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## **eNews from Ministerial and Member Services**

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### **From Ministerial and Member Services...**

#### **Upcoming Ministerial Transfer**

After the Feast of Tabernacles this fall, Mr. Devin Schulz and his wife, Tiffany, will be transferred from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area to Western Michigan. Mr. Schulz will work with pastor Mike Joseph and serve as an assistant pastor for the congregations in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Lansing, Michigan.

#### **Feast Sermon CDs**

Connie Seelig needs the names, addresses and PINs of those people needing a Feast sermon MP3 CD for the Feast of Tabernacles by July 29. You can obtain the PINs from your church listings. If you need a church listing, you can request that from Kathe Myers or Connie Seelig.

#### **Inside United Podcast for iPhone**

As an addition to suggested smart phone apps reported last issue for accessing our podcast, the Inside United podcast can also be downloaded from the Podcast app available on the iPhone (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/inside-united/id778642348?mt=2>). You can then go to the Podcast app on the iPhone and search for "Inside United".

### **ABC Samplers in Salt Lake City and Boise**



Attendees at the ABC Sampler in Boise, Idaho.

Ambassador Bible College instructor Darris McNeely traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah, and Boise, Idaho, last Sabbath and Sunday to conduct two ABC Samplers. The sampler in Salt Lake City was held on the Sabbath and included a sermon on the overview of the book of Daniel followed by two classes on Daniel 11. On Sunday, Mr. McNeely was in Boise and gave three classes which covered the same material. The membership in both areas learned more about the past, present and future applications of the book of Daniel and appreciated Mr. and Mrs. McNeely traveling to the areas.

-- Steve Nutzman, pastor

## **South Central Regional Report**

The South Central region stretches from Springfield, Missouri, in the north to the Rio Grande in Texas, to the south. Our region covers western Kansas, basically stretching to the Colorado border to the west and all the way to Memphis, Tennessee, to the east. We have 11 pastors, 1 assistant pastor, and 34 local elders who faithfully serve 23 churches and 2 Bible Study groups that meet on the Sabbath.

Ed Dowd, with help from his wife, RaeAnn, pastors 5 congregations: Meade, Salina, and Wichita, Kansas, and Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Don Pirwitz is our pastor in Springfield, Missouri, and Tim Martens, with help from his wife, Linda, pastors our Northwest Arkansas congregation. Fred Nance, with help from his wife, Lidia, pastors three congregations: Little Rock and Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Memphis, Tennessee.

In Texas we have several pastors. Tom Damour, with help from his wife, Lisa, pastors Lubbock. Stan Erickson, with help from his wife, Judy, pastors Coleman and Waco. Rod Foster, with help from his wife, Tammy, pastors Austin and San Antonio. Tom Kuver, aided by his wife, Pam, pastors Corpus Christi and Harlingen. Gary Smith, with help from his wife, Liz, pastors Houston and also is Camp Director at Pinecrest and helps share Festival Coordinator duties in south Texas along with Rod Foster. Dr. Donald Ward, with assistance from his wife, Wanda, pastors East Texas, Texarkana, and Ruston, Louisiana. Of course, Dr. Ward is also the Chairman of the Council of Elders. Randy Urwiller, assisted by his wife, Penny, is also an assistant pastor working with Dr. Ward. And, I, with much help from my wife, Barbara, pastor Dallas/Ft. Worth and Lawton, Oklahoma, with Bible Study groups that meet bi-monthly on the Sabbath in Sherman and once per month in Ft. Worth. Barbara and I are also coordinators for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Program and I am the overall Preteen Camp Coordinator and Camp Director for Preteen Camp Colorado.

Also, long-time elder Don Hooser, from the Dallas area, works as a writer and with the Personal Correspondence Department (PCD) full-time. Elder Barry Howdeshell, from Little Rock, works part-time in PCD.

We are blessed to have a number of regional weekends in our region: San Antonio in August, Tulsa in November/December, Houston in December, Big Sandy in February and a regional teen prom in Dallas in March/April.


Big Sandy has the Piney Woods preteen camp every June with an elder from East Texas, Jim Moody, as its Camp Director. Also, the Springfield congregation sponsors a Women's Enrichment Weekend every February.

As Regional Pastor, I am attempting to visit all of our region's churches. Besides attending most of the regional weekends the past four years since my arrival in Texas, I have greatly enjoyed recent visits to Salina and Wichita, Kansas, Corpus Christi and Coleman, Texas, and I am looking forward to a visit to the Little Rock and Jonesboro, Arkansas, congregations this coming Sabbath before heading to Camp Pinecrest on Sunday.

I personally feel very blessed to serve such dedicated pastors and elders in our region as well as many, many long-time church members and also some very recent new attendees.

-- Mark Welch, Regional Pastor

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