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Merry Christmas



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Prayer & Bible Conference

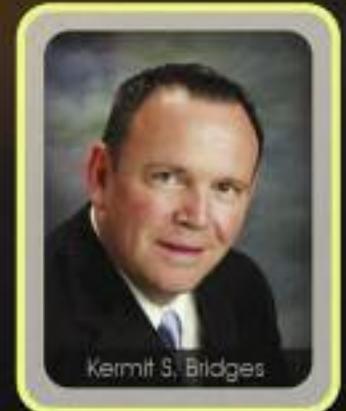
January 4-5, 2011

Tuesday

7 PM James T. Bradford
AG General Secretary



James Bradford



Kermit S. Bridges

Wednesday

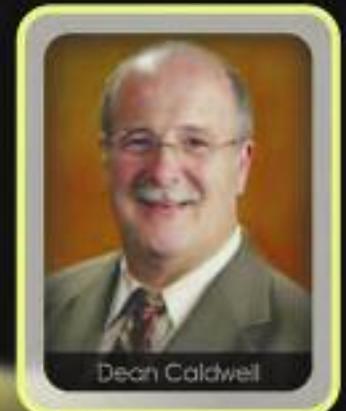
9 AM Kermit S. Bridges
President, SAGU

10 AM Martha Tennison
Evangelist



Martha Tennison

2 PM Dean Caldwell
Evangelist



Dean Caldwell

7 PM Rod Loy
*Senior Pastor,
First Little Rock AG*



Rod Loy

Hosted by **First North Little Rock AG**
Pastor **Rod Loy**
North Little Rock, Arkansas

In loving memory of James K. Bridges



Cara Lynn, Tracy, Hunter & Destry McWilliams

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11-12)

One of the things that I like the most about Christmas is the songs. I like the fact that even the world sings our songs during this time, but Christmas is more than just singing a few songs. Christmas is about worship. The Wise Men gave us some insight concerning worship. First, our worship should be **Expectant**. These men showed up in Jerusalem expecting to find the One *born King of the Jews*. Some scholars believe that the Wise Men could have traveled over 300 miles in search for the Truth, but I find it fascinating that the religious leaders were not willing to go 5 miles. We should be so spiritually hungry that we expect God to move in our lives and churches. Secondly, our worship should be **Expressive**. As soon as they entered the house where Jesus was they fell down and worshipped. Before they gave Jesus their material gifts they presented themselves in worship. God doesn't necessarily want your gift. He wants your heart. Thirdly, our worship should be **Extravagant**. The Wise Men brought with them *gold, frankincense and myrrh*. They offered to Jesus the very best that they had. During this time of giving and sharing, with family and friends, may we not forget that the very best thing we can offer is our worship to God. From our family to yours, may you have a very Merry Christmas!



District Office Staff

Front Row: Jannetta Fairbanks, receptionist/secretary; Betty Beaver, Administrative assistant to Superintendent
Back Row: Patti Castro, receptionist/secretary; Martha Woods, bookkeeper; Megan Henderson, Administrative Assistant to Youth Department; and Cara Lynn McWilliams, Administrative Assistant to Director of Church Ministries.

CREDENTIAL RENEWALS

Credential renewal time is upon us once again. This year you can renew online if you choose to do so. The online renewal form is at gensec.ag.org. A few other things to remember are as follows:

- *Renewal must be postmarked or completed online by 12-31-10.
- *Sign your renewal if renewing by mail and send the signed copies to the district office.
- *Pay your \$10.00 renewal fee to the district.
- *Dues to the General Council must be paid.
- *Renewals postmarked or completed online after 12-31-2010 must include a late fee of 50.00.
- *Renewals postmarked after 1-15-10 will be considered lapsed with a \$100 reinstatement fee.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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CREDENTIAL APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

December 31, 2010

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 the district office.

**81ST 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.



The Starnes Family
Codd, Angela,
Phaeli, Phae & Kalei
District Youth Alive Director



The Mizelle's
Raymond & Cindy
Roaring Springs Camp Manager



The Murdoch Family
Chris, Carey, Logan, Lambree & Emmalyn
District Youth & CE Director



Speed The Light Tour!



- East Plains - January 10th
- North Plains - January 11th
- West Plains - January 13th
- South Plains - January 14th
- El Paso - January 17th



Youth Convention/Fine Arts
March 17-19
More Info Coming Soon!!



Have a very Merry Christmas from the Youth and CE Departments!



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

“For unto you is born this day, a Savior...”

It's the season for parties and laughter; the season for decorating the tree.
It's the time for shopping and giving; and beautiful lights for all to see.

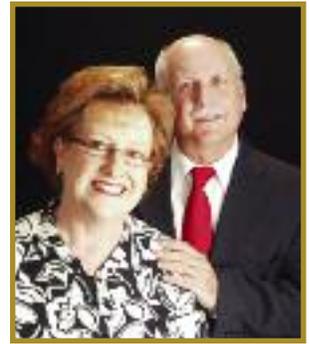
It's the season to fully realize, the extravagant gift of God's love.
It's the time to reflect on the Savior, sent from the Heavenly throne above.

It's time again this Christmas, as we gather with family and friends;
to reflect not only on tangible gifts, but remember His love that never ends.

His love the greatest gift ever given, is meant for all people everywhere.
It's the season for God's children, His wonderful love to share.

This Christmas, may you and your family experience
a new the gift of your Savior and His amazing love.

Merry Christmas!
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.”

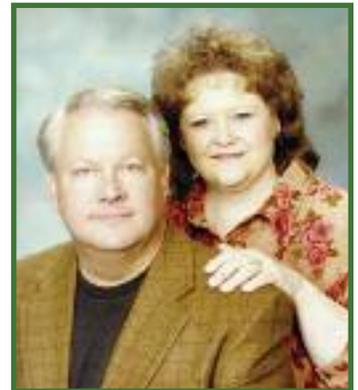
Frankincense ... A gift for a priest.

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



2011 Light for the Lost Banquet Tour
February 28 – March 8
Roger Kuykendall – Speaker

High Altitude Retreat III
February 24-26, 2011

. . . People to People . . .



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

Harry & Martha Thomassen, directors of PHCH, along with Jack Dudley, board vice-president, presented Becky with a plaque at a recent board meeting in appreciation for the remodeling of the Butler Cottage by a crew of men and women from across the district. The remodel project was dedicated in honor of the late Sandra Bass Palmer who was the South Texas District Women's Ministries Director at the time of her death. Over \$29,000 was raised for this project with another \$3,400 donated in materials. Thanks to everyone who helped and contributed funds.

Births: Congratulations to **Jeff and Brandi Watson** (Youth Pastors, First AG, Lubbock) on the birth of a baby girl, Sophie Joy, born on November 8. **Mike and Gail Foster** (1st AG Colorado City) are the proud grandparents of Jubilee Lani Ivey, born on October 22. Her parents are Lance & Bethany Ivey. Bethany is the Foster's daughter.

Prayer Needs: **Frank Norred** (Bushland) is recovering from throat surgery to remove a malignancy. The doctors are confident they removed it all but recommend that he receive radiation as a precaution; **Jessica Coleman** (Canadian) miracle of healing from cancer; **Becky Nenstiel** (Panhandle) recovery from arthroscopic knee surgery; and **Harry Berg** (Lubbock) recovery from heart problems.

Praise Report: **Bethany Garcia** (daughter of Bobby and Lupé Garcia, El Paso) has returned home from her hospital stay of 2 months in Dallas. Her back is now straighter and she has gained 3 inches in height. The Garcia family expresses their appreciation for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls they received during this time.



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