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The Anointing Needs Humility

Dr. Jason M. Hood, ACJC Missouri District Elder

King Saul is a much-maligned character in the Old Testament narrative. As such, he is an example of

how a man's choices later in life can destroy his reputation forever. But before there was a "King Saul" there was a simple man, the son of an almost unknown man named Kish of the tribe of the Matrites – a group mentioned only once in the whole of Scripture. He had one visible asset which might cause one to think him a leader: he was taller than most men (1 Samuel 9:2, 10:23).

At some point before this we know the Lord spoke to the prophet Samuel concerning this tall man from an unimportant father and an even less prominent tribe. Samuel received a command from the Lord to go after this goodly young man and anoint him to be "captain over my people" (1 Samuel 9:16). The anointing occurs without the word "king" being spoken into Saul's ear. Captain. A leader of men into battle. It was an important position, but nothing like what was about to come upon the young man.

Did Saul know the extent of what was actually happening when Samuel poured oil upon his head in 1 Samuel 10? Did he realize the very next step was to become the first earthly king of Israel? One thing is certain: once things began to happen, something gripped the young man's heart causing him to hide himself, as the King James Version says, "among the stuff" (1 Samuel 10:22). The "stuff" referenced here was the baggage and luggage of the camp. As Samuel spoke to the people of what the Lord was commanding concerning the king, young Saul hid himself. Why?

It is interesting to note that the most commonly accepted commentaries on this situation make

Saul's actions into either a testament to his personal insecurity, emotional frailty, or some other defect of character. Why could it not be that Saul was being humble? In fact, why wouldn't a prominent qualification for a godly leader of God's own people be humility? Do we not have sufficient examples, both in Scripture and history, of the pride of religious leaders bringing them down?

But, at some point, Saul lost his humility. Though still the anointed king of Israel and captain of God's people, on one occasion he failed to wait on Samuel and took upon himself the role of officiant in a sacrifice unto the Lord (1 Samuel 13). This cost Saul a perpetual dynasty on the throne of Israel. By 1 Samuel 15, Saul has yet again forgotten the boundaries of humility, assuming he had the right to contradict the command of God in the matter of the destruction of the Amalekites.

Saul was anointed king, that was undeniable. It was this anointing as king that David was unwilling to violate (1 Samuel 24:6). But the anointing on the life of Saul was of no use. He had been rejected by God because of his pride and arrogance against the Word and will of the Lord. The message here is simple and needs no further elaboration: no amount of anointing will make up for a lack of humility. May God help us start humble and stay humble under His mighty hand.

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OUR MOTTO

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." – Psalm 133:1

"With Apostolic doctrine and Apostolic fellowship with an Apostolic aim, this body of Christian ministers and workers are determined and hope to obtain Apostolic results."

REMINDER

The first Monday of every month has been set aside as a day of prayer and fasting for the Missouri District ACJC.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ ..." Colossians 6:2

2024 ACJC MISSOURI FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All fellowship meetings shall be held on a Saturday at 5PM unless otherwise noted.

Ladie's Safe Room/Men's Horseshoe Tournament

September 21

Fall Family Fun Day

October 12

Bennet Springs State Park

Time TBA

National Men's Conference

November 1 at Lebanon

Ministers Banquet

December 7

Time and Location TBD

2025 WINTER, LADIES & GENERAL CONFERENCES

The **2025 Winter Conference** will be held at First Pentecostal Church in New Albany, Mississippi on Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3, 2025.

The **2025 National Ladies' Conference** will also be held at First Pentecostal Church in New Albany, Mississippi on Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25, 2025.

The **111th General Conference** of the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ will be held at Dexter Pentecostal Church outside of Tylertown, Mississippi from Monday, July 21 through Thursday, July 24, 2025. This is a very long drive for the Minister's of our District, but it is very much hoped that you will be able to make plans to attend. Elections will be held for the following National offices:

General Chairman

Foreign Missions Director

Home Missions Director

Youth Director

Sunday School Director

Ladies' Auxiliary President

Please remember: Ministers must be current in their dues **and** good standing to be eligible to vote or hold offices.

UPDATE: MISSOURI DISTRICT RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The resolution submitted by the Missouri District to the 2024 ACJC General Conference regarding the dual licensing of senior ministers did not receive a 2/3 majority vote and, therefore, did not pass. While we regret this decision, let us continue on in love and the unity of the Spirit. This does not prevent the resolution from being submitted again at a future General Conference.



Preaching Point: Buffalo, Missouri

Pastor Randy Sapp, Missouri District Home Missions Director & District Secretary/Treasurer

The small rural town of Buffalo, Missouri, has a population of a little over 3000 people. In this town, there is a nursing home named Buffalo Prairie Care Center, which is home to 40-50 people. My wife and I are privileged to hold church services there bi-weekly, with an average of 10-12 residents attending.

The residents there are a beautiful group of people, and they wait eagerly every other week to hear the singing and the preaching of the Word of God. But they don't just listen! They sing from their hearts and worship God in whatever way they can. They have many "reasons" why they could choose not to praise God. Some are missing limbs, some cannot lift their arms, some are confined to wheelchairs, and others are almost completely blind or deaf. Despite all of this, they are faithful to the Lord. Many of them are in constant pain, but they have a love for God and a desire to please Him.

We have seen some of these dear souls repent and call out to God. None have been baptized in Jesus' name yet, but I believe that is coming. Pray for these precious people and for others in the home who do not attend. Many feel lost and without hope. We want them to feel the peace, love, and hope that Jesus gives!

I also want to give honor to whom honor is due. Bro Raymond and Sis Kathy Schaefer have been meeting us at both Buffalo Prairie and Hermitage Nursing Home and have been a tremendous blessing to the work. May the Lord bless them richly for their faithfulness and consistency. •





10 Thoughts to Live By

Sis. Sandi Sapp, Missouri District Ladies' Auxiliary Leader

1. Thou shalt not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
2. Thou shalt not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.
3. Thou shalt not cross bridges before you get to them, for no one has yet succeeded in accomplishing this.
4. Thou shalt face each problem as it comes. You can only handle one at a time anyway.
5. Thou shalt not take problems to bed with you for they make very poor bedfellows.
6. Thou shalt not borrow other people's problems. They can take better care of them than you can.
7. Thou shalt not try to relive yesterday, for good or ill—it is gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life today.
8. Thou shalt count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to a big blessing.
9. Thou shalt be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own. It is very hard to learn something new when you are doing all the talking.
10. Thou shalt not become bogged down by frustration, for 90% of it is rooted in self-pity, and it will only interfere with positive action.



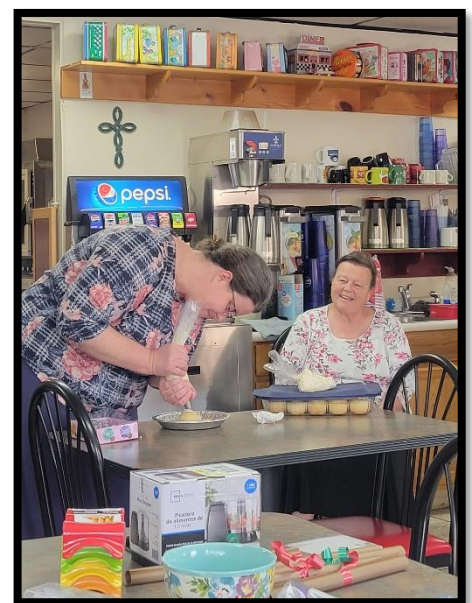
Over 400 Baptized in Jesus' name this Year in the ACJC Philippines



Ladies' Cooking Show and Men's Fishing Trip

The ladies had a great time at the Cooking Show, planned and put on by Sis. Barbara Light & crew. We enjoyed learning some new recipes & some great cooking tips. There was a hearty meal served with a variety of food, and door prizes were given out. Thank you, Sis Light for all the work you put into this fun day! And thank you, Sis Tammy Apperson for allowing us to use The Lunchbox Café.

The men all gathered at the Lake of the Ozarks for a day of fishing, a competition for the heaviest fish, and a fish fry. They had to really work at the fishing, and it ended up with a tie for the heaviest fish! There was plenty of fish and taters to eat, along with a variety of sides, so everyone ate till they were full. It was a great day of fellowship in the outdoors. Thanks to all who participated and all who helped.



2024 ACJC NATIONAL MEN'S CONFERENCE



DATE

Friday, November 1



LOCATION

Lebanon, Missouri

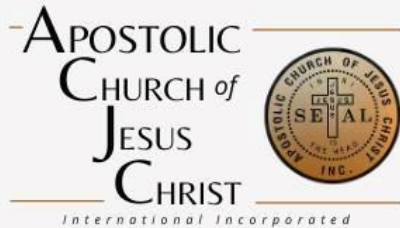
- **SPEAKERS TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- **LUNCH TO BE PROVIDED**
- **NO REGISTRATION FEE, BUT AN OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED**

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Updates will be provided at:
www.ACJCII.org/MensConference

OUR NEW NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER ELDER WILLIAM KIRKMAN



After over two decades of service, Elder Steve Gearin chose not to stand again for the office of National Secretary/Treasurer. The lot fell upon Elder William Kirkman of Sulligent, Alabama. Please uplift Bro. Kirkman in this new labor for the Lord. It is a heavy burden to carry. Let us help him with our continual prayers and support.