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NEW HORIZONS

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FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK *Gather to Celebrate*



As we enter two very busy months – November and December – for churches and families, let's understand the importance and need to **gather** and **celebrate**.

When we **gather** together, excitement and community is built. The residual effects of gathering produce relationships and camaraderie. We sense the need to belong together, to work together, to rejoice together. Families **gather** at reunions and holidays to remember the past through stories and recollections, while **celebrating** the present and looking forward to the future of generations to come. We are Family. Let us **Gather** together.

These **gatherings**, such as Thanksgiving, provide a wonderful opportunity to honor our family members and give gratitude to God for His many blessings to our families. As we carve the turkey, enjoy the special casseroles, and eat the second helping of pumpkin pie, let us understand and remember the importance of gratitude, appreciation, and thanks. An attitude of gratitude at a **gathering** can change the atmosphere and the memory.

One other "**gathering**" will be at the voting booth. For Americans, this November and election time will be very important for remembering the past elections, the consequences of the voters' decisions and the need to choose godly, moral men and women to lead our communities, state and nation. Let us prayerfully **gather** to vote.

Gathering together provides a great opportunity to **celebrate**. In December, we have a wonderful holiday to **celebrate** – Christmas, the commemoration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Though we do not know exactly the date of His birth, we do have the privilege of **celebrating** Jesus each year.

Christmas is a time where even those who are not believers sing the Christmas carols (many proclaiming the story of Jesus' birth), decorate trees (many with a star on top), and give gifts (probably not gold, frankincense or myrrh). It is a **celebration** time for the world. Throughout the season, people seem to be kinder, more joyous and happier. **Celebrating** does that to people.

We can complain about some things (stock market, illness, difficult jobs, etc.), but we have more to **celebrate** (family, friends, salvation). As we **celebrate** through our **gatherings** at special church services, school programs and family times, we can bring honor to Jesus through our actions and attitudes. **Celebrate** Jesus. He is the Reason for the Season.

I encourage all of our NHM Churches to **Gather** together to **Celebrate**. Host a Thanksgiving lunch or dinner for those in need. Schedule special Christmas services, programs, and events to provide opportunities for your communities to **gather** to **celebrate**.

Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas! Let us Gather to Celebrate!



PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FIRST LADY *Living the Life #6: Remember His Promises*

Don't Worry: Be Happy! Do you remember that phrase? Thankfully, I am not a worrier by nature, but I know many who are. In our post-pandemic state of affairs, some feel more worried than happy. Financial loss, pain, illness, death, and the future are the top five things Christians worry about according to www.eternalrevolution.com. Researchers say that 98% of the things we worry about never happen. That's a blessing for sure!

God's Promises are always there for us and through All of life's experiences. Our life's experiences do not alter His never changing, always available and completely applicable Holy Word.

John 14:27: *Peace, I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

Matthew 28:20: *Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

Philippians 4:19: *And my God will supply every need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Jeremiah 29:11: *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

How to deal with worry: 1. Start each day with God, 2. Pray about your worries, 3. Keep a journal, 4. Set boundaries and deadlines, 5. Train your brain to think differently, and 6. Seek balance.

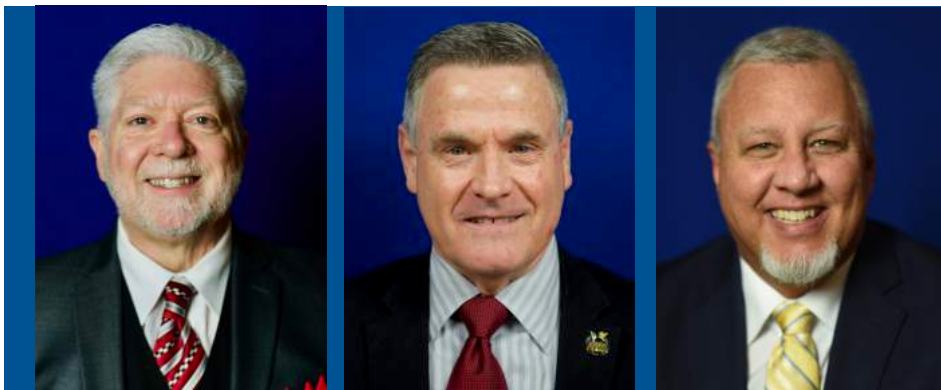
Our goal should be to walk in peace, in calm, in trust and in assurance. This is done by finding the balance between prayer and action and, ultimately, this produces freedom from worry.

So, here is what I want you to do, God helping you, take your everyday, ordinary life and place it before God as an offering. Allow Him, to assist you as you **Remember His Promises** and are **Living the Life He intended**.

For Him, Michelle



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2023 Calendar

January

- 13-14 **Men's Retreat Tentative-TBD**
- 14 **IPHC: Men's International Virtual Event**
- 22 *Sanctity of Human Life*
- 26 **DUE: Church Annual Statistical Report**
- 26-29 **IPHC: Accelerant**

February

- 10-11 **IPHC: Huddle Heartland**
- 22 **SEND: QC Delegate Registrations for Church & Minister**
- 23-25 **IPHC: Huddle Greenville**
- 25 **School of Ministry- NHM Offices**

March

- 4 **QC Committees Meeting – SpiritLife Tulsa**
- 12 **IPHC: Women's Ministry Day**
- 21 **DUE: QC Delegate Registrations to NHM**
- 26 **IPHC: Women's Virtual Event**
- 29 **MAIL: QC Pre-Registered Delegate Info. Packet**
- 30 **EMAIL: QC Pre-Registered Delegate Info. Packet**

April

- 1 **Spring ELC VISTA: Session 2 – NHM Offices**
- 2 *Palm Sunday*
- 7 *Good Friday*
- 9 *Easter Sunday*
- 29 **Quadrennial Conference- SpiritLife Tulsa**

May

- 6 *SCU Graduation*
- 14 *Mother's Day*
- 21 **IPHC: Run for the Wall (Tentative)**
- 25-28 **IPHC: Connect Young Adults Weekend**

June

- 5-9 **NHM Teens Camp – TMCC**
- 10-11 **NHM Girls' Retreat – TMCC**
- 12- 15 **NHM Kids Camp – TMCC**
- 18 *Father's Day*
- 18 **IPHC: Men's Ministry Day**
- 23-24 **CENTENNIAL DESTINY - TBD**
- 29- 1 **IPHC: Girls' Created Conference – Mission, TX**

July

- 11-15 **IPHC: Camporama**
- 22-26 **IPHC: YouthQuest- Jacksonville, FL**

August

- 12 **Fall ELC VISTA: Session 1 – TBD**
- 26 **School of Ministry – TBD**

September

- 15 **IPHC: Women's Leader's Gathering (Tentative)**
- 21 **IPHC: Diaper Run (Tentative)**
- 24-28 **IPHC: Discipleship Summit**

October

- 7 **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**
- 8 **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**

November

- 3-4 *SCU Homecoming*
- 23 *Thanksgiving*

December

- 25 *Christmas Day*

COLOR CODE	
Blue	Women's/Men's Ministries
Green	Family Ministries
Purple	IPHC Events
Orange	School of Ministry
Red	NHM Events
<i>Black Italics</i>	<i>Special Services and Events</i>

CENTENNIAL EVENTS	
Brown	A Year of Celebration
Pink	CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 2023-24