

# PILGRIM NEWS & NOTES

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## PASTOR APPRECIATION THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO

The pastoral search committee met to go over the lists of interested applicants. One of the members was rather tired of bringing candidate after candidate before the committee, only to have them get rejected by one or two finicky members, so he thought of a solution, and stood up to read a letter from an applicant.

**To whom it may concern:** *I would like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications. I've been a preacher with much success and have also had some success as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been a leader most places I've been. I'm over 50 years of age and have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places, I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances.*

*I've been in jail three or four times, but not because of any wrongdoing. My health is not good, but I can still get a lot accomplished! The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. I've not gotten along too well with the religious leaders in the towns where I have preached. In fact, some have threatened me, and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known to forget who I have baptized. However, if you can use me, I promise to do my best for you."*

*The committee members looked around in astonishment, and said, "Why in this world would you waste our time with presenting such a candidate? You know that we can't hire a pastor with that kind of record! The committee member looked at the rest of them and said, "Well, you couldn't hire him anyway, because this man is the Apostle Paul!*

As I'm sure most of you will agree, pastoring is one of the most challenging vocations that one could ever choose. You visit, plan, pray, prepare, and you get your mind all worked up for what you would like to see happen on Sunday, only to start receiving calls and text messages early Sunday morning that several of your attendees are going to be absent from church. I never cease to be amazed at how little it takes to keep people out of church.

**Rev. Bob Hales put it this way:** "Nearly every businessman complains of at least one ulcer. Think how many ulcers the poor businessman would have if he worked under the same circumstances as the average Pastor."

Just suppose that you were the overseer of 100 workers. Suppose only about 50% of them ever showed up for work at a given time, and only 25% could be relied on . . . Suppose that every time a flash of lightening appeared in the sky, large numbers of workers pulled the covers over their heads and failed to report for duty . . . Suppose your workers only worked when they felt like it and yet you must be very sweet and treat them with kid gloves to get them back to work. You must beg, plead with them, pat them on the back, and use every means under the sun to persuade them without offending them . . . and suppose you were in competition with the Devil, who is more clever than you, and uses attractive things such as fishing rods, guns, ball games, soft pillows, computers, television, etc., to attract your customers . . . How many ulcers would YOU have?"

October is Clergy Appreciation Month, a 30 day period set aside to honor those whom God has ordained to Shepherd His flock. If it's been awhile since you have honored your pastor, (personally or collectively) I would urge you to do so this month! You might be surprised at what a small gesture of kindness will do for your parsonage family!

# The Problems, Pitfalls, & Pleasures of Parsonage Life

By Ruth Nichols

Parsonage life is a life all its own! What an honor it is to be able to live in a parsonage, and be able to serve and partake of the blessings that God gives!

A problem is something regarded as being unwelcome, harmful and needing to be dealt with and overcome. A pitfall is a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty; a trap, snare or pit that is camouflaged and not easily recognized. A pleasure is a feeling of happy satisfaction and enjoyment, amusement, gratification. Problems and pitfalls are two things we like to avoid, but pleasures that we enjoy in the parsonage, if not carefully monitored, can lead to problems which can lead to pitfalls.

Because those who reside in the parsonage are human, shortcomings and failures are common. Problems can come in a variety of ways. Also, perspectives on what is a problem will differ from parsonage to parsonage. The length of tenure at a church will affect your actions and responses. The longer you are with people, the better you know them, and the easier it will be to overlook initially perceived problems. When you know a person's history, their background, where they are coming from, it is easier to love and forgive them in spite of the "grief" they may give you.

A pastor is on call 24/7! Sometimes it is difficult, or impossible to carry through with family plans due to disruptions in the pastor's schedule. It is such a disappointment to children especially when vacation plans have to be altered due to deaths or unexpected circumstances. A true shepherd will have a desire to be with a wounded sheep, and if at all possible, will be there for them. Flexibility is essential, but is a problem that must be worked through as a family.

Living in a church owned home can be both a problem and a blessing! The benefit package provided by some churches is wonderful, including a parsonage, utilities and possibly even health coverage. The salary though, is not livable! Because of what is provided, some feel the pastor should be full time. With the cost of living, an avocation may be necessary to maintain a standard of living equal to the majority of the congregation. To go through life living in a church owned home, and in later years have no place to call home, becomes a real problem. Deaths have occurred leaving a widow without her own place. That presents a dilemma for the church not wanting to displace her, yet needing the home for the next pastor. In the heart of most women is a little longing to have a place to call her own. It provides her a sense of security. There are situations where a pastor's family has to move in a short amount of time, and the dilemma they face with not having a place to immediately move is overwhelming. Early in ministry, after living in a parsonage for a few years, we bought our first camper, a 16 foot Lark. The security it gave me was so special, that I shared with my husband that if we were voted out, we now at least had a place to live! Church owned parsonages are treated as public property by some, instead of a private residence. If the church does not have a fellowship hall, it becomes a community center where some expect all church social events to be held. That can be overwhelming to a pastor's wife. There is a balance in knowing to what extent the pastor's wife can make the house her home, even down to her style of décor, color of paint, and how many nails can go in the walls.

Living with minimal salary, some are not able to live up to the standard of their church family. My dad, who was a pastor, was approached by a church member who told him that God would keep him humble, and the church would keep him poor. They were quite successful!

Loneliness can be a problem for the parsonage family. Some may not understand that since we are so often surrounded by people. Especially if the pastor does not live close to family, there are times that it can be a very lonely life. Although you can have lots of acquaintances, the pastor and his wife need to be very careful in having a "best friend" in a church setting. It can lead not only to jealousy, but can lead to pitfalls.

There are many pitfalls inherent to parsonage life. People in ministry are caring, passionate people. Hurting people are drawn to you. The parsonage must be protected. Guard your home. Guard against any sexual indiscretions. A woman is wise who makes home a refuge, a safe place, and builds her husband up there. Your job as a pastor's wife is just that! Be a loving, caring and compassionate wife to the pastor. Be at his side anytime he needs you. Everything you do for the church is secondary. Your priority is just to meet his needs. A pitfall for some is that they feel there are other duties that are pastor's wives duties. It can overwhelm, cause division and effectively ruin a ministry.

We live in a very materialistic society. God has promised to provide everything you need! If you follow biblical financial principles, He will do His part! Avoid the trap of debt. Many are not in ministry today because they are strapped with bills they are trying to pay. Dr. Steve Herron always said if you can't preach and pay your bills, pay your bills! If God has called you to ministry, that is a calling! Don't be ensnared with debt. Live within your means, and pay your bills on time. It brings disgrace to the ministry when a pastor moves from a community leaving unpaid bills.

Discouragement is the greatest threat in ministry and parsonage life. It has been said that this is the favorite subtle tool of the enemy. His goal is to rob us of our joy. We must fight against discouragement and take active steps to overcome it, at times encouraging ourselves in the Lord!

Effective communication is necessary inside and outside the parsonage. Marriages and ministries have been destroyed by the lack of, or poor communication. Do your best to avoid gossip and participating in conversation that would tear down the reputation of those you are trying to minister to. This is so important in the parsonage. Protect your children from hearing conversations that must be held that are sensitive in nature. Being misunderstood and motives being misinterpreted can be so hurtful. It can lead to bitterness so quickly.

Trying to live up to other's expectations can be a snare. God expects us to live up to His expectations and biblical standards. Early in our ministry, I was concerned that I would have everyone's approval with the way I dressed our baby girl. I was under so much bondage to pleasing people. One day, in prayer, the Lord reminded me that the Bible was my guide. I needed to follow the directions given there for every decision of life, and that His approval was what I would be accountable for. How freeing!!!!

Parsonage pleasures come in so many forms. It may be a note of encouragement, or a text saying that we are being prayed for today. One of the most gratifying benefits of parsonage life is to see a sinner that you have prayed for, and worked with, be transformed by the power and blood of Jesus. That usually doesn't happen on first encounter. Many times the relationship has to be built, and sometimes it is over a period of years before you see the fruit of your labor.

Another blessed opportunity afforded the parsonage is to host some of the most wonderful people in the world. To be able to sit around the table with our children and these heroes of the faith, hear their stories of answers to prayers, to see their humanness with their fun and laughter make memories that last for a lifetime!

Another pleasure is to watch how God supplies needs. You cannot out give God, and He is always on time! Whether the need is material, financial or physical, reflecting back, God has supplied every time. Many years ago, we were desperately in need of a new couch and chair for the living room. Ours had served its time, and you want furniture in your living room for guests to be able to sit in without fear of it breaking while they are in it! Before heading out to shop, we knelt by the old couch and asked God to direct us to the right place and be able to find something we could afford, and that would fit our needs well. There were several furniture stores, so I suggested one close to home. When we entered the store, there was an acquaintance standing in the middle aisle. He did not attend our church. He immediately asked what we were doing there, so my husband replied that we had come to shop for living room furniture. The gentleman said that God had sent him and his wife there to buy us a gift certificate for a living room suite to be given to us anonymously! We were so humbled, but the giver was so overjoyed that he began praising God right there in the aisle of the store!

Pleasures are not all in gifts! Pleasure comes in the form of the satisfaction you derive from being right where God wants you to be. There is incredible peace that comes from that knowledge. There are problems, pitfalls and pleasures associated with parsonage life. God can help us to face our problems with wisdom, avoid pitfalls with awareness and enjoy pleasures with grateful hearts!

# Tribute to my Dad

By Dan Plemmons

A few weeks ago, I flew out to Kansas to sing for a Camp Meeting, and the Evangelist, Brian Spangler, said, "Dan, how is your Dad doing?" I told him that he was 82 years of age, still pastoring and still working on the side as a Butcher. He said, "You know, when I pastored in Ohio, he pastored about 40 minutes from me, and it got to be a standing joke between me and my wife . . . as I'd leave the house, I'd say, "I wonder where I will see Bro. Plemmons today?" You see, my Dad isn't just a pastor, he is a CALLING Pastor, and there is a difference. He used to take me with him calling when I was a little kid and he would call me his Assistant Pastor. When the church people went home to eat dinner and take a nap, Dad ate dinner, and either stayed up to study, or went calling! Most of his life he worked 2 jobs, but he never put the church on the back shelf. If you needed him, he was there!

Not only is he a CALLING Pastor, but he has always lived a spotless life. There was NEVER a time when I doubted his walk with Christ. Never once did he or my Mom have an argument in front of their children, and you would never find him in a situation that would compromise his integrity, or cause one to question his walk with Christ.

Dad is 82 years old now, and to be honest, he has a lot more days behind him than he has ahead of him, and to some, he may seem out of date, but you will not find a pastor anywhere that will try harder to get you to Heaven than my Dad, Rev. Ernest Plemmons.

I remember one time we went to visit his former pastor, Frank Collier. He was leaning against a large boulder in his front yard. Dad could tell he was discouraged, and when we got inside Bro. Collier's house, he said, "Ernie, if you live as long as I have, you will know what it feels like to be put on the shelf and no longer needed." I remember how forceful those words hit me as a kid, and 'age-wise' Dad is there now, and there are probably some who tire of his stories & jokes, but I gladly listen to them every time we talk because I know the day is coming when they will no longer be here.

In case you haven't noticed, the men & women of that generation are a rare breed. I'm afraid that when we cast them away and think they are out of date, and old foggy-ish, we lose something vital! For one thing, I truly wish that 10% of today's church goers were half as dedicated to church as my parents were, and still are! Whether it was a revival, camp, or convention, you could count on us to be there! My Mom & Dad will never get the recognition they deserve in this life, but a crown is waiting for them.

If you have a pastor that is doing his best to help you get to Heaven, I urge you to take time out this month to tell him that he is loved! I can tell you that the Parsonage is the loneliest house in the church.





# A Woman's Perspective

By Stephanie Burley

## Loving the PK

Growing up in a parsonage, there were times when I heard the words, "So you're a PK..." I don't know why that label always left me feeling uneasy. Maybe it's because I couldn't fully determine the motive of the one using the term, or maybe it felt a bit like an undefined role with a myriad of possible (or impossible) expectations. I was blessed to grow up in both a parsonage and a church that allowed this PK to be human, and for that I'm forever grateful.

There is a quote that bears much truth, and it goes something like this, "The greatest gift you can give your children is to love their mother well." As I was thinking about parsonage life, and our pastors and the burdens they bear, I thought about how much support a pastor must feel when his congregation loves on his children. That relationship can be fragile, and expectations can be high, but with knowledge, discernment, and pure motives, congregations can surround the pastor's children with a wall of love and support that becomes a tremendous gift to the pastor and his wife. Let me give you some effective ways to love on the PK:

**Expect less from the PK than you would your own child.** Isn't it so much easier to be hard on other people's kids? Especially those whom we feel should be a role model for others? Most PK's understand that they are held to a higher standard. And some of them are thankful for the increased discipline it has provided them. But as a congregation, we must always understand that PKs are just as human as every other child. And you know what? Satan will target them in overtime because if he can tear apart the pastor's family or cause his children to go into deep sin, it will be a great victory for the enemy.

**Verbally express your appreciation to the PK.** Let the pastor's child know that you appreciate their role in this ministry. Pastor's kids do often lead a different life. A busy parsonage tends toward interrupted meals, late nights, lots of entertaining (which can mean a heavier chore load than many kids would have), tighter budgets, higher expectations, and the list can go on. For instance, many American families run on a five day work/school week. Many getaways and family reunions are planned for weekends. As a pastor's kid, it was difficult to have to leave the excitement of a family gathering that was in full swing so that we could be back to the ministry obligations, but that was our responsibility. As PK's, my siblings and I grew and strengthened our "waiting" skills. Hospitals, nursing homes, funeral homes, and the church were a few of the places that we waited, and waited, and waited. Occasionally, it wouldn't be appropriate for us to go into a location, so we became quite skilled at waiting in parking lots, as well. We love to laugh and talk about those memories today.

**Ask God to give you discernment in meeting specific needs of your PK.** I was recently talking to an aging saint who spent many years beside her husband as he pastored. She reminisced about a time when money was scarce, and her little girl didn't have anything special to wear on Easter Sunday. About 10 o'clock on Saturday night, a lady from the church stopped by with a frilly dress, fancy socks, and a new pair of shoes. It was an unexpected blessing, and the little girl (who loved to dress up), was ecstatic. Today that little girl is nearly 70 years old, and she still has fond memories of the lady who, at the last minute, brought her an Easter dress. Another pastor's wife shared this, "I remember when I had a child that had an obvious need for braces. A member

approached me and told me that he knew we would be looking at getting braces in the future, and he felt that God had His hand on our child to be used in His kingdom, and he wanted to invest. He went on to say that when the time came for braces, he wanted to pay for them. And he did! God knew the need, and that we didn't have the funds. That child is now in full time ministry, and this member blessed her with a beautiful smile!" One pastor's kid remembers how, 55 years ago, she would sit in the "Amen Corner" on the men's side, right between Bro. Belcher and Rollie Davison. One would give her a piece of Juicy Fruit gum, and the other would give her a nickel. Kindnesses never forgotten!

**Help to eliminate feelings of isolation for the PK.** Many, if not most times, a pastor and his wife will be many, many miles from their nearest kin. Holiday weekends can be lonely. Memorial Day, Labor Day, and other times that families would traditionally travel or gather together can be tough because of Sunday responsibilities. Sometimes the PK needs a babysitter and there is no grandmother or aunt nearby. Although it is possible to smother the parsonage family, I would say that the tendency is towards isolation rather than smothering. We live in such a busy world, and we all have many things pulling for our attention, but one of the absolute best ways you can love on your PK is by leaning in close to the parsonage family and allowing them to become like family. Not having a grandmother nearby during my time in the parsonage, I was thankful for a Godly lady who would allow me to ride my bike to her house. She'd pour me a soft drink, and I'd enjoy a visit in her mobile home. Another Godly lady provided baby-sitting for me for a time while my mom was in nursing school. She quietly taught me phonics, and surprised my parents by having me read for them before I had spent even a day in kindergarten. Another family frequently had us in their home for "breakfast" on Sunday nights after church. They gave us hospitality, and community, and made us feel so loved. I could go on and on. There are endless ways that you can help your PK to feel accepted, even if they come to you during those awkward teen years and struggle to find their place. Pray and ask for wisdom. God can help you to be the one who reaches out and makes a difference.

**Respect and honor the pastor and his wife.** The way the congregation treats the pastor and his wife may ultimately determine the eternal destiny of his children. There is always room for differing opinions, but there is never room for disrespect. My heart breaks for pastors' kids who have witnessed the most hurtful situations that could be imagined. Those images won't quickly fade. God gives grace, and He can bring healing, but how much better if we can just learn to keep our spirit in check and not allow the Devil room to destroy!

**And if you don't have a PK? Adopt one!** Drop a note to a PK that is at Bible College, and throw a \$20 check in it. Let them know you love them, are praying for them, and are excited for how God will use them. There are lots of PK's who would appreciate your loving embrace and words of encouragement.

To my fellow PK's, even if we're all grown up, we've traveled a unique road. Once a PK, always a PK. The memories of the journey will never escape us. For me, the difficult times were made brighter by the love of my home and my church family, and although I still cringe a little when I hear the term "PK," I wouldn't trade that role for anything in the world. During this time of Clergy Appreciation, let us show the depth of our gratitude for our pastors. They preach the truth even when it hurts. They grieve with us in loss, counsel us in time of decision, and rejoice with us in celebration. Pastors, thank you.



# PASTOR TO PASTOR

Ministering to those who minister to others

By Rev. Wayne Kennedy

## Being Appreciated

“Pastor appreciation,” I said as I looked at my wife, “what is a pastor supposed to write about pastor appreciation to other pastors?” As I sat there brainstorming possible topics, I thought I could write about pastors that have impacted my life. Rev Jack Hart was my pastor for twenty years. I could write about the wonderful experiences I had being a part of his church. Or growing up in the Wesleyan Holiness and Bible Missionary churches and the various pastors that helped shape my spiritual life. I even thought about the ways my congregation has shown their appreciation each October over the last six years. They have truly blessed us with groceries and monetary gifts. Throughout the year hearing statements like, “Enjoyed the message! Appreciate the truth! Good sermon!” and many others makes a person feel appreciated.

But are monetary gifts, verbal accolades, and pats on the backs really the appreciation we as pastors want? Certainly we like to hear words of encouragement more often than the well meaning critics, and an extra few dollars or groceries in the pantry are a blessing, but the appreciation I desire more than anything else cannot be purchased or even spoken.

The best way that someone can show appreciation is to believe and obey the Scriptures that we do our best to point to week after week. In a day when churches are no longer the central focus of a community, and church attendance has declined, the pastor often receives the blame as to why things aren't like they used to be.

But praise the Lord for those in the church that are willing to stay by the stuff. The faithfulness of the members/ attendees goes a long way towards making a successful church. Those individuals and families that show up when the doors are open, even when it would be a lot easier to be doing many other things, make a pastor feel appreciated.

Those individuals that give and even give sacrificially to the church, because they believe it's all God's anyway, shows the pastor they appreciate the preaching of the truth even in relation to tithes and offerings.

The precious people that step up and are ready to serve wherever they are needed, even if they feel their talents aren't good enough, take a load off the pastor and show their appreciation. The individual that sees a need and doesn't run to the pastor, but steps in and maybe even gets their hands dirty, leaves no doubt in the pastor's mind that he is appreciated.

It is sometimes easy to discern when the congregation has come with their hearts prepared to worship. They have spent the necessary time in prayer through the week for the service, they have fasted, they have focused on God and pleaded with Him to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing on the worship service. They haven't come with the mindset that I am here and that's enough, now let's see if the pastor can move me. They have shown their appreciation for the pastor and his duties by doing everything in their power to help usher in the presence of God into every service.

While it makes you feel good to receive a compliment, the greatest desire as a pastor is to see the congregation following the teaching from the Word of God. Statements like, “I had to say ‘ouch’, pastor, but it really helped me,” or “You really spoke to me about an area in my life that needs work,” will thrill the heart more than “Good job!”

There are pastors that have made an impression on my life through the years and I didn't always show them the appreciation that I now like to receive. Things certainly look different from this side of the sacred desk. So thank those that have pastored you and thank those that have shown their appreciation all year long by their faithfulness and let's continue building the kingdom.

# where are they now

## Catching Up With Pilgrims of Days Gone By . . .



When I hear the names, **Ben & Sue Colburn**, my mind is flooded with memories of years gone by.

Growing up, if there was one thing we could always count on during the average Michigan Summer, it was attending Camp Meeting!

There was the Lower Light Camp, Maybee Camp, Rising Sun Holiness Camp, West Milton Wesleyan Holiness Camp, Camp Gilead, Deerfield Tent Meeting, and on and on the list could go! Wherever there was a Camp Meeting

within driving distance, we attended!

I should also tell you that our parents always taught us to revere God's servants. So when we'd go to these Camp Meetings and hear people like JM Sullivan, Don & Shirl Gessner, The Fullers, HE Darnell, DP Denton, Millard and Naomi Downing, John White, Bill & Naomi Tillis, The Victory Trio, and others, I tended to idolize them, although they never knew it. Such is the case the first time I got to hear Ben & Sue Colburn.

First, I was awe struck at their musical talent. They would both be on the piano and organ, and that caught my attention, but when they started to sing, my ears definitely perked up! I was stunned at how they could switch parts with each other so many times during the same song!

After one particular camp had ended, I remember walking up to Ben and asking him if I could help him load up all of his PA equipment! Of course, he readily took me up on the offer! Now, it wasn't that I was just dying to help, but I just wanted to be around these people that I looked up to!

As many who are currently a part of our Conference will know, Rev. Ben & Sue Colburn were members of our Conference for a good many years, and we'd like to catch up with them in this issue of Pilgrim News & Notes!

Ben and Sue were married in November of 1971, and he graduated from Kansas City College & Bible School in Overland Park, Kansas, in May of 1974. They started singing for Revivals within driving distance on week-ends during the last two years of college. The week following graduation they began full-time song evangelism.

In June of 1975 they visited the Midwest Pilgrim Camp at the Illiana Campgrounds in West Terre Haute, Indiana, where they were introduced to the Pilgrim family!

In November of 1975, they were the singers for an Indoor Camp Meeting held in Anderson, Indiana, at the



Great Commission School, which was a combined effort by the Midwest Pilgrims, NY Pilgrims, Wesleyan Holiness Church & God's Missionary Church. It was at this Camp that they decided to join the Midwest Pilgrims and later that month became members of the Bloomington, Illinois, PHC. They remained members there until 1995.

In the fall of 1995 they spent six months doing PR work for KCCBS and held some meetings as well. In the Spring of 1996 they moved back home to Bedford, Indiana, and in August of that year accepted the pastorate of the Shepherd of the Hills Wesleyan Church in Bloomington, Indiana. They were there until May of 2005, continuing to evangelistic work as well.

In June of 2005 they assumed the pastorate of the Milton Wesleyan Church in Milton, Kentucky, and ministered there until July of 2017.

Ben says, "We have now moved back to our home in Bedford, Indiana, where we are attending the church in which we were raised, Faith Mission Church. We continue to be involved in revivals, camps, pulpit supply and special services doing singing and preaching."

They have spent a total of 21 years in full-time evangelism, and 22 years pastoring. Ben presently serves as the Treasurer for the KY/TN District of the Wesleyan Church, and has done so the last five years.

Also of note, for the past 40 years, Ben has served as Organist for the Inter-Church Holiness Convention held annually in Dayton, Ohio! Sue has been a free-lance writer for various venues including a devotional published by Herald & Banner Press, *Opening the Word*. She is currently doing bookkeeping for a couple of organizations as well.

They have three sons, Jason, Ben & Josh. Jason is now 41, and lives in Allentown, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Gina, and four children (Brooklyn, Jordan, Colton & Kaylin). The three oldest are students at IWU in Marion, Indiana. Gina is the senior pastor of the Trinity Wesleyan Church in Allentown.

Ben is 40 years, old and lives in Overland Park, Kansas, with his wife, Kendra. He operates a very prosperous plumbing business.

Josh is 32 and lives in Lees Summit, Missouri, with his wife, Terri, and daughters, Eleanor (Nora) & Easley. They are exceptional photographers and operate a very successful business.

Our periodical, *The Pilgrim* was started by Ben & Sue! It was around the year of 1976 that they approached Conference President James Southerland about publishing a periodical for the Midwest Pilgrims on a monthly basis, and they became the very first office editors! They served faithfully as editors until 1995.



Our 31st Annual Minister's & Wives' Retreat is around the corner!!

As usual, it will be held near Oblong, Illinois, at the Crest Haven Family Center. It is sure to be an event you will NOT want to miss!!

The dates for this event are: October 19, 20, & 21, 2017.

For info. - <http://www.midwestphc.org/Announcements.html>

ALSO - on Wednesday (just one day prior to the Retreat) there will be an IHC Rally at the Palestine Pilgrim Holiness Church that you may want to attend!

**IHC's Opening Rally begins at 7 PM (Central Time)**

**See announcement below - Hope to see you there!**

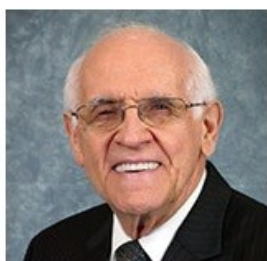
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We would love to be able to report on the happenings in and around your church, but we need to here from YOU!

If you would like your church news to be included in the next PNN, please have your report to the editor no later than November 15th. THANKS!

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