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MOUNTAINEER *Ministries*



FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP - DANIEL W. HAMPTON

FULFILLING THE DREAM, LIVING REDEEMED

The theme for the WV Church of God this coming year is "Fulfilling the Dream, Living Redeemed in 2016." Have you ever experienced a dream being fulfilled by the supernatural intervention of the Lord? Our dreams or desires many times seem as though they will never come to pass, and often we settle for the norm rather than experiencing fulfillment of the promise. Do you remember when the Lord fulfilled His promise by redeeming you from your sin and the freedom of being forgiven?

The greatest emotional release one can experience, according to experts in psychology, is forgiveness. Experiencing forgiveness and also forgiving others is a release from the emotional bondage and enslavement of the past, as well as living free in this present moment with a future of genuine liberty. To forgive is not an easy task for any of us, especially when we know there was no real reason for the offense that occurred. We tend to justify our feelings by convincing ourselves that we are the innocent party and did not deserve the treatment we received. Therefore we live our life resentful and bitter toward those who did us wrong. Whether we admit it or not, we are still being controlled by the very person who did us wrong and bound by bitterness which will destroy us. Bitterness is you drinking the poison and expecting the other person to die. Bitterness never destroys what we are bitter at; it destroys us.

Everyone one of us is in need of forgiveness. We could not save ourselves, but God so loved this world that He sent His only son to forgive and redeem us from our sin. He did not deserve the treatment He received, but because of love, He offered himself a ransom for us. I Peter 1:18-23 (NIV) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. 22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable through the living and enduring word of God.

On the cross he cried with a loud voice, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." That cry is still ringing from Calvary throughout the world today with all the power of the Godhead behind it. There is forgiveness and redemption available right now for all who will confess and ask.

In this day of so much uncertainty, fear, anxiety, worry, frustration, anger and ideas, which are contrary to the principals taught in the Bible, we as believers need to live in the

freedom of being forgiven and redeemed. The peace which comes by this lifestyle should be the beacon of hope which sets us apart from the world's turmoil and guides sinners to Calvary, the place of forgiveness and redemption. Psalms 107:1 & 2 says, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." The NIV translation says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say this." I am calling on us to stand up with a loud voice and with actions which show forth the hope and joy of those who are forgiven and redeemed. May we show this ungodly world we now live in that we are men and women who have made up our minds to fulfill God's purpose by living redeemed?

Fellowship is wonderful; getting together is exciting; listening to great singing and preaching is uplifting; but it must be more. We must have a supernatural intervention of the Holy Ghost and a lifestyle change that takes place from within. My prayer has been and is: "Lord forgive and redeem us from our sin, save our family members whom the enemy has deceived, bring healing to our land, raise up an army who will not compromise this Gospel and ignite every one of us with the unquenchable fire of your presence." When this happens we will be empowered, our churches will be revived, our communities will be changed, miracles will take place, victories will be widespread, children will come home, Satan's bondages will be broken, Jesus will be glorified, the Holy Ghost will be revealed in power and God the Father will be pleased and honored.

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

- Lafayette (Conrad) Marcum was appointed to the Ravenswood Church of God on October 18, 2015.
- Dr. Ray Kirkland was appointed to the Beckley Family Worship Center on November 1, 2015.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW
PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS!

I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas!

State Ministers Christmas Banquet
December 4, 2015 6:30PM
\$10.00 per person



Beckley Dream Center
Beckley FWC

Registration Deadline
POSTMARKED BY November 10, 2015
(After Nov. 10th a \$5.00 late fee per person will be added)

OUR CONDOLENCES

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

- Bishop Lloyd H. Griffith passed away on October 26, 2015. Brother Griffith was a member of the Cumberland Road Church of God.

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Rebuilding Lives, Restoring Hope



The 2016 Philippines project will focus on the following areas for potential impact

- * **Rescuing and Caring for Children**
 - Rebuilding Lives of Orphans
 - Restoring Hope to the Abused
 - Restoring Hope through Adoption
 - Restoring Hope by Fighting Human Trafficking
- * **Benevolence and Disaster Relief**
 - Rebuilding Lives by Providing Disaster Relief
- * **Building Ministry Centers**
 - Rebuilding Lives by Rebuilding Ministry Center
- * **Training and Equipping Leaders**
 - Restoring Hope by Training Humanitarian Leaders

2016 JUNIOR/TEEN TALENT FESTIVAL

APRIL 23, 2016

PRINCETON CHURCH OF GOD
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2016 YOUTH CAMP DATES

SENIOR HIGH CAMP

June 20-24
Monday - Friday

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

June 27-July 1
Monday - Friday

KIDS CAMP

July 5-8
Tuesday - Friday

PLEASE NOTICE THE CHANGE
IN THE KIDS CAMP DATE!
KIDS CAMP WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY!

HAPPENINGS AT THE RANCH!

Great things are taking place at the Ranch and Ministry Center! Several updates and projects have been completed and/or are near completion. The upgrades and improvement have totaled over \$60,000.00. Below is a list of some of the projects that have been completed in the last year.

In addition to the below list of improvements, we have had two groups from outside of the state to come and assist with work on the properties. Pastor Mark Lyle brought a group from Arkansas to repair the sections of fence that were broken or rotten. A Second group came from Alabama to paint all the newly repaired fence. They also did some electrical work at the camp facilities. The group from Alabama cooked nightly for the ranch staff and all the students that are housed there. What a wonderful blessing to see things accomplished for the Lord by the family of God.

We are striving to make the camp facilities more exciting and user friendly in every possible way. One such addition is the nine

hole Disc Golf Course. We are making the final touches on completing this project. One of the areas is a low lying area and needs to have a bridge constructed to cross over to the basket. The cost of this project is \$3,200.00 for materials and labor. \$675.00 of that total cost has already been raised. If you would like more information, please contact the State Youth and Discipleship Director at the State Office. If you would like to contribute to this project, please mark on the Mountaineer Ministries envelope "Bridge Project."

Thank you for your support and prayers for all the ministries that take place at the Camp/Ranch Facilities!

List of New Improvements:

- Plumbing in Cabin 7 & 8
- Blackout Gym Ceiling
- Foam Insulation
- Painted Gym
- Emergency Electrical behind Girls Cabins
- New Stage
- New Fencing around Playground
- New Routers for better Wifi Connection (Three in Gym, Two for Hotel, & One extra to extend service to Café and Barn)
- Disc Golf Course
- Additional Washer and Dryer for Ministry Center

*Michael S Weaver,
State Evangelism/Y&D Director*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

November: Scripture – Psalm 150:6

25-27Thanksgiving - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

December: Scripture – Luke 2:11

4State Christmas Banquet - Minister/Spouse & NRR Children's Home

18-Jan 3.....Christmas and New Year's Holidays - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

January: Scripture – 2 Corinthians 5:15

18.....Martin Luther King Day - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

22-24Midwest Winterfest - Indianapolis, IN

29-31Premier Winterfest - Ocean City, MD

Important Information

In Lieu of Prayer Conference, we will be having a Holy Spirit Encounter & Solemn Assembly in four Regional Locations listed below:

- April 4-5 Hurricane/Tabernacle of Praise
- April 6-7 Oak Hill/Mountain View COG
- April 11-12 Clarksburg COG
- April 13-14 Moorefield COG

*FULFILLING THE DREAM,
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The poster features a large red and white mountain peak graphic. At the top, it says 'Youth and Discipleship' with a logo. The main text reads 'MARCH 11-13, 2016 KNOXVILLE, TN THOMPSON BOWLING ARENA'. Below that, it says 'SMOKY MOUNTAIN WINTERFEST'. A section titled 'SPECIAL GUESTS AND THERE'S MORE TO COME' lists several names with circular portraits: Samuel Rodriguez, Reggie Harris, Preston Centuolo, Stovall Wehrs, Planetshakers, Curtis Briggman, Clark Beckham, and Lee Uney Campus Choir. At the bottom left, it says 'FOR MORE INFO WWW.COGYOUTH.ORG 423.478.7220'.