



Mission Center Lights

Alabama – Northwest Florida Mission Center
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Mission

To witness to the people of Alabama and Northwest Florida as an expression of God's love and grace by experiencing God, seeking His will, responding to His Call, and being the body of Christ in word and in deed.

Priesthood Initiative

The Mission Center Priesthood Initiative continues with a round of cluster meetings (see Calendar) to examine priesthood functioning and accountability. Priesthood members are receiving letters giving further details. Each priesthood member is expected to attend one of the cluster meetings. Priesthood are requested to bring the text that was distributed at the Priesthood Encounter in April.

Mission Center Conference

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Mission Center Conference October 14. Apostle Linda Booth will be attending from the World Church. Important conference events will include election of World Conference delegates and ordination of newly-called high priests and evangelists: HP: Fred Salter and Bonnie Sanders; HP-Evangelist: Peggy Michael, and Evangelist: Faye Shaw.

Conference will be held at the Brewton Church, and Apostle Booth will preach at the Brewton Church the following day.

Bluff Springs Campgrounds

Everyone will be glad to know that all ten cabins at Bluff Springs have been refitted with new doors. Many thanks to the following people for reframing openings, hanging doors, mounting hardware, and painting doors: Bubber Buntz, Matthew Canada, Les Kelly, Jim Marcombe, Willard Pendarvis, Dwight Vickrey, J.J. Ripsam, Jim Ward, Terry Ward, and Robert Watford.

Resignations

Jackie Crutchfield has resigned as Advisory Council Chair, due to family needs. Jackie has led the Advisory Council since its inception three years ago and was instrumental in its initial planning and establishment. She has done an outstanding job in this role, and we are indebted to her. Thanks, Jackie, for everything, and we will look forward to your becoming active in the Mission Center again as circumstances permit.

Lisa Houk has resigned as Public Relations Chair. We appreciate very much all of Lisa's contributions and her diligence and faithfulness in this task over the last three years. We're pleased that Lisa will be continuing as counselor to the MC Financial Officer, Don Henderson. Best wishes, Lisa, and many thanks for all your hard work.

Releases

Due to the decreased contributions to the World Church over the last several years and to the redesign of the World Church organizational structure, numerous positions have been lost, both at World Church headquarters and in the field. We regret very much the loss of two positions in our Mission Center:

1) Minister of Wholeness position: Pam Cress has filled this position and has been a true minister of wholeness indeed. We are grateful for all that Pam has done over the years, and we will deeply feel her loss to the Mission Center. Best wishes to you, Pam, and we know that whatever you choose to do career-wise, you will always be a minister of wholeness.

2) Young Adult Minister position: Reba Martin has served as Young Adult Minister for the last two years. She has been a conscientious young adult leader and a faithful minister, and we are so pleased that she is willing to continue to assist in young adult ministry in the Mission Center. Thanks, Reba.

Youth

Many many thanks to camp directors and their staff for a most successful summer camping season. Our young peoples' lives are being transformed by the gracious giving of all these people who give of themselves so willingly and selflessly. Senior High Director: Mitch Smith, Junior High Director: Richard Jenkins, Junior Director: Liz Crabtree, Camp SKAMP: Ann Sprague, Camp In Search of: Christy Paulk, Wilderness Camp: David Byrd. MC Reunion: Reba Martin.

Life Events: 1/1/06-6/6/06

	Baby Blessings	Confirmations	Ordinations
Bellview		3	
Crestview			1
East Brewton	1	2	
Holly-Navarre	5	1	
Huxford		1	1
Milton		6	3
North Pensacola		5	

Note: These are life events that have been recorded with the World Church. If your congregation has experienced one of these events, and it is not reflected here, please be sure that it is recorded with the World Church. Also, in the future we plan to give dates of upcoming specific events—please let us know of upcoming events in your congregation.

Calendar

Aug. 5:	West Cluster Priesthood Meeting: North Pensacola, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sept. 9:	East Cluster Priesthood Meeting: Crestview, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sept. 16:	North Cluster Priesthood Meeting: McKenzie, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Oct. 14:	Mission Center Conference, Brewton Church, 9:00 am
Oct. 15-22	Gilbert Remington Series, Long Star Congregation
Oct. 28:	Central Cluster Priesthood Meeting: Atmore, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Nov. 10-12	Women's Retreat, BSCG
Mar 24-31	World Conference
Apr.20-22	MC Priesthood Retreat: Tony & Charmaine Chavala-Smith, Guest Ministers
Feb. 5-9	Winter Field School, Independence
June 4-9	MC Reunion, BSCG

Congregational Blessings

Please know that our evangelists are available to give blessings to congregations. The blessing consists of a process that takes place over a period of several weeks, culminating with the blessing itself being given on the last Sunday of the period. Pastors, please contact Ward Serig if you wish to arrange for a blessing.

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