

March 2015



AFFIRMATION

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP – DANIEL W. HAMPTON



How long has it been since you have been affirmed by someone, or even more importantly how long has it been since you affirmed some dear soul? Affirmation is a positive assertion, acceptance and acknowledgement. To affirm means to validate, to state positively, to assert as valid or confirmed to be of value.

In 1 Thessalonians 5 Paul encourages us to understand the times in which we live and edify (affirm) one another in light of the fact we are the Last Day Church. Read carefully the following verses in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11: "1 Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that I write to you. 2 For you know perfectly that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape.

4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

5 You are all the sons of light and the sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep as others do. But let us be alert and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we should live together with Him. 11 So comfort yourselves together, and edify (affirm) one another, just as you are doing."

Did you notice the commands we are given? Watch, be sober, put on the breastplate of faith and love, hope as our helmet, comfort yourselves together and edify (affirm) one another.

When we come together in the church this should be our priority. As individuals enter our doors they should find the atmosphere permeated with faith, love and hope as they are

affirmed in Him. There must be the focus on Him and not on a performance on the platform. Affirmation will occur when we purposefully enter to bless our Father with our whole heart and not focus on anything else. If we will put forth the effort to "Touch the King," and look to no one else, affirmation will be obtained, victory will be ours and we will receive from Him exactly what we need.

The Church must be the place where comfort and affirmation is found. The Christians in the early Church had a reputation which said, "See how they love one another." This affirmation must be genuinely pure and authentic, void of hypocrisy. May we earnestly promote and foster this kind of environment everywhere we go. I am firmly convinced if we will model 1 Thessalonians 5, our churches will grow as people find fulfillment through affirmation. I am committed to be one who will follow these principles, and I ask you to do the same. Find somebody today and affirm them in Jesus.

2015 CAMP MEETING

JUNE 7-11, 2015
FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
BECKLEY, WV

Sunday Evening Service
@ 6:00 p.m.

Monday - Thursday:
Morning Services @ 9:30 a.m.
Evening Services @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday:
Golf Tournament



Chris Moody
Senior Pastor
South Cleveland COG
Cleveland, TN



Edwin Lipsey
Senior Pastor
Foundations of Life Church
Ennis, TX & Waxahachie, TX



Wallace Sibley
Third Assistant
General Overseer
Cleveland, TN

GUEST SPEAKERS

TOUCHING THE KING

OUR CONDOLENCES

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

- Josephine Combs, wife of deceased minister Phil Combs, passed away on February 24, 2015.

2015 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 23-25, 2015
FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
BECKLEY, WV

*Treasures of
the King*

A HEART for the HOMELAND

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"I will bless those who bless you..." —Genesis 12:3

YWEA/Youth Missions:
YWEA began 53 years ago as a cooperative effort between Youth & Discipleship and World Missions. Over 56 projects have been completed and over \$34,000,000.00 raised by Church of God young people. It is the youth missions arm of the Youth & Discipleship department which includes:

- ♥ Funding & Supporting Global Youth Ministries
- ♥ Building Ministry Training Centers
- ♥ Rescuing & Caring for Children
- ♥ Conducting Leadership & Discipleship Training
- ♥ Planting New Churches
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- ♥ Disaster Relief



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CHURCH TO HAVE A
HEART FOR THE
HOMELAND!

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Princeton COG



TALENT!

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MARCH 25, 2015

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Children
Discipleship
& More

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MARCH 21
2015
PARSONS COG

MARCH 28
2015
NITRO COG

APRIL 18
2015
BECKLEY COG

GET IN SHAPE

Spring is coming, and it is that time of year when people begin to think about getting in shape for vacations and trips to the lake or beach. Everyone desires to be in good shape to be able to enjoy the sun and fun. They want to look good. As ministers, leaders and mentors we must be in good spiritual, mental and physical shape to fulfill and enjoy our journey with the Lord.

Also as leaders we must know and be concerned with the shape of those we shepherd, lead and minister to. In the book, *"The Way of the Shepherd,"* the story of a sheep farmer relays thoughts of how he inspected the shape of his sheep.

SHAPE

- S - Know and understand people's **STRENGTHS**.
- H - Learn people's **HEARTS**, their passions.
- A - Help instill the right **ATTITUDE** in people. Philippians 2:1-10, "Have the mind of Christ."
- P - Understand people are unique and diverse. Our

PERSONALITIES are different. Help find the right fit for each person.

- E - People desire to be connected to ministry. Allow them the **EXPERIENCE**.

SHAPE for expanding the kingdom of God. In order for this to happen the leader must understand and learn the shape of those he/she leads.

Michael S. Weaver
State Youth &
Discipleship Director



It is the pastor's/leader's purpose to help people stay in

WEST VIRGINIA YOUTH CAMP 2015

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE @ WWW.WVCOG.COM

<p>ZAC CASE Junior Camp June 29-July 3, 2015</p>	<p>JOSH CARTER Senior Camp June 22-26, 2015</p>	<p>ERIC HUTCHINSON Kids Camp July 6-9, 2015</p>
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Reverend Samuel Rodriguez

Pastor Sharon Ramthelawan

Evangelist Rhonda K. Holland

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Women's Discipleship

2015 CAMP MEETING

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Dining With the King

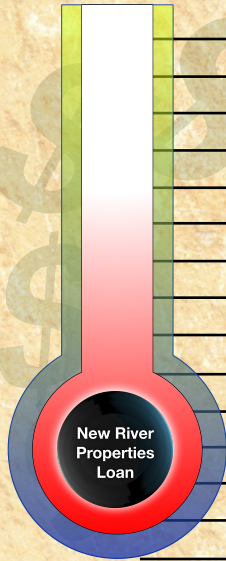
Wednesday, June 10th
@ 12:30 p.m.

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:
Payments shown are for
January 2014 - February 2015.

TOGETHER,
 WE CAN SEE THIS
 CHALLENGE
 BECOME A REALITY.



WHY PAY THIS MORTGAGE OFF?

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 1 1/2 % 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!

March: Scripture – Ecclesiastes 3:1

- 5-7 FOCUS Children's Ministry Leadership Training Conference - Knoxville, TN
- 7 Regional Youth Rally - New Martinsville COG
- 13-15 Smoky Mountain Winterfest - Knoxville, TN
- 21 Regional Ministry Training - Parsons COG
- 28 Regional Ministry Training - Nitro COG

April: Scripture – John 11:25

- 5 Love the World Sunday (World Missions)
- 10-11 Lee Day - Cleveland, TN
- 18 Regional Ministry Training - Beckley COG
- 25 Talent Festival - Princeton COG
- 28-30 Smoky Mountain Jubilee - Gatlinburg, TN
- 30-5/2 NYLA Conference - Pigeon Forge, TN

May: Emphasis – New River Ranch Children's Home

- 1-3 Smoky Mountain Kidfest, Gatlinburg, TN
- 10 Mother's Day Offering for New River Ranch Children's Home
(To be mailed to State Office with May's Treasurer's Monthly Report)
- 15-16 MIP Commissioning Celebration - Cleveland, TN
- 25 Memorial Day - STATE OFFICE CLOSED