



# Empowering God's People: "Building God's Kingdom"

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## President's Message

### "Saints, It's all in our Attitude"

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#### Special Points of Interest

- \* June 21-26: Council will be held at New Grace Apostolic Temple in Ann Arbor, MI, where Dist. Elder Avery Dumas III is Pastor.
- \* October 19-23: Council will be held at: New Hope Tabernacle in Detroit, MI, where Sfg. Bishop Rush Lockhart is Pastor.

#### Mark your Calendar

**Region V: April 28-30, 2011 in Columbus, Ohio. Pre-registration forms and "Save the Date" flyers will be available at this council.**

The National Convention will convene at Hyatt Hotel Minneapolis, MN August 8-14, 2010. Registration and Housing Forms are available on website at [www.pawinc.org](http://www.pawinc.org).

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13

There is a saying in the world, "If you can dream it, you can build it". In order to get a better understanding of what Paul meant when he said I can do all things, we must go back to the early references in this chapter. As a child of God our thoughts should be righteous. Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

When our outlook is positive and full of good will we are optimistic. Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles is an excellent example. While sitting in jail awaiting execution, Paul pens to Timothy, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Paul's belief that we shall be changed from mortal to immortality, shows us that while mortal bodies may have short comings and deficiencies, our new bodies will be complete in Christ. Paul admonishes the saints to hope against hope.

We should not give up. Instead we must continue in our dependence on God. God's word must be our roadmap in decision making. Our attitude must be one of love and patience, not one of grumbling. Death to self and the desires of the world's excess must begin in our hearts as we acknowledge that we are unable to do anything without Him. Always remember, a humble spirit is still necessary during the season of waiting.

We can draw near to God through praise, worship, and meditation in His Word. These actions will reassure us that He is both provider and the one who knows best despite what we think. Saints, always seek to please God and not man.

## "God's Word - The Curriculum for God's People"

We had three outstanding panelists at our March council. Our first panelist, Evang Lynne Shivers, spoke about how God's Word instructs us on the importance of being helpful, loving, compassionate, and an encourager of the Faith. God's Word instructs us to live in harmony and unity with one another in love. Our second panelist, Min. Lamar Wilson, spoke about the importance of saints having the spirit of "Newborn babies". We should earnestly crave and thirst for the spirit of God. We

need to know whose we are: Chosen of God, precious, a lively stone building a spiritual house, acceptable to God. Our last panelist, Brother Frank Hunter, let us know that after we have studied God's Word, the lord desires to see the fruits of our labor. After we have been tried in the fire what fruits do we bear? God desires for each of us to be workman, rightly dividing, analyzing, and skillfully teaching the Word of God to our students and families. Let us ALL be determined to be the students of God's Word

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"It's Election Time!" and voting will take place Saturday during our 10:00 am business session. To be eligible to vote, you must have current NDC membership and have been present at two of the previous three councils. Registration will have your attendance record on file.

Please continue to pray for the Foree family, in the passing of our dear Brother Jack Foree, who served as a faithful past Regional V Director from Louisville, Ky.

I am **EXCITED** to announce our **NEWLY** appointed Region V Director: Dr. Jean Massey from Ohio and our Assistant Director: Sis Lisa Armstrong from Michigan! **GO MI!!!**

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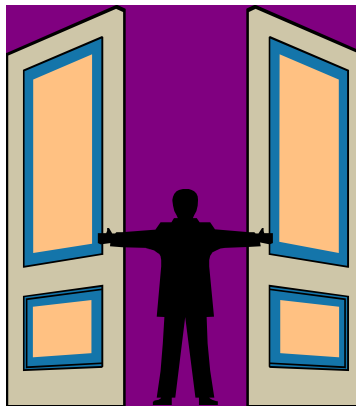
## **Saturday June 26th, 2010 Summer Council**

Our Summer Council will be held at New Grace Apostolic Temple in Ann Arbor, where District Elder Avery Dumas is Pastor. We will have Highlights by Sis Gwen Massey Bowens, Christian Education Superintendent of New Grace Apostolic Temple.

We have two workshops planned: "Curriculum Course of Study for Children" which will be taught by Sis. Lessie Tounsel of Christ Temple, Muskegon Heights. Our second workshop, "New Uses of Visual Aides to Empower Your Sunday School" will be taught by Deacon James Hollins from Bethlehem Temple, Flint.

We want to thank and congratulate, Greater Grace Temple- Taylor who showcased their Christian Education Department. We had a wonderful power point presentation from Deacon Schon Bradley entitled: Who is influencing your Young People?!

Look forward to seeing you SOON!!!



**The Apostolic Season!**

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