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Katrina, Rita, Wilma and What We Can Do...

There are many news sources that can give you the most up to date information on the devastating effect of the hurricanes and flooding on the people along the Gulf Coast. I won't try to duplicate their information here. There are two sources that I would point you toward that will give you accurate perspective from the inside. They are:

Mississippi Assemblies of God - - www.msdistrictag.com

Louisiana Assemblies of God - - www.laaog.org

The short summary of the effect on our Assemblies of God churches is as follows:

Churches Affected: *(Damages range from minor to totally destroyed)*

- Mississippi – 50 churches damaged
- Louisiana – 46 churches damaged
- Florida – 12 churches damaged

Ministers Affected: *(Damages to homes, parsonages, and belongings varying from minor to total losses)*

- Mississippi – 100 +/-
- Louisiana – 130 +/-
- Florida – 25

Teen Challenge Centers: *(Damages are heavy in both states)*

- Mississippi – Teen Challenge in Pascagoula
- Louisiana – Teen Challenge in New Orleans
- Florida – Teen Challenge in Davie

Missionaries: *(Missionaries from both states will lose much support)*

- Mississippi – 19 Foreign, 1 Home
- Louisiana – 28 Foreign, 30 Home

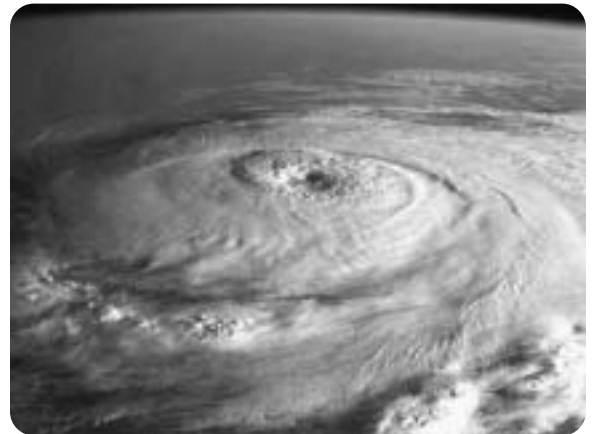
And these numbers don't begin to tell the story.

So, what can we do?

- Many of our churches have already gotten involved by receiving special offerings. I've heard great reports of the generosity of God's people.
- Some have sent food & clothing for the thousands displaced by the storms. Our Native American Fellowship here in South Dakota was one of the first to take loads of supplies to the region.
- There are several churches that have led work teams and others that are making plans to go. The recovery and rebuilding will be a long term process.

The need is so staggering that it is easy to think that our little bit won't make much of a difference. But when we all do what we can, we can do so much. As we enjoy God's blessing in this Holiday season, let's not forget our brothers and sisters in less fortunate situations. Jesus said it best, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Rev. Stephen Schaible
SD Superintendent



New Pastors in South Dakota

Chamberlain: Rev. Reggie and Jane Ballard came from Janesville, Wisconsin, to take the pastorate in Chamberlain. The Ballards pastored in Gregory some years ago and we welcome them back to our great state!

Sisseton: Rev. Eugene and Jeanine Wilson are coming back home to Sisseton after pastoring for several years in Burton, Nebraska. Pastor Wilson had previously served the Sisseton church as assistant pastor and now returns to serve as Senior Pastor.

Milbank: Rev. Michael and Della Doran have accepted the pastorate in Milbank. They come to us from the Minnesota District and we are excited to have them as part of our family.



Trinity Bible College

Groundbreaking Ceremony

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Lowell Lundstrom Heartland Student Life Center was held on September 22, 2005.

The service took place in the Block Memorial Chapel with Rev. Lowell Lundstrom as the special guest speaker. Other special guests were Rev. Stephen Schaible, South Dakota District Superintendent and Co-chair of the "Building on a Miracle" capital campaign committee; Rev. Leon Freitag, North Dakota District Superintendent; Mr. Gary Riffe, Co-chair of the "Building on a Miracle" capital campaign committee; and Mr. Silas Liechty, member of the TBC Board of Regents.

This was an historic event in the history of Trinity Bible College. The Heartland Student Life Center will be the first entirely new building project since the building of Liechty Hall and the Block Memorial Chapel in 1974. The space will provide a student activity center. It will also house the Student Life and Information Technology offices, along with five new classrooms and two new conference rooms. This building project is the first of a long range plan instituted by the Board of Regents in the spring of 2004.

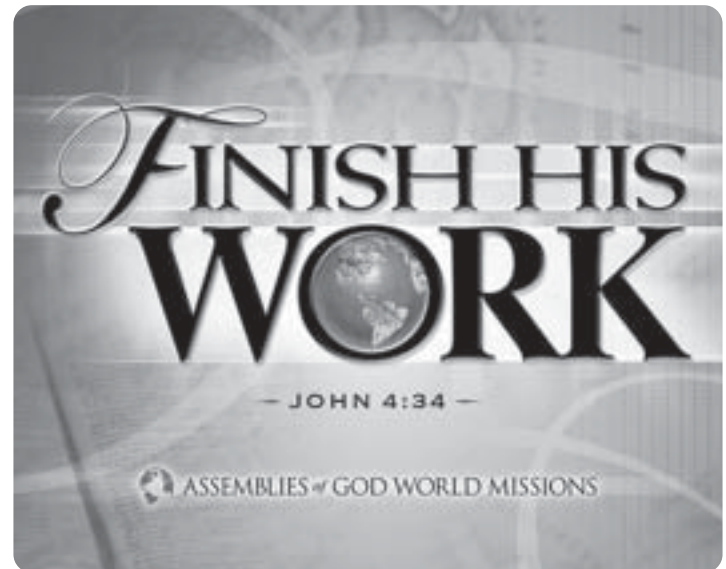


MISSIONS

Finish His Work

Finish His Work is the 2006 Missions Convention theme. It is a very timely theme. All around us are the evidences of the "End Times." I cannot ever remember a time when we have had such a series of devastating natural disasters, added to this are the wars that seem to have no solution and have left the whole world in the grasp of fear. Also, there is the threat of deadly disease without remedies. This is just to name some of the signs of the times. Jesus said these must happen, but this is not the end.

What then is the sign of the end? This was the question His disciples wanted to know. He told them the Gospel would be preached to all the world, and then the end would come. So if you want to understand how close we are to the end of the age, watch the Church. The Church is finishing her assignment. The A/G Church alone is now in 212 countries (there are only 192 nations in the UN). More people are being sent by our church into the harvest fields than ever before (it must be the 11th hour). More money is being given and invested in gathering the harvest than ever. And more people are being added to the Kingdom "today" and every day than ever before.



This is not then a time to rest, but a time to bring in the "harvest." This is a time to work harder and with more focus than ever. We are within shot of finishing His Work. I urge each individual and each church to do more for the cause of missions than ever before. The Missions Convention materials and supplies are now ready for your 2006 Missions Convention. Many of these materials are free – the rest have a minimal cost. Call the World Missions Department in Springfield and order your supplies now and PLAN YOUR CONVENTION for 2006. There is no way possible for us to be Great Commission Christians or Great Commission Church without being involved in missions.

Let us FINISH HIS WORK and hasten His coming.

Ron Traub
Assistant District Superintendent
District Missions Director



Resolve: No More Excuses

If you're a young adult or college student, the information about **Resolve: No More Excuses** may be of interest to you.

Are you tired of living a life of mediocrity, running in circles, and never finding satisfaction in your spiritual life? Then **Resolve** is just for you.

On February 24-25, 2006 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center you can join with hundreds of other young adults and college students just like yourself for a retreat that will challenge and motivate you spiritually.

We're designing a one-of-a-kind retreat to bring back the fervor and excitement you once had about serving God. **Resolve** isn't about lectures and head knowledge, it's about relationships, and a challenge that you can live up to.

Resolve Retreat is focused on helping young adults go from habitual sin to living a victorious life. Participants will be challenged to identify the excuses which keep them from living the life described in the Word of God. Over the course of the weekend, relationships will be built to facilitate accountability and result in a life of no excuses.

Peaked your interest, log on to www.resolveretreat.com for more info..



Fusion

January 19-21, 2006, at Cedar Shores in Chamberlain, leaders who work with teenagers and children will be gathering for Fusion.

This weekend leadership retreat has been designed to create an opportunity for networking with other leaders across South Dakota, a time for re-focusing ministry direction, and personal refreshing.

These leaders face unique challenges and sometimes frustrations for a variety of reasons. We have found Fusion is a valuable resource for full-time, part-time, and volunteer leaders.

We know you care about these ministries, and so do these leaders. We also know that the best way to have healthy ministries is to have healthy ministers. Year after year these leaders leave more refreshed than they came.

Here's how you can help. Please take the time to encourage your leaders to attend Fusion. You may also want to help scholarship their registration and lodging expenses to ensure that every leader has an opportunity to attend. If your youth and children's leaders are already planning to attend, consider scholarshiping a leader from another church in South Dakota.

The Seven Project: The Story of Faith

October 17th was the confirmation that God is doing great things in the community of Faith, SD. Our team of three presenters worked with some local believers and the school system to put together South Dakota most effective Seven Project to date.

This project began last winter with the scheduling of a single school assembly. But God had plans much greater than that of a 52 minute multi-media presentation.

For seven weeks prior to our arrival, a small group of five teenagers had been meeting in the school library to pray that God would move during the Seven at Night presentation. That group grew to 18 before our team ever arrived.

During the school assembly the students received a non-religious presentation about peer pressure, character, choices, suicide, and scholastic achievement. But they also received an invitation to a night rally at the community center.

During the night rally students ate pizza, played on inflatable games, and listened to music. After about 45 minutes we turned toward the evening rally. For the next few minutes the students sat and listened to personal stories of faith and how Jesus changes lives. When the altar call was given, nearly every student stood to receive Christ and pray the sinners prayer. Over 80 copies of the Book of Hope and 75 copies of a discipleship booklet "Guess What Happened to Me," were distributed. Thank you Light for the Lost!

We are now working with this community to disciple these students and create a lasting impact on the lives of these teenagers and their families.



Few But Mighty

The demands on men today are greater than ever. I wish I could say that those demands were of great importance and a matter of life and death. Most are not. Our ability to communicate by cell phone and email instantaneously makes us more accessible by people who need something or want something. As a pastor, people will often say, "You are so busy..." I stop them there and correct them by saying, "I am occupied." Anybody can be busy. One can be busy doing nothing of any importance. Good is no longer the thief of best. Urgency or availability is today's thief of God's best.

As Champions, we must be in charge of the priorities of our lives. Men are pulled in many directions and into "good projects" because they don't have a sense of destiny or importance to the mission. There are good ministries I cannot involve myself in because I have not been called to do that or have the time to devote what is necessary to its success. I believe in the Champion's Network because I believe it will give us new models and a new standard in our churches for other men to pattern their lives after. We may never be a huge number, but I would like to believe that if we have one or two in a church it will set a higher standard for all.

The Apostle Paul looked for such men to travel and minister with him on his missionary journeys. He even rejected some for their inability to live up to his standards. It caused him and Barnabus to split up because Mark bailed on them and Paul refused to take him along on the next trip. Later Mark proved himself faithful and Paul welcomed him back to his ministry team.

Becoming a champion means faithfulness and setting priorities. There will always be many distractions to keep us from choosing the best in light of the immediate. There will be a Champions Network in South Dakota and those men that choose to make it a priority will set the bar for many men in their world. I want to be one of those men and I will be watching for others. I will be looking for faithfulness in: 1) discipleship; 2) student of the Word and leadership (Champions tool kit); and 3) monthly financial commitment to the South Dakota HonorBound Champions Network. When these basics are fulfilled for at least six months, then I will know that you are one of those that God is calling at this time to become a Champion. I am praying for that first string of players that will hear the call and take the challenge to join me.

There are men all over America right now that are hearing and responding to the call because they are tired of being jerked around by the unimportant and insignificant. They will make a difference and leave a legacy that will affect this generation for Jesus Christ. This is a strong letter to strong men and you will only hear from me in the future as I hear from you. I pray for you to be all God has planned for you to be!

Here to serve you,
 Jeff Mantz
 District HonorBound Director

WOMEN'S BREAKAWAY

February 24-25, 2006
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MISSIONETTES



Elise Glanzer, Rachel Schaible, and Cheryl Glanzer at the Missionettes 50 year anniversary banquet in Denver, CO.

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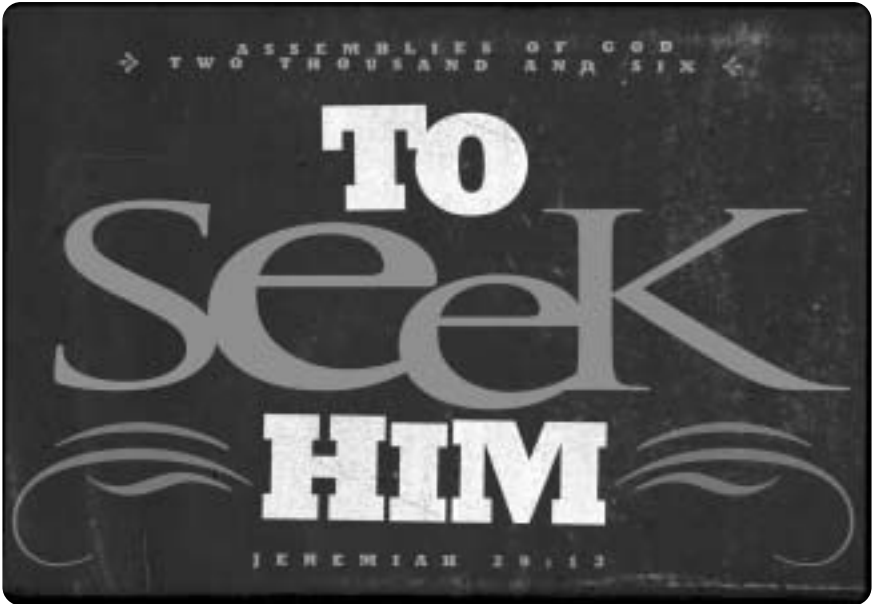
To Seek Him

Each year the Assemblies of God selects a national theme for the purpose of reminding our constituents of our basic calling and mission. As churches and districts use the themes, it develops a sense of unity, focus, and direction for the entire church.

The Assemblies of God believes it is imperative that we seek God and has made **SEEK HIM** its theme for 2006. Our scripture theme for this year is:

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you." (Jer. 29:13)

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Fall Retreat Report

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus, our soon coming King! It seems the summer passed so quickly it was hardly noticed. As we look toward the holidays we are again reminded of how blessed we are. May we at no time neglect to give God thanks for His goodness and faithfulness to us. *"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."* [Ps. 95:1-3] We have so much to be thankful for.

We had a superb Fall Retreat in September and continue to receive good reports from attendees. We had one couple who traveled all the way from Washington State. Many have said they are already looking forward to the 2006 Retreat, which will again be held at Camp Judson September 6-8, 2006. It's not too early to mark your calendars. We were blessed by the uplifting ministry of the Masters' as well as the newly formed men's quartet, "The Golden Singers," who ministered in each service. Thank you to all who helped in various ways to make our retreat a very blessed time together.

We are looking forward, with great anticipation, to the Spring Banquet tour April 24-29, 2006. David and Carolyn Nelson, who are currently serving in the Ukraine, will be our speakers. We know it will be a very special time of spiritual renewal and for renewing acquaintances with them.

May God bless you abundantly as you continue to pray for and support this vital ministry for our senior adults in South Dakota. Without your help it would be impossible.



In Christ's Love,
Nels & Angie Easterby
District Senior Adult Ministries Directors

ROYAL RANGERS

Pow Wow

We kicked off the week on Friday night with buffalo stew and a great message by the National Frontier Camping Fellowship President, Jim Rounsville. Following the message 13 new members were taken into FCF: Alex Nachatilo, Jonathon Hansen, Paul Jacobson, Kaele Bowman (ND), Kai Smith (ND), Kerby Halwenda (ND), Andrew Lewis, Dawson Lewis, Alec Albertson, William Carter, Evan Glanzer, Matt Hansen, Alan Drews (*ND boys were not pictured*).

Saturday the boys had fun building campfires, cooking eggs, BB shoots, archery, pancake cooking, colter run, pinewood derby, and a new contest introduced by the Watertown groups - pigeon racing.

The pigeon race consisted of five numbered pigeons brought from Watertown. Each ranger group selected their pigeon by a random drawing. Our first place winner was Oglala, which when asked how they won with a pigeon that had not won before, they said, "All the boys and leaders laid hands on the pigeon and prayed over it." It just shows God cares about even the smallest things in our lives.



District Pinewood Derby Winners:
Ranger Kids – Aric McKnight
Discovery Rang. – Tylor Foster
Adventure Rang. – Evan Glanzer
Expedition Rang. – Adam McKnight

Fastest Overall Winners:
First Place – Aric McKnight
Second Place – Adam McKnight
Third Place – Evan Glanzer

Top Church Winners:
First Place – Watertown Foursquare
Second Place – Pierre New Life A/G
Third Place – Oglala Re*Creation

The total attendance for this Pow Wow was 125 men and boys.

The new FCF members attended classes taught by FCF President, Jim Rounsville, past FCF President, Rick Dostal, and National Commander, Richard Mariott. By the end of the class time all of the boys had learned to work together and help each other. The North Dakota FCF members helped us with the FCF classes and set up their FCF village which brought more authenticity to the training. All of the FCF members are looking forward to moving to the next level.

Saturday night at the council fire ceremony, Jim Rounsville placed a challenge before us all by asking us to be more like Christ by living and acting as if Jesus Christ were standing next to us. Sundays closing session with Richard Mariott re-emphasized this challenge.

Thank you for investing in your boys.



Mike Glanzer
District Royal Rangers Commander

QUICK CALENDAR

December:

- 25: Christmas
- 31: BGMC/STL offerings due in Springfield
- 31: New Year's Eve

January:

- 1-7: National Week of Prayer
- 19-21: Fusion (Youth/Children's Pastor's Retreat) [*Chamberlain*]
- 27-28: RR Pow Wow
- 29: National HonorBound Day

February:

- 10-11: Resolve Young Adult Retreat [*Sioux Falls*]
- 24-25: Ministry Women's Breakaway [*Chamberlain*]
- 26: National Women's Ministry Day

March:

- 3: Fine Arts Festival Registrations Due
- 3: World Day of Prayer
- 3-4: HonorBound Retreat [*Huron*]
- 10-11: HonorBound Retreat [*Kamp Kinship*]
- 12: BGMC Sunday
- 24-25: Fine Arts Festival
- 31: J. Robert Ashcroft Scholarship Deadline



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