

Independent Assemblies

February 2009 Newsletter

Whereas our Lord Jesus has said,
“Go ye into all the world, and
preach the Gospel to every
creature,” we, the members and
churches of the Independent
Assemblies, do associate
ourselves together, and pledge
ourselves to fulfill this command
by giving ourselves to the service
of our Lord through the
operation of the Spirit, and
submitting to His direction, we
shall minister the “Good News”
of Christ through every avenue
made available unto us by God.
And our lives shall be spent in
this purpose and Holy calling
that our Lord may be glorified on
that Day that He shall gather His
people unto Himself. We are not a
denomination, nor do we have any
desire to become one. We are
simply a Fellowship of Ministers
and Churches brought together
by God’s Love and our common
beliefs.



THERE IS BUT ONE
LORD
Jesus Christ...
1 CORINTHIANS 8:6, NIV

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Please send all Credentials Applications, Church & Ministry Applications to the President's Office. Send all Renewal Fees, Offerings, Missions Funds, etc., Newsletter Articles and Address Corrections to the Secretary/Treasurer's Office.

Annual Credentials Fees: Exhorter- \$50.00, License- \$65.00, Ordination- \$75.00

Reinstatement Fee: \$10.00

Annual Church Fees: Fellowship Churches- \$50.00,

Member Churches - \$100.00

Annual Ministry Fees: (Not-for-Profit) \$100.00

2009 Interstate Meetings & Events

**March 9- LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH – Ada, OK - 580/427-6230
Pastor, Rev. Mickey Keith**

**April 13 - LIFE CHANGER CHURCH – Claremore, OK - 918/341-8344
Pastor, Dr. Ted Estes**

May 7 & 8 - Golf Scramble- Purcell, OK

**May 11 - CALVARY TEMPLE - Edmond OK. 1801 S. Kelly, - 405/348-2334
Pastor, Rev. Dale Drain**

**June 8 - FIRST GRACE CHURCH – Glenpool, OK - 918/744-4717 or
918/809-9744 Pastor, Rev. Ronnie Spoon**

July 13-15 - I. A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Bricktown Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

**August 10 - FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH – Whitefield, OK - 918/967-2554
Pastor, Rev. Bill Fitzer**

September 13 - World Harvest Sunday

**September 14- CAPITOL HILL FULL GOSPEL – Moore, OK - 405/793-7727
Pastor, Rev. Jim Robertson,**

**October 12-14 FALL MISSIONS CONFERENCE – THE TABERNACLE
Blackwell, OK- 580/363-2734 or 363-4210- Pastor, Dr. Robert O. Johnson**

**November 2- CYRIL FULL GOSPEL CHURCH – Cyril, OK - 580/383-6675
Pastor, Rev. Donnie Miller**

Ordination services are held at the April, and October Meetings and the Annual Conference.

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Mar 16 - VICTORY TEMPLE - 2101 Acosta Dr, Grand Prairie, TX,
972/642-9008, Pastor Leland Hall

Apr 20 - REFINERS FIRE MINISTRIES INTL., 1611 W. Ennis Ave, Ennis, TX,
972-875-6006, Pastor Cord Blankenship

May 18 - MALACHI MINISTRIES - 507 North I-35E, Waxahachie, TX,
972/923-9203 Pastors Diana & Phillip Downs

June 15 - RADIANT LIFE CHURCH - 1910 Southeast 14th St.
Grand Prairie, TX 75051 - 972/262-7887, Pastor Jim Snyder

Aug 17 - NEW LIFE MINISTRIES - 101 S. Main St., Red Oak, TX
972/617-1135 Pastor Mark Lowrey

Oct 26 - GRACE FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH - Eustace, TX - Pastor John Smith

Nov 16 - Yearly Pastors Planning Meeting

Southeast Texas District

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**Our newsletter, application forms, and bylaws and policies are available for you on our
website. www.independentassemblies.org**

Special Dates for 2009

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 16 - President's Day

Feb. 22 - Transfiguration of the Lord

Feb. 25 - Ash Wednesday

March 6 - World Day of Prayer

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

March 20 - Spring Begins

March 2009 Interstate Meeting

Pastor Mickey Keith and **Life Community Church**, in Ada, OK invites you to the March Interstate Meeting Monday, March 9. The afternoon service begins at 2:30 p.m. Speakers are to be announced. (Check the IA website or

www.life623.com for updates) Dinner will be served at 5:30 P.M. The Evening Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. - The location of the church is 330 E. 14th Take Hwy 3 to downtown Ada, At Main & Broadway turn South to 14th. Street. At stop sign, turn left, go East 3 blocks. Call (580)427-6230 for more information.

North Central Texas District

John & Elizabeth Beard invites everyone to the February meeting of the North Central Texas area on Monday, Feb. 16. hosted by **John Beard Ministries**, Our guest music will be provided by **Rev. David Foudray**. His anointed singing will bless you. Then **Dr. Earl Breazeale** will bring the Word of God. Dr. Breazeale and Rev. Foudray move in power in the Gifts of the Spirit, so plan to come and be blessed. — The meeting will be held at Hilton Garden Inn, I-20 & Duncanville Rd, Duncanville, TX. We will have a buffet dinner at 6:30 and the meeting will begin after the meal.— Call for more information call 972/291-3512, .

NOTICE: DATE CHANGES – These next two meetings have been switched. **Mar 16** - VICTORY TEMPLE- 2101 Acosta Dr, Grand Prairie, TX, 972/642-9008, Pastor Leland Hall

Apr 20 – REFINERS FIRE MINISTRIES INTL., 1611 W. Ennis Ave, Ennis, TX, 972-875-6006 – Pastor Cord Blankenship

Southeast Texas District

ATTENTION all Southeast Texas ministers! You are invited to our FIRST fellowship meeting on Friday evening, February 27th. The I.A. President, **Mickey Keith** will be our special speaker and I.A. Board Member, **Jerry Edmon** will be leading us in a time of worship. Dinner will be provided at 6:30 PM and the meeting will follow the meal. The meeting will be held at **Trinity Tabernacle's Family Life Center** located 1008 East Lobit, Baytown, TX. Come and be a part of a great night of fellowship! For more information contact **Herb Hawthorne** at 281-723-2278 or -email Brotherherb26@aol.com.



Fire Claims Pastor's House

Pastor **Dick Davis**' house burned on January 28th. It was a total loss and they were not insured. Their home and church, **Lord's Living Water Lighthouse** is located in Lordsburg NM.

Dick, his wife Clara and their son Matt are now living in a portion of the church. Now is a good time to minister to a very dedicated family in our fellowship with a generous love offering to help get them back

on their feet. Contact info.: 807 Duncan Highway, Lordsburg, NM 88045-0143, phone 575/590-0143

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are very excited about the new look and presentation. It is a complete new design with several new features to bring us up to date on the web. Our website is available to you to access credential applications and our bylaws and other essential information about our organization. The calendar of events and meetings are posted. We will soon have a complete missions page. If you are a member of IA you may post your website links there too. You can read the current newsletter and archived editions.

www.independentassemblies.org

Please send all new website information and membership applications to our president **Mickey Keith**.

Send all newsletter information, address changes, new phone numbers, email addresses, annual renewal fees, offerings, etc. to **Ken Anderson**.



Our Annual Conference

will be **July 13-15, 2009** at the Bricktown Hotel again this year. Our keynote speaker will be Pastor **Mike Hays**, Dallas Texas. We are planning workshops again this year. We will also conduct our biennial business meeting with all ordained members on Tuesday July 14. More information will be made available and registration will begin as soon as the brochures are printed.



I Know Who I Am! — March 27 & 28, 2009

Pastors **Russell and Tara Robinson** and **Five Star Church**, Bethany, OK. would like to invite the ladies of the Independent Assemblies to our 2009 Ladies Conference. It is a conference that you will not want to miss. I know who I am, I know the plans God has for me, and I know who God has called me to be. Knowing who we are empowers us to accomplice all God has planned for us. Our guest speakers include Sister **Carol Robertson** of Capitol Hill Full Gospel, in Moore, OK. **Wava Maier** of Five Star Church and Pastors Russell and Tara Robinson of Five Star Church. Registration for the event is \$35 and the deadline for registration

is March 15. If you have any questions regarding the event contact Tara Robinson at (405) 413-4116 or tskipperrobinson@yahoo.com.

2009 2-man Golf Scramble

The date for our 9th golf tournament is May 7 & 8. It will be another great time of fellowship. If you are interested contact Ken Anderson. We will have more information available in the next newsletter.



Notice: We are considering changing the printed (hard copy) of our Newsletter.

It has been my privilege to prepare and send you every monthly issue since January 1996. I receive letters/notes, emails, phone calls and compliments on our newsletter every month and I believe that most of you actually read it and use it as a ministry tool (*Most of you tell me that you go to the Joke page first*). This is my reward for continuing to produce it for you. We may try something to see how it works for everyone. **Beginning March 2009 some issues may be mailed out on a bi-monthly basis.** (Two months in one issue.) **Some during the year will be monthly,** as this will be based entirely on the need to keep you informed of what is happening in IA. I give you my pledge to continue to keep you informed of our events, ministry-related articles, anecdotes, illustrations, and missions reports that hopefully you can use in your own personal ministry.

This change will require that you submit your time sensitive material to me two months in advance whenever possible so we can include it.

The email version will continue to be a monthly publication. Our list of those receiving the email version is growing and **I would like to encourage all of you Emailers to subscribe to it.** You will receive it faster, the color graphics is a plus, and photos are easier to include since I am not limited in our present 12 page printed format. **You can also read the current issue on our website and access archived issues.**

We realize that there are many of you who do not use a computer or access our website for your information. **I would like to hear from everyone who will respond as to your use of our newsletter.** I am open for your opinion. Send me a letter, fax or email. If this change doesn't work, we can always go back to Plan A.

Your mild-mannered reporter/editor/pressman/mail clerk/golf tournament coordinator/secretary/treasurer/ person – **Ken Anderson**

Missions Report – Bill Guthrie sends this report on a water well project in Kenya that we helped him with a few years ago:

The following is an excerpt from the pastor who was the recipient of the "well project" in Kenya. He writes as follows:

" **HARD TIMES:** The media has kept us informed about the economic and climatic times the world is undergoing". Kenya has never rested after the bloody clashes. We started a countrywide drought year. the famine has been disastrous. This week the dailies have covered the famine in our area. Our greatest challenge is not our daily food, but what answer we give those poor, needy people and especially widows and victims of HIV who come for our help. As you know in our arid land we get frequent droughts but always get breaks in November and December rains but last year was exceptional. The president has appealed to the world donors for billions for the food relief aid but little is reaching us. In fact, yesterday, the community was promised some food the District Commissioner but they waited the whole day, but all in vain!" "Please pray for us as we go through this hard times. **BUT YOUR WELL IS SAVING HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES. IT HAS NOT REDUCED ITS FLOW SINCE WE BUILD IT, UNLIKE OTHER YEARS OF DROUGHT!**"

Suppose We Treated Gasoline Like Sin

By David Buffaloe

Scripture Text: Ephesians 5:1-10

Why does “sin” matter? In fact, why would I care about “sin” in myself or in others? Isn’t “sin,” after all, just a cultural concept? Live and let live should be our motto. Jesus died and rose again to save us. Let’s preach this and move on, ignoring all else. Truth is relative—sin does not exist.

The preceding paragraph contained statements that are all too commonly spoken and thought in today’s world. People have begun to believe that sin doesn’t matter. In fact, many have begun to believe that there is “no such thing as sin.” As long as it feels good, it is entirely acceptable in our world today. Many churches and professing Christians believe that “sin” is a concept whose time has passed. As a result many local churches spend their time singing, dancing, and generally entertaining one another. The message of the cross has been diminished, and in its place we have “feel good” and “power of positive thinking” speeches. Has this type of church impacted our society? Has America become better through the dumbing down of the gospel message?

If the gas gage on my car is pointing to the letter “E,” I can approach the problem from several directions. I can either:

Fill it up with water—after all, water is cheaper than gasoline. The apparent result is the same. The gauge will point to “F,” and I’ll save a whole bunch of money!

Ignore the problem—after all, isn’t “E” just a state of mind? My life will be bettered when I just “live and let live.” If my car wants to be on “E,” what do I care?

Fill it up with gasoline. Yes, I have to focus on the problem to fix the problem, and yes, it costs much more to resolve the problem this way. Yet this is the only solution that will bless my life in the near future—that is, unless I want to get used to running across America like Forrest Gump!

If I want to get anywhere in my vehicle, I must put gasoline in the tank. This is what the gas tank is designed for—gasoline! If I ignore the problem, dance around the car, think “positively” about it, or do anything else other than put gasoline in the tank, sooner or later that vehicle will stall.

In America today the media will tell us that the concept of “sin” is an archaic notion best suited to the “olden days.” If two people “love” one another they have every right to live together in sexual harmony as long as they love one another. If these two people happen conceive a child, the obvious modern solution is to abort that pregnancy. And when the two people become dissatisfied with each other, go and find another relationship. If disease should occur because of your promiscuity demand that medical science find a solution. After all, “love” is supposed to mean “whatever makes me happy at this moment.”

If what the media promotes was true, America would be a virtual Eden—yet it is not. The more we “love” according to modern morals, the more miserable we become. The solutions offered have not blessed us as a nation.

Our blessing will only come when we turn back to God and His Word. What does God’s Word tell us to do? Turn from sin, and turn to God in Christ. Then and only then will your “tank” be filled up. Then and only then will you be blessed!

August 2006 PulpitHelps

Taking A Back Seat

On February 22, 1732, the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. His family moved to historic Mount Vernon when he was three.

In his youth, he was intelligent, disciplined and well mannered. As a soldier, courage and perseverance led him to be our first battlefield Commander in Chief. When he was elected president, he experientially said. "It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible." He was so well liked that at his death he was eulogized as "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

In embracing God's Word, Washington would have to agree that in order to be first in this life, you must go to the back of the line. Jesus said "Many who are first will be last, and the last, first... and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all" (Mark 10:31, 44).

You see, rewards in God's kingdom are not based on earthly standards such as rank, priority, personal merit, or sacrifice. We are awarded only for commitment to Jesus Christ; for following him faithfully and obediently. Are you willing to be "slave of all?"

J. Kenneth Bassett
Timeless Signatures

This is Revival!

By Owen Murphy

When men in the streets are afraid to open their mouths and utter godless words lest the judgments of God should fall; when sinners, overawed by the Presence of God tremble in the streets and cry for mercy; when, without special meetings and sensational advertising, the Holy Ghost sweeps across cities and towns in Supernatural Power and holds men in the grip of terrifying Conviction; when "every shop becomes a pulpit; every heart an altar; every home a sanctuary" and people walk softly before God, this is Revival!

Today the word Revival has largely lost its real meaning. Our present generation, never having witnessed the mighty movings of God in nation-wide spiritual awakening such as has taken place in past generations, has little conception of the magnitude of such a "visitation."

Heaven-sent revival is not religious entertainment, where crowds gather to hear outstanding preachers and musical programs; neither is it the result of sensational advertising - in a God-sent revival you don't spend money on advertising ; people come because Revival is there! Revival is an "awareness of God' that grips the whole community, and the roadside, the tavern, as well as the church, become the places where men find Christ.

Here is the vast difference between our modern evangelistic campaigns and true revival. In the former, hundreds may be brought to a knowledge of Christ and churches experience seasons of blessings, but as far as the community is concerned little impact is made; the taverns, dance halls, and movies are still crowded, and the godlessness marches on. In revival, the Spirit of God, like a

cleansing flame, sweeps through the community. Divine conviction grips people everywhere; the strongholds of the devil tremble, and many close their doors, while multitudes turn to Christ!

References Used: When God stepped down from Heaven by Owen Murphy

Lincolns' depression----- Many years ago young Midwestern lawyer suffered such deep depression that his friends thought it wise to keep all knives and razors from him. During this time he wrote, "I am now the most miserable man living. Whether I shall ever be better, I cannot tell. I awfully forbode I shall not." He was wrong. He did recover and went up to become one of America's most loved president, Abraham Lincoln.

We Welcome These New Members

Stephanie R. Brewer - Ennis, TX
Stephen J. Stuhlreyer - Cincinnati, OH
Teen Challenge of Middle Tennessee - Columbia, TN
Power House Church - Edmond, OK
Barbara D. Murray - Farmington, MO

Days of Kingdom Reality with Jason Westerfield

Pastor Don Stanton and Todd Rivers of Faith Tabernacle in Ponca City, OK are promoting a special event to be held in Ponca City, OK at the historical Poncan Theater on Friday and Saturday April 24th & 25th from 10am-10pm both days. The event is going to be broadcast live from the Poncan Theater on the world wide web. Jason Tyler Westerfield is an equipper in the body of Christ. He is known for his intimacy and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, keen prophetic insight into personal and international issues, and the demonstrations of God's power through signs, wonders, and creative miracles. Ticket sales are online exclusively at www.kingdomreality.com \$70.00 per person or \$120.00 per couple. Contact Todd Rivers at 580/763-4998, childofgod777@hotmail.com for more information.

Daniel Sue has a new email address: drdansue@gmail.com

David Alessi has a new web address where you can access the leadership articles and further information concerning his services. Check it out. www.alessiministries.org

Send me your ministry biography in brief format (several paragraphs). I will try to include it in one of our future issues. Send me a photo and I will include it in the email version. Tell us about your ministry and vision and your contact information. Send to Ken Anderson

The Most Important Discoveries

Man discovered weapons, invented hunting.
Woman discovered hunting, invented furs.

Man discovered colors, invented painting.
Woman discovered painting, invented make-up.

Man discovered speech, invented conversation.
Woman discovered conversation, invented gossip.

Man discovered agriculture, invented food.
Woman discovered food, invented diet.

Man discovered friendship, invented love.
Woman discovered love, invented marriage.

Man discovered trade, invented money.
Woman discovered money, man has never recovered.

“A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like A Medicine”

PROVERBS 17:22

The local sheriff was looking for a deputy, so Gomer went in to try out for the job.

"Okay," the sheriff drawled, "Gomer, what is 1 and 1?" — "11" he replied. — The sheriff thought to himself, "That's not what I meant, but he's right." — "What two days of the week start with the letter 'T'?" — "Today and tomorrow." — The sheriff was

again surprised that Gomer supplied a correct answer that he had never thought of himself. — "Now Gomer, listen carefully: Who killed Abraham Lincoln?" — Gomer looked a little surprised himself, then thought really hard for a minute and finally admitted, "I don't know." — "Well, why don't you go home and work on that one for a while?" — So, Gomer wandered over to the barbershop where his pals were waiting to hear the results of the interview. Gomer was exultant. "It went great! First day on the job and I'm already working on a murder case!"



Recently, the Psychic Hotline and Psychic Friends Network have launched hotlines for frogs. Here is the story of one frog and his discussing with his psychic. — A frog telephones the Psychic Hotline and is told, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you." — The frog says, "This is great! Will I meet her at a party, or what?" — "No," says the psychic. "Next semester in her biology class."

Alan asks, "I know you're crazy about that little daughter of yours, Steve. What are you going to do when she starts to date?"

Steve says, "I figure I'll take the first young man aside, put my arm around his shoulder, and pull him close to me so that only he can hear. Then I'll say, "Do you see that sweet, little young lady? She's my only daughter, and I love her very much. If you were thinking about touching, kissing, or being physically affectionate to her in any way just remember"

I don't mind going back to prison."

A man realized he needed to purchase a hearing aid, but he felt unwilling to spend much money. "How much do they run?" he asked the clerk.— "That depends," said the salesman. "They run from \$2.00 to \$2,000."— "Let's see the \$2.00 model," he said.— The clerk put the device around the man's neck. "You just stick this button in your ear and run this little string down to your pocket," he instructed.— "How does it work?" the customer asked.— "For \$2.00 it doesn't work," the salesman replied. "But when people see it on you, they'll talk louder!"

A young boy was looking through the family album and asked his mother, "Who's this guy on the beach with you with all the muscles and curly hair?" "That's your father." — "Then who's that old bald-headed fat man who lives with us now?"

Prisoner: Look here, doctor! You've already removed my spleen, tonsils, adenoids, and one of my kidneys. I only came to see if you could get me out of this place! — Doctor: I am, bit by bit.

The shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand new business much like his own opened up next door and erected a huge sign which read 'Best Deals'. — He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with an even larger sign, reading 'Lowest Prices'. — The shopkeeper was panicked, until he got an idea. He put the biggest sign of all over his own shop - it read... 'Main entrance'.

Q. What did George Washington say to his men before they crossed the Delaware River?

A. Get in the boat!

"The chance of forgetting something is directly proportional to to uh"

That's All Folks !