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# Findings

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## Merry Christmas



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Assistant Women's Ministries Director*



**Glenn & Betty Beaver**  
*Secretary-Treasurer/  
Director of Church Ministries*



# Prayer & Bible Conference

Christian Temple Assembly of God, Houston, TX

Jan. 5-6, 2010

## *ministering*



### **George O. Wood**

General Superintendent of  
the Assemblies of God



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Pastor, El Aposento Alto,  
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### **Joe Paul Granberry**

District Superintendent,  
South Texas

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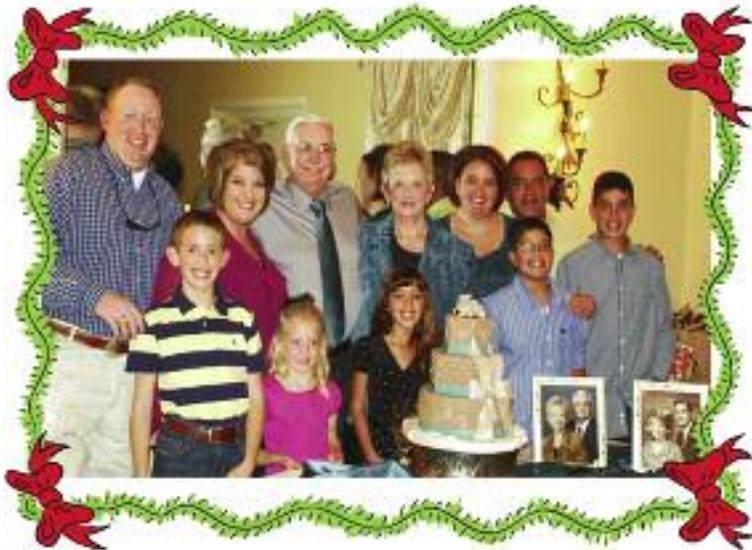
### **James K. Bridges**

Former General Treasurer of  
the Assemblies of God





Betty & I had a wonderful 40th anniversary celebration thanks to our family and friends. The cards and letters you sent in honor of our special day made the day even more meaningful. The ministers of West Texas are so thoughtful and we treasure your friendship!



Praying this Christmas season that you will experience all the joy that knowing Jesus brings!

**Glenn & Betty Beaver & family**

Heethe, Kristi, Camden & Kenzee Bursleson

Manny, Patti, Anthony, Gabriel, and Micaela Castro

## CREENTIAL RENEWALS

Credential renewal time is upon us once again. This year you can fill out your renewal online, print out two copies to sign and mail to the district office. The online renewal form is at [gensec.ag.org](http://gensec.ag.org). A few other things to remember are as follows:

- \*Renewal must be postmarked by 12-31-2009.
  - \*Sign your renewal before mailing.
  - \*Send the signed copies to the district office.
  - \*Enclose your \$10.00 renewal fee to the district.
  - \*Dues to the General Council must accompany renewal (please make separate checks).
  - \*Renewals postmarked after 12-31-09 must include a late fee of \$25.00.
  - \*Renewals postmarked after 1-15-10 will be considered lapsed.
- Thank you for your cooperation.



## District Office Secretaries

Martha Woods, bookkeeper; Jannetta Fairbanks, receptionist; Ann Slaton, secretary to Robert Slaton; Betty Beaver, secretary to Glenn Beaver; and Patti Castro, secretary to Chris Murdoch

## CREENTIAL APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

**December 31, 2009**

All those who have met the qualifications for credentials and wish to apply must return the application to the district office by December 31. This is the requirement for all levels of credentials: Certified Minister, License, and Ordination. For an application you may contact my office.

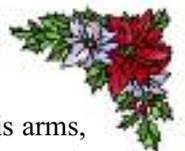
## 80TH WEST TEXAS

### DISTRICT COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DEADLINE

The Bylaws of the West Texas District directs on page D-5 that all proposed resolutions to the District Bylaws be submitted to the District Superintendent by January 15. For complete instructions see Article VIII, Section 4.

## Jesus...

We are fed by His hands,  
carried in His heart, supported by His arms,  
guided by His steps, instructed by His words,  
and warmed by His love.



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## *The Murdoch Family*

Chris, Carey, Logan, & Kambree

District Youth Director



## *The Starnes Family*

Todd, Angela, Chaeli, Chase, & Kalei

Distict Youth Alive Missionary



# The Awakening 2010

West Texas District Youth Convention

February 19-20

Lubbock, TX



Convention Speaker  
Mike Holt

[www.wtcause.com](http://www.wtcause.com)

Hope

Band



STL Speaker  
Greg Beggs

### Pastor Appreciation winners are...

**Mike Davis, Memphis 1st**  
East Plains Section Winner  
786,360 points

**Donald Pryor, Big Lake 1st**  
Pecos Section Winner  
316,160 points

**Brent Scoggins & Donnye Richardson, Morton 1st**  
West Plains Section Winner  
375,800 points

**R.T. Havener, Big Spring 1st**  
South Plains Section Winner  
106,300 points

**David Morgan, Canyon 1st**  
District Winner  
North Plains Section Winner  
829,600 points

# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



*What I'd like to have for Christmas  
I can tell you in a minute  
The family all around me  
And the home with laughter in it.*



These words penned by Edgar A. Guest reflect the sentiment for many during the holiday season. How wonderful to gather with family and friends for a time of celebration, beautiful decorations, lots of presents and delicious food. But for those of us who intimately know Jesus, it's more than the food, the gifts, and the beautiful decorations. It is knowing the Lord wants to spend time with you, and amid all the festivities of the season know that He is your most valued gift. In all your preparations for Christmas make time for Him, and He will bless you beyond anything you can imagine.

My husband and I wish the joy of family, the love of special friends  
and the gift of His love for you and yours this Christmas.

Because He came,  
*Joe & Becky*

# MEN'S MINISTRIES



**Matthew 2:11: They presented gifts to Him:  
*Gold ..... A gift for a king.***

Revelation 19:16, "And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh, "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

***Frankincense ... A gift for a priest.***

Hebrews 4:14, "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

***And Myrrh ..... A gift for someone who was to die.***

Romans 5:8-9, "But God demonstrated his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

*Thanks to all of you who supported the Men's department with your prayers and giving in the past year. Thanks also for helping to place Gospel literature and Bibles into the hands of the unsaved through your giving to Light for the Lost. On behalf of all the district Men's Department representatives, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy new year!!!*



***Mr. & Mrs. Mark Stripling***  
*Men's Ministries  
Director*



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PHCH honors Audrey Horton  
(Case Aide in Children Services  
Dept.) for 10 years of  
faithful service.



**PLEASANT HILLS CHILDREN'S HOME  
HONORS BECKY NENSTIEL,  
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR**

Harry & Martha Thomassen, directors of PHCH, presented Becky with a plaque at a recent board meeting in appreciation for the remodeling of the Lewis Cottage done in September by a crew of men and women from across the district. Over \$32,000 was raised for this project. Thanks to everyone who helped and contributed funds.

**Births:** Congratulations to John & Erma Barba (U.S. missionaries) on the birth of a baby girl, Esmeralda, born November 1. Congratulations to Matthew & Franscesa (pastors Clarendon) on the birth of a baby girl, Aubrey Mae, born June 23. We apologize for the oversight.

**With Christ:** Kevin Anderson's father (Ray) and Larry Boyd's father (Lloyd) passed away. Please remember these families as you pray.



**Prayer Needs:** *L.R. Green* (Amarillo) is recovering from hip surgery following a fall; *Debbie Stone* (Muleshoe) is recovering from arthroscopic surgery; *Ben Hodge, Jr.* (El Paso) has been in the hospital recently; *Mandy Pena* (Snyder First) is recovering from thyroid surgery; *Lois Myers* (McClean) is recovering from hip replacement surgery; *Pastor Johnny Storz* (Odessa) is recovering from a heart procedure; *Judy Hinson* (Seagraves) broke her arm almost three years ago but it never healed properly. She recently had surgery to correct this problem. Please keep these folks in your prayers.