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The fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

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Listen Up All You Junior Campers! Get ready for **Ft. Rock Bible Boot Camp!**

Summersville, Kentucky

July 6-10, 1998

Registration fee: \$60.00

Stay tuned in the KDN for further updates.

Winter Youth Retreat

January 30-31, 1998

Executive West • Louisville, Kentucky

Christmas for Christ Offering due

January 31, 1998

Adopted Missionary Offering due

January 31, 1998

Send to: Sis. Nancy Edday

Ladies Retreat

March 6-7, 1998

Executive West • Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Pastors:

If you are interested in starting a Junior Bible Quiz Team or have already ordered material for 1998, please contact the Junior Bible Quiz Coordinator, Loren D. Rudd, at (606) 745-6973 for more details.

Thank you

KENTUCKY DISTRICT UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The Progressive District

1998 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

1 New Year's Day
BREAD begins
Save Our Children Kick-off
30-31 Winter Youth Retreat
31 Offerings Due:
Christmas For Christ
Ladies Auxiliary Christmas

FEBRUARY

Save Our Children
Seed Offering Month
9 & 11 District & Section Audits
14 Valentine's Day
16 ... Section N Conference/Grayson
17 .. Section U Conference/Eminence
20 Section D Conference/London
23 Section T Conference/
Bowling Green

MARCH

Men's Retreat Month
2 ... Section E Conference/Lexington
3 Section I Conference/
Madisonville
6 & 7 Ladies Retreat
20 License Applications Due
Home Missions Applications Due
29 Fifth Sunday Camp Offering
31 ... 1st Quarter Tithe Due to District

APRIL

5 Daylight Savings Time Begins
6 District Conference Resolutions
Must be Mailed by Today
12 Easter
Save Our Children Offering
15 Taxes Mailed by Today
20-24 ... District Conference/Carrollton
20 District Board Meeting
21 District Board Meeting
Harvestime Songfest
22 District Board Meeting
License Seminar
Ordination Service

23 Foreign Missions Breakfast
Ministers & Companions Seminar
Conference Business
Superintendent's Message
24 . Ministers & Companions Breakfast
Conference Business
District Youth Rally
25 Youth Planning Session/Madisonville

MAY

10 Mother's Day
Mothers' Memorial Offering
12 SOC Offering Due
24 ... Mothers' Memorial Offering Due
to Section Leader
31 Pentecost Sunday
Fifth Sunday Camp Offering

JUNE

Youth Corp Month for each Section
A.C.T.S. Month
6 Jr. Bible Quiz Tournament/Lexington
21 Fathers' Day
22-26 Camp Meeting
22 District Board Meeting
World Missions Service
23 Children's Church
Harvestime Awards
24 Children's Church
Foreign Missions Banquet
25 Children's Church
Ladies Auxiliary
26 Children's Church
Home Missions
30 .. 2nd Quarter Tithe Due to District

JULY

A.C.T.S. Month
4 Independence Day
6-10 Junior Camp
20-24 Senior Camp

AUGUST

A.C.T.S. Month
Senior Bible Quiz Championship
10-14 Home Missions Week
30 5th Sunday Camp Offering

SEPTEMBER

6 ... Sheaves For Christ Offering Due
7 Labor Day
17 Youth Planning Session/
Elizabethtown
30 ... 3rd Quarter Tithe Due to District

OCTOBER

1-6 General Conference/
Greensboro, NC
17 . Home Missions Planning Session/
Elizabethtown
25 . Ladies Auxiliary Planning Session/
Joyful Inn
Sunday School Planning Session/
Campbellsville
26 Daylight Savings Time Ends

NOVEMBER

Leadership Training Seminar
District Board Meeting
3-6 Planning Session/Louisville
9 CFC Tour "U"/Eminence
10 CFC Tour "E"/Danville
11 Veterans' Day
14 Harvestime Songfest/Dawson
Springs
16 CFC Tour "I"/Hopkinsville
17 CFC Tour "T"/Russellville
2 .. Harvestime Soul Harvest Offering
23 CFC Tour Section "N"/Grayson
24 CFC Tour Section "D"/Corbin
26 Thanksgiving
29 5th Sunday Camp Offering

DECEMBER

Christmas For Christ Offering Month
1 Mail Christmas Cards to Missionaries
Paid District & Section Dues?
20 Harvestime Soul Harvest
Offering Due
25 Christmas Day
31 ... 4th Quarter Tithe Due to District

The Miracle of Pastor Vern Smith

It began after the Sunday morning service on November 16, 1997. When we arrived home there was a message on our answering machine from our daughter-in-law, Shannon. She said our son, Vern, had been injured. There had been a fire and an explosion, but she didn't know any more of the details. She asked us to pray. I got on the phone and started calling to get a prayer line going. Although I felt as if I was in a daze, the Lord helped me.

I called my former pastor's wife in Michigan, Sis. Hammonds, to see if she knew anything about the accident. She said, "just a minute, there is someone on the other line." By the time she got back on the line a few seconds later, I was speaking in tongues nonstop. I know that God was touching Vern as the Holy Ghost made intercession in this time of crisis.

Shannon called again later and told us the nurse said that Vern had third degree burns on his face and hands and the skin was off the face. Shannon was four hours from where the accident occurred. Given the information supplied from the nurse, she expected to see a skeleton with eyes. Praise God that prayer was made and by the time they got to the hospital, the burns on his face was changed to superficial burns only.

As we learned of the events that surrounded the accident, we are thankful that the hand of God was there to protect our son. He had been called out unexpectedly to a gas well in down state Michigan. Usually Vern works alone on his job, but this Sunday morning there was a woman operator there with him. She was at one end of the well and Vern was at the other. Because the temperature was so cold they had both doors shut. The woman co-worker yelled that the hose came loose. Vern ran over to shut it off and just he got there it blew flames on his hands and face. He had a double layered ski hat on, that was burnt on the top layer. The second layer was okay and protected his head from being

burnt. Praise the Lord for his goodness!

Vern ran out of the building and stuck his hands in the snow. (Usually there is no snow on the ground at this time of year). As the second explosion took place, Vern realized the dangerous chain of events unfolding. He began to run from the area as quickly as possible. A building landed in the spot where Vern had just vacated. Praise the Lord for his mercy in sparing our son's life.

Next to the building that blew up, there was a small building that had a phone. The woman co-worker (who suffered second degree burns), dialed 911. Within 15 minutes they arrived and took



Vern to a small hospital. A helicopter was flown in to take Vern to Ann Arbor to one of the best burn units. Isn't it just like God to supply the best for his children!

As the helicopter lifted off, the medics asked if Vern needed something for pain. He asked for morphine. They told him they had something else that would, "knock your socks off". After it was administered Vern's comment was, "Wow". As this was his first helicopter ride (or ambulance), Vern wanted to make sure he didn't fall out of this. I pray this is his last ride on both of these vehicles.

When Vern arrived at the hospital they wrapped his hands and face. I am thankful for the care with which all the medical professionals took with my son, but I am even more appreciative of the many prayer warriors who interceded for

my son's burns to his hands and face. God does answer prayer!

Here in Lancaster, God was working a miracle for my husband and I. We bowed our knees and told the Lord we didn't have the money or a reliable vehicle to make the seven hour trip to Michigan. We longed to be by our son and daughter-in-law's side. Within two hours we had \$720.00 and a car to use. Praise our Jesus, I love him so much!

We arrived at the hospital at 7:00 a.m. Monday morning. I told the lady at the desk we were the parents of Vern Smith and had just arrived from Kentucky. I requested to go in the room to see Vern. She said, "if you can stand it, you can go on in."

When we entered the room, I thought they had taken us to the wrong room. I didn't even recognize my own son. His face was swollen two or three times its normal size. His hands and face were unwrapped. I got kind of dizzy when I saw him, so I went and stood by the door and asked the Lord to help me be strong for the sake of my son. I had never before seen a person burned. Although the physical appearance was unrecognizable, the voice of my son was so good to hear. Even though the pain was intense and the medication could not alleviate the pain, Vern was in good spirits and clowning around when we arrived. We believe that the many prayers going up to the throne of God made a most difficult situation bearable.

Because of the danger of infection, much care is taken in the most routine everyday procedures. He was shaved and had his face washed as gently as possible. My daughter-in-law fed him until she had to make the trip back home for our granddaughters' clothes and other personal items. With her gone, I stepped in to feed my son. It had been a long time since I had fed my boy. I raised the spoon and told him, "here comes the airplane, open your mouth." We needed the laugh. Those of you who know me

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A NEW BEGINNING

Rev. Louis Edday, Jr.
Section U Presbyter
Eminence, Kentucky

For three hundred and ninety years all the days had been the same for them. Oh, there was the flooding of the Nile each spring. This would give them a break in their everyday task. It was at this time that their taskmasters would stop everything to worship the gods of the Nile.

Egypt, where they were living, had reached a high stage of civilization. The Egyptians lived under an orderly government; they carried on commerce in ships; they built great stone structures; and, most important of all, they had acquired the art of writing. The ancient Egyptians were very religious. They believed in a life after death — at first only for kings and nobles — if the body could be preserved. So they carefully embalmed the body and walled it up in a massive tomb. The Pharaohs that ruled Egypt kept a splendid court. The people worshipped him as a god on Earth.

However, the Hebrews' task as brick makers, diggers of canals to the Nile, and builders of kings tombs became increasingly more difficult. The Egyptians had grown delicate and lazy. They also became very ill affected towards the Hebrews because they saw them acquire wealth by their natural love for labor.

A very proper child had been born to Amram and Jochebed at a time when all the male babies born to the Hebrew families were killed by casting them in the river. This decree by the Egyptian king to kill the male babies had been brought on by the foretelling that there would be a child born to the Israelites, who, if he were reared, would bring the Egyptian dominion low. This foretelling by a scribe of such an event caused such fear to come upon the king that he sought to kill all male babies.

To save this proper child born to Amram and Jochebed the Almighty gave them a plan to preserve the life of this child by simply building a small ark like boat and placing it in the Nile river. How marvelously did the Giver of Life preserve this child until he was eighty years old. After spending forty years on the back

side of the desert learning how to be humble, he was called forth to serve Jehovah in the delivering of the Israelites.

After the death of Joseph that brought them into Egypt, their condition had worsened until their slave task had become almost unbearable. They had sought Jehovah for a deliverance. They needed a new beginning.

After the arrival of Moses their work condition seemingly got worse. Their work load had intensified. The plagues, that at first affected everyone, then, only the Egyptians, had really turned the Egyptians against them.

After the ninth plague, the plague of darkness, the final and last plague against the Egyptians was to effect a new beginning for Israel. God was not only going to deliver them from their Egyptian bondage but their total life style was to change. God, through Moses, told them, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." Exo. 12:2. They were taken from their bondage through water baptism, "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea." 1 Cor 10:1-2, and were started on their journey to their promise.

Suddenly, not only had their calendar year been changed with a new month to start their year, but their whole lifestyle had changed. This was indeed a new beginning for Israel.

It is most interesting to note that the God of all creation would arrange at a much later date for all mankind to have a new beginning. Not just a new beginning from some menial labor task or a calendar year/month change but a new beginning from the burden of sin that came upon the whole human family because of the sins of the first man, Adam.

The inspired writer in the second epistle of Peter put it as follows: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the

day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." 2 Pet. 1:19. This **day star** has reference to a new day. The dawning of each day in a physical sense carries the meaning of a **new beginning**.

In Homer's *Odyssey*, he refers to this new day rather colorfully. He calls it "early morning, rosy red finger dawn." Meaning, of course, after the sun has made its orbit around the earth and breaks upon you, it's a new day.

Isaiah speaks of "darkness covering the earth and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee; . . . and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

The great plan of God never ceases to amaze me. In the beginning He caused light to shine forth out of darkness. He "who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Matthew quotes Isaiah, "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and **shadow of death** light is sprung up." Mat. 4:6. In the epistle to Romans, the writer tells us, "we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Ro. 6:4.

When we pass through our water baptism and experience the Son of Righteousness arising in our hearts we have our new beginning. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

On the first day of this month, many will make resolutions to change their life styles and do many other things. For one's life style to be changed very much, he must have a change of nature. He must start over again with a new life. This new beginning has to do with being born again of water and Spirit. It is truly then that one has a real **New Beginning** — "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Miracle of Pastor Vern Smith *Continued*

can imagine me acting like that.

When they did surgery on Vern they had to take skin off his legs and graft it to his hands. Infection set in on the portion of his leg where the skin was removed. If God didn't intercede they would have to take off the outer layer and scrub it, a very painful process. Vern had been in so much pain already, so I asked the Lord to take the infection away and spare Vern the additional pain. The merciful Jesus that I serve was mindful of my humble prayer and they did not need to do that procedure. Praise God for his gentle touch!

Eight days after the accident, on November 24, Vern was released from the hospital. He attends therapy three times a week. His face is healed and his hands are doing better every day. He can't drive yet, but he is able to do a lot

of things on his own.

The Lord has worked out everything for Vern and Shannon. The company that Vern works for, put Shannon in a motel as long as Vern was in the hospital. They gave her a company phone card to make the calls she needed. They paid all the medical bills and prescriptions as well as mileage back and forth for therapy in Ann Arbor and Saginaw. He also receives 85% of his paycheck tax free. When he got home his workman's comp check was not there so the company paid him plus overtime.

Right here I want to thank God for my daughter-in-law. She has dug right in and cared for her husband with all the love in the world. I'm thankful that God answered our prayers to pick the mates for our sons. They are both wonderful women.

Vern and Shannon were very touched by all the prayers and giving so that we could be there with them. Praise our

Jesus for the miracles He performs. I give Him all the glory.

I am getting tears even now as I write this. I didn't realize it would be so difficult. Bro. Smith and I cannot put into words are appreciation for all you have given to us Your prayers for our son and for us, were felt from the day the accident occurred. We received strength and were able to go forward with the calm assurance of the Holy Ghost. The offerings we received were an answer to prayer. We pray that God will bless you 10,000 fold for all you gave. We will be sending out thank you cards. There are so many who gave that it might take a while, but be patient, you will get one.

Thank you from the bottom of our heart, we appreciate all you have done. Our son says, "If one soul comes out of this, it was worth it all." Thank you Jesus for all your goodness. Thank you Kentucky for your abundant love.

Look What God is Doing...

Spanish services have began with 8-16 Latinos present every week since November 18, 1997.

On December 23, 1997, a Spanish speaking couple was baptized in Jesus' name.

United Pentecostal Church
Lexington, Kentucky
Pastor William J. McGraw

In October we had:
5 first-time visitors
1 to Repent
1 to be Baptized
1 to be filled with the Holy Ghost

God healed Sis. Betty's lower back
God healed Sis. Oma's neck
God made a way for Jessica Coots to return to church after not being allowed to come for almost a year.

First Apostolic Holiness Church
Harlan, Kentucky
Pastor Billy Miller



WINNERS OF...
1997 Save Our Children Award
Youth of
Christ Temple Apostolic Church
Elizabethtown, Kentucky
Pastor David Aldridge

Endangered Glory

by Nona Freeman

"For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels." But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering."

I Corinthians 11:10,16

You are lovely, my sisters. Your beauty is God-given as the Eternal Spirit moves and operates in you. It has nothing to do with designer accessories, name-brand clothes, bows, or curls. In fifty plus years of ministry I have observed plain women without natural attractiveness transformed into amazingly beautiful people by humility and obedience. Anything that shortchanges or diminishes that loveliness is a tragedy — it is a proven fact, even the tiniest deviation from the Word of God inevitably shoves us down the sad road of disobedience.

You have delighted me wearing your glory with dignity in malls, restaurants, or wherever. Now, I see an alarming trend — I'm no longer sure of your identity. I wonder if you realize what you are doing when you camouflage your glory?

In three recent sessions (part of a seminar or retreat) I observed an instructor demonstrating ways to style long hair on a model — all along the same lines. After she parted, hot rolled, teased, and back-combed the front part of the hair and shaped it in frazzled mounds to frame the face, about fourteen inches of hair still hung down the model's back.

She said, "We have to hide this." She then showed us how to twist small segments tightly and pin it in small whorls on top of the head. Then she fashioned the ends of the hair into a tortured "haystack looking affair" to hide the whorls and remarked, "you'd never guess what's underneath!"

With great effort I refrained from asking an obvious question: "What is wrong with hair looking long?" I confess that forty-one years spent mostly in Africa has me out of touch with America's styles and trends. I wondered what inspired this latest hair fad. Then while waiting at a dentist's office, I leafed through some glossy magazines. I was shocked to see pictures of singers and actors with hair styles resembling those seen in Pentecostal pews.

Is it possible we want to look like the world? If the world looks to us for direction, what kind of signals are we giving? Not only with our hair, but with the same kind of makeup they use (just be sure it's lighter and more subtle!). What happened to the difference between us and them? Does anybody ever preach on "Love Not the World" anymore? (I John 2:15).

This article is a result of a night of agonizing prayer after I overheard some sweet young ladies express dismay that anyone would question their (I quote) "Pentecostal

Pouf!" I fail to find any relation between the glorious experience that swept from heaven in the sound of a mighty rushing wind and transformed every life it touched — and a bit of hair, burnt, cut, or chewed off and stiffened to stand above the face of a confused gob.

I am thankful that the era of oat meal boxes, mounds of cotton, and crepe wool that supported tower hairdos has end, but may a voice make a plea for individuality? Do all our heads have to look alike? I wonder how the Creator feels about our cookie-cutter reasoning? He is the One who shaped His marvellous world into an amazing profusion of loveliness in a great variety of plants, flowers, and trees. Though He made a lot of it green, have we noticed how many delicate and varying shades of green He designed?

I am grateful for God's magnificent plan for womanhood. It thrills me to know that my unabused long hair is not only a covering but also my glory. It has a connection with angels and power with God. Marietta Wolfe gave us food for thought in a ladies' conference in the state of Washington recently. "The reason there is so little power and glory in some churches is because the ladies have so little power and glory on their heads!"

I gladly wear my glory to honor my King. I will admit it has tried my patience at times when it refused to be arranged and stay in place as I desired, but even that has benefited me. Long hair is a diligent teacher of patience.

My dear friend lay dying with cancer after many years of faithful and anointed ministry. The family warned me that I would be shocked by the terrible effects of the drastic treatment endured. "Her hair is gone," they whispered. I tiptoed into that room of suffering to see a most unusual sight. Yes, the gorgeous bounty of silver-white hair had fallen out except for a few strands pulled into a single, tiny curl on top of her head and pinned with a bobby pin. But her years of humble obedience marked her with a transcendent beauty wonderful to behold. We could no longer see glory on her head, but God's triumphant glory filled a hospital room. She blessed me greatly in her leaving. In my mind I saw the glad meeting with her Maker and heard Him say, "Well done, Johnny Ruth."

My dear sister, I write this with the love of Christ flowing through me. This is what it is all about — not a slavish devotion to fads and trends, but to be an example of godliness in this wicked world, and then to hear His "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter..." when this fleeting life is over.

When I see Him, I have an intense desire to wash His feet with my tears of gratitude for His multitude of tender mercies and wipe them with my hair, so I'll handle my glory carefully just in case.

Reprinted from *Reflections*

Something In Me

written by Jeremy L. Mills

Lonely nights
And hard days;
Fierce battles
And yet it stays.

Loss of a friend,
Unanswered prayer,
Empty spirit,
Yet, it's still there,

Living for the moment
Hell turns up the fire;
Struggling to survive
Yet, there's still a desire.

Shaky ground
The wicked boast;
Crying eyes
But a touch of the Holy Ghost.

The end is near,
The enemy is nigh;
The time has come,
Something in me will not die!

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