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LOUISIANA FLOOD RECOVERY

The PCG disaster response team from Houston acted quickly when the news broke about flooding in parts of Louisiana during August. Baton Rouge and Denham Springs were hit hard by the devastation, which affected more than 560,000 people. Louisiana District Bishop J.W. Howell's home was a total loss, and the church he pastors, Faith Fellowship PCG, sustained significant damage from six feet of water. In addition, Rev. Kevin Hancock's home was badly damaged from more than five feet of flood water. Numerous families in their congregations were also impacted by this disaster.

PCG National Missions Director Andy Hunt and a crew of 15 people took supplies to the flood-ravaged area in late August and helped with cleanup and rebuilding efforts. At press time, plans called for another work team to return in mid-September.

To provide further assistance to this worthy cause, please send contributions to:

PCG National Missions
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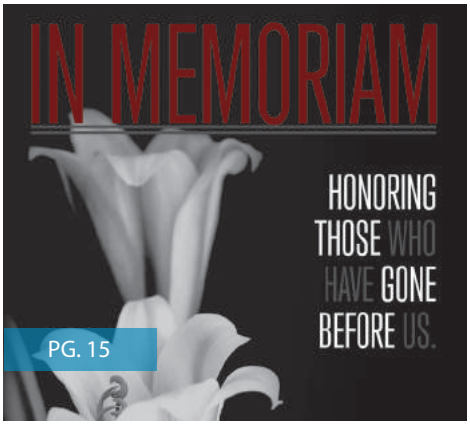

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IN THIS ISSUE

This issue of the *Pentecostal Messenger* centers on the faithfulness of God. Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV) tells us: "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments." We find examples of God's faithfulness throughout the Bible, as well as from our own personal experiences. General Bishop Loyd Naten shares his thoughts on the subject in his column on page 6; and General Secretary Dan Coleman reminds us we can always count on God, even during times of despair (see page 8).

Touched by faith, our dedicated PCG youth turned out in numbers for this year's Summerfest held in Phoenix, Arizona. Highlights of the program, including the results of the National Talent Expo and Impact Bible Quiz competitions, start on page 26.

Also featured in this edition: an introduction to our newest PCG district – the Northeast District (page 12); a thank you to long-time staff member Peggy Allen, who retired earlier this year (page 10); and our annual memorial tribute to those PCG ministers who passed away in 2015 (page 15).

Blessings to each of you as we enter this fall season. We hope you continually experience God's faithfulness and feel His presence – each and every day!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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OCTOBER 1-31, 2016
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DECEMBER 1-3, 2016
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January 1-31
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Women's Ministries
Connection Registration

January 6-7
JANUARY 6-7, 2017
Encounter Conference
CENTRAL • Galena, KS

January 13-14
JANUARY 13-14, 2017
Encounter Conference
WEST • Concord, CA

January 20-21
JANUARY 20-21, 2017
Encounter Conference
EAST • Winchester, KY

GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL

If you were to read through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, looking for the phrases "fear not" and "be not afraid," you would discover 107 such occurrences in the Old Testament, and another 42 in the New Testament. What that suggests is anything mentioned so frequently in the Bible must either be a common condition among humans or a great priority with God. It also suggests that God wants us to keep our emotions under control. The fact is we have strong feelings, often driven by compelling circumstances, and when we give our emotions free reign, things go south real fast.

I'll relate an issue I once had to deal with to illustrate my point. Mind you, it wasn't really a big issue, but I allowed it to become a bigger concern than was necessary. I did this by allowing my emotions to kick in. Now whenever that happens, a molehill becomes a mountain. I began pondering the issue as a MOUNTAIN and trying to contemplate how to resolve the issue from that standpoint. Next, I tried to contemplate the fallout which paved the way for all kinds of negative thoughts. Let me add, the greatest enemy to resolving issues/problems is *procrastination*. The longer you wait, the bigger the problem becomes.

That particular morning I awoke about 2:30 a.m. thinking about the issue, and I was reminded of God's faithfulness. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord (*Why? Because God is faithful to His Word*) with all thine heart; and lean not on thine own understanding (*Why? Because it is not in man to direct his own steps*). In all thy ways acknowledge him, and He (*God*) shall direct thy paths."

So in prayer that morning I talked to the Father and asked God what I should do. God's answer was simple: "*Talk to the bishop and simply ask him about the issue and don't draw any preconceived ideas.*" Preconceived ideas are what get you in trouble because those conclusions are usually based upon false facts. I did exactly what God instructed me to do and, the fact was, there was no issue at all. My concerns were eliminated in the first minute of the conversation. If we allow our emotions free reign, we can easily become fearful, and fear distorts the truth about God and the circumstance we're facing.

Matthew Henry stated, "In times of great difficulty and great expectation, it is our wisdom to keep our spirit calm, quiet and sedate, for then we are in the best frame both to do our own work and to do the work of God."

I'm learning when a problem arises I need to do four things: 1) get a grip on my emotions; 2) reel in my runaway emotions; 3) bring myself under control; and 4) work my way from fear to faith and believe God is going to bring me through whatever I'm facing. Remember, the same God that led you in will lead you out.

Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones preached in a sermon, "I don't care what the circumstance may be, the Christian should never be agitated, the Christian should never be beside himself, the Christian should never be at his/her wit's end, should never be in a condition in which he has lost…. It implies a lack of trust and confidence in Him." How true that statement is, yet how easily we forget it. *God is always faithful.*

After 46 years of ministry, I've learned God is well versed in every facet of life and nothing is too hard for Him. God knows about everything. So take all your needs to Him in prayer. I can tell you there were countless times during my work experience with NCR when I would be stumped while trying to resolve a problem with a bank machine, accounting machines, cash registers, and so on. I would put my tools down, go have a cup of coffee, and then ask God about the problem. Without fail, God would always come through for me.

Different circumstances, same results. The same thing happened when I was district secretary in Southern California. If I had a problem balancing the books for month-end, I would step away and leave the books for a while. Then, most of the time, God would reveal the solution to me in a dream at night.

My closing thoughts on a good rule to live by: There may be times when you cannot solve every problem, heal every hurt, change every circumstance, or win every battle. In these times, we must kneel in prayer. Then we must stand still to see what God will do. We must always leave room for God, staying calm and giving Him time to work. We walk by faith, so let's practice it. Faith raises the soul above the difficulty, straight to God Himself, and enables one to stand still; and He will most assuredly open a way for us.

Loyd Naten *is the General Bishop of the Pentecostal Church of God.*

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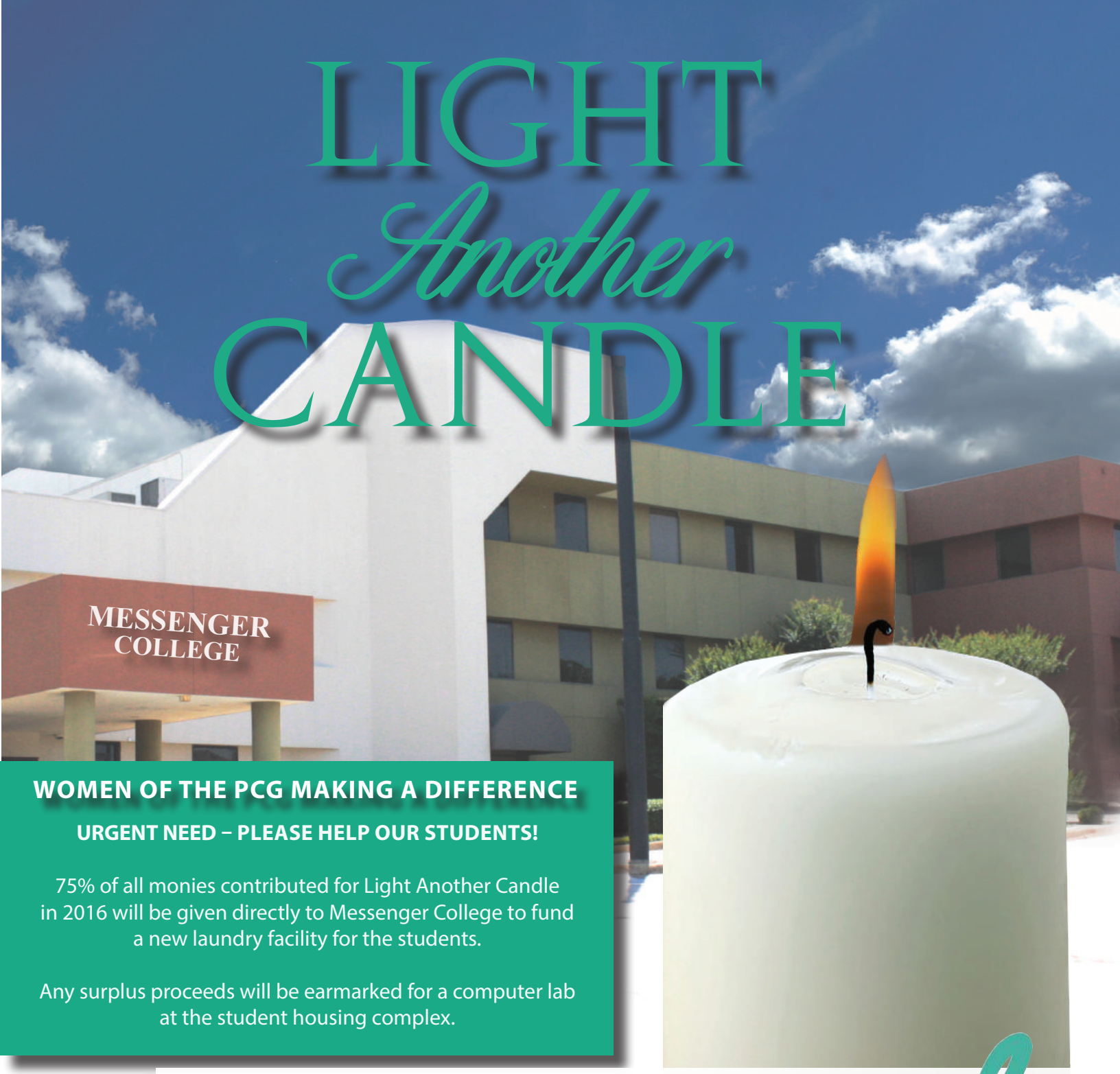

WOMEN OF THE PCG MAKING A DIFFERENCE

URGENT NEED – PLEASE HELP OUR STUDENTS!

75% of all monies contributed for Light Another Candle in 2016 will be given directly to Messenger College to fund a new laundry facility for the students.

Any surplus proceeds will be earmarked for a computer lab at the student housing complex.

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GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS

"Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Not long ago, after arriving home from the office, a storm passed through our area. Along with the storm came an unexpected treat – a beautiful rainbow. Now, I have seen some beautiful rainbows in my lifetime, including many double rainbows, which are my personal favorites. This rainbow was a special treat for me because it was the first one that I had the privilege of seeing since moving to Texas. So I pulled out my iPhone and snapped a few pictures. I even posted one on Facebook in an attempt to share with others the lovely rainbow that had spread itself across the stormy sky.

Unfortunately, my camera did not capture the fullness of the beauty as seen through my eyes. The rainbow stationed itself above our area for several minutes, allowing those passing by to witness its glorious beauty. Hundreds and perhaps even thousands saw the same rainbow I had been admiring. I stood and watched, until it disappeared. I never get tired of seeing a rainbow, not only because of its beauty, but also because it reminds of many wonderful things about the Lord.

The rainbow is a visual gift that God has given to us. He created it to appear in the sky at certain times, under certain conditions, and linked it to a great promise He made to Noah and all of us – after the great flood as a sign of His covenant (Genesis 9:12-15). I know that whenever I see a rainbow I can appreciate its beauty, but I also love its deeper meaning. Seeing a rainbow reminds me that God remembers His promises (Genesis 9:15).

In Revelation 4:2-6, we are given a glimpse of the glorious splendor of God's majesty. And encircling His throne is a beautiful rainbow. Here on Earth we only see the *arc of the rainbow*, but John saw that in Heaven a beautiful rainbow surrounded the throne of God, a rainbow unlike any we have ever seen. As the throne is a symbol of God's sovereignty, the "rainbow round about the throne" reminds us of His grace and mercy. The rainbow is also a sign of peace that appears on the cloud as the storm passes away and it is a reminder of God's track record of faithfulness.

We often need to be reminded of God's promises of faithfulness. Faithfulness is not only one of the attributes of God, but one that is highly spoken about in Scripture. Many times in the Psalms we find the faithfulness of God highlighted as a source of encouragement and comfort. Psalms 36:5 declares, "Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds." Everything about God is great, vast, and incomparable. He never forgets, never fails, never falters, and never forfeits His word. Because of God's faithfulness we can always count on God even though the picture may seem bleak and the circumstances impossible.

Though faced with the desolation of Jerusalem because of the nation's sin, the prophet Jeremiah could say of the Lord, "Great is Your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:23)." Because of God's immutable faithfulness, Jeremiah could speak of hope in the midst of the nation's despair. Jeremiah's message to the Israelites in captivity was to know that just as God had been faithful to His promises in the past, so He would be faithful to the future promises of restoration from captivity.

One of the aspects most interesting about a rainbow is the condition in which we as humans see the rainbow. It requires the sun to be behind you and the storm to be past you. In life, when we are going through a personal storm, you and I can count on the fact that our faithful God will bring us through victorious, even when we cannot see past the storm. We will be able to declare as did Jeremiah, "Great is Your faithfulness!"

Recently, our nation and our world have suffered horrific events. Hate crimes and the loss of precious life with seemingly no reason have left many searching for answers and trying to come to terms with all that is happening. The "good news" is that you and I can point the world to our Heavenly Father who remains faithful to His promises. We see the love and faithfulness of the Father expressed so clearly in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The greatest demonstration of His faithfulness is found in Jesus who was faithful to carry out the will of the Father, even to the point of death on the cross. As John 3:16 declares, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The next time you see a rainbow after the storm passes, don't just admire the beautiful colors, but also take time to worship God. Remember Psalms 119:90: "Your faithfulness endures to all generations."

Dan Coleman *is the General Secretary of the Pentecostal Church of God.*

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THANK YOU PEGGY ALLEN FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO PCG!

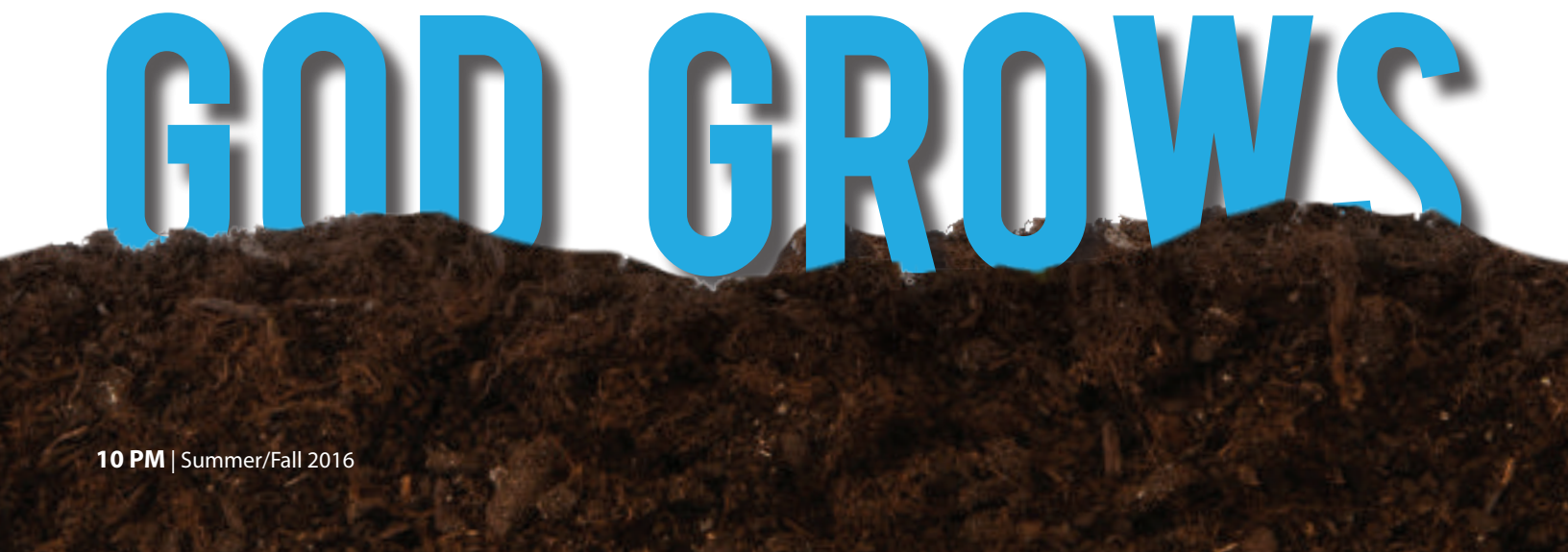
It began in a tragedy. The newly appointed missionary to Haiti was in a terrible auto accident, almost losing his life. This necessitated his resigning his missions' appointment, and the husband-and-wife team of Don and Peggy Allen were chosen to fulfill that urgent need in Haiti. Don and Peggy had met as students at Southern Bible College in Houston, and they were determined to follow God's will wherever it led. Both pastoral, missionary and Christian school positions became part of the grist for their outstanding years serving the Pentecostal Church of God in the editorial field.

Don began his service at Messenger Publishing House as head of the printing plant, but with the resignation of Bonnie Yarnell as editor of *The Pentecostal Messenger*, Don was asked to serve as "interim editor" while continuing to oversee the printing operations. Shortly thereafter, Peggy took a secretarial position with the magazine and began learning the multitude of tasks involved in magazine production.

When I was asked to serve as editor of *The Pentecostal Messenger* in 1995, Peggy was a vital part of the editorial staff. She soon became involved in editing the Sunday school curriculum for Messenger Publishing House, broadening her editorial skills. With staff changes, it wasn't long before she was appointed to the office of curriculum editor. With the editorial staff of *The Pentecostal Messenger* changing to that of a staff production, Peggy became a valued participant while continuing as editor for the adult curriculum.

Few people understand the multitude of professional skills necessary to produce a magazine or Sunday school curriculum. I still remember vividly the day in 1974 when General Superintendent R. Dennis Heard came into my office and told me I had to get an editor in place for the *Messenger*. At that time my only involvement with the magazine was submitting a monthly article as national director of Christian education. I learned that Sister McDole, who was serving as editor of the magazine and curriculum writer for my department, had suffered a serious heart attack. As a member of the PCG General Board, I knew the concerns about the magazine which had been voiced. With Brother Heard's approval, I began to make some changes. One of the most serious concerns was that our movement had few writers, and we depended heavily on other sources. Getting the magazine out on time and representing the movement became the top priorities.

Printing processes have changed dramatically since my first experience at headquarters in 1964. In those days, color printing was rare and very expensive. All that changed with the growth of offset printing and developments in the field of photography. Editors often have to encourage and train new authors, strive for balance and relevance, and stay abreast of such things as typography, layout and design, and style.



AN EDITOR

BY AARON M. WILSON

Rev. Aaron M. Wilson was called to the ministry in 1942. From General Board member to long-term staff employee, he has served PCG in many capacities over the years. Brother Wilson is the author of Our Story: The History of the Pentecostal Church of God.

Peggy & Don Allen

It was no small achievement when the *Messenger* received the Evangelical Press Association Award of Excellence in 2013 – a national honor from an organization representing all evangelical denominations. It is the often unrecognized humble service of our editors, past and present, which has so blessed our beloved movement through almost 100 years of history. After all, the Pentecostal Church of God derived its very existence from a magazine!

Peggy Allen has continued her invaluable service as an editor wherever needed until her recent retirement. Now, the prophetic word given to Don and Peggy in 1980 by evangelist Vernon Colvin (that God would lead them into "ministries that would give them great joy and contentment") shows how surely God guides His willing servants through a diversity of experiences to the divine destiny designed for them.

WELCOME PCG NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Without a shadow of a doubt, the relatively new Northeast District is the fruition of a dream, and this dream materialized for no other purpose but for the glory of God. As we advance God's kingdom, our goal is to connect pastors and lay people with the resources and training they need to reach their communities for Christ.

This district was born out of the Capital District. The "Northeast" name was adopted primarily because our area of operation encompasses a substantial segment of the Northeast, namely Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, the Northeast section of Pennsylvania (including the city of Philadelphia), and continuing upward into the states of Maine, Vermont, and Rhode Island.

HOW IT BEGAN

Our first official meeting was held on September 13, 2014, with former General Bishop Charles Scott at Trinity Faith PCG in Bronx, New York. There were a total of eight churches represented from which a consensus was reached to proceed with the formation of a new district. That October, a task force of five ministers traveled to PCG Headquarters in Bedford, Texas, to present the proposal for a new district to the General Board. The Northeast District was given the greenlight to be established under the guidelines of the Bylaws of the Pentecostal Church of God, as it applies to formation of new districts under the supervision of the National Home Missions director.

On March 14, 2015, General Bishop Scott along with former Assistant General Bishop Dan Coleman of the Michigan District, National Missions Director Andy Hunt, and Capital District Bishop Richard Farley visited the Northeast District for the selection of new leaders. All the churches that would form the new district were represented at this historical meeting. Rev. Dr. Clarence Baker, senior pastor of Trinity PCG

in Paterson, New Jersey, was chosen as the district's executive presbyter. The Northeast District would now operate as a developing district under the auspices of Director Andy Hunt until meeting the requirements to become a full district.

We all left that meeting with a great sense of joy – fully aware of the challenges of ministry – but all confident that our God is able to give us hind's feet as we navigate to new heights in ministry. On April 1, 2015, we were officially on record as the Northeast District.

FURTHER PROGRESS

During the week of November 9, 2015, the Northeast District officials (Pastor Clarence Baker, Pastor Glenroy Powell, Pastor Curtis Peart, and Pastor Paulus Taylor) attended the PCG General Board meeting in Bedford, Texas, to present the Northeast District proposal for transitioning from a developing district to a full district. The General Board voted unanimously to advance the Northeast District to full-district status.

To complete the process of becoming a full district, the planning began for an inaugural district convention. The dates and location were set: May 12–14, 2016, at Trinity PCG in New Jersey. With much anticipation, we prayed and looked forward to this momentous event – a forum for all the district churches to gather for the purpose of transacting important district business and ratifying bylaws for governance.

The convention was aptly themed "New Beginning: The Journey Has Begun." Our first big event got off to a great start and was characterized by worship, the Word, fellowship, and business. We were challenged by our guest speakers PCG General Secretary Rev. Dan Coleman (along with his wife, Sister Lorie) and Rev. Andy Hunt. No doubt their messages came directly from the Lord preparing us for the journey ahead.

SUBMITTED BY BISHOP GLENROY POWELL, PCG NORTHEAST DISTRICT

NORTHEAST DISTRICT FAST FACTS

The district spans a large geographical region from Delaware to Maine and is comprised of 28 credentialed ministers and 10 churches.

A district prayer coordinator has been appointed to coordinate prayer sessions and events throughout the district. This is an effort to have all plans and goals covered in prayer and fulfilled according to God's direction to effectively carry out God's work.

The district's goal over the next few years is to grow by at least 10 percent annually in all areas of ministry. The plan:

1. Strengthen the churches by providing and/or referring them to resources and tools that will help them to heal, restore, and sustain ministry growth and development.

2. Provide training and resources to assist pastors, ministers, and church workers to expand and start new ministries, ensuring all are cognizant of the changes impacting ministry and mission in the 21st century. The goal is to plant at least one new church each year.

3. The DYD will focus on special outreach to young people with programs to raise up new ministers, with the goal of recruiting young ministerial candidates.

4. Help the churches in the Northeast District to become more outward focused with the expressed goal of making disciples instead of "church members."

5. Produce annual district outreach events in various areas, which will enable the district to accomplish its mission of increasing the PCG footprints in the Northeast region of the United States.

Bishop Glenroy & Colette Powell

Northeast District Leadership

Bishop Glenroy Powell & Executive Presbyter Clarence Baker • Passing the torch

INITIAL NORTHEAST DISTRICT LEADERSHIP:

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REV. MARJORIE I. ADAMS • OSI DISTRICT

MARCH 12, 1922 – FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Sister Adams gave her life to Christ in 1950 and not many years later felt the call to ministry. She was an ordained minister who, with her husband, pastored several churches in Wyoming, California, and Oregon. They also served as missionaries to Belize, Central America. She was a great blessing to her husband as he filled the offices of presbyter and bishop for the Oregon/Southern Idaho District.

DR. GENE BALDWIN • CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

AUGUST 22, 1943 – JULY 4, 2015

Dr. Baldwin preached his first sermon in children's church at the tender age of 9 or 10, where he made his first of many altar calls for salvation. He was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God for 50 years and was most recently the pastor of the Country Church in Castroville, California.

REV. DOROTHY M. BLASSINGAME • MICHIGAN DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 9, 1935 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

Sister Blassingame was an ordained minister who served as the pastor of Victory Tabernacle in Dowagiac, Michigan, for more than 30 years. She dedicated her life to spreading the gospel to everyone and guiding others to preach and teach.

REV. J.B. BURROUGH • OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

MAY 20, 1927 – SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

Brother Burrough worked as a mechanic and proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was an ordained minister and pastor of Harvest Hour PCG in Cartwright, Oklahoma.

REV. KENNETH R. BURWELL • ARKANSAS DISTRICT

APRIL 26, 1941 – JANUARY 13, 2015

Brother Burwell started preaching at the young age of 16 and was an ordained minister for 50 years. When he wasn't preaching he held several occupations. He was a truck driver, deputy sheriff, special investigator, chaplain, car dealer, carpenter, teacher, and bus driver.

REV. GILBERT E. BUTLER • SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

OCTOBER 15, 1925 – JANUARY 5, 2015

Brother Butler was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God for 50-plus years.

REV. LEROY L. CANTRELL • CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

JULY 31, 1938 – JULY 12, 2015

Brother Cantrell was diagnosed with rheumatic fever in his teen years; while watching Oral Roberts, he agreed in faith and was healed. He started preaching when he was 19 years old and was ordained in 1960. He served as the district youth director for the Oregon/Southern Idaho District. Later, he was installed as the pastor of Glad Tidings in Porterville, California, where he served for 48 years.

REV. KENNETH J. CHOKIE • ARIZONA DISTRICT

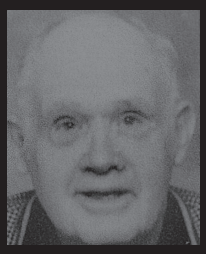
MARCH 3, 1957 – JANUARY 24, 2015

Brother Chokie held an exhorter license with the Pentecostal Church of God. A United States Army veteran, he was also a correctional officer, worked in road construction, and was a truck driver.

REV. CLAUDE E. COBB • INDIANA DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 8, 1928 – JULY 22, 2015

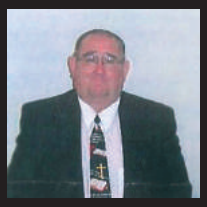
Brother Cobb was an ordained minister for nearly 60 years. He pastored churches in Indiana and in Michigan. He was the first youth director for the Indiana District and later served as their bishop. He pastored Bethel Faith Temple in Indianapolis for 22 years until his retirement.



REV. CLYDE O. CURRY • ARKANSAS DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 18, 1921 – DECEMBER 13, 2015

Brother Curry became an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God in 1969. He was the founder and pastor of Cavanaugh PCG in Fort Smith, Arkansas.



REV. DEWAYNE L. DAWSON • EAST TEXAS DISTRICT

JULY 29, 1950 – APRIL 7, 2015

Brother Dawson was an ordained minister. He served as the pastor of Trinity Chapel PCG in Sanger, Texas, for 27 years until his retirement. In addition to pastoring, he was an insurance agent for more than 20 years.

REV. ALVIS R. DYER • ARKANSAS DISTRICT

APRIL 1, 1954 – APRIL 1, 2015

Brother Dyer was credentialed as an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God. He served as the pastor of Mulberry Revival Center in Mulberry, Arkansas.

REV. FRANCES B. GALES • ARKANSAS DISTRICT

MAY 2, 1929 – DECEMBER 8, 2015

Sister Gales was credentialed as a licensed minister with the Pentecostal Church of God in 1977.

REV. HECTOR U. GARCIA • CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 22, 1959 – DECEMBER 7, 2015

Brother Garcia was credentialed with the Pentecostal Church of God as an exhorter. He was the pastor of Maranatha Iglesia PCG in Mendota, California. He and his wife also did missionary work in Mexico where they fed the hungry and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

REV. TOMMY W. GOAD • ARKANSAS DISTRICT

JUNE 7, 1954 – MAY 7, 2015

Brother Goad was an ordained minister who pastored England Pentecostal Church of God in England, Arkansas. He also drove a school bus for the England School District. He loved to hunt, fish, and be with his family.

REV. PATRICIA A. GOHM • MICHIGAN DISTRICT

JULY 16, 1938 – APRIL 3, 2015

Sister Gohm was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God. She was a strong, brave spiritual leader in her community where she retired as a radiographer and mammographer.

REV. JOHN D. GRAHAM • OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

JULY 19, 1918 – OCTOBER 16, 2015

Brother Graham was in ministry for 47 years, becoming an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God in 1972. He and his wife planted and pastored several churches in Michigan and South Carolina. He played the piano, organ, and guitar, traveling state to state evangelizing.

REV. JAMES A. HALFORD • EAST TEXAS DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 8, 1938 – FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Brother Halford was an ordained minister who pastored churches in North Shore, Pasadena, Houston, Carlsie, and Dayton.

REV. JERRY D. HEATER • WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT

MARCH 20, 1938 – JULY 18, 2015

Brother Heater proudly served in the United States Army and was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God attending Faith Tabernacle in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

REV. VARDIEMAN J. HOPKINS • SOUTHWEST TEXAS DISTRICT

MARCH 14, 1937 – JUNE 15, 2015

Brother Hopkins proudly served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Thomas F. Nickel. He was an ordained minister evangelizing in Southern California, Texas, and Mexico. He was a gifted musician, singer, artist, and photographer. At the time of his passing, he was pastoring Open Door PCG in San Antonio, Texas.

REV. WENDEL D. HOWARD • SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 15, 1940 – MARCH 3, 2015

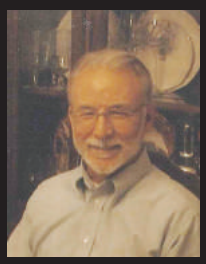
Brother Howard was credentialed as an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God pastoring Family Christian Fellowship in Bakersfield, California.

REV. WILLARD J. JACOBS • MID-ATLANTIC COAST DISTRICT
DECEMBER 20, 1933 – JANUARY 11, 2015

Brother Jimmy Jacobs was credentialed as an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God.

REV. MARVIN P. JAMES • NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT
APRIL 3, 1927 – JANUARY 7, 2015

Brother James was a licensed minister with the Pentecostal Church of God. He served in the United States Army during World World II and pastored in the Lubbock area for 43 years.



REV. DAVID W. KRADLAK, SR. • OHIO DISTRICT
OCTOBER 31, 1946 - MARCH 27, 2015

Brother Kradlak was a United States Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War. In 1981 he became a licensed minister and pastored in North Ridgeville, Ohio, for 20-plus years. He also worked as a fiber optics specialist for AT&T.

REV. OPAL LARGE • OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
APRIL 3, 1918 – OCTOBER 27, 2015

Sister Large was a devoted mother and pastor. She moved to Okay, Oklahoma, in 1943 and began building the church structure by helping to lay brick. She pastored Okay Christian Fellowship for 73 years. She also attended Rhema Bible Training in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

REV. ERASMO G. LEAL • CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
MARCH 31, 1955 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

Brother Leal was a credentialed exhorter with the Pentecostal Church of God pastoring Fountain of Life in Corcoran, California. He was buried with military honors.

REV. JAMES J. LOWMAN • MICHIGAN DISTRICT
JANUARY 4, 1946 – NOVEMBER 2, 2015

Brother Jim Lowman proudly served in the United States Army where he was stationed in Germany and in Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam. He was an ordained minister in Central Lake, Pullman, and Holt. He actively assisted his son at Grace Chapel PCG in Saint Johns, Michigan, for 10 years.

REV. MARY M. MABRY • EAST TEXAS DISTRICT
DECEMBER 27, 1919 – AUGUST 14, 2015

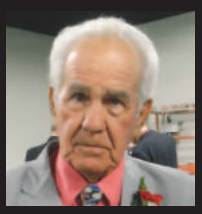
Sister Mabry was an ordained minister for more than 60 years who pastored churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. She was a sought-after Bible teacher and convention speaker. She was an author of two books and numerous poems and an accomplished musician, arranging and publishing many gospel songs and two albums. She was also a licensed ECG technician.

REV. JOYCE M. MARSHALL • TENNESSEE DISTRICT
OCTOBER 14, 1929 – FEBRUARY 14, 2015

Sister Marshall was an ordained minister serving as a missionary in Chamisol, New Mexico, for nine years. She was instrumental in raising enough funds to double the size of the church building and also in developing a Christian school where she became the first administrator.

REV. WILLIE L. MCGINTHIA • ARKANSAS DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 12, 1913 – OCTOBER 9, 2015

Brother McGinthia proudly served in the United States Army during World War II where he was stationed in the Aleutian Islands, Germany, and France. He was an ordained minister pastoring in Arcole, Hartford, and Fort Smith. He taught numerous Bible classes and worked for Messenger Publishing House for 26 years as an artist and writer. He authored two books, along with many poems and songs. With his wife, Bernice, they ministered on radio with short sermons and songs.



REV. HUEY O. MEHERG • ARKANSAS DISTRICT
JANUARY 20, 1936 – NOVEMBER 15, 2015

Brother Meherg was a United States Army veteran and an ordained ministered serving as pastor of Etowah Pentecostal Church of God for 38 years.

REV. RAYMOND MITCHELL • EAST TEXAS DISTRICT
JANUARY 2, 1924 – JUNE 19, 2015

Brother Mitchell served in the United States Navy where his aircraft carrier fought in both theaters of World War II. During a three-day air battle, he promised God that if he made it home alive he would serve Him. He kept his promise and in 1952 became an ordained minister. He served as the pastor of Full Gospel Tabernacle and was later elected as the superintendent of the Ohio District. He moved to Houston, Texas, in 1968 to pastor Welcome Tabernacle. He also pastored the National Headquarters' Church in Joplin, Missouri.

REV. ELMER L. MOON • CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
JULY 8, 1931 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Brother Moon was an ordained minister who both planted and pastored Calvary Community Church in Salinas, California, for more than 50 years.

REV. HAROLD A. NELSON • ARIZONA DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 16, 1924 – MAY 17, 2015

Brother Nelson served in the United States Army earning a bronze star. He graduated from the Assembly of God College in San Francisco and became an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God in 1950.

REV. LESLIE A. NIEMEYER, JR. • SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 11, 1936 – SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

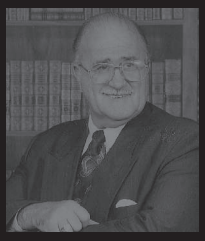
Brother Niemeyer was an ordained minister for over 40 years. He founded and pastored churches in the California cities of San Bernardino, Hesperia, Lake Isabella, and Bakersfield, as well as in Great Falls, Montana. He used his carpentry skills for Indian missions, missions to Mexico, and at the Southern California District campground, "Bethel in the Hills." He forged the way for many to find Christ as their personal Savior.

REV. WILLIAM JACK OWENS • MICHIGAN DISTRICT
JANUARY 3, 1924 – NOVEMBER 14, 2015

Brother Jack Owens worked for General Motors for 30 years. Upon retirement, he went into full-time ministry. He was an ordained minister and a member of Harvest Time Tabernacle in Flint, Michigan.

REV. CHARLES L. PANCOAST, JR. • MICHIGAN DISTRICT
DECEMBER 11, 1932 – OCTOBER 16, 2015

Brother Pancoast began preaching at the young age of 15 and became an ordained minister in 1954. He served the Pentecostal Church of God in many positions: Indiana/Ohio PYPA president, national PYPA president (1964-1969), and president of Messenger College (1984-1991). He also pastored churches in Kentucky, California, Texas, Arkansas, and Michigan. He was the founder of the PCG Bible quizzing program and was well known for singing "How Big is God" and playing his saxophone.



REV. DONALD F. PARKER • CENTRAL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 5, 1940 – MARCH 20, 2015

Brother Parker served in the United States Army in Korea, Germany, and Vietnam. He was an ordained minister who served the Pentecostal Church of God as a district board member and was the regional field representative for Indian Missions. He pastored in Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Topeka, Kansas; and Lamont, Missouri. He traveled around the world helping Bible schools, orphanages, and the less fortunate.

REV. ROY D. PARNELL • OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
JUNE 19, 1932 – JANUARY 26, 2015

Brother Parnell was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God and a missionary evangelist with Parnell Brothers World Wide Revivals for 63 years traveling to 27 countries.

REV. ROBERT H. ROBERTS • OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
MAY 24, 1929 – NOVEMBER 21, 2015

Brother Bob Roberts was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God serving as a youth director for the state of Colorado and as a superintendent in New Mexico. He began evangelizing at the age of 26 and pastored his first church in a brush arbor in Grand Junction, Colorado. He continued on to build and/or pastor churches in Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Washington.

REV. JOHN E. ROSS • SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
DECEMBER 11, 1945 – JUNE 25, 2015

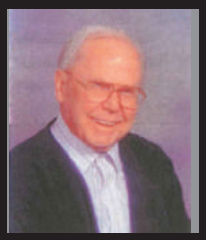
Brother Ross was an ordained minister who began his ministry serving at Bethesda Temple PCG in Santa Paula and Wasco PCG. He pastored the last 30 years at Westside Family Fellowship in Wasco. He served as the presbyter for the Southern California District and as a general board member for the Pentecostal Church of God. In the last ten years, he helped replant churches in McFarland and Santa Paula.

REV. ABE ROWE • OHIO DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 9, 1927 – MAY 3, 2015

Brother Rowe served in the United States Army during World War II and was stationed in Germany. He was an ordained minister serving the Lord with his gift of music by singing and playing the guitar. He also pastored at Quickstep PCG in Alger, Ohio.

REV. CARL E. RUSSELL • ARKANSAS DISTRICT
JANUARY 22, 1933 – OCTOBER 23, 2015

Brother Russell was ordained to the ministry in 1974 with the Pentecostal Church of God. He continued to preach, evangelize, and do pastoral work for 40 years.



REV. JAMES H. SALTERS • CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 28, 1918 – DECEMBER 21, 2015

Brother Salters was an ordained minister who pastored in Prunedale, Savanna, and Santa Cruz. He spent 35 years in Santa Cruz pastoring and building a new sanctuary and educational building. He served as the chaplain for the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Department and was a well-known speaker at Bible conferences, revivals, and camp meetings.

REV. MALCUM E. SELLERS • OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
APRIL 29, 1928 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

Brother Sellers became an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God in 1961. He pastored Faith Temple in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, where he also built many homes. He served as the Oklahoma District bishop and was an honorary general board member.

REV. CONSTANTINO SILLER • EAST TEXAS DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 26, 1965 – OCTOBER 5, 2015

Brother Siller was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God. During his 18 years of ministry, he assisted several pastors, ministered in a mission church in Mexico, and finally pastored for one year in Ennis, Texas.

REV. MELBURN W. STAMBACK • NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT
OCTOBER 25, 1934 – OCTOBER 25, 2015

Brother Stamback was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God for 54 years. While serving in the United Stated Air Force, he gave his heart to the Lord. He pastored many churches and evangelized with his wife for many years.

REV. WILLIAM B. THOMPSON • PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT
JUNE 12, 1929 – APRIL 2, 2015

Brother Thompson accepted the Lord as his savior in 1957 and became an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God in 1962. He pastored several churches in Oregon and Washington.

REV. LEE A. TODD • OSI DISTRICT
AUGUST 27, 1929 – AUGUST 11, 2015

Brother Todd served in the United State Air Force. He became an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God in 1983 and passed on the importance of walking with and relying upon the Lord to his family.

REV. BETTY J. WALDROP • CENTRAL DISTRICT
AUGUST 4, 1931 – JUNE 25, 2015

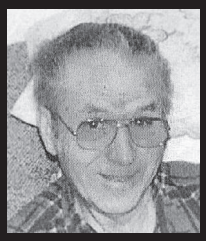
Sister Waldrop was an ordained minister who pastored with her husband in Milan and Chillicothe, Missouri. She spoke at many conferences in Kentucky, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

REV. PAUL D. WANGER • ARKANSAS DISTRICT
JULY 13, 1932 – JANUARY 10, 2015

Brother Wanger was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God for 54 years serving in Missouri, Iowa, Kentucky, Utah, and Arkansas.

REV. FLORENCE E. WILSON • OSI DISTRICT
MARCH 9, 1929 – DECEMBER 22, 2015

Sister Wilson was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God for 66 years. Together, she and her husband pioneered four churches in Washington and Montana. In the mid-1950s she served as the Yellowstone District PYPA leader. Returning to Oregon they pastored in Coos Bay and then pastored another six churches. She also served as the Christian education director for her district for 20 years.



REV. KENNETH E. WITTENBERGER • S. MISSOURI DISTRICT
JANUARY 8, 1924 – AUGUST 26, 2015

Brother Wittenberger was a decorated veteran of World War II. He served in the Third Infantry Division in the European Theater. He was an ordained minister for 45 years with the Pentecostal Church of God, pastoring churches in Versailles, Butler, and Eldon, Missouri.

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REV. MARTHA WOELKE • SOUTHWEST TEXAS DISTRICT
AUGUST 6, 1919 – JUNE 1, 2015

Sister Woelke was an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God since 1976.

Seeds Of Peace by GW Marshall

May seeds of peace find a home in your heart,
May forgiveness help mend each broken part,
For you are worthy when the last sunset falls
To cross that bridge when the trumpet calls.
So be not of sorrow for those gone ahead,
They are more happy than we who are dead,
For most of us fail to learn how to live,
The secret is to open your heart and just give,
For this is the way our Savior had taught,
But through Satan's lies, His words we forgot,
So as time grows shorter we must reawaken,
To remind the world of His love forsaken.

the pentecostal church of god

Giving Reports

WORLD MISSIONS

TOP 10 DISTRICTS FOR 2015

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$216,440.68
OKLAHOMA DISTRICT	$144,154.00
SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT	$141,174.95
ARKANSAS DISTRICT	$111,684.53
MICHIGAN DISTRICT	$76,063.59
SOUTHWEST TEXAS DISTRICT	$75,836.96
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$73,420.75
INDIANA DISTRICT	$47,668.95
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$44,980.91
OREGON/SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT	$39,393.35

TOP 10 CHURCHES FOR 2015

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD	CLOVIS, CA	$62,860.00
RADIANT LIFE PCG	FESTUS, MO	$39,960.00
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD	TECUMSEH, OK	$39,443.03
NEW LIFE OUTREACH PCG	PLEASANTON, TX	$26,349.23
CHOWCHILLA FAMILY WORSHIP	CHOWCHILLA, CA	$19,295.00
THE WINEPRESS	SANTA MARIA, CA	$17,475.00
JOPLIN FAMILY WORSHIP CTR PCG	JOPLIN, MO	$16,660.00
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD	HANFORD, CA	$14,505.00
MILAM CHAPEL PCG	TURRELL, AR	$12,300.00
GOSPEL TABERNACLE	SUSANVILLE, CA	$12,160.00

INDIAN MISSIONS

TOP 10 DISTRICTS FOR 2015

OHIO DISTRICT	$31,069.41
EAST TEXAS DISTRICT	$18,892.63
SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT	$14,060.00
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$12,097.00
MICHIGAN DISTRICT	$8,666.22
ARKANSAS DISTRICT	$8,342.70
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT	$7,094.89
SOUTHWEST TEXAS DISTRICT	$6,347.63
TENNESSEE DISTRICT	$6,189.64
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$6,015.60

TOP 10 CHURCHES FOR 2015

RADIANT LIFE PCG	FESTUS, MO	$7,120.00
GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSE PCG	POWDERLY, TX	$6,250.00
HOUSE OF PRAYER	KENTON, OH	$5,200.00
VICTORY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	HAMILTON, TX	$3,879.63
LIGHTHOUSE PCG	CAREY, OH	$3,640.65
TYLER RIVER OF LIFE PCG	MIDDLEBOURNE, WV	$3,061.60
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY	LINDEN, CA	$3,000.00
JOPLIN FAMILY WORSHIP CTR PCG	JOPLIN, MO	$2,775.00
TRINITY FULL GOSPEL	ZANESVILLE, OH	$2,750.00
KONA GOSPEL CHAPEL	KEALAKEKUA, HI	$2,600.00

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."

2 Corinthians 9:10

MESSENGER COLLEGE

TOP 10 DISTRICTS FOR 2015

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$3,650.00
ARKANSAS DISTRICT	$3,120.00
KENTUCKY DISTRICT	$1,200.00
MICHIGAN DISTRICT	$1,200.00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$950.00
OHIO DISTRICT	$450.00
CENTRAL DISTRICT	$350.00
CAPITAL DISTRICT	$300.00
YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT	$250.00
TENNESSEE DISTRICT	$100.00

TOP 10 CHURCHES FOR 2015

ECHOES FROM CALVARY	SALINAS, CA	$1,320.00
RADIANT LIFE PCG	FESTUS, MO	$1,300.00
MESSENGER PCG WORSHIP CTR	FENTON, MO	$1,100.00
CHRISTPOINT CHURCH	GALENA, KS	$600.00
RIVER OF LIFE PCG	GLOBE, AZ	$600.00
ABUNDANT LIFE FAMILY CHURCH	FARMINGTON, MO	$550.00
LIVING WORD WORSHIP CENTER	BRYAN, TX	$550.00
WESTSIDE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP	WASCO, CA	$500.00
RIVER OF LIFE PCG	LATON, CA	$460.00
GATES OF PRAISE	DINUBA, CA	$400.00

NATIONAL MISSIONS

TOP 10 DISTRICTS FOR 2015

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$9,760.00
EAST TEXAS DISTRICT	$6,875.47
SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT	$5,490.00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$4,605.00
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$3,086.56
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT	$3,000.00
MID ATLANTIC COAST DISTRICT	$2,245.00
OREGON/SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT	$1,955.00
SOUTHWEST TEXAS DISTRICT	$1,810.00
MICHIGAN DISTRICT	$1,216.50

TOP 10 CHURCHES FOR 2015

NEW CANEY FAMILY WORSHIP	NEW CANEY, TX	$4,765.47
MESSENGER PCG WORSHIP CTR	FENTON, MO	$2,200.00
SOLID ROCK FAMILY CHURCH	JEFFERSON CITY, MO	$2,060.00
ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES	PULASKI, VA	$2,005.00
STREAMS OF HOPE CHURCH	VICTORVILLE, CA	$1,305.00
FAMILY LIFE WORSHIP CENTER	MC FARLAND, CA	$1,300.00
NEW LIFE PCG MOUNTAIN VIEW	MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA	$1,290.00
GOSPEL LIGHT TEMPLE	PACHECO, CA	$1,260.00
KONA GOSPEL CHAPEL	KEALAKEKUA, HI	$1,250.00
NORTHLAND ABUNDANT LIFE	KANSAS CITY, MO	$1,167.50

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

TOP 10 DISTRICTS FOR 2015

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT	$6,390.54
SOUTHWEST TEXAS DISTRICT	$6,390.00
OKLAHOMA DISTRICT	$5,860.00
ARKANSAS DISTRICT	$5,155.55
NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT	$3,866.36
CENTRAL DISTRICT	$3,706.23
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$2,770.80
OHIO DISTRICT	$2,708.80
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT	$2,108.85
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	$1,877.00

TOP 10 CHURCHES FOR 2015

COASTAL BEND FAMILY WORSHIP	ARANSAS PASS, TX	$2,750.00
NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES	ROCKPORT, TX	$1,300.00
GLAD TIDINGS	FLINT, MI	$500.00
TYLER RIVER OF LIFE PCG	MIDDLEBOURNE, WV	$411.10
NEW LIFE MINISTRIES FCF	KANSAS CITY, MO	$352.23
HOPE WORSHIP CENTER	ASHLAND CITY, TN	$310.00
FAITH PCG	RENSSELAER, IN	$256.98
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD	WHEATFIELD, IN	$254.00
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD	HUMNOKE, AR	$250.00
FAITH TABERNACLE PCG	BUCKHANNON, WV	$221.00

SUMMERFEST 2016

Summerfest 2016 was held in Phoenix, Arizona, June 21-24. Students of all ages as well as parents and leaders from all over the U.S. merged together for 4 days of action packed events! Featured activities included: National Talent Expo Finals, Impact Bible Quiz National Tournament, Impact Missions Outreach, SEEDS Dodgeball Tournament, Summerfest NIGHTS—featuring a concert with guest musical artist BLANCA, and not one but two incredible Impact Worship Services!

Our theme this year was MARKED. Marked (adj.): clearly noticeable; evident.
Our world stands waiting to see, just what will be the noticeable, distinguishing mark on this generation? What will they stand for? What will set them apart? What will be their mark on history?

We believe that God wants to MARK this generation. He desires to pour out his Spirit in such a way that He becomes the distinguishing MARK on this gen! Students left Phoenix, Arizona, MARKED by His power & presence!

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MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US NEXT YEAR FOR SUMMERFEST — OUR ANNUAL NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE.
IN 2017 WE WILL BE IN VALENCIA, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 27-30!

IMPACT
PCG STUDENT MINISTRIES

TEEN & KID POETRY & SHORT STORY WINNERS

KEY TO MY DESTINY;
PIOUS STREAM-OF-CONSCIOUSNESS
KRISTOPHE SMITH | AGE 16
NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Rising media but, Jesus daily
The motion growing, but apparent evanescence
Will I sin on this day Lord, just maybe,
Lord I ask to reflect with radiance.
Coming to a halt on the track of life one looks for a remedy.
Step inside to the half opened crypt
and you will find the key to your destiny.

Various gimmicks and sins,
I'm swimming in like a shark tearing our lives apart
Becoming accustomed to the dark.
Thinking back to when I first met my loving Saviour
Happily claimed I will change my corrupt behavior."
My burning passion went cold like an arctic glacier.
The Lord turned, I was out of sight like a wisp of vapor.
You alone cannot untwist mortal complexity.
Seek the Lord, who holds the key to your destiny.

Shifting to worldly dreams from Evangelism
Love thy neighbor as thyself escaping my colloquialism.
Joining Jehovah's legion, to escape the fate of the nether region.
Take up the shield of faith to quench fiery darts.
It's not all sunshine in the earthly realm
Because that is when real trouble and temptation starts.
God Almighty will have my heart, until I depart
Being a good servant is all I can do in all honesty
For he is the keeper of the key to my destiny.

To meet my needs, Jesus died on that cross at Calvary,
He had to bleed I am saved and sanctified indeed.
God is love himself, and love is with me
This day, the Lord has given me the key to my Destiny.

NEVER LETTING GO
HAILEY SULLIVAN | AGE 10
ARKANSAS DISTRICT

Oh God, When you are near
I can breathe without fear,
God, please come and rescue me.

Oh God, I am falling apart,
I need you in my heart,
I am never letting go of you.

God, I need you in my life,
If I don't, I won't survive,
I am never letting go of you.

God, when I am broken and afraid,
I feel alone, and betrayed,
I am never letting go of you.

Oh God, when the devil is close and near
I know you are closer, and I will feel no fear,
Oh God, I am never letting go of you.

GREATER IS HE

JULIA ROTHCHILD-SILLIBOY • AGE 17 • NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Have you ever experienced fear so crippling, that it stuck with you every single day, haunting you, waking you from the dead of night? This is the fear that makes us want to run, but stiffens our knees and knocks us down. It eats away at your soul, hardens your heart, steals your peace, and causes unexplainable tragedies. This fear is a thief, a murderer, and a liar. It's something I am still overcoming to this day, but God. God is giving me the strength to do so.

On July 15th, 2015 I received a phone call from Enloe Medical Center, where my mother had been admitted after a trip to the emergency room. The doctors had found a black mass on the front right side of her brain, which caused her terrifying fainting spells and fading memory. The very next day, they found a mass on her right lung. In that moment, my heart dropped. Sweat surfaced onto my skin as my knees and hands started shaking uncontrollably. I couldn't breathe;my chest felt caved in. For seconds after, I was struggling for air. The doctors soon discovered from a biopsy that it was stage 4 metastatic lung cancer. During that procedure, my mother's lung collapsed and tubes were placed in her for nearly four days. Since that hot summer day, I've been afraid that my mother would not wake up the morning after I say good night. Who knows when my mother's time on this earth would run out? Who knows what my last words would be? So, I learned to cherish every moment left.

Growing up, my mother was the only parent in my life; yet, her alcohol addiction drove me away from wanting a relationship with her. At night, my sister and I were left alone while my mother was at the bar spending our food money on beer. We didn't have family trips or inside jokes but often were overwhelmed with broken communication and screaming fests. Craving peace, I found myself wandering through church doors; finding the love and shelter of family I should've been born into.

Through the church I have attended since 2010, I go to an annual summer camp; that week on the mountain is easily the most powerful moves of God I have ever been a part of. Coming back down to reality, you feel invincible; nothing can stop you. I found out about my mother's cancer a week after camp. **The day I found out, I found myself extremely angry at God. Here I am not even a full week after the mightiest spiritual experience I have ever been a part of, feeling alone and lost.** Why would my God put me through this? How could He let something so toxic destroy my mother from the inside out? The feeling of immense betrayal ate me alive. For the first time in my life, I didn't want to find comfort in my Creator.

Because I wasn't reaching out to God in this terrifying time, fear took me in. It caused me to starve myself, pull my hair out, stay awake for an unhealthy amount of hours, and weep endlessly. During this time, it was the darkest moment of my life since I overcame depression only 3 years before. Because of everything I dealt with as a child, I knew it was selfish for me not to seek God in such a harsh time. Yet, I couldn't bring myself to do it. The devil was filling my mind with disgusting lies that I sadly believed. I don't remember ever cracking a smile, even when I talked to my mom over the phone. My head replayed the doctor's words over and over again; "We found something else in the lung, it's cancer." Often times, I found myself sitting in silence while I stare at the memory verses taped up onto my wall. I looked at them with disgust, knowing that my God had the power to prevent the cancer from ever touching my mother's body. but let it anyway.

The anger I felt did not subside every time I awoke from yet another nightmare; until the day **I came across John 13:7. "Jesus replied, you do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."** I repeated this verse constantly until I realized it was right. I was so vulnerable after I heard the tragic news that I refused any shelter or comfort I knew the Lord was providing me. It was heartbreaking that I would give up faith on the One who fought my battles for years, knowing that He was capable of helping me fight this one as well. I was broken and confused now, but later it would all come together. After a few emotional hours, I asked for forgiveness for my neglect, my selfishness, my lack of trust in Him.

In time, it was showing in my life that He forgave me. My mother was discharged after over a week and everything was different. The atmosphere in our home felt gentle. My mom had no choice but to quit her alcohol addiction, which went smoother than I imagined. God's protecting, peaceful hand was over my family. The hunger for peace and strength binded our hearts as one.

Once my mother started radiation for her brain tumors, the cancer finally became real to her; this terrified me. I knew she hadn't been right with the Lord in a long time and it was my place to intervene and encourage her. Once I began to minister to her and ask her questions about where her heart was, she admitted to me that it wasn't where it needed to be but she was willing to work on it. Since then, my mother and I have prayed nearly every night together and I bring her my church notes every Sunday since she is too weak to leave the house. After a few months, our relationship transformed completely. I was so thankful that God took me out of the dark time I was experiencing to have me witness to my mother.

It's true that I would not be as close to my mother as I am now if it weren't for her terminal illness. I'm thankful that I now understand why she was diagnosed with cancer. John 13:7 speaks nothing but truth in what it says. My mother is never short tempered or angry anymore, but still weak from the cancer**. There are extremely scary days and there are extremely beautiful days in this battle.**

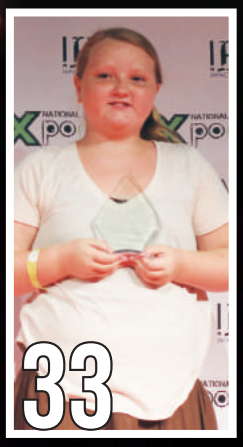
It's sadly true that the cancer will slowly kill my mother, but that doesn't mean it'll be painful. Because **she and my family are now walking in faith together, God has been graceful**. My ailing mother feels a small amount of pain and only suffers from short term memory loss. Her strength is decreasing slowly but she is stronger than ever before.

God's love and reasoning for things is beyond what the human mind can fathom.

He is exquisite in every form—from His power to gentleness. He is truly the Wonderful Maker. His love calmed my raging storms, helped me walk through fire, broke my bondages, and mended my broken heart. I know He isn't done in my life or my mother's quite yet, and we are trusting in His promises.

SUMMERFEST

TEEN & KID TALENT RESULTS



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TEEN RESULTS

1. ART
1st Place: Corissa Shafer — District: Michigan
2nd Place: Braheem Francis — District: Northeast
3rd Place: Johnnie Lane — District: Northern California

2. DIMENSIONAL ART
1st Place: Garrett Howser — District: Central California
2nd Place: Brady Mosier — District: Central
3rd Place: Charlena & Francesca — District: Northern California

3. PHOTOGRAPHY
1st Place: Maria Krupa — District: East Texas
2nd Place: Elijah Stolarz — District: Northern California
3rd Place: Brooke Sanders — District: Southwest Texas

4. POETRY
1st Place: Kristophe Smith — District: Northeast
2nd Place: Julia Rothchild-Silliboy — District: Northern California
3rd Place: Martin Sanchez — District: Central California

5. SHORT FILM
1st Place: Jordan Young — District: Kentucky
2nd Place: Real Student MInistries — District: Mid-Atlantic Coast
3rd Place: Jacob Sullivan — District: Arkansas

6. SHORT STORY
1st Place: Julia Rothchild-Silliboy — District: Northern California
2nd Place: Darlynne Avery — District: Northern California
3rd Place: Jaycee Duck — District: Arkansas

7. SONG WRITING
1st Place: Nathan Murphey — District: East Texas
2nd Place: Jayde Contreras — District: Rocky Mountain
3rd Place: Julie Corum — District: Northern California

8. GRAPHIC DESIGN
1st Place: Ethan Kelley — District: SOMO
2nd Place: Rebekah Sullivan — District: Arkansas
3rd Place: Elijah Stolarz — District: Northern California

9. CHRISTIAN BAND
1st Place: F.O.G. Youth — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: Guiding Light PCG — District: Arkansas
3rd Place: Fearless Youth — District: Northern California

10. CHRISTIAN COMEDY
1st Place: Elijah & Sonny — District: Northern California
2nd Place: Jillian Duck & Nicholas Duck — District: Arkansas

11. CHRISTIAN RAP
1st Place: Rocky Vandergriff — District: Northern California
2nd Place: Christian Lane — District: Northern California
3rd Place: Nathan Murphey — District: East Texas

12. DRUMS/PERCUSSION
1st Place: Jace Cox — District: Northern California
2nd Place: Nathan Murphey — District: East Texas
3rd Place: Joe Corum — District: Northern California

13. FEMALE VOCAL SOLO
1st Place: Jayde Contreras — District: Rocky Mountain
2nd Place: Andrea McAnulty — District: Arkansas
3rd Place: Julie Corum — District: Northern California

14. HUMAN VIDEO
1st Place: Waterwalkers — District: Northern California
2nd Place: Northland Student Ministries — District: Central
3rd Place: Arise Youth — District: East Texas

15. INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE
1st Place: Fearless Youth — District: Northern California
2nd Place: White Rock Youth — District: Arkansas

16. INSTRUMENTAL SOLO
1st Place: Jackson Biswell — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: Trevor Waggoner — District: SOMO
3rd Place: Julie Corum — District: Northern California

17. INTERPRETIVE DANCE GROUP
1st Place: F.O.G. Youth — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: The Hebrew Brothers — District: Ohio
3rd Place: Waterwalkers — District: Northern California

18. INTERPRETIVE DANCE SOLO
1st Place: Addie Smallwood — District: Arizona
2nd Place: Trinity Spohn — District: East Texas
3rd Place: Samantha Pryor — District: East Texas

19. MALE VOCAL SOLO
1st Place: Jordan Young — District: Kentucky
2nd Place: Zachary Pryor — District: East Texas
3rd Place: Cody Williams — District: East Texas

20. MULTIPLE VOICE
1st Place: Fayth Braton & Grace Braton — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: Emerged Youth — District: Northern California
3rd Place: Shawn Armstrong & Austin Richter — District: East Texas

21. PERSUASIVE SPEAKING
1st Place: Logan Perez — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: Kaci Jurgensmeier — District: Rocky Mountain
3rd Place: Francesca Stolarz — District: Northern California

22. THEATRICAL
1st Place: Northland Student Ministries — District: Central
2nd Place: Waterwalkers — District: Northern California

23. SPANISH SOLO
1st Place: Vanity Karla Renteria — District: Central California
2nd Place: Nancy Elena Renteria — District: Central California
3rd Place: Corrine Dickens — District: East Texas

KID RESULTS

24. ART
1st Place: Isreal Rivera — District: Arizona
2nd Place: Donovan Vasquez — District: East Texas
3rd Place: Anna Taliaferro — District: Arkansas

25. DIMENSIONAL ART
1st Place: Tori Tuner — District: East Texas
2nd Place: Ethen Woodard — District: Arkansas
3rd Place: Austin Potter — District: SOMO

26. POETRY
1st Place: Hailey Sullivan — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: James Miller — District: SOMO
3rd Place: Sophia Tovar — District: Central California

27. SHORT STORY
1st Place: Brianna Fulgham — District: SWTX
2nd Place: Kourtney Dalton — District: Northern California
3rd Place: Keira Noonan — District: North Central

28. PHOTOGRAPHY
1st Place: Tayvon Paul — District: North Texas
2nd Place: Anna Taliaferro — District: Arkansas
3rd Place: Adrianna Mayes — District: Southwest Texas

29. CHRISTIAN COMEDY
1st Place: Mazzi Carlson & Isaac Guess — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: Bre Kelley — District: SOMO
3rd Place: Tyler Dingle & Kailey Dingle — District: Northern California

30. DRUMS/PERCUSSION
1st Place: Weston Phillips — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: Elijah Ferguson — District: Northern California
3rd Place: Joshua Grant — District: Northeast

31. FEMALE VOCAL SOLO
1st Place: Emma Beth Francis — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: Jocelyn Contreras — District: Rocky Mountain
3rd Place: Adalee Updegraff — District: East Texas

32. HUMAN VIDEO
1st Place: Got Praise — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: Jr. Disciples — District: Northern California
3rd Place: Living Faith Walkers — District: Arkansas

33. INSTRUMENTAL SOLO
1st Place: Stormie Jinks — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: Isaac Guess — District: Arkansas
3rd Place: Judah Jerls — District: Central

34. INTERPRETIVE DANCE GROUP
1st Place: Children of Praise — District: Northeast
2nd Place: Blair Balk & Marissa Northway — District: SOMO
3rd Place: Got Praise — District: Arkansas

35. INTERPRETIVE DANCE SOLO
1st Place: Arlon Poteal — District: Northeast
2nd Place: Isyss Jackson — District: East Texas
3rd Place: Hailey Sullivan — District: Arkansas

36. MALE VOCAL SOLO
1st Place: Michael Norwood — District: East Texas
2nd Place: Damont Jackson Jr. — District: East Texas
3rd Place: Asher Taylor — District: Arkansas

37. MULTIPLE VOICE
1st Place: Emma Beth Francis & Ava Phillips — District: Arkansas
2nd Place: Anna Taliaferro & Shaylee Phillips — District: Arkansas
3rd Place: Blessed, Annointed, Delivered — District: East Texas

38. PERSUASIVE SPEAKING
1st Place: Audrey Miles — District: East Texas
2nd Place: Jake Sherer — District: Arkansas
3rd Place: Kailey Dingle — District: Northern California

IBQ Winners 2016

National Tournament Results

			Avg. Score
PRIMARY – ALL STARS			
1st Place – Alexis Bennett	**Arkansas District**	**Faith Assembly**	**130.0**
2nd Place – Dominick Morgan	Arkansas District	Living Faith Church	96.67
3rd Place – Eli Collins	SOMO District	Solid Rock Family Church	95.00
4th Place – William Saulsbury	NE District	Pentecostal Family Church	86.67
5th Place – Kalisa Chambers	NE District	Pentecostal Family Church	56.67

PRIMARY – TEAMS	
1st Place – Arkansas District	**Faith Assembly of God**
2nd Place – SOMO District	Solid Rock Family Church
3rd Place – Arkansas District	Living Faith Church

JUNIOR – ALL STARS			
1st Place – Jaselynn Saffeels	**SOMO District**	**Solid Rock Family Church**	**98.33**
2nd Place – Levi Friddle	Arkansas District	1st Assembly of God	93.33
3rd Place – Lexi Kendrix	Michigan District	Victory Tabernacle	86.25
4th Place – Jacob Custodio	Central Cal. District	Calvary Community Church	85.00
5th Place – Carlee Gibson	Michigan District	Victory Tabernacle	70.00

JUNIOR – TEAMS	
1st Place – SOMO District	**Solid Rock Family Church**
2nd Place – Michigan District	Victory Tabernacle
3rd Place – Arkansas District	1st Assembly of God

SENIOR – ALL STARS			
1st Place – Gabrielle Horca	**Central Cal. District**	**Calvary Community**	**98.33**
2nd Place – Trevor Waggoner	SOMO Disrict	Radiant Life PCG	90.00
3rd Place – Chrystal Kendrix	Michigan District	Victory Tabernacle	82.50
4th Place – Michael Moon	Central Cal. District	Calvary Community	71.67
5th Place – Jordan Boling	Michigan District	Harvest Time Tabernacle	70.00

SENIOR – TEAMS	
1st Place – SOMO District	**Radiant Life PCG**
2nd Place – Central Cal. District	Calvary Community
3rd Place – Michigan District	Victory Tabernacle

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HE IS

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NATHAN MURPHEY | AGE 16
EAST TEXAS DISTRICT

VI:
I was bound by shackles/
Chained by sin/
I could not run/
From the darkness within/
It calls me prisoner/
It calls my name/
I felt no hope, only shame/
But I found a hope/

CHORUS:
His name is Jesus/
Counselor/
Master/
He is provider/
My Savior/
My soul's redeemer/
And though I will fall/
He is with me through it all/

VII:
I was bound by shackles/
But they fell to the floor/
He calls me chosen/
He calls my name/
Now I am free/
Forever changed

BRIDGE:
At the cross there was victory/
At the grave there was victory/
At the cross I was saved/
And at the grave I'll be raised/
Because of who he is/
Because of who he is/

Missionary Spotlight

Brazil and South America

Aldair & Hillary Queiroz

Casa Dos Filhos *(House of Sons and Daughters)* is a daycare/after-school program for children ages 3-10, who are in at-risk situations in Manaus, Brazil. Many children are left alone for several hours a day without parental supervision. Mothers often sell themselves into prostitution in order to purchase milk for their children and sustain the family. **At Casa Dos Filhos each child will be provided daily tutoring, a meal, and recreation time, as well as classes in music, art, English, dance, culinary skills, and the Bible.** Each child will also attend a weekly children's church service. A full sponsorship is $80.00 per month, and we currently have 12 of the 25 openings available. Thank you for helping us with this first phase of Casa Dos Filhos!

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