. Please make an effort to be at one of the Convention services, especially if you haven't been to any meetings since last Camp Meeting (January 2015). If you are a no show for this past year, the District Secretary will send a letter requesting that you appear before the District Board on October 18, 2016, in accordance with our District Bylaws to give an account of your actions and intentions in the Pentecostal Church of God.

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BIRTHDAYS

Aaron Jayne	2
Paul Craner	6
Richard Hagood	10
Genevive Holderby	11
Walter Nutt	14
Curtis Jones	23
Joann Jackson	25
Evelyn Hanson	28

ANNIVERSARIES

Judy & Elton Cody	2
Tim & Laura Baylor	6
LaDonna /Brandon Sanders	22
Claire & James Newman	29

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We just closed out an incredible Summer Camp. We had over 215 with us at IMPACT Summer Camp 2016. We ran all 3 camps simultaneously and it was an awesome time in the Lord. Thank you to those of you who sent campers, sponsors and/or workers to camp this year. We wouldn't be able to do it without you! Stay Tuned for 2017 Camp Dates!



MINISTERS ON CALL

- Dr. Dan Chapman (Early).....(325) 646-3943
- Rev. Anita Helms (Kerrville).....(512) 618-2736
- Rev. Ray Helms (Kerrville).....(512) 618-2736
- Rev. Judy Cody (San Angelo).....(325) 650-0905

2016 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Jul 16	School of Ministry—District HQ	Sep 17	School of Ministry—District HQ
Jul 25-27	District Convention		
Sep 9-10	WM Encounter: Speaker - Sonja Nolan		