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From the Heart of the District Superintendent

Grace, Mercy, & Peace



*Glenn & Betty Beaver
Superintendent*

Ten of the thirteen letters written by the Apostle Paul, begin with the phrase, “GRACE to you & PEACE” or at least some variation thereof. However it is of interest that in Paul’s two letters to Timothy and the one to Titus he begins with the phrase, GRACE, MERCY & PEACE. Consider why Paul included to MERCY in these three letters. In ten of his letters he was giving a greeting to the Greek-speaking Gentiles who had become believers but in his letters to Timothy and Titus, he was writing to personal friends and colleagues in ministry which were intended as private letters to be read only by Titus and Timothy.

Consider, The Grace of God. The word “grace” in the Greek carries the idea of “favor.” It was a greeting of, “I greet you with grace and favor.” Paul begins and ends all thirteen letters with, “Grace be unto you” because grace is the only way we are saved. Ephesians 2:8-9 states, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” One author wrote, “The will of God will never take you, where the grace of God cannot keep you.” The people we serve and those we are endeavoring to reach with the gospel of Christ need the grace of God. When working through trying circumstances with one of our fellow ministers, Bro. Slaton would often say,

“If we are going to error, let us error on the side of grace!”

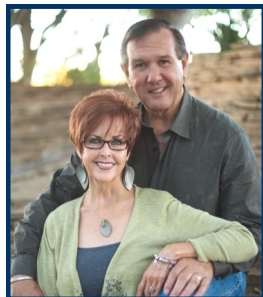
Not only did Paul express “favor” to Titus & Timothy, he also extended the Mercy of God. Titus and Timothy were encouraged not only with grace & peace but Paul also inserts mercy. One author wrote, “The will of God will never take you, where the mercies of God cannot sustain you.” Titus was the first of these three Pastoral Epistles which Paul wrote. Titus found himself in very difficult circumstances. Paul had started the church on the island of Crete, but he had left before the church was completely established and before leaders were firmly set in place. Paul left Titus to finish the job he didn’t complete. Titus was instructed to make the final selection of church leaders and then to establish them in their positions. One Bible scholar wrote, “The people who lived on Crete at that time were famous for being lazy, gluttons, liars, devious, mischievous and were very difficult to trust. Paul gave these words of instruction to Titus in chapter one verse five, “For this reason I left you [behind] in Crete, that you might set right what was defective and finish what was left undone, and that you might appoint elders and set them over the churches (assemblies) in every city as I directed you.” This would have been a monstrous task for even the most seasoned leader, and it loomed before Titus as a huge and daunting assignment. This is why Paul did not just write to Titus grace & peace but he also included mercy. Titus needed to be reminded that there was special mercy available to help him in his situation. The mercy of the Lord is available to us for whatever challenge we face in our ministry assignment. Jeremiah wrote Lamentations 3:21-13 while he was languishing in prison, “This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.” If we think Titus had it tough, listen to the circumstances Timothy was facing. Timothy was facing overwhelming challenges of a church that was experiencing phenomenal growth which was under his care. (“You might say, phenomenal growth is not my problem, it’s the lack thereof.”) But wait a minute, there is a second letter to Timothy and the challenges have changed. One Bible scholar wrote, “Several years after Paul wrote his first letter to Timothy, apparently Timothy had written Paul asking, “what should I do now?” By the time Paul’s second letter to Timothy is written the size of the congregation in Ephesus was declining daily right before his eyes. Public opinion had turned violently against believers, just as the Church had grown quickly before this change occurred, it now began to quickly diminish as believers were captured, imprisoned, enslaved and killed. Once faithful saints were now turning back to their old ways in order to escape death. Trusted team members who Timothy had thought would be faithful to the very end were walking away from the faith.” But listen to Paul’s encouragement to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:1 (Amplified), “So you, my son, be strong (strengthened inwardly) in the grace (spiritual blessing) that is [to be found only] in Christ Jesus.”

*“When you take the
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Finally, Paul gives hope in the Peace of God. “When you take the measure of the grace of God and you add the measure of the mercy of God it equals the peace of God!” Peace or shalom was a greeting regularly used by Jewish believers. Jesus spoke of this peace in John 14:27, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” Remember, “The will of God will never take you, where the peace of God cannot calm your fears.” Another passage where Paul writes about peace is to the Ephesian believers, 6:14-15, “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” Paul wrote to the Philippian believers, 4:6-7 [Philips Translation], “Don’t worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus.”

What challenge is your ministry assignment presenting to you right now?
God has grace, mercy and peace available to each of you!

District Secretary/Treasurer



Billy & Betty
Nickell

Key To A Life Of God-Success, Proverbs 1: 1-10

Most of the thirty-one chapters in the book of Proverbs were written by Solomon, the son of King David. In the opening verses the writer explains his reasoning for recording these nuggets of divine inspiration, "Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young" (Proverbs 1:2-4 NLT). In stark contrast, western culture teaches success to be wealth, fame, pedigree, power, position and possessions at all cost. The mantra of the day is, "He who dies with the most toys wins!" Jesus teaches that success is not what it appears to the natural or unregenerate mind. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37 KJV). Scripture yields evidence of this truth in the record of Belshazzar in Daniel 5, the parable of the rich fool in Luke 12, the account of Judas in Matthew 27, and the story of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5, to name a few. Solomon further explains, "If you're wise and you read the proverbs, they will make you even wiser. They'll give you guidance, understanding and they will crown you with grace and be as a chain of honor around your neck." He says in essence, "these truths are keys for opening big doors if they are believed and acted upon, based on one fundamental

condition given in Proverbs 1:7, "The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning and the principal and choice part of knowledge [its starting point and its essence]; but fools despise skillful and godly wisdom, instruction, and discipline" (Amplified).

Contrary to popular religious teaching, enjoying *God-success* requires more than knowing the *Person of Jesus!* Salvation is coming to know the *Person of Jesus*, while victorious Christian living involves knowing the Person of Jesus and living by the Principals of Jesus! You can be ignorant yet make Heaven! Tragically, many who have come to know His *Person* know little to nothing about His *Principals* making them vulnerable to problems that could have been avoided! Mark Twain said, "We are all ignorant, we're just ignorant about different things." A brain surgeon knows things a mechanic doesn't know while the mechanic has expertise the physician has not learned, however, there are some things all of us need to know to enjoy God-success! Here are a few of the *keys* every believer should have on their spiritual key ring:

The Value of Time: Time is the most valuable, yet misused commodity of the human race. Bernard Berenson was an American art historian specializing in the Renaissance. His book, *The Drawings of the Florentine Painters*, was an international success. Though not a Christian, he was quoted as saying, "Would that I could stand on a busy corner, hat in hand, and beg people to throw me all their wasted hours." The successful and esteemed attorney, remembered for his strength in employment litigation, Thomas Murphy, said, "Minutes are worth more than money. Spend them wisely." Moses wrote in Psalm 90:12, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (KJV). Understanding the preciousness of time the apostle Paul exhorted, "behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2b KJV). The bad news is time flies - the good news is God allows each of us to be the pilot! While we lament, "I don't have time," we have exactly the same number of hours each day as Michelangelo, George Washington, Helen Keller, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein. Everyday each of us have 86,400 seconds to use to make a difference for God, however, what we waste or do not use will forever be lost!

The Advantage of Exchange: One of life's laws is *The Law of Exchange!* It is experienced daily in every aspect and level of life. We exchange our time, energy and skill for a paycheck. Diplomas are given based on the exchange of one's investment of learning and knowledge. Food, clothing, toiletries, utilities and dozens of comforts and amenities make life more enjoyable by means of *exchange*. Heat and air, running water, sewage, Internet, TV and much more are only possible by means of exchange! We exchange money for pleasure, food, information, relationships, and the list continues. The question is not, "Will we make exchanges in life?" We all will make exchanges! The real question is, "Will the exchanges we make be advantageous for me, my marriage, family, finances, and most importantly, the Kingdom of God?" Genesis 25 tells of the disastrous exchange of Esau, trading his prized birthright for a bowl of stew and some bread. The birthright was a sacred gift that should not have been sold or bartered for any amount of money! Compare that to Paul's exchange of all he once treasured before becoming a believer. "Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him" (Philippians 3:8-9a NLT). One preacher asked, "Are the things you live for the same things Jesus died for?"

The Magnetism of Respect: Much like other universal laws, *the law of respect* will either make or break a person. What I respect moves closer to me, what I disrespect exits from my life! Respect people and they will be drawn to you; Disrespect them and they will saturate you with their absence! Respect opportunity and greater opportunities will present themselves in due season, while disrespect of opportunity will diminish one's privilege to advance. The respect of assets will bring about the increase of resources while the disrespect of inventory will result in loss. Solomon behooves his readers to, "Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest - then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber" (Proverbs 6:6, 10-11 NLT). In 1 Samuel 2 Eli the priest learned the importance of the magnetism of respect after being confronted by a man of God whose name is not given, for honoring his immoral sons above honoring God! The messenger's message can be summarized with his announcement in verse 30, "Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, says, I did promise that your house and that of your father [forefather Aaron] should go in and out before Me forever. But now the Lord says, Be it far from Me. For those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed" (Amplified).

The Reward of Balance: One of the more challenging things each of us will contend with is maintaining *balance* in life, keeping things in the correct *place* and *priority!* Our propensity is to go to extremes when tackling a new assignment, while a balanced life is one where oversight is given to spirit, soul, body, relationships, responsibilities, finances and more. Peter gives insight to this principal where he writes, "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins" (2 Peter 1:5-9 KJV). To live balanced and fruitful one must "add to" one virtue upon another, which is a process not a destination. The keys to a life of *God-success* involve understanding the value of time, the advantage of exchange, the magnetism of respect and the reward of balance.

Director of Church Ministries



Storm Proofing Your Marriage

In recent weeks, we have witnessed just how unpredictable the weather can be here in West Texas. Perryton and Matador experienced, firsthand, the power and destruction of a tornado. Jayton, and other surrounding communities, suffered damage due to softball size hail and 110 mph winds. Jesus told a story about storms in the book of Matthew, "**Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.**" There were two homes. One was built on rock, and one was built on sand. They both experienced the same storm; yet one stood firm and the other collapsed. There were three external forces that came against each home: 1) Rains (Indicates violent rains or monsoons); 2) Streams (The Greek word literally means floods); and 3) Winds (Strong gale force winds). Why is it that two marriages can go through the exact same circumstances and get differing results. Jesus says the difference can be found in the foundation. You are never ready for the storm, but you can be prepared! Here are three principles if we want our marriages to not only survive but thrive in the midst of a storm.



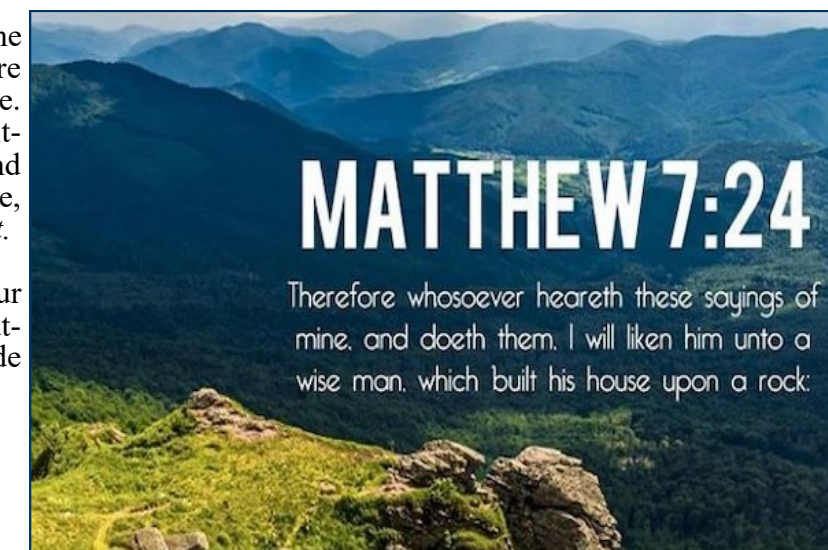
Tracy & Cara Lynn
McWilliams

Be Prepared For The Culture You're Living In. Just like the rains soak everything in sight, the culture permeates our home, our society, our families, and our marriages. There are forces that are working to undermine and destroy marriage and the family unit. We must be aware that culture does influence even Christian marriages. Just like continuous rain has an eroding effect on a house, our culture has an eroding effect on our marriages. There's no doubt that those who support alternative lifestyles and the transgender movement have declared all-out war against the biblical view of marriage. The first institution God established was the family. He created a man and woman and brought them together in a holy union. Marriage is the building block of society. No wonder that Satan is doing everything he can to destroy what God has created. Satan is attempting to desensitize us to the truth and capture the hearts and minds of our children. I like the way that the Phillips translation deals with Roman 12:2. It states, "Don't let the world squeeze you in its mold."

Be Prepared for the Crisis's We Live Through. These are the floods of adversity, the kind of events that turn your world upside down. They overwhelm you and you think that you're going to go under. The most devastating form of natural calamity is a flood. The greatest calamity that's happened in the last 200 years happened in 1887 in China. It was the Yellow River Flood, and seven million people lost their lives. Floods will inevitably flow into marriage if you stay together for any length of time. It may be an accident, a bankruptcy, a sickness, a rebellious child, or a child born with major medical issues. These are the kinds of things that test the strength of our marriage. Most people have heard of the reality show, Duck Dynasty. Phil Roberson is the patriarch of the family, but that wasn't always the case. When he and Kay first got married, he was a drunk. He would come home in a drunken stupor. Kay said the thing that got her through was some sage advice that she received from her grandmother: "One man for one wife for one life!" Successful marriages have the attitude: "We're in this together! We're a team! We will make it work no matter what!"

Be Prepared For The Changes You Live With. The winds of change are always blowing. Our marriages are not static. They are either getting better or getting worse. The key to a successful marriage is to make a commitment to grow in our relationship with each other and with the Lord. When change comes into our marriage, we can *Reject It, Resist It, Resent It*, or we can *Relish It*.

Thankfully, when the storms come, if we have built our marriage upon the solid rock, who is Jesus, we will outlast the storm, and will even come out of the other side better than we were before.





Around West Texas

Churches

West Texas Bible Institute

Ministers

Open Church List & Relaunch Opportunities

- **Dalhart, First Assembly of God
- *Pampa, New Life Assembly of God
- *Sunray, Assembly of God

Contact: Kevin Anderson, Presbyter
P.O. Box 511, Stratford, TX 79084
Phone: 806.922.2840

- *Plains, First Assembly of God

Contact: Danny Williams, Presbyter
1801 CR 151, Snyder, TX 79549
Phone: 325.575.2861

- **Spur, First Assembly of God

Contact: Raymond Mizelle, Presbyter
408 Broad Way, Roaring Springs,
TX 79256 Phone: 806.422.1092

- *Imperial, Assembly of God

Contact: Mike Hanks, Presbyter
100 West Wadley, Midland, TX 79705
Phone: 432.528.8592

- *Fort Stockton, First Assembly of God

Contact: Mike Hanks, Presbyter
100 West Wadley, Midland, TX 79705
Phone: 432.528.8592

- *Whiteface, Living Water Fellowship

Contact: Glenn R. Beaver
P.O. Box 64778, Lubbock, TX 79464
Phone: 806.792.5835

- *District Affiliated Church
- **Relaunch Opportunity

August 12, 2023
Certified: AG History, Missions & Governance
Licensed: Leadership Skills
Ordained: Church Administration & Finance
***Last day to register is July 21, 2023**

September 9, 2023
Certified: Intro to Pentecostal Doctrine
Licensed: Revelation & Daniel
Ordained: Pastoral Ministry
***Last day to register is August 18, 2023**

Prayer Requests: **Sherman Metcalf**, (father of Cara Lynn McWilliams), recovery from a knee replacement; **Regina Gonzalez**, recovery from stomach surgery and autoimmune disease; **Becky Nensiel**, cancer; **Mylinda Wood**, (sister of Tracy McWilliams), ALS; **Chuck & Judy Redger**, healing; **Rey Rodriguez**, Muscular Dystrophy; **Luther Foster**, health issues; **Annette Newberry**, Dementia; **George & Janice Mullen**, health issues and strength; **Brenda Van Hoose**, autoimmune disease; **Perry Shuffield**, health issues; **Patsy Anderson**, (mother of Kevin Anderson), heart issues; and **Sue Stevens**, (mother of Darla Anderson), Dementia.

Newly Credentialed:
 M. Rosario Correa
Reinstated:
 Connie Williams (L)
 Laura Morris (O)
Credential Change:
 Kaylene Burns - Ordained
 Donna Carnagey - Ordained
 Lacey Leota - Ordained
 Lacy McAdams - Ordained
 Gabriel Solis - Ordained
 Margarita Solis - Ordained

Available for Ministry:

Gene Benningfield	806.456.2029
Larry Boyd	806.778.7677
Kelly Breckenridge	806.787.0355
Eric Brooks	940.473.1297
Danny Brown	806.577.3580
Brad Froese	806.928.2815
Margie Gonzales	806.282.0534
Mike Matheny	806.200.9959
J.C. Owen	432.254.8629
Jerry Pollard	806.330.0969
David Sasse	806.300.8717
Marcus Tanner	903.330.1560
Justin Unwin	806.220.3200



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of **Mary Beth Ross** who is the mother of **Tom (June) Ross**. **Tom** is a credentialed minister with the West Texas District. Please be praying that the Holy Spirit will comfort the family during this difficult time.


Youth Pastor & Praise & Worship Team
CenterPointe Church, Muleshoe is looking for a Youth Pastor/Leader to disciple their youth group. They are also in need of a Praise & Worship leader, musicians, and singers. If interested or have any question, please contact them on their website: centerpointtx.church or email them at: deshawna@centerpointtx.church.

Martha Thomassen, Development Director for PHCH presented during Celebration23, the need of a new Dining Hall for our campus. PHCH is owned by the three Texas districts, North Texas, South Texas, and West Texas. If you did not make a commitment to this project but wish to do so, you can email your 2year commitment to: marthacares4kids@aol.com or give a one time offering.

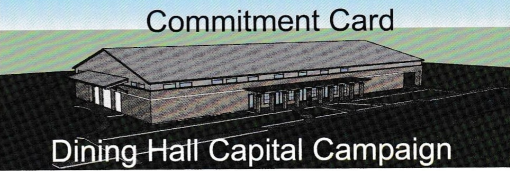
As of this time our West Texas ministers and churches have committed \$62,000 toward the estimated cost of \$5 million.

Thank you for your prayerful considerations of this much needed facility for our Children's Home!

Glenn R. Beaver
 West Texas Superintendent



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West Texas Assemblies of God 93rd District Council

Newly Ordained Ministers



Kaylene Burns



Donna Carnagey



Maria Correa



Lacey Leota



Lacy McAdams



Gabriel & Margarita Solis

Recognized for 50 Years Ordained Ministry



David & Jane Nuckels

93rd District Council Elections & Nominations

District Superintendent - Glenn R. Beaver

Two General Presbyters - Nelson Gonzalez; Billy Nickell

One additional General Presbyter, Ordained Female - Christina Sattesahn

One additional General Presbyter, Ordained under 40 - Nick Hester

Nominated one GC Non-resident Executive Presbyter, Ordained Female - Angela Starnes



**Congratulations
College & High School Graduates!**

Doctorate Degree

Michelle Tanner

Michelle, wife of Marcus Tanner, graduated from Texas Tech University with a PhD in Counselor Education through Texas Tech Department of Educational Psychology, Leadership, and Counseling.

Bachelor of Science Degree

Chaeli Starnes

Chaeli, daughter of Todd and Angela Starnes and granddaughter of John & Sue Murdoch, graduated From Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education.

Bachelor of Arts Degree

Grace McAdams

Grace, daughter of Lacy & Andrea McAdams graduation from Lubbock Christian University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English.

High School Graduate & Associate of Arts Degree

Chase Starnes

Chase, son of Todd & Angela Starnes and grandson of John & Sue Murdoch, graduated from Odessa Collegiate Academy with a High School Diploma and an Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies.

High School Graduate

Brighton Scoggins

Brighton, son of Brent & Heather Scoggins, received his High School diploma from Whiteface High School.

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord,
‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to
give you hope and a future.’”
Jeremiah 29:11



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Register by June 12, 2023

to get one of the rooms reserved for our group.

If you wait until after this day, a room is not guaranteed.

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North Texas, South Texas and West Texas Districts

for this cruise!



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Goods will be delivered to PHCH in Oakwood, TX on August 25. If you're interested in helping with the delivery, please, contact Christina at the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.



DROP-OFF SITES

AMARILLO
FIRST FAMILY CHURCH
6101 S. Bell
806.353.9803
Contact: Tammy Myers District Superintendent - Glenn R. Beaver

LUBBOCK
DISTRICT OFFICE
6502 126th Street
806.792.5835
Contact: Cara Lynn McWilliams

MIDLAND
CALVARY ASSEMBLY
908 Johnston St
806.228.0915
Contact: Pam Smith

PLAINVIEW
PLAINVIEW FIRST
1300 N I27
806.292.7916
Contact: Katelyn Garcia

**August 14-18:
Call to schedule a drop-off time at Plainview First Assembly.*

Download the PHCH shopping list at:
<https://www.wtwomen.com/events>



INSTRUCTIONS

- Items to shop for are listed on the following pages
- Pack them (except gallon cans) in boxes or storage tubs
- Take items to a drop-off site on one of the days listed below
- If you can't shop, send donations marked PHCH to the District Office (PO Box 64778 Lubbock, TX 79464) by AUG 18

DROP-OFF DATES

WED AUG 9
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

THU AUG 10
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FRI AUG 11
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



MEN'S CONFERENCE

2023 THEME: "PASS THE BATON"
PSALM 145:4

Lubbock
AUGUST 18-19
CHRISTIAN LIFE ASSEMBLY
5917 66TH ST.

Speakers:
GLENN BEAVER
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

PHIL MCGECHIE
DISTRICT MEN'S DIRECTOR

El Paso
AUGUST 25-26
GRACE CHRISTIAN CENTER
820 N. RAYNOR

Phil McGechie
Men's Ministries Director



Friday Morning activities:

Lubbock - 9 AM
4-MAN GOLF SCRAMBLE

MEADOWBROOK GOLF COURSE
601 MUNICIPAL DRIVE
LUBBOCK

\$160/TEAM

El Paso - 11 AM
PASTOR/STAFF LUNCHEON
LOCATION TBA

Conference Schedule:

Friday:
BANQUET AND EVENING RALLY - 7 PM

ANNUAL CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT AFTER RALLY

Saturday
BREAKFAST AND MORNING RALLY - 9 AM
DISMISSAL - 11 AM

No registration fee for this event. Expense offering will be received.
Register your team for golf scramble at pmcge@sbcglobal.net or text 918-541-8882

FOLLOW

June 2023 Camps - Data

- Campers, Monitors, Staff, and Volunteers: 472
- Campers: Accepted Jesus – 160
- Campers: Rededications – 132
- Campers: Called to the Ministry – 89
- Campers: Filled with the Holy Spirit – 170 (Plus, numerous adults were filled too!)

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR JULY CAMPS!

We are believing for the Lord to move through our July Camp Speakers, Scott Berkey and Josh Wellborn! Pray for campers' lives to be impacted and changed forever!



Pictured: Cutting the dirt road to Roaring Springs Camp in 1962.



Nick, Alicia, Nash, & Anna

Need more info about our events?

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“What happens at camp changes the world!”

I want to share with you the written version (with a few updated adjustments) of what I said at our District Celebration during the business meeting.

Let's talk course correction and the Camp.

When you look at the debt of the camp, it is discouraging. Please accept my apologies for the increase of debt.

Ephesians 3v20 says, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...”

Assemblies of God missionary Dick Brogden says it this way, “The privilege of an impossible assignment.”

We have entered a season of FAITH and belief that the IMPOSSIBLE assignment is the Lord's. The camp is STILL the Lord's.

We have fresh incredible news!

We now have an RSC committee created by our Superintendent for real-time feedback on camp business ideas, processes, and decisions.

We are launching a Grant-writing fundraising committee – with 3 seasoned grant writers already committed to assist. The money is out there. We will approach the grants and the grant writing process from imaginative, strategic, unusual angles. Expected launch date: September 1.

I started sharing 7 weeks ago about raising \$100,000 by the end of the year. This money is to blow the lid off our camp and rocket it forward into the next set of miracles.

In just over a month, we are sitting over \$27,500 in cash offerings and \$8k in materials and equipment. Only \$66,700 left to raise by the end of the year! To God be the glory!

The June 2023 campers (from Kids Camp 1 and Youth Camp 1) gave an combined offering of over \$1,300 towards the camp!



Let me share the MIRACLES...

1. OPEN DOOR: National project status with Church Mobilization of the Assemblies of God. Once approved, the camp buildings can all be professionally updated in a three-year timetable. We will only need to provide the materials.

2. Another OPEN DOOR: Host camps for organizations like Angel Tree. They provide fully funded camps for children of incarcerated parents.

3. A NEW MIRACLE...We will be receiving 3,000 to 4,000 free meals from a multi-million-dollar food service company for our July camps THIS SUMMER.

4. Another NEW MIRACLE...We have received a commitment from a Dallas-based marketing director who will GIFT us a comprehensive business marketing plan and the ability to implement the plan. This will help us expand our revenue streams and our footprint in the greater Evangelical world of West Texas. Expected launch date: Fall 2023. Projected full momentum: January 2025.

5. Clean Water Project – two organizations with handshake agreements paying for clean water. We have two more NEW mountains (as of June 2023) in Motley County that must be removed by the power of God!

This is a CHANGING THE RULES season for our district camp.

So today...will you...

1. Fight for the camp – let us shake off the fatigue...and fight.
2. Believe in the camp – may its greatest days be ahead of us!
3. Pray for the camp – it is bigger than any one person or group of people.

Call/text/show up at my house...with questions, comments, statements, concerns, and DONATIONS.

Our district has a gem! And it is our Youth Camp!

We have the bones to build on.

We have the prayers of our saints to stand on.

And we have God's protection, blessing, and power to lean on.

See you at Camp!

RSC June Updates



Camp season is HERE and pictures are worth a thousand words! Over 400 children, youth, and college-aged students have come through over the last few weeks and we praise God for what He has done in their lives. Please be in prayer with us as we prepare for the July camps. We also lift up the students and leaders that are now back home, that the Lord may continue His good work in their lives and the lives of their families.

