



Happy Valentine's Day



The Texas Conference Women's Ministries retreat was held Jan 19-21, 2018 in San Antonio. The theme was "Jesus is Coming, are you ready?" The keynote speakers for the English segment were Cindy Tutsch from Washington state and Yamileth Bazan from Southern California. Both speakers were wonderful and through their messages we were given ways to help build our relationship with Jesus and prepare us for His soon return.

The Praise music was great with our very own Zelid Charles accompanying on the piano. Sabbath afternoon the ladies dressed up in white robes/dresses and as they came to the front of the room, a golden crown was placed on the ladies to depict the time in the future when Jesus will place real crowns on our heads. We had also highlights on different ministries done by local churches and our church was represented by our own dual mother-daughter team (Nancy & Tina). Saturday night the ladies dressed up in 1950's attire and fellowshiped together, and heard music from that era. There were opportunities for pictures and to just enjoy the evening. As we closed the retreat on Sunday morning we sang together 'We have this Hope'

-Cheryl Allgood

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Baptism - Peter Solis

It was a blessing to begin this new year with a baptism. On the first Sabbath of January Peter Solis publicly declared his love for Jesus by baptism. We are happy and proud of Peter for giving his life to Christ. I ask that we continue to pray and support Peter and his family. Keep in mind that every first Sabbath the baptistry will be filled and if you are interested in being baptized please let either Pastor Powell or Pastor Charles know.

-Pastor Harly Charles

February Birthdays

- 2nd Bill Neighbors,
Carla Simmons,
Lorraine Lewis,
Sarah Cooper
- 4th Thomas Hood
- 6th Kenny Cooper
- 7th Lorato Modiga
- 8th Pat Jones
- 9th Gradie Wetmore,
Julia Mowry
- 11th Caralissa McQueen,
Madison Windham
- 14th Ashley McClatchie,
DeShane Wilson
- 15th Doyle Northrop
- 16th Kim Daly
- 18th JoAnn Lackey
- 22nd Barbara Langley
- 23rd Sarah Sarrach
- 24th Harold Gentry
- 26th Natasha Quiroz
- 27th Eddie Quiroz

Musical Vespers



Eliann is a professional violinist and Johns Hopkins University trained neuroscientist. She presented a mini-concert of beautiful music and a lecture.

-Nancy Smith

Women's Ministry Weekend Retreat

"The Lord is Coming are you Ready?" was the theme for this year's English and Spanish Women's Ministry Retreat. We stayed at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on the Riverwalk in San Antonio Texas, and besides some trouble with the elevators had very good service. We had two guest speakers, Cindy Tutsch and Yami Bazan, both were excellent and encouraging and spoke often of their personal experience. They spoke to us about how to enrich our time of Prayer and Bible Study and how important it is to gain that personal time with God.



Cindy Tutsch PHD

Time is short and we must be ready to face the uncertain times ahead with Faith and Prayer, knowing that God will be with us. Giving us personal testimonies of how they have each worked to make more time for God every day, encouraged me to make more time in my own busy schedule.



Yamileth Bazan

A Prayer room was set up in one room of the hotel for anyone who would like to seek a quiet spot. It was available for groups, individuals, or a place to search for anyone to pray with. Very helpful. After lunch on Sabbath afternoon the conference offered an opportunity for churches to set up a Ministry booth, to display what they are doing in their community outreach. There were many booths and both English and Spanish retreat attendees were encouraged to go through and get ideas to bring back to their own churches. I set up a booth for "It's My Very Own, Bags of Love" and offered



help and suggestion on setting up their own chapter. We made a lot of contacts and met a lot of wonderful women willing to work

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-Sue Dalton

for God in their own churches.



Sabbath afternoon brought a special program, we were asked to bring a White Robe and during the afternoon program, with everyone dressed in white, they handed out gold crowns to everyone. It was just a glimpse of how lovely we will all be when we get to Heaven and wear our crowns.

The evening program was a 50's Style gathering complete with a contest of the best dressed in three different categories. Everyone looked quite old fashion in their poodle skirts and polka dots! During the Sunday morning program, a dedication plaque was given to Cheryl Allgood to commemorate her 40 years of service to the TX Conference, and they prayed over her to dedicate her for the next phase of projects in her life. She will be missed in Women's Ministry.

-Tina Colburn



"It was so inspirational to hear the amazing things God will do in your life when you choose to dedicate your life to Him, to spend time in prayer."
-Mallely Kirk

"The Retreat was nice but I really enjoyed the Ladies I went with. It made it that much more enjoyable!"
-Diann Wilmart



"I came back changed and renewed. I got reminded of God's love for me and why I am special."
-Clarity Chola



"The women's retreat was refreshing and it was nice to have a little vacation."
-Elda Collins