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An Insight into Church Planting in California & Nevada

Antioch Connection

Bishop Sean S. O'Neal

What can we do to bring life into the church and into the communities where California-Nevada church congregations exist?

I'm reminded of what Paul said to Timothy,

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Let's go together believing and praying for a genuine move of the Holy Spirit that will shake nations and bring people to an opportunity to experience salvation.

In this regard, we are launching a Soul Winning Initiative, as well as bringing forward a series of area revival meetings around the California-Nevada Region called FIREFALL. The FIREFALL meetings will culminate with Camp Meeting June 12-15, 2024 in Fresno at the Ministry Center Campus.

Please pray, fast and share the Good News with everyone possible!

The challenges emerging in society are real and the difficulties we encounter daily certain. As followers of Jesus Christ our difficulties are real in the world in which we live. However, the grace of Jesus Christ is significant and never ending.

Facing the future, the church has much to accomplish to complete the Great Commission in our time. We watch as Christianity in North America continues a trend of decline in attendance, giving, and going. In their new book, "The Great Dechurching" Jim Davis and Michael Graham analyze the visible trends. Their heartbreaking admission based upon their research and analysis is a wakeup call.

"More people have left the church in the last 25 years than all the new people who became Christians from the First Great Awakening, Second Great Awakening, and Billy Graham crusades combined," Davis and Graham write in their book, "The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back?"

AREA REVIVAL GATHERINGS

OCTOBER 5-7 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Speaker: Phil Pearson Pastor, Landmark Church of God Where: Jubilee on the Ridge 6280 Clark Road Paradise, CA



OCTOBER 19-21 LAS VEGAS Speaker: John Alexander Administrative Bishop Great Lakes Region Where: The Springs Church of God 4161 N. Rancho, Suite #110 Las Vegas, NV



NOVEMBER 9-11 CENTRAL COAST Speaker: Terry Hart Administrative Bishop Alabama Region Where: Christian Family 324 N. Suey Ave. Santa Maria, CA



NOVEMBER 16-18 SACRAMENTO/STOCKTON Speaker: Bishop Reggie Sellers Pastor, The River November 16: The Word Church 2106 Cherokee Rd., Stockton, CA November 17-18: New Life Center 2037 Elkhorn Blvd., Rio Linda, CA



FEBRUARY 1-3, 2024 CENTRAL VALLEY Speaker: Dr. Guy Peh, Missionary Evangelist Where: Selma Church of God 1561 Mill Street Selma, CA



FEBRUARY 22-24, 2024 BAY AREA Speaker: Lennox Walker Pastor, Praise Cathedral Worship Centre Where: Christian Cathedral 2433 Coolidge Avenue Oakland, CA



APRIL 11-13, 2024 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Speaker: Dr. Michael McDermott Pastor, Life Source International Church Where: Living Waters Christian Fellowship 9801 Talbert Ave. Fountain Valley, CA



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California / Nevada Church of God FIRE FALL AREA Revival GATHERINGS Acts 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. DR. SEAN S. O'NEAL State Administrative Bishop SHYREL O'NEAL State Women's Discipleship Director Fresno Ministry Center 6901 N. Maple Avenue | Fresno, California www.canvcog.com

Awaken Church

Pastor Kristen & John Edgar

Salinas, CA

WELCOME Awaken Church! In early 2015, a bible study with 10 people began in the home of Kristen & John Edgar, and Awaken Church had its beginnings. By August of that year, they moved to a storefront on San Juan Grade Road in Salinas, CA. At the time the small congregation was non-denominational, called themselves Central Coast Family Worship Center, and consisted of mostly family and close friends of Pastor Kristen and John.

Big changes in the year 2019 took place that pushed them forward to the church they have become today. By April they changed their name and a focused vision was birthed to awaken the Spirit of God within them to love one another as Christ loved the church, to reach the lost, and to serve the Lord according to His Word, and Awaken Church was birthed. Then in July 2019, Awaken Church began their relationship with the Church of God and Bishop Sean S. O'Neal, eventually registering as a church plant by December.

January 2021, the church moved its location to the heart of Salinas' skid row, better known as Chinatown. With the move, their ministry began to shift toward serving and ministering to the community of Chinatown and to love as Jesus loved the church. Outreach became their focus as they built a food pantry and began to provide essential needs of the community they were planted in, such as clothing, hygiene, and prayer. God has used Awaken to manifest His love and transform many in the community with testimonies of complete deliverance from addictions and other bondages.

August 6, 2023, Awaken Church was organized with the Church of God with 52 members. Praise God! On August 28 a celebration took place as they reached their 8 years of ministry as a congregation. They have grown from 5 leaders to 19.

Awaken gives God all the glory for everything that has been accomplished in and through them since their humble beginnings. We celebrate with this newly organized Church of God and welcome them into the family!

Parking Lot Outreach



Pastor Kristen & John Edgar



Awaken Praise Team
17 saved at outreach



California Nevada Church of God

Women's Ministries Local Events

Selah Women Gatherings 2023-2024

- Northern California**
- October 7** Jubile On The Ridge 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- Las Vegas**
- October 21** The Springs Church of God 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- Central Coast**
- November 11** Christian Family, Santa Maria, CA 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- Sacramento/Stockton**
- November 18** New Life Center, Rio Linda 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- Central Valley**
- February 3** Selma Church of God, Selma, Ca 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- Bay Area**
- February 24** Christian Cathedral, Oakland 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- Southern California**
- April 13** Living Waters Christian Fellowship 9:00 am - 10:00 am



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CA/NV YOUTH PRESENTS:

Great Commission EXPERIENCE

ON THE GO!



SAVE THE DATES:

- OCT. 7 - NORCAL
- OCT. 21 - LAS VEGAS
- NOV. 11 - CENTRAL COAST
- NOV. 18 - SACRAMENTO AREA
- FEB. 3 - CENTRAL VALLEY
- FEB. 24 - BAY AREA
- APR. 13 - SOCAL

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Home Churches

Bellflower
Garden Grove

Pastors Ed & Fe Montelibano

Pastor Ed & Fe Montelibano and the Long Beach Living Word Church of God have a vision for more churches. In 2016 they started a home church plant in Bellflower, currently with 8 adults. Then in 2018, the Garden Grove home church plant emerged with 7 adults.

When COVID hit our world, these two home churches did what we all had to do. They learned how to meet via zoom.

They had a vision to see God's word come alive in their hearts and they persevered and moved forward. Recently, they were still meeting online via zoom, but have plans to meet back in person very soon in homes.

Pastors Ed and Fe planted and lead these works and have been in the process of training members from the Long Beach Living Word Church to come alongside them. They also somehow find the time to personally minister to 7 different nursing homes in the L.A. county, currently via zoom since the pandemic. Amazing!

Pastors Ed & Fe and the Long Beach Living Word Church of God are to be commended for capturing the 3-cord vision of Stronger Churches, Healthy Leaders, and More Churches.