

Kiamichi **Preaching & Teaching** **Clubs of America**



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Leader's Guide



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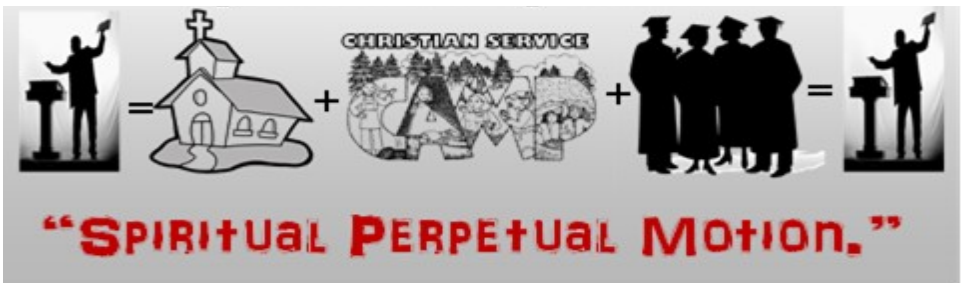
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KIAMICHI PREACHING & TEACHING CLUBS OF AMERICA

In the United States today, we are suffering from a terrible shortage of preachers. As a result, our Brotherhood has lost one-third of our congregations in one generation, around 40 years. Of the churches that remain, the average age is 50, and 50% of those that remain have no children. If this continues, our future is bleak as more churches will close and few new churches will be established. When there are no more preachers . . . there will be no more churches!

Before the very first Church was ever established, there was a preacher. Yes, preachers came first, then Churches. Society is suffering from a terrible shortage of preachers today, and therefore we are losing Churches and establishing very few. Once we have a preacher who establishes a Church, then it is part of the preacher's duty to identify and encourage more preachers. This is done with the help of the Church. In the early part of the 20th Century, Christian Service Camps were established to encourage even more preachers and others to full-time Christian Service. After that, the Bible College Movement began to establish schools of higher learning to train those who had committed to become preachers, teachers, missionaries, and other workers in the Word.

The "Circle of Life" for the preacher begins with a preacher, then a Church, followed by Christian Service Camps which recruit students for the Bible Colleges which then produce more preachers, and it starts all over again. This is what we call "Spiritual Perpetual Motion". The Preacher or Evangelist must understand their responsibility and exercise this responsibility in relationship to the Churches, camps, and colleges—



to prepare, protect, and preserve the Church, the Bride of Christ. This Circle of Life is then self-perpetuating and will automatically produce more preachers who can fill the pulpits of our Churches and help plant new ones.

We need to re-establish this Circle of Life before we become extinct. Churches should focus on youth, build youth groups, and encourage the Christian camping programs. Without youth coming into the Churches, we are dead in the water. Camps should emphasize recruiting young people to “Christian Service” along with the fun activities, Bible instruction, and life-skills training. Camps should invite students and staff from loyal Bible Colleges and other preacher training institutions to the camps to encourage and recruit future students into the preaching ministry. We should especially encourage and support Bible Colleges or other institutions which promote New Testament Christianity and focus on training preachers to preach. This Circle of Life will produce more preachers and in turn more Churches, camps, and colleges. If one would investigate some of the great mission efforts of the past and present in places like Haiti, the Philippines, Africa, and India, it would be clear they understand this Circle of Life and practice it to this day. This is one reason we see such great success on these foreign fields. The Circle of Life is a solid method, developed by spiritual men and women to carry out the Great Commission in our current culture.

It is the purpose of The Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission to support the Circle of Life where it still exists and help to re-establish it where it has disappeared. To this end, we have established “The Kiamichi JumpStart Good News System” to provide leadership and tools to assist Churches with evangelism and outreach. Part of this system is “The Good News Game Company” which provides tools to recruit and lead children and youth. We have designed our summer camp programs to be true Christian Service Camps which challenge the next generation to the ministry. “The Kiamichi School of Preaching” has been established to put students on a fast-track to the pulpit, Bible classes, outreach, and growing churches.

The next weapon in the arsenal to lead the Kingdom of God to victory is the “KIAMICHI PREACHING & TEACHING CLUBS OF AMERICA”, which has been established to help the Churches recruit, train, and encourage a future generation of preachers, Bible teachers, missionaries, and preachers’ wives. These clubs and budgets are designed for any sized congregation and can even serve as the youth program, especially for smaller Churches. It is our prayer you will consider establishing a chapter in your congregation even if you begin with only one or two club members at first.

Sincerely,
Artie Carnes, Evangelist

Brief Overview of our Position Concerning Women and Preaching

A participating church is not required to accept our position on this subject to use this program, but they should be aware of it.

Mark 16:15 & 16 challenges us to; *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”* Jesus gave this commission to the Apostles who then passed this charge to us. Matthew 28:18-20 expresses it this way; *“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”* This is the Great Commission, and it was given to all Christians both male and female. Acts 2:17-18 makes this perfectly clear when it states, *“In the last days, God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy (proclaim).’”*

The two Greek words for “preach” or “preaching” used in the New Testament refer to sharing the Gospel with the lost world. This applies to all Christians, both male and female. Luke and Paul both refer to the “prophetess” in the early Church. Both men and women prophets deliver the message of God in miraculous ways. When Apollos was preaching the Baptism of John the Baptist instead of baptism into Christ, BOTH Aquilla and Pricilla explained the word of truth more completely to him. Girls should be included in this program so they can learn to follow these New Testament examples and fulfill their responsibility as a Christian.

On the other hand, the New Testament, and by the example of the First Century Church, the office of Evangelist, Elder, or Preaching Elder were restricted to men. The title Pastor refers to the same office as the Elder or Shepherd/Teacher, (**Ephesians 4:11**).

God’s Spiritual Order is expressed throughout the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments. God is the leader or head of Christ, Christ is the head of man, and man is the head of woman. This is God’s divine pattern. *“But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the*

head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.” 1 Corinthians 11:3. Paul continues to emphasize this proper, godly order in 1 Timothy 2:11-12. “A woman should learn in quietness (calmness) and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume (usurp) authority over a man; she must be quiet (calm).” The meaning of the word “teach” in this verse is clear by definition and context. The meaning of the word in the original language is related to being the “Rabbi” over a man, The context is clear: a woman should not “usurp authority over a man”. Does this mean a woman should not lead her husband to the Lord? Certainly not! Some interpret this to mean a Christian woman should not teach a Sunday School class if men are present; share a devotion before the Lord’s Supper; or lead the congregation in singing. This position is tradition and not Scripture. Women performing these duties under the direction and oversight of the Evangelist and the Elders does not make them the spiritual leaders of men. These women are still in submission to the leaders of the church.

Most of what we refer to as “preaching” in our churches today is really teaching. Women should learn to teach as well as men, and individual congregations should decide on their own if they can teach with a man in the room. The question then becomes, not whether women should preach and teach or not preach and teach, but rather, in what environment they should be allowed to preach and teach. We need female Bible teachers, missionaries, and preacher’s wives. They should be just as prepared as the men to work in the Kingdom in places and positions which do not violate Biblical instruction and example or offend local tradition.

The Kiamichi Preaching & Teaching Clubs shall not become a forum for debate on this subject as that would draw away from the express purpose of this very important program and take the focus off of the children and youth. We should also not indicate to the participants that there are levels of service in the Kingdom which are greater or lesser than others. A woman teaching children has just as important a role in the service of Christ as a man preaching from a pulpit, each should be encouraged to fill the role to which they have been called.

For purposes of competition in our Preaching & Teaching Contests, it has been determined that all boys will preach sermons, understanding they are capable of doing other forms of teaching, and all girls will teach lessons for children, understanding they are capable of doing other forms of teaching. FOR JUDGING PURPOSES WE MUST BE ABLE TO COMPARE APPLES TO APPLES. Also, all spectrums of the opinion on this issue agree on the Scriptural precedent of these methods of expression.

STANDARDS & REQUIRMENTS

A limited amount of Standards and Requirements must be included in this program to accommodate equity and order for the Awards System when the Chapters come together for National or Regional Events. National events will be hosted at Christ's 40 Acres near Honobia, Oklahoma. Regional events will be established when several Churches host Chapters in a given region.

AGE DIVISIONS: Third - Fifth Grades - Elementary School
Sixth - Eighth Grades - Middle School
Ninth - Twelfth Grades - High School

SERMONS/LESSONS: Club Members should be encouraged to make a presentation once per month. Some will be able to do more and others less. Club Members should be allowed to work at their own level of skill, ability, and maturity.

PRESENTATIONS: Sermons and lessons must be presented to an audience other than the Preaching/Teaching Class. This could be for a Worship Service, Adult Sunday School Class, Special Event, etc.

Elementary School Age	3-7 Minutes
Middle School Age	7-10 Minutes
High School Age	10-15 Minutes

WEEKLY MEETINGS: Meetings should be held a minimum of once per week or more often if the environment allows. Meetings should be semi-formal with an opening devotion and prayer led by the Club Members under the direction of the Leader. Class should consist of preparation time not lessons. At first the leader may choose one sermon for the entire class to develop together with unique illustrations for each individual.

SPECIAL NOTE: Kiamichi Preaching & Teaching Clubs of America will operate in conjunction with The Kiamichi School of Preaching and The Kiamichi JumpStart Good News System. Concepts, instruction, and approaches will be interchangeable and consistent across these programs.

CLUB APPAREL: Although Jackets are preferred if finances allow, Tee-shirts, Vests, and Sashes are also great and may work better for

those with a limited budget. Jackets can run between \$39 and \$200. Jackets should increase in quality for older age groups. Jackets will be retired as Club Members move up in age groups. Jackets should include the National Club Insignia as well as a Local Chapter Insignia. A flag should be developed and one flag for each chapter should hang at Christ's 40 Acres.



ADDITIONAL JACKET DÉCOR: In addition to Patches, other décor for Jackets can be purchased from several sources as desired.

- ◆ Shoulder Stripes to indicate years of participation;
- ◆ Bars for below Patches to indicate PowerPoint Presentations;
- ◆ Pins for various accomplishments.

PATCHES: New patches will be available each year as the program continues to build. Students may work individually, in teams, or as a group to earn these patches. The only patch which can be ordered from the Mission is the six-inch Insignia Patch. For all other patches a master will be provided



in your packet of material which can be used to copy onto transfer paper then printed with an ink jet printer. Instructions come with the Transfer Paper.

Clubs may also design their own patches, print, cut, and iron directly onto a jacket, tee-shirt, vest, or sash. Or the patches could be ironed onto a piece of cloth then sewn or imbordered on to the jacket, etc. This could become a wonderful ministry for some of the women in the congregation who enjoy sewing and needle work. Patches are optional and the extent of their use should be determined by individual clubs realizing the more effort you put into something and the more special you make it will determine the effectiveness of it. We recommend putting your best possible effort into this aspect of the Preaching and Teaching Clubs.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS: A regular schedule of activities and events should be planned and kept on a class calendar and a personal calendar by each Club Member. These will include the regular classes, special activities, events, and National Meetings. These may include but not be limited to:

Field Trips just for Fun.

Group attendance at a Revival or other preaching event.

Going for burgers or ice cream.

Fund Raising Events to pay for Jackets, Patches, etc.

Youth-led worship.

Regional Events

Service Projects (Food, Widows, Visit the sick, etc.)

NATIONAL EVENTS: National Events will be held at Christ's 40 Acres near Honobia, Oklahoma three times per year. During these events there will be opportunities for Club Members to Preach and Teach, and will also feature Special Guest Preachers.

Kiamichi Preaching/Teaching Contest - This is held during The Greatest Gathering This Side of Heaven. This event is now held Monday through Thursday of the week before Memorial Day toward the end of May.

Kiamichi Preaching/Teaching Camp - This camp will begin on the Monday morning of the last week of July and end on Thursday after Lunch.

Kiamichi Preaching/Teaching Fall Retreat - This event will be held the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in November.

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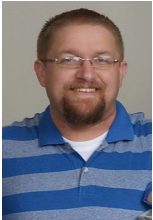
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Evolution by Design of the Holy Spirit

As the new Director of the Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission in April of 2013, it was discovered that the World Champion Preacher Boy Contest, which had been established in the 1960's, was drawing only one to three contestants per year. In an attempt to increase participation, an award of \$100 per High School aged entry was established with increased awards for first, second, and third place. This increased participation in the contest to as many as twenty-three over the next few years including a group from Callao, Missouri where a "preaching class" had been established by their minister, Josh Stucki and had been functioning for several years. After a few more years, I decided this class should be duplicated in other congregations in some way and the concept of the Kiamichi Preaching and Teaching Clubs of America was conceived in 2021. It was decided to include the girls as well and expand the age from the 3rd grade through High School Graduates. Immediately we began to search within our brotherhood and cross-denominationally for any preaching or teaching clubs from which we could draw inspiration and direction but sadly found none. This means we are developing this concept from the "ground up" under the direction of the Holy Spirit with much prayer, discussion, and debate, plus a lot of trial and error.

We have been amazed at the results thus far. First, we renamed the contest to "The Kiamichi Preaching and Teaching Contest" and opened the former "Men's Clinic" to women and girls simply calling it "The Greatest Gathering this Side of Heaven" from the description the meeting was given decades ago. At this meeting in 2022, there were 4 Clubs represented with 14 participating in the contest. In 2023, at the same meeting, there were 11 clubs and 40 participated in the contest, three of which were girls, for the first time. We are currently making preparations for over 100 participants in the contest for 2024. We continue to be amazed at what God is doing.

We have come to believe that The Preaching and Teaching Clubs of America could become the catalyst for encouraging growth in churches, renewing our Christian Service Camps to their original purpose of recruiting the next generation of church leaders, providing more candidates

for our loyal Bible Colleges and other institutions of high learning who will produce the next generation of preachers, preacher's wives, missionaries, and other workers for the Kingdom. This will help to repair, restore, and reactivate the "Circle of Life". **The Clubs are the spark we have needed to ignite the flames of Revival in the churches of America!**

THE CLUBS ARE BENEFICIAL TO THE CHILDREN. We have seen children from church families become more excited about service and worship; we have seen children from unchurched families who participate in youth groups become more excited also. Even some from unchurched families were drawn by the clubs and are now active in services, youth groups, and have become Christians.

THE CLUBS ARE BENEFICIAL TO THE CHURCH. When a club member preaches or teaches, whether their family is involved in the church or not, they come to hear that club member preach or teach and are exposed to the Good News about Jesus Christ. Some respond and become converted and get involved in the church. This is one of the best opportunities to draw the lost to Christ.

THE CLUBS ARE BENEFICIAL TO THE KINGDOM. Some of our older club members are already supply preaching for area churches in need of a fill-in and some are even serving as interim preachers. Some are attending Bible College and are ready for a student ministry their first year, and one has become the minister of a small congregation directly after graduating from the Preaching Club and is continuing his education through correspondence and mentoring.

By becoming a leader in the Kiamichi Preaching and Teaching Club in your congregation you are participating in one of the best programs available anywhere to answer the prayer request of Jesus to "send workers for the harvest". You are helping the children in one of the best ways possible, and you are securing the future of not only your congregation but of other congregations in the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your willingness and sacrifice to be used of God in such a marvelous way.



SOME FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Any church, family, or other organization may establish a club in their area. Several churches may join in establishing a single club in an area. Please notify the Mission with a picture of your club for them to announce in the Newsletter.
2. Churches may establish a club for boys and girls, boys only, or girls only according to their individual need and preferences. Clubs for boys should be operated separately from the club for girls as each group should be given special attention on their own merit.
3. The annual Kiamichi Preaching & Teaching Contest held at Christ's 40 Acres each May is open to all Boys & Girls, 3rd—12th Grades. Contestants need to prepare a sermon or lesson according to the Standards & Requirements in each Handbook and come prepared to make their presentation. Pre-registration is not required. There will be elimination rounds each afternoon during The Greatest Gathering beginning Tuesday at 2pm. The top 3 contestants in each age group will be invited to do their presentations on Thursday afternoon to determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
4. Awards will be distributed as follows:

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Base/all others
High School	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$100
Middle School	\$350	\$250	\$150	\$75
Elementary	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$50

Check-in is Tuesday at 2pm. It is best for contestants to stay for the entire contest through Thursday night when the awards are distributed, but arrangements can be made for those with conflicts so they can arrive later and leave earlier when needed. We will do all we can to accommodate schedules so they can participate.

We are convinced the financial awards are critical to the success of the competition. This not only motivates the participants but also sends a message to them emphasizing the value of what they are doing. "The workman is worthy of his hire." God is good with paying preachers and teachers to preach and teach.

Clubs are strongly encouraged, but not required to, contribute to the Mission enough money to cover the cost of the Base Awards for each of their Club Members so as not to reduce the amount of the Award as the contest grows or place any undo burden on the budget of the Mission. The Mission will absorb the cost of the Awards for first, second, and third place in each age group.

5. After 75 years of the Kiamichi Christian Men's Clinic, now called The Greatest Gathering this Side of Heaven which includes women and children, we are changing the date from the first week of May to the last week of May just before Memorial Day. This is specifically designed to accommodate the Kiamichi Preaching and Teaching Contest. More school testing will be completed by this time and most schools will be dismissed for the summer allowing more children and youth to participate. In 2023, the average age of those attending this meeting dropped to under 50 and 40% were there for the first time mostly due to the Preaching and Teaching Clubs.

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