

# VIEW POINT

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# NEW HORIZONS

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## FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK: Happy New Year

I love a new calendar. The empty date boxes are just waiting for us to complete them with opportunities, events and special occasions. The blank spaces will be filled with meetings, appointments and schedules, also. Opportunities and Responsibilities fill our everyday lives. Some bring joy (birthdays, anniversaries, parties, graduations, family reunions) while others bring apprehension (doctor/dental appointments, school tests, meetings).

**LIFE:** Life happens. With the fun, come the facts. We always have a choice in how we view each day. Some people wake up and cheerfully say, "Good morning, Lord!" while others arise grumpily proclaiming, "Good Lord, it's morning!" We have a great opportunity to live with this determination: "This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it." Even when we are faced with difficult decisions, consequences not of our doing and problematic happenings, we can know God is with us. Just as we celebrated "Emmanuel" and Christmas last month, we can accept and be grateful "God with us" and "Christ in us," the hope of glory.

**ARISE 2033:** The IPHC has designated the year 2033, which is the 2000th anniversary of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, God's Only Son, as the year for us to have an IPHC presence (church, house church, satellite church, prayer group, Bible study) in 75% of all USA counties. For New Horizons Ministries, because we have churches in 4 states (Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri & Oklahoma), and we share those states with other IPHC Conferences, we will look at the eastern Oklahoma counties and the Arkansas, Kansas, and Missouri counties adjacent to the counties in which we presently have churches.

**GO&TELL:** Using the directive approved at the 2018 NHM Quadrennial Conference, the NHM Executive Council has met with Rev. Josh Hannah, IPHC National Multiplication and Church Growth Consultant, and secured his services to assist all NHM churches in efforts to focus on "GO & TELL" and to equip our pastors and church leaders to work with our churches to become healthy, growing, multiplying churches reaching the lost and discipling the saints. In 2019, we had our first focus group of NHM churches involved in this effort. On an average, those 10 churches have experienced 38% attendance and membership growth in 2019. This is great news for the Kingdom of God and NHM. In 2020, we will have our next group of churches and pastors involved.

**2020:** This year will be a busy and involved one for NHM, for the IPHC, for the Kingdom of God, for the American political scene and for our world. 2020. This number signifies a new year, but also, the desired vision test results when we visit our optometrist. With 20/20 vision, we see clearly, up close and at a distance.

**May the year 2020 be a year of clear vision for NHM as we determine to reach our communities for Christ.**



## PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FIRST LADY: Calling vs. Career

I distinctly remember a Spring Saturday when Bishop Talmadge Gardner spoke to our conference delegation. Several weeks later, I was still pondering his statements about the "Calling" of being in the ministry. Over the years, the dynamics of being a minister's wife have changed. Some ministers' wives have said they were "called" to the ministry just the same as their husband and yet others have used the verbiage that their ministry is their career. Bishop Gardner's words intrigued me that day. I have even found myself using the two words synonymously as I endeavor to do the Lord's work alongside my husband while maintaining a career/job outside of the home.

As Christians we are "called" to do the Lord's work. We are His disciples and we should strive to fulfill the Great Commission. In Romans 11:29, the Lord speaks specifically that the "gifts and the calling are irrevocable." Does the calling determine our careers? Can our careers be our calling? Consider the following statements as shared by Bishop Gardner:

1. A career is something you choose to do; **a calling is something you receive.**
2. A career is something you do for yourself; **a calling is something you do for God.**
3. A career promises status, money, and power; **a calling generally promises difficulty, suffering, and the opportunity to be used by God.**
4. A career may end with retirement and lots of "toys"; **a calling doesn't end until you die.**
5. A career can be disrupted by any number of events; **but God enables you to fulfill your calling even in the most difficult of circumstances.**

For some people in Scripture, obeying the call of God meant living in slavery, being captured and sent to exile, or even being put to death. Their career trajectories didn't look promising, yet they fulfilled their calling in extraordinary ways.

So what differentiates us "ministers' wives" from others who are not married to a minister or are credentialed ministers? I believe it's the anointing! When the Israelites were in Moses' company, there was a look on his face that told them he'd been in the presence of the Lord. They could see it and sense it. The Bible refers to this as the "anointing" in John 2:27. It is vital, in today's times for those of us who are called to position ourselves within our careers to be a witness that depicts the Lord's everlasting love. I suggest, Calling and Career can and must work side by side as we Go & Tell!

Anointed and Called...with a Career,

Michelle



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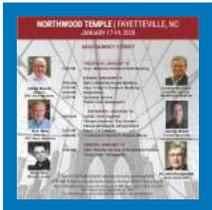
### MEN'S RETREAT - January 10 & 11

Each year, the men of NHM join together for a time of worship, prayer, discipleship, and food at Tiger Mountain Conference Center. Send registration and payment to the Conference Office.



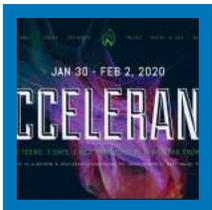
### FIRST FRIDAY FAST - January 3

Across the conference, ministers and laity will join together to fast and pray for our conference ministers, churches, and administration. For more information about WIN and how you can join, contact Carolyn Huddleston at [jhuddleston45@gmail.com](mailto:jhuddleston45@gmail.com).



### BRIDGING OUR MINISTRIES - January 17 - 19

IPHC ministers will gather together at this annual training event for leaders of Boys' Ministries and Men's Ministries. Each year, specialized speakers and trainers are utilized to inspire and equip leaders.



### ACCELERANT 2020 in GATLINBURG, TN - January 30 - February 2

Accelerant exists to challenge and encourage teens to know who they are in Christ and to live that out everyday in His presence and power. While our society has one careless way of shaping the hearts and desires of young people, Jesus has a far better Way. Not only does He love you, but He also has a calling for you - an incredible purpose lived out as the Holy Spirit empowers & equips.



### WOMEN IN MINISTRY COLOMBIA MISSIONS TRIP & SPRING RETREAT

Final trip payment for the Colombia Mission Trip is due January 15. Please pray for our team as we prepare to share with the ladies of Colombia that we are all "Called to Tell". Prepare to join our NHM women at Branson for the annual Spring Retreat.



### PHOTOS FROM DISTRICT CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIPS

We had a great turn out this year at our annual District Christmas Fellowships. If you would like the photos, please contact Taylor Drake.



## February at a Glance:

- FIRST FRIDAY FAST, 2/7
- COLOMBIA MISSION TRIP, 2/15 - 2/24



# 2020 NHM CALENDAR

## JANUARY

- 3 First Friday Fast
- 10-11 Men's Retreat - TMCC
- 17-18 Bridging Our Ministries – Fayetteville, NC
- Jan 30- Feb 2 Accelerant – Gatlinburg, TN

## FEBRUARY

- Jan 30 -Feb 2 Accelerant – Gatlinburg, TN
- 7 First Friday Fast
- 15-24 Colombia Missions Trip

## MARCH

- 3 Great Commission Meal – Ada, OK
- 5 Great Commission Meal – McAlester, OK
- 5-7 The Huddle – Charlotte, NC
- 6 First Friday Fast
- 7 Great Commission Meal – Tulsa, OK
- 10 Great Commission Meal – Siloam Springs, AR
- 12 Great Commission Meal – Russellville, AR
- 14 Great Commission Meal – Houston, MO
- 27-28 National Women's Conference – Flatrock, NC
- 28 Fine Arts - TMCC

## APRIL

- 3 First Friday Fast
- 4 School of Ministry/Interviews – Tulsa, OK
- 17-18 Prophetic Conf. – Sand Springs Harvest Church
- 25 EQUIP: Training Summit– Tulsa SpiritLife
- 27-29 IPHC National Pastors' Conf. – Tulsa SpiritLife

## MAY

- 1 First Friday Fast
- 2 SCU Graduation
- 8-9 Women's Spring Retreat – Branson, MO
- 16 TMCC Workday

## JUNE

- 1-6 NHM Teen Camp - TMCC
- 5 First Friday Fast
- 7-8 Girls' Retreat
- 9-13 NHM Junior Camp – TMCC
- 18-19 DESTINY: Conference Summit– Tulsa, OK
- 20 NHM Conference Session – Tulsa, OK

## JULY

- 3 First Friday Fast
- 18-21 IPHC Youth Quest – Jacksonville, FL

## AUGUST

- 7 First Friday Fast

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 First Friday Fast
- 12 School of Ministry – Ada, OK
- 26 School of Ministry – Tulsa, OK

## OCTOBER

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- 1-3 Minister & Spouse Retreat
- 2 First Friday Fast
- 5 TheGathering – TBA
- 8 TheGathering – TBA
- 11 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- 19 TheGathering – TBA
- 22 TheGathering – TBA
- 26 TheGathering – TBA
- 29 TheGathering – TBA

## NOVEMBER

- 6 First Friday Fast
- 6-7 SCU Homecoming

## DECEMBER

- 4 First Friday Fast

## COLOR CODE

Black	World Missions Ministries
Red	NHM Events
Blue	Women's/Men's Ministries
Green	Family Ministries
Brown	Clergy Development
Purple	IPHC Events
Orange	School of Ministry