

Kentucky District NEWSLETTER

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“From the Bishop’s Heart”

2024 Fall Edition

“Staying in Your Lane”

One of the greatest dangers in Body of Christ is the COMPARISON TRAP! It is common to look at other churches, other ministries, and other preachers, and then compare us to those things. Listen to what the Apostle Paul writes and says to the church of Corinth.

In 2 Corinthians 10:12 NLT “Oh, don’t worry; we wouldn’t dare say that we are as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! But they are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant!”

There is no doubt that all of us, as leaders and pastors, want our churches to prosper and grow. We want to get, as they say, to the next level, whatever that means! There is nothing wrong with looking for fresh ideas to jumpstart our current ministries, especially if we have plateaued or become stagnant in our churches.

The problem comes when we try to copy or emulate someone else’s programs, their vision, or their style of ministry. The hope is that we will end up with the same results that they have. We must remember that we are not them, and they are not us! No two churches are the same! No two leaders are the same! No two ministry styles are the same! We are uniquely different!

When running a race, you will notice that there are individual lanes. Each runner has a specific lane. The key to successfully finishing the race and winning the race requires that each runner remains in their OWN lane.



If a runner were to cross their lane and go into another runner's lane, they become disqualified! The writer of Hebrews tells us in Hebrews 12:1, that we are all running a race. The writer then gives us a key to finishing and winning the race. **Hebrews 12:2 NIV "FIXING (or focusing) our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.**

Here are three problems with comparing ourselves with others, while running a race:

- **It is DANGEROUS:** If we do not focus and look straight ahead, we can become hurt or out of our lane.
- **It is DISCOURAGING:** Focusing on what others are doing, especially others that are doing well, can be a discouragement, especially if they are doing well and having remarkable success!

We can find ourselves trying to "Keep up with the Joneses," as the adage says! That will wear a person down!

- **It can DISQUALIFY us:** As mentioned previously, a person that crosses a lane and goes into another person's lane, on their own volition!

I love what Dr. Adrian Rogers once said, **"God did not call us to fill the seats, but He did call us faithfully fill the PULPIT!"** (A word to the Pastor)

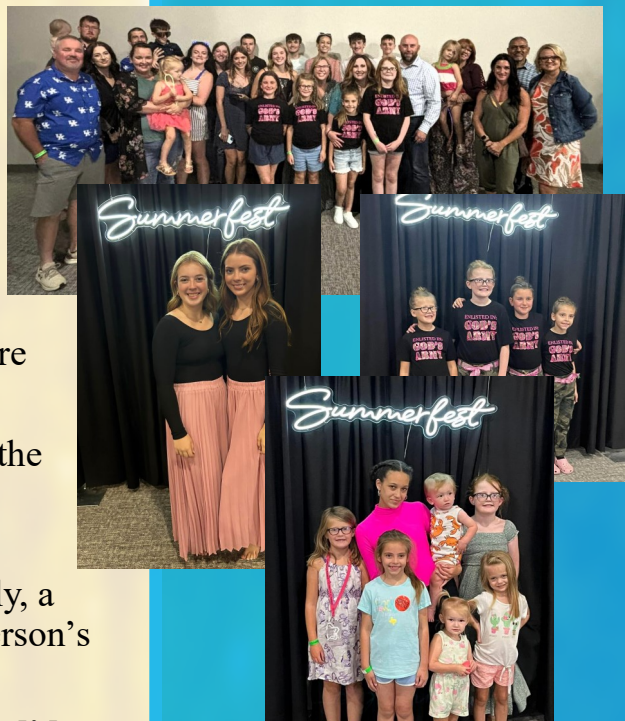
CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH, OCTOBER 2024:

On behalf of the Kentucky District, Pentecostal Church of God, we would like to express our appreciation and deepest gratitude to ALL our ministers. This includes our Pastors, our Evangelists, our Missionaries, and our Chaplains. May the Lord richly bless you for your faithfulness in serving!

I Timothy 5:17 MSG "Give a bonus to leaders who do a good job, especially the ones who work hard at preaching and teaching. Scripture tells us, "Don't muzzle a working ox" and "A worker deserves his pay."



Summerfest 2024



Impact Camp 2024



CELEBRATE!

We would like to congratulate **Christian Faith Center—Cynthiana** and Pastor Kim Smith on 20 years of ministry!

We would like to congratulate **Real Life Church** and Pastor Keith Sparks on their purchase of the property where they have held services for the past 4 years!

We are so proud of each one who participated this year in Kentucky and National Talent Expo! We would like to recognize Erin Beth Baker for taking 2nd place in interpretive dance solo and Erin Beth/Emma Traylor for taking 1st place in interpretive dance group at Nationals! We are so proud of you all!

UPCOMING DATES:

Oct. 18—District Convention Service @ Family Worship Center @ 7pm w/ Speaker: Bishop Phil Redding and Music: Souled Out

Oct 19—District Convention Business @ CrossPointe Church @ 9am Registration & 10am Call to Order

Nov. 1—Impact KY Night @ CrossPointe Church @ 7pm

Nov. 2—Impact KY Girl Talk @ CrossPointe Church @ 10am

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**Women's Tri-State Retreat
2024**

