

## Territorial Calendar

### May

**27-30**—Seminary Intensive, Olathe, KS

### 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

## Perspective

*Recently I was blessed by Bob Sorge's thoughts concerning Elijah while reading his book, The Fire of Delayed Answers. I think you may be blessed as well.—JP*

"By the way, most people think God visited Israel at Mount Carmel when Elijah



prayed over the waterlogged sacrifice and fire fell from heaven, consuming the sacrifice and the altar. But God's visitation had actually happened three and a half years earlier when Elijah appeared before Ahab. God's visitation was the famine. The fire of God consuming Elijah's sacrifice was but the

imminent outflow of God's visitation. Sometimes we pray for a visitation from God, expecting for fire to fall.

"When a famine hits our life, we don't realize God has just answered our prayer. Circumstances suggest that God has forsaken us, but in actuality He has just visited us. Let's not be like the Jews of Jesus' day who came into judgment because they did not know the time of their visitation (Luke 19:44). God's visitation does not always come packaged the way we would have expected. Sometimes His visitation is a famine. The famine is His way of bringing us to desperate dependence and great spiritual thirst. So if you're in an especially dry time spiritually, perhaps it's because God has visited you! Here's a word of encouragement: If God has visited you with famine, get ready, fire's a-comin'!"

## Changed!

God definitely smiled upon us at this year's ladies retreat! His presence was so real, and He used those on program in a wonderful way.

Personal testimonies were given by nine women from our territory. These testimonies were inspiring proof of God's miraculous healing power, deliverance from addictions, protection from suicide, restoration of relationships with God and family, the joy of serving on the mission field, and endurance-- even laughter-- during difficult times.

Here are a few excerpts (slightly edited) from emails I received about retreat:

"I felt I could find a little bit of me in each woman [her testimony]. I could never seem to let go of one area--my girls. When listening to some ladies speak of how they let God have His way, they came out praising Him and growing in Him. That's when I heard God say to me, 'For seventeen years I have simply said that they are mine and I will take care of them; and you disobeyed Me.' I know that when I heard this, once and for all, I turned them over to Him completely. A load has now been lifted off my shoulders."

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### Youth Camp ShoutOut

Get your camp applications in as quick as you can...youth camp is just around the corner!!!



March Average Attendance	
Bertrand, MO	NR
Birch Tree, MO	65
Bunceton, MO	6
California, MO	NR
Centerpoint, MO	39
Carthage Sp. MO	NR
Columbus, KS	20
Delta, MO	21
El Dorado, KS	NR
Eminence, MO	25
Emporia, KS	22
Fenton, MO	NR
Flatwoods, MO	NR
Fredericktown, MO	65
Fremont, MO	NR
Haddam, KS	12
Houses Creek, MO	27
Houston, MO	22
Joplin, MO	10
21st Street, KC, KS	54

**Ladies Retreat continued**

“Retreat was awesome! Great turn out! You never know what the lady or person you’re sitting next to is going through until you have retreat or testimonies like we had this weekend. God is awesome!”

“This retreat was exactly what I needed... this weekend Christ set me free once more.”

“We all really enjoyed it and were extremely blessed. Also, we really enjoyed the worship songs.”

“My women had a good time. In fact, one of them said, ‘This is the closest that you can get to camp meeting!’ Looking forward to next year!”

“...a wonderful retreat! God is so moving in my life and this retreat confirmed many things God has been speaking to me about. You know sometimes you feel as if something was just for you...that's how I feel.”

We tried something new this year—we had teenagers with us! What a blessing! One of them even accepted the Lord this weekend!

The TAPS groups, special singing, worship, teaching, and preaching were also a blessing to the ladies.

Thanks to all who served on staff, and praise God for a wonderful retreat!

*Linda Wood, Director*



# Heartland News

**Assembly Minutes** are now available. They can be ordered by calling 1.800.221.5027. The cost is \$11.99 for the book or CD; \$17.99 for both. Shipping charge will be additional All ministers should have a copy.

**Men’s Retreat** has been rescheduled for the latter part of October. The exact dates will be forthcoming.

March Average Attendance	
Hope Thru Grace, KC, MO	69
Way of Life, KC, KS	69
Kirksville, MO	8
Liberal, MO	NR
Montier, MO	NR
Mountain View, MO	53
Olathe, KS	110
Olathe Sp, KS	95
Pittsburg, KS	NR
Poplar Bluff, MO	19
Potosi, MO	110
St. Peters, MO	NR
Sikeston, MO	NR
Springfield, MO (Wednesday night)	58
Summersville, MO	9
Topeka, KS	18
Van Buren, MO	NR
West Plains, MO	24
Wichita, KS	NR
Wichita, Sp. KS	NR
Winona, MO	74



**Heartland Convention**— *Prepare Ye the Way* is the focus for our annual convention scheduled for August 7-9 at the Ramada Oasis and Convention Center in Springfield. Our special guest from Cleveland, Tennessee is Gabriel Vidal, World Language Director, who will be speaking in our all Spanish session Saturday. For reservations call:

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).