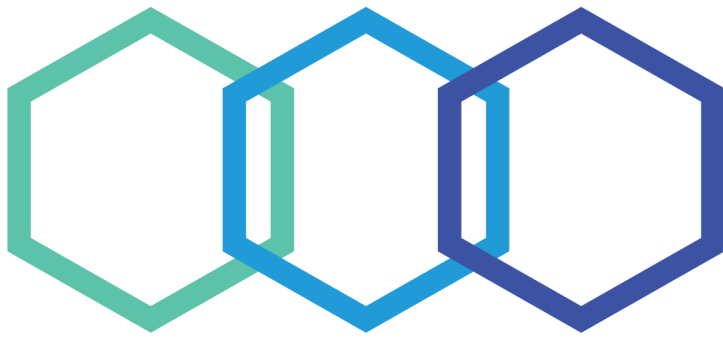


ADVANCE

SUMMIT

September 13-14, 2024





Healthy, Growing, Multiplying



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Church Goers:**

- Pray for the Arise 2033 Vision
- Bring 3 New People to Church Each Year
- Join the School of Ministry

**Healthy, Growing, Multiplying
Leaders:**

- Further Your Growth in the School of Ministry
- Evaluate Your Calling
- Join a Peer Learning Community
- Participate in Church/Staff Coaching

**Healthy, Growing, Multiplying
Pastors:**

- Participate in Church/Staff Coaching
- Multiply your Church (Plant a Church, Start an Ethnic Service, Multi-site, etc.)
- Encourage Your People to Participate

WHY SHOULD YOU BE A PART OF ARISE 2033?
Our cities are full of people who don't know the love of Christ!

Members of the Great Plains Conference,

Welcome to the 90th Annual Conference Session (now ADVANCE Summit) of the Great Plains Conference!

This year we welcome Bishop Tommy McGhee as our Presiding Officer. Bishop McGhee is the Executive Director of Discipleship Ministries and a great friend to Great Plains. You will be blessed by this man of God this weekend. We are excited to have Bishop McGhee with us and I hope you will make him feel welcome.

Our ADVANCE Summit is an important time for us to gather together for vision casting, worship, prayer, inspiration, and celebration as we position ourselves to pursue the corporate vision of ARISE 2033. It's my hope that this weekend will become a catalyst for every minister and church to begin to pursue this vision NOW.

It's a joy to serve along side you in our Kingdom efforts! Thank you for all that you do to ADVANCE the Kingdom. Please join with me in prayer for this weekend as I pray that the Lord will unite our hearts and help us as a Conference to fulfill our mandate of "Equipping for the Harvest" so that every minister and church will make an impact in their community.

Serving with you,

Scott Hampton
Conference Superintendent
Great Plains Conference



Bishop Tommy McGhee **Executive Director of Discipleship Ministries**

Bishop Tommy McGhee is the Executive Director of Discipleship Ministries and serves as Corporate Secretary for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. His vision for Discipleship Ministries is to identify the best discipleship resources available to help put them in the hands of local church leaders where discipleship happens.

Bishop McGhee served as Superintendent of the Cornerstone Conference (Western North Carolina) from June 1994 until July 2012. Prior to being Superintendent, he served as the Evangelism & World Missions Director of the Western North Carolina Conference for six years and as a pastor in the conference for twelve years. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference while attending Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia. He graduated from Emmanuel College with a B.S. in Religious Studies; and later from Southwestern Christian University Graduate School (Bethany, Oklahoma) with a Master of Ministry Degree in Church Growth & Church Planting.

Bishop McGhee is married to Elizabeth Frye McGhee, and they live in Walkertown, North Carolina. They have two grown children – Jennifer (Walkertown, NC) and Jason (Stokesdale, NC). Jason and his wife, Mandy, have one daughter, Audrey, who is the delight of her grandparents!

ADVANCE Summit 2024 Schedule

Friday September 13th:

6:30pm - Doors Open

7:00pm - World Missions Great Commission Meal

Welcome - Bishop Scott Hampton

Greeting and Prayer over Meal - Mathias Estrada

World Missions Ministries Great Commission

Meal - Terry Tramel

Presentations - GPC Ministry Team

GO Offering pledges given/received

8:00pm - Worship Service

Worship - Conference Worship Team

Sermon - Bishop Tommy McGhee

GPC 90th Anniversary Reception

Saturday September 14th:

8:00am - Lead Pastors Breakfast

8:30am - Doors Open

9:00am - ADVANCE Summit

9:00am - Welcome & Recognitions - Bishop Scott Hampton

9:05am - Worship - Conference Worship Team

9:20am - IPHC Presentation - Bishop Tommy McGhee

10:00am - Pastor Care Initiative - Bob Ely

10:15am - State of the Conference Report - Bishop Scott Hampton

10:30am - Financial Report - Chelsea Bunn

10:45am - Conference Executive Council Reports

- Discipleship Ministries - Jake Bunn

- World Missions - Mathias Estrada

- Evangelism - Patrick Estrada

11:00am - Credentialing Service - Bishop Tommy McGhee

12:00pm - Dismissal

Clergy Credentials Report

ADVANCE Summit 2024
Credentials Committee Report

The Ministerial Credentials Committee recommends the following candidates:

Ordination

Mario Curiel
Daniel Omonira
Nikki Omonira

State of the Conference Report

Dear Members of the Great Plains Conference,

It continues to be a source of joy and fulfillment to serve as your Conference Superintendent. This past year has been another season of growth and provision for Great Plains. As I do each year, let me start by expressing the gratitude that Heather, Karsyn, Paxton, Shanna, Kinsley, and I have for you for allowing us to serve you in this role. I honor my wife and kids and I couldn't do this without their love and support. We all love and cherish our time spent with you when we get together.

This year we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Great Plains Conference. It was on August 27th, 1934 that the Oklahoma Conference gave birth to what was originally called, the "Panhandle Conference" with Rev. A.T. Kersey serving as the first Superintendent. Interestingly enough, the Superintendent of the Oklahoma Conference at the time was a man named H.W. Hampton. It's unknown (but doubtful) if I am related to Bro. Hampton. We began our journey that day with 8 organized churches and our oldest continually existing church is still alive in Boise City, OK. We have a wonderful and rich heritage. Today, just over 90 years later, we can see the Lord's faithfulness.

In addition to my duties as your Conference Superintendent, it's my prayer that I've represented you well across the IPHC. I attended all required IPHC COB (Council of Bishops) meetings in person in Oklahoma City, OK, St. Petersburg, FL, and Greenville, SC as well as virtual COB meetings that were held. I am also privileged to serve Bishop McGhee on the Discipleship Ministries Council and attended the IPHC Discipleship Ministries Council Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK and will attend the Discipleship Ministries Summit in Lenoir, NC this coming week. I have also continued to consult for the Discipleship Ministries team this year. It's a honor to serve this vital part of our movement. I have continued to keep up my responsibilities as a trustee of Southwestern Christian University where I serve on the finance committee. I also continue to serve on the IPHC Strategic Advisory Committee and the Council of Bishops Executive Committee. In every setting, I hope to carry GPC with me and for this Conference to be recognized.

We all stand on the shoulders of those who proceed us in ministry and, as we celebrate 90 years of the Great Plains Conference, I am honored to stand on the shoulders of the seven Conference Superintendent's that preceded me - Superintendents Kersey, Lemmon, Jackson, Savage, Thompson, Lloyd Burd, and Gary Burd. Without their efforts, we are not celebrating this milestone.

TEAM GPC

The new Conference Executive Council consisting of Assistant Superintendent/Evangelism Director Patrick Estrada, Discipleship Ministries Director Jake Bunn, World Missions Director Mathias Estrada, Secretary/Treasurer Chelsea Bunn, and myself have enjoyed a productive year of working well together as we continue to endeavor to move the conference forward and position it for the future. Our Ministry Directors, Digital Content Director Talon Romero, School of Ministry Director Esther Guenther, Intercession Director Debbie Estrada, and Student Ministries Director Chris Boroughs work hard to provide ministry and training opportunities for you. I have been so blessed to be surrounded by such a strong team that takes our commission of "equipping for the harvest" seriously. Each of them has provided a written report of their activities for you. The entire ministry team is here to serve you and your churches. Please reach out to them if you need assistance in any area.

Please be attentive to the reports of these Ministry Directors included in your packet.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Great Plains Conference currently has a total of 87 Credentialed Ministers - 29 Local Church Ministers, 24 Licensed Ministers, and 34 Ordained Ministers. Unfortunately, we have had to drop some ministers for non-tithing but overall, we continue to see so much improvement towards a healthier culture of tithing and reporting from the churches and ministers within the conference. We are excited to see this continue in the future. Thank you all for your faithfulness! I'm confident you are seeing the fruit of your efforts as you participate in a tithing covenant with the Lord.

The 2023-2024 conference ministry calendar was full of training & events designed to assist our ministers and churches - we offered our ADVANCE Summit, we participated as one of the pilot conferences of the new fully online Ministerial Credentials Program, had twenty-four INCaM (Hispanic School of Ministry) classes, Two I3 Conferences - I3 East in Amarillo, TX with IPHC Director of Clergy Development, Steve Ely and I3 West in Albuquerque, NM with the conference ministry team, three World Missions Great Commission Meals, the Ignite winter youth retreat, Reload Summer Camp, and participation in Free Camp at Christian Heritage Church. We also saw groups attend the EVUSA Leadership Gathering in Purcell, OK, the Discipleship Ministries Huddle in Oklahoma City, OK, and IPHC YouthQuest on the campus of Emmanuel University in Franklin Springs, GA. Leadership Development must continue to be one of the top priorities of the Conference moving forward. We need to produce leaders at a rapid rate to improve the effectiveness of our churches, prepare our existing churches for future leadership transitions, and to have a pool of church planters ready to reach the harvest.

It was a special privilege for Great Plains to invest financially in sending Pastor Craig Lawlis to the Community Chaplains trainings for him to become certified as an instructor. EVUSA has recognized Pastor Craig as a member of the IPHC “Chaplains of Hope” lead team along with Gary Burd and he has done extensive curriculum development for this ministry. The “Chaplains of Hope” got off to a strong start as they, along with IPHC Disaster Relief USA, were activated in response to the Fritch, TX wildfires with teams from Full Armor Fellowship in Pampa, TX and Christian Heritage Church in Amarillo, TX responding.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The 2023-2024 ministry year has been a year of expansion as well as relationship-building and connection-making. We have seen the launch of Pasion Y Vida, a church plant in Amarillo, TX as well as had Covering Eagle Ministries and Victory Royal Church, both in the DFW area, join us this year. In addition, we also have 3 other potential church plants developing in different areas of the Conference. We are so excited about the potential that is shaping up in front of us to serve these church planters, pastors, and churches.

However, there is still a tremendous job to be done. We must continue to expand our territory and become more aggressive in our Church development efforts. We are still seeking to identify church planters and people who feel a call to Pastor. We continue to have churches reach out to us seeking a relationship. We will also be encouraging any church that is willing to actively engage the Fresh Expressions model of ministry as it develops.

In 2024 we also worked with two of our churches as they experienced pastoral changes. After a tremendous lifetime of ministry, Bro. Albert Maggard retired as the Pastor of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pampa, TX. After a period of almost six months, we were able to place Pastor Ron Noble in that pulpit. Beginning in the spring of the year we also served Faith Alive in Boise City, OK for four months with them eventually selecting Patrick and Debbie Estrada as their new Pastors. We are excited for the relationship that will develop between the Guymon and Boise City churches under the Estrada's leadership.

ARISE 2033 VISION

It's our deep conviction to continue to use our Conference vision of "Equipping for the Harvest" to support the greater IPHC Vision of ARISE 2033. We are aligned to the mission and purposes we hear from our denominational leadership and we will pursue them to the best of our ability. We continue to communicate our commitment in the same manner as often as we can.

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License

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- Join a Peer Learning Community/Coaching Group

Church Pastors

- Join a Peer Learning Community/Coaching Group
- Multiply your Church (Plant a Church, Start an Ethnic Service, Multisite, Fresh Expression)
- Encourage Your People to Participate in the ARISE 2033

Vision

WHY SHOULD YOU BE A PART OF ARISE 2033?

Because our cities are full of people who don't know the love of Christ!

THE FUTURE

It continues to be the conviction of our team that we will not see Healthy, Growing, & Multiplying Churches the way we envision them if we don't make the effort and provide the support for there to be Healthy, Growing, & Multiplying PASTORS. Statistics are telling us that Pastors are struggling more than ever and many are on the verge of quitting the ministry. The need for, and response to, pastoral care continues to grow. We sat with many of you after the loss of a loved one, we prayed with you concerning sickness & injuries in your life and in your families, we counseled marriages, we got some of you the help you needed in counseling, and for some, made arrangements to have pulpits filled to provide a season of rest. The loving care of the Body of Christ is a benefit of being part of this family that is sometimes overlooked.

We have addressed some of these areas of health that we are concerned about but we desire to do more. In the future, you can expect more emphasis from us to support ministers in opening doors for counseling, resources for mental health, resources for financial health, resources for healthy marriages, parenting resources, resources for ministers' wives, and a desire to bring back our Minister's and Spouse Retreat at some point. We cannot have healthy churches without healthy pastors and we will find the best resources we can to assist us in this.

CONCLUSION

The last year has been another amazing year for the Great Plains Conference family. We are so pleased with the continued growth within the Conference and hearing the stories of all that the Lord is doing in your lives and in your Churches.

In 1998 Bro. Albert Maggard presented a wonderfully written and detailed account of the first 64 years of the Great Plains Conference. It was in the conclusion of his report that he wrote, “William Carey declared, ‘The future is as bright as the promises of God.’ We believe that to be so. From 1934 to 1998, - 64 years the Lord has blessed and guided. Our past has been filled with the blessings of Almighty God. We face a rapidly approaching new millennium with assurance. We’ve come from hitch hiking to soaring jet planes. The Lord who brought us this far has great things ahead for us. We cherish the past, but are ready, with God’s help, to seize the future.”

I’m happy to report back to this body that, 26 years later, Bro. Maggard’s words are still true. The Lord who brought us this far has great things ahead for us. We cherish the past, but are ready, with God’s help, to seize the future.

We pray for you daily. We pray for your family, your ministry, your church, the Great Plains Conference, the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, and ultimately, the Kingdom of God. We are here for you, willing to serve.

In His Service and Yours,

Scott Hampton

Secretary/Treasurer - Chelsea Bunn

Members of the Great Plains Conference,

Through God and only Him, the finances of this conference continue to thrive. With gratefulness, I am happy to tell you the conference's debt-free status has continued for another year. My prayer is that this is seen as no small thing. Rather, may we remain thankful and diligent in seeking God's wisdom for directing the resources He sends our way. May we persevere in handling these resources as paving the way for the next generation, a solid foundation so they are well-equipped for every mission from heaven.

In a continual effort to be trustworthy stewards, giving reports, tithe money, and your World Missions support have all been consistently sent to headquarters each month. From the moment your tithe dollars and mission giving arrive at our office, the portion to be sent is set aside as we trust God to provide for the rest of our needs. He has been more than faithful, and we thank our Heavenly Father for honoring us with His unfailing provision and generosity.

To our churches and ministers who tithe steadfastly to the conference, you are seen and known by our Provider. May you feel His hand uphold you in every circumstance and receive His wisdom in each situation you face. It is you who support the continual growth we celebrate in Great Plains - equipping leaders to spread the Gospel and developing future generations. Thank you for helping the work continue.

Earlier this year, the Texas panhandle experienced tragic wildfire damage, especially in the community of Fritch. Our denomination responded with generosity for victims of these fires through the activation of Disaster Relief USA. The conference was placed into a financial administrative position to disperse funds for projects and efforts to help families recover. Many individuals from Great Plains churches around the panhandle and beyond responded with volunteers to clear land, build porches, provide resources for families, feed workers, and numerous other ways to help people recover. It was a great enormous effort of so many, and we are

honored that together this conference was able to be the hands of Jesus.

In closing, I pray that God speaks to your heart with encouragement as the following numbers are reported and reviewed. In times of plenty or shortfall, may we be true to His ways. No matter what the days ahead may hold, our Father will always be close. For this past year of His plentiful provision to Great Plains, we celebrate and honor Him!

Great Plains Conference Finances | Fiscal Year: September 2023-August 2024

Income	
Church Tithe	\$97,368.65
Minister's Tithe	\$81,627.11
World Missions	\$18,101.91
Designated Missions	\$9,094.03
Global Outreach (G.O.) Offering	\$8,807.88
People to People	\$200.00
Disaster Relief	\$24,999.80
Other	\$34,864.33
Events/Trainings	\$8,980.00
CLIP	\$891.30
Rent/Property	\$14,400.00
Donations	\$285.02
Interest	\$2,902.59
Reimbursement	\$7,405.42
TOTAL	\$256,961.80
Expense	
GMC - IPHC Funds	\$78,531.29
Tithe	\$58,953.51
World Missions/G.O.	\$18,153.38
CLIP	\$1,424.40
Payroll	\$75,689.99
Travel	\$14,369.80
Disaster Relief	\$16,030.49
General & Administrative	\$54,270.65
Credit Card Fees/Interest	\$0.00
Office, Online Expenses/Subscriptions	\$6,551.97
Events/Training/Leadership Development	\$18,813.86
Insurance/Utilities/Services	\$16,398.62

Professional Fees	\$1,127.71
Repairs/Maintenance	\$901.60
Sponsorships/Gifts	\$5,872.00
Reimbursed Charges	\$4,604.89
TOTAL	\$238,892.22
Excess/Deficit	
Income	\$256,961.80
Expense	\$238,892.22
EXCESS	\$18,069.58

Assistant Bishop / Evangelism Director - Patrick Estrada

Salutations GPC Family! It has been a very interesting season so far, but God continues to fulfill his promises to us!

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

October 24-27, 2023
C.O.B. Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK

December 2, 2023
GPC Council Meeting in Amarillo, TX

January 15-17, 2024
Small Church Growth Conference in Purcell, OK

January 20-21, 2024
Pastoral Care trip to Albuquerque, NM

January 31, 2024
Met with church planter Mario Curiel in Amarillo, TX

February 8, 2024
Experienced 2 ½ hr heart attack at home in Guymon, OK

February 14, 2014
Open heart bypass surgery in Amarillo, TX

March 23, 2024
I3 Conference in Amarillo, TX

April 20, 2024
I3 Conference in Albuquerque, NM

June 6-9, 2024
ReLoad Youth Camp at Circle 6 Ranch near Odessa, TX

NEW CHURCH PLANTS CURRENTLY IN THE WORKS:

Iglesia Pasion Y Vida – Pastor Mario Curiel in Amarillo, TX

Iglesia Cristiana Maranatha – Pastor Julio Delgado in Albuquerque, NM

Two Rivers Family Church – Pastor Debbie Morgan in Seguin, TX

Covering Eagle Ministries – Pastors Daniel & Nikki Omonira in Grand Prairie, TX

Victory Royal Church – In DFW area

I want to take a moment to thank those of you prayed for me, visited me, gave financially, and helped fill in different ministry positions while I was recovering from surgery. God is an awesome God who went ahead of us and made the impossible possible. My family and I greatly appreciate our extended GPC family, thank you!

Please pray for each other regularly and for these new leaders and their ministries. Let's celebrate what God has done, is doing and will do because in Christ "IT IS FINISHED!"

Discipleship Ministry Director - Jake Bunn

“We are what we believe we are.” - C.S. Lewis

Below is a good vantage point of local church, school, and GPC ministry activity as well as some important moments with my family. My definition of discipleship surfaces in all of these areas seeing as how my boys are my disciples, some students at River Road Middle, and a few teenagers connected to my local church. I met with some teachers regularly through the school year and we had morning devotions and prayer (weekly). I'm very proud of the spiritual development of all these disciples. To these disciples, May the Lord bless each of you and continue to provoke you to love and good works. Discipleship includes some important events through the calendar year. The GPC ministry activities included Ignite (winter retreat) and Reload (summer camp) which were successfully led by Chris Boroughs. Teenagers were set free, encouraged, and challenged to take the next step in their faith. Chris did a great job along with his team fulfilling the vision the Lord placed in him. Outside of those events, I took a team along with other youth leaders to Emmanuel University for Youth Quest. This was a great exposure for our teens listening to trusted voices in our IPHC movement. One of the events (I3 East and West) which focuses on spiritual renewal and leadership development was successful this year. Churches were well represented and ministry leaders left recharged for their local church. Lastly, I'm thankful for the support of the GPC team as they perpetuate discipleship in our areas of responsibility.

2023

September

* Traveled to NC (Grandpa Seymour Funeral)

21st - GPC Summit

23rd - 27th (NC)

* Connected with my youth pastor on the 26th

27th - See You at the Pole (River Road Middle)

October

* Started meeting every Tuesday with a small group made up of high schoolers. (Emerging Leaders) I have thoroughly enjoyed this time. Working through spiritual habits.

25th - Fall Festival at Christian Heritage

November

5th - Helped with Kids Ministry at CHC

December

2nd - GPC cabinet meeting

23rd - Went back to NC to visit family

2024

January

13th - Assisted with Feed the Need at CHC

February

10th - Youth Fundraiser (charcuterie boards)

16th - Oleta Boroughs Funeral Service

Ignite "Winter Retreat"

March

8th - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (River Road Middle)

9th - Assisted with fixed access door at CHC

10th - Helped pick up debris in Panhandle

13th-15th - Went to Colorado Springs, CO

22nd-23rd - I3 East (I3 stands for Inspire, Invest, and Influence)

This event serves as both leadership development and spiritual renewal.

Multiple churches represented

Steve Ely - main speaker

24th - Palm Sunday - Youth Take Over

31st - Easter

April

- 7th - Prayer Rally at Bowie Middle
- 11th - Drum Practice (Jase and Wyatt)
- 19-20th - I3 West (Albuquerque, NM)
Great Response from churches
- 27-28th - Liberal and Sublette, Kansas Mission Trip
 - Archery Tag
 - CHC youth led devotions, prayers, worship, and served. This was a great experience all the way around. Pastor Cory Barnett was a great host.
- 29th - Funeral in Panhandle (I officiated)

May

- 12th - Mother's Day
- 15th - Jase Graduation (Pre-K) and Chelsea and I (14 year anniversary)
- 16th - R4TW Rally at CHC
- 23rd - Wyatt's Talent Show
- 24th - Avery Foster Graduation
- 30th - Free Camp Prep
During May (Worked on items related to Free Camp)
Shirts, Sponsorships, Organizing Stage Design,
Purchasing Curriculum, etc.

June

- 1st - 2nd (Traveled to East Dallas for a Leader's Retreat)
- 6-9th Reload (at Circle 6)
- 14-15th - Free Camp Stage
- 17th - Worked on Frier for Free Camp
- 19th - Set up Yellow Tent
- 20-23rd - Free Camp
- 23rd - I spoke on Free Camp Sunday
- 27th - Pampa Free Camp (dropped teens off)

July

- 6th - Youth Fundraiser (cinnamon rolls)
- 8th - Helped at Carver Elementary (garden)
- 17th - 23rd (Youth Quest - Emmanuel University, GA)
7 Teenagers, 5 adults, 4 kids
- 29-31st - Wyatt's Football Camp

7th - Makenzie spoke to the youth at CHC
13th - Meet the Teacher (Wyatt and Jase)
22nd - Started FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) at the
school
30-31st - GPC cabinet meeting

Respectfully,

Jake Bunn
GPC Discipleship Ministry Director

World Missions Director - Mathias Estrada

Greetings,

It is with great excitement that I report to you the developments that have taken place in my first year serving as World Missions Director. It is an honor to be able to serve each of you in this office, and I look forward to what God has in store in this coming fiscal year.

In March and April we held the I3 East and West Conferences. Discipleship Ministries and World Missions worked together on these events with one singular goal in mind, to serve and edify the pastors and leaders in our conference. It is our prayer that we accomplished this goal as we were able to come together, be ministered to, and enjoy a meal together. Dr. Terry Tramel (East) and Bryan Nix (West) represented World Missions at these conferences. This granted further opportunity to raise awareness and gather pledge cards for missions.

I had the pleasure of attending Reload this summer. This is our conference camp that we hold every summer for our youth. This camp holds a special place in my heart. It is where God first began to draw me to Himself, and where I first heard the call to Pastor. My wife and I have been pastoring for 7 years now, it all started as a moment at church camp. God moved powerfully at this camp once again. There was unity and the Holy Spirit moved strongly as these youth found forgiveness. Not only the forgiveness that Christ offers for them, but also forgiveness for others. I have heard testimony after testimony of what God has done. I mention this camp because our Student Ministries Director Chris Boroughs and myself have held conversations about incorporating Mission themes into this camp. We desire to open a door for these kids to reach outside of their comfort zone to share the Gospel of Christ. Be it on US soil or foreign land we want our youth to have the opportunity and desire to share the Gospel wherever the Spirit of God would lead them. I still clearly remember the times when I was blessed enough to be able to serve on missions trips and the impact it had on my life.

This leads me to some exciting news. As you all know it has been a long while since the Great Plains Conference has put together a Conference Missions trip. If memory serves, I believe the last conference wide trip outside of the United States was to Mexico. At that time I was 12 years old and my Father, Patrick Estrada, served as missions director. I say that to make the point that a missions trip is long overdue. For the past few months I have been working with Madeline Nix and her team at the Awakening. After much prayer and several conversations with the Awakening and the executive council we have arrived at the destination of Guatemala! We are aiming for a date within the first couple of weeks in July. Now I want to be clear, this is not just a trip for the youth. Pastors and leaders we need you too! There will be plenty of opportunity to minister for everyone. We are working on creating times to preach, to worship, do skits and plays with the kids, as well as having some projects for those skilled with their hands. We are looking forward to what God is going to do in this coming year.

I have been so grateful to serve you. Just from the I3 conferences this year we have had over \$14,065.00 made in pledges to Missions. I want to thank each of you for your generosity and faithful giving. There are so many things being accomplished around the world, lives being impacted because of your willingness to give. We look forward to the day when we don't only give, but participate in World Missions.

Blessings,
Mathias Estrada
World Missions Director

Intercession Director - Debbie Estrada

Psalm 27:4 & 8 The Passion Translation

Here's the one thing I crave from God, the one thing I seek above all else:

I want the privilege of living with him every moment in his house,
finding the sweet loveliness of his face, filled with awe, delighting in his
glory and grace.

I want to live my life so close to him that he takes pleasure in my every
prayer.

Lord, when you said to me, "Seek my face," my inner being responded:
I'm seeking your face with all my heart.

I HEAR HIS WHISPER...

"Spend time with Me"

I give you strength as you give Me time. The moments that you spend to speak with Me and listen to Me are moments filled with eternity. There is no weakness, no wavering, no doubting in My presence. This is where I energize your being, in My presence. Many influences have affected your life and your thoughts, but as you come into My glory I lavish upon you what you need the most, My love and My strength. So easily you are distracted and disturbed, so faithfully you must come and be with Me.

The peace I bring to you is not comparable to the peace known on earth. It transcends your mortal life and streams to you from My river of tranquility that pours from My throne of grace. Peace like a river will subdue your soul and wash away the words of hopelessness and pain. Come into My river of peace and float on My promises, you will never be disappointed. Listen to Me and peace will be your pillow to rest your anxious thoughts.

In My love you are able to do all things, for I strengthen you with My love. People make demands on your time and your thoughts, I wait for you to come and draw you closer when you choose Me above your friends and your family. Come as My dearest one and I will give you grace for your dearest ones on earth, so that you may show them My love.

When you give Me your time I give you My strength. Are you weak? Then come before Me until you are bathed in power. No human can empower you, for their weapons are puny and helpless. Trust in My strength, not in the affirmation of others. Watch Me work in your heart this day as you “waste” your time in My presence. I will pour you out upon the earth as My gift, My treasure, full of My love.

2023-2024 ACTIVITIES

March 23, 2024

Attended the I3 Conference – Amarillo, TX

April 20, 2024

Attended the I3 Conference – Albuquerque, NM

Still overseeing the GPC Prayer Chain which connects Prayer Directors from GPC churches together to share both prayer request and praise reports. This allows us as the Body of Christ to share each other's burdens. There is unity in prayer. Also covering our pastors and Board with prayer.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the GPC.

**HIS KINGDOM – HIS WILL – HIS WAY
ALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES DOING
ALL THE RIGHT THINGS FOR HIS GLORY!**

Shalom,

Debbie Estrada, GPC Prayer Director (WIN)

School of Ministries Director - Esther Guenther

What is school of ministry?

School of ministry for me has two sides. One side is for those that wish to become a pastor or be in some kind of leadership role. SOM is literally a tool to help you reach your goal. It references great books for further knowledge and good commentary's to deepen your understanding of God's word while also applying it to the ministry. It helps explain why we do what we do as IPHC ministers/Christian's in general, and it provides leadership tips from seasoned ministers in the IPHC.

The other side is for those that just want to learn more. You may have the logistic questions like:

- How does the IPHC systems function as an organization with Christ as the head?
- Why do we, as members of the IPHC, do what we do?

But SOM also answers the more personal:

- How can I deepen my understanding and relationship with God?
- How do I pray the way God has called me to pray?
- How do I properly manage my time in the current 'I'm too busy' world?

All in all, the purpose of school of ministry is to help provide you the tools you need to further your relationship with God and, in doing so, further your relationship with those around you.

Padre in heaven, I ask that You speak to our hearts. May we be those willing vessels that want to be part of what You are doing. I pray that You draw us all into a deeper and stronger relationship with You. Train us and lead us to be more skillful with the tools You have already given us. Guide our mouths Lord, that even as we speak the truth, may it be in love. May we, Your people, abound even more in Your grace and break our hearts, Father, for those that are still lost and without hope. In Jesus name, Amen

Digital Content Director - Talon Romero

Members of the Great Plains Conference,

With the explosion of AI and related technologies this year, it can be difficult to keep up with how fast things are changing. There are many new, exciting tools that can greatly expand our capabilities, especially for smaller churches with limited staff. However, there are also many ways for these AI technologies to be misused. If you are wanting a brief explanation of AI and how it could affect the church, we've written an article that helps explain. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions.

Outside of navigating the wild seas of AI, our digital content ministry stayed steady with our usual yearly events. For our youth summer camp Reload, Jesse Guenther and I ran sound/media, assisted on the worship team, and recorded the conference camp video. If you'd like to see what Reload is about, check out the "IPHC Great Plains Conference" Youtube channel for past years' videos and other GPC content.

For CHC's Free Camp, I assisted with worship and sound. I attended i3 East. At i3 East, I assisted with running sound, recording, graphics for the event, and promotion. While I didn't attend i3 West, I assisted with graphics and promotion.

We also moved from the Google Workspace to Microsoft Office as our primary collaboration/productivity service. This required migrating email boxes, setting up new licensing, and creating accounts for conference board members. One of the major benefits of this was allowing for board members to have their own GPC email address as opposed to using their personal email for conference work. Microsoft Office brings many capabilities that we are excited to use going forward.

Listed above in the report are just the major events from this year. We continue to make small adjustments, fix bugs, and make gradual improvements where possible. In the ever-changing world of tech, it's easy to get lost if you aren't constantly reading the tech-news. If you have any questions or would like help in an area, please let me know. If you have any media/tech volunteers, please reach out. I would love to get in contact with them and be available as a resource for help or suggestions.

Thank you,
- Talon Romero

Student Ministries Director - Chris Boroughs

It was an amazing year for the Student Ministries department in the GPC. It was great to see new and old faces from all over the conference for a variety of events. I believe this now and going forward we are going to see God do more than ever before!

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2024 Events-

January

- IGNITE (student winter retreat)
- 5 GPC Churches represented.
- Discipleship breakout sessions with GPC Student Leaders

May

Reload Preparation

June

- Reload summer camp at Circle 6
- 6 GPC churches represented from 3 states (KS, TX, OK)
- Breakout sessions for discipleship including leader training and students learning how to disciple the people in their circles.
- FREE CAMP at Christian Heritage Church

As mentioned before, 2024 has and will continue to be an incredible year. There is nothing I want more than to see students and leaders thrive. I believe in what God is doing through our events and example student ministries. If you want to see your students and leaders go above and beyond we would love for you to join us or let us know how we can help in any way possible. I look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Chris Boroughs



ARISE TO MISSION

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



TRAINING

COMMAND

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE
(MATT 22:36)

COMMISSION

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES
(MATT 28:19)

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

TARGET AUDIENCE: CONF. SUPT'S AND PASTORS
LEADERSHIP IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT
PRAYER || THEOLOGY

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES WORLD MISSIONS MINISTRIES EVANGELISM USA

TARGET AUDIENCE: PASTORS AND LAITY
MINISTRY EXPANSION
DISCIPLESHIP/BIBLE TRAINING
STEWARDSHIP

- COMMUNICATING THE VISION
- GRAPHICS/VIDEOS/SERMON RESOURCES
- PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR THE FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS
- ALIGNING MINISTRIES TO THE FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS

MISSION

EQUIP AND ENERGIZE

CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENTS

IPHC Resource Distribution || Affirmation of Pastors
Establishing Conference-wide Cohorts for Pastors
"Tailoring the experience" for Pastors/Churches

GROW & GO

LAITY

Prayer || Participate in Small Groups
Personal Evangelism
Practicing Generosity

RESOURCE & REPRODUCE

PASTORS

House of Prayer Opportunities || Systematic Bible Study
Church-wide Personal Evangelism Emphasis
Presenting Giving Opportunities



ARISE TO MISSION

AMA A DIOS, AMA A LOS DEMÁS



ENTRENAMIENTO

MANDAMIENTO

AMA A DIOS, AMA A LOS DEMÁS
(MAT 22:36)

COMISIÓN

VAYAN Y HAGAN DISCÍPULOS
(MAT 28:19)

SUPERINTENDENTE GENERAL

AUDIENCIA OBJETO: SUPERINTENDENTES Y PASTORES
DESARROLLO DE IDENTIDAD DE LIDERAZGO
ORACIÓN || TEOLOGÍA

MIN. DE DISCÍPULADO MIN. DE MISIONES MUNDIALES EVANGELISMO USA

AUDIENCIA OBJETO: PASTORES Y SEGUIDORES DE CRISTO
EXPANSIÓN MINISTERIAL
DISCÍPULADO/ENTRENAMIENTO BÍBLICO
MAYORDOMÍA

- COMUNICAR LA MISIÓN
- GRÁFICAS/VIDEOS/RECURSOS PARA SERMONES
- PROVEER RECURSOS PARA LAS CUATRO ÁREAS DE ENFOQUE
- ALINEAR MINISTERIOS A LAS CUATRO ÁREAS DE ENFOQUE

EQUIPAR Y ENERGIZAR

SUPERINTENDENTES DE CONFERENCIAS

Distribución de Recursos IPHC || Afirmación de Pastores
Establecimiento de grupos para pastores en toda la Conf.
"Adaptando la Experiencia" para Pastores/Iglesias

CRECER E IR

LAICOS

Oracion || Participa en Estudio Bíblico
Evangelismo Personal
Practica Generosidad

PROVEER & PRODUCIR

PASTORES

Casas de Oración || Estudio Bíblico Sistemático,
Enfasis en Evangelismo Personal para toda la Iglesia
Presentar Oportunidades para Dar

MISIÓN



ARISE TO MISSION



LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

(MATT 22:36, MATT 28:19)

1 PRAY
EVERYDAY

2 PARTICIPATE
IN BIBLE STUDY

3 PROCLAIM
THE GOOD NEWS

4 PRACTICE
GENEROSITY

ARISE TO MISSION



AMA A DIOS, AMA A LOS DEMÁS

(MAT 22:36; MAT 28:19)

1 PERSISTE

EN ORACIÓN DIARIA

2 PARTICIPA

EN ESTUDIO BIBLÍCO

3 PROCLAMA

LA BUENAS NUEVAS

4 PRACTICA

GENEROSIDAD