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Superintendent's Report by Robert G. Slaton

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Proverbs 18:24 says, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." According to the **Bible Knowledge Commentary**, It is better to have a true friend, one who loves at all times, than many less reliable companions. The idea in this verse is that if a man has many unreliable friends, he may find himself in trouble (broken in pieces). There is a friend who can be depended upon at all times. His name is Jesus. A true friend loves and accepts us just as we are, and is always ready to help in time of need.

The author of the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" found a true friend in Jesus during the difficulties that he faced in his life. As a result he decided to spend his entire life being a real friend to others. Joseph Scriven had wealth, education, a devoted family and a pleasant life in his native Ireland. Suddenly a tragedy took place. On the night before his wedding, his fiancée drowned. In his

hour of bereavement, Joseph realized that the comfort and support that he needed could only be found in his dearest friend, Jesus.

Soon after this tragedy, Scriven dramatically changed his lifestyle. He left Ireland for Port Hope, Canada, determined to devote all of his extra time in being a friend and helper to others. He often gave away his clothing and possessions to those in need, and he worked without pay for anyone who needed him. Scriven became known as "the Good Samaritan of Port Hope." When Scriven's mother became ill in Ireland, he wrote a comforting letter to her, enclosing the words of his newly written poem with the prayer that these brief lines would remind her of a never-failing heavenly friend. Sometime later, when Joseph Scriven himself was ill, a friend who came to call on him happened to see a copy of these words scribbled on a piece of scratch paper near his bed. The friend read the lines with interest and asked, "Who wrote those beautiful words?" "The Lord and I did it between us," was Scriven's reply.

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged – Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness – Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer; in His arms he'll take and shield thee – Thou wilt find a solace there.



Ladies in Ministry Retreat

March 26-27, 2010

2:00 p.m. Friday—1:00 p.m. Saturday

District Auditorium—Lubbock

Registration – \$40 (does not include lodging)

For all Ministers Wives and Credentialed Women

Garden of My Heart

“They are like trees along a river bank
bearing luscious fruit each season without fail.
Their leaves shall never wither, and
all they do shall prosper” – Psalm 1:3

Becky Nenstiel
Special Speaker



2010 WEST TEXAS DISTRICT LIGHT FOR THE LOST BANQUET TOUR

Goal: \$100,000

Theme: “To Every Last Person”

March 1 – East Plains Section: Trinity Assembly of God, Floydada

March 2 – North Plains Section: First Assembly of God, Amarillo

March 4 – West Plains Section: First Assembly of God, Lubbock

March 6 – El Paso: Location TBA

March 8 – First Assembly of God, Lamesa

March 9 – Pecos Section, First Assembly of God, Odessa

Serving begins at 6:30 p.m. and will dismiss at 8:30 p.m.

Meals will be cooked on the Steak Wagon and served by Teen Challenge
once again.

Cost of meals will be \$8.00 for all you can eat steak with all the
trimmings.



**Missionary
Greg Beggs,**
Speaker



Glenn R. Beaver
Secretary-Treasurer

Secretary-Treasurer & Director of Church Ministries

Training Skilled Workers

The *Message* by Eugene H. Peterson gives the following paraphrase of Ephesians 4:12-13, "to train Christians in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ."

In some of my recent studies in preparation for ministry I came across the following thoughts by Alton Garrison, Assistant General Superintendent, which are worthy of consideration. Brother Garrison states, "Let God direct you in your ministry. And let your life be a model that others can follow. And I believe that God will use you in a strategic way to help advance the kingdom of God." I trust these comments will help you in renewing your focus in ministry.

First the skilled worker must keep their vertical relationship with God correct. Then they must keep a fresh anointing of God's Spirit upon their lives. David cried, "anoint me with fresh oil," Psalm 92:10.

Secondly the skilled worker must have a correct understanding of leadership. Leadership is a role not a title, leaders must cast vision. God's design is for things to grow. He designed trees to grow, flowers to grow, churches to grow, and ministers to grow. So if they're not growing, they need to search out what is keeping them from growing. It's just like a flower bed, the weeds must be removed. They have to eliminate some things, change some things so that they can grow effectively.

Thirdly, pastors are commissioned by God to equip people for ministry. Ephesians 4:11-12 lays out the design for how pastors should equip the saints to do the work of the ministry. There are five Biblical purposes outlined in Acts 2:42-47. They are **worship, fellowship, gift-oriented ministry, discipleship, and evangelism.**

In his book **The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People** Stephen Covey shares an appropriate story. "Suppose you were to come upon someone working feverishly sawing down a tree in the woods. 'What are you doing?' you ask. 'Can't you see?' comes the impatient reply, 'I'm sawing down this tree.' 'You look exhausted,' you exclaim, 'How

long have you been at it?' 'Over 5 hours,' he replies, 'and I'm beat. This is hard work.' 'Well, why don't you take a break for a few minutes and sharpen the saw?' you inquire, 'I'm sure it would go a lot faster.' 'I don't have time to sharpen the saw,' the man says emphatically, 'I'm too busy sawing.'"

Brother Garrison shared the following. "We have too often fallen prey to a dull blade. We are busy, in constant motion. Our calendars are full. But the blade is dull. Prayer sharpens the blade of ministry. Our Lord knew this yet with all the demands on Him, He went aside to pray. There a metamorphosis [change] happened. His conversation with Moses and Elijah regarding the cross at Jerusalem as well as the confirming presence and voice of the Father were linked to the prayer time. The ministry of deliverance awaiting Him at the foot of the mountain had direct correlation to this prayer session also. The expedience of prayer is forever established in this paradigm of prayer."

As ministers of the Gospel in the 21st century let us give ourselves once again to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

MINISTER RECORDS

Transferred Out:

Thomas Reusch (L) Michigan
Stephan Farina (O) North Texas



BIBLE INSTITUTE OF WEST TEXAS

Courses For February 6, 2010

Certified Minister Level

Synoptic Gospels

Facilitator, Glenn R. Beaver

License Level

Introduction to Theology:

A Pentecostal Perspective

Facilitator, Manny Castro

Ordination Level

Prayer and Worship

Facilitator, Robert Burns

Courses for March 13, 2010

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Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine

Facilitator, Barry Tilley

License Level

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Ordination Level

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Facilitator, Jannetta Fairbanks

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Becky Nenstiel
Women's Ministries Director



*We look forward with great anticipation to our February Rallies. Our speaker **Karen Houghton** has an anointed message to share. As we move into 2010 we need to be thirsty for His presence, His passion, His power, and His purpose.*



2010 February Rallies

North Plains

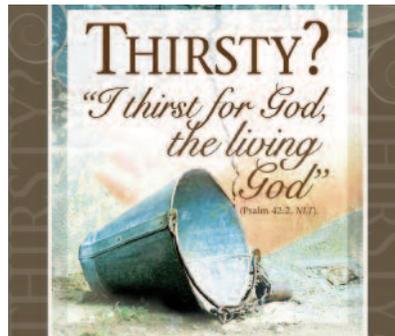
Tuesday, February 2 – 7:00 p.m.
Fairview Assembly of God
Amarillo

West Plains

Thursday, February 4 – 7:00 p.m.
District Auditorium
Lubbock

Pecos

Friday, February 5 – 7:00 p.m.
Open Door Assembly of God
Odessa



Thirsty For His Presence

East Plains

Tuesday, February 9 – 2:00 p.m.
First Assembly of God
Paducah

South Plains

Thursday, February 11 – 10:30 a.m.
First Assembly of God
Big Spring

El Paso

New Direction Ministries, El Paso
7:00 pm

MEN'S MINISTRIES

wtxmen@sbcglobal.net



West Texas District Royal Rangers Pinewood Derby



District Auditorium – February 27, 2010

Registration: 10:30 -12 pm. Races begin at 1:00 pm.

We invite everyone to participate in this fun and exciting event. Whether you have a Rangers group or not, your men and boys can build a car and participate. You will need to use the car kit purchased from GPH. For more information contact District Pinewood Derby Coordinator Clois Burgess. He can be reached at: cburgess1@suddenlink.net



Mark Stripling
Men's Ministries
Director



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Pleasant Hills Children's Home Project March 29 – April 1, 2010

The Men's Department has been asked to take a team to finish the remodel job begun by Becky Nenstiel and the Women's Department last summer at Pleasant Hills. They need the exterior of the Lewis cottage pressure washed, and then all wood surfaces need to be scraped and painted. We estimate 1 day of prep and 1 day of painting, sandwiched between 2 travel days. We will stay at Pleasant Hills, with beds, linens, towels, and supper provided. Bring toiletries, pillow, work clothing, paint brushes, scrapers, etc. and be prepared to fix our own breakfast and lunch. If any church would like to donate toward the expenses of this project, please make checks out to the Men's Department, Pleasant Hills Project and mail to the District Office. Pastors, if you and/or some of your men would like to help, please call my cell phone at 806-438-4751, or email me at wtxmen@sbcglobal.net. A letter will be mailed with more details shortly. Thanks!!



. . . People to People . . .

Prayer Needs: Please continue to pray for Mandy Pena, Jessica Coleman and Ann Slaton as they recover from surgery. Mandy Pena had lymph nodes removed from her neck and is facing further treatment as soon as the incision heals. Jessica Coleman had a malignant mass removed from her abdomen and will have to be making decisions concerning further treatment. Ann Slaton is progressing in her recovery from hip replacement but needs prayer as she undergoes several weeks of therapy.

Proud Grandparents: Ken and Dene Redmon's daughter Natalie had a baby boy, Mordecai Asher Barthen, on January 4, 2010. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Thank you! I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for your prayers, cards, flowers, etc. during the past few weeks following my hip replacement surgery. I am happy to say that I feel great. Please continue to pray for me for complete recovery. Ann Slaton

Pleasant Hills Children's Home is looking for a relief houseparent to work two weeks on and one week off with abused, abandoned, needy and neglected children. This candidate must have a high school diploma or a G.E.D. They are also needing a case worker to work Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm and alternating weekly on-call responsibilities with the Children's Service Coordinator. This candidate must have a bachelor's degree in something related to child care. Benefit packages for both positions include salary, hous-

ing and utilities, medical and dental insurance, retirement and reimbursement of moving expenses up to \$500 with receipts. Contact Harry or Martha Thomassen at 903.389.2641 or send resume to PHCH, P.O. Box 1177, Fairfield, Texas 75840. **Note: Financial support is being affected by the economy. Offerings can be sent to the address above.**

The Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education is making available \$100,000 in scholarship money for AG high school seniors through the generosity of AGTrust. The window is now open for the 2010 Riggs Scholarship applications with the deadline being February 15. Applications can only be accessed on the AGTrust website at: agtrust.org. AG students who are High School seniors and have demonstrated leadership potential through past and present involvement in an AG church are eligible. To receive the scholarship, the applicant must enroll as a full time student at an AG endorsed institution of higher learning. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.7 (unweighted 4.0 scale) or an ACT score of 28/36 or an SAT score of 1870/2400 to be considered. Other criteria for consideration may be found on the info sheet of the application. Applications must be sent to: AGTrust, 1445 North Booneville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802 no later than February 15, 2010 to be eligible.

An interesting concept to support ministries and missions. Contact Byron Britain at www.Hiscommission.com.

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