



THE CONFERENCE KOINONIA CONNECTOR

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From the Desk of Bishop D. Chris Thompson

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By now I am sure most of the readers have heard that Betty and I will be moving to Oklahoma City. On Jul 30th I was elected to be the Executive Director of Evangelism USA and Corporate Secretary of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Betty and I are very excited about the challenge. We feel we move in the will of the Lord. However, we are grieving over leaving North Carolina and the North Carolina Conference. This is our home. The Conference has blessed us over and over again. I have been a member of this conference since 1971. We have the greatest people in all the earth.

Reverend Jim Whitfield, formally Assistant Superintendent, is now the Superintendent and Conference Bishop. Brother Whitfield brings 41 years of pastoral experience to the position. For the last 27 years he pastored the mother church of the denomination, The First Church in Goldsboro. He will now be the Superintendent of the Mother Conference.

Brother Whitfield is the Superintendent. He has authorized me for the present to work with the Camp Meetings and continue with the open churches prior to General Conference. He will take on the new open churches. He will be in the office after Monday the 17th. His last Sunday as pastor of The First Church will be August the 16th.

I will be in Oklahoma City the week of the 17th and the first week of September. This is as far as my schedule is at the moment. After labor day I will be back and forth. Betty and I hope to find a home and move as quickly as possible. I will be in contact with the pastors of churches where I am scheduled this fall should I need to make a change. I will be able to make many of the early fall dates.

Preachers and others should continue to call the office as needed. Those who need Bishop Whitfield will be directed at that point how to reach him.

Brother Whitfield will lead the upcoming district conferences. He and the office executive staff will be vision casting for the new year. Be sure to be present to hear our new Superintendent/Bishop.

On the day of conference, August 8th, Reverend Danny Nelson was elected Assistant Superintendent. He will continue to serve as Evangelism/World Missions Director. I congratulate him. He will serve well.

Reverend Stacy Hilliard, pastor of Breakthrough Revival Center, Greenville, was elected to fill the open position on the board. He will do a fantastic job. Brother Hilliard serves as our African-American co-ordinator.

Leadership changes but the work of the Lord continues on!

Praise Corner:

- For Youth Quest and Fine Arts—Our young people did a fantastic job!
- For the services at General Conference. They were powerful.
- For the Annual Conference. The Lord was present. Thank you Reverend A.D. Beacham for Presiding.
- Praise the Lord for the largest delegation ever from the North Carolina Conference to General Conference.
- For the 100th year celebration of Piedmont Camp Meeting.
- For the 100th year celebration of Holmes Memorial Church, Greenville, South Carolina.
- For the fantastic Alumni Celebration at Falcon Children's Home. This is the 100th year celebration. Well Done to Superintendent Joey Leggett and Chairman Wiley Clark.
- For the Smithfield Church and their note burning—Well Done Pastor Wayne White and Church.
- For the organization of the new Grace and Hope Church in Stedman. The pastor is Reverend Glenn King.
- For the new Kenneth Hancock Archives Center at the Falcon Children's Home.
- For the last twelve years of leadership and ministry of Presiding Bishop James D. Leggett.
- For the life and ministry of Blackmon Hollingsworth. Brother Hollingsworth went to heaven. His wife Francis is on the World Missions committee.
- For the anticipation of a powerful move of the Lord at Falcon Camp Meeting and Piney Grove Camp Meeting.
- Praise the Lord for 13 new licensed ministers at Conference and 11 newly ordained.
- Shawn and Karen Carrow of Boardman praise the Lord for a new son, Keniel. Pastor and Mrs. Jose del Villar are the grandparents.
- For a great start to Falcon Camp Meeting. The Lord is giving special words. Every preacher needs the tapes.

Prayer Corner:

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| • Edith & William Page | • Vernon Clark | • Clara Williams - Nursing Home |
| • Kenneth Tart | • Dallas & Dianne Montague's daughter, Dana | • John Hedgepeth—Eye surgery |
| • Raleigh Horton | • Jimmy Swinson—Back Problems | • Bishop Chris and Betty Thompson—Transition |
| • Gloria Dixon | • Grace Eatmon—Hip | • Bishop Jim and Regenia Whitfield—Transition |
| • Christine Norris | • Kathleen Williams | • Bishop James and Faye Leggett—Transition |
| • Myrtle Marshburn | • Pastors of the Conference | • Presiding Bishop Ron Carpenter and Nan—Transition |
| • Gladys Johnson | • Open Churches | • Family of Faron Oliver—He went to heaven |
| • Loan fund to reach 25 Million in Deposits | • Eva Clark—Relocation | |
| • Ella Whichard | • W.M. Cordon | |
| • Conrad Hall | • Betty Tolar | |
| | • Tim Henry | |

Ministerial News:

- Reverend Ken White is the new Assimilation Pastor at Clinton First.
- Susie and Kenneth Weaver have both joined the Conference as ordained ministers.
- Paul Rigsby of Kinston has been approved as a Local Church Minister.
- Reverend Dick Bowie has requested and been approved to revert back to ordained minister from Local Church Minister status.
- Gailya List has transferred to the Conference as an ordained minister from Africa.
- Reverend Robert Marshall has withdrawn from the Conference.
- Reverend William Rose, Jr. has withdrawn from the Conference.
- Reverend Janice Barnette has withdrawn from the Conference.
- Reverend Maria Popoca of Sanford has received her Local Church Minister's Certificate.
- Reverend Elvin Perez has received his Local Church Minister's Certificate.
- Reverend Gilbert Pagan has been accepted as a Licensed Minister.
- Reverend Carola Pagan has been approved as an ordained minister.
- Reverend Larry Lilley has been assigned as pastor of the Merritts Chapel Church.
- Reverend Robert Knox has been assigned as pastor of the Higher Ground, Ahoskie Church.
- Reverend Vernon Clark is in a nursing home in Washington. He asks for mail, etc.—P.O. Box 56, Robersonville, NC, 27871

Open Churches:

- Pinetown—Raymond Potter Interim
- Wakelon – Bill Dunning Interim
- Hamilton—Ralph Leggett Interim
- Rehoboth—Jimmy Williams Interim
- Greater Mt. Paran—Emmett Turner Interim
- New Creation, Havelock—Interim John Tootle
- Thomas Chapel, Henderson
- Mt. Olive, Pembroke
- Middlesex—Interim Linda Wilder
- Independence, Bailey
- Nakina
- The First Church, Goldsboro
- Grimesland Church

FALL DISTRICT CONFERENCES 2009

Each meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Every licensed and ordained minister is required to be present. Local Church Ministers should be present. Every church should have a delegate. In fact, departmental leaders of local churches should be present. The office executives will be casting vision. There will be a workshop for Women's Ministries leaders. The Feast of Ingathering Funds will be received. Remember our church schools.

DISTRICT	DATE	CHURCH LOCATION	PASTOR
Clinton	Tuesday, September 1	Gospel Tabernacle	Rev. Ken Milliken
New Bern	Thursday, September 3	Reelsboro Church	Rev. Steve Willis
Williamston	Tuesday, September 8	Millennium	Rev. Taylor Latham
Hispanic North	Wednesday, September 9	Oasis of Hope	Rev. Abraham Rodriguez
Lumberton	Thursday, September 10	Living Springs	Rev. Jerry Green
Wilson	Monday, September 14	Moore's Chapel	Rev. Jeremy Banks
Wilmington	Tuesday, September 15	Wilmington First	Rev. Paul Evans
Hispanic East	Wednesday, September 16	Rivers of Living Waters – Turkey	Rev. Jose Cruz
Raleigh	Thursday, September 17	Evangel	Rev. Marjorie Teachey
Rocky Mount	Monday, September 21	Brentwood	Rev. Julian Thompson
Greenville	Tuesday, September 22	Saint Paul	Rev. Allen Mayo
Hispanic South	Wednesday, September 23	Monte de Los Olivos— Fayetteville	Rev. Jose Amador
Fayetteville	Thursday, September 24	Stedman	Rev. Randall Strickland
Goldsboro	Monday, September 28	Pine Level	Rev. Roger Banks
Morehead City	Tuesday, September 29	Maranatha	Rev. Matthew Smith

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Piney Grove Camp Meeting

August 23—August 30

The speakers are Reverend Stacy Watford and Reverend Michael Hearp. The schedule has been mailed to each of you.

School of Ministry

It is time for the fall School of Ministry to begin again. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some excellent fall classes are planned.

August 21—22	Isaiah	Speaker, Reverend T.E. Long
September 11-12	Romans	Speaker, Gary Strickland
	New Manual	Speaker, Bishop Chris Thompson
October 16-17	I and II Corinthians	Speaker, Reverend Danny Nelson
November 13-14	Church Growth II	Speaker, Reverend Paul Brafford
December 11-12	Church Break Out	Speaker, Bishop Jim Whitfield

Each class begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday through 10:00 p.m. The class continues on Saturday 8:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

Attention All Men

Remember the Men's Ministries Retreat on Friday night, September 18th and Saturday, September 19th. Director Ronnie Basden has sent out brochures. Men Pastor's, you need to be present.

Evangel

Beginning in October the Conference Evangel will move to a quarterly publication. This will help the Conference save a tremendous amount in the budget. Subscriptions will be honored and adjusted accordingly.