

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

LIGHT GIVER

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined."

Isaiah 9:2

In Isaiah 9:1-2; 6-7, we read a prophecy to the people of Israel who have been defeated, uprooted, and exiled. The theme of light & darkness runs thru the Bible from the first verses of Genesis to the final chapter of Revelation. In his article on darkness in scripture, bible scholar Alec Motyer suggests five metaphorical uses of darkness as it applies to the human world: 1) Ignorance 2) Calamity 3) Death 4) Wickedness and 5) Damnation. It is a wonderful truth that God is light and in creation and redemption he has conquered darkness, and all the forces which oppose His rule. The prophet Isaiah diagnoses their darkness, gloom, and anguish, and prescribes hope. Hope of the light to come. A child is born, a son given, and a just & righteous ruler enthroned. The names Isaiah bestows on the light giver have echoed through history and are sung in concert halls & churches all over the world.

Wonderful! Counselor! Mighty God! Everlasting Father! Prince of Peace!

Walking in darkness is a common theme in scriptures. *We walk in darkness when we have no knowledge or understanding* (Ps. 82:5). *When we forsake the paths of uprightness* (Pro. 2:13). *When we are foolish* (Ecc. 2:14). *When we hate our brothers* (1 John 2:11).

I'm thankful for the words of Jesus – *"I am light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."* (John 8:12)

Do you know someone who, like the people of Israel, feels defeated, uprooted, and exiled? My prayer for them is: Wonderful Counsellor, **guide them!** Mighty God, **deliver them!** Everlasting Father, **parent them with loving kindness!** Prince of Peace, **bring peace to their heart and their life!** Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Leadership Conference will be on March 22 & 23 at Restoration Church of Burton, MI. We are excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Rev. Vernell Ingle. Brother Vernell has served in ministry for several years, including important roles in the PCG.



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PRAYER REQUEST

- The Nation of Israel
- Elliot Family, Doug's Passing
- Teena Tarrart recovering from surgery
- Dawn Hanson heart issues
- Candy Hubbard healing
- Safe holiday travels
- Up-coming events
- Our Churches & Missionaries

OPEN CHURCHES FOR PASTORING

Faith Christian Assembly (Midland)
Full Gospel Assembly (Berrien Springs)
Hartford PCG (Hartford)
Ypsilanti PCG (Ypsilanti)



ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE

Mark your calendar NOW for the Encounter Conferences coming January 2024! Our regional Encounter Conference will be taking place on January 18 - 20 at Indianapolis, IN. The focus of this event will return to next gen leader development and more! Please consider bringing your leadership team and future students called to the ministry to this **FREE** conference!

Brand New expanded format this year:

Thursday

7PM General Session 1

Saturday

9AM General Session 4 & 5

Friday

9AM General Session 2

New Expanded Breakout Tracks

7PM General Session 3

IMPACT MI UPCOMING EVENTS



Fall Encounter 2024 - What a powerful move of God

IMPACT GIVING DRIVE starts next month! For years, the month of January has been Impact's dedicated month to raise money for the upcoming year's budget. Our goal is **\$10,000!** Please be in prayer with your church about what God is calling you to raise.

IBQ LEAGUES

JANUARY 13TH



ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE

JANUARY 18TH - 20TH



MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 16TH - 17TH



IMPACT YOUTH CONFERENCE

MARCH 1ST - 2ND



CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to our new pastors at Glad Tidings Flint, Richard and Debbie Moore. Please pray for safe travel, as they will be transitioning from Midland to Flint. Bro Moore will continue to serve as our District Secretary.

MINISTER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to our District Presbyters, Don and Teresa Dennis, who celebrated their **50th** wedding anniversary on Decemeber 14th. Blessings on this year, and many more!



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