

Territorial Calendar

August

12-17—International Assembly, Nashville, TN

September

19-21—Heartland Territorial Convention, Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, MO

June Sunday Worship Attendance

Olathe, KS	160
Potosi, MO	105
St. Peters, MO	84
Fredericktown, MO	77
Winona, MO	72
No. Brighton, MO	65
Birch Tree, MO	59
Eminence, MO	32
Springfield, MO	32

What Would You Want Me To Do For You?



This was the second time in just a few hours Jesus had asked that question. Initially it was to his beloved apostles, James and John (Mark 10:36) as they traveled to Jerusalem for the final time. Now, further along on this fateful journey and coming to Jericho, it was repeated to a blind beggar named Bartimaeus (v. 51). Though His question was the same, the answers were world's apart. To His followers of three years "Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking...but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared'" (Mark 10:38, 40). However to the one He had just passed on the road Jesus said, "Go your way; your faith has made you well" (v. 52).

While much could be said in contrasting our Lord's response to the same-day petitions, I would like to suggest one major difference: *need* versus *want*. Earlier in His ministry Jesus had said, "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:19). But we know that mere agreement is not carte blanc assurance for answered prayer, as James and John learned and as the Scripture later records, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions" (James 4:3). It was their passion that prompted a lustful request; a request whose root was tapped into the wishes of

selfish ambition. It is ambition that seeks *wants*; whereas, faith, like that seen in a blind beggar, seeks *needs*.

Yet, how can we know the difference in our petitions, how can we know that our prayers are not cloaked in selfish ambition and carnal wants, but in faithful and sincere desires for true needs? One answer is seen following Bartimaeus' healing. Luke writes in his account of the blind beggar, "And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, *glorifying* God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God" (Luke 18:43, emphasis mine). Giving God glory can be a litmus test in seeking Him for prayers to be answered.

In *Surviving the Anointing*, David Ravenhill writes, "God will share everything with us except His glory. His love, His patience, His kindness, His longsuffering, His righteousness, His peace, His grace, His joy, His mercy...God freely gives us all those things, but He says, 'My glory I will not share with any other' (see Isa. 42:8; 48:11)" (page 32). One of the questions asked by the apostles to Jesus was "Teach us to pray..." (Luke 11:1). The Lord responded to their desire with a model we call the Lord's Prayer. It is in that prayer we are reminded of something that will curb selfish ambition and remind us to give Him glory with prayers of faithful sincerity. That something is forgiveness. How can we desire glory when we did nothing to be forgiven? How can we be carnally ambitious when we truly seek to forgive others, especially when the hurt is too much for us bear alone? It is in genuine forgiveness that humility can come forth, and humility is far from self-glory. Now, what would you want Jesus to do for you?

The King and His Kingdom

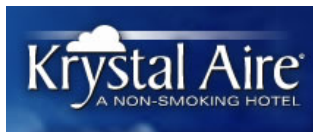
Heartland Territorial Convention

September 19-21, Oasis Convention Center

Heartland Convention Overview

Sept. 19—3:15 PM	Ministers' Session at Crimson House with dinner to follow at 4:30 PM.
Sept 19—7:30 PM Moderator: Carl Hutcheson Children's Church: Shawna Kaut (Ages 4-11)	Welcome: Overseer Offering: Convention Expense Worship: Life Church, Potosi, Missouri Message: TBA
Sept. 20—8:30 AM Moderator: John Pace 10:45-12:30 PM Moderator: John Newson	Business Session: HCBL; F&S/Treasurer's report; YCRB Worship: Prairie Center Church of God, Olathe, Kansas Offering: Overseer's Love Offering Message: Overseer's Address
Sept. 20— 2:00-4:00 PM	Southern Gospel Concert
Sept. 20—6:45 PM Moderator: John Pace Children's Church: TBA	Youth Night Worship: Crimson House, Springfield, Missouri Offering: Convention Expense Message: Rodney Wilcox
Sept. 21—10:15 AM Moderator: Roger Smith Children's Church: Melodie Barrientos	Worship: New Beginnings, St. Peters, Missouri Offering: Morning speaker Message: Bishop Sam Clements, North American Presbyter

Convention Hotels



2745 North Glenstone (2 blocks north of the Oasis)
877.703.5187, www.krystalaire.com

\$59.99 per night plus tax



Convention site, 2550 North Glenstone, 888.532.4338
www.springfieldoasis.com, \$72.00 per night plus tax.

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Church of God of Prophecy International News

Meet You in Nashville

The International Offices are buzzing with activity. Boxes are stacked in every hall. Staff have been staying long past closing time. Assembly anticipation charges the air.



You may not be in this big of a stir about the Assembly, but I am sure anticipation is rising where you are as well. It will only be a matter of days until the National/State/Regional Overseers will begin to arrive in Nashville for the preliminary meetings of the International Presbytery. And it will not be long until you join with all of us from the International Office for the August 12th opening of our 95th International Assembly.

Many have been praying fervently for the touch of heaven over these meetings. Just today at lunch in the Upper Room the presence of the Spirit charged the room as staff and ministry leaders interceded for this Assembly. Nearly everyone I speak to as I travel mention their prayers for this gathering. My faith is rising that God is going to minister to us as we meet in Nashville.

With this expectation I look forward to meeting you in Nashville on August 12th. There are plans to project simultaneous video from our national stadium in Dominican Republic one night. Our leaders are preparing a word from the Lord and several guests will share with us. The Bahamas National Praise Team will lead us in glorifying the King each night. And the King of Kings has given us confirmation He is going to be seen in every hungry heart.

Our excitement is rising. Meet you in Nashville on August 12th!