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TERRITORIAL CALENDAR

June

4-6—Kids Camp West
27-July 1—Kids Camp East

July

1-4—Sr. Camp East
27-August 1—General Assembly
Greensboro Coliseum &
Koury Convention Center
Greensboro, North Carolina

September

10-12—Territorial Convention,
Branson, Missouri

October

15-17—Men's Retreat
Cross Pointe Camp & Retreat
Center, Rocky Mount, Missouri

HEARTLAND TERRITORIAL CONVENTION 2010

The 2010 Heartland Territorial Convention has been scheduled for **Friday, September 10—Sunday, September 12** at the **Welk Resort & Theater in Branson, Missouri**. Hotel accommodations include a full, hot breakfast and are \$80 per night for 2, with \$10 charges for third and fourth guests. More information will be coming soon.



Prepare Ye The Way

Part 2: A Church of Revelation

From last month

It is also why John described himself as, "...the voice of one crying in the wilderness" (John 1:23 KJV). The word *voice*, both here in v.23 and as in "the Bridegroom's voice" of 3:29 has the idea of disclosure; that is, "the act or an instance of disclosing; exposure; revelation." What John heard is what he spoke, and in it his joy was fulfilled.

The Apostle Paul would later say it this way: "For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you..." (1 Corinthians 11:23 ESV). And that is our charge as well. We must hear His Voice, the Voice of revelation, and then be a voice of disclosure to this world. That must be our joy: His Voice and sharing what was heard. The foundation of His body is disclosure; the rock of His church is revelation (Matthew 16:16-18).

A church of revelation

And Jesus answered and said unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not *revealed* (emphasis mine) *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 16:17). (Reveal—to take off the cover; that is, to *disclose*. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).



One translation reads the "gates of hell" as "the powers of the infernal region" meaning that the rock—the revelation (method and person) of Jesus Christ—can withstand all the forces of the 'fiery' region and it will not be defeated. The rock (revelation) will prevail because of the Rock (Jesus Christ).

We read of three types of fire in the Scripture: The fire of God, which is a consuming fire (cf. Hebrews 12:29); hell fire (Revelation 20:10) and strange fire (cf. Leviticus 10:1). Fire was one way that God chose to reveal Himself to Israel; we all understand (somewhat) of hell fire—where the worm dieth not and fire not quenched (cf. Mark 9:44); but what of 'strange fire'?

"And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD" (Leviticus 10:1-2 KJV). True service is initiated by revelation from God and under His authority. When we serve under God's authority we are accepted. "Strange fire originates from man" (Watchman Nee). It does not require a revelation from God; rather, it is done from man's own zeal and desire—and it ends in death. If it happens that our service and work become increasingly dead we must question whether or not we are operating with strange fire (our own desires) versus God's consuming fire.

Thus, as a church of revelation, we have the *rock* that is both the principle of revelation and the Rock (Christ Jesus) which is *the* revelation. The fires of hell cannot overcome the rock/Rock; strange fire brings death to those who offer flames not of God around the rock; and God's fire can consume rocks (remember Elijah's altar) but won't—which is why we fear Him, through our revelation, who can kill both body and soul (cf. Matthew 10:28).

—Bishop John Pace, Overseer

HEARTLAND NEWS

Iglesia Monte Calvario of Wichita, KS, is grateful for the goodness of our Lord. He has been so good to us throughout this year and throughout the leadership and pastorate of Brother Jose A. Mendez. It was a very well organized transition as we underwent the changes of a new Pastor, and we believe that he will continue to bless our congregation under our new Pastor. Sunday, April, 11, 2010 is a day that Pastor Feliciano Martinez will never forget. We held the ordination service to install him as Pastor of Iglesia Monte Calvario, and Pastor Jose A. Mendez

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March Average Attendance

Bertrand, MO	NR
Birch Tree, MO	63
Boonslick, MO	2
California, MO	24
Centerpoint, MO	34
Carthage Sp. MO	NR
Columbus, KS	24
Delta, MO	19
El Dorado, KS	10
Eminence, MO	NR
Emporia, KS	28
Fenton, MO	NR
Fredericktown, MO	53
Haddam, KS	10
Houses Creek, MO	28
Houston, MO	23
Joplin, MO	11
21st Street, KC, KS	NR
Hope Thru Grace, KC, MO	72

Heartland Ladies Retreat 2010: Heart of God

We had 66 ladies attending this year at the Lake of the Ozarks. Our theme this year was *The Heart of God*. Our guest speakers were Pastor Erma Embry, from Kansas City, KS, Sister Rosemary Barnes from Peoria, IL, and Pastor Janet Jackson from Summersville, MO.

The TAPS on Friday night were powerful. Pastor Erma spoke Friday night on *'God Loves You Enough to Break Your Heart'* and again on Saturday morning in a class on *'Wake Up! Wake Up, Ladies! God Wants to Give You His Heart!'* Sister Rosemary Barnes followed this in her class, entitled, *'I Wish That All Would Prophesy.'* Many were healed and blessed during this class. Sister Janet didn't get to preach on Saturday night, the Spirit moved in such a mighty way. Sister Erma ministered during worship and Sister Rosemary spoke to the congregation as God moved on her at the ending of the service. We were blessed to have our Overseer's wife, Sister Diane Pace, greet us with words of encouragement as well.

Sunday morning began with worship and again the Spirit of God moved among us and ladies were on their faces everywhere, seeking for more of God. Sister Janet gave a short message, the Spirit moved once again, and ladies were blessed.

I have no idea how many experiences we had. I know of 5 who received the Holy Ghost. I saw many delivered, healed, and set free. I do not believe one lady left that place without being touched mightily by the Lord. God wants to give us His heart, to do that we must give Him ours...completely. We have entered a new season and the old patterns and habits are not welcome there. He told us He wanted His church back, His people back. He wants to bring in fresh and new. All praise and glory to God for a "wonderful beyond words" move of God in the Heartland Ladies Retreat 2010!

—Leta Hightower, Director

Ladies Retreat 2011: April 8-10 at Cross Pointe Camp & Retreat Center

March Average Attendance

Way of Life, KC, KS	63
Kirksville, MO	8
Liberal, MO	NR
Montier, MO	—
Mountain View, MO	18
Olathe, KS	NR
Olathe Sp, KS	NR
Poplar Bluff, MO	21
Potosi, MO	NR
Sikeston, MO	NR
Springfield, MO (Wednesday night)	55
Summersville, MO	NR
Topeka, KS	—
Van Buren, MO	—
West Plains, MO	21
Wichita, KS	NR
Wichita, Sp. KS	NR
Winona, MO	68

*NR—No Report



L to R: Bishop John Pace and Pastor Feliciano Martinez



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said his farewell words and handed Pastor Feliciano Martinez the keys to the church and a list of all the people in the congregation.

It was a very emotional service, but it is a comfort to know it was the will of God. We the congregation will embrace our new Pastor and be there for his support and service, for we all know that the church does not belong to anyone but to God. We would like to say thanks, Pastor Jose A. Mendez, for your years of hard labor, service and love

towards the church of God. Hebrews 6:10: "For God is not so unjust as to forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have ministered to the saints and continue to minister to them."