

*Territorial Calendar*

**June**  
**15-19**—Youth Camps West  
**28-July 5**—Youth Camps East

**August**  
**7-9**—Heartland Territorial Convention, Oasis Inn and Convention Center, Springfield, MO

**September**  
**24-27**—Children's Ministry Institute, Ridgecrest, NC  
**25-27**—Pastor's Retreat, Branson, MO



**Convention Hotels**

Ramada Oasis and Convention Center: 417-866-5253; \$74.00 nightly, up to four per standard room.

Krystal Inn and Suites: 417-869-0001; \$62.99 per night, up to four per room (will become a Quality Inn and Suites before Convention dates).

## Prepare Ye the Way

**We**, as the body of Christ, are to be the Lord's hands to His world. We understand that, by choice, the Omnipotent God makes a deliberate and conscious decision in using people to accomplish His will on earth. It began in Genesis, when He deliberately gave man dominion over His physical creation; it continued with the incarnation, where God became man in Christ Jesus as He restored spiritual dominion to men; and it persists today to us through the Great Command, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

To go is an attribute to prepare the way, as testified to in ministry of John the Baptist: "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God'" (Luke 3:4-6).

Isaiah's language was familiar to the Jews and as such they would understand. It was spoken at first with reference to the return from their captivity at Babylon. In ancient times, it was customary in the march of armies to send messengers, or pioneers, before them to proclaim their approach; to provide for them; to remove obstructions; to make roads, level hills, and fill up valleys; thus, the meaning in Isaiah is, "Let the valleys be exalted, or filled up, and the hills be leveled, and a straight, level highway be

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<b>August 7—</b> 3:15-4:15 PM	Ministers' Session at the Oasis Center; dinner at 4:30 PM.
<b>August 7—</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>  Moderator:  John Newson	<b>Welcome:</b> Overseer  <b>Offering:</b> Conv. Expense <b>Worship:</b> Way of Life, Kansas City, KS <b>Message:</b> Pastor Shirley Halpain
<b>Aug. 8—8:30 AM</b>  John Pace	<b>Business Session:</b> HCBL; F&S/Treasurer's report; YCRB
<b>August 8—</b> <b>10:45-12:30 PM</b> Bob Darnell	<b>Worship:</b> Monte Calvario, Wichita, KS <b>Message:</b> Pastor Jose Mendez (Spanish-first service)
<b>August 8</b> <b>2:30-4:30 PM</b> Roberto Lopez	<b>Worship:</b> Olathe, Spanish, Roberto Lopez, pastor <b>Offering:</b> Guest Speaker <b>Message:</b> Gabriel Vidal, Cleveland, TN
<b>Aug. 8—7:00 PM</b>  Carl Hutcheson  Youth Night!	<b>Worship:</b> Youth Camp Worship Team <b>Offering:</b> Convention Expense <b>Message:</b> Pastor Rodney Wilcox
<b>Aug. 9—</b> <b>10:15—Noon</b>  Roger Smith	<b>Worship:</b> Crimson House, Springfield, MO <b>Offering:</b> Love Offering <b>Message:</b> Overseer

**April Average Attendance**

Bertrand, MO	NR
Birch Tree, MO	70
Bunceton, MO	6
California, MO	NR
Centerpoint, MO	47
Carthage Sp. MO	NR
Columbus, KS	20
Delta, MO	24
El Dorado, KS	10
Eminence, MO	27
Emporia, KS	23
Fenton, MO	NR
Flatwoods, MO	35
Fredericktown, MO	70
Fremont, MO	NR
Haddam, KS	10
Houses Creek, MO	26
Houston, MO	20
Joplin, MO	10
21st Street, KC, KS	49



# Heartland News

**Fairfax Street Church of God, Topeka, KS**—On Palm Sunday there were 11 children singing

and praising the Lord as they waved palm leaves and Carla Hopp brought the morning message. The church hosted the 50th wedding anniversary for Pastor Sue and Don Nichols, who reaffirmed their vows as Pastor Glenna Woods officiated. There were 65 in attendance with 45 staying to visit at the couple's open house.



**Wichita, KS** installed their new sign in April.



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Hope Thru Grace, KC, MO	71
Way of Life, KC, KS	91
Kirkville, MO	8
Liberal, MO	33
Montier, MO	NR
Mountain View, MO	52
Olathe, KS	100
Olathe Sp, KS	95
Pittsburg, KS	NR
Poplar Bluff, MO	24
Potosi, MO	132
St. Peters, MO	NR
Sikeston, MO	NR
Springfield, MO (Wednesday night)	60
Summersville, MO	NR
Topeka, KS	20
Van Buren, MO	NR
West Plains, MO	25
Wichita, KS	NR
Wichita, Sp. KS	NR
Winona, MO	84

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prepared, that they may march with ease and safety." For you and me this means that in preparing the way to set captives free through Jesus Christ, their individual road to Him must be *made* level: any mountain in their way is removed through our prayers of faith; any obstructing hills are to be leveled by genuine intercession; any valleys encountered must be filled with the sacrificially love of Jesus Christ; and their highway made level and straight through *karios* (perfectly timed) words as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Our goal for this convention is to renew our understanding of the times and the urgency in preparing for the Lord's return, both in our personal life and in sharing the Good News that Jesus saves.

