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The Pastor's Corner

Rev. W. C. Kenan - Pastor, Faith Temple COGIC

*To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die*

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted

A time to kill and a time to heal

A time to break down and a time to build up

A time to weep and a time to laugh

A time to mourn and a time to dance

A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together

A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing

A time to get and a time to lose

A time to keep and a time to cast away

A time to rend and a time to sew

A time to keep silence and a time to speak

A time to love and a time to hate

A time of war and a time of peace

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

The word of God is so eloquent and clear. Whatever time it may be in your life, know that it is fleeting and it is only what we do for Christ that will last. Make sure that you use your time wisely



Do you need to talk to our Pastor? Feel free to call the office Tuesday thru Friday to make an appointment. He has an opened door policy and will be glad to visit and, pray with you.

KINGDOM GATHERING

2011 LEADERSHIP

CONFERENCE

Plans are in progress for the 2011 Leadership Conference for Kingdom Gathering. This will be an exciting time of leadership with upgraded information for the whole body of Christ. All department heads are encouraged to be in attendance. Further information will be announced later.

From The Editor.... Tena Nolly



Fall is in the air, the leaves are starting to turn and before we know it, Thanksgiving will be upon us. It seems as if this year has really passed quickly. The great Andrae Crouch said it best when he wrote the words to "It Won't Be Long". We can truly count the years as months, the months as weeks, the weeks as days because any day now, we all will be going on home.

Many are looking forward to Thanksgiving because for some, they will get a four day

weekend. For others, it's a time to catch up with family and eat a delicious meal. Thanksgiving means different things to people who celebrate it. Most of all, this is simply a holiday of being grateful and giving thanks for what we have received during this year and in years past. A time to reflect back and thank God for bringing us through realizing that if it wasn't for the Lord on our side we never would have made it. We have so much to be thankful for; but why wait

until Thanksgiving to show appreciation? **Thanksgiving was never meant to be limited to just one day.** So be thankful EVERY day - let God and others know that you are truly thankful.

We hope you enjoy this issue!



Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

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37th Pastoral Anniversary

Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate the 37th Pastoral Anniversary of our leader, **Rev. W. C. Kenan** Nov. 5th - 7th.

The celebration starts on Friday night when one of our own returns home to preach the opening night's message. Overseer **Jimane Nelson** of Riverside, California and Pastor of The Kingdom Worship Center is excited to return and preach.

On Saturday, another one of our own, **Bro. Michael Brackens** of Houston, Texas will be the banquet speaker followed by another dynamic speaker on Sun-

day, **Bro. Roy Smith**, Pastor of True Lite Church of Midland.

The anniversary colors this year are *Chocolate and Baby Blue*. We are expecting the Gospel Music Workshop of America (*West Texas Chapter*) as well as other guests churches and choirs to come and help us celebrate this great occasion.

Members are urged to contact **Sis. Zelma Collins** or **Sis. Patricia Reed** as soon as possible. Anniversary coordinators are **Bro. Jearod Taylor** and **Sis. Tena Nolly**. We thank God for and love our leader very much.

2010 Holy Convocation - St. Louis, MO

Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake has called for every Church of God in Christ member to observe **October 8th thru November 8th** with fasting and prayer. This is a time when we will come before God asking Him to open doors, make ways, provide direction, to strengthen us where we are weak, to build us where we are strong and to simply standup within us and be God.

November 9th marks the beginning of the church's **103rd Holy Convocation** in St. Louis, Missouri and it is the desire of the Presiding Bishop and General Board that the Saints prepare their hearts, minds and spirits for a mighty move of God.

Monday 9 a.m. - Tuesday 9 a.m. at the Renaissance Grand Hotel 24 Hour Prayer with Evangelist Frances Kelley. Some of the speakers for the week will include *Evang. Janice Craig, Bishop T. D. Jakes, Elder Shane Perry, Evang. Dorinda Clark-Cole, Mother Willie Mae Rivers, Bishop Darryl Hines, Pastor Norman Hutchins, Supt. Willie J. Campbell, Bishop Noel Jones and the Honorable Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle* and many others. Musical Guest Artists will include *Micah Stampley, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, The Brown Sisters, Pastor Donnie McClurkin, Kathy Taylor, Myron Williams, The Clark Sisters, Kierra Sheard, Kim Burrell, Beverly Crawford* and others. In addition, there will be a Healthy Body, Healthy Spirit Fair; Men's Day; Women's Day; Inspirational Youth Dept.; Christmas in November and COGIC Charities Banquet. Sunday, Nov. 14th at 6:00 a.m. 500 Teachers and Section Leaders are needed to help make the 2010 Sunday School GREAT! Stop by the meeting room at the Convention Center to sign up. Special Guest Attorney John Daniels who heads the Publishing Board and Bishop Charles E. Blake will be in attendance at the ISSD Prayer Breakfast. Tickets are \$25 located on the 2nd floor Grand Ballroom at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Training for all auxiliaries will begin Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. daily in the Convention Center. Please pray for Pastor Kenan and others as they make their way to the Holy Convocation and pray for the Church of God in Christ and our leaders.

AIM 2011 in Houston, TX

The International Auxiliary In Missions (*AIM*) Convention will be held in Houston **July 4 thru July 9, 2011**. If you would like to join the members of Faith Temple on a chartered bus to attend the meeting, please contact **Sis. Tena Nolly** (432) 889-4426 or **Bro. Pervis Evans** (432) 889-0541 for more information. In addition, the 61st International Women's Conv. will convene in Dallas, TX May 2011. Make plans to attend these great events in Texas.

Surprise Pastor!

On Wednesday, Oct. 13th the members of Faith Temple surprised our Pastor with a wonderful birthday party after service. Refreshments were served and the children of Faith Temple dedicated a song to him. Members contributed to a 'money hat' that was covered with money and presented to him. May God bless our Leader to see many, many, many more birthdays. This event was coordinated by **Sis. Teresa Colvin** and others.

Thanksgiving Boxes to the Needy

If you are in need or know of someone who needs a box to help complete their Thanksgiving dinner, please contact **Sis. Verna Murray**, our Mission's President.

Our Pastor on the Move

Pastor Kenan was the messenger for Founder's Day Services honoring Supt. Charles Tanner at Hope Deliverance COGIC in Lubbock, TX on Nov. 2, 2010. May God continue to bless our leader as he preaches life-changing gospel

Community Events

H.E.B. - Once again H.E.B. will sponsor a Feast of Sharing to more than 250,000 people in 30 communities during November and December. In Midland, this event will take place at the Midland Horseshoe Arena on Friday, Nov. 5th and is free to the public.

Healthy U - Health and Wellness exhibits, free health screenings, healthy food demonstrations and much, much more. Saturday, Nov. 13th - Horseshoe Arena. 9:30 - 2 pm

Calendar of Events

Nov. 5 - 7	37th Pastoral Anniversary at Faith Temple
Nov. 8	COGIC Holy Convocation - St. Louis, MO
Nov. 24th	Thanksgiving Praise Service at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Temple COGIC - Theme: "Grateful Hearts"
Dec. 5th	Faith Temple COGIC Men's Day Service
Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve Candlelight Musical at Faith Temple COGIC - A musical celebration of the season featuring the anointed Faith Temple Choir. Special Guests: The Iva Boze Community Choir of Midland and Melody Johnson. The public is invited to come help us celebrate.

During your prayer time, remember the members of our congregation and others who are absent due to illness:

Sis. Mae Brackens ~ Sis. Marilyn Lewis ~ Sis. Josie Alexander ~ Sis. Shirley Howard ~ Sis. Alice Jackson ~ Sis. Bettye Jonhson ~ Sis. Peggie Nelson ~ Sis. Valerie Bennett ~ Sis. Clarice McPherson ~ Bro. Thomas Pride ~ Sis. Dorothy Mathis ~



Happy Birthday Saints!

Nov. & Dec.

Hazel Griffin	Nov. 3
Lillie Shaw	Nov. 8
Deborah Pride	Nov. 9
Annie Potts	Nov. 14
Kristopher Bryant	Nov. 20
Alice Jackson	Nov. 21
Mary Warren	Nov. 26
Teresa Colvin	Nov. 26
Roy Colvin, Jr.	Dec. 3
James Jackson	Dec. 5
Thomas Pride	Dec. 6
Jackie Graves	Dec. 7
Bettye Johnson	Dec. 24
Pearlie Johnson	Dec. 26
Leonard Perkins	Dec. 27
Marilyn Lewis	Dec. 30
Kim Jones	Dec. 31

COGIC NEWS



Join us the first Sunday of each month at Faith Temple at 7 p.m. as our Pastor brings us **"Memphis To Midland"**. This is where we watch a series of various DVD's from the 2009 Holy Convocation in Memphis. We appreciate our pastor for keeping us informed.

**BISHOP ABEL SANDE OF ZIMBABWE,
AFRICA VISITS FAITH TEMPLE**

Faith Temple welcomed Bishop Abel Sande and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Sande of Zimbabwe, Africa who were guests for nearly a month at Faith Temple. He is the Pastor of **Ambassadors for Christ Ministries** in Zimbabwe and was in America for the first time visiting his daughter Rose who visits Faith Temple.

During his visit with us we were glad to have him preach during one of our services and we are thankful for the contact with him and will be sending our Sunday School books as well as clothing and other items to help the people of Africa.

Before you let the devil win
Go back and pray again!

The Faith Temple Women's Department

cordially invites you to join us for the inaugural

Women On The Rise Banquet

Saturday, December 4, 2010 ~ 6:30 PM

Clarion Hotel Ballroom - 4300 Wall Midland, TX

Contribution - \$50.00

Attire - Formal

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory

Building on the legacy of the late Mother Bertha Kenan, we soar to new heights with the establishment of Women On The Rise Empowerment Grants. All women throughout the Permian Basin will be eligible to apply for grants to better themselves. The vision is for development of women and the time is now.

The banquet is a festive evening designed to celebrate the joy of the holiday season while still attending to the business of the Kingdom. Your ticket/contribution will be the revenue stream for these grants and we thank you in advance for sowing into fertile soil.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP by November 24, 2010. We thank you kindly and pray God's continued blessings upon you for your generosity.

For additional information
call (432) 684-5253

Clarion Hotel (432) 697-3181
(for Faith Temple - Women On The Rise)
Rates \$59.00+tax

Please return your check/money order
payable to:

Faith Temple COGIC
Attn: Women's Ministry
P. O. Box 3756
Midland, TX 79702

Tickets can be purchased from any of
the following Armor Bearers

Patricia Caldwell	Tena Nolly
Willie M. Cavil	Lillian Porter
Teresa Colvin	Deborah Pride
Brenda Evans	Sue Roseberry
Verna Murray	Connie Smith

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*Yes! I will be attending.
Please reserve _____ seat(s)*

*Enclosed is my Check/ Money Order
in the amount of \$_____ for my
ticket(s).*

*I won't be able to attend, but
here's a contribution to show my
support.*

_____\$100.00 ____\$ 50.00
____\$ 25.00 Other: _____



Remember In Prayer

The family of Sis. Linda Lee and Sis. Nettie Coleman
on the loss of Sis. Callie Watts
The family of Sis. Connie Smith on the loss of her
aunt.

Happy Thanksgiving...and be ye thankful