

Look For The Rain!

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither; but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower; and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." **Isaiah 5:10-11**

According to the calendar, it is officially springtime! Now is the time of year when we can expect rain to fall. We listen eagerly for the daily weather forecast so that we know how to prepare for the day. Most natural rainfall starts gradually; drop by drop. It can increase more and more until it is pouring down; or even falling in blinding torrents. Even though the rain is needed; sometimes too much rain causes inconveniences, damage to property and/or loss of life.

Turning our attention heavenward, we find that the rain that falls from above is because of the spiritual forecast. The Bible has many references to rain. From the rainstorm that represented judgment as with Noah, to Elijah's prayer that ended the longest drought in history, the Scripture is filled with stories about the heavens pouring forth great rains. Rain refreshes the earth (**Psalm 68**), replenishes the springs and fountains (**Psalm 104**), and makes the earth fruitful (**Hebrews 6**). From reading His Word, we also know that the rain falls upon the just and the unjust (**Matthew 5**).

Natural clouds may obscure the sun and be accompanied by storms. However, we always expect the sun to shine through after the storm. Let us not despair in this life when spiritual

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clouds and storms arise. Remember: without the clouds, there would be no rain. Without the rain there would be no life, growth or maturity. Without maturity, there would be no reproduction. The spiritual growth and maturity that comes from the rain is provided from the hand of a Sovereign God. *"He shall come down like rain upon mown grass: as showers that water the earth."* **Psalm 72:6**

Gentle rains are a reminder of God's goodness. **Violent rains** are a reminder of God's judgment. **Steady, fruitful rains** are a reminder of the righteousness of God, and the spiritual refreshing that He gives His own.

Just like the rain that falls, God's Word will never return unto Him void. It will always accomplish what He intends it to accomplish. If we are expecting an immediate harvest following the rain; it won't happen. There is always a time factor involved. Be encouraged as you continue to minister; as long as your ministering is centered on the Word of God. Those who receive the Word (seed) will be blessed; those who sow the seed will be rewarded. Continue to sow and prepare for the harvest that God has promised. **Open your spiritual umbrella and look for the rain!**

From The President's Desk ...



Pres. Barbara E. Garrison



Welcome to the Spring Session of the IDC. Thank you for gathering today in support of our great Missionary and Women's Auxiliary. Many of you faithfully gathered in support of our Annual State Convention on March 4 and 5, 2011. What a time, what a time, what a time? Truly, the Lord was magnified. We pray that you were edified and strengthened to continue the work of a missionary. Special thanks to our speakers, Evangelist Nona Fortineaux and Evangelist Serita Jackson to serving through ministering richly from the Word of God.

The focus of the church has never changed. Seeking and saving the lost must remain as our mission. Do you know of any other business that has been successful for thousands of years? God is in the business of moving people. For those of us who continue to work in the Kingdom, our employer

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Reflecting on State Convention 2011

Some of the IDC Presidents shared in the excitement of the day!

Vice President's Greetings ...

Praise the Lord and greetings to all in Jesus' Name!

I am truly ecstatic about how the Lord has put His favor and blessings upon the IDCMWA. Working with our devoted and dedicated President and all of you is such an awesome experience.



Evangelist Joyce Walker

If the January Council and our Women's Convention is any indication of what we can expect for the rest of the year, we are in for a great spiritual awakening. Let's stay prayerful and do all we can to continue to support this auxiliary with our time, talents and finances.

God bless everyone is my prayer. We love you and look forward to what God has in store for us.

Love in Christ,
Vice President Walker

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is the Lord Jesus Christ. Ours are the hands and feet that He uses to deliver His word to a wounded and hurting world that cries out for salvation. Hearts are changed and lives are transformed as people are moved from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of God. Yes, hearts will be changed and lives transformed when we are about our Father's business.

Please continue to pray for the IDCMWA as we take every opportunity to "Touch the World and Make a Difference" in the lives of others.

Because He First Loved Me,
Barbara E. Garrison, President



Orlando, Florida ... Here We Come!
If you have not yet registered for the Annual Summer Convention you can do so by going to www.pawinc.org Click on "Events" for convention and hotel registration. Mark your calendar for JULY 30 - AUGUST 6, 2011

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Spring Session

Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Morgan Park

11413 South Vincennes Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60628

Dr. Williams A. Ellis
Host Pastor

April 6, 2011

Missionary & Women's Auxiliary

Today At A Glance

- 10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.** **Calling All Prayer Warriors**
- 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.** Morning Glory and Mid-day Worship Service
Speaker: **Evangelist Joyce Walker**
- 12:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.** Auxiliary Business Session
- 2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.** **"So You Want To Be An Interpreter?"**
Sister Stephanie Pulley, Sister Linda Walls, and
Brother Eddie Hamilton

4:00 p.m. **Dinner**

5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.	SESSION 1	SESSION 2
	"Journey to Wholeness" Developing a Women's Ministry Sister Renona McCall, <i>Prince of Peace</i>	"Leaders Building Leaders" Minister Petrina Jackson, <i>Rehoboth Apostolic Worship Center</i>

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service
Speaker: **Evangelist Sandra Riley**
Grands Rapids, MI

Music Ministry – IDCMWA Inspirational Choir



PRAYING

Our Diocesan,
Bishop Charles E. Davis
First Lady, Dr. Jessie Davis

Officers and Auxiliary Leaders
of the Illinois District Council

Pastors and Churches
of the Illinois District Council

Those in active duty in the U. S. Military

Local and Foreign Missionaries

Hearts of the people in Haiti and
Senegal, West Africa

Physical Health/Strength

Pastor Albert Charles
Pastor DuWan Driver
Pastor Kenneth Gogins
Sis. Barbara McDaniels
Mary Moore
Dr. "Mom" Reid
Dr. Bobby Worthon
Sis. Margaret Wright

*If you are faced with a physical challenge,
please know that we are joining you
in prayer. **We believe God!***

Bereavement

*There is help; there is comfort for all
who mourn. Let us remember to
pray for, call and visit our brothers
and sisters during their time of need.*

Get On
The Bus!

CRUSADE STOP #2

The next stop on our crusade will be

Bethel Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ
1926 W. Lincoln Avenue
Peoria, IL.

Eld. Naymond Williams, Jr. is Pastor

and he is excited about receiving the support from the IDCMTWA.

Each Local President is invited to be part of this great ministry (along with another designated member from your church). There will be a signup sheet available today. We will also receive names for those interested in going in the event that there are seats available on the bus.

We will use the same format as before. Please prepare a special offering to leave with the host church. You should be dressed for comfort as we walk throughout the community to witness to neighbors and invite them to make Bethel their worship place of choice. We will select our date today and discuss location and time for departure and return of the bus. Local Presidents should call Vice President Joyce Walker or President Garrison if you have any questions or concerns (*numbers listed in Women's Day Directory*).

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Reflecting on
State
Convention
2011



**IDCMWA
Hospitality
is in the
house!**