

IMA Video Connect every 3rd Thursday of each month at 10AM Central Time. Contact IMA Home Office for more info.

Connect with IMA on social media: Facebook, Instagram & Twitter using @imaministers

If you would like to post IMA events or articles, please send information to IMA Home Office two months in advance.

IMA Announcements

Mid-Central Dist. Conference

Mon-Wed, June 21-23, 2021
Ray of Hope Church; Comanche, OK
Host Pastor: Mike McCord
Evening Speaker: Rick Van Hoose
Theme: Taking up the Mantle; 2 Kings 2:13-14

The IMA National Board just met in Branson, MO for the Annual Planning Session.

We had a blessed and productive time together and we thank you for your continued prayers for our beloved Association.



Quotable Quotes

“Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children.” ~ Billy Graham

“Your greatest contribution to the kingdom of God might not be something you do, but someone you raise.” ~ Andy Stanley

“Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work.” ~ C. S. Lewis

“You are as much serving God in looking after your own children, and training them up in God’s fear, and minding the house, and making your household a church for God, as you would be if you had been called to lead an army to battle for the Lord of Hosts.” ~ Charles Spurgeon

IMA 2021 National Conference ~ M-W, Sept. 20-22, 2021

Faith Bible Chapel; Pastor Jason King; Arvada, CO (Denver area)
World Renowned Special Speaker: Rev. Rob Carman



Relational Actional Missional

Inside this Issue:

- ▣ Guest Article: “Christ Is My Life!”
- ▣ Guest Article: “A Mother’s Influence”
- ▣ IMA Home Office
- ▣ Chairman Article: “DNA of IMA” Part 4
- ▣ Announcements
- ▣ Quotable Quotes
- ▣ National Conference

National Board:

- ▣ Dr. Timothy Warner
- ▣ Dr. Don Crabtree
- ▣ Rev. Sean Dudley
- ▣ Rev. Chad Hayes
- ▣ Rev. Dan Hernandez
- ▣ Rev. Kurt Juszak
- ▣ Rev. Mike McCord

District Chairs:

- ▣ Dr. Charles Dewing
- ▣ Rev. Paul Mason
- ▣ Rev. Joe Campbell
- ▣ Rev. Romualdo Corpuz
- ▣ Rev. Karrie Landsverk
- ▣ Rev. Julie Wells
- ▣ Rev. Keith Owens
- ▣ Rev. Jason King
- ▣ Rev. David Spurlock
- ▣ Rev. Robert Garcia

PROCLAIM

MAY 2021



Christ Is My Life!

The Power of the Gospel Message

By Rev. Karrie Landsverk; Living Gospel Church; Rio, WI - North Central Dist. Chair

I will forever stand in awe at the riches of our God’s grace and the depths of His love to bring forth a divine plan for not only the redemption for sinful man, but the manifestation of Himself into the heart of every believer. It is incredible to ponder the God of the universe not only knows my name, but He makes my heart His home. This is the great mystery kept hidden from generations, now revealed to all saints—Christ in you, the hope of glory! This is the essence and power of the Gospel message we all contain.

When I was asked to write about how the Gospel empowers and brings life to us, I just smiled. This is one of those moments I marvel at how God joins the Body together in perfect harmony for His glory. I am currently in school again to deepen my relationship with God. He told me if I seek Him with all my heart, I will find Him and He would reveal hidden truths to me. He most certainly has! The course I am now completing is Naturally Supernatural. Can you guess what the focus is about? Learning to manifest a continual flow of the presence and power of God in and through me. All teaching is about processing the fact that “I no longer live. Christ is my life.” This is the power of the Gospel message, Christ living in and through me.

Colossians 1:26-27 tells us, “The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now dis-

closed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

When I prayed and asked God to clarify what He would have me share, He reminded me of the key truths I had learned in my course. He said these truths are the heart of manifesting the power of the Gospel in and through our lives.

They are: God is all and in all. I am a vessel. I no longer live. Christ is my life. I am dead to the Law. I live by the Spirit (tuned to rhema and vision) and I live by the faith that God is Immanuel.

If these statements are glossed over too quickly, we miss the great power within each truth. I invite you to meditate on these truths in prayer. The life-giving power of the Gospel is manifested as we stop striving and start releasing the flow of the Spirit in every aspect of our lives. The greatest freedom we will ever know is when we truly rest in the finished work of Christ and let His fullness be an outpouring in our lives.

Colossians 1:29 says, “To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”

**Hallelujah!
Christ
lives
in me!**





A Mother's Influence

By Verda Todd

In a time of national distress, God raised up Deborah in a miraculous manner with gifts causing her to be as a mother to Israel. With a mother's heart she would protect, love and defend them. Being a woman and mother in Israel caused her to be endowed with affectionate concern for them as her children. This was the style of leadership that Israel needed for the times in which they were living. They needed the tenderness and fineness of a godly mother's touch.



Gipsy Smith, one of the renowned itinerate preachers of the 1800s and early 1900s, used this incident in his sermon titled *Christ in the Home*. "A lady, one of the aristocracy of France, once sat by the side of the Emperor, Napoleon, at a great dinner. 'My Emperor, will you tell me what it is France needs most at this present hour?' she said. The great Napoleon turned to the lady and said quietly, 'France needs most of all mothers.'" Gipsy Smith went on to say, "And if you ask me what Britain, America, Australia or any other country in the world needs most of all today, my reply would be the same—Just mothers—good mothers, godly mothers."

My mother was one of those mothers. She was a good moth-



er and a godly mother. My twin sister Veta and I were brought up in humble surroundings. This did not prevent Momma, as we called her, from instilling in us the values that would stay with us for the rest of our lives. She was a woman of personal convictions and principles. We were taught to be unselfish and to care about others. Even though Momma was quiet in her demeanor, she was strong in her actions. Her personal faith served to support our biblical teachings that we received from the church. Momma went home to be with the Lord a long time ago, but we can still recall her saying, "You reap what you sow." That's the mother who taught us by example.

Now it occurs to me that I too am a mother, and in addition I have two daughters who are mothers and a daughter-in-law who is a mother. It has been my intention to pass on to those mothers the influence that came from my own mother. Mothering is a grave responsibility and even more so when you consider the lasting affect for the future of our children. While I do not consider myself as a Deborah, I do accept that God gave me the responsibility to be a mother in our family. To me it was and is a calling. It was my heart to love, protect and defend them. I believe that Christian values must first be taught at home.



William Ross Wallace wrote a famous poem about mothers. The refrain of that poem says, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." The Apostle Paul in his letter to Timothy put it like this: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Tim. 2:4). Never underestimate the influence of a mother.



IMA Home Office

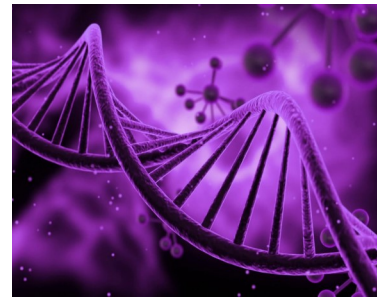
P.O. Box 242
Shell Lake, WI 54871

EMAIL:
imahdq@gmail.com

WEBSITE:
imainfo.org

(Members Password:
imamembers)

PHONE:
812-550-1240



DNA of IMA

Part 4: Honoring Life



By Dr. Timothy L. Warner; IMA National Chairman

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. John 5:24

One of the distinct privileges I have as serving as your IMA PROCLAIM (Herald) editor is reading monthly articles written in the mid to late 1900s. Actually, we have articles that reach back to the 1940s. DNA must be researched through both present and past articles and activities of a person or organization.

We have considered IMA's Dynamic of the Holy Spirit, Heart for Missions, and Respect for Views of Others. Today, we shall consider IMA's heritage of Honoring Life. References are replete in our history to present-day worldviews and practices. We honor life!

First, the IMA honors life by celebrating marriage, family and especially the role of women as mothers. Though recognizing ministries of women over the years, mothers have an especially high place in both previous IMA articles and the practice of esteeming mothers. For example, IMA pastors and churches celebrate moms on Mother's Day each year.

Children are a gift
from God
-Psalm 127:3

IMA churches hold high regard for mothers, just as for children in the womb. We are PRO-LIFE and our church bylaws reflect this reality. Many churches honor the RIGHT to LIFE movement and congregational ministries promote natural life as a gift from God.

Secondly, the DNA of our fellowship of ministers is that we honor life in the Spirit. Hundreds of articles give reference to the Biblical truth that "the Spirit gives life." Thousands of sermons have been proclaimed from IMA pulpits. We proclaim the Holy Spirit and His work among us.



For example, many churches today are experiencing a revival-type phenomenon in their services. One pastor sent a picture of dozens of people receiving the life of the Spirit at the close of his message. Another pastor called and said they had a Spirit-Breakthrough that started in their early service and continued into their second worship service. Prophecy broke out and the service went three hours. Another shared that an eight-year-old and eighteen-year-old were both filled with the Spirit and spoke in tongues!

Finally, our DNA recognizes that IMA ministers have and promote the life of God in ministry. We were born out of the Pentecost revival that took ordinary and denominational servants of God, but filled them with the very breath of God.



This is called ministering in the Spirit. Our DNA is not to become weak, indifferent and people-pleasing Christians. On the contrary, IMA ministers value Spirit-guided proclamation with prayer, response and impartation at the altar or in the chairs.

Notice this quote from our February 1959 newsletter: "What a wonderful spirit [is] the Spirit of Christ. ...Let all of us who name the name of Christ, who call ourselves Christian, pray that we will be filled with the Spirit of Christ. That our lives, testimonies, songs, and sermons will reveal, not our own spirit, but to the Spirit of Christ. There is a work to do; a world to save, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of hosts.'"



Let's captivate our DNA and celebrate the life of God. This coming Pentecost Sunday (May 23rd) is a great time to do it. Let's honor the life of God in the natural, in church gatherings, and when ministering the Word of God!