



October 2014



FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP – DANIEL W. HAMPTON

## ***WHO CHANGED THINGS***

Ruth and I are so thankful and excited to be here in West Virginia. We both believe this is an assignment from the Lord and trust Him to fulfill the promises He has made to each of you. We want to see the demonstration of the Holy Ghost and power as we surrender ourselves to Jesus, take up the cross and follow Him. We must remember and remind ourselves that true Christianity is a life of self-denial, cross bearing and following Him.

In the Gospel of Luke 9:23-26, Jesus said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. (24) If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake you will save it. (25) And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed? (26) If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when He returns in His glory and in the glory of the Father and holy angels." (NLT)

Today there is an attack on those principles listed above, and now the emphasis seems to be all about self and what I want. There are so many things changing, until it is necessary for us to stop, take inventory of our own lives, examine our thoughts and ask an all

important question...**who changed things?**

Who changed things from the Word of God being the authority by which we live, to man being in charge of his own destiny? Who changed things from a life of self-denial, to the attitude it is all about me and what I want? Who changed things from cross bearing, to easy living without sacrifice? Who changed things from a God centered faith, to a man centered idea which bypasses the cross? Who changed things from the beautiful life of holiness, to it being called extremism or fanaticism? Who changed things from a life of purity, to living no different than the world and still say we are Christians? Who changed things from obedience, to the principles taught in scripture, to I am free to do what so ever I desire because He understands that is the way I am? Who changed things from the focus on Jesus Christ as the only example, to just believe in some higher power and you will be alright? Who changed things from reverence of God, to a casual acquaintance? Who changed things from God's sovereignty, to demanding He do what we say? Who changed things from faith, to doubt and non-belief? Who changed things from allowing the Holy Ghost to have his way in service, to ushering people to a back room if they want to speak in

tongues? Who changed things from us preachers stepping back when the Holy Ghost says, "I'll take it from here," to our feeling we must always be in control? Who changed things for the office of the evangelist by saying we no longer have need of, or time for revival?

A.W. Tozer once said, "If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference."

Another great author and preacher, Leonard Ravenhill, said, "One of these days some simple soul will pick up the Book of God, read it and believe it. Then the rest of us will be embarrassed."

I want to do whatever it takes to be a follower of the King. Remember all things are possible to him that believes.

In this first article, I am calling the Church of God in West Virginia to stand on faith, proclaim the truth of God's Word, take hold of the promises which He has given you and see revival sweep across this great state.

# WVYMD REGIONAL

# YOUTH RALLIES

**SERVICE @ 7:30pm**  
**YOUTH LEADER MEETING @ 6:45pm**

**11/14-15 PETERSBURG COG**

**10/25 TRI STATE COG**

**11/21-22 CRAWLEY CREEK COG**

## **2014 STATE MINISTERS MEETING**

*NOVEMBER 10, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.*

*BISHOP DANIEL & RUTH HAMPTON*

*WELCOME RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE*

*NOVEMBER 11, 2014 @ 9:30 A.M.*

*MINISTERS WIVES MEETING @ 9:30 A.M.*

**FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER**  
**BECKLEY, WV**

### **NEW RIVER RANCH CHILDREN'S HOME FALL FESTIVAL OFFERING**

*Starting in November, we will begin our Fall Festival offerings which are designated to help children in need. Please allow God to speak to you as you prepare to give. Our state has thousands of children currently in need of a place to call home. We are very proud to be a resource for the children in need in West Virginia. Please be aware, when sending in your Fall Festival offerings, they should be sent to the West Virginia State Executive Offices PO Box 2374, Beckley, WV 25802, so that you are directly contributing to the children in our own state.*

*We are beyond grateful for all that you have done and all that you continue to do!*

*Thank you,*

*Carla White Torres, MSW, LICSW*

# You Are My Sunshine

## Senior Adult Day Highlights of the Day



### *Our Condolences*

We extend our condolences to the following families in their time of loss. You are in our prayers.

- Nell Sumner, wife of former overseer, Russell Sumner, passed away on September 18, 2014. Reverend Sumner served West Virginia from 1978-1982.
- Retired Minister Homer Sipple passed away on October 2nd, 2014



### **MINISTERIAL EXAMINATION DATE CHANGE**

Due to the date change for the State Ministers Meeting, the licensure examination date has been changed to November 18th at 9:00 a.m. Examinations will be given at the Beckley Church of God and the Morgantown/Harvest Church of God.

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Snuffer @ (304) 252-0622 ext. 7.

## **2015 JUNIOR/TEEN TALENT FESTIVAL**

**APRIL 25, 2015**

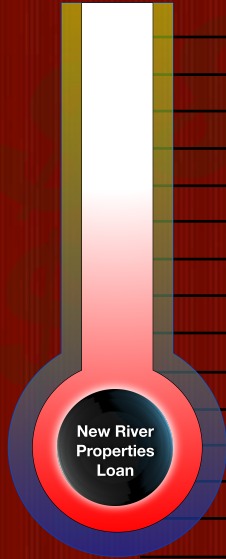
**PRINCETON CHURCH OF GOD  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

THE REDUCTION OF 2 % BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 SHOULD BE SENT WITH THE SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT LISTED "OTHER" DESIGNATED AS NRDR WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONIES TO EQUAL 2 % OF THE TOTAL MONTHLY TITHE.

## "We Can Do It!" Project

**Monthly payments on mortgage:  
Balances shown are for  
August 2013 - September 2014.**

TOGETHER,  
WE CAN SEE THIS  
CHALLENGE  
BECOME A REALITY.



Sept. 2014 -	\$88,515.51
Aug. 2014 -	\$116,058.53
July 2014 -	\$138,885.60
June 2014 -	\$163,187.28
Mav 2014 -	\$184,296.88
Apr. 2014 -	\$207,862.26
Mar. 2014 -	\$234,631.46
Feb. 2014 -	\$254,367.17
Jan. 2014 -	\$276,306.83
Dec. 2013 -	\$299,056.87
Nov. 2013 -	\$320,158.48
Oct. 2013 -	\$346,409.83
Sept. 2013 -	\$368,090.32
Aug. 2013 -	\$388,249.59

**Why pay this mortgage off early instead of the scheduled pay-off date of November 2020?**

The New River Debt Reduction Plan does not add any extra cost to the local congregation and is a fair way for each congregation to participate in the elimination of the New River Properties Mortgage and save thousands of dollars in interest.

The 2 1/2 % Home Missions is the fund from which the mortgage is paid. With the reduction of funds, the 2 1/2% fund is being eliminated, leaving no fund to pay the mortgage.

In an effort to eliminate the mortgage on the property housing the New River Ranch Children's Home Ministries and the New River Ministry Center (Campground), the ministers passed in a special called ministers meeting that 1½ % reduction of funds to the State Office beginning September 1, 2012 and the 2% beginning September 1, 2013 continue to be forwarded by the local church to the State Office designated as New River Property Debt Reduction, NRDR.

It is understood that this is a volunteer measure to be considered by the local church and that our church government operates as a democracy where we all support the decision of the body.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**October: Scripture – Psalm 119:104**

26.....Reformation Sunday

**November: Scripture – Psalm 150:6**

10-11.....State Ministers Meeting  
16.....Native American Awareness Sunday  
26-28 .....Thanksgiving - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

**December: Scripture – Luke 2:11**

5 .....State Christmas Banquet - Minister/Spouse & NRR Children's Home  
19-Jan 2.....Christmas and New Year's Holidays - STATE OFFICE CLOSED