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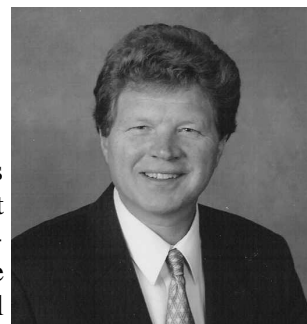
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Bold Moves For A New Day

FRESH VISION FOR THE FUTURE

By now you know the theme of our 2008 National Conference is Bold Moves for a New Day. The reason for this theme is that about three years ago God gave a word to our beloved Association that "It's a New Day for the IMA!" He is breathing fresh life into the hearts of our ministers in order to take us to the next level in our effectiveness in doing Kingdom work. Oh, how we need a fresh new anointing to confront the troubles, heartaches, and oppression of the day in which we live!



Dr. Tim Warner
IMA Chairman

WHEN GOD DOES SOMETHING NEW

If you study the Bible you will find that God does something new and fresh among His people and in the hearts of His leaders. Isaiah understood this and boldly proclaimed by God's Spirit, (Isa 42:9) **Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.** Again he says, (43:19) **Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.** Notice the "new thing" that God brings our way is not because the former was inadequate; rather the new thing comes because the former move is complete and has served its purpose in the administration of God. The "horse and buggy" was not inadequate for the day in which it was used. However, the "new thing" (called the automobile) that replaced it, was needed to transport people much faster and effectively in the industrial age. Likewise, when God has completed an administration, He ushers in something brand new by His Spirit to meet the needs of the next.

WHY BOLD MOVES ARE NECESSARY

In each new era there is a demonic plot devised by the devil to destroy a generation (John 10:10). God, however, has a divine plan (Jer. 29:11) to bless and preserve His people in spite of the enemy's plot. In order for God to bring forth His plan, He must prophetically speak to His servants in the five-fold ministry to instill it in the hearts of His people. This is God's order and the way in which He operates. His ministers must boldly proclaim the fresh word and new thing or His people will be fearful and cower before the wicked. Prov 28:1 says, **The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.** The word *bold* here means "to be confident or secure" in the LORD. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah rises up in His servants to both declare and demonstrate the marvelous works of the Lord. Remember, the devil comes as a lion (1 Pet. 5:8), but Jesus is the Lion (Rev. 5:5). God's people must rise up and be bold or enemy will intimidate them! We have the Spirit of God within us and must rise up in His name. The devil is bold in his desire to seek to devour this generation; but we, as His ministers, must be "flames of fire" (Heb. 1:7).

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THE HOME OFFICE



Dr. Paul W. Todd, Administrator

The Herald Newsletter for October is being compiled early because of the National Conference. Probably by the time you read this newsletter the 2008 IMA National Conference will be over or nearly over. I will assure you that the scope of our conference will pale in comparison with the political conventions that have just finished. I hesitate to judge the spiritual level of the political parties. However I am fairly certain that it is not very "politically correct" for them to give much allegiance to those matters which we would consider pertaining to God or even more controversial to talk about Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

At the writing of this article, we have not even begun the IMA National Conference. But I can safely assure you that our Lord Jesus Christ will be, not only mentioned, He will be the central focus of what we do there. It is comforting to know that, for now, we are still permitted to meet together as Christians and honor the name of Jesus. To me it is more important to be spiritually correct that it is to be "politically correct."

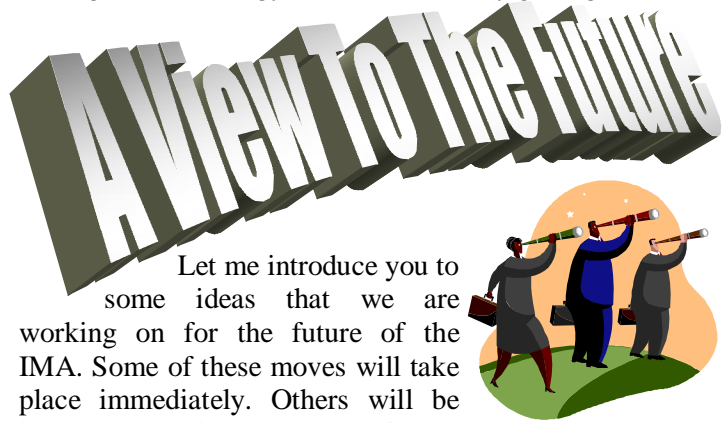
It is not my purpose in this article to comment on the political process. To me it is interesting and puzzling when "Christians" set aside principles and values at the expense of political persuasion. It behooves every Christian to examine the "planks" of the political parties' platforms to see if they are nailed down with Christian nails. There I go again. Getting off track. I apologize. I realize that I am "preaching to the choir."

I'm looking forward to the IMA National Conference. We will have a great time in the Lord. The membership of the IMA will be challenged as will the individual. Dr. Warner, in his article, focuses on the future direction of this association. I believe God has a grand purpose for the membership of the IMA. In these dramatic days in which we live we need the strength of a united front that continues to herald the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I believe we will leave this year's conference inspired and ready to "run to the battle". As Dr. Warner puts it, "Run with this word." The IMA is "moving ahead" as you will see as we introduce some of the new steps that we are taking for the benefit of the members of this association. The leadership of the IMA has a tremendous vision for the



One major theme of the National Conference is the commitment of the IMA to the dawning of a New Day for this association. Dr. Warner does an excellent job in explaining the whole concept, so I am not going to address any clarifications or apologetics. We are not embracing new doctrine. We are embracing new functional concepts. Most of us were pulled kicking and screaming into this new age of technology. But we are finally getting there.



Let me introduce you to some ideas that we are working on for the future of the IMA. Some of these moves will take place immediately. Others will be implemented in the near future.

Some ideas are still in the formulation stages. God is always in the process of creating new things for His people that will bless and prosper them in the kingdom and in life. The IMA is always open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit because we seek divine guidance.

CHAIRMAN'S BLOG PAGE ON THE WEB SITE

I found this description on Wikipedia, "A **blog** (a contraction of the term "**Web log**") is a Web site, usually maintained by an individual, with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other material such as graphics or video. Look for Dr. Warner's BLOG.

ANNOUNCEMENT WEB PAGE

The IMA has events that are taking place in the Districts and around the world. In addition events happen within the membership that need to be communicated quickly. This way we can put those events on the web page for all to view. We want to keep the members informed of the events of the IMA as quickly as possible.

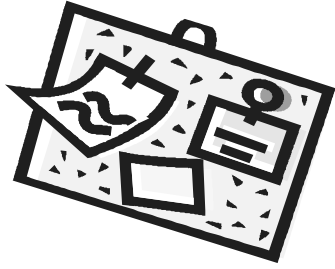
NOTEBOOK WEB PAGE

Here current notes can be posted immediately. These are communication and events that are not necessarily related to the IMA as a whole but would affect certain individuals.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

The IMA wants to give membership in every part of the country the opportunity to attend the National Conference. Look for the conference to be in new areas of the nation. Places we've never been.

The IMA is embracing this New Day.



IMA WORLD MISSIONS NOTES

ZACATECAS, MEXICO

From Rev. Richard & Sally Amezquita

The months of July and August have been a time of real excitement here in Zacatecas and Julian Adame. A group of twenty-seven people from Weatherford and Kingsland, Texas were here to minister in street evangelistic meetings. There were a large number of people that gave their hearts to Christ in the city and in the village. There were the largest crowds ever to gather for all the services. We saw the Lord move in the hearts of the people as they came forward for prayer at every meeting. The group ministered in the Word, songs, mimes and dramas and everyone was blessed to be able to participate in everything that was done here. May God receive all the glory for all the new souls won for Christ and for the many prayers that were answered. We pray that this will continue as it is the highlight of the year as we see many lives transformed and so many people blessed during this time.

This years VBS was held the first week of August in Zacatecas and the following week in Julian Adame. Theresa Hernandez, June Byng and her son came here to help us in this work. They are from Destiny church in San Antonio, Texas. We are thankful for all they did to make this ministry successful. It's amazing how so many people can fit in such tight quarters and only the Lord can do it. There were over one hundred-sixty kids the very first day of classes and more came in during the week. The five teachers and assistants did a great job in all the children's classes and we saw the Lord move in the hearts of all the kids. For Friday we had all the kids invite their parents to come to the church for a special service and about fifty parents came. Pastor Richard did a monologue the Lord gave him several years ago about a friend of Bartimeus who had heard about his miracle healing. The Lord moved in a mighty way as the story was told and many of the hearts were touched and moved to tears by the very moving story. When Brother Richard gave the altar call all the parents hands went up to receive Jesus in their hearts as their Lord and Saviour.

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RUN WITH THIS WORD

Hab. 2:2 says, "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it." God has spoken: **It's A New Day for the IMA.** Each one of us must receive this word into our spirit, meditate upon it, speak it out, and let our actions be corresponding to the Word. Take the challenge; step out in your ministry with bold moves in this New Day.

LATIN AMERICA

From Rev. Don & Connie Vickery

Sis Connies Ladies Groups Each of the churches has their own Ladies' Groups and Children's groups. The Ladies groups are responsible for completing many of the ministry projects at the churches. Through donations, and purchases, the ladies help furnish school supplies, shoes and clothing for the school children. No matter what comes up, the ladies groups are right there ready to help in any way possible. They are a real blessing to the Pastors and our churches in Mexico.

Amazon Jungle Outreaches: Bro Vickery has returned from a trip into the jungle of Peru, where the building site of the 3rd jungle church was selected. This site is not as remote as the first two churches but it takes a long river trip to get there. One of our Pastors from Iquitos has been evangelizing this area and already has over 20 believers there. Many Indians live in this area, and they really need a church in this part of the jungle.

Christmas: The Christmas season is the ideal time to minister to the new churches in Peru and teach them more about the Lord. Those of the deep jungle do not celebrate the birth of our Lord as we know it. We ask each of you to pray for the ministries in Mexico and Peru. Our greatest need is for faithful monthly support, and funding for the projects already underway in Mexico and the jungle.

Toy Collection: Each year we collect toys for the children of Mexico and normally spend Christmas day at the churches in Mexico. This year we plan to spend Christmas with the churches in the jungle of Peru. We will still collect toys for Mexico, but each local Pastor in Mexico will be conducting their

Congratulations!

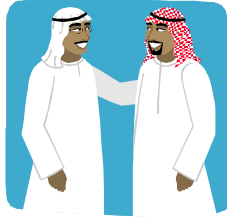
Two ministers receive watches in 2008 for 40 total years in the IMA

Rev. Gurnade Brown, Winston, Georgia and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, retired pastor of Faith Farm Tabernacle.

Rev. Karol Popoff, Franklin, Indiana and Pastor of Sugar Grove Community Church Chapel, Farmersburg, Indiana.

DAVID'S CHARGE TO SOLOMON

By Rev. Gary Harper
Jackson, Tennessee



In David's charge to Solomon in I Kings 2:1-3, we read, *"Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, (2) I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong, therefore, and shew thyself a man; (3) And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and His judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself"*

Please notice David didn't tell Solomon to make sure his was the fastest chariot of the day, or the latest model. He didn't tell him to make sure their team won the athletic competition of their time. He didn't even tell him to strive for position or wealth and fame. Rather, David's charge was: to be strong; be a man; keep the charge of the Lord my God; walk in God's ways; keep God's statutes, God's commandments, God's judgments and God's testimonies; so that Solomon would prosper in all that he did, wherever he turned. In verse 4, David continued by saying, *"That the Lord may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth, with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel."* Verse 10 tells us, *"So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David."*

We can have no greater charge left today for family, friends, neighbors, or church family, than what David's charge was to Solomon. That charge extends to us today by example, applicable in many appropriate ways to the church age and Dispensation of Grace. Notice, however, that although God's promise extended to David's children, and so on, upon David's death *the promise was conditional that is, "If thy children take heed to their way,, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul"* Friends, it *always* comes down to the *individual choice one makes*. Jesus Christ has no grandchildren. Each of us must accept or reject Him as Savior and Lord. We don't find in the Bible where any personal relationship with God was by Osmosis!

I Chronicles 29:28, tells us of David, *"And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead."* We need to recognize and remember that salvation and walking with God is still an individual matter. We must teach, live, and pass the precious "rightly divided word of truth" to the next generation as well as to our own. *The Old Law was not done away with but rather was typified in and fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ*. David's charge to Solomon was not one of doubt or despair or frustration, but of hope and promise. Like most people, David had his ups and downs and He wanted his son's reign to be smooth and his experience with God rich and full, so David charged Solomon well. Let David's charge challenge us today, for if we take heed to it, we can say, as Numbers 23:10, says, *"Let me die the death of the righteous, And let my last end be like his!"* Or, as was written long ago in Psalm 74:12, *"For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth."* Take David's charge to Solomon as your own today, and understand that it will prepare you for the present world, and the world to come, for eternity. Eternity is indeed too long to be wrong. God bless you! Keep us and our ministry in your prayers!

COFFEE CUP CORNER

— From St. John the Beloved

A WEDDING SERMON



Recently, a minister attended a wedding at which he was not officiating. He listened intently to the words of a minister who was speaking, hoping to pick up a few pointers for a wedding that he was soon to perform. Because the ceremony went a little longer than expected, the performing minister gave a three minute homely about the love of God and the new couples' responsibility to keep it in their marriage. The minister then said, "There you have it folks, a forty-five minute sermon in just three minutes..."

The visiting pastor thought it was a good line to use and planned to say it at the wedding that he would soon be performing. At the wedding, the minister began his message; got caught up in the emotion of the moment and meandered on his sermon. He talked about his own marriage, the problems in the world, and took a long walk down *memory lane!* Not realizing that nearly three-quarters of an hour had passed, he took a cue from his wife to cut it off! Suddenly, he realized what he had done and the amount of time that had lapsed. He went to quote the rehearsed line that he had learned and the words slipped out, "And there you have it folks, a three-minute sermon...in forty-five minutes!"



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