



THE CONFERENCE KOINONIA CONNECTOR

Creating Fellowship Through Communication

From the Desk of Bishop D. Chris Thompson

March 2009

SEX AND CELL PHONES

Inside this issue:

<i>Praise Corner</i>	2
<i>Prayer Corner</i>	2
<i>Conference Counselors</i>	2
<i>Special Prayer Request</i>	2
<i>Open Churches</i>	3
<i>Ministerial Changes</i>	3
<i>Up and Coming Events</i>	3
<i>Clergy and Tax Workshop Registration</i>	4

Recently I received the following letter from Presiding Bishop Leggett. It contained a very helpful booklet from the Religious Alliance Against Pornography. Read the letter and see how you may download the booklet and other information. Thank the Lord for this material.

January 14, 2009

Bishop Chris Thompson
PO Box 59
Falcon, NC 28342

Dear Bishop Thompson:

Did you know that the largest consumers of Internet pornography are children ages 12-17? (<http://www.nationalcoalition.org/stat.asp>)

Each day, countless young people are exposed to sexually explicit content. Pornographers and sexual predators are using online gaming, widespread access to the internet and cell phones to lure innocent children to lewd and pornographic material. The average age of first Internet exposure to pornography is 11 years old.

For too long, the church has remained silent about this topic. It's time to take a stand.

Two organizations—the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families (NCCF) and the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) - are raising awareness about this important issue. Now, the International Pentecostal Holiness Church is joining the fight to protect our children. Four key ministries (GSO, CEM, WM, MM) are coming together to educate IPHC churches and families about technology and the sexual exploitation of children. We need your help to get the word out!

Every conference Bishop, CEM Director, WM Director, and MM Director is receiving this letter. Please help us by distributing this information to your local church leadership. We want to get this information out to as many people as possible.

A booklet entitled *Sex and Cell Phones: Protect Your Children* is part of a growing movement known as iCare. Visit the iCare website at www.icarecoalition.org to find: (1) information on using parental controls on cell phones; (2) action plans for families, churches and cities; (3) educational articles to help protect your family; (4) links to other helpful organizations and website.

Parents and churches can download the booklet, along with a companion DVD, through the iCare website. This information is available in English and Spanish.

We have also placed this information on the IPHC website. Please direct parents, grandparents, and local church pastors and leaders to visit www.iphc.org for a link to the iCare website and *Sex and Cell Phones* online booklet.

Help us protect the future leaders of the IPHC by educating our churches on this issue. Together, we can make a difference in our children's lives.

Sincerely,

James D. Leggett
Presiding Bishop

Praise Corner:

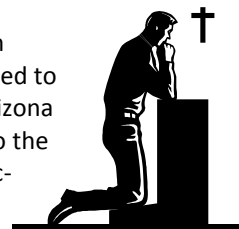
- For the February School of Ministry—Well Done to Pastor Oris Hubbard. He did an excellent job on Leadership Handbook on Preaching and Worship. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching the Manual. Both classes were well attended.
- For the Chadbourn Church and their Mobile Medical Unit. It was dedicated on February 8th. Well Done, Chadbourn.
- For the new church in Rocky Mount. Reverend L.B. Avery and wife Sue have planted the Mt. Paran Church. Brother Danny Nelson organized it on February 8th.
- For the First Church taking in 23 new members on February 22nd.
- For the Greenville First Church and their recent Solemn Assembly. Well done Pastor Paul Brafford. CD's are available. (CEU's may be received)
- Praise the Lord for the CD recently prepared by the Kinston First Church and Mt. Olive Church Choirs. It is fantastic. Proceeds go to missions. Contact one of the churches.
- Rev. Jimmy and Heather Lassiter praise the Lord for a baby girl, Rayna—7 pounds 3 ounces
- For the recent Marriage Retreat for Clergy in Myrtle Beach. It was a special time. Well done to the speakers—Bishop James and Faye Leggett and Pastor Fernando Angulo. Both the English and Spanish Meetings were fantastic.
- For a very special revival at Harkers island. February 22—25th. I enjoyed it so much!
- For the progress toward accreditation for Falcon Children's Home.
- For several board meetings—C.E. Board, Conference Board, Evangelism Board, Emmanuel College Executive Board, Hispanic board, Retired Minister's Board, Missions Committee, African-American Meeting.
- For the District Talent Meetings—We have some great young people.

Prayer Corner:

- For the family of Reverend W.B. Satterfield— his wife, Sister Alice went to heaven
- For the Polity Committee—General Conference—they meet again on March 3,4, and 5th. Linda Thomas represents North Carolina.
- For the Finance Committee—General Conference. They meet again on March 30 and 31st. (I am serving on that one.)
- For the Holmes Bible College Board of Trustees. The Board meets March 5th. They are working toward getting a new president.
- Gloria Dixon—Chemotherapy
- Paulene Knowles
- William and Edith Page
- Christine Norris
- Christine Tyson
- T.L. Byrd
- Gladys Johnson
- Betty Dowdy
- Raleigh Horton
- Conrad Hall
- Myrtle Marshburn
- Ella Whichard
- Tim Henry
- W.M. Cordon
- Betty Tolar
- Kenneth Tart
- Kathleen Williams
- General Conference

Special Prayer—

The RDC team and I will be in Arizona from March 19th through 21st. The North Carolina Conference has agreed to mother the English Arizona District and the Spanish Arizona District. Please pray for our trip and for our ministry to the pastors and ministers of the two districts and the Directors—Demetrius Miles and Tony LeBron.



Conference Counselors

The Conference Board and I have now granted our Conference Counselors the right to work with our ministers in total confidentiality. They do an excellent job. The Conference will take care of the counseling costs for any of our clergy and their immediate families who live in the home up to \$500 for each person per year. Our Conference Counselors are Vince Arnold, Dwight Dunning, and Maurice Phelps.

Open Churches:

Wakelon—Interim Bill Dunning
 Pinetown—Interim Raymond Potter
 Higher Ground in Ahoskie
 Manley Grove in Mt. Olive

Capital in Raleigh
 Hamilton—Interim Ralph Leggett
 Harvest Fellowship in Shallotte

Rehoboth—Interim Jimmy Williams
 Greater Mt. Paran—Wilson, Interim Emmitt Turner
 Holly Hill in Vanceboro

Ministerial Changes:

- Rev. Chris Watkins is the new pastor at the Bethany Church.
- Rev. Robert Arnold is the new pastor at Carson Memorial in Greenville.
- Rev. Robert Knox has transferred back into the Conference.
- Rev. L.B. Avery is the pastor of the new Mt. Paran in Rocky Mount.
- Rev. Iris Rodriguez is the pastor of the new Mt. Sinai in Jacksonville.
- Rev. Hector Salazar has rejoined the Conference.
- Rev. Robert Downen has transferred to the Conference from the Assembly of God.

General Conference Church Delegates

Each organized church may have one lay delegate. The name and address must be sent to the Conference Office for certification. The delegate may then register with the national office in Oklahoma City.



Church Education Ministries Convention—March 6-7

Pastor Ricky Sinclair from Louisiana will be the primary presenter. He pastors a church of over 1,000. The Lord is blessing his ministry greatly. He is mightily used of the Lord and has a powerful testimony.

Tax Workshop—Saturday, March 14th

This tax workshop is for clergy and church treasurers. It will be of great benefit. Rev. Oris Hubbard, Conference Loan Officer, will be the workshop presenter. The workshop will be only on the Saturday of the March School of Ministry. The workshop begins with registration at 9:00 a.m. The class begins at 9:30 a.m. and will continue into the afternoon. Please register. The cost is \$10 or \$15 if you eat lunch. A registration form can be located on page 4 of this newsletter.

School of Ministry Classes:

March 13-14—Instructor Vince Arnold
 Pastoral Care and Counseling MCP 1.09 (Spirit Centered Counseling)

April 3-4—Instructor Frank Tunstall

Our Awesome Lord— This is an excellent book. All will benefit from the teaching. All are welcome. Please visit www.ourawesomelord.com for book and study guide information.

The School of Ministry is for clergy credentialing, clergy CEU's and anyone desiring to learn more about the Lord's WORD and work.

Mission Meals:

Pastors, please make every effort to attend one of the Mission Meals and to have a church representative present. Brother Nelson and his team are doing a fantastic job in promoting missions. World Missions is important. The Father had only one Son and He was a missionary.

Anointing II Conference—Revitalization Meeting:

On March 26th—7 p.m. through Saturday at noon on March 28th The First Church in Goldsboro will be hosting the above Conference. The Conference is hosted by Evangelism USA, Oklahoma City. Stan Tolar and Conrad Lowe will be teaching on Friday and Saturday respectively. On Thursday night, Rev. Jim Whitfield will preach and Friday night, Bishop Leggett will preach. The evening services are open to all. The day services are by registration only. This meeting is a great opportunity for our churches and clergy.

Examining Committee—License - May 28th

Examining Committee—Ordination—May 29th

Pastors please share this information with anyone in your churches who might be interested.

Pentecost Celebration:

Remember—the annual Pentecost Celebration on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. The various Pentecostal Bishops have decided to have the meeting in Falcon again. Bishop William Lee of the Church of God will be preaching again. The evening service will be preceded by various choirs.

**NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
CHURCH**

Post Office Box 59
Falcon, North Carolina 28342



**North Carolina Conference of the IPHC
Special Registration for School of Ministry
Clergy and Church Tax Workshop
March 14, 2009**

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

Church: _____ Ministry Position: _____

This Tax Workshop will focus on tax-related topics for the church and clergy. Some topics covered will be:

- Setting up a pastor's pay package for optimum tax benefit.
- Housing and parsonage allowance.
- Travel and professional expenses.
- Medical expenses.
- W-2 or 1099?
- Other church employees.

Proper receipting of charitable contributions for churches. The class, or any portion of the class, is a flat fee of \$10.00 per person. Lunch is \$5.00.

1. Please register me for the following:

_____ Class: Saturday, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM _____ Lunch: 11:30 AM

2. Payment

_____ Check Enclosed of \$ _____ (make checks payable to: NCIPHC) _____ Will Pay on Arrival

Signature: _____

Mail this completed form to: NCIPHC \ Tax Workshop, PO Box 149, Falcon, NC 28342-0149 or Fax to: (910) 980-1991