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The fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

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THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT WELCOMES THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH INTERNATIONAL



OCTOBER 11-15

As the host we need volunteers at our welcome booth, as ushers and in many others areas. If you can help contact your presbyter for the name and number of the coordinator of that department.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

Please start praying for the UPCI General Conference this year in Louisville. We want to see a great Revival during this time. Pray especially for our General Superintendent and General Board.

The Good Ole Days

By Bonnie Peacock

Once upon a time, families lived within hollering distance of each other. They sat on their front porches in the evening, talking, laughing, and greeting anyone who might mosey down the lane.

Everyone knew everybody's business and a natural support group existed. Children knew they were loved, not just by mommy and daddy, but by aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents. The elderly had a safe place of dignity to live out their declining years. The weak and ill were surrounded by people who loved them and cared.

Today, society is disconnected. Family members may reside on different continents or at least in different time zones. Texting, emails, and occasional visits have replaced the supper table. Chat rooms provide courtships and friendships.

It is easy to feel disenfranchised. Even in a church setting, one can feel isolated and invisible. How do we connect in today's fast-paced, high-tech society?

If God cares about our finances, health, and salvation, don't you think He cares about our emotional needs too? He is concerned about our feelings. He wants us to have solid, healthy, positive relationships.

Who do we trust? To whom are we listening? Who can God speak through when our hearts are broken or we are discouraged?

Much is said in the Word of God about with whom we spend our time. Our friends have a profound affect on us. "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Proverbs 13:20). We become like the people we are around.

We are warned, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Corinthians 6:14).

While adults warn young people about the friends and spouse they choose, this Scripture applies to everybody. No matter our age or stage in life, the old adages are true, "Birds of a feather flock together," and, "You are known by the company you keep."

We are prone to pursue friendships with people of high profile or who are popular. Not everyone who looks good is good for us. Like every other area of our lives, we need to submit our relationships to God. "Lord, guide my steps. I want the friends You want me to have. I want to be influenced by people who are sold out and on fire for You. Protect me from those who will discourage me in my walk with You or lead me astray."

Asking God and trusting Him to arrange our relationships is wise. Only He knows the heart of man. He sees the future and has our best interest in mind.

We may no longer live in the good ole days, but we live in the best days. Regardless of the hazards of modern trends, God is mindful of our smallest needs, even our desire to connect to others. If we acknowledge we need His help, He will surround us with safe, godly people. (See Proverbs 3:6.) Our hearts are always safe when we trust them to Him!

Editor's Note: As we watch the seasons quickly change, our world is vastly changing even more. Happenings in our world have occurred that I never dreamed I would see. Our Guest Author, Bonnie reminds us of the good old days. If only we could get back to the basics. If only we could learn to simplify! I'm reminded of a sign my Dad had hanging in his church – "Simply Jesus". If we could just simply trust Jesus! That is my prayer for us all. Simply Trust Jesus!

Save Our Children

"Save our children" is more than a slogan. It is our survival! We are always one generation from extinction. Each generation must pass the Apostolic baton to the next, otherwise this message will be lost. Children are our greatest resource for the perpetuation of the church. They are the easiest harvest to reap and the easiest to mentor.

It is one thing to miss the boat, but George Barna, a Christian researcher, says that in all of his research and evaluation he "missed the ocean" concerning the importance of ministry to children for church growth in today's culture.

The world is looking for the church to help with raising their children. Consider the following quotes:

- Newsweek magazine reported that within the general public eighty-one percent of mothers and seventy-eight percent of fathers say they plan to send their young children to Sunday school or some other kind of religious training.
- "Our children will define the future, which makes them our most significant and enduring legacy."
- "Only 3 percent of the nation's thirteen-year-olds have a biblical worldview."
- "Social scientists have known for years that the moral foundations of children are generally determined by the time the individual reaches age nine."
- "Having devoted more than two decades of my life and all of my professional skills to studying and working with ministries of all types, I am now convinced that the greatest hope for the local church lies in raising godly children."
- "More than two out of three of them [parents] abdicate that responsibility [spiritual training] to their church."
- "Our studies among kids show that four out of every five churched thirteen-year-olds do not know what worship is, and a substantial majority of them admit they do not feel they have ever experienced God's presence."
- "The research reinforces one simple but profound truth over and over again: If you want to have a lasting influence upon the world, you must invest in people's lives; and if you want to maximize that investment, then you must invest in those people while they are young. . . . The more diligent we are in these efforts, the more prodigious a harvest we will reap."

George Barna was asked, "If you were a pastor of a typical church today, what practical things might you do to reach those outside?" One of the five answers was as follows: "I'd focus the majority of our outreach resources on children, not adults. Few adults get converted. The vast majority of people who ever embrace Christ do so when they're young, usually before they hit the teen years. Every adult who's interested in doing meaningful ministry would be encouraged to find a way to serve the kids in the church and community. And I'd do whatever we could to empower the kids to share their faith with their family and friends."

Children come into the world helpless and dependent. These little infants need vigilant nurturing and without it they would die within hours. They are weak and vulnerable and have to be fed, clothed, cuddled, burped, changed, and washed. In other words, they have to be "saved." They cannot survive alone. Just as they are dependent physically, they are also dependent spiritually.

Even though children come into the world with innate physical, mental, and emotional characteristics, they are also like unprogrammed computers waiting for program downloads to mold them into productive adults, a process that ultimately determines their eternal destiny. Each experience adds awareness, understanding, and meaning to their new life. We must provide frequent encounters with biblical truth, godly love, and the Holy Spirit.

We have to take time to assist these vulnerable and developing little people. They cannot make it alone. Just as we nurture them physically we must nurture them spiritually, by mentoring, teaching, disciplining, and modeling. It is up to adults to make provisions for the children.

It is a hostile world, a world that desires to take these children from us. The secular world invests millions of dollars annually to brainwash children's minds to buy, think, and indulge in various sensual pursuits. If they can recruit another sinner, money can be made from their vices.

The annual Save Our Children fund drive raises money for the important ministries of Sunday school. No other endeavor in the United Pentecostal Church International reaches for children like the Save Our Children effort. Thank you for caring!

Gary D. Erickson

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*If you have an inspiration to write,
I suggest you get busy!*

The Kentucky District News wants to hear from you. Articles of Inspiration, Humor or Challenge would be especially welcome. I encourage you to take a time-out and put those thoughts in print!

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Kentucky District UPCI Sunday School

JUNIOR CAMP

2011

June 27-July 1

KY District Campground
Summersville, KY

SPEAKER:

Reverend Dennis Ploch
Memphis, TN

Pre-Registered \$90.00

Late Registration \$100.00

****Watch for your camp packet in the mail****

the marriage of joy and agony

Amber Kleiman

Rio Rancho, NM

“And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word” (Luke 1:38). At first glance, maybe it seems as if Mary had it made. She was the earthly vessel through which God in flesh appeared. What an honor, and what a heartache. In her surrender to God’s will, she embraced two very different emotions. She accepted joy, along with agony. With one arm, she cradled the unbridled ecstasy of being chosen to carry God’s only begotten.

Then we turn and see what she holds in the other. A sword... the sword of sorrow that would pierce the side.

Oh, how Mary rejoiced at the raising of the dead, the lame being healed and the opening of blind eyes. Yet the sword would nick her heart as she heard the false accusations. With one final thrust, it plunged deeply into her heart as she watched the nails driven into the hands and feet of her firstborn son.

Through a young girl’s submission to God’s will, joy and agony met together and created a divine masterpiece. She could have refused the sword; who could blame her? But what of the joy? The redemption of mankind! It may seem like a wild swing, from one end of the spectrum of human emotion to the other. Joy...agony. Could any two emotions be farther apart? Truth be told, they’re married. You rarely see one without the other in the word of God.

The following verse is a perfect example. “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2). Just like Jesus, there will be times when we must use spiritual “x-ray” vision. We will be called upon to look “through” the agony to see the joy. Pain is never easy. How many times have we cried out, “Let this cup pass from me”? Or, like Paul, we’ve entreated the Lord to remove the thorn.

My sincere prayer is that God will help me look beyond the thorn and past the cross. As the thorn digs deeper and the cross weighs heavier, may I remind myself once again that... “...the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Romans 8:18).



KENTUCKY DISTRICT YOUTH

SFC DAY

on the campground// May 14

-3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
-5k Move-A-Thon
-Inflatibles
-Food

Schedule

11:00 a.m. - 5k SFC Move-a-thon
12:00 p.m. - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
Food and Games all day

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Rules:

1. Double Elimination
2. 25 min. time limit/ first to 16 (3 min. overtime)
3. 2 timeouts (30 seconds)
4. Call your own fouls
5. 1 shot after 6th foul
6. 1 shot and ball back after 8th foul
7. No cursing
8. Must wear athletic pants and t-shirt
9. Have good sportsmanship
10. We reserve the right to eliminate any team



1 lost = 2 many

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REGISTRATION OF \$40.00 PER TEAM DUE BY: MAY 7th

Team Name: _____
(For Bracketing Purposes)

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Tournament Coordinator:

Jeremy Bond
Cell: 502.821.1454

Mail this form and team registration to:

Kentucky District Youth
105 Masters St.
Radcliff, KY 40160

WHERE'S WALDO?

By Angela Anderson, Assistant Editor

Where's Waldo? Many happy hours have been spent searching for this cunning and congenial fellow. Dressed in his customary peppermint striped shirt and round rimmed spectacles, Waldo is a master of hiding in plain sight! I've found him enjoying cotton candy at the circus, cheering on the team at the football game, carrying a stack of books among a fifteenth century village, and walking the wrong way against traffic on a busy city street. Yet, what I love just as much as the search for Waldo is seeing all the other characters that Waldo encounters on his journey. The ice cream truck selling fudgecicles during the siege on the Egyptian fort and Grandma taking biker lessons always catch me by surprise!

Over the years, I've developed a Sunday school lesson including a collection of Where's Waldo posters, a variety of Seek & Find books, and a treasure hunt centered around this idea of searching for something! After seeking Waldo or Lightning McQueen as my nephew prefers, I sit back and ask my kids, "Where is Jesus? Does He eat cotton candy at the circus or catch a ride on the city bus? How do we find Him? Where do we start?"

One of my favorite Sunday school stories comes from Luke 2:41-52 when Jesus as a youth disappeared from His parents in Jerusalem. The eyes of my toddlers go wide as they hear about this young boy disappearing from His parents and the detailed search for Him that ensues. What I love most is how the end of the story brings home the point that Mary & Joseph found Jesus at the Temple, at Church! When we begin our search for Jesus, the best place to start is at church! Then how do we find Jesus once we get to church? Is He hiding under the pews or behind the piano? This is the perfect time to share with the kids the plan of Salvation and the knowledge that when we come to church looking for Jesus, He finds us! He wraps His arms around us in a great big hug, forgives us of our sins through repentance, washes away all our dirt and grime by baptism in His name, and fills us with His spirit so we can always see Him. How do we see Him, my little ones ask? Remember how Waldo always hid in plain sight? When Jesus lives inside of us, He is in plain sight also! Jesus is so big that he shines through us so that other people can see Him too!

So does Jesus eat cotton candy at the circus, cheer at the game, or ride roller coasters at the amusement park? If He lives in you, then the answer is "Yes!" Everywhere you go, He goes, and just like Waldo, you both meet some rather interesting characters along the way... people who may not realize that they are looking for Him too. Each of my Sunday lessons concludes with a prayer that Jesus will open the eyes of my little ones, that they will see Him, and help others on their search to find Him also. I pray the same for you!

KENTUCKY DISTRICT UPCI

FAMILY CAMP 2011

JUNE 20-24

Guest Speaker
Rev. Paul D. Mooney
Indianapolis, IN



Guest Speaker
Rev. Scott Graham
Florissant, MO

Scott D. Marshall
District Superintendent

G. Alan Browning
District Secretary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 AM		PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER
9:00 - 10:00 AM		BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	9 AM- BREAKFAST 10 AM- DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING
10:30 AM		PAUL MOONEY BIBLE STUDY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SCOTT GRAHAM BIBLE STUDY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	PAUL MOONEY BIBLE STUDY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SCOTT GRAHAM BIBLE STUDY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH
12:30 PM		BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
1:00 - 2:30 PM		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
3:00 PM			KBI ALUMNI MEETING		
7:00 PM		CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST AWARDS	TUPELO CHILDREN'S MANSION	LADIES MINISTRIES AWARDS	SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS
7:30 PM	EVANGELISTIC SERVICE PAUL MOONEY	EVANGELISTIC SERVICE SCOTT GRAHAM	EVANGELISTIC SERVICE PAUL MOONEY	EVANGELISTIC & ORDINATION SERVICE SCOTT GRAHAM	EVANGELISTIC SERVICE PAUL MOONEY
AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP IN DINING HALL		SINGLES MINGLE HOSTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL	MINISTERS & WIVES OPEN FORUM	SUPERINTEDENT'S RECEPTION	

CAMP WILL OPERATE ON EASTERN STANDARD TIME

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Mrs. Geraldine Fugate
124 Price Hollow Road
Manchester, KY 40962

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Super 8 270-789-0808 / Best Western 270-465-7001

Camp rooms, trailers, etc. Registration: \$50.00/
week per person; \$35 ages 6-12
Children through 5 years of age no charge.

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*Valid drivers license required to operate
golf carts on campgrounds

2 Peter 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding
great and precious promises:

THE YEAR OF
PROMISE