

Ministers Convention 2008

“Bring Them In”

Our annual Ministers ' Convention was held on Saturday 8th November 2008 at Kings Heath and Moseley Baptist Church, Birmingham. The theme was 'Bring Them In' and the Holy Spirit whose presence hovered over us from the very beginning dominated the programme. We are thankful to Almighty God for hearing our prayers in advance of the gathering.

The theme was explored throughout the various inspired messages that were preached by our pastors and ministers throughout the day. Pastor Prince preached from St. Matthew 9:37, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.” Pastor Anderson preached on the topic “Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?” taken from St. John 4:35 and Sister Angela Clarke preached from Isaiah 6 v 8 “...Here am I; send me.” It was clear that the Holy Ghost was on spot as all of the messages overlapped one another. We were encouraged to be about the Lord's business in these last days. The Holy Ghost spoke very clearly to us in the afternoon asking, “Whom shall I send?” The Lord needs willing Christians to do his bidding in this world. God forbid that He comes back to find we have been idle! Despite the pre-dominance of SIN, we must still carry out the great commission.

The national auxiliary leaders boosted their departments' themes for the year and set out the various initiatives and events to take place in 2008/9. We have an exciting year ahead saints! Let us support our national workers as they continue to be inspired by the Lord.

The themes are as follows:

- **Assembly Band Movement** – ‘Let us Love One Another’
- **Church of Prophecy Marker Association** ‘That we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus’
- **Bible Training Institute** – ‘Let us know Him’
- **Sunday School** – ‘Teachers of Truth’
- **Victory Leaders Band** – ‘The Winners Circle’
- **Women's Missionary Band** – ‘Faithful Servant’

Sister Karen Richards also boosted our church paper, ‘The Chronicle’, encouraging the church to continue submitting articles.

The programme was flavoured with special singing and testimonies. It is difficult to find words to explain the move of the Spirit during a song from the young males at Northfield Church. As they sang, "My Soul Magnifies the Lord", there was what can only be described as a 'wave' which rippled from the back of the church straight to the front as we were visited by the Holy Spirit in the most amazing way. There was hardly a dry eye in the house as unsaved were brought to their knees and saints lay prostrate, speaking in tongues under God's anointing and shouting praises to the Lord. It was awesome.

There was a similar experience after the anointed singing of our National Youth Choir who sang "I'm Gonna Wait on the Lord" and "Father I Love You" under the direction of Sister Claudia Prince.

Our National Overseer was hardly left with enough time to preach after the Holy Ghost had His way, but he was able to encourage us from Haggai 2 v 1-9. In that scripture God encouraged the people who had come out of Babylonian captivity to consider their ways and to build as the glory of the latter house will be greater than that of the former. We need to have an urgency to be wholly sanctified and filled with Holy Ghost, as that is when the glory will come down.

The service ended with a healing line and altar call. We thank the Lord for being with us during this convention. We pray that the Spirit filled service will have set a precedent for the whole year as we continue to work for the Lord.

For those who missed out on the convention, we are very grateful to our Music Department who for the first time have been able to record the convention in audio format so that a CD of the service could be made available. Please contact Stuart Brown from the Northfield Church for further details.

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