

BISHOP'S CORNER

We welcome 2021 with a spirit of anticipation! We faced many challenges during 2020, but through God's grace and your faithfulness, we have seen great progress in the Kingdom.

Challenges are not something new; they are just part of life. Scripture is full of illustrations of how God moved in moments of crisis to bring about greater victories. I believe this to be true with the COVID crisis. God is still in charge and is more than able to bring greater anointings, open up new doors, and pour out a greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit to increase the harvest in the New Year.

After all great battles there are periods of celebrations. However, this can look like a season of recovery to those who have sacrificed so much. I know for this year many, if not all, have carried a heavy load while providing ministry to your congregations, communities, and even your own families. Many of you walked the COVID journey personally, while at the same time trying to provide care for others. You have worked endlessly to create ministry opportunities and provide pastoral care to those facing life and death situations. You have also felt the load of your congregations while they experienced so many transitions and other challenges during this period.

After such a challenging and exhausting time, you need to recognize how much of a toll this has taken on you and your family. After giving out so much, you need to take time to receive ministry. We need to follow the pattern of ministry demonstrated by our Lord. He took time to get away with His spiritual family for a time of prayer, spiritual refreshing, and reflection. He also continued to build His relationship with His inner circle of support.

To this end, we have set up a **Leadership Retreat** at Blue Lick Battlefield State Park, March 19-20.

Being a type A personality, I originally looked at how we could organize and plan for future ministry, but I felt the Lord speak to simply love on you and just have a purely relational time together. I know time is your greatest challenge. However, I sincerely request you make time to share in this opportunity.

We have established a registration fee of \$50.00 for couples and \$25.00 per person. This is simply showing your commitment to participate. If you need assistance, just let me know and we will take care of this for you. This is a time purely focused upon ministry to you and your family. We are providing 2 nights of rooms and three full meals, plus a continental type breakfast on Friday morning. If you have special dietary needs, you might want to bring some items to supplement your meals.

Rick and Donna Shelton were scheduled to be our Campmeeting Speakers last summer, but due to COVID we had to cancel. I asked them to come and be a part of this retreat. They are both gifted leaders and true prayer warriors. I asked them to just love on you, pour into you, and to be there for support in areas you might need assistance.

Our District Board felt this was important enough to dip into our savings, just to be a blessing to you. We love you and we are KYPCG family. Please let us have the opportunity to bless you!

We are looking forward to a great year of ministry in 2021. I know many of you and your congregations will be starting off the year with a time of fasting and prayer. Let me encourage you during this time to pray for one another. Call out each congregation throughout the district in your intercessions and let them know that you have lifted them up in prayer. We are stronger together!

Mimi and I again want to express our deepest appreciation for the grace you have extended us this past year. Your prayers, call, cards, text and online services has been such a tremendous blessing. You truly are the greatest brothers and sisters on earth!

May God's richest blessings be with you in 2021.

You are one decision away from a totally different life! - Mark Batterson

CALENDAR:



- March 18-20 KYPCG Leadership Conference
- April 16-17 Talent Expo (Lexington)
- April 22-23 Women's Retreat
- June 22-24 Summerfest/General Convention
- July 26-30 District Kid & Youth Camp

"You can't have unity without humility"

JANUARY

2021



KYPCG Leadership Conference March 18-20



\$50 Per Couple
\$25 Per Individual
Arrive Thursday 7PM
Leave Saturday 12PM
(Included: 2 Nights Room
Meals on Friday
Breakfast on Saturday)



Facilitators:
Rick & Donna Shelton

Register @ <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/2940770>



*Registration Closes 1-30-21

**Scholarships Available

***Need help with registration
—call Donna Lancaster



The deepest part of prayer is worship.

NEW YEAR'S FASTING & PRAYER FOCUS:

- Pastors & Ministry Leaders
- National & District Leadership
- Increase in Evangelism in 2021
- Church Growth in 2021
- Student Ministries

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