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EDITORIAL

Rev. John Peabody, Jr. President



Good things are happening . . . across the Conference!

Outreach efforts continue to progress as God uses Rev. Larry Major and the people of Brushton Pilgrim Holiness Church to reach out to the reservation in Hogsburg, NY. The combined effort of the church and Community Youth Program workers lead by Rev. John Sherman have had a series of three outreach programs within the last fourteen months.



Brushton, NY

Grand Gorge Pilgrim Holiness Church also hosted Bro. Sherman and the Community Youth Program this year. Approximately 40 people from the community attended this outreach. Rev. James Hallenbeck and people of Grand Gorge are excited about the possibilities that this event has opened up.



Grand Gorge, NY



Venus, PA

Good things have happened in Venus with an Easter egg hunt the Saturday before Easter. A total of 40 children (along with their parents) from the community,

attended this event, hunted for the eggs, and prizes were given out. Then, Sister Heather Peck told all of them the Easter Story in the sanctuary that Saturday afternoon.

One pastor challenged his people to fast and pray one meal a week. Following that challenge (for at least five weeks in a row), new people or people that used to come would just show up unannounced on Sunday morning. For a while, their Sunday morning attendance seemed to double. God still works in answer to prayer!

God has performed miracles in Archdale. This year they have started a bus ministry to support a Kid's Club on



Archdale, NC

Thursday night. Through this ministry, Rev. Derald

Hunt and his people are reaching families from 13 different nationalities right in the Archdale community.

God is helping at the Haverhill Pilgrim Holiness Church under the leadership of Pastor Joshua Withe. New ones are coming in and being disciplined. This



Haverhill, MA

year, they have continued to work with 12-14 *new people* – experiencing a dramatic increase in their church attendance.

One pastor’s salary was raised \$55.00 per week from \$315.00 to \$370.00. *Praise the Lord!*

Last year, another pastor took a voluntary salary cut (in half) from \$500 per week to \$250.00 per week because of his concern for the financial wellbeing of the church. This year, by faith the whole congregation (upon finding out about this and being very concerned about their pastor), brought it back to where it had been -- 500.00 per week. *Praise the Lord!*



Tunkhannock, PA

God is helping Rev. Joel Byer and the Tunkhannock Pilgrim Holiness Church with record enrollment in their Endless Mountains Christian Academy.



Green Grove, PA

Green Grove folks under the leadership of Rev. Jonathan Fall are in the process of remodeling the church basement. The Green Grove Pilgrim Holiness Church is blessed with strong membership and a good core group of saints – older and younger.



Fostoria, OH

The folks at Fostoria Pilgrim Holiness Church (under the leadership of Rev. Isaac Clark) have newly remodeled the church basement into Sunday School rooms.



Twin Rocks, PA

Rev. Asa Sherman and family at Twin Rocks are faithfully sowing the seed every week as they minister to the wounded, broken and unfortunate of the streets.



Rockwood, NY

The folks at Rockwood Pilgrim Holiness Church (under the leadership of Rev. Ken Sickler) are reaching the community with the Good News.



Kingston, Ontario

In Kingston, Ontario, the outreach and bus ministry is groundbreaking, to say the least. Rev. William Saxton is serving as interim pastor. Rev. Andrew and Susanne Manley are working with

children, young people, and adults and bringing them to Jesus all year long. A new person came to Kingston Pilgrim Holiness Church because of the information found from the Conference website. The church also had a hayride outing for young people and adults, with 70 people in attendance.

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Aug **4 - 13th – Binghampton Camp**
18th – Conference-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting

Sept **24 - 30th – Sunday School Emphasis Week**

Oct **1st – Annual Sunday School Rally Day**
13th – Conference-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting

**Back
to
School**

Kingdom Kids

Hey kids, it's "that time of year" again! I am a teacher at heart so I LOVE it! You go into the stores and see the rows of notebooks, pens, pencils, folders, etc. It is a reminder that just around the corner another season of learning begins! Some of you are excited about a fresh new grade and all the opportunities, while others may be going into the school year with a lot of fear, worry, and doubt about your ability to succeed. This month instead of a story we are looking at a verse in *Colossians* about doing everything for the glory of God. Did you know that could include your school work?

Do not panic! The Bible is not saying you have to get A's or be the best student in your school, what it is saying is God cares about how you do everything and that includes school. The end result A's, B's, or even C's are not what God is looking for, but what brings Him glory and pleases Him is when He sees you doing your very best! And guess what He really wants you to do it just for Him not for what people will think. You may have a tough year, people may misunderstand you, teachers may expect too much or too little, friends may laugh at you, but strive to bring a smile to the heart of God with the effort you put into your school year!

A Few Tips

- Start each task by asking for God's help!
- When you are overwhelmed think of ways you can succeed don't give in to "stinking thinking"
- If you are frustrated with your teacher or those in charge - pray for them and ask God to help you honor those in authority even when it's hard
- When you seem to be stuck or failing remember God has given you both strengths and weakness, thank Him for your strengths and ask Him what He wants to teach you through your weaknesses!
- Reach out to others! Even if you are homeschooled you can find ways to bless others through your school. Write that letter to a shut in, interview a long distance relative, make that art project to encourage someone else.
- When you feel left out, forgotten, or overlooked remember if you are making Jesus smile that is all that matters! He values you and loves you so very much! Let your life be a sweet perfume to Him!

**And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
Colossians 3:23**

Rev. and Mrs. Rowan Fay are being successful as they pioneer a church in Mocksville, NC where new people continue to attend.

The Lord is helping at Lisbon Pilgrim Holiness Church in Ohio, although a pastor is needed. Rev. Tom Jones is serving as interim pastor. The church averages 30-40 on Sunday morning. Many hungry souls from the community have been coming.

New members have been taken in to some of our Pilgrim Holiness churches. A former pastor who lost out was reclaimed and is renewing his preparation and calling.

In several of our churches, there is a band of faithful believers. They are being just that – *faithful and true! They are faithfully sowing the seed and sharing the Gospel.*

I did not mean to leave your church out. If God is helping and good things are happening, if He is working and answering your prayers, let us know. Write to the Pil-

grim News and give God praise so it can be published.

From our Pilgrim churches, about a dozen young people are attending conservative holiness Bible colleges. Some are called into Christian ministry – some to missions, others to pastoral ministry. Some good solid young people are coming on and beginning to take leadership roles.

Billy Miller and Brian Welch graduated from PVBI

this year. Billy Miller is actively taking part in ministry in Schenectady and Brian Welch has finished an internship at his home church in Tunkhannock. Trevor Mills from Green Grove is called into the ministry.

Joshua Wilson from Pierrepont Manor senses a call to the ministry. Jacob Ford from our Middleburgh church has a call to missions.

There seems to be a renewed interest in camp meeting. young couples and youth are actively taking part in running and maintaining camp meeting. *Praise the Lord!*

If God is helping and good things are happening. If He is working . . . answering prayers . . . *give Him praise* – write to the Pilgrim News!

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Pilgrim Holiness Missions

Rev. Kenneth Sickler, Missionary Secretary



Rev. Ken Sickler

Summer time is synonymous with vacations and VBS, greenhouses and gardens, camps and cookouts, travel and turnpikes, hoeing and harvest. One of the rewards of summer labor is the excitement of gathering in the harvest. The smell of fresh mowed hay and the aroma of chopped field corn linger on in the back of my childhood memories. The labor was intense, the heat almost unbearable, the days long and wearisome, but the reward of harvest made it all worthwhile.

Spiritual seedtime and harvest is not limited by seasons and weather. The gathering-in of souls is the reward for faithful seed-sowing watered by earnest prayer and fasting. There is the Biblical account of a gathering of vessels recorded in II Kings 4. This story challenges us to go out among our neighbors and gather in the “vessels”— great and small – until there are no more to be found.

Gathering in the Vessels

II Kings 4:1-7

Notice the woman’s **Ordeal**. It could be that the king had lent her husband money to feed the prophets. She was now alone with her sons and had reached the “bottom of the barrel!” *Her extremity was God’s opportunity.*

Notice her **Order**. Could it be this pot of oil had been set aside for her burial? The command was two-fold:

- 1) Go and borrow vessels; and then
- 2) Pour out the pot of oil.

Notice the woman’s **Oil**. She discovered that the way to increase the supply was to pour out the portion she possessed. The debt was paid, and she could live out her days on the overflow.

Now, what can we learn from this account?

- God may need to use troubling circumstances to bring

us in line with His divine provision.

- We all are vessels that need to be gathered in.
- All need to be filled with the oil of the Holy Spirit.
- The Power of the Holy Ghost cancels the debt and enables victorious living.
- Are there vessels in my home I am not willing to let go?
- Are there vessels around me that need to be gathered?
- May each of us be holy vessels through which the Holy Spirit can flow.

News from the Field – Brazil

The pastors are getting excited about their first annual ministerial convention to be held in June. Bro. and Sr. Howard from southern Brazil will be with the Millses for about two and a half weeks during this time. They are taking some vacation time in Manaus. Let’s pray that God will bless these sessions in a way that strengthens them for ongoing needs. The toil of pastoral responsibilities, the disappointments of unrealized dreams and unreach goals, and the pressure of the enemy are no less real in Brazilian churches than here in the States. Pray that hearts will be encouraged, vision will be clearer, and the fellowship of the brethren will be strengthened.

The well at City of God has been drilled and the pump lowered in place. All that is left is to hook up the power and pipe to the property. Bro. Mills was pleasantly surprised when Pastor Arilson told him that 1,000 *reis* have come in already towards their part of the cost. *Praise the Lord!!* The well is 66 meters deep and has a 30- meter reservoir of water.

Pastor Edilson reported in the June Pastors’ meeting that they had two new converts. The children’s Sunday School class is still going strong. Keep praying for the teens that attend here. The Sunday School class for them has not started yet. Pastor Edilson and Rosa are getting weary. Their age and the work of the church

have put a heavy burden on them. Bro. Mills has asked us to pray that God will sustain them until another laborer is called to serve in Nova Floresta.

The Monte Pascoal people have hit a roadblock in their building program. The architect now tells them they need parking for thirty vehicles! The local codes require this on the basis of the size of the new sanctuary. *(Never mind that hardly anyone attending even has a car!)* We serve a miracle working God. He has it all planned. Let's pray that the church leaders will discern the will of the Lord in this matter. Pastor Agnei and his people need our prayers. He is to meet again with the architect in June.

Sophia is walking now and has found her progress impeded by numerous gates! You know, that's all part of growing up! I have not heard if she has connected yet with Cloe's desire to play "fetch the ball." The Lord has blessed their home with a daring and delightful bundle of joy. Please keep Bro. and Sr. Mills in your prayers!

News from the Field – Haiti

The leadership team in Haiti expressed the desire for Bible study material and workbooks. Rev. Steve Gibson, director of Holiness Pilgrim Mission to Haiti, has put together forty sets of *Steps of Grace* textbooks and workbooks in Creole. He also sent twenty French copies of Winfield Poe's *Two Great Doctrines* to Don Mobley. The goal is to have a pastor study time with "*Two Great Doctrines*" to enable them to teach the book to their congregation. *Steps of Grace* is an easier reading level in Creole and would benefit the majority of our Haitian congregations.

The missionary secretary has recently begun conversing with Robens Desil via email. He does pretty well with his English. He was asked to translate my final greeting to the Sunday morning crowd at Saut d'Eau.

God is working in our Haitian churches. Let's continue to pray for:

- the leadership team,
- the local pastors and their assistants, and
- Don Mobley.

The Duty of Delight *(Continued from page 8)*

is for you? Do not mistake duty for drudgery. While it takes hard work to get a garden to grow, the gardener that lovingly tends to the garden each day does not have to detest the work, *but work he must!* 'Tis true for the soul. You must be faithful to plant the seed of God's Word in your heart regularly so that there will be fruit in the days to come. Allow the Holy Spirit to water it by spending time in prayer. Let the light of Jesus shine in by keeping all clouds away – obey the checks of the Spirit and take care of any weeds that have popped up right away! At times, it will feel like nothing is happening. Other times, the Gardener will come to prune, clip, and shape the plants – removing what hinders growth. Submit to His touch. Allow Him to have His way even when it is painful. Learn from failure, but *by all means don't give up on growing!* One day you will be pleasantly surprised to find that duty does lead to delight! You won't get there overnight. You will have to keep tending your heart faithfully, season after season. But as you grow, you will find that the Master Gardener grows the sweetest fruit and the word "delight" hardly expresses all the joys you find in Him!

Official Status Change Pilgrim Holiness Church of Erma, NJ

On June 13th, 2017, the Conference Council of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of New York, Inc. officially placed the Erma (NJ) Pilgrim Holiness Church in unorganized status. It is now declared (per Discipline, 4.7.4) to be under the supervision of the Conference. Additional conditions of this status change may be reviewed in section 5.13.3

Sign Lettering?

The Marcy Church is in need of sign lettering. The type of lettering that is needed is metal and "hooks" at the top. Sizes with a height of 4.25" or 3.25" are preferred. If any one has (or knows of) any extra or unused lettering in good condition, please contact Rev. James Brewer:

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*Delight thyself also in the LORD;
and he shall give thee the desires
of thine heart. – Psa. 37:4*

What an interesting command. Don't you love the sound of the word "delight"? I do. It is almost automatic for me to smile (inwardly at least) at the sweet thoughts this word can provoke.

Wonderful memories, cozy thoughts, lovely feelings, great friends, delicious dishes, and so much more! I must admit that the two words in the title don't seem to fit together in my happy thought pictures.

How can one pair duty and delight? I can understand why God would want us to delight in Him. I get why it would make Him happy to be the object of our lovely pictures and dreamy distractions, but *to command it??* So here, tucked away in the book of Psalms, I am challenged

to apply what I know about the character of God – to discover how I can apply this command from His Word – so that in the end, my heart is drawn closer to His.

I know that God is good and just; so He never requires something from me (or anyone) that is beyond my (our) ability to carry out. By applying this truth to Psalm 37:4, I must conclude that delighting in a particular person or thing is something over which I have some control. At first glance, my heart does not see this clearly. I like to be swept away by delightful feelings – to be caught up in the loveliness of life where I am carried



The Duty of Delight

Heather Peck

away from all that is unlovely and does not inspire delight. However, recently our church was challenged to memorize this verse. As I meditated on it one afternoon, I found fresh truth in this verse. Delight – the real, lasting, life-giving kind of delight that God wants us to find in Him – is indeed hard work.

Those of you who garden (and I do not), may understand this concept more fully.

It's not that I don't like gardens – on the contrary, I do! I love fresh veggies and fruit grown by one's own hands. It is also not that I have not tried to garden, because I did – *and failed miserably!* We only planted three things that year, lettuce, green beans, and carrots. We had visions of the yumminess we would enjoy and then expand our efforts in the future. Oh, *how naïve!* Our lettuce came up – that is all that can be said about it, but that is more than the green beans did, and our carrots could have been marketed as veggie Tic Tacs! After that, we gave up. We failed. Gardening was not for us. The End.

That afternoon, as I wrestled with how I could obey Psalm 37:4 better in my life, it seemed as if God reminded me of the garden adventure. I thought it would be fun – it wasn't. I thought it would be easy – it was not. I

was discouraged and quit after one year of failing. Since failure was all I could see, I allowed it to shape my future efforts (or non-efforts). In that moment, it seemed that God whispered that it is just how some people treat their growing relationship with the God of the Universe. *We are excited!* We know following Him is right, but then He takes a turn we did not see coming. We love being loved, but then sometimes all we hear is silence. Maybe some have outright failed His grace and gone back to sin. All they can see is their failure and it colors any future effort on their part.

I know in my head that I could try again and probably get better results. We have had helpful advice from experienced gardeners about where we went wrong and how to fix it. But alas, until I pick up my shovel and risk all the hard work, effort, and even disappointment – I will not enjoy the delight of eating from my garden. Don't feel too bad for me. Where I live, we can buy fresh produce from the Amish at a very reasonable cost! But the truth is, there is no substitute from delighting in God. You cannot buy what can only be grown in your own heart. That is where duty comes in.

Wherever you are on the journey of delighting in God, would you pause and ask God what the next step