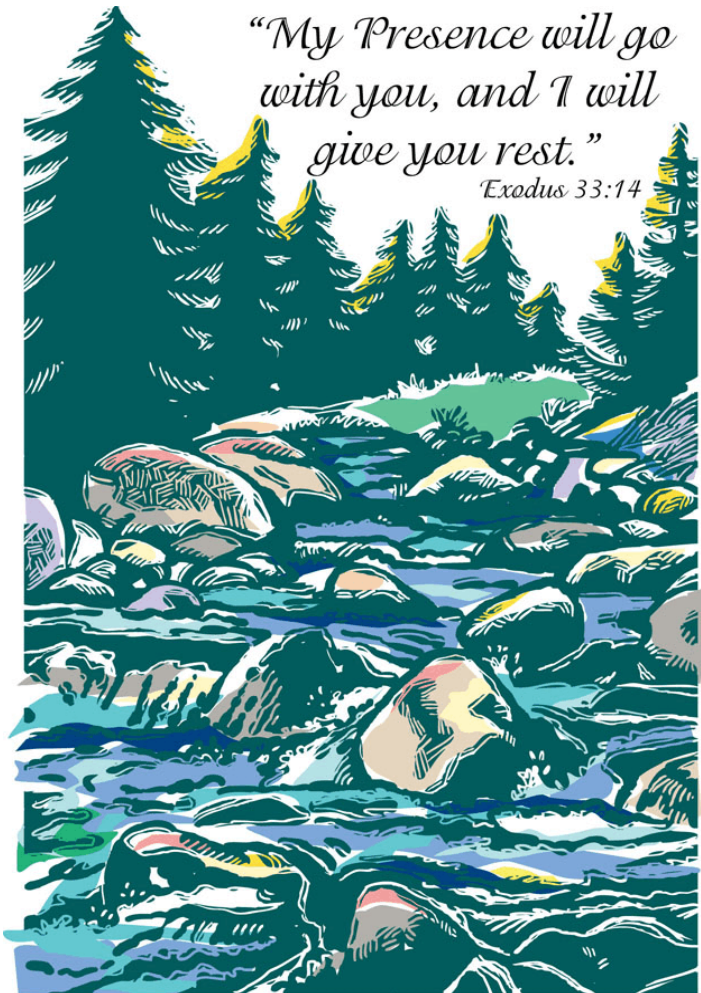


Independent Assemblies

October 2008 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.



"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Exodus 33:14

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2008 Interstate Meetings & Events

October 13-15

FALL MISSIONS CONFERENCE— THE TABERNACLE -

Blackwell, OK — 580/363-2734 or 363-4210

Pastor, Dr. Robert Johnson

November 3- CYRIL FULL GOSPEL CHURCH, Cyril, OK - 580/383-6675

Pastor, Rev. Donnie Miller

November 10-12 - AVANT HOUSE OF PRAYER - Avant, OK -, 918/263-2955

Pastor, Rev. M.E. Anthony, Jr.

December 8 -MENDING HEARTS CHURCH

Newalla OK— 405-386-4351

Pastor, Rev. David Tompkins

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Oct 20 - Abundant Harvest , 1008 Mill Run
Road , Athens, TX
903-675-1223 or 903-681-0262
Pastor Marc Jones

Nov 17 - Yearly Pastors Planning Meeting

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Arkansas District

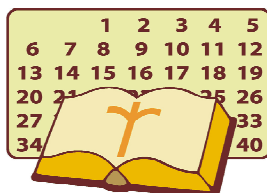
Rev. Charles Kendrick, District Rep.
Alexander, AR. 501/303-0831

Special Dates for 2008

Oct. 5 - World Communion Sunday
Oct. 11 - Columbus Day
Oct. 26 - Reformation Sunday
Oct. 31 - Reformation Day
Nov. 2 - Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 4 - Election Day
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day
Nov. 23 - Bible Sunday
Nov. 23-30 - National Bible Week
Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Day

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS THE 1st. OF THE MONTH You should always try to plan one month ahead on dated events that may occur before the middle of the month. Bulk mail is delivered slower than first class mail. Mail, Fax or Email them to me. Email is preferred. (See back of newsletter) Thank you.... Ken Anderson.

Our bylaws and policies and forms are available for you to read and print from our website. www.independentassemblies.org



Pastor's Appreciation Month

October is Pastor's Appreciation Month

*Do something special for
your pastors
They are God's gift to the
church*

November 2008 Interstate Meetings

Pastors **Donnie and Teresa Miller** invite you to their meeting Monday, Nov. 3, in Cyril, OK. at **Cyril Full Gospel**. They invite you to experience the presence of God. Their theme this year is “**God, Family and Fun**”

The afternoon session begins at 2:30 with praise and worship. **Thomas Buckley** from Judah Worship Center, Yukon, OK will be speaking in the first session. After the break the second session will begin at 4:00 pm, **Scott Page** from Servant's Heart Church, Weatherford, OK will be speaking. An awesome meal will be served around 5:00.

The evening service will start at 7:00pm with the Full Gospel praise team. The speaker will be Evangelist **Mark Shell**.

Cyril Full Gospel is located at 3rd and Idaho, Cyril, Okla. From Okla. City, take I-44W towards Lawton and take Cyril exit, you will turn north and go about 4 miles. You can also come in on Hwy 19 from Hwy 81 south of Chickasha. For more information please call pastor Donnie's cell: 580-512-3657. Looking forward to seeing you.

Avant House of Prayer Annual Conference

Pastor **M. E. Anthony, Jr. & Avant House of Prayer** will host this November meeting. It will be held Nov. 10 & 11. Services: Monday, 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., Tuesday 10:00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

Monday, the evening meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. Lunch will be served after the morning service, Tuesday. Continental Breakfast Tuesday morning from 8:30 - 9:30. Come & enjoy the fellowship. Call 918/263-2955 or 263-3025 for information. Rooms will be provided for all full time ministers.

North Central Texas District

Pastor Marc Jones invites everyone to the next meeting of the North Central Texas area on Monday, Oct. 20. hosted by Abundant Harvest, Athens, TX. 1008 Mill Run Road. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm. Call for more information 903-675-1223 or 903-681-0262

Arkansas District

The next Arkansas fellowship meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18 in Cabot, AR at Trinity Fellowship Center. Rev. Tom Bush is the Pastor. The service will begin at 7:00 pm with refreshments served after the service. The church is located at 210 Yates Lane. Call 501/676-6109 for more information.

LADIES CONFERENCE Ladies, leave the housework to someone else and get in on this FREE Ladies Conference beginning on Thursday evening, October 16th through Saturday noon October 18. The conference, sponsored by Love In Action, will be held in Childers Ok. (about 6 miles east and 3 1/2 miles northeast of Nowata and Delaware, Ok. junction 169 & 28 east, At the former Twin Bridges community building, now the L.A. Chapel. We will begin on Thursday evening with supper at 5:30 p.m. at the ranch next to the chapel, and the service will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be an A.M. and P.M. service on Friday with breakfast, lunch, and supper, and a closing A.M. service on Saturday. There is no charge for any part of the conference, but if you are able, bring a love offering. You may bring your sleeping gear (bag, cot, etc) and stay overnight. Great speakers and great praise! For more info call pastor Ella Stout at cell number 918-440-7339.



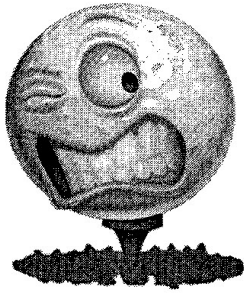
The Legacy of Roy Rogers' and Dale Evans' Faith Lives on in Branson, Missouri

"We hear testimonies about young boys who gave their lives to Christ because Roy Rogers said it was important."

In an article for *OneNewsNow*, reporter Randall Morpheme has written a piece about the Happy Trails Theater in Branson, Missouri, and the adjoining Rogers Museum. Readers old enough to remember American icons Roy Rogers and Dale Evans will appreciate Mr. Murphree's impressions of the show, and also of the book *Growing Up with Roy & Dale* by Roy Rogers Jr.

In a nutshell, Roy Jr. reveals the joys and struggles of the famous couple, their abiding faith, and what it was like growing up as one of Roy and Dale's nine children. For example, they both grew up dirt poor. Dale was married, divorced and had a child, all by the age of 15. Roy was a widower with children of his own when they met. Three of their children died. Yet, notes the report, "their Christian faith allowed them to keep singing *Happy Trails*, their trademark theme song."

Roy Jr. is also quoted as saying his parents allowed their challenges to make them stronger. "We hear testimonies about young boys who gave their lives to Christ because Roy Rogers said it was important," he adds. "In a sense, being the son of Roy Rogers has prepared me for being a Christian. Mom always used to say to me, 'you have to watch what you do because your life is the only Bible some people are ever going to read.'" — Teresa Neumann (August 17, 2008)



2008 2-man Golf Scramble Winners

We had another great time together Sept. 11 & 12. We were blessed with two beautiful days right in the middle of a rainy pattern here in Okla. Three states were represented this year, Oklahoma Texas and Georgia. Congratulation go to the winners for our two-man scramble this year as follows: The first place trophies went to **Clifford Fair and Terry Pearce**.

Second place winners were **Clifford Johnson and Mike Mathews**. Third place trophies were taken home by **James White and Tommy Cornstubble**. **Donnie Sneed** won the longest drive award. **Donnie** also earned the closest to the pin trophy but forfeited it to **James Caesar** who was next in distance. **Michael Butenhof** won the straightest drive award.

A special thanks again this year to **Pastor John Smith** who drove the "goodie cart" and to **Robert O. Johnson** who tabulates the scores to select the winners.

If you are a golfer and would like to be placed on my golfers email list send me your email address at kda@valornet.com. I will keep you informed of our events. Ken Anderson

Lookout for the So-called "Fairness Doctrine" – If your sermons air on a local Christian radio station, you may soon be surprised by who follows your broadcast—and what they have to say. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi recently indicated she would support a revival of the Fairness Doctrine, a regulation upheld by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from 1949 to 1987 that forces any broadcasters who air specific opinions to provide free airtime for opposing views. If reinstated, the doctrine would mean, for instance, that a 30-minute sermon mentioning that marriage is between one man and one woman would automatically require the station to offer a 10-minute segment to someone advocating "same-sex marriages"—at no charge. "We've been in broadcasting for over 45 years, so we remember what it was like under the previous regime of the so-called 'Fairness Doctrine,'" said Rich Bott, owner of a multi-state Christian radio network. "What we had to do then would be impossible today." Added Mike Tirone, general manager of Dallas' KCBI-FM: "God's truth is black and white, period. ... The method of the enemy has always been and continues to be to make things appear gray, with no clear moral boundaries. At KCBI, we will fight the Fairness Doctrine on our knees in prayer." [dallasnews.com, 8/16/08]

Remember these words... This November a most important presidential election will occur and it will determine the direction of our country forever. The result will impact our country forever. Many promises have been made and many more will follow. May every voter remember this line: "Government big enough to give you everything you want is

a government big enough to take from you everything you have.”

Variants of the above quotation have be attributed to Thomas Jefferson, Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan, among others, but it was actually said by Gerald Ford after he became president in 1974.

Sometimes a majority means all the fools are on the same side.

CHANGE

By David W. Binford

Change — not many of us like it, but it is an inevitable and necessary part of life. Without change we become stagnate, dead or dying in the rut of life. If our body did not make fresh blood cells daily we would die. In order to continue to live our body must change with the environment around us, it must change internally to defend off sicknesses & diseases as the many viruses, bacteria, and diseases continue to change. So change is actually a good thing, it's all a matter of how we look at it.

Why do we or should we change?

Well, there are as many reasons for why we should, do and need to change as there are stars in the night time sky or grains of sand on the shores of the seas. Some changes are for the better and some are for worse. The type of change usually depends upon the influences in your life. For the sake of edification and uplifting those who choose to read this I am addressing change for the better.

What does it take to change?

Well, there again there are many different things to facilitate change but let's break it down to the basics (well, at least the most basic I have been able to figure out).

First, it takes a decision. You have to make up your mind that you are going to change and that starts it off. If you are overweight (which I am, at least just a little) you can not hope and wish for the weight to come off. You have to decide that you are going to do something about it.

Secondly, take action. A decision is the beginning but it takes action to go along with the decision in order for the process to grow and eventually come to fruition. If I decide to do something about being over weight but I don't push my plate back when I am full or I don't eat different, more healthy types of food or I don't begin to do some sort of exercise, then have I really made a decision to change? Or am I still hoping and wishing?

Third, we must change the way we think. Change begins in our minds, it is the battle ground for everything we do or don't do. How we think and what we believe will determine how we act and how we feel. We

have to feed our minds, wash our minds, or better yet reprogram/renew our minds.

With what?

There again is another one of those questions with as many answers as stars in the sky or sand on the shores, but if you don't reprogram/renew your mind with the right information then you are simply shooting yourself in the foot. We MUST reprogram/renew our mind with the code or information from the original designer, God Himself. The Word of GOD!

We have to dig into The Word and find out what He has to say about us, about who we are and whom's we are in order to truly succeed.

Fourthly, we have to take small steps every single day. We live in a world that wants and usually gets everything NOW. Our fast food, microwave society has made us a bit lazy and spoiled. Think about this, we didn't get to where we are overnight so most times (barring a True Miracle of GOD, which is always possible but not always probable) it will not be an overnight change. We usually didn't listen to God's wisdom and direction in the first place and that is why we are where we are today. And now coming to the end of ourselves as the prodigal son did we make a decision to change. For many of us, if God granted a miracle of change we would end up right back where we were before the miracle took place in just a matter of a few months. Why do you think Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years when it was only a few days journey from Egypt to the Promised Land?!

Successful change is built by starting with small things and doing them right every single day. A marathon runner does not start out by running a marathon, they begin by running a mile. They then build up to the 26 mile marathon mark by doing a little more each work out period. There is an old saying that goes like this, "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time until it's all gone." That is what we have to do for successful change.

Fifth, Never Give Up and Never get discouraged. Philippians 1:6 says, "God who began a good work within you is faithful and He will continue to help you grow in His grace until His task within you is finished." 1 John 4:4, "Greater is He that is in you than he who is in the world." Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Matthew 10:22b, "he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Be Blessed, because if God is for you who can be against you? No one, you are highly favored of God and with man.

David W Binford is an I.A. minister, living in Ennis, TX. David's ministry was featured in the July 2008 Newsletter. He is presently the head of Plumblin Ministries and is also in the U.S. Army in training awaiting to be deployed. Pray for him and all of our military that God will protect them as they proudly serve our country.

Praise Without Ceasing

By Charles Haddon Spurgeon

“And these are the singers...they were employed in that work day and night” (1 Chron. 9:33).

Well was it so ordered in the Temple that the sacred chant never ceased: for evermore did the singers praise the Lord, whose mercy endureth for ever. As mercy did not cease to rule either by day or by night, so neither did music hush its holy ministry.

My heart, there is a lesson sweetly taught to you in the ceaseless song of Zion’s Temple: you, too, are a constant debtor. See to it that your gratitude, like charity, never fails. God’s praise is constant in heaven, which is to be your final dwelling-place; learn to practice the eternal hallelujah.

Around the earth as the sun scatters His light, His beams awaken grateful believers to tune their morning hymn, so that by the priesthood of the saints perpetual praise is kept up at all hours. They swathe our globe in a mantle of thanksgiving, and girdle it with a golden belt of song.

The Lord always deserves to be praised for what He is in Himself, for His works of creation and providence, for His goodness towards His creatures, and especially for the transcendent act of redemption, and all the marvelous blessings that flow from it.

It is always beneficial to praise the Lord; it cheers the day and brightens the night; it lightens toil and softens sorrow; and it sheds a sanctifying radiance over earthly gladness. Have we not something to sing about at this moment? Can we not weave a song out of our present joys, or our past deliverances, or our future hopes? Earth yields her summer fruits: the hay is housed, the golden grain invites the sickle, and the sun tarrying long to shine upon a fruitful earth, shortens the interval of shade that we may lengthen the hours of devout worship.

By the love of Jesus, let us be stirred up to close the day with a psalm of sanctified gladness.

Adapted from Morning and Evening

We Welcome These New Members

Jeannie K. Lewis - Kendrick, OK
Joseph D. Weaver - Krum, TX
James C. Tollett - Tulsa, OK
Lucretia A. Daily - North Platt, NE



Ministry Highlights

A Sunday Evening Booster

Anointed veterans of the Cross, John and Iris Smith are available to minister an exciting

Word of God to your congregation. God readily uses them in the gifts of the Spirit. You may schedule the Smiths for an inspiring Sunday evening at your church by calling 405/527-7477

Life and Forrest Gump

On March 27, 1995, actor Tom Hanks was ecstatic. Hanks, along with the movie and the director, had just won Oscars for the movie Forrest Gump. Did the sore losers become a "forest of grumps"?

Actually, Hank's character bore little resemblance to the real person. But that is typical Hollywood exaggeration for you. Gump was a simplistic over-achiever who occasionally uttered a bit of profundity. For instance, a classic "gumpism" was "Life is like a box of chocolates—you never know what you're going to get."

Of course, chocoholics worldwide, who regularly go through a Whitman Sampler, will ardently disagree with Mr. Gump. They know by the position, shape, and color exactly what to expect.

Forrest Gump is evidence that it doesn't take a genius to understand that life is uncertain. Jesus, thankfully, promises the fullest possible life to those who trust in Him. On the other hand, He also warns of temptation, persecution, poverty, and suffering.

So, regardless of the bends and turns in life's journey, there is this guaranteed divine promise: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). Does that define you?

Remember. Sample dependence on God, and you will never fear what goes "gump" in the night.

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Today's Stock Market Report

- Helium was up.
- Feathers were down.
- Paper was stationary.
- Fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading.
- Knives were up sharply.
- Cows steered into a bull market.
- Pencils lost a few points.
- Hiking equipment was trailing.
- Elevators rose, while escalators continued their slow decline.
- Weights were up in heavy trading.
- Light switches were off.
- Mining equipment hit rock bottom.
- Diapers remained unchanged.



- Shipping lines stayed at an even keel.
- The market for raisins dried up.
- Coca Cola fizzled.
- Caterpillar stock inched up a bit.
- Sun peaked at midday.
- Balloon prices were inflated.
- Scott Tissue touched a new bot
- And batteries exploded in an attempt to recharge the market.



“A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like A Medicine”

PROVERBS 17:22

One woman was bragging to her next-door neighbor about her son, a college student at the University of Illinois. "Why, our son is so brilliant, every time we get a letter from him we have to go to the dictionary." "You're lucky," the neighbor said. "Every time we get a letter from our son in college, we have to go to the bank!"

One day a man went to an auction. While there, he bid on a parrot. He really wanted this bird, so he got caught up in the bidding. He kept on bidding, but kept getting outbid, so he bid higher and higher and higher. Finally, after he bid way more than he intended, he won the bid - the parrot was his at last! — As he was paying for the parrot, he said to the Auctioneer, "I sure hope this parrot can talk. I would hate to have paid this much for it, only to find out that he can't talk!" — "Don't worry," said the Auctioneer, "He can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?"

A man went on a ski trip, and was knocked unconscious by the chair lift. He called his insurance company from the hospital, but it refused to cover his injury. — "Why is the injury not covered?" he asked. — "You got hit in the head by a chair lift," the insurance rep said. "That makes you an idiot, and we consider that a pre-existing condition."

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that

Jonah was swallowed by a whale. —Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. — The little girl: said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". — The teacher: asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" — The little girl: replied, "Then you ask him".

Customer: Do you have any cockroaches?

Clerk: Yes we sell them to the fisherman.

Customer: I would like 20,000 of them.

Clerk: What would you want with 20,000 cockroaches?

Customer: I'm moving tomorrow and my lease says I must leave my apartment in the condition in which I found it.

My sister has the courage, but not always the skills, to tackle any home repair project. — For example, in her garage are pieces of a lawn mower she once tried to fix. So I wasn't surprised the day my other sister, Pam, and I found our sister attacking her vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. — "I can't get this thing to cooperate," she explained when she saw us. — Pam suggested, "Why don't you drag it out to the garage and show it the lawn mower?"

All of the Wal-Marts and Costco-s across Mississippi sold out of ammunition as of yesterday. — A reliable source said that one of the purchasers, an elderly gentleman who would only give his first name as "Bubba," commented that while Russia may have invaded Georgia, they sure as heck ain't doin' it to Mississippi.

"I have the most marvelous recipe for meat loaf - all I have to do is mention it to my husband and he says, 'Let's eat out!'"

A woman was working in her yard with the weed whacker, when she accidentally cut off the tail of her cat. She ran screaming into the house, and told her husband, wondering what to do.— He replied calmly, "Get the cat, and the tail, and we'll take them to Wal-Mart."—She was incredulous. "How could that possibly help?" she asked. — "Well," he replied, "they're the world's largest retailer."

That's All Folks !

