

# HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

### Encouraged, Equipped, Encouraged

Our bishop recently said that the "Church" of Jesus Christ will not die, but the guestion is, Will your church be counted with THE Church? Yes, we will! But we can't do it on our own skills, strengths and abilities. We must be Spirit led.

Join us for the 2013 Holy Spirit Conference and be Encouraged, Equipped and Empowered to stand strong in His power! It will

be January 25 and 26 at Alta Woods United Methodist Church in Jackson, MS.

Rev. John Zimmerman, senior pastor of Corry UMC in Corry, PA will be our guest speaker. He will share a powerful message Friday evening, kick us off Saturday morning and share again in our final worship session Saturday afternoon. John will also work with us during our workshop time.



Individuals and churches abandon their posture of strength through outside circumstances beyond their control, through consequences of poor decisions or by choosing to abandon their own strength and live in the power of the Holy Spirit. Join us as we explore our personal and corporate response to God's many open their hearts to walk fully with Christ. call to find His power in our weakness.

Church groups will work together in developing a plan for implementation. We encourage you to bring your church leadership so you can work together as a team.

This is an awesome opportunity not just to be inspired and moved by the Holy Spirit in your own personal life but also to work together with your church leaders to Encourage, Equip and Empower your church and community!

#### REGISTRATION

For registration information, contact us at 662-324-0390, email at info@christianworldmissions.org or complete the registration online at www.christianworldmissions.org.

#### AFRICA MISSION 2013

Can you picture it? In just 2 weeks time, a team of Americans and Africans working together have established 20 new churches in Ghana and Nigeria, year after year, for the last 27 years. We would love for you to join us in March, as we once again introduce thousands to the Lord lesus and gather them together in brand new church fellowships.

Ghana Mission: Mar I-II Nigeria Mission: Mar 10-18 Full Trip: Mar 1-18

In Ghana, we will be working in the Cape Coast area, and our schedule permits us time to visit the castles where slaves were assembled before being shipped to western nations. This will be a wonderful opportunity to intercede for the Lord to pour out His Amazing Grace and free another generation of precious ones bound in sin.

In Nigeria, we will be working among the Igbo people in the southeastern section of the country. While the majority of people in this region are nominal Christians, many still practice witchcraft and live in bondage to the powers of darkness. Through medical clinics and prayer for healing,

Please consider joining us for this mission. We have extended our

registration deadline to January I and are welcoming preachers, teachers, medical personnel, children's workers, and others who will help us express the love of Christ through prayer and personal relationships.



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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY - MARCH 2013

Women's Ministry Kickoff January 12 NorthPark Church, Meridian, MS

Holy Spirit Conference January 25-26 Alta Woods UMC, Jackson, MS

FaithLift Women's Retreat February 1-2 Grace UMC, Lee's Summit, MO

FaithLift Women's Retreat February 8 - 9 Christian World Missions Headquarters, Starkville, MS

February 10 Build -A -Church (Africa) Luncheon Starkville FUMC, Starkville, MS

> February 25-March 25 Africa Mission—Staff

March 1-11 Ghana Mission—Team

March 10-18 Nigerian Mission—Team

We would love to come to your church for a renewal event, women's retreat, concert or to share about the work of missions. Please contact us to begin the process of scheduling.

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#### **LEADING THE WAY**

As God leads Christian World Missions in building on our strong foundation and expanding into new areas, He has surrounded us with men and women who are grounded in His Word and led by His Spirit as we fulfill the mission He has given us.

The CWM bylaws have been reviewed and updated to better reflect how the ministry operates as well as to establish a Leadership Council. The Leadership Council consists of the Advisory Council's officers. Executive Director and other Senior Directors of Christian World Missions.

The leadership council will consist of at least 8 people (president, 3 vice presidents, treasurer, 3 CWM directors). The role of the leadership council is to

We are pleased to present these officers and are grateful that God has brought each one to this place of leadership.

President: Bill Buckley

Senior Vice President/Partner Relations: Carol Moss Read Vice President/Liaison for International Ministries: William Sansing

Treasurer: leff Read

We are also in the process of filling the Vice President/Liaison for Domestic Ministries position. We hope to have it filled soon, but will trust God's timing and direction.

Of course, most of you already know the Christian World Missions Executive Director, Lee Ann Williamson; Director of Operations, Lori Smith; and Director of Outreach, Susan Seal.

We are also blessed to have a strong, Godly Advisory Council that has experience in ministry and years of faithful service to the Lord. The advisory council does exactly what the names implies...offers wise council to the leadership of Christian World Missions as we seek to establish fruit that remains.

#### Caring, Witnessing, Making Disciples

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#### **FAITHLIFT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

How much time and effort do you spend worrying about things with little real significance? So many of us have lost sight of our eternal perspective.



# AND ALONG THE WAY, JESUS STOPPED TO PRAY...

## Ghuna Kumar, Gospel Friends India, Ministers in America

Ghuna Kumar was in the U.S. for several weeks this fall, preaching and meeting with supporters. When I asked my parents to host him in their home, Julie said, "Sure! He can rest from all his labors in India." My compassionate response? "Oh, no! He's not coming to rest! We've got to reach those supporters."



You see, CWM provides more than 50% of the annual budget for Gospel Friends, which includes 200 orphans, 94 nursing students, 90 Bible college students, an elementary school, over 1000 churches, and all of the ministers, faculty and staff that it takes to run all of those ministries – and the facilities that house them! I wanted Ghuna busy helping us raise that money!

The Lord had a big lesson for me. After one of our scheduled events, Susan took Ghuna to meet several of her friends at the university. She intended to briefly introduce him to a dozen people, but that wasn't Ghuna's plan. He STOPPED TO PRAY with each person, learning about their families, asking what their needs were, and taking time to really touch each one with the love of Christ. They saw only 1/3 of the people Susan intended, but Ghuna STOPPED to heal and pray. What a beautiful illustration for all of us.

#### HAND-IN-HAND

#### Share the Love Of Christ This Christmas

It won't be long until spring, and we will be having yard sales to get rid of some of our stuff to make room for the new stuff we received at Christmas. This year, what if you gave a gift to someone who really needed it in honor or in memory of your loved one.

Rather than giving another shirt or tie or kitchen device that will go into storage soon, how about supporting a pastor in Africa for \$110 a month or providing the basic needs of food, shelter, clothing and education for on orphan in India for \$30 a month. There are many ways to share the true Spirit of Christmas all around the world. Call or email us to find out more. We would be happy to provide a gift card for giving to your loved one.

#### Have a blessed Christmas!



A young pastor and the children of his new church, Nigeria.



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"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last." John 15:16

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#### **HE DIRECTS OUR STEPS**



Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 and Proverbs 16:9 remind us of life's seasons and God's direction. I doubt there are two Bible passages' more relevant for this time of the year. We recently experienced a day of thanksgiving and are shifting focus to celebrating Christ's birth. Hopefully, we used Thanksgiving to reflect, give thanks, fellowship, love, and share life with family and friends. Many of us over-indulged with food and shopping - or shopping plans. As we observed, "Black Friday" now begins before our post turkey naps are complete. While driving home from our family gatherings, my wife and I noticed the local Wal-Mart parking lot overflowing with eager shoppers well before 10:00 P.M. While I know frugal shopping is a good thing, it is hard for me to shift focus from

giving thanks to the stress often associated with "Black Friday." This observation reminded us how life's pendulum can move us from giving thanks to stress, worry, sadness, and grief.

A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps. ~ Proverbs 16:9

"The Preacher" reminds us, there is indeed a time for everything, but God, even as we plan our lives - directs our steps. When asked to write a short devotion, I quickly thought about how easy it is to write about the many seasons associated with the end of a calendar year. However, God was at work – again - directing my steps. At about 7:15 Thanksgiving morning my brother called to say our dad had passed from this life to the next, so our family's focus shifted from general to specific thanksgiving. We spent Thanksgiving giving thanks for our earthly father's life, faith, gentle spirit, values, love of all people, and the legacy he left everyone in his circle of influence. In addition, we gave thanks for our close-knit family, and our faith, dedication to God's character, and unconditional love – all of which are a tribute to dad's influence. We were reminded of life's seasons and our need to embrace God's love and direction as we journey through them. May everyone take special care to search for God's unconditional love as we journey though the final seasons of this year and allow Him to direct our paths as we celebrate Christ's birth.



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