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The Single Perspective

Newsletter of the International Single People's Alliance (ISPA) of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW) *The Legacy Continues: Pursuing Excellence*

Looking Forward to the August Convention!

by Evangelist Cherlyn Williams ISPA President

As we embark upon the 104th International Summer Convention "Now It Shall Spring Forth," we look forward to seeing you at the Duke Energy Convention Center. It's an exciting time for the International Single People's Alliance (ISPA) as we continue to grow and adapt, while remaining motivated and responsive to you, the ISPA members who are focused and open to new ideas. We wish to keep you informed of ISPA highlights and strengthening your walk with Christ.

Our auxiliary is confronting a time of many changes. We're overcoming these challenges! We'll continue to meet and bring inspired people together to ensure that the ISPA remains at the cutting edge.

What can you expect from the ISPA during the PAW convention? Monday, August 12th begins our first morning session "I'm Trapped (In Me)" featuring District Elder Lorraine Langham. During this session, the noted evangelist will explain how saints strive to break the mold of the flesh so that the anointing of God can overflow. Tuesday, August 13th ushers in our morning session "I'm Under Construction" presented by District Elder Brian T. Hamilton. Whether being renovated, adorned, or torn down, this session entails facing the actuality of our conditions.



Evangelist Cherlyn A. Williams ISPA President

During our third session "Equipped to Build," on Tuesday afternoon, District Elder Yolanda Hunt explains how the key to building requires necessary tools and resources. In the Wednesday morning session "Repairing a Cracked Foundation," Evangelist Charlotte Moore instructs that improvement is necessary to create spiritual soldiers for kingdom building.

Thursday's morning session is "Blueprint" featuring Bishop Noel Jones for the brothers. We want our single men to know every great structure requires a blueprint. The ISPA Business meeting and Rally will be held on Thursday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 2:15 p.m.

The Friday session "What's in your Toolbox?" will be presented by Elder Denzel Tubbs. It's about the tools needed to build and spring forth in Christ. Our closing session is Saturday morning: "Emergency Evacuation: In Case of Rain, Snow or Fire" presented by Elder David Hollis.

You, our ISPA members and friends of the ISPA, are truly our greatest asset! We could not accomplish what we do without your support. Throughout this upcoming convention I ask you to stay engaged to keep us proactive as we shape the future of ISPA.

ISPA Prayer Conference in 2020

Prayer is for everyone including the married, widowers, divorcées, men, women, young people and gracefully aging seniors. When we find ourselves going through difficult, different, and horrific types of situations and trials during various seasons of our lives, we need to know that when we pray, something always happens.

Please join us for the upcoming powerful prayer conference. The Link: Prayer Praise & Worship: Releasing the Power Within You on March 26 – 28, 2020. Let signs, wonders, and miracles be released through the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:19). Pre-Registration is \$35. You will be able to register during the Cincinnati convention beginning August 10 through August 17, 2019. Look for more information on our web page at¹ pawsingles.com now through December 31, 2019.

Editorials and Opinions

If you have any concerns or comments regarding articles or opinions expressed in the *Single Perspective*, please email them to <u>singleperspective@yahoo.com</u> and include the subject line of Letters to the Editor.

I've Never Known a Love Like This Before

by Sister Connie D. Green, Single Perspective Writer

I was blessed to attend the National Apostolic Day of Prayer event in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 23 and 24, 2019. Thank God for the vision He gave our presider, Bishop Theodore Brooks, to bring Apostolic believers together for united prayer and worship. I am grateful to have been a part of this wonderful event. It was an experience I will never forget.

As the crowd gathered around the altar at Calvary Tabernacle (Elder Paul D. Mooney, Pastor) for the event's closing prayer, the praise team led the congregants in corporate worship with the song "More Than Anything." The refrain that repeats throughout the song is: "I just want to say that I love You more than anything." This song also includes the verse: Love me in Your arms, You were my shelter from the storm When all my friends were gone, You were right there all along; I've never known a love like this before I just want to say that I love You more than anything.

I had heard and sung this song numerous times before. However, on this occasion I was particularly struck by the veracity of those lyrics. As I worshiped, the words kept running through my mind: "I've never known a love like this before." Those eight words have been on my mind ever since that day as I continue to reflect on the many times the Lord has been my



shelter in storms of life, assuring me He will never leave me nor forsake me (Matthew 28:20).

It has been said there is no love like a mother's love. The limitless love of a good mother is certainly priceless. However, the love of Jesus Christ is even greater

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Features Revival! — a 21st Century Jesus



Grammy nominee Mali Music as Jesus Christ in Revival!

by Dr. Debra Johnson Editor-in-Chief

Over the 2019 Easter weekend, an excellent movie about the Gospel of John was released amid a minimum marketing campaign, where it quietly died in movie theaters. Although I did see an ad on Christian television around 4:30 am on Easter, if Bishop Charles H. Ellis, III, had not recommended the movie so highly to his congregation, I would not have known it existed. As the previous generation of saints used to say, I would have missed a treat.

The *Revival!*, told as a series of flashbacks to Dawnn Lewis and an Asian companion by a mysterious stranger who turns out to be Jesus, is a biblically accurate, diverse, and energetic film full of good gospel music in addition to being refreshingly innovative. During Christ's temptations, Satan is portrayed in a variety of unique scenarios instead of as the typical bass voice in the desert. director of the film; of course, the music is wonderful. A gospel choir sings throughout the movie. A variety of musicians including Chaka Kahn, Siedah Garrett, and Michelle Williams, plus the actor Oba Babatunde, appear.

Jesus (Mali Music) sings in the film, which adopts a play-within-a play approach. Most of the words Jesus speaks are Scriptures. Judas' personality is presented more fully than usual as he explains his multiple reasons for betraying Jesus. The actor Harry Lennix (who played Joe Adams in the movie *Ray*) serves as the narrator and Pontius Pilate, who stunningly walks through world history before he meets Jesus.

This movie is full of atypical yet arresting moments such as when Jesus appears momentarily in a burgundy dinner jacket. Still, the prevailing atmosphere is joy. Christians will be refreshed after they view this visual depiction of the life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's a musical feast!

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than the love of the most loving mother, the most honorable father, or the closest friend (John 15:13.) The love of Christ, in fact, was so strong that it moved Him to die for us while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8). His love for His bride, the Church, is even presented by the Apostle Paul as a model for the love a husband is to have for his wife (Ephesians 5:25).

Single saints, especially those who have not yet been married, may aspire to be married someday to experience the ultimate love. However, we do well – whether married or single – to always remember that the love of the Lord Jesus Christ is <u>the</u> Greatest Love one can ever experience.

Without a doubt, I've NEVER known a love like this before.

ISPA Upcoming Events

PAW Convention in Cincinnati, OH......8/10—8/17/19

ISPA Prayer Conference..3/26--3/28/20

Donald Lawrence is the music