



# NW District Newsletter

## December 2010

### BIRTHDAYS:

4<sup>th</sup>- Phil Hawk  
10<sup>th</sup>- Guy Priest  
18<sup>th</sup>- Jim Winters  
21<sup>st</sup>- Melvin Baliton  
21<sup>st</sup>- Matthew Blake  
23<sup>rd</sup>- Betty Miller  
31<sup>st</sup>- Carl Rhoads

### ANNIVERSARIES:

19<sup>th</sup>, 1992- Steve & Annette Flecken  
24<sup>th</sup>, 1953 Lester & Deloris Boone

### PRAISE!!!

In the recent publication of GP WorldView two of our churches were among the top 50 giving churches per capita to Global Partners! New Creation Church was number 7 on the list— with a total giving of \$364. Grace Community Church was number 10 on the list with a total giving of \$325. Well Done!

### KARL'S KORNER

Dear friends,

I trust you had a great time with your family and friends for the Thanksgiving holiday.

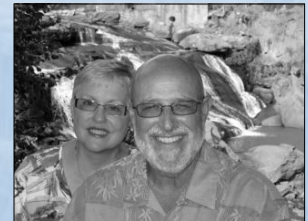
Just as we celebrate one holiday now we have to get ready for another big celebration. This is the Big One; Christmas. I always enjoyed this season of the church year. There was so much activity and opportunities for the people to be together and participate in meaningful service to the church and community.

What are your plans for this year? What is the church giving as a gift to the community and world? Are you only doing things for the people inside the walls?

The birth of Christ is so telling in its appeal to all. The lowest in the social casting of his day were the shepherds and yet they were the first to visit and go away changed. Everyone they encountered heard their story. The common response was amazement. Was it the angel part that amazed the listeners? Was it the fact of a messiah being born in a stall in Bethlehem? Was it who was telling the story? Could they be trusted?

The Gospel of Luke explains everything. The shepherds were interrupted by the angles. They were going about their normal routines. Then they heard the message of a Savior being born in Bethlehem and calling him, Christ the Lord. That got their attention. They journeyed the short distance to Bethlehem to check out what was told to them. When they found the baby with Mary and Joseph, they shared what brought them on their search. It was just as the angels had told them.

They returned to their flocks and fields but could not stop talking about the excitement of that night. They had seen the Messiah of God. They were changed men. It did not alter their status. It did not change their profession. It probably did not bring much change to their routine. But they could not stop talking about what they heard and saw.



Dr. Karl and Rev. Sharon Westfall

## Karl's Korner Continued

Where is the amazement today? Where is the awe of what God is doing? Where are the changed men and women who have visited with the Christ and go back into their routines telling others about their experience with the Babe of Bethlehem?

Make the most of this season and have great celebrations because it matters to believers. The pagan world is in opposition to our celebrations. They make fun of us and do what they can to belittle our beliefs. We are not doing this for them. We are celebrating the birth of our Savior whom we identify as Christ the Lord.

Sharon joins me in wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and our prayers are with you for the blessings of a New Year.

Karl Westfall  
District Superintendent

*"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. "*

*Revelation 7:9*

The Gathering will be upon us quickly as well, January 4-7 in Jacksonville, Florida. We have 29 going from our district. I am excited for this great turn out. I know the distance is large and the cost is high but I appreciate our churches stepping up to make this a possibility for our pastors and spouses. The District has covered the cost of registration and hotel accommodations for our people.

I recently returned from a meeting in Indianapolis with our General Superintendents and all other District Superintendents. The discussion was concerning our denominations limited ethnic ministries (though we are improving) and becoming intentional about returning to the population centers for church planting. I provided copies showing the cities within our district that have a population over 50,000. As I reviewed this list of 36 cities my heart was stirred. We do not have a church in most of these cities- only 8.

I am asking you to join me in praying to the Lord of the Harvest that He would send laborers into these fields. Seattle is heavy on my heart because it represents the largest population center in our district and we currently have no church there. Boise, Idaho is another large city with no presence. Tri-Cities area in eastern Washington is another center with no churches.

The ethnic issue is also a concern to me. We currently have one Philippino and one Mandarin Chinese church in our district. We do not have any Hispanic or Afro-American churches. What can we do to change this? Are there ethnic populations around your church which could be ministered to in some fashion? Could an ethnic group share your facilities and possibly be brought into our fellowship? Revelations 7:9 is a powerful verse to see the impact of the Gospel in people's lives. A multitude too large to count gathered in front of the Throne from every people, nation, tribe and language.

Just a reminder, there will not be a Ministers & Mates Retreat in February because of the Gathering.

# The Gathering 2010

The Gathering '11 is a Wesleyan ministry conference which will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, January 4-7, 2011. This powerful, three-day experience will unite, inspire, and breath resiliency into the lives of Ministers.

Sponsored by The Wesleyan church Board of General Superintendents, this conference brings hundred of Wesleyan ministers together for a concentrated time of revival built around vital topics, anointed speakers, Spirit-filled worship, and practical networking with ministry partners.

Come relax at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel, plus enjoy full access to all conference rallies, seminars and activities with conference registration. For more information visit [www.wesleyan.org/Gathering](http://www.wesleyan.org/Gathering).



Jacksonville, Florida

### Salvation Goals for 2010-11

Amboy	10
Aumsville	20
Canby	32
Clarkston	40
Couer D'Alene	3
Eugene	10
Hermiston	6
Klamath Falls	12
Kooskia	3
Columbia View	8
Emmanuel- Hope	12
St Johns	12
Capitol Park	50
Northgate	20
Raymond	8
Spokane Valley	10
Vancouver	10
Victoria BC	19
Weippe	10



# December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	
5 Coeur D'Alene, House of Faith Pastor: Willie Prawitz 208.416.1234	6	7	8	9	10 DBA MTG	11
12 Eugene, College Crest Pastor: Kurt Nybakken 541.953.5945	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Hermiston, Solid Rock Pastor: Gene Berrey 541.720.2885	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Klamath Falls Pastor: Steve Flecken 541.281.6618 cell	27	28	29	30	31	

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).*

## Calendar for District Year 2010-11

]DBA Dec 10 [District Center]	Annual Service Reports Due May 15
The Gathering Jan 4-7 [Jacksonville, FL]	Statistical Report Due May 15
Men's Retreat March 11-13	DBA June 10 [District Center]
DBA March 18 [District Center]	Teen Camp June 27-July 1 [Eagle Fern Camp]
DBMD March 19 [Hermiston- Eastside]	District Conference July 13-14 [Vancouver Wesleyan]
DS Roundtable March 21-23 [Marion, IN]	
EASTER April 24	
End of District Year April 30	