



THE CONFERENCE KOINONIA CONNECTOR

CREATING FELLOWSHIP THROUGH
COMMUNICATION

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Flowers



Pollen



Fruit

I love the spring time. New life is bursting forth! The birds are singing. They are making nests. Everything seems to point to the future. In the middle of all this expectation—there is Easter.

The heart of Easter is resurrection. The word resurrection means to bring back to life, to place back in service, and to bring to notice/attention again.

May the Lord grant each of us a new sense of expectation. May we feel His life flowing into us in a new and more powerful way. May we look more to the future with a sense of excitement.

As we face the daily challenges, may we keep the future in mind. Flowers will produce fruit with the proper nourishment and care. In order to do so they must have pollen, but the pollen is necessary. There will be insects. There will be dry spells. There even might be a wet season. Yet in all the challenges, there should be perseverance to the fruit. Keep the end in mind!

A Christian is a Christian because of resurrection power. We celebrate that resurrection power every first day of the week, Sunday. Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. Walk out of the tombs. Move to be back into life. Get back into service. Smell the flowers. God is at work. Go ahead and sneeze if you must (and I do), but remember, even a sneeze is geared to jump start all your systems. It may be Friday in your life and the life of your church, but SUNDAY IS COMING!

Bishop D. Chris Thompson

P.S. Get those seeds planted and gardens in. Fresh vegetables are coming!

Special points of interest:

- Special Events
- Examining Committee
- Annual Conference
- District Conference Tapes
- New Pastors

Praise Corner

- Danny and Rose Nelson of Falcon praise the Lord for a new grand daughter—Ava Grace Nelson
- Ashley and Vicky Smith praise the Lord for a new daughter—Landen Ashley Smith (Culbreth Memorial)
- For the Conference Talent Competition—The Lord has blessed us with talented young people.
- For the Spring District Conferences—Wow what great preaching! Thank you—Paul Brafford, Maurice Phelps, Terry Whittenton, Alfredo Vargas and Rudolpho Olivo.
- Praise the Lord for the annual WM Retreat. I, some other men, and 700 women were greatly blessed.
- Praise the Lord for a good Archives Training.
- Betty and I attended the Presiding Bishop's Cabinet Meeting of Conference Bishops in Greensboro. It was a blessed 4 days.
- Praise the Lord for the Structure Task Force Meeting in Georgia and Apostolic Task Force in Oklahoma City. Brother Jimmy Whitfield and I endeavored to represent the conference well in our respective Task Force meetings!
- Praise the Lord for a note burning at Clinton First Church.
- They are debt free. The church is pastored by Rev. Dwight Dunning.
- Praise the Lord for the dedication of Kingdom Place's first building in Lumberton. Gary Strickland is the pastor.
- Praise the Lord for the new Loan Officer—Rev. Oris Hubbard.
- Praise the Lord for the new RDC Receptionist and Computer expert—Rev. Michael Reynolds.
- Praise the Lord for the new "full-time" Evangelism/World Missions Secretary—Nicole Turransky.



NEW PASTORS

Rev. Roland Harrell
has accepted the
pastorate of the
Kinston First Church.

Rev. Dean Walker
has accepted the
pastorate of the
Homestead Church,
Penderlea.

Prayer Corner

- Family of Florence Weltons Godwin
- Larry Smith
- Paul & Elaine Jackson's Daughter—Delaina (Cancer)
- Holmes Bible College—New Campus
- J. Doner Lee
- Raleigh Horton
- Sammy Weaver
- Myrtle Marshburn
- T.L. Byrd
- Betty Tolar
- Jobie Heath's Son—Joe (Liver Transplant)
- Awilda Concepcion—Cancer Treatments
- Mark Reynolds
- Conrad Hall
- Daisy Morris
- Ella Whichard
- Gladys Johnson
- W.M. Cordon
- Christine Tyson
- Betty Dowdy
- Lois Brafford Bradshaw
- Kathleen Williams
- Sheila—Chemo (Daughter of Sammy and Joyce Weaver)
- Harold & Frances Lewis
- Tim Henry's Daughter—Edith (Cancer)
- Jay Weaver
- King White—Hospital
- Gerry Starling—Surgery
- Bill & Ruby Sutton - Loss of home in fire
- Rev. Roland Harrell—transition to Kinston First
- Randy & Connie Anderson—loss of son
- Dolores Reynolds' Mother—(Hospital)
- Rev. Bobby Forehand—broken leg

Open Churches

- Wakelon
- Garland
- Hopewell—Lotis Joyner is Interim
- Abbottsburg

Appointments

Mrs. Sharon Dunning has been appointed to serve on the MWF Board. Sharon is the wife of Pastor Dwight Dunning of Clinton. She replaces Rev. Mrs. Patsy Vaughan.
Rev. Mrs. Patsy Vaughan, Pastor of Vanceboro has been appointed to serve on the Conference C.E. Board.

We congratulate both these fine leaders.

Annual Conference is May 19, 2007

The Annual Conference is scheduled on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the J.A. Culbreth Auditorium in Falcon at 9:00 a.m. All Licensed and Ordained ministers must attend. Local Church Ministers should attend. Churches should have delegates present (1 per 50 members). Licensed or Ordained ministers must report by letter if they cannot attend. Failure to attend two consecutive conferences is grounds for dismissal.

The Conference will last to about mid afternoon. New license credentials will be awarded. Several will be ordained. Presiding Bishop James Leggett will preside.

Lunch will be served.

Examining Committee

The Conference Examining Committees meet as follows:

License—Thursday, May 3, 2007

Ordination—Friday, May 4, 2007

Those wishing to attend should contact Bishop Thompson or Secretary Dolores Reynolds for an appointment (910) 980-1162 ext. 108.

Local Church Minister—April 14 and May 12, 2007

Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at the School of Ministry.

Appointments must be made by calling Bishop Thompson or Gina Page at (910) 980-1162 ext 105.



Clergy News

Rev. Kendall Davis has reverted to Local Church Minister status from Licensed Minister.

Rev. George Barfield Has reverted to Local Church Minister status from Ordained Minister.

District Conference

Attention: Licensed and Ordained Ministers

If you missed the recent District Conference you must report to the Bishop your absence. This may be done by letter, email or call.

Tapes are available for the Anglo District Conferences. Contact Pastor Ricky Nelms.

Anglo pastors will receive a copy in the mail.

Attention All Pastors & Candidates for Credentials

If a candidate for credentials has been divorced, he or she must meet with the Conference Board Executive committee to ascertain if the divorce meets Biblical and Manual Guidelines. There are NO exceptions. Permission must be obtained to pursue studies leading up to license/ordination. Please DO NOT make assumptions.

New Employees

Rev. Oris Hubbard - Rev. Hubbard has been hired as the new Conference Loan Officer. He replaces Rev. Roland Harrell who has taken the Kinston First Church. Rev. Hubbard will be part-time. He may be found in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday morning, and Thursday. He is the contact person for loans. Rev. Hubbard will continue as pastor of the Sharon Church. He brings several years of experience in human relations and accounting to the position. Rev. Hubbard is also a member of the North Carolina Conference Board. He may be reached at: (910) 980-1162 office or (910) 564-4154 home.

Nicole Turransky—Sister Nicole has been serving the North Carolina Conference well as receptionist and part-time secretary for Evangelism and World Missions. Beginning April 15th she will be full time for Evangelism and World Missions. Well Done, Sister Turransky

Rev. Michael Reynolds— Brother Michael has been serving the Conference as our 2nd man for grounds, campus maintenance, and event preparation. He will now serve as receptionist, computer technician, web master, and secretary to our specialty department heads. He will begin April 15th. Well Done, Brother Reynolds.

I praise the Lord for these special individuals who will minister with us at the Conference Office. The Lord has given us a great staff.

Remember These Dates

- **April 13-14 School of Ministry**
Christian Ethics
Teacher: Reverend Doyle Marley
- **April 19-21 Kingdom Meeting, Oklahoma City**
- **April 25 Administrative Professionals Day**
- **April 27-28 Lady Ministers' Training**
Speaker, Lynn Lucas from New York City
- **April 30—May 2 Retired Ministers Retreat**
Presiding Bishop Leggett will be preaching.
- **May 11-12 School of Ministry—2 Classes**
1) Old Time Power—Bishop Thompson
2) Theology II—Rev. Terry Tramel
All may attend. Register with Director Jim Whitfield
- **May 25-26 Hispanic INE**
- **June 8—Chris & Betty Thompson's first grand-baby!**
- **Camp Meetings**
Falcon Camp Meeting
August 5—12

Speakers: Bill Wilson, Terry Tramel, Rick Fountain, Lee Wilson

Piney Grove Camp Meeting
August 19-26

Speakers: Donald Duncan, Chris Thompson



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**2007 Theme:
Lift Your Head**