



# IPCC LIFE

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## IPCC NEWS

**Annual Conference & Campmeeting** – Time is here for the most missions conscious conference ever! Annual Conference & Campmeeting! The nations of Mexico, Brazil, Argentina Israel and Kenya will be represented at Annual Conference. We are answering the request to use our own preachers this year. Speaking for the evening services will be Ceferino Martinez, the General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Church of Christ of Argentina. Tuesday will be Marcio Amorim, the Director of SENEMI, the explosive Missions Department of the Pentecostal Church of Christ of Brazil which is now raising four times the missions money as does the IPCC! Wednesday night will be Assistant General Overseer Shannon Truelove and Thursday, we will hear from the General Overseer-Elect, B. G. Turner. John Evangelista, pastor of the key Brazilian church in Andradas, Brazil will be speaking about missions. Only one wife was able to come due to finances. When we visit Brazil, the attendance numbers in the hundreds with up to 1600. Local services have standing room only. Let's show them some good old IPCC enthusiasm by coming out! The election of the General Executive Committee and several of the Women's Ministries will also take place. This will be a Conference & Campmeeting you will not want to miss!

## International Pentecostal Holiness Church Ephesians 4 Network Conference

– I lost count of the number of times I was thanked personally and publicly for allowing them to use our facilities last week. In fact, I received another call after I wrote the above! Folks came from all 8 states the Ephesians 4 Network Conference to attend. The services were great! They imported several small truckloads of sound and video equipment, kitchen equipment, and programming materials. The speakers in the campmeetings were tremendous. Several IPCC people attended some of the campmeeting services. Bishop James Leggett, former Chairman of the Pentecostal World Fellowship and current president of Holmes Bible College presented a powerful and very anointed message Thursday night. I was privileged to spend some private time with him. Interest remains in a cooperative agreement between Holmes, the Ephesians 4 Network and the IPCC as to beginning a school at London. Minimally, we could rent space for them, but, since Holmes would be providing the teachers, the cost to the IPCC for a co-sponsorship stake in the school would be simply be the utilities for the weeklong classes on our campus. With our transition, that decision will be left to the newly elected board this week. The E4 Network said the youth camp here last month was both the best attended and the best camp in their 13 year history. I have seldom been treated so respectfully as last week. The IPCC benefits from the greatest amount of rent for the facilities ever in that they rented the entire Conference Center. My great appreciation goes to their Bishop Brad Reynolds and coordinator Pastor Butch Geer for their kind consideration. Linda and I were guests at their missions

## FRANCE

- **SURVEY FINDS SURPRISING TRACES OF ANTI-SEMITISM**
- **SENTENCE SERMONS AND QUIPS**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

**21 - 24 IPCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE & CAMPMEETING**

**27 - PARENT'S DAY**

### AUGUST

**3 - MISSIONS SUNDAY**

**10 - BEATING THE SUMMER SLUMP DAY**

**17 - SHUT-IN SUNDAY**

**22 - 23 - MEN'S RETREAT**

**24 - INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES SUNDAY**

**31 - LOVING THE LEAST SUNDAY**

meal, Thursday, which was cooked in the Stroup Building and moved to the MRC fellowship hall. It was the tops. (And the green beans were dark green, just like they do them in West Virginia! At our first District Overseer's Retreat in a Dude Ranch in the Shenandoah Valley, Tom Dillow said their beans were so stiff you could use them as tomato stakes.) Quite a number of times, they urged their people to help take care of the property and help keep it clean. But given the nature I observed from their people, the requests weren't needed. The E4 Network was created from the Great Lakes Conference and parts of other conferences to give new emphasis to moving the IPHC north. Their strength has been in the south. Several leaders from the headquarters in Oklahoma City were present. The IPCC has a long history with the IPHC. G. B. Cashwell, who began our "The Bridegroom's Messenger" was very instrumental in beginning their denomination. I believe they are the 4th largest white Pentecostal denomination in America. Five of the original 6 missionaries to Brazil came from the PH Church. We had a trial merger around 1968 to 1971 which failed by just a vote, I believe. ABI was considered a PH school and a number of the students came from the PH. At least four of their General Superintendents have spoken at our Annual Conferences. My father was ordained with them until he died. But anytime I mention another denomination, someone inevitably believes I am pushing merging or joining. I can assure you, there is no talk of that, although it would be foolhardy not to cooperate with other organizations in ways that would aid both parties.

**Tri-State Quarterly Conference, Kenova, WV** – Another good attendance met us in Kenova Friday night for the Quarterly Conference. Pastor Tim Crabtree and his worship team led the worship and Pastor Ron Aldridge of the Zoar, Ohio church preached. He reported that a contractor has been hired to rebuild their fellowship hall and enlarge it after the tree fell into it a few months ago. While listening, it dawned on me the pulpit seemed similar to the one my father preached at for about 7 years while he pastored there. They have replaced the sanctuary with a much larger and nicer facility, but refinished and retained the pulpit. He also led the building program for the fellowship hall which is a wonderful part of the church. When the new church was built, the three structures were joined to make a wonderful facility.

**Kenya Emergency** – News has come that there is a vital need in Kenya. Please consider praying and helping. Thank you.

**Kaimosi Well Project** – Damron Bradshaw was excited to tell his church about the well in South Sudan that Ester Valim and the Pentecostal Church of Christ of Brazil built. A gentleman in the church got so inspired that he said he would give the amount of that well toward a well in Africa. The wheels in my head began to turn and I thought of Kaimosi Bible College which has survived with a cistern for about 70 years which often goes dry and needs repair. Other water is pumped from a river, but without the proper equipment to treat the water, students have actually come down with Typhoid. Abraham Lincoln's son, Willie, died in the White House due to Typhoid from the polluted Potomac River. We used part of that money to hire a geologist who reported the well must be drilled through much granite rock to a depth of nearly 500 feet. Original estimates were \$35,000, but Rick Koetz told the contractor that was too much money and he brought the price down to \$25,000. Willie Litteral committed \$1,000 from his Flea Market ministry and the South Charleston Church contributed something like \$2300. So, we have a good start with over \$8,000. We believe we can achieve the goal! Kaimosi trains poor ministers and has a wonderful record of producing some of the most mature pastors of any school. Kaimosi is one of only two pieces of property we actually own overseas so we will be investing in what we already own! We also owe a lot to Damron Bradshaw who contributes much to missions. Only about 3 IPCC churches give more to IPCC missions than does Brad.

**Parent's Day, July 27** – Society has declared war on children. Many arrive on earth either as accidents or as a pawn used to gain a larger welfare check. Paul speaks of a loss of natural affection. I have always heard that refers to homosexual relationships. But, could it also mean the loss of a maternal instinct? Mothers pushing

their car into a lake with their children strapped inside; children left unattended at home while their mother is running the streets, and the list goes on of abuses we hear about. But of the good parents, many are strapped with an insufficient income, not enough hours in the day, emotional and physical problems of their children and often their own parents. It's not easy being a parent, particularly a mother. And, those who try the hardest are often ridiculed for thinking they are a better parent than others. Parent's Day is an opportunity for the church to celebrate the God-given honor of parenting. Along with encouragement, helps for parenting could also be offered.

**Missions Sunday - August 3** – With so many missionaries at Annual Conference, it behooves us to ramp up our support of them and all of our missionaries and mission fields! Penny and I worked quite awhile yesterday on our new missions display. I entitled it "IPCC Global Harvesters." As we were selecting the pictures and placing them, our hearts melted due to the good people that represent the IPCC on five separate continents. They are all good people who need your help!

**Church Leadership Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN - September 17 - 29** – "The Remnant, Restoring the Call to Personal Integrity" will be the theme of this year's Church Leadership Conference. Internationally known Larry Stockstill of the Bethany World Prayer Center in Louisiana will be the keynote speaker. His book, by the same title, has become a bestseller given the dire need of integrity. Michelle Davenport, of City Light Church in LaGrange, GA will be the women's track speaker. She comes with great references as a trailblazer and popular conference speaker. This is a conference you will not want to miss.

**IPCC Prayer Requests** – Tammy Chapman is having a serious test tomorrow. Please pray for good results. Leva Bloomfield has expressed a desire to go home. Her kidneys shut down last week but restarted. Arlene Blair, Leva Bloomfield, Gloria Boyce, Mary Jane Bradshaw, Dr. Robert Cannon, Clifford, Eunice and Chris Edwards, Pauline Ferguson, Edith Greet, Lucille Hardeman, Stella Hargrave, Nancy Houck, Arlene Hughes, Ed Hunt, Kathy Kuhn, Alma McCarty, Cindy (Hayes) Perkins, Gene Rhoden, Edna and Gary Shonkwiler, Beatrice Smithson, and Susan Weikel.

We need to be much more serious as we pray for the children and grandchildren of ministers and for the health of all of our ministers. There are often ministers dealing with excruciating issues they are not at liberty to disclose. Please pray for them. Please pray for our international workers: Glenda Atcheson, Evan Erickson, Edith Greet, Thomas Vadakekut, Rick and Carol Koetz, Paul and Barbara McNutt, Bonne Mowell, and Clint Taylor and minister Becky Brogden.

Please pray also for our churches in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Honduras, Uruguay, Columbia, Bolivia, Venezuela, French Guiana, Suriname, Italy, and South Sudan as well as the orphanages and schools in India, the Bible college at Kaimosi, the work of the Koetzes around Eldoret, the ministry in Israel, and Clint Taylor's work as an international evangelist.

## RELIGIOUS NEWS

**I'd Rather Jolt Myself with Electricity than Sit Still, A Shocking Experiment** (John Stonestreet, Breakpoint) – Ever wish you had more time just to sit still and think for a while? Well if so, you may be more unusual than you know. Stay tuned to BreakPoint.

The weekly journal Nature recently reported, "Given the choice, many people would rather give themselves mild electric shocks than sit idly in a room for 15 minutes, according to a study published . . . in Science."

Say what?

In an experiment led by social psychologist Timothy Wilson at the University of Virginia, 409 undergrads were asked to sit alone without mobile devices, books, or any other kind of entertainment for 15 minutes. That's it. 15 minutes.

Nearly half found this unpleasant. Allowed to repeat the experiment in the comfort of their own homes, "nearly one-third of the study subjects later admitted to cheating."

And now comes the bizarre part: "In the next experiment, participants were given a small electric shock—akin to a jolt of static electricity—that was so unpleasant that three-quarters of them said they would be willing to pay not to experience the shock again."

But when participants sat in the room "alone with their thoughts, 67% of male participants and 142% of female subjects were so eager to find something to do that they shocked themselves voluntarily."

Let me reiterate that. A significant percentage of women and majority of men got so bored sitting quietly for 15 minutes that they chose to hurt themselves rather than just sit there.

The article adds, "That difficulty is not limited to college students. The results still held when researchers repeated the experiments with a broader age group sampled from a church and a farmer's market."

What are we to make of this strange story? Well, in the age of social media and multitasking, even our relaxation has to be busy. I mean, many of us seem hardly aware that we've fallen into bad habits. We remind each other to log off Facebook, quit playing electronic games, and try looking up from the iPhone once in a while. (But sometimes we even use our Facebook statuses to remind each other to log off Facebook.)

But heaven forbid we spend time alone at all with our own thoughts, without someone else present at least on the other side of a screen. A psychologist at Columbia University, Malia Mason, observes, "We lack a comfort in just being alone with our thoughts. . . . We're constantly looking to the external world for some sort of entertainment."

Folks, what does it even mean these days to "be still and know that he is God"? If we're so busy multitasking, how can we concentrate or be mindful of the presence of God, of the blessings He bestows on us, and for that matter, of the needs of others that God places in our path?

Truth be told, we're in a pitiful state, and we have to change. Christians have a rich spiritual heritage that places great value on solitude, quiet prayer, and contemplation. The Lord calls us to Sabbath rest, and He promises in the book of Isaiah, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

As Chuck Colson's theological advisor, T. M. Moore wrote recently at our website, "Contemplation is so rewarding because it makes the reality of our faith more vivid and leads us to greater hope and desire for the Lord. We should take time throughout the day for contemplation, if only for a few moments here and there."

T. M. continues, Medieval teacher "Hugh of St. Victor says that 'what prayer asks, contemplation finds.' We ask the Lord to change us, grow us, guide us into specific next steps, and then He does. And in contemplation we marvel at the wonder, the mystery, the glory, and the promise of it all, as we look ahead to the new heavens and new earth where righteousness—full and complete—will dwell forever.

So starting today, find some sacred, quiet space, for just a few minutes each day. Practice being quiet and still, a little at a time. It will take practice to replace old habits of noise with new habits of stillness.

But contemplate the goodness of God, and you may be shocked—in a good way—when you encounter Him anew.

**Anti-Israel Protesters Rally Across France, Defying Ban Imposed After Synagogue Clash** (Sylvie Corbet, Haaretz) — Thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters marched in French cities on Saturday to condemn violence in Gaza, defying a ban imposed after demonstrators marched on two synagogues in Paris last weekend and clashed with riot police.

A Reuters photographer said demonstrators in northern Paris launched projectiles at riot police, who responded by firing teargas canisters and stun grenades.

"We must show that as Muslims, we're all united" // Shirli Sitbon reports for Haaretz from Paris

Demonstrators also climbed on top of a building and burned an Israeli flag. At least one car was set on fire.

A police spokesman said that 38 demonstrators had been arrested by early evening and that the clashes were dying down.

French President Francois Hollande said he understood emotional responses to the killing of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip in a flare-up of hostilities with Israel but would not allow violence to spill over into France.

"That's why I asked the interior minister, after an investigation, to ensure that such protests would not take place," he told journalists during a visit to Chad.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve justified bans in Paris, the Sarcelles suburb and the Mediterranean city of Nice by saying the security risk was too great, prompting outrage from left-wing and pro-Palestinian groups.

He had asked police in cities to examine security risks city by city and, where necessary, to issue ban orders.

The far-left New Anticapitalist Party, an organizer of last Sunday's rally and the banned one in Paris, urged protesters in Paris to defy the ban, prompting police to issue a warning.

"Those who do not respect the ban, in support of protests or against them, face the risk of being stopped, arrested and handed over to the courts," Paris police said in a statement.

However, large crowds defied the warning and gathered in the capital chanting "Israel, assassin" in front of police barricades. Rallies were also held in more than a dozen other cities, from Lille in the north to Marseille in the South.

"This ban on demonstrations, which was decided at the last minute, actually increases the risk of public disorder," the Greens Party said in a statement. "It's a first in Europe."

Elsewhere in Europe, a man set off a security alert in Geneva when he stopped a tram to retrieve bags that included a book with a radical Islamist image in it, police said, at the same time as some 300 pro-Palestinian protesters gathered in front of the UN's European headquarters.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has contributed to growing tensions between France's Muslim and Jewish populations, both of which are the largest in Europe.

In the first three months of 2014 more Jews left France for Israel than at any other time

since the Jewish state was created in 1948, with many citing rising anti-Semitism as a factor.

**Survey Finds Surprising Traces of Anti-Semitism** – A recent survey conducted by the Anti-Defamation League between July 2013 and February 2014 revealed an interesting perspective on the presence of anti-Semitism around the world. The survey posed 11 statements considered anti-Semitic views, asking for a response of true or false. Answering true to at least six statements was judged an indication of anti-Semitism.

Less than half of those surveyed under the age of 35 ever heard of Holocaust. One of the anti-Semitic statements included in the survey was "Jews still talk too much about what happened to them in the Holocaust." The survey records, "Two out of every three people surveyed either never heard of the Holocaust or do not believe the historical accounts to be accurate. Less than half of those surveyed under the age of 35 ever heard of the Holocaust."

The survey recorded that 19% of people in the Americas display anti-semitism compared to 24% in Western Europe, 34% in Eastern Europe, 22% in Asia, 14% in Oceania, 23% in Sub-Saharan Africa and 74% in the Middle East and North Africa. - global100.adl.org

**Sentence Sermons and Quips** – The secret of my success is that at an early age I discovered I was not God." (Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.)

Some people do not resist temptations because there is no belief that they can.

Slaves to materialism may have all the marbles, but they inevitably play alone. - Bishop George D. McKinney

Racism in the world and in the church is one of the greatest barriers to world evangelism. Racial and ethnic hostility is the foremost social problem facing our world today. From the systematic horror of "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia to the random violence ravaging our inner cities, our world seems caught up in a tidal wave of racial and ethnic tension. This hostility threatens the very foundation of modern society. We must not underestimate the devastating effects of racism on our world. Daily headlines chronicle its grim toll: divided nations and families, devastating wars and human suffering on an unimaginable scale, a constant downward spiral of poverty and hopelessness, children cruelly broken in body and warped in heart and mind. This list is long, but for the sensitive Christian, it is even longer: whole peoples poisoned by violence and racial hatred and closed to the gospel as a result; indifference and resistance by Christians who are intolerant toward those of other backgrounds, ignoring their spiritual and physical needs. - Billy Graham

Racism proclaims that God's favor and access to Him is based on race. The Bible says it is based on grace: "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men." - Bishop George D. McKinney

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