



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Accelerant**
January 28 - 30,
2011
- **IPHC Centennial
Celebration**
Jan. 30 - Feb. 1,
2011
- **Annual Ministries
Convention**
February 25-26,
2011
- **Conference
Youth Rally**
March 25, 2011
- **Conference Fine
Arts Festival**
March 26, 2011

Messenger

A Word From The Bishop

Do more and more with less and less – and do it faster and faster! That seems to be the mantra for life today. But, what would Jesus think? Can you imagine him yelling at his disciples because they were twenty minutes late for the Jericho prayer breakfast? How would he respond if cell phones went off in the crowds at the Sermon on the Mount? Jesus had little tolerance for clutter and complexity. He would not allow anything to



His simplicity was all about focus. “One thing is needful....” are the words that we remember.

focused he was always sensitive to people’s spiritual needs. He served. He healed. He taught. He showed compassion. People saw and responded to his simple message.

“Every age has its own characteristics,” wrote pastor and author A.W. Tozer.

“Right now we are in an age of religious complexity. The

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clutter and complexity. He would not allow anything to distract Him from His mission.

There seemed to be an unyielding simplicity about the lifestyle of Jesus, yet he lived a life with profound impact.

we remember.

Jesus practiced deliberate simplicity with disciplines such as solitude, prayer, Sabbath rest, etc. because he sought the things above, rather than the unfocused distractions of the world he came to save. Yet, even though he was disciplined and

of religious complexity. The simplicity which is in Christ is rarely found among us.”

Our 2011 Ministries Convention will address this problem in life and the challenges that face the church in a more and more complex society

Discipleship

Recently, I had the privilege of speaking in Shiloh, NC at Riddle PHC and shared from Hebrews 12. These scriptures are really strengthening to us as believers in Christ Jesus. The writer begins in verse 1 to tell us we are “surrounded by a great cloud” or “crowd of witnesses” that have gone before us in the faith. It

doesn’t say, but I would like to think they are cheering us on as we run this race for Jesus.

He continues by saying, we need to “lay aside” or “strip off every weight” that holds us back. It mentions “the sin” which is a daily struggle for us all, but there are other things we need to lay

aside as well, such as, distractions, friends, family, etc. or whatever else might hold us back from running the race. It doesn’t mean we disengage, yet we do let go if it is going to hinder our pursuit of the Lord.

Then in verse

A Word from the Bishop, cont.

How do we confront the clutter, complexities, and distractions of our society and bring us back to the simplicity of the Kingdom of God?

The answers are not about an unsustainable perfection or an oppressive legalism, but instead, about the kind of simple devotion that sets us free.

For the Christian, it's about the practical day to day devotional life lived in such a way that intimacy with Christ can shine through us. It's about intentional living and the rediscovery of life that is lived with the "*simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ*" (2 Corinthians 11:3, NASB).

The wise man said, "A *pretentious, showy life is an empty life; a plain and simple life is a full life*" (Proverbs 13:7). Simplifying is not so much about doing fewer things, as it is about doing the right things.

My Prayer is that your devotion to Christ will become more simple and pure, and as it does may you feel the refreshing return of the gentleness and

the love of Christ in your soul.

Keeping it Simple,



Discipleship Ministries Awards of Excellence

We're excited about the upcoming Second Annual Discipleship Ministries Awards of Excellence Banquet on Nov. 10th. Last

time of fellowship, and fun. If you need more information please call our office at 804-862-9201 x104. We look for-

Youth Rally @ TRC
March 25, 2011
Fine Arts Festival @ TRC
March 26, 2011



Awards of Excellence Banquet on Nov. 19th . Last year, we had just over 75 people in attendance as we honored those who serve in the areas of Discipleship Ministries. This event is free for the Senior Pastor, nominees and their immediate families. For all other guests the cost is \$5.00.

We will be giving out door prizes so come out for a great

Discipleship, cont.

2 he says how we do this, by “keeping our eyes on Jesus” or as other translations say, “looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.” This is a simple truth, but a vital part of being a disciple.

Discipleship is not a set of rules to follow, but a person to follow and His name is Jesus. Paul told his readers to “imitate me as I imitate Christ”.

The word “disciple” comes from

please call our office at 801-862-9201 x104. We look forward to seeing you there. Hope you will join us for the following upcoming events in 2011 on.

An annual Youth Ministry



Chasen & Kutless, skiing, and relevant teaching.

Fine Arts Festival @ TRC
March 26, 2011



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DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

the word “discipline.” A disciplined person is one who can do the right thing at the right time, and who can be a good example for others. Jesus walked what He talked! He lived what He shared.

In a culture that is teaching us to live for ourselves, and compromise to get what we want, may we be a disciplined people that look to Jesus and follow His model. May we **stand up** and **stand out** as He did

in His culture. May our lives be representative of being with Him. And may we truly live, move and have our being in Him. That’s what a true disciple is all about!



Gustavo & LeeAnn
Torres

Annual Ministries Convention “Deliberate Simplicity”

How does the church address the problem of clutter and the complexity in life, and face the challenges of a world spinning out of control? The answer can be found in the “easy yoke” that Jesus gave to us.

The 2011 Ministries Convention will challenge us to return to the simplicity of the Kingdom of God.

“*Deliberate Simplicity*” is about how less is more and more is better. It is a return to a “simple church” advancing Christ’s Kingdom.

Keynote speaker, Lee Grady, a prophetic voice to the IPHC and throughout the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement, will challenge the church to return to the simple but powerful life in the Holy Spirit. He’s the contributing editor for *Charisma*

February 25-26, 2011



Lee Grady



Pastor Craig & Jan Hill

Mark your calendars for

Annual Ministries Convention (cont.)

Magazine, editor of *Experience*,

Biblical foundations that can

Saturday youth/youth leader



Magazine, editor of *Experience*, and columnist of “*Fire in My Bones*” which is distributed to thousands across the world, and is the founder of the Mordecai Project.

Craig Hill, a return speaker to the Ministries Convention, is the founder of Family

Foundations, Inc. which seeks to re-establish the family on

Biblical foundations that can cause life to work and people to prosper from one generation to the next, in order that God’s true image may be realized in His church. God has given him insight into marriage, family, financial, and interpersonal relationships.

As usual, we will continue a Friday night youth service and

Saturday youth/youth leader workshops with special guest, Brandon Berry. He is youth pastor at Redemption World Outreach Center in Greenville, SC. He’s a passionate and effective speaker that truly can convey the message of the Gospel to this generation.



Brandon Berry

Mission News

August 9th - 17th, Bishop Dayton Birt, Pastor Mario Tabora, and Pastor Manuel Gonzalez traveled to Honduras and El Salvador. They visited the churches under the oversight of Andres Chavez, who was ordained in June at Quadrennial Conference.

Chavez oversees 10 churches that a part of CEFAM (Centro Familiar de Adoracion y Misiones) which in English means “Family Worship Center and

Missions.” The mother church, in Santa Rosa de Copan, has over 1,000 members. Together CEFAM has over 2,500 members. All these churches are now a member of IPHC and Redemption Ministries!

At the same time, Allen Powell, Conference Missions Director, and Pastor Gustavo Torres, DM Director, led a missions team to Trinidad in the Caribbean.

The trip included a youth crusade, VBS, a regional youth rally, and a visit to a local orphanage. The missions team, consisting of 5 teenagers representing 5 churches, included: Dreama and Garryt Bryant, Jonathan Baker, Seth Powell, Kelli Powell, Jackson Vick, and Richard Wilson.



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Upcoming Events...

December

3rd - IPHC/Redemption Ministries

First Friday Fast @ TRC

11th - CLC/CMD/Staff

Christmas Celebration @ TRC

January

(Pastor Appreciation Month)

15th - L.I.F.T. Rally @ Tree of Life

16th - L.I.F.T. Rally @ Healing Waters

22nd - L.I.F.T. Rally @ Faith Outreach

23rd - L.I.F.T. Rally @ Fountain of Life

28th - Leadership Summit with Ron

Carpenter, Jr. @ Parkway

Christian Center

29th - 30th - FEL/SOM @ Fountain of Life

29th - 30th - Hispanic Men's Retreat @

Redemption Ministries TRC

30th - Prayer Summit @ Faith Outreach

February

5th - IPHC/Redemption Ministries

First Friday

Fast @ TRC

5th - Royal Ranger's Commander

Banquet @ Living Waters

12th - 13th - FEL/SOM @ TRC

13th - Hispanic INE @ TRC

19th - DM Awards of Excellence

Banquet @ TRC

21st - 23rd Falcon Children's Home

Harvest Train

30th - CLC meeting @ TRC

2011 Keys Events

Jan. 20th - 22nd - Bridging Our Ministries V @ Ridgecrest, NC

Jan. 27th -30th - Accelerant - Ski Youth Retreat @ Gatlinburg, TN

Jan. 30th - Feb. 1st - IPHC Centennial Celebration @ Falcon, NC

Feb. 4th - 5th - Men's Conference @ Carpenter's House Ministries

Feb. 25th—26th - Ministries

Convention at Founder's Inn

Oct. 14th - 15th - Annual Conference Session