

# Kentucky District

## NEWSLETTER

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### From the Bishop's Heart

I would like to take a moment to share with everyone our 2023 theme for the KY District. Our theme this year is **"SEIZE THE MOMENT."** "Seize the Moment" comes from the Latin term, "Carpe Diem" which means "Seize the Day" With this theme comes an urgency! I believe that the Lord is giving us an open heaven and an open door of opportunity to do a great work in Kentucky. The goal is for a state-wide REVIVAL. It's coming!

Recently, I told Family Worship Center that we are going to approach 2023 as if though, this is our last year. I asked the church this question, "If we all knew that this year is all that we have, what would we do differently?" There is an urgency Kentucky PCG!

The Lord laid a message on my heart that I called, **'THE ONE YEAR DIFFERENCE'** It comes from a story found in **Luke 13:6-9**. "He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' 8 But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

Key points from this story that I want to share:

#### 1. The Problem of the Fig Tree:

- For 3 years, the owner of the Fig tree had come looking for fruit, but found none. He was disappointed!
- He tells the gardener to cut the tree down.

#### 2. The Plea-Prayer for the Fig Tree:

- In the story, the gardener pleads with the owner to



*Bishop Tony & Carla Andrade*

### UP NEXT FOR



2/21 Zoom  
Bible Study  
3/11 State  
Tour in  
Georgetown

3/24-25  
KY Talent  
Expo in  
Frankfort



6/19-22 General  
Convention &  
Summerfest  
in Gatlinburg

\*Look at calendar for more  
events @ [kentucky.pcg.org](http://kentucky.pcg.org)

give the tree 1 MORE YEAR!

- The gardener tells the owner that he believes that 1 MORE YEAR will make a difference!
- The owner agreed with prayerful/emotional request.

### 3. The Priority of the Fig Tree:

- Knowing that he only had a 1-year window, the gardener's focus and priority immediately changed.
- He knew that he did not have much time!

### 4. The Plan for the Fig Tree:

- It's important to plan! "If we fail to plan, we plan to fail!"
- The plan for the Fig tree was a 2-part plan: The gardener was going to dig around the tree & fertilize (Dung) it.
- The reason you dig around a tree is to shock it! It's like using a defibrillator on a person. Digging around a tree helps to bring it back!
- Once you shock the tree, it can jumpstart the growth process again.

**Just an observation:** "If the gardener already knew what two things, he needed to do to help the tree, why hadn't he already done it?" We know that according to God's Word, that the Lord is coming back soon! We also know that God is looking for fruit. (John 15:16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.)

**My prayer for KY District is that we will "Seize the Moment" that's in 2023! It's our time; it's our season!**

**District Calendar:** There are a lot of exciting opportunities to participate in and to connect to, in 2023. A District Calendar has been sent out by our Director of Operations that lists all of our scheduled events for Youth, Women, Men, and District leadership events.

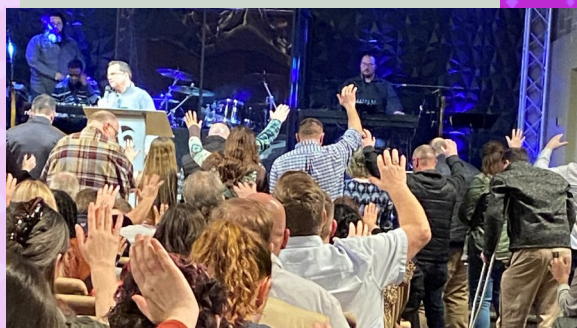
**Together for His Harvest,**

**Tony Andrade-Kentucky District Bishop**

### ENCOUNTER EAST 2023



What a great gathering of multi-generational leaders for two days of worship, inspiration and connection. Learning to become leaders who are committed to reach & mentor those who will follow in our footsteps.



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