

THE Keystone PA DISTRICT UPCI

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT, UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

“We are here for every city, borough, township, county, and school district in Pennsylvania to experience Holy Ghost fire and revival!”

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

GET IN THE GAME!

Growing up, I played on different sports programs; mainly, hockey and soccer. I was OK. But often, when it came to picking a team, others with little or no athletic ability would also show up and try out. Sometimes, a coach would feel sorry for one of them and put them on the team despite them having any athletic prowess. They would wear the uniform, be a part of the team, but they would never play in a game. They were just spectators. Sad. And no fun! Fortunately, the opposite is true in the Christian life — the Lord Jesus doesn't place us

on the team just so we can sit on the bench. NO! He intends to send us into the game ... into the world to witness for Him. And in this “game” we are all like those who had no sport-skills. But God graciously puts us on His team; again, not because of our own ability, but purely by His sovereign grace and goodness which gives us the ability to play the game well. So get ready: “The fields are already ripe for harvest” (John 4:35). Actually, our Coach is motioning for us → PA DISTRICT, let's get in the game!

TONY MANSINHO / Keystone Editor



WHY DO WE PRAY?

Several months ago, during our midweek “Kid's Club,” a child requested prayer for someone in the church with cancer. Almost immediately another child, erupted with the response, “Why? They're just going to die like _____ and _____.” Out of the mouth of babes! The majority of our evening was spent discussing prayer.

So why do we pray? Many people pray by asking God for their needs or the needs of others; He is viewed as their personal “Genie in a bottle!” They “pray” and He takes care of it! Yes ... many places in the Bible we read about things He wants to do for us, His children. Psalm 34:7 tells us to “Delight ourselves in the Lord and He shall give us the desires of our heart.” Scriptures such as this affirm His great love for us and His pleasure to bless us abundantly! But what about OUR

RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM? Should it be one-sided? Shouldn't we yearn to share in a loving relationship with Him? Prayer can establish that relationship! A young lady once said that she felt sad for God. When asked why she would make such a preposterous statement, her response was, "Because all God wants from us is to spend time talking to Him in prayer." While this is partially true, He wants more than that. He wants our heart, our commitment! As we spend time talking to Him in prayer, a relationship is established. So, back to our question ... Why do we pray? Maybe it's not just about our wants or needs. Maybe, if for no other reason, it's to spend time with Him, expressing our love, our gratitude. Maybe it's to praise and worship Him! Maybe, it's simply to please Him! Because He is so wonderful — let that be **WHY WE PRAY?**

CONNIE KRAMER / PA District Prayer Coordinator



TAYLOR FISH
MIKE MCGURK

AARON BOUNDS
JOE CAMPETELLA

PHILADELPHIA / OCTOBER 16-19 ... information & registration: www.whowillgoblitz.com



Years ago, a wise man told me it was not as important to know everything as it was to know where to get the things you need. Moving forward in my life, I focused on knowing where the resources are. PA District UPCI Men's Ministry (Apostolic Man) wants the men of Pennsylvania to know where the resources are. First and foremost, the Men's Ministry of the UPCI at upcimen.com offers some excellent resources for you. Under new leadership, they have focused on "equipping men everywhere to discover their purposes, power, and place." Secondly, Pentecostal Publishing House at pentecostalpublishing.com also provides valuable resources for you and your family to invest in and grow. Last, the Pennsylvania District Men's Department is here to help. We have an annual Apostolic Man Conference every year in August where Apostolic men gather, worship, and hear the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. There is time for fellowship and breaking bread to connect together with other apostolic men in Pennsylvania.

TIM TRUCKENMILLER / Men's Ministries Secretary



"MINISTERS' RESOURCE ZOOM TRAINING"

OCTOBER 6 / NOVEMBER 3 calls will be for **PASTORS ONLY**.

DECEMBER 1 call will be for **ALL MINISTERS**.

Call will be at **8pm** ... **REV. AARON SOTO** on Leadership Development



Rev. Jonathan L. A. Lang

June 5, 1952 ~ July 14, 2025

As a child, Bro. J. Lang grew in the nurture and care of the Word of God. And as he grew, he waxed strong in the Spirit. He had a passion and heart for all people, and he could have gone anywhere, but he chose to stay in Pittsburgh, PA.

A beautiful parallel of Simeon (in Luke 2:25, "And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon, and this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him."), can be made with Bro. Lang, he was ...

- Committed
- Devoted
- Faithful
- Loyal
- Warm Hearted

Bro. Lang exemplified all of these attributes and more ... he was quick witted, fun, loving, and full of jokes. It is comforting when you come to the end of your journey that you know that your sins are forgiven! The Hebrew meaning of the name Jonathan is "God has given or God's gift." For 73 years we were blessed to enjoy this "gift of God" to us. So, it is only appropriate that we can now bless heaven with the gift of God that keeps on giving ... THANK YOU, BRO LANG!

DONALD SIMMONS

Pastor, Three Rivers Praise
and Worship Center / ETNA



Bishop Jerry K. Tipton

July 8, 1958 ~ June 7, 2025

"Those of us who were blessed to have known him have to agree that the sixty-six years of legend just wasn't enough; only eternity will reveal his impact on so many lives. Legends are created by passion and he was passionate about everything he set his mind to do! He is linked with lives of people who are becoming world-changers as he mentored many men who went on to do great things for the kingdom of God." As our District Superintendent, Bro. Tipton lead Pennsylvania faithfully and powerfully for ten years! THANK YOU, BRO. TIPTON FOR A LIFE VERY WELL-LIVED!



*Thank you to all who worked so
diligently and gave to "Mothers
Memorial 2025" ... \$36,800!*

You made it happen!



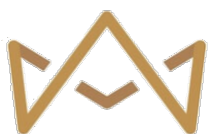
Recently, the first ever PENNSYLVANIA FIRE TENT REVIVAL was held and we rejoice in all that the Lord has done. David said in Psalms 107:9, “For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.” Something truly special happens when God’s people come together and reach into a community for those that are hungry.

Pennsylvania Fire was born out of a Sectional Soar meeting and a conversation with evangelist Keo Kahoalii. After much planning, discussions, and outreach the first night had finally come. Everything was in place thanks to the help of many in the district and section. I will confess that as I paced back and forth, I was unsure of what would unfold, but slowly a car pulled in and then another, and another. Friday night we were grateful for a strong turn out from the District and I believe it was reflective of what was taking place in the Spirit. Namely, that we will take the territory and cities that the devil had said will never be taken! When the people of the Name come together, I am convinced that there is a special anointing and authority that is unstoppable. This could be felt throughout the service Friday Night and as Bro. Keo gave the Word of Faith; we rejoice that multiple people were filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Saturday, we saw an increase of visitors from the community and the Lord again moved in a powerful way; many lives were touched. There were also many new connections made and some that we knew, but had lost contact with us over the past year came to the event. On the last service, Sunday, there was a presence and hunger for God that is truly hard to describe. I was personally affected by what could be seen and felt. To the bystander it was just a tent in a field, but underneath there was a sovereign move of God taking place. The broken and hurting were experiencing something they had never felt before. We are grateful for all those that sacrificed and worked to make the tent revival possible. The local church has seen an increase in visitors and connections locally. We have had doors of opportunity open since the event including starting a youth group that has had ten in attendance. I believe there were breakthroughs that took place at the tent revival and the atmosphere of our church has been different since. The hungry are there and waiting if we will go.

John 4:35, “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”

THOMAS PERKINS / Centre Pointe Church of Clarion & Jefferson Counties



LADIES' CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 4 / NEW STANTON
SEPTEMBER 5 / STATE COLLEGE
SEPTEMBER 6 / YORK

*You may attend any or all of these services. You are not limited to only your Section, as your schedule may conflict. A **complete schedule and registration is on the District website.***

The WINNER of the 2025
Lodema Spurlock
Bible School
Scholarship is
VICTORIA RITZ of
 New Life Ministries,
 Schuylkill Haven,
 Pastor Rodney Glass.





REVIVAL OF OUR HOMES

I write this knowing full well that everybody's individual circumstances are different; and so, I am not criticizing nor am I suggesting that this is *the only way* that revival will occur. I simply want to bring an awareness and alertness to what is actually happening in our culture, especially in the Western world, and what Christianity might look like in our children's lifetimes if we do not make changes in our mindsets.

Statistically, the United States population in 1975 was around 240 million people with 91% confessing themselves to be "Christian." In 2025, with the U.S. population estimated to be 335 million, only 60% identify as Christian, marking a decrease of 31% in the last 50 years. Comparatively, the Jewish faith in the United States between 1975-2025, saw an increase of 25% to 33%. The Muslim faith in America has seen the most growth in the last 50 years — 285.7% increase! Christians are in the decline! Further, the CDC in July 2025 noted that the average birth rate for Americans is 1.6 per woman, meaning couples are not even having enough children to replace themselves! All the while, the numbers are doubled or even higher in the Jewish and Muslim communities. Of these three major religions, Christianity relies the most on the conversion of non-Christians, and I would venture to say that within the Pentecostal/Apostolic movement, that number would be even higher. The Muslim and Jewish faiths rely much lower on conversion rates. And yet, in the last 50 years, Judaism and Islam have increased while Christianity has decreased in the United States.

I believe, and unashamedly declare, that there will be and needs to be an unprecedented Apostolic revival in every age group, age, and color! *It will* happen because God's Spirit will be poured out on all flesh! However, I think it responsible to stop and ask ourselves, *Why would God give us more if we're not taking care of or realizing the weight of the responsibility and the power that we have within the family unit itself?* Unfortunately, a generation of Christians has been duped into glorifying and believing that door-knocking and Bible study are somehow more important in God's eyes than fathering or mothering their

children. As if somehow, as long as you're giving to others while your children starve, God will bless you. That's a clear contradiction to the biblical stewardship principle.

I personally know and have been blessed by those in the kingdom of God who have a higher than average number of children — today their families are affecting the church in a powerful way! And as those children grow up and get married and have their own children, that church can have upwards of twenty to thirty people in their assembly just within one generation! The contrast is also true for those who glorify "door-knocking" and other evangelistic outreaches and ministries — it's needed! But not at the cost of "child sacrifice," above the responsibility of caring for the Lord's heritage. I believe Abraham would have traded in all his other promises for Isaac because he would have known that *in Isaac is the promise*. Yet in today's culture, society would like to pressure us into trading in our "Isaac" = the Lord's promises and the Lord's heritage, for other temporal blessings, material wealth, or status ... for the temporary at the expense of the eternal. My heart aches; we are wanting God to give us "other children" instead of working with "our children" now and perpetuate the generations of the kingdom of God in our life.

I heard recently that the average age within Oneness organizations is over 55; the average age of the church planter is 49.5! With an aging church population and a culture moving away from God, who are we "planting" these churches for? This is a very serious question to ask ourselves — especially if we are not imparting the faith, hope, and belief in God's revival with the stewardship responsibility of raising the righteous generations of the children of the Lord in the fear of the Lord. Sacrifice is necessary, but that's a small price to pay for God's heritage to have an opportunity to be established in our homes. The church needs to be more aware than ever that if we send our children to Rome, we shouldn't be surprised if they come back as Romans. There is no higher calling than that of Fatherhood and motherhood! Nothing else makes a bigger impact on eternity. My heart cries out to my generation to, yes, believe and pray for Apostolic revival, but do not neglect our homes, our spouses, nor the Lord's heritage.

Actually, that's where it will start!

NICHOLAS BALCERAK
Pastor, New Life Church

Praise the Lord!

It is with great joy and gratitude that we invite you all to join us as **Passionate Church** celebrates **50 years of ministry** in Lancaster, PA.

On **Saturday, September 20th at 5pm**, we will gather to give thanks for all God has done and to look forward to what He will continue to do in the years ahead. We are honored to have **Bro. Kenneth Kramer** ministering in this special service, and we believe it will be a time of powerful worship, preaching, and fellowship. We would be deeply honored to have you and your church family with us as we celebrate this milestone. Your presence would mean so much to our congregation, as the story of our church has always been connected to the faithfulness of our fellowship! Thank you for considering celebrating with us. We look forward to worshipping with you and rejoicing together in the goodness of the Lord.



TYLER WELLS / Pastor, Passionate Church



“Powerful.”

“Life-changing.”

“Never felt anything like it.”

These were the words heard in New Stanton, July 11–13, during the JESUS TENT REVIVAL. On the very first night, before the service could even begin, people were running to the front to be baptized! Over these three unforgettable nights, more than 80 souls were baptized in the name of Jesus, and more than 20 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost!

The following Sunday was Celebration Sunday, and New Life Tabernacle welcomed over 30 guests from the tent revival. It was an incredible day, where we handed out baptismal certificates and gifts to all those who were baptized during the revival and finished the afternoon with food and fellowship. Many great connections were made and friendships started. The local church has been energized with fresh zeal, as we are launching new weekly Bible studies and small groups to develop and maintain connection with tent revival guests. We are so thankful for the Lord’s blessing on this event and we are already planning next year’s tent revival!

TIM ROBERTSON / Associate Pastor, New Life Tabernacle

WE CAN'T MESS IT UP!

God’s ultimate purpose in redemption is not the cross or the gospel or the gift of the Holy Spirit; these are the means to an end. But the end is to obtain for Himself a glorious church for eternity — His bride, His family, His own special people. The writer of Hebrews speaks of this purpose when he writes of God’s intention to bring “many sons to glory” (Hebrews 2:10). To accomplish this, God made Adam and Eve and crowned them with glory and honor. Adam and Eve were then to bring forth children who in turn would produce children until the world was filled with glorious children.



Due to the intrusion of sin, Adam and Eve failed to fulfill God's plan, being stripped of God's glory and sent into a world filled with corruption. God then came into His world through the birth process and established the church, also known as the bride of Christ. Just as Eve came out of Adam's side while he slept, so the church comes out of the blood and water that gushed from the side of Jesus as He "slept" on the cross. As the new Adam, Jesus is the father, and as the new Eve, the church the mother. Together they bring forth spiritual children through the New Birth of water and Spirit. God's plan continues to be to establish a glorious family for eternity by bringing many sons to glory.

We sometimes look at ourselves and wonder why God chose us to be the new Eve. Certainly we are as flawed and as subject to temptation as the original Eve. But consider this: who sinned first, Adam or Eve? It was Eve. She ate and then gave to Adam and he ate (Genesis 3:6). Yet Romans 5:12 says that "by one man sin came into the world." This is because Adam was the head of Eve. She had come from him, and he was responsible for her conduct.

As her head, Adam had a mediatorial responsibility for Eve. He was told to "work" and "guard" the garden: priestly terms that are also applied to the men who served in God's temple. That fact is, Eve did not have the power on her own to destroy God's plan. She did not even have the power to bring sin into the world. Had Adam done his work as her head, he would have dealt with Eve's transgression redemptively, acting as her advocate before God. He would have assumed his role as the priest of his home, working to reconcile her to God, so that the plan of God could continue toward fulfillment. But instead of doing his work as a mediator, Adam sinned too, and it was by his sin that the plan stalled.

We are Eve. Like her, we are weak, vulnerable, and prone to sin. We are easily tempted and easily deceived. Though our spirit may be willing, our flesh is weak. But be it known that our failures cannot stop God's plan, because we have a head who will do His work. He will propitiate our sins and not participate in them. Regardless of what we do or fail to do, as long as we confess our sins, He will be the faithful and just mediator between us and our God.

It is not our sins, or our failures, or our inconsistencies that can stop God's plan for acquiring a spiritual family. We do not have the power to stop it by our misconduct. In other words, we don't have to do everything perfectly for His plan to succeed. The only thing we can do to disrupt it is to fail to submit to our Husband and refuse to be intimate with Him. It is close interconnection with Jesus that results in reproduction, and only abstinence from Him can cause reproduction to cease. And that would stall the plan.

DAVID A. HUSTON / Carlisle Christian Fellowship



The **KEYSTONE** is the place to tell your story! We would love to collaborate with you. Tell us what God is doing in your church, your district, your life! Send to pastortm@gmail.com — tagline: **KEYSTONE**. Thank you ... can't wait to "read all about it."

This NA Youth Congress 2025 meeting has set a standard in America! We've been building up to this becoming the norm among us! It will happen in buildings, streets, stores, parks, restaurants, living rooms, back yards, bus stations, laundromats, basements, workplaces ... We cannot go back, neither can we think small any longer! It is not just overseas, it is here! It will not take years to see a few converted any longer! Rather in a few short days and months, we will see multiplied thousands across our cities! The latter rain has just morphed into a perpetual torrential downpour! **In the name of Jesus Christ!**



KRISS THOMPSON / Keystone Apostolic Church