



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT, UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

“2024 — A YEAR OF NEW THINGS! And ... it has already started!”

PA District Superintendent: **REV. MICKEY CLUSTER**

No, we don't have to wait — but we do need to GO! It is time for us to move into the miraculous ... to go out into our field; Pennsylvania is “ripe for harvest” (John 4:35). Not going has been the church's problem from the beginning; actually, it forced persecution ... made them go beyond Jerusalem, into “all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Nothing will open up to us until and unless we “go forward” (Exodus 14:15; Joshua 1:2; 3:1-4). Arise! We can't “sit here” any longer — re the story of the four lepers (see 2 Kings 7:3-9)! As we venture out into our field, God will amplify our footsteps of faith, vanquish all enemies, and give us a revival that stops the deadly famine in people's lives. And, as with the four lepers, it will always be too good to keep to ourselves!

MERRY CHRISTMAS PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT, and a happy **new year of new things!**

TONY MANSINHO / Keystone Editor



“Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall bring forth; shall ye not know it? I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:18-19

Pennsylvania Harvest Conference is now over and proved to be EVERYTHING we all needed, both individually, and for our ministries and churches ... there was something to encourage and challenge everyone! Now however, everything is back to the proverbial “Business as Usual!” BUT — don't get too comfortable Pennsylvania! If you will recall, our District Superintendent, Bishop Mick Cluster, proclaimed that 2024 will be **“THE YEAR OF NEW THINGS”** for Pennsylvania! How exciting! This proclamation evokes anticipation! What will God do for Pennsylvania, her churches, her pastors, the lost, and each of us individually? And how will He choose to perform these “New Things?” The answer to these questions may be answered right here as you continue to read ...

Providentially, months prior to the Harvest Conference, at Camp, the District approved a request for a District-wide PRAY PA event. It was determined that an online Prayer Summit would take place. The online decision is genius in that it will allow for every person in every church to take part! Another wonderful decision made was the date ... JANUARY 5, 2024. Again, keep in mind, this was months before Bishop Cluster announced 2024 as the year of NEW THINGS!

I am not one to “over spiritualize” things, but in this instance, I believe the hand of God was in these decisions. As a district, for the past year we have prayed consistently for not only needs as they arose, but for one another, consistently, weekly. Also, we prayed for 40 days that God would send laborers into the field, that God would provide buildings for our churches needing them, and that real estate would be opened up to us. Furthermore, we prayed for an array of situations and healings that only God could do. And HE DID! In ALL these prayers ... God answered! I could begin to list individuals, churches, situations, etc., all which He provided people, needs, answers, and even buildings! All because we asked!

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and PRAY, and seek

my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14). Now before you think, “Hey, who you calling wicked?” Let me gently remind you that everyone praying with PRAY PA is in various stages in their walk with God! In fact, of the nearly 300 Pray PA pray-ers, only 124 are licensed ministers. Entire churches are praying together — I have personally received several testimonies of God’s healing and deliverance for some of the very people praying together with us for the needs of our district! All in all, our UNITY + PRAYER is equaling:

REVIVAL in the PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT!

The upcoming *Online Prayer Summit* on January 5th is a God-opportunity to further UNITE us. I believe it is akin to the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost, where they were all together in one mind and in one accord PRAYING! We will be doing the same in our churches on that evening. Pastor’s, this event will be vital to your church and to our district! Please, for Pennsylvania, let’s all participate! As we UNITE and PRAY together, we can confidently expect REVIVAL to be the outcome! And perhaps THIS REVIVAL will be our “NEW THING NOW!”

CONNIE KRAMER / PA District Prayer Coordinator



its toolbox. Churches are seeing not only that we need to be reaching our communities, but also offering support to individuals and their families in our very own pews.

When our son was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and developmental delays, ABLE became a beacon of hope to our family. The ABLE Facebook group connected us to a village of advice, tips, and was a place to feel understood. We overjoyed to share and praise God that last year Bennett was miraculously healed and was undiagnosed of ASD and developmental delay and is thriving! Bennett is one of the first people ready to talk to anyone who comes to visit our ABLE table at our district events. He loves to tell others his mom can help show you how we can share Jesus to anyone around us if we are willing to learn how to. I count it one of my highest honors to represent our

Keystone State as our ABLE representative. I am so thankful to be a part of a ministry that is growing daily and reaching those who may feel forgotten or unreachable. If this sounds like a tool you need, let's get connected and we can get a Disability Ministry started in your church! Through small changes or additions, we can provide lifetime and eternal impacts in the lives of those with disability. Let's accept, believe, love and embrace all of God's children, together.

TESSA REMALEY / Pennsylvania District UPCI, ABLE Ministry



What an amazing past few weeks we have been experiencing on our campuses, both at PSU in State College and at

PCT in Williamsport. We have watched the Lord open doors as we continue to teach Bible studies and make connections. We are so excited that we recently have had **5 water baptisms** and **1 received the Holy Ghost!** One of those baptisms was our son Eli! A young lady named Mari whom I met at Sam's Club, started coming to our meetings. After Bible study one day, Mari decided that she needed to be baptized. So that evening during revival services at Centre Pointe, Mari went down in Jesus' Name! That same evening, Eli said to me that it was time for him to be baptized as well! The following day I was telling a young man named Jared about the baptisms, he told me that even though he was a PK (his father pastor's a denominational church in Harrisburg, PA) that he had never been baptized. I, with the help of one of our student campus leaders, immediately began to give him a Bible study. As we headed to the second night of revival service, we encouraged Jared that he needed to repent, be baptized, and receive the Holy Ghost. By the time service was done Jared was in the baptismal tank having his sins washed away in Jesus' name. When he came up out of

the water, we laid our hands on him and prayed ... his whole countenance changed as he then began to speak in a heavenly language which he had never spoken before!

We are so very grateful to have had this opportunity. It's been through teaching Bible studies that these baptisms have been able to come to pass. During our PCT CMI meeting, a lesson was taught on "Man's approach to God." The meeting was all done and everyone left the room, except for our leadership. As we were cleaning up the room, I received a call from two of our students, Nate and Wyatt. They were in their car and said they were so moved by the lesson that they could not go back to their apartment. They needed to be baptized in Jesus name! So we did just that. The next day I got a call from Nate expressing how much different he felt and that now he understood what the Atonement meant. We are so grateful to be a part of the advancement of the Kingdom of God on our PA campuses! The Lord is moving in the hearts of students, and we love to see the transformation that is daily taking place.



SCOTT PATTERSON / Campus Ministries



CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST is the annual UPCI offering received during the Christmas season that supports church planters in North America. This year's PA District goal is **\$225,000!** Last year, we raised \$201,000, we can do it again ... and more. Remember — **40%** of each District's offering **stays in the District** (that's \$90,000!) and is used for promotions, funding and allocations to church planters in our District. 60% is sent to church planters all over North America. Thank you Pennsylvania for giving to Pennsylvania!

MICHAEL WRIGHT / PA NAM Director

THIS IS OUR HISTORY ... In 1943

Reverend Stanley Chambers and his wife agreed to start a home church with a single family, his pregnant wife, and their young daughter in the city of *Sunbury, Pennsylvania*. While also pastoring *Apostolic Faith Church* in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, Reverend Chambers recruited evangelist Lewis Manuwal and his wife Treva to help with the new work. In 1945, he and wife Catherine traveled to St. Louis to attend the conference in which the United Pentecostal Church was formed by the merging of the Pentecostal Church Incorporated (PCI) and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ (PAJC). In this merger, it was decided that Brother Howard Goss of the PCI would be the Superintendent of the new organization and Brother Witherspoon would be the Assistant Superintendent. A secretary was also needed for the new organization. Brother Chambers was thirty at the time and had only held ministerial license for three years. It was required in the organizations by-laws that a man must hold ministerial credentials for five years before he could fill this office. The brethren voted to waive this ruling, and thus Brother Chambers became the youngest man to ever hold high office in the United Pentecostal Church. Bro Manuwal was elected as Calvary Tabernacle's second Pastor and revival ensued. Bro Manuwal baptized over 2,000 people in JESUS name in the Susquehanna valley and those seeds are still sprouting EIGHTY YEARS LATER!



DENNIS MOORE / Pastor, Calvary Tabernacle, Sunbury, Pennsylvania



There's nothing quite like the feeling of ANTICIPATION! It's the magnet-factor that draws us towards things that excite us. It is desire mixed with enthusiasm. Our mind's eye gives us previews of the very thing that we can't wait to be a part of. Friends, the PA YOUTH MINISTRIES is anticipating 2024!

Highlights of what we had the opportunity to experience in 2023 was supernatural! From PAYC with **13 receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost**, to an A1 Camp Meeting, to celebrating a record breaking Move The Mission offering of **\$72,000**. 2023 was a year God has shown the PA District things that we have "Never Seen Before." We celebrate record Bible Quizzing involvement, record CMI chapter, and growth in every event attendance this year. And yet, **I BELIEVE THAT 2023 WAS ONLY TO SET OUR SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION ON EVEN GREATER THINGS**. 2023 was to wet our appetite. The dedication of every single one of your committee members is as high as it's ever been. We' ae analyzing every aspect of

every event with intentions to bring students, pastors, and churches the best PYM has to offer! The offerings and giving of the PA District has purchased planes, built buildings, and financed camps ... all of which is why we believe in the greatness of what comes next.

WE WANT 2024 TO BE FILLED WITH THE COMMISSIONING OF YOUR STUDENTS. We want every student to leave every event feeling the weight of burden, calling, and brokenness for the lost. Our goal is to see schools turn to preaching points and for college campuses to be flooded with the Gospel. The PYM wants to see new life flood from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh and every county, township, and borough in-between!

My wife, Tuesday and I, are honored to serve the great district of Pennsylvania. The generation that we have the opportunity to guide is in the process of changing our State and the world. They are no longer waiting for "one day" but are connecting to their future by taking ownership and taking steps to their fulfill their Apostolic calling ... and mission!

That's the source of our anticipation!

D. J. WILLIAMS / PA Youth Ministries Director