



The Christian Solution
for Addictions:
JESUS!

News from TMEW Angelina County, Texas

By Tish Bryant

TMEW groups in Angelina County had the great honor of hosting the **Leadership Conference & Training Workshops** on May 11-12, 2012. It was so good to see our friends and ministry mentors once again, and for most, to meet them for the first time.



We hosted a Texas-style "Sweet Tea Reception" for the Wrights on Thursday evening at my barn. Glenn was unable to join us, but Mrs. Judy had the time of her life meeting and interacting with our group and the horses! Our Equine Interaction Ministry group included Vicki Socia and the Fasskes, Dana and Stacy, who run separate Wednesday night meetings in our area; Barry and Kandis McKenna, who are faithful ministry partners; and Pastor Kenneth Reynolds from Huntington First Assembly of God.

["How does a group of people coax a horse to step over the obstacle without talking to each other or to the horse, and without touching the animal? No tuggin' and pullin' allowed!"]



You hope the horse will trust and follow you ... you work in unity ... then you just act silly and hope the horse is having as much fun as you are. We did it. Copper finally stepped over the obstacle!"
—Ms. Judy]



The Conference was held at Trinity Baptist Church, where the first ever TMEW meeting in Texas began back in September 2001. We're grateful to Trinity's MEW leader, **Jim Heberling** for setting up and keeping things running smoothly, and Pastor Walter Futch for allowing us to use their facility.

Pastor Futch kicked off the workshop in prayer Friday. A great day of teaching,

learning and fellowshiping began with **Pastor Glenn Wright** speaking to us about ministering God's way versus ministering man's way.



Pastor Paul Graves from Montana gave a fantastic presentation on what discipleship really is.

We find that answer in how Jesus taught His disciples and built them up. He explained to us what sitting under a Jewish Rabbi meant in those days, and told us about the TALID – the Jewish prayer shawl and all the meanings every knot, fiber and color hold.



We broke for lunch and this afforded different groups of people to fellowship together. I know long lasting relationships were formed over Lufkin Bar-B-Q's famous fried rolls and chipped beef!





Pastor Lu Wing presented “Cleansing the Addicted Mind-Body-Soul God’s Way.” There is no way I can explain everything he talked about, but I learned what it really means to be pronounced clean by the Almighty God!



Pastor Ed Day of Horizon Christian Fellowship in San Diego followed with his points on ministering to the Family and Friends of those suffering from addiction, the crux of which is that we also point them toward a daily walk with Christ to be able to deal with what is going on with their beloved family member or friend, rather than focusing on all the problems that have been created by the dependent.

The next workshop “Looking Beyond the Meeting” was presented by **Pastor Rick McClung** TMEW Director at First Baptist Church in Panama City, FL. He and his wife Vickie have an amazing and extensive ministry of TMEW in their area. Eighteen MEW meetings and some prayer meetings going on in and outside their church in detox centers, jails, etc. (if I counted correctly). It was mind blowing and spirit lifting to see how God’s hand has blessed so many people through their faithful service. Their successful plan has evolved through much prayer, making sure they were staying within God’s will, always being prepared, taking the time to promote and advertise their meetings and of course – enduring and persevering through and in the Word of God!



Huntington Texas’ First Baptist Church played host to our “Meeting In Action” that night.

Many thanks to **Duane and Roxanna Wade** and their awesome ministry team for making our conference attendees and leaders feel so welcome, and for being a great example of how a TMEW meeting should be run –out of selfless hearts of love.





Saturday morning we gathered together again and **Pastor Lu Wing** brought us a beautiful picture of forgiveness by expounding on the Greek and Hebrew root words and explaining sacrifices of Old Testament days from Leviticus. I think I sat there with my mouth open the whole time, marveling at the realization of what Jesus Christ has truly done for us in His obedience to the Father and taking on our sin, allowing us to be heirs with Him eternally.

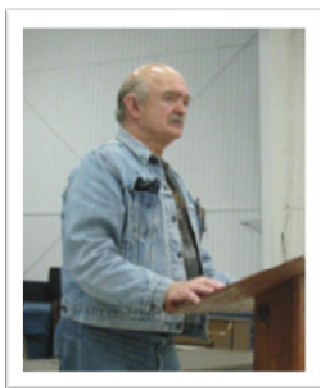
My presentation on “Is God’s Word All We Really Need?” came next. I cannot tell you how honored I was to be asked to speak on this topic. The world is so lost in the midst of the wisdom and customs of man, even so called believers have found themselves confused as to whether God’s Word really is all we need to live whole and completely healed lives. We are all called to be ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, raising up disciples. If we say we believe the Word of God to be “inspired by God and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness, that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (II Timothy 3:16-17), then why are we paying someone to be our friend and give worldly advice to us and our families inside the walls of counseling offices all over the country?



Pastor Ed Day brought our conference to an end with an overview of building a successful ministry team. He had such great wisdom and advice from so many years of experience and tested faith.



There was a little time left at the end in which testimony after testimony was given of how believing upon Jesus Christ had saved lives and families.



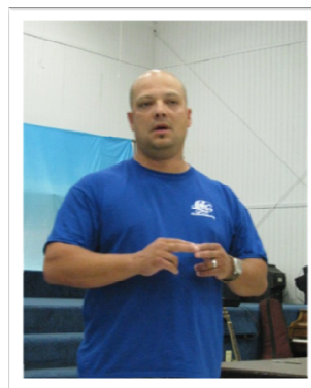
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Barry McKenna
CHRISTIAN COMEDIAN



Pastor Jeremy Campbell

We said our good-byes to our new friends reluctantly and went home for a short little break. That night, our TMEW Angelina County ministry team had more work and worship to do! The popular contemporary Christian group **MERCY ME** was performing in Lufkin that night. We had the opportunity to sponsor this great concert in partnership with KSWP Christian radio and our friend Dennis Hinson, of Team Motor Jam Productions. We set up a table with all our information, banners and bibles and talked to as many people as we could about freedom and the power of Jesus Christ.

