VIEW POINT

Nov/Dec 2026

NEW HORIZONS ministries



Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
Psalm 100:4

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gather2GO Rally











THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE 2026 GO! RALLY

The NHM gather2GO Rally began with over 40 individuals bringing the flags of IPHC Missions countries into the sanctuary. As we collected the Global Outreach (GO) Offering during our Missions focus, the excitement was great. The GO Offering received in actual monies and pledges was over $36,000! We are over halfway to our $60,000 GO Offering goal. NHM Conference Missions Director Michelle Drake gave some excellent stories. We watched videos from our 2 missions families: Jason & Catrina Bicket and Matt & Femke Helland. Newly appointed Missionary Care Director Barbara Carter brought greetings from the IPHC World Missions Ministries. The "gather" portion of our Rally was highlighted by communion, excellent praise and worship led by the Sand Springs Harvest Worship Team and a stirring message from NHM Bishop Randell O. Drake. Following his message and after a few personal memories from the past 25 years of his conference leadership, Bishop Drake announced to the attendees of his decision to retire from being the Conference Superintendent after serving 6 elected terms. Bishop Drake admonished those present to prayerfully seek God's will for the next Conference Bishop and to refrain from any "politicking" for votes or potential candidates. Our annual gather2GO! was a big success and enjoyed by all in attendance.

MICHELLE DRAKE APPOINTMENT TO WMM COUNCIL

Congratulations to Rev. Michelle Drake, NHM Conference Missions Director, who was recently appointed to serve on the IPHC National World Missions Ministries Council. Rev. Drake has been the NHM Missions Director for 3 years. She is one of only 2 female Conference Missions Directors in the IPHC. This appointment signifies the second NHM Missions Director to serve on the National IPHC WMM Council following the late Rev. Charles Craig. We are proud of Rev. Drake as our Conference Missions Director and her recent appointment honor.



IMPORTANT DATES

Christmas Gatherings

Arkansas/Arkoma District
Hostess: Amy Vaughan
Monday, Nov. 30, 6 pm
Outback Steakhouse
4808 S. Thompson Street
Springdale, AR 72764

Shawnee District
Hostess: Vickie Orsburn
Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6 pm
Catfish Roundup
11278 N Highway 99
Seminole, OK 74868

Tulsa District
Hostess: Tabitha Garrison
Thursday, Dec. 3, 6:30 pm
Uncle Paco's Mexican Grill
8222 E. 103rd Street
Tulsa, Ok 74133

Missouri District
Hostess: Martha Emery
Saturday, Dec. 5, Noon
Fairview PH Church
6534 Highway M
Cabool, MO 65689

Atoka District
Hostess: Linda Snider
Monday, Dec. 7, 6:30 pm
Los 3 Tarascos
307 S. Main Street
McAlester, OK 74501

Muskogee District
Hostess: Colleen Taylor
Thursday, Dec. 10, 6:30 pm
Abundant Life
1330 N. Cedar Ave.
Tahlequah, OK 74464

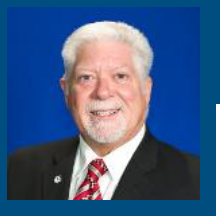
Ada District
Hostess: Christy Barlow
Saturday, Dec. 12, Noon
Christian Life Church
820 S Walnut St.
Pauls Valley, OK 73075

Durant District
Hostess: Amanda Bonner
Monday, Dec. 14, 6:30 pm
Sulphur First PH Church
1503 W. 12 Street
Sulphur, OK 73086



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
from the
NHM Executive Council

Bishop Randell O. Drake, *Superintendent*
Neil Barlow, *Assistant Superintendent*
Greg Aery, *Secretary*
Chuck Barrineau, *Member*
Michelle Drake, *Member*
Navil Vaughan, *Member*



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 as the Church to **celebrate** Jesus, we sense the need to belong together, to work together, to rejoice together, producing community. Families **gather** at holidays to remember the past through recollections, while **celebrating** the present and looking forward to the future of generations to come. We are Family. Let us **gather** together.

Gatherings, such as **Thanksgiving**, provide an opportunity to honor our family members and give gratitude to God for His blessings to our families. As we carve the turkey, enjoy the special casseroles, and eat the pumpkin pie, let us remember that an attitude of gratitude at a **gathering** can change the atmosphere and the memory into **celebration**.

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.

In December, we have a wonderful holiday to **celebrate** – **Christmas**, the commemoration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have the privilege of **celebrating** Jesus each year by **gathering** together for special church services, school programs, and family **gatherings**.

Christmas is a **time of celebration** for the world, even those who are not believers. They sing carols, give gifts, and **gather** at festive parties. During the season, people seem to be kinder, more joyous, and happier. **Celebrating** at **gatherings** does that to people.

Celebrate Jesus as you **gather** together. 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**!

gather2GO! Blessings!



FROM FIRST LADY, MICHELLE DRAKE:

"Verbing" in Ministry...Resting

How are you feeling today? Did you get enough **rest** last night? According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, about one in three American adults doesn't get enough sleep. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report the same data. I don't know about you, but when I'm not **rested**, I am not at my best! My family will even say, "Do you need a nap?" Chances are, yes. Thankfully, over the years, I've learned my body's limits and the signs it's time to stop and **rest**.

You can find the word **rest** in the Bible 257 times in 265 verses. In the Old Testament, it's mostly seen as the Hebrew word "*nuach*," which means to **rest** or be quiet. This is often synonymous with the word "*shabat*," which means to cease or rest. The Lord calls us to rest so that we can be restored and strengthened. He wants to guide us and remind us of His plans for us. The world desires that we are always busy and live in a constant state of overwhelm. Let these Scriptures be your guide!

Genesis 2:1-3 God rested on day 7. We need a sabbath, too.

Exodus 33:14 His presence goes with us. He will give us **rest!**

Psalms 4:8 *In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, Oh Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

Matthew 8:24 Jesus **rests** during the storm!

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, learn from Me, and you will find **rest**!

When I focus on the truths found in the Word of God, I can feel the tension leave my mind and body. As I continue to dwell on God's Word and meditate on these Bible verses about **rest**, the stress and worry I feel melt away, and I am surrounded by the peace that only comes from God. Though individual needs vary, most research suggests that we should get 7-9 hours of sleep per night for optimal health. God restores us while we **rest**. We are restored mentally & physically. We gain peace of mind when we **rest**.

As we reflect upon God's Word and the above insights, give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Let any knowledge we have gained help us love You and others more. Help us to see something new about YOU that we've never seen before. Correct any lies we believe about You and anything we may misunderstand. And always direct our steps according to Your Word.

Trying to Rest,

Michelle