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NEW HORIZONS

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FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK: GIVE THANKS AS WE GO & TELL



As we close 2020 with two months of celebrations and holidays, let us consider the importance of Preparing the Way through Thanks. November is a month of thanks, gratitude and appreciation for the many blessings of God in our lives. As we gather with family and friends for the Thanksgiving season, let us be ever grateful – an attitude of gratitude.

November seems to be a special time for spiritual reminders of our many blessings. When we remember the blessings and miracles of God in our lives, it is like the furrowing of ground to prepare for the planting of seeds – kernels of gratitude and thankfulness – to reap and harvest abundant blessings. As we share familiar stories and memories with family and friends, we reminisce, recall and recollect with happy hearts and satisfied spirits.

Like John the Baptist went out preparing the way for the Lord, we are the heralds, messengers and proclaimers of the Good News. As we move from Thanksgiving gratitude to Christmas celebrations, we have opportunities to share our testimonies of grace, mercy and salvation with our family, friends and neighbors. We become as one who “cries/calls in the desert” guiding thirsty wanderers toward the oasis of God’s love, Jesus’ salvation and the Spirit’s comfort.

Christmas is the time of year when even non-believers, or as it has been said “the pre- saved,” sing songs about a baby in a manger, the angels heard on high, a silent night, a holy night, a town of Bethlehem, and joy to the world. Even though there are songs about Frosty, Rudolph, Santa, chestnuts roasting, jingle bells, and a little drummer boy, over and over the world *still* sings songs about Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

2020 has been a year of uncertainty with the pandemic, the COVID crisis, the stock market fluctuations, the uncertainty of employment, the divisiveness of the political parties and campaigns, the racial issues, riots and protests, the personal health concerns and the constant evaluations and decisions about “in-person” church services. May our time from now until the end of the year be filled with gratitude, thankfulness, and celebration. May we take the amazing opportunity to share Jesus with others. May we prepare the way through thanks!

PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FIRST LADY: Construction Zone



Detour, Merge, Road Work! Yikes! I circled the airport three times to find my way out only to encounter more detour signs all in hopes of arriving at my appointed destination. Have you ever done that? Please, don’t tell me I’m the only one. Whenever I travel, I have to factor in additional time for the “getting lost” portion of my trip. Sad to say, it took me several years of arriving frustrated at events before I figured this out. On this particular morning, my GPS (Suzie as I call her) was not aware of those detours. Frantically, I was listening to her and trying to read the signs. In desperation, I just turned her off and intently stared at every roadway sign. No doubt the people behind me were aggravated at my minimal speed. Oh, well.

Don’t you find ministry life and life in general is all about the roadway signs? We’re just cruising along and here comes an unexpected detour sign. Wait, I don’t know where I’m going to detour to! I’ve never been down this road before. Then we have to merge. Personally, I hate this one because some people will just not get over and let me in. The nerve. Sometimes, I’m that person, too! Merging in with others has to be strategic or collisions occur. And how about that road work sign where we must follow all of those black arrows and be ever mindful of the yellow and white cones or barrels?

Ministry life is all about following His signs and being ever mindful of the directions He wants us to go! I don’t know about you, but I’m so thankful that the Lord sent us our own personal GPS, the Holy Spirit, to assist on our minute, hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, yearly travels.

- **Acts 15:8**, “*God, who knows the heart, approved of them, giving them the Holy Spirit just as He did to us.*”
- **John 14:26**, “*But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have told you.*”
- **John 16:33** states, “*I have told you these things so that in Me you will have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.*”

So, when you feel life is a construction zone and you’re unsure of your destination, follow HIS signs and listen to the sweet Holy Spirit. They are the most accurate Guidance System for your safe arrival!

Lovingly, Michelle



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NHM 2021 CALENDAR

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JANUARY

- 1 First Friday Fast
- 8-9 Men's Retreat - TMCC
- 14-17 Bridging Our Ministries – Lexington, SC
- 28-31 Accelerant – Gatlinburg, TN

FEBRUARY

- 5 First Friday Fast
- 27 School of Ministry- Tulsa, OK

MARCH

- 2 Great Commission Meal – Ada, OK
- 4 Great Commission Meal – McAlester, OK
- 5-6 WIN Retreat- Tulsa, OK
- 5 First Friday Fast
- 6 Great Commission Meal – Tulsa, OK
- 9 Great Commission Meal – Siloam Springs, AR
- 11 Great Commission Meal – Russellville, AR
- 13 Great Commission Meal – Houston, MO
- 27 Fine Arts – TMCC
- 28 Palm Sunday

APRIL

- 2 First Friday Fast
- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 16-17 Women's Spring Retreat – Branson, MO
- 24 EQUIP – Tulsa SpiritLife

MAY

- 1 SCU Graduation
- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 7 First Friday Fast
- 15 TMCC Workday
- 23 Run for the Wall

JUNE

- 4 First Friday Fast
- 10-11 DESTINY – Tulsa, OK
- 12 NHM Conference Session – Tulsa, OK
- 15-19 NHM Junior Camp - TMCC
- 21-26 NHM Teen Camp – TMCC

JULY

- 2 First Friday Fast
- 4 Independence Day

AUGUST

- 6 First Friday Fast
- 6-7 ELMS - TMCC

SEPTEMBER

- 3 First Friday Fast
- 25 School of Ministry – Tulsa, OK

OCTOBER

- Pastor Appreciation Month*
- 1 First Friday Fast
- 4 TheGathering – TBA
- 7 TheGathering – TBA
- 10 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- 18 TheGathering – TBA
- 21 TheGathering – TBA
- 25 TheGathering – TBA
- 28 TheGathering – TBA

NOVEMBER

- 5 First Friday Fast
- 25 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 3 First Friday Fast
- 25 Christmas Day

COLOR CODE

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



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