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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent's Corner



Dear Brethren: Praise the Lord! Summer weather has finally arrived and there is an atmosphere of revival that prevails as we hear reports

from across our District of people receiving the Holy Ghost and being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, church attendance is increasing with several of our churches running 100 or more on Sunday morning and others that are seeing leaps in growth. This truly is a time for harvest.

I have recently been in some of our district meetings (i.e. District Youth Conference, District Ladies' Conference, Section 2 Youth Rally) and have felt the presence of God very intensely as our saints have reached out to God with a hunger for revival. The planning and preparation that has gone into these meetings has been very evident and I would like to thank our departmental

leaders for a job well done. Additionally, we congratulate and welcome our newly elected team members—Bro. Russell Farmer (Home Missions Director) and Bro. Anthony Cicero (Men's Ministry Director.)

The Purpose Institute successfully completed its first semester with approximately 30 students enrolled. Our next semester will begin in August and I would like to encourage our pastors to urge their leaders and ministerial candidates to begin to take advantage of this outstanding educational training program. I believe Purpose Institute will be one of the great contributors to growth and revival in our local churches.

We are blessed to have such a great group of ministers working together in unity in the MA/RI District. Let us continue to endeavor "to keep the unity of the spirit" so that God's blessing will remain upon us. As the psalmist wrote, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Ps. 133:1)

Yours till He Comes,

Bro. Jay Stirnemann



A Look Ahead

*District Board Meeting
June 25 at 10 AM*

*District
Calendar Session
June 26*

*Mother's Memorial
Offering Deadline
June 27*

*Youth Invasion
July 10 (Lincoln)*

*Summer Summit
July 15-17*

*Junior Youth Camp
August 9-13*

*Senior Youth Camp
August 16-20*

A Look Around the District

UPCOMING EVENT:

The New Youth of New Life Fellowship in Springfield, MA, are hosting a talent show and chili cook-off on July 24, 2010. Talents can include drama, music/singing, clean jokes, and more. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

place winners. For more information, registration, and ticket purchases, please use the following contact information:

www.thenewyouth.org

413-525-9472

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EXCITING REPORTS

Haverhill, MA—Two young people received the Holy Ghost at D.Y.C. On May 2, a recent attendee also received the Spirit in morning service.

Boston, MA (BUPC) - Three received the Holy Ghost on May 2nd.

Purpose Institute

The MA/RI District just completed its first semester of Purpose Institute (PI) which began in January and ended in April. Nearly 30 students enrolled in four classes which were held one week-end a month for four consecutive months. The sessions were everything we hoped and prayed they would be—a group of individuals with a desire to learn and be more effective in the harvest, coupled with solid biblical teaching from an Oneness Apostolic perspective. In the end, it was not the passionate instruction that made the meetings so distinctive, nor the eagerness of the students to learn, nor the quality of the curriculum, but rather, it was the presence of God that graced the meetings with an anointing that was evident throughout. Although the courses were structured and had an outlined curriculum to follow, the instructors were sensitive to the leading of God's Spirit in expounding the Word, and shared meaningful ministerial experiences which were a blessing to all.

Bro. Robert Hughes

We thank Bro. Kennedy and the church in Attleboro for the use of their building and for the home cooked lunches the ladies prepared which were delicious! Beginning next semester the campus site will be in Tiverton, RI hosted by Pastor Stirnemann and Christ Temple UPC. We look forward to the start of classes beginning August 27th, and the teaching of Bro. Stirnemann and Bro. Harrison, along with Bro. Farmer and Bro. Chesson. Bro. Harrison, as guest instructor, will be teaching on Personal Finances in the Friday night session—which is open to everyone. If you have a desire for a more in-depth study of God's word in order to develop and be more effective in church ministry/leadership—no matter what level, we encourage you to consult with your pastor and consider enrolling in Purpose Institute. The program is specifically designed for working individuals, and others who would otherwise be unable to attend Bible School.



As Presbyter of Section II, I am excited about the growth of our churches and our ministers.

Unity is wonderful—Everyone pulling for the same purpose. My goal is to see unity blossom and every church be impacted by spiritual growth.

Our section has some great events scheduled for this summer:

1. Youth Invasion, Lincoln, July 10.
2. Summer Summit, Tiverton, July 15-17.
3. Purpose Institute, Tiverton, August 27-28.

These events look to be promising and, by God's grace, will be anointed and change people's lives.

The Three Musketeers had one thing right—One for All and All for One. Let's not forget the real purpose. Our purpose must be His purpose.

God bless you. Hope to see you around the District this summer.

Bro. David Olsen