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And let us not be weary in well
doing: for in due season we
shall reap, if we faint not.

Galatians 6:9



Superintendent's Pen

THERE IS COMING A DAY

*By: Rev. Tommy Channell, Superintendent
Maine District UPCI*



The certainty of Jesus' return is underscored throughout the New Testament. Jesus Himself promised His disciples that He would come again. In John 14:1-3, He reassures them, saying, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

The Apostle Paul also emphasized this promise in his letters. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, he writes, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." Moreover, the Book of Revelation, which is rich with prophetic imagery, repeatedly affirms the return of Christ. Revelation 22:12 states, "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."

The Bible describes various signs and conditions that will characterize the world at the time of Jesus' return. These signs serve as warnings and reminders for believers to remain vigilant. In Matthew 24:3-14, Jesus outlines several conditions: "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

Another significant sign is the spread of the Gospel. Matthew 24:14 states, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." This indicates that the message of Christ will reach every corner of the globe before His return.

To illustrate the Second Coming, Jesus used several parables. One such parable is the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13). In this story, ten virgins await the arrival of the bridegroom. Five are wise and bring extra oil for their lamps, while the other five are foolish and bring none. When the bridegroom arrives, the wise virgins are ready and enter the wedding feast, but the foolish ones are left outside. This parable emphasizes the importance of being prepared and vigilant, as the exact time of Jesus' return is unknown.

Given the certainty and the signs of Jesus' return, it is crucial for believers to prepare themselves. The Bible provides clear guidance on how to do this:

- **Live a Holy Life:** Believers are called to live in a manner that reflects their faith. 1 Peter 1:15-16 urges, "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy.'"

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SECRETARY'S SNIPPETS

By: Rev. Todd Little

We have finished another summer season. There are great reports from our camps. Another new boy's dorm was built to replace dorm #26. The first wall on the Tabernacle has been replaced. As of this writing, they are working on the next wall. Many improvements have been made and others are on the horizon. A great big thanks to all those who have helped with the work including Bro. Channell and the campground committee among others.

Thank you to everyone who made campground pledges at our camp meeting. Those pledges are due 90 days from camp, which is the end of September. If you have not yet paid your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. There was a great response in a short time. About \$140,000 in pledges were made to take care of the expense of camp meeting and to assist in further upgrades and repairs to the campground. Your timely pledge submission allows us to continue the improvements. You may send a check to my address listed below or you may give online through the Faith Teams link below. Thank you for your generosity!

All district mail, including offerings and ministerial dues should be sent to the below address.

Maine District UPC
204 Montello St.
Lewiston, ME 04240

You may use this link to Faith Teams to give online [HERE](#).

As there have been changes in our department leadership, here are the addresses to send Ladies, Youth, Children, and NAM offerings. Please make note and let your church secretaries know of these addresses.

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Matthew 28:19

— October 20, 2024 —



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WHEN FAVOR ARRIVES

By: Rev. Jonny Channell

“Not a single church in the Maine District is large enough to hold the people that will come to them at the time of their visitation.” This is a prophecy that was shared with me earlier this year.

Psalm 102:13

(AMP): “You will arise and have compassion on Zion, For it is time to be gracious and show favor to her; Yes, the appointed time [the moment designated] has come.”

This prophetic psalm was written by either David with a vision of the future, or by one of the prophets of captivity such as Ezra, Daniel, or Nehemiah. In this psalm, the writer sees the calendar of God and declares that the appointed time of favor has come. Wouldn't it be interesting to get a glimpse of God's calendar? If we had access to God's timing, what would we do differently? Ecclesiastes 3:1 (AMP) says “There is a season (a time appointed) for everything and a time for every delight and event or purpose under heaven”. This lets us know that there are appointed times of favor and usually these moments do not happen how, when, or where we expect them to occur.

I'm reminded of an account about a customs officer that worked the border who saw a suspicious looking truck driver. He ordered the driver out of the truck and began to search the truck. He pulled off the bumpers, the panels, the wheels and he couldn't find any contraband or illegal substances. And so reluctantly, he waved the driver on. The next week, the same truck driver shows up, and again the customs officer searches the truck. Finding nothing, the officer decides to search the driver but still comes up empty. Once again, he lets the truck driver roll on. The next week the same driver pulls up but this time the customs officer gets the trained detection dogs, and has them search the truck. But even with all their training, the dogs can't find anything. And so again, the customs officer waves the truck driver on.

Week after week, month after month, this occurrence keeps happening until finally the customs officer is retiring. On the day of his

retirement, the same truck driver pulls his vehicle into the border crossing. The customs officer walks over to the driver and says, “Look, I'm not going to search you today. I know you're a smuggler, don't even try to deny it! All these times of you crossing

this border, I've never been able to figure out what it is you've been smuggling.”

He said, “Now I'm retiring, matter of fact, this is my last day. So just to satisfy my curiosity and since it's not going to do you any harm, would you tell me what you've been

smuggling across this border for all these years?”

The truck driver leans in and says with a wry smile, “Trucks.”

Sometimes God brings truckloads of favor and blessings into our lives and we are so busy looking for something at the distant end of the earth that we don't even recognize what God is doing today! In this season, the favor of God is upon us! The appointed time of visitation is here! Today is the day of salvation and now is the accepted time!

When favor arrives... “Not a single church in the Maine District is large enough to hold the people that will come to them at the time of their visitation.”

Rev. Jonny Channell is a staff minister at Calvary Apostolic Church in Hampden and serves as the Maine District UPCI North American Missions Director.

UPDATE FROM WELLS, MAINE

Rev. & Sis. Marsh shared, “We had a record 32 today [September 1]. Four people came to the altar seeing the Holy Ghost.”



IMPORTANT DATES

November 1
CFC Kickoff

November 8
CFC Rally, Calvary Apostolic Church, Hampden, 7 PM
Speaker: Travis Worthington

December 22
CFC Offering Date

PRAYING UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS...IN THE MAINE DISTRICT

By: Rev. Brenda L. Bowley

The Maine World Network of Prayer (WNOP) Summit 2024 was held August 2 – 3 in Bangor. The power of God fell in each service! We saw the hand of God perform great healings and renewing us in the Holy Ghost.

sessions and supported this event. We appreciate their faithfulness to the work of the Lord.

We would like to thank Bro. & Sis. Nick Doucette and their church family for again hosting this year's Summit. We appreciate their efforts in all the time setting up, the beautiful backdrop, and overseeing the great worship music. We are grateful for their expertise in looking after every detail and operation to host this year's Summit.

Thank you to the many volunteers that gave of

their time. We are already planning for WNOP Summit 2025. Bro. Art Wilson will be our speaker, and we look forward to his ministry and the anointed word that will be spoken in these services.

Rev. Brenda Bowley is the Pastor at Apostolic Lighthouse in Madison, Maine, and serves as the Maine District World Network of Prayer Coordinator.



The powerful, anointed preaching and teaching by Bro. Ric and Sis. Vicky Gonzalez truly came from the Lord for such a time as this. The preaching was prophetic, anointed, and directed toward those in Maine. Prayer is the greatest tool that we have to live a victorious life and triumph over the wiles of the enemy. We are living in perilous times and must press toward the mark of the high calling of Jesus.

Without question, Bro. & Sis. Gonzalez blessed the state of Maine with the word of God and the power of prayer as well as great fellowship. We want to thank them for their ministry and friendship to the great District of Maine.

Thank you to our District Superintendent, Bro. Thomas Channell and Sis. Channell, who attended all



MAINE DISTRICT YOUTH IS MOVING THE GOSPEL

By: Mitchell Stewart

It was another productive and busy summer for the Youth Department. The youth committee and our camp staff spent the months leading up to July in preparation and planning for youth camp. Bro. Cole Beebe, former Florida District Youth President, was the Camp evangelist. He preached dynamic messages but also made sure to give some practical advice for the challenges and issues students face today. Our day speakers were Bro. Cameron Cox from Ellsworth, Maine, and Bro. Jeff Tracy from Nasonworth, New Brunswick, Canada.

Throughout the week, each service built upon the previous one and it was evident God had a plan for our campers. Our speakers were in unison, and it was evident that fasting and prayer brought clear direction for the week. One key highlight from youth camp this year was the overwhelming participation from students in the altar.

Despite the muggy mid-July heat (which is well-able to stifle ambition to worship), our campers dug deep time after time. There was



a hunger that could be felt, one revealing that campers not only wanted to be ministered to but ministered through, right from day one. As a result, we had at least six filled with the Holy Ghost as campers exercised their faith and gifts from God laying hands on one another, rejoicing together and carrying each



other's burdens. Only God knows the callings that were stepped into this year at camp!

For recreation, we continued our theme of Tribe Wars. Students are randomly divided into four teams and compete head-to-head throughout the week in various competitions. Again, despite the challenges of the intense heat and humidity, there was ample participation from our campers. We

introduced many new games including a crowd favorite called, "Steal the Donut". Campers and staff had fun with everything from Fear Factor style food games to freeze eating competitions at night and more.

Our week at camp was rounded out on Friday with a focus on Move the Mission and starting P7 Bible clubs. Exciting things are happening in the youth of our state as

they begin to realize who they are in God. It is an honor to be a part of a team who cares for, fasts, and prays for these young people to be who God has



called them to be. Only time will tell the impact they make on this world as God solidifies their callings. I know there will be growth in our state because of our youth. Both numerically and as individuals, God is positioning them for a revival in our time that is unprecedented. Please keep our youth department and committee in your prayers as God's will and direction is sought for our state.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rev. Mitchell Stewart is the Maine District Youth President. He is a lobster fisherman living in Jonesport and attends the Pentecostals of Jonesport Church along with his wife, Micki, and children, Maizie and Miles.

Save the Date

Esther

CONFERENCE 2024

RADIANT

Let your light so shine - Matt 5:16



Guest Speaker
Shara McKee

Early registration begins Aug 1



November 15-16, 2024



Calvary Apostolic Church
Hampden, ME



Maine District UPCI Ladies Ministries



THERE IS COMING A DAY, *continued...*

- **Stay Vigilant and Watchful:** Jesus repeatedly emphasized the need for vigilance. In Mark 13:33-37, He says, “Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is... And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”
- **Be Faithful in Service:** Believers are encouraged to be faithful stewards of the gifts and responsibilities entrusted to them. In Luke 12:35-40, Jesus advises, “Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.”
- **Spread the Gospel:** The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 commands believers to “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”

- **Maintain Faith and Hope:** In the face of trials and uncertainties, believers are encouraged to hold fast to their faith. Hebrews 10:23 exhorts, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”

By living holy lives, staying watchful, being faithful in service, spreading the Gospel, and maintaining faith and hope, believers can be ready for the glorious return of Jesus Christ. There is **certainly** coming day...and what a day that will be... But for now... I can only imagine!



A festive poster for a Christmas Rally. The word "RALLY" is written in large, bold, red letters, with the "A" and "L" partially obscured by a circular wreath. Below it, "CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST" is written in green, bold, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom center is a portrait of a man with glasses, wearing a blue suit and a patterned tie. To the left of the portrait, the text "November 8th @7PM" and "Calvary Church Hampden" is displayed. To the right, "Guest Speaker: Travis Worthington" is written. At the bottom left is the UPCI logo (United Pentecostal Church International) and at the bottom right is the NAM logo (North American Missions).

RALLY

CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST

November 8th @7PM

Calvary Church
Hampden

Guest Speaker:
Travis Worthington

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Calendar of Events

Maine Focus

October 2024

18 – 19	Maine Family Ministries	
20	All Nations Sunday	
25	Youth Fall Connect Rally	Hampden
31	Fall District Board Meeting	

November 2024

1	Fall Planning Session	Bangor
	Christmas for Christ Kickoff	
1 – 3	Real McCoy Weekend	St. Louis, MO
4	Ladies of Prayer International	
7 – 10	NAM Christmas for Christ Rallies	
11	Veteran's Day	
15 – 16	Esther Conference	
15	<i>Maine Focus</i> Articles Due	
28	Thanksgiving Day	

December 2024

2	Ladies of Prayer International
22	Christmas for Christ Offering
25	Christmas Day!

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