

April 2015



# H E I S R I S E N

C E L E B R A T E T H E S A V I O R



FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP – DANIEL W. HAMPTON

## THE SEASONS OF LIFE

Winter has ended and we have just entered what is called Spring Time. Trees are budding, leaves are appearing, flowers are blooming, grass is turning green, yard work is a priority, spring cleaning has begun, vacations are in our mind and how magnificent the warmer temperatures feel. With the very cold winter we just experienced, no doubt thoughts were present such as: When will we get some relief? When will we get some warm weather? What kind of spring will we have?

It is a wonderful time to see life reappearing in the plants, shrubs and trees that looked so dead just a few weeks ago. It is evidence that a new season has begun, spring has arrived. It appears that all life forms are excited about this change in season. Birds are singing and nesting, children are outdoors playing, adults are enjoying outside activities and the animals are giving birth to a new generation. This is a reminder that a new season has begun.

Just like nature we humans go through the seasons of life. It may be spring now in nature but as for some individuals you may still be in the cold blast of winter. Circumstances

which have surrounded you may look lifeless and hopeless as did the trees just a few days back. In life we do not all go through the same season at the same time. Some face summer while others are in winter, some are in spring and others in fall, but one thing remains constant and that is, seasons will change.

How dark and dismal it was during Passover week and especially on Friday at the beating and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Mary, His mother had never been through a season like this. His disciples were experiencing rejection, fear, anxiety, mockery, hopelessness, doubt, anguish, heartache, frustration, torment and death as never before. The one who they had forsaken all to follow was now dead on a cross. The most horrifying death that one could face had just happened to their master. How can you describe this season? Words are inadequate in the face of this scene.

Something else was also present that day which many could not see. Just as we cannot see the sap begin to rise from the ground below which brings life anew to the trees, many could not see then and others refuse to see today, that eternal life was purchased at Calvary. Forgiveness

for all sin is now available and the love of God was manifested that day when He offered the ultimate sacrifice. Hope was born and salvation became God's gift to all mankind.

Yes, we could say Friday was a cold winter day but Sunday morning changed everything. The SON arose and a new season was birthed. Hope was regained, grief was vanquished, death has been conquered and eternal life is now available to every one who believes.

Whatever season you are now living in, just remember, He has already been there and knows how to bring you through in victory. After all, He is the maker of the seasons, and they are necessary for our maturing, fruit bearing and productivity. Remember in everything you face, God never stops loving you. He proved that over two thousand years ago at Calvary and confirmed it at the resurrection on Easter Sunday Morning.

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



# WEST VIRGINIA YOUTH CAMP 2015

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE @ [WWW.WVCOG.COM](http://WWW.WVCOG.COM)

## THE WALLS BEYOND THE WALLS



**ZAC CASE**  
Junior Camp  
June 29-July 3, 2015



**JOSH CARTER**  
Senior Camp  
June 22-26, 2015



**ERIC HUTCHINSON**  
Kids Camp  
July 6-9, 2015

## OUR CONDOLENCES

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

- Sister Rujean Ayers, wife of Brother Gilmer Ayers, passed away on March 3, 2015.
- Sister Sallie Farley, wife of Brother Paul Ray Farley, passed away on March 19, 2015.
- Sister Martha Abner, wife of retired minister Ruford Abner, passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

**WEST VIRGINIA  
GOAL \$50,000!!!**

A **HEART** for the  
**HOMELAND**  
[MYWEA.COM/2015ISRAEL](http://MYWEA.COM/2015ISRAEL)

"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
- ♥ Inner City Outreach
- ♥ Building & Supporting Orphanages
- ♥ Disaster Relief



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## 2015 GIRLS JAMBOREE

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2015

NEW RIVER MINISTRIES CENTER

**Daughters  
of the  
KING**

1 Peter 2:9

**FOR ALL GIRLS AGES 3-18**

**\$25.00/Person Registration Fee**

**\$5.00/Person Late Fee**

**After August 18, 2015**

(Registration Fee Includes Lodging, Three Meals And All Activities)

### FEATURES INCLUDE...

- Worship Services
- Girl Talk Sessions
- Air Band Competition
- Tea Party
- Photo Station
- Mini-Mall
- Concessions
- Nail Spa
- Face Painting
- Craft Station
- Door Prizes
- GOAM/YWEA Missions Offering To Israel
- New River Ranch School Supplies Drive

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

### SPECIAL GUEST



*Janet Blair,*  
Assistant International  
Girls Ministries Coordinator,  
Cleveland, TN

**DEADLINE FOR ALL  
YWEA GIVING IS  
MAY 25, 2015!!!**



# 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



# TOUCHING THE KING

## GUEST SPEAKERS



*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

## PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Brian Patterson was appointed as Pastor of the Bradshaw Church of God on Sunday, March 8, 2015.

## 2015 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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

*Treasures of  
the King*



## 2015 CAMP MEETING WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

*Dining With  
the King*



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



WE ARE PLEASED AND EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE NEW RIVER PROPERTIES MORTGAGE IS PAID OFF!!! IT IS BECAUSE OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENT TO MOUNTAINEER MINISTRIES THAT THIS PAY OFF HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THERE ARE MANY AREAS AT THE NEW RIVER FACILITIES THAT ARE IN NEED OF BEING REFURBISHED AND RENOVATED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE YOUR GIVING TO MOUNTAINEER MINISTRIES WISELY IN THESE MUCH NEEDED AREAS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

### MEMO CONCERNING MINISTER'S FUNERAL FUND

If you are a member of the funeral fund, it is important that you complete the entire form each time there is a death, including listing a beneficiary and their contact information. We have been receiving forms back with no information. If a beneficiary is not listed, we do not know who is entitled to the benefits. It is very important for the form to be completed. Thank you for your help in this matter!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### 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

### June: Scripture – Proverbs 4:1

- 7-10 ..... Camp Meeting Services - Family Worship Center
- 12 ..... State New River Golf Tournament
- 21 ..... Father's Day
- 22-26 ..... Senior High Youth Camp (Ages 14-19) - New River Ministry Center
- 29-7/3 ..... Junior High Youth Camp (Ages 11-13) - New River Ministry Center
- 7/6-7/9 ..... Kids Youth Camp (Ages 7-10) - New River Ministry Center