

# THE Keystone PA DISTRICT UPCI

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT, UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

## “We are enjoying a REVIVAL OF UNITY and a UNITY OF REVIVAL”

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

### REVIVAL'S COVENANT

Fact — God is more willing to give us revival than we are wanting to be revived!

Probably the most well-known and often-quoted promise of revival is 2 Chronicles 7:14: **“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”**

Let us accept our God's holy challenge here.

1. HUMBLE YOURSELF ... the text tells us how.
2. PRAY AND SEEK HIS FACE. Study the history of God's work on earth = revival, and we will always find faithful praying saints, often hidden, holding on before him in prayer, pleading for him to revive his people.

To be sure, God requires more than casual prayers for revival. He wants us to hunger and thirst for revival! To seek God's face is far more than occasionally mentioning “revival” in our prayer. It involves repeated and prolonged prayer, agonizing prayer. It requires holy determination in prayer, examining ourselves to see if anything in our lives is hindering God.

Are you seeking God's face?

3. REPENT AND RETURN. Repentance is a twofold turn — from sin/sinful living ... anything that grieves God, whether things we did or things we failed to do, to a fullhearted service to God (Acts 26:18, 20).

Be quick to repent! This is what prepares the way for revival ... **“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”** (Acts 3:19).

There you have it, three essential steps in preparing the way of the Lord for revival. These are God's covenantal conditions if we would see his mighty working. When we fulfill his clear conditions, God will do two things: forgive us and give gracious healing to our land. Revival always brings healing to homes, churches, communities, and nations. “Oh God, heal Pennsylvania!” — should be our heart-cry! If we will fulfill God's covenantal conditions, we will see God's covenantal promises fulfilled. So the question isn't, “Will revival come?” but rather “Will we meet God's covenantal conditions for revival?” YES!

**TONY MANSINHO** / Keystone Editor



Pennsylvania District Total

**\$135,872.38**

## PRAYER = UNITY = REVIVAL

What an exciting time we had at the 2024 PA District Youth Convention! Our general Youth President, Bro. D. J. Hill preached powerful messages, challenging young and old alike. In addition to powerful messages, we were able to fellowship with one another which is always a blessing! The ministry of fellowship is often undervalued! Some are unaware of how powerful and uplifting a few words of encouragement can be!



My husband and I were speaking with Bishop Jerry Tipton when he mentioned Pray PA! He told us that it has become *one of the most powerful ministries in our district* and that he has seen many prayers answered that began as a “Pray PA” request! During the conversation he made a comment that piqued my interest spiritually — *“This prayer ministry is bringing about UNITY in our district and we are seeing prayers answered and needs met!”* I told him I was excited to hear him say that because at the bottom of nearly every “Pray PA” communique I insert “Unity + Prayer = Revival” to which he responded, “Sister, this PRAYER IS BRINGING UNITY!”

I have since thought of that remark. Bishop Tipton is so, very correct! PRAYER DOES BRING ABOUT UNITY! When one prays consistently, earnestly, and fervently, we often enter into intercessory prayer and things begin to happen! Not only have we united in prayer but purpose as well. We are united with our brothers, our sisters, our fellow laborers, and we become ONE! Their needs become our needs, their burdens become our burdens, their challenges, our challenges and their victories, our victories! We have “skin in the game.” Our combined prayer unites us! Therefore, in 2024, at the bottom of Pray PA communiques, it will now read “Prayer = Unity = Revival!”

We all know the example of the 3-strand cord, when woven together it becomes much stronger than individually. Not only is this cord now stronger, but more useful because of the strength thereof. A strong body of united, praying, Apostolics becomes a strong tool that is ushering the revival we seek in Pennsylvania! Our unity makes us so strong that it breaks every addiction, so strong it brings spiritual clarity, so strong it pulls down strongholds, so strong it restores health, so strong it overcomes obstacles of every kind, so strong it will cause men and women to yield to the call to unknown fields of labor! THIS IS THE REVIVAL PENNSYLVANIA IS BEGINNING TO EXPERIENCE! Bishop Mick Cluster, our District Superintendent, knew that for PA to experience profound revival of this nature, it would necessitate profound unity that can only come by us putting off the flesh and consecrating ourselves in prayer ... where deep calls to deep ... where Pennsylvania finds itself not merely as 3 Sections but ONE Indomitable-United-District!

**CONNIE KRAMER** / PA District Prayer Coordinator



## TAKING PICTURES

Why do we photograph? It captures the moment of restoration for an adult who has lost their way. The experience of a child receiving the Holy Ghost. When a soul has their sins washed away through water baptism in Jesus’ name. The excitement of a church launch in a city that desperately needs God’s presence. The joy we see on each other’s faces when we come together as the body of Christ in unity and fellowship. It is the connection that forms from every corner of our state as we experience these moments together. It is not just a photo or a video from a life-changing conference, these are moments we revisit and remember what the Lord has done. Where the prodigal can see a picture of hope and remember that this is still for them and that the love of Christ is still in reach. They connect and inspire us as we rejoice with one another while seeing healings, victories, and growth throughout our great

district. It reminds us ... “If God can do it for them, He can surely do it for me.” Being a photographer/videographer in our district is encouraging, inspiring, and personally, a blessing.

**FAITH FRANKFORD** /PA District Photographer



P H I L A D E L P H I A

## APOSTOLIC REVIVAL CHURCH

(ARC) was established as a Home Missions Church in July 2006 in Philadelphia, PA ... a city that is home for approximately 1.6 million people. God placed us in a field of opportunity within a city that we are familiar with. Being born and raised in the area has given us a better understanding of the spirits and demons that we face while ministering in this city. During the past 12 years, we've shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ within the Kensington community, where darkness and dysfunction has overshadowed the lives of thousands of people for decades. Reaching out and ministering to the homeless, to prostitutes, and to addicts who wander the avenue aimlessly and without hope, is one of the most humbling and life changing experiences as a Child of God. ARC is blessed with a multicultural congregation who are filled with compassion to reach souls and who fervently pray for those who are bound by the chains of darkness and despair. We are driven by the truth that — it's not God's will that any, NOT EVEN ONE SOUL, would perish without coming to know Jesus as their Savior (Acts 2:38), their healer, their deliver, and their restoration! Be careful when you ask the Lord to break your heart by what breaks His, He just may send you to a neighborhood like Kensington. We invite you to **partner with us in prayer** for the lost souls of the City of Philadelphia.



**JOHN & ELIZABETH EDWARDS**

## CITY CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

We are thankful to know the name of Jesus, and to be able to walk in the glorious light of the gospel! This assembly has seen many ups and downs, especially over the last few years, like most of us, contending with COVID, and the battle of the end-time church. Currently, our goal is to have a culture of prayer, the vitality of hiding the word in our hearts, and joy that is inviting. In developing that prayer culture, we have four church prayer meetings weekly. Several of these prayer meetings are conducted on Zoom and include people from different states. The other is a corporate family prayer night. We have weekly Bible study that is in-house and on Zoom. This Bible study is for our in-house assembly, but is on Zoom with attendees from different states represented. We know that there are seasons, and while currently we seem to be more in the season of planting ( again) we are thankful to see people getting the Holy Ghost and being baptized. We pray continuously for the unity of the body, especially in our assigned area of calling.



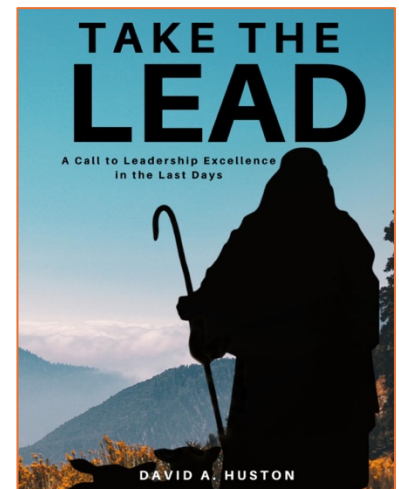
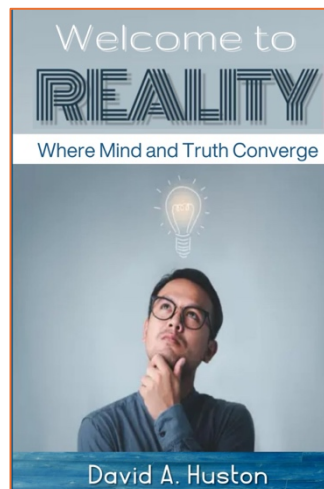
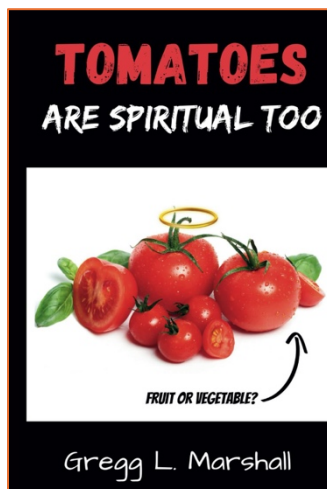
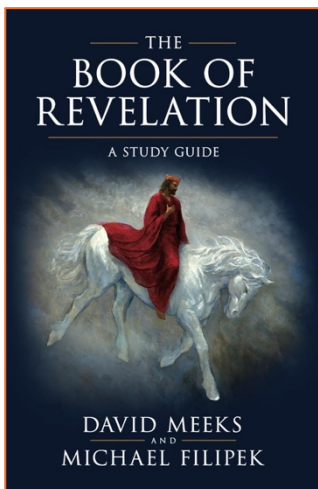
**JAMES & PAULA KELLSTROM**





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Bro Huston has also written — HOW TO TEACH HOLINESS (2 volumes), JESUS BOUGHT A HOUSE, SONS OF OIL, and others ... check out, [www.roshpinnah.com](http://www.roshpinnah.com). Also, Bro. Anthony Peccon has written two fantastic books ... FROM CALVARY TO PENTECOST and THE PROMISE, a one-hour Bible study; his books can be purchase at [www.graceapostolicchurch.life](http://www.graceapostolicchurch.life). All of these titles will benefit your Apostolic ministry! So, sit down with a PA DISTRICT PASTOR and read, study, grow.