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# The High Cost of Christmas

## The High Cost of Christmas

As we approach that wonderful time of year called Christmas many emotions begin to arise. For some, the stress levels go up because of all the pressures of time, expense and expectations that accompany this special time of year. For others it is a time of reflecting on precious memories of Christmases past. For the Christ follower it is a time to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

Many people set aside funds all year long to prepare so they can express their love to others through the giving of gifts. Sadly, some venture into excessive debt from which they rarely recover. The wise person budgets and counts the costs before investing their time, lives, attention and monies to celebrate Christmas.

In this season of giving and counting costs let us also remember God, our Father counted the cost to give the world the gift of His son, Jesus. John 3:16 reminds us, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In Genesis 22 Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac involved counting the costs. Can you imagine the cost counting Abraham went through journeying up the mountain to fulfill the instructions of the Lord? The scripture makes it clear the Father was willing to sacrifice His only begotten son because He loved the world so much. The point is... some things in life come with a high price tag not to be entered lightly.

Think with me for a moment about the cost Jesus was willing to pay for us. He

did so willingly and aware of the extreme price to be paid.

1. He left a perfect place to come to an imperfect place. Not for His benefit as much as for ours.

2. He came under circumstances of suspicion and controversy by being born of a virgin.

3. He came with great fanfare then went into what seemed like obscurity until about 30 years old.

4. He came to be spit on, have his beard pulled out, taunted, falsely accused, beaten, mocked and crucified by the very creatures He created.

5. He came to have the Father place on him the weight of our sin and feel forsaken by Him. Remember all Jesus had ever known was the unbroken relationship of the trinity.

While preparing ourselves for this Christmas season may we be reminded of the real high cost of Christmas paid by Jesus!

It is our prayer that each of you have a Happy Thanksgiving. Tamara and I also wish you all the joy and laughter that Christmas brings and blessings for a prosperous new year.

We love you!



**Rev. Greg Amos  
Bishop of the  
South Carolina  
Conference**

I had the privilege and opportunity to attend the 2018 Conference Missions Directors Meeting in September. During that time Rev. Jim Eby challenged us with some powerful thoughts as directed by the Holy Spirit. One of the things he asked us is this, "If you had only five minutes to live, what would you say to your family and friends? What would be your final words to your loved ones?" Last words are important. There is the expectation that we will hear something that will give us great insight or enlightenment to life.

That question along with other things that he shared have been turning over and over in my heart. I must ask you the question, what would you say? I'm sure you wouldn't be talking about the weather, your favorite sports team or even politics. You would probably want to say something that would stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Jesus had just about that much time before he ascended to heaven after His resurrection and the last words that He shared with His disciples is found in Matthew 28:18-20 where He gave them and us the Great Commission. He basically told them and us to go, to make disciples, to baptize them, and to teach those disciples what He commanded.

My question for us is, how well are we doing what He asked us to do as He spoke His last words before ascending back to the Father? How well have we carried out the Great Commission?

Let's take a moment to think about how in comparison the fast food restaurant, McDonalds, is doing around the world verses the Church.

- McDonalds opens a new restaurant every 14.5 hours.
- The golden arches are the most recognized symbol in the world. They are recognized by more people than the cross.
- Montpelier, Vermont is the only US capital without a McDonalds.

•As of January 2018 McDonalds is in 101 countries with more than 36,000 restaurants serving 69 million people.

•In 2017 there were more than 14,027 McDonalds restaurants in the United States.

How is it that McDonalds is opening new restaurants every 14.5 hours and we are closing around 4,000 churches each year?

How is it that the golden arches are more recognizable than the cross?

It seems that McDonalds is doing a better job at selling their product than we are about spreading the gospel.

Jeremiah 8:20 (NLT) says, "The harvest is finished, and the summer is gone, the people cry yet we are not saved." While the context is for the nation of Israel, I believe it is speaking to the church today. Another year is ending, and the ends of the earth have not been reached with the gospel or another way of looking at it is that another year is ending and our city, our town, our area has not been reached with the gospel. We must get back our

passion to carry out the last words of our Lord to reach as many as we can with the message of the gospel. Our mission must continue until the Lord returns.

We must be as passionate about carrying out our Lord's last words as McDonalds is about spreading their message of hamburgers and French fries. May the Lord help us as we carry out the last words of our Lord and Savior.

"If you had only five minutes to live, what would you say to your family and friends? What would be your final words to your loved ones?"

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# THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE HAS 11 NONAGENARIANS

For many years now, the South Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church has been known as the pace setter and for many firsts in the Pentecostal Holiness Denomination.

There are many reasons for we who are members of the South Carolina Conference, both present and past members, to be extremely proud and pleased with our historical noted past and our progressive present.

In our conference we are both highly blessed and deeply honored to have 11 Nonagenarian members. Nonagenarians are those people who are between 90 and 99 years of age. These include both ministers and spouses of deceased ministers.

In this issue of *The Challenge*, we want to recognize them and honor them now and in the future.

We will list them, along with their addresses and their birthdays. We want to encourage everyone to send them a card now and also on their birthdays and express your deep appreciation to them for their wonderful testimony and their continued faithfulness.

These 11 Nonagenarians include the following:

**Mrs. Dovie Brown**, 1118 Pine Croft Drive, West Columbia, South Carolina 29170  
Mrs. Brown was born April 19, 1922 and is presently "96 years young"!

**Rev. Mrs. Leona Coker**, 8718 Gnadenhunt Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29209  
Rev. Coker was born September 26, 1923 and is presently "95 years young"!

**Mrs. Mary Dease**, 4350 Ash Lane, Effingham, South Carolina 29541  
Mrs. Dease was born September 4, 1924 and is presently "94 years young"!

**Mrs. Zulene Gandy**, 2960 Sandy Bay Road, Kingstree, South Carolina 29556  
Mrs. Gandy was born April 17, 1926 and is presently "92 years young"!

**Mrs. Mary Margaret Ward**, 2535 Highway 357, Lyman, South Carolina 29365  
Mrs. Ward was born July 21, 1926 and is presently "92 years young"!

**Rev. John Alford**, 705 Morrisville Road, Andrews, South Carolina 29510  
Rev. Alford was born July 26, 1926 and is presently "92 years young"!

**Mrs. Roberta Driggers**, 3408 Green Road, Cades, South Carolina 29518  
Mrs. Driggers was born September 22, 1926 and is presently "92 years young"!

**Rev. F. O. Jordan**, P. O. Box 291194, Columbia, South Carolina  
Rev. Jordan was born October 6, 1926 and is presently "92 years young"!

**Mrs. Viola Martin**, 2187 Mineral Spring Road, Conway, South Carolina 29527  
Mrs. Martin was born June 12, 1927 and is presently "91 years young"!

**Rev. Thomas E. Atkinson**, 115 Moonglow Drive, Lerona, West Virginia 25971  
Rev. Atkinson was born December 22, 1927 and is presently "90 years young"!

**Rev. Alfred Green**, P. O. Box 222, 1662 Rolvsoy, Norway  
Rev. Green was born August 27, 1928 and is presently "90 years young"!

The 2018 3E Conference Theme was **HEALTHY MINISTRY**. The Discipleship Ministries goal was to give a variety of breakout sessions with topics that would be relative to our current culture. It's Discipleship Ministries determination that those attending experience a God encounter while participating in the Conference and then leave empowered to Equip their congregations to Engage in their communities to reach the lost and make disciples.

Pastor Jason Cook shared his experience concerning "Church Revitalization" and helpful tips to increase your churches influence and attendance.

Pastor Hector Sanchez helped us to better understand "Hispanic Ministries" which included understanding the cultural differences.



It was a great Conference that accomplished great things. The Discipleship Ministries 3E Conference's core values believe that the best leaders unleash their performance through empowerment, not command and control. You can have control, or you can have growth, but you cannot have both. We deserve to see the Lord's church grow under the Leadership of Jesus Christ and He is using the 3E Conference as one of His tools to reach that growth.



The 3E Conference sessions included Pastor Ferrell Hardison teaching on "Creating a Generous Church Culture." He discussed ways to increase financial giving that resulted in excitement rather than offense.

Pastor Phyllis Underwood spoke on "Managing Church Finances" and how to properly record church council minutes.

Pastor Brandon Hutson explained "Family Ministry" that it's NOT another program, but a ministry that connects all the ministries in one's church.

Pastor Jessica Williams led in "Worship For All Generations" and shared practical tools for bridging the gap of the old and new.



Pastor Faye Coates gave ideas on "Outreach Ministry to the Community" and how to get started along with growth and maintenance.



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## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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### ROYAL HOME MINISTRIES GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018

The Royal Home Ministry is a blessing to many mothers and their new born babies. Dr. Sherrie Campbell, PhD said, “Seven things every child needs to hear: I love you, I’m proud of you, I’m sorry, I forgive you, I’m listening, this is your responsibility and you have what it takes to succeed.”

The desire and heart of the Royal Home is to love these mothers and their precious children by ultimately helping them to succeed with the full surrender of their lives to Jesus Christ.

Discipleship Ministries understands that it’s easier to build strong children than to repair broken men and so that’s why we support the Royal Home with our annual Golf tournament.

This year we had 18 teams and raised \$1,870.93 to give in support of the Royal Home. Discipleship Ministries believes that children are our most valuable resource and we desire through this golf tournament to be a part of the village that’s helping to raise the babies into adults.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Discipleship Ministries Golf Tournament. You are helping to give the necessary tools needed that will cause these mothers and children to succeed beyond their wildest dreams.

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### CAMP ROBINSON YOUTH CAMPS 2018

The 2018 Summer Youth Camps were anointed, divinely inspired and destined by the Lord for Great things! The theme this year was “POWER”, 1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV) “For the Kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.” We experienced God’s POWER in all the Camps, the speakers were amazing, and we believe Camp Robinson is the best ever for God’s Glory!



#### Surveys from Teen, Junior & Primary Youth Camp

Saved – **102**

Experienced a Crisis Moment or / Sanctified – **73**

Holy Spirit Filled – **151**

Called into Ministry - **56**

Water Baptized – **74**

Re-Dedicated Life – **111**

Healed – **116**



There is a lot of preparation that goes into getting the Camp ready for the students but it’s worth it all when you get to see and experience with them Gods POWER at work in their lives. The students leave knowing that Gods POWER is within them and they need never fear the powers around them.

These students open their hearts and invite God into every circumstance because when God enters the scene, MIRACLES HAPPEN at Camp Robinson.



The theme for Youth Quest 2018 was T U R N, *Malachi 4:6, "And He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers."* Using the story of Elijah (1 Kings 18), Pastor Stephen Jones preached a powerful and fiery sermon focused around the Youth Quest Theme and exclaimed that, "We must turn away from the distractions and turn back to one another and to God."

The heart of Youth Quest is so much more than Talent Competition, certainly that's a big part of it but the true mission is to lead generations in actively following Christ by creating training opportunities and resources in partnership with the church and home. Youth Quest has a part in that training. We are proud of those that place at Youth Quest and everyone that participated. Here are the SC Conference results for this year:

1.2 Female Solo – Omega Hope Scott	Life Center PH Church	3rd Place
1.5 Vocal: Duets Trios Quartets Life Center Quartet	Life Center PH Church	2nd Place
3.1 Instrumental Wind – Alpha Wesley Boone	Ebenezer PH Church	2nd Place
3.6 Instrumental Strings Plucked – Omega Judah Gray	Christian Assembly	1st Place
3.8 Definite Pitch Percussion – Omega Madison Starnes	Lancaster 1st PH Church	2nd Place
3.10 Indefinite Pitch Percussion – Omega Judah Gray	Christian Assembly	1st Place
3.12 Piano – Omega Bailey Carter	Ebenezer PH Church	1st Place
3.13 Instrumental Duets Trios Quartets Elevation Players	Christian Assembly	2nd Place
4.1 Short Sermon – Alpha Sam Hill	Lake City PH Church	3rd Place
5.2 Audible Drama – Omega Taryn Jett	Ebenezer PH Church	1st Place
5.3 Audible Drama – Min. 2 – Max 6 Leanna Green & Janea Chandler	Lake City PH Church	3rd Place
5.4 Audible Drama – Min. 7 – No Max Elevation Drama	Christian Assembly	3rd Place
5.6 Pantomime – Omega Brittany Brumbles Maran Player	Christian Life Ministries Maryville PH Church	2nd Place 3rd Place
5.7 Pantomime – Min. 2 – Max 6 God's Chosen Aftershock	Life Center PH Church The Refuge	1st Place 2nd Place
5.16 Human Vido – Min. 7 – No Max Chosen 129 Drama Team	The Well PPHC	3rd Place
6.5 Praise Dance – Alpha Julianna Gray	Christian Assembly	3rd Place
6.6 Praise Dance (Individual) Lee Anne Green	Lake City PH Church	1st Place
6.7 Praise Dance – Min. 2 – Max 6 Elevation Dancers	Christian Assembly	2nd Place
6.9 Creative Movement – Alpha McKenzie Traylor	Life Center PH Church	1st Place
7.1 Painting – Alpha Abigail Oakes Jolie McMenamin	The Refuge Murrells Inlet The Refuge Murrells Inlet	2nd Place 3rd Place
7.3 Graphic – Alpha Abigail Oakes	The Refuge	3rd Place





7.6 Three Dimensional – Omega Griffin Sturkie	Ebenezer PH Church	2nd Place
7.7 Enhanced Photography – Alpha James Lucas	Ebenezer PH Church	3rd Place
7.8 Enhanced Photography – Omega Taryn Jett	Ebenezer PH Church	1st Place
Summer Wilder	The Refuge	3rd Place
7.11 Fabricated Art – Alpha Hailey Powell	Georgetown PH Church	2nd Place
7.12 Fabricated Art – Omega Graycen Rodgers	Christian Assembly	1st Place
Taryn Jett	Ebernezer PH Chuch	2nd Place
7.13 Website Design – Alpha Alyssa Phillips	Mt. Beulah PH Church	1st Place
7.15 Graphic Design – Alpha Gavon Geddings	Georgetown PH Church	1st Place
Hailey Powell	Georgetown PH Church	2nd Place
7.16 Graphic Design – Omega Maran Player	Maryville PH Church	1st Place
Martie Hiott	Hickory Grove PH Church	3rd Place
8.3 Fiction – Alpha Elizabeth Chairovano	The Refuge	1st Place
8.5 Poetry – Alpha Elizabeth Chairovano	The Refuge	1st Place
8.6 Poetry – Omega Kymber Wojcik	Ebenezer PH Church	2nd Place
8.7 Children’s Short Story Powell & Geddings	Georgetown PH Church	1st Place
9.1 Video Alyssa Phillips	Mt. Beulah PH Church	2nd Place
<b>Bible Quiz</b>		
Power Play – Omega Christopher Morris	New Harvest Outreach Ministries	2nd Place
Patrick Madura	New Harvest Outreach Ministries	3rd Place

This wraps up another successful year of Youth Quest. Thank you to all pastors, parents, youth and all leaders involved for discipling your ministries effectively and intentionally. We love you and can’t wait to see you next year.

**Rev. Morris Smith**  
Conference DM Director





## 2018 ROYAL ELDERS CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Once again, we want to extend a very special invitation to all of our Conference Royal Elders to attend our upcoming Royal Elder's Christmas Banquet. Just a reminder to each of you our Royal Elders include all of our ministers and their spouses who are 65 years of age and above. And of course, this includes all of our retired ministers and their spouses and all USA members.

and bring our devotion for us this year. She is presently living in Columbia, South Carolina. Previously, she was serving as the WIN Director in the LifePoint Ministries Conference in Georgia. And she was also very involved in praying for the students at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia. She is the daughter of the late Rev. & Rev. Mrs. J. L. (Mae) Wall, former pastors of the Lake City Pentecostal Holiness Church. Our special music will be provided by Rev. & Mrs. Wyatt (Wanda) Cook, pastors of the West Columbia Pentecostal Holiness Church.



We will be meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the Schoolhouse Restaurant in Scranton. We will begin taking pictures around 10:30 a.m. and our program will begin at 11:00 a.m.

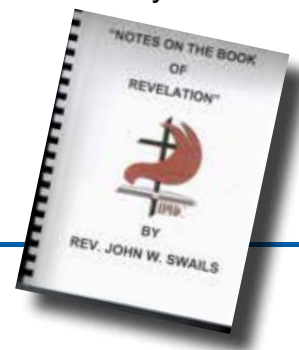
Please mark your calendars and plan now to join with us for a great time of fellowship, fun and food as we kick off the "2018 Christmas Season" here in the South Carolina Conference.

We are very happy to have Mrs. Beulah Sturkie to come

We are pleased to announce our newest book available: *NOTES ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION* by the late Rev. John W. Swails. This is a tremendous volume on the book of Revelation by our own South Carolina Conference Pentecostal Holiness pastor, teacher, professor and Camp Meeting preacher.

A number of our churches are already using this book in their Wednesday night Bible Study. And they report that it is both informative and inspiring.

You can order your copy for only \$10 each by calling Rev. H. Larry Jones at 803-920-8508 or calling the conference office at 843-394-8508.



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ARCHIVES & ROYAL ELDER DISTRICT TRAINING SEMINAR



In our Wrap Up Session, we had a time of “Questions and Answers”, collected the CEU forms, and gave gifts to all of our participants. Also, it was announced that Rev. Tim McIver, pastor of the Highway Pentecostal Holiness Church in Elgin was recently appointed as the newest member on the Archives Committee. Rev. Tim McIver returned thanks for our lunch meal.

We are presently planning an “Archives & Research Seminar” for all interested persons on Saturday, September 7, 2019 in the Training Room at Lake City. More information will be forth coming on this event.

On Tuesday, August 14, 2018 we had a three hour “Training Seminar” for our Conference District Archives and Royal Elder Coordinators. We were pleased to have 8 of our 11 districts represented.

At a later date this “Training Seminar” will be placed on our Conference website, and for those who could not attend and have an interest in these classes, you will be able to watch them online. Once you have viewed them, for those who need CEU’S, you can receive 3 CEU’S for watching them online.



The “Training Seminar” included the following:  
 Welcome – Rev. H. Larry Jones, Conference Archives Director  
 Greetings & Prayer – Bishop Greg Amos  
 Devotion – Rev. James W. McKenzie  
 Archives & Research Center Tour – Rev. H. Larry Jones  
 Collecting Ministerial & Church Histories On The District Level – Rev. L. Mike Coble  
 Visits On The District Level – Cards & Calls – Rev. J. B. Loving  
 Honoring & Recognizing Royal Elders On The District Level – Rev. Mrs. Rita Wrenn  
 Promoting & Supporting Archives & Research On The District Level – Special Days For Special People – Our Conference Royal Elders – Rev. Allen W. Thompson

**Rev. H. Larry Jones  
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PSALM 46:4

WE CAN DO IT! ~ YES WE CAN! ~ WE CAN DO IT! ~ YES WE CAN!