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IMA NATIONAL Conference Blest Event

EDITORS NOTE: *There are many reasons why IMA members are unable to attend the National Conference. We want those who were not there to get a feel for the blessings ordained of God that were evident in this great conference. When you read this short recap hopefully you will experience a sense of the enthusiasm that surrounded this meeting.*

HONORING THE IMA LADIES

Monday night was dedicated to ladies of the IMA. You read in the Herald about the special pre-service exercises for the ladies in what was named "The Soaking." After this the ladies were ushered down the center aisle of The Cathedral with prayer, shouting and blessing from the ladies of the church. Then the wives of the staff of The Cathedral were honored and special attention was give to Sis. Nancy VanHoose, Pastor Rick's wife, as the "mother" of the church. The whole ceremony was delightful. This set the stage for one of the many surprises of this conference. Rev. Julie Wells wife of Rev. James Wells and daughter of Pastor Rick and Nancy VanHoose preached a masterful sermon that set the meeting on fire.

ANNOINTED PREACHING

The conference used our own speakers for the evening services as well as the workshops. This was a great choice. The IMA has some of the finest preachers that you can find anywhere. This conference proved that was a correct choice. Sis. Julie Wells as a PK has been around the IMA all her life. Her dad Pastor Rick preached on Tuesday night. They both seem to have caught Bro. Van's mantle. Pastor Rick had (5) five altar calls. You've probably never seen a prayer line quite like this. Let's just say the food court had to wait while the Spirit fell. It was glorious. It was like the old-time Pentecost many IMA members were raised on.

Wait a minute! Pastor George Dudley, one of the patriarchs of the IMA preached with power and authority on Wednesday evening. In addition Chairman Warner challenged the IMA on Tuesday morning to follow the theme of the conference "Defenders of the Faith." One other thought provoking message was from Rev. Philip Thompson with a missions' theme. Every IMA member should hear all these messages and be proud of the caliber of the ministry within the IMA.

WORKSHOP TUESDAY

You read about all the subjects and the speakers in the advertising material. The only down side to the workshops was that you could not attend them all. The comments in the hall ways of the church were excellent. For some reason they seemed to think the ones they attended were the best. Each workshop covered subjects that would be helpful to any size church as well as material for current individual needs. You should be able to still contact The Cathedral for CD's of the workshops and DVD's of the preaching. It'll be just like being there. There was also a handbook of the conference particulars complete with pictures, workshop information and outlines that is also available at a very reasonable cost. Just contact The Cathedral at 812-423-8000 and ask for Rev. Dominique Walker.

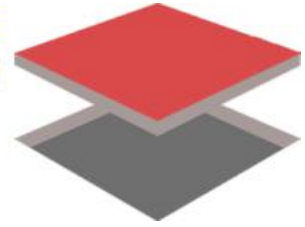
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"Providing today's ministers the freedom they want and the fellowship they need."



Dr. Tim Warner

CHAIRMAN'S Corner



IMA NATIONAL CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS

First of all, I would like to thank our great God and Savior for granting each of us the privilege to attend such an action-packed, Spirit-anointed, ministry-friendly National Conference. To God be the glory! Hats off to Bible Center Cathedral in Evansville, IN; Pastor Rick and Nancy Van Hoose, pastoral staff, choir, music directors, administrative professionals, technical supervisors and congregational members for hosting a tremendous IMA convention! We will never be the same

Theme: As seen on the brochures and internet, or as you will recall from being at the conference, our theme of “Defenders of the Faith” was and is apropos for the time in which we live. At first, the theme may seem one-sided or “protective” when considering the life-changing gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, but when you think of the Apostle Paul’s words to the Philippians it makes good sense. He stated, “I am set for the defense of the gospel” (1:17). Here the chief apostle to the gentile church makes it clear that our message and ministry from God must be defended. If you go to Washington, DC, you will find a Department of Defense whose job is to make sure our United States of America constitution, quality of life, and freedom are protected from evil doers who would try to destroy them. Knowing first hand the attacks that are out to destroy our beloved homeland and having been to DC to witness this Department for myself; it gives tremendous security to all citizens of the USA. Realizing the attack on the Bible, attempts to water-down the church’s status as the “pillar and ground of truth” and the movement of the “liberal left” to redefine Christian doctrine (life, marriage, our elders, etc.), it does my heart good to attend a conference on Defending our Faith.



Breakout workshops: Our breakout workshops were nothing less that colossal. Each class subject, content, and speaker(s) was exceptional. Angie Childers did a superb job keeping us up-to-date with IRS Regulations; James and Julie Wells brought great insight on helping us to “defend” our churches against child predators; Rev. Alan Shelby gave much practical advice on “protecting” our pastors from the pitfalls that can hinder effective ministry; Rev. Chuck Garner exhorted the IMA District Chairmen to Streamline districts by sharing his expertise; Rev. Carl Sanders tackled the difficult, yet so very needed subject of Protecting Churches from Violent Attacks; Rev. Dan Hernandez challenged our younger ministers and youth pastors/directors to be sure to build ministry according to “the pattern” as did Nehemiah; and last, but not least Rev. and Mrs. Reeser Williams invested wit, wisdom, and the Word to all that are involved in leading God’s people in praise, worship, and the song of the Lord. Good reports are streaming across the country about the benefits of attending these sessions. As you can see, the IMA is all about equipping those who minister!



Praise, Song, and Drama Dancing: “The Cathedral” modeled excellence in our praise services every time we gathered. From the smallest child to the most experienced choir member; to the skilled musicians; to ministry in drama and dance... each brought edification to the ministry. Great Food Court fun, food, and fellowship too!



Preaching, Teaching, Exhorting, and Challenging us for Missions: Time and space hinder me from expressing the measure of appreciation for Pastor Van Hoose; Rev. Julie Wells; Rev. George Dudley; Rev. Philip Thompson; Rev. Roy Peterson and their outstanding job of bringing a “word in season” reflecting God’s heart and emphasizing our theme. Thank you all for attending, participating, praying/fasting, investing, and encouraging each of us!!



conference MISSIONS DAY

By Missions Chairman Rev. Roy Peterson

We are so thankful for the tremendous Mission Day service at the IMA National Conference. I have received so many positive and uplifting comments from the IMA pastors and missionaries. Along with the Mission Committee, and the IMA National Board I would like to thank Bible Center Cathedral and staff for their great hospitality. They were willing to help in anyway they could to assist the visiting missionaries as well as helping the committee prepare for the service on Wednesday morning.

We had IMA supported missionaries from countries such as Mexico, Africa, China, Romania and India at the service along with a number of additional missionaries in attendance. Pastor Philip Thompson had a challenging message for both pastors and missionaries. He was dynamic. If you missed it, I encourage you to get a cd/dvd of the service being made available by Bible Center Cathedral. Please contact them directly. Pastor Rick VanHoose deserves special credit for his involvement in again hosting the conference, creating along with Brother Dominique Walker for another great mission video. Pastor Rick, also, did a great job of receiving the mission offering. Thanks Brother Rick. The Mission Video is also available to the churches to use in fund raising.

Last, but not least, thanks to everyone who attended the Mission Service and sacrificially donated funds toward this year's mission budget. \$50,000 was committed to the IMA Mission program just in this one service which will enable us to continue sending monthly funds to our IMA supported missionaries as well as being able to consider increasing the number of IMA supported missionaries this year. When you add up the amounts given for IMA Supported Missionaries as well as the designated offerings sent through the Home Office plus the direct giving from IMA churches and members, we estimate that more than a Million Dollars is given annually to missions from IMA related sources.

May God bless those who attended Missions Day at the conference and contributed to the IMA Supported missions offering. Even if you were unable to attend the conference you can still contribute to the Missions Day offering. We want to give more to IMA qualified missionaries. YOU CAN HELP ! Use the form below to make a pledge or send your offering to help the IMA supported missionaries. These are IMA approved missionaries who are on the mission field all over the world. From this offering we send continuous monthly support.



I want to help IMA Missionaries 2009-10 MISSIONS PLEDGE

Pledge Amount _____

Amount Sent With Pledge \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

**Send To: IMA Missions Department
5201 W. Homosassa Trail,
Lecanto, FL 34461-9117**

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YOUNG MINISTERS

Wednesday morning before the Missions Day was set aside to give some of the young IMA ministers opportunity to preach to the "seasoned" ministers. There were several young ministers that accepted this opportunity. They were all just superb. Using their allotted time with diligence and delivering their messages with power and clarity. This is the next generation of IMA preachers. With ministers of their caliber the future of the IMA is in good hands.

MISSIONS DAY

IMA Missions Chairman Rev. Roy Peterson conducted an inspiring Missions Day. The report on Page 3 is a good synopsis of the day. Members can still make contributions and pledges to missions. Hopefully, members will take this opportunity to add to that Missions Day Offering.

BUSINESS MEETING

According to the records this Business Meeting may have been the best attended, at least in the last few years. This conference was well attended. It's hard to have accurate records of actual attendance the way ministers come and go at different times during the conference. But, judging from the services and workshops the attendance was excellent. There were no big agenda items to be considered. The IMA is doing well numerically and financially. For that we are grateful to God. The three incumbents Rev. Ken Benson, Rev. Charles Garner and Chairman Timothy Warner were elected to the National Board. The National Conference for 2010 was set for September 20-23, at Christ Church, Pastors George & Joyce Dudley, in Little Rock, Arkansas. You can begin planning now to attend. The IMA National Conference has been there before and they are very gracious hosts.

THE CATHEDRAL

To The Bible Center Cathedral, Pastor Rick and Nancy VanHoose, the staff and congregation, we sincerely applaud you for hosting another historical IMA National Conference. If you have hosted an event as vast as this you can appreciate all the time, effort and work involved. The Cathedral has hosted many IMA National Conferences. They are professional and give attention to detail. There were so many people involved that it is impossible to mention them all. Writing for the membership and leadership of the IMA we thank you all from the depths of our heart for not only a great conference, but an anointed conference. The congregation was given names of IMA members to pray for before the conference. The Holy Spirit honored those prayers by pouring out divine blessings from beginning to end. Indeed the spiritual cup was filled and overflowing as the conference attendees returned home refreshed and enthused.

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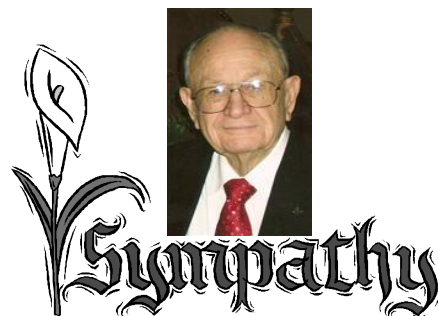
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DATE!*

**Christ Church
Little Rock Arkansas
Pastors George & Joyce Dudley**

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Rev. Eugene Holder, Age 90, Marietta, Georgia, went home to be with the Lord on September 22, 2009. He founded Open Bible Tabernacle of Marietta, where he was pastor for more than 50 years. Pastor Holder is survived by his wife of 72 years, Lorene and nine children, 29 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. Two daughters, Rev. Nola Warren and Rev. Linda Ayers are IMA Missionaries in Mexico. Rev. Walter "Buddy" Holder is also an IMA member. Pastor Holder was a member of the IMA. The family has been in our thoughts and prayers.

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