



From the Administrative Bishop Daniel W. Hampton

WHY?

This is probably the most asked question in any language. Why me? Why not someone else? Why now? Why not later? Why this? Why here? So many questions associated with this one word and the list could go on. I am sure as you read this you could add to the list many more “Why’s”. Of all questions it is the most searching and the most tormenting.

We don’t have to look very far into the Scripture and find this glaring question being asked by those of previous generations. Start with the first couple to inhabit this sphere called earth. Can you imagine the conversation that took place when they received the news that one brother had killed the other. WHY? Look at all the situations which happened in the lives of Abraham, Sarah, Lot, Daniel, the Hebrew Boys, Hosea, Ezekiel, Job, Job’s wife, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, not to mention the Disciples of Jesus along with Paul, and Jesus himself who cried from the cross WHY?

Now the question comes; are we any different than those who have gone before us that we should not expect the “Whys” in our lives? The obvious answer is most definitely no. Even though others have faced that glaring question it does not ease our pain in trying to answer as best we can WHY? That is still the question we hear every time a tragedy, an unexpected situation or the unpredictable happens.

I was reading in my devotion time an article in one of Charles Swindoll’s books entitled “Asking Why” and found comfort that has helped me cope with the “Whys” of life. I hope it will also help you.

The sound was deafening. Although no one was near enough to hear it, it ultimately echoed around the world. None of the passengers in the DC-4 ever knew what happened, they died instantly. That was February 15, 1947. The Avianca Airline bound for Quito Ecuador, crashed clumsily into the 14,000 foot-high towering peak of El Tablazo not far from Bogota then

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dropped, a flaming mass into a ravine far below. A young New Yorker, Glenn Chambers, was one of the victims. He had planned to begin a ministry with the Voice of the Andes, a lifelong dream that suddenly aborted into a nightmare.

Before leaving the Miami airport earlier that day, Chambers hurriedly dashed off a note to his mom on a piece of paper he found on the floor of the terminal. That scrap of paper was once a printed piece of advertisement with the single word WHY sprawled across the center. Between the mailing and the delivery of that note, Chambers was killed in the crash. When the letter did arrive, there staring up at his mom was that haunting question WHY? How did she handle it? No single truth removes the need to ask Why like this one. Here it is: She read:

GOD IS TOO KIND TO DO ANYTHING CRUEL

TOO WISE TO MAKE A MISTAKE

TOO DEEP TO EXPLAIN HIMSELF

It is remarkable how believing that one profound statement erases the “Why” from earth’s inequities. Paul declared when he wrote these words in Romans 11:33; “Oh, the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and unfathomable His ways!”

That’s it! You can rest your case there. That is the answer to the “Whys,” when we see the **WHO** behind the scene. All other sounds are muffled when we claim His sovereignty. Keep that in mind every time the “Why” comes.

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The Church of God of West Virginia would like to congratulate all of our 2017 Teen Talent winners and participants. May you continue to use your talents for His glory.

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Dan and Ruth Henington

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Don C. North Hampton

State Youth & Discipleship Directors,
Bill C. Amanda Woodruff

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We would like to extend congratulations and best wishes to the young ladies representing WV at International Teen Talent in Cleveland, TN.

Miss
Claire
Campbell

Claire attends New Covenant Sanctuary in Fairlea. She will compete in Solo Expressive Movement

Bethany attends Clarksburg Church of God. She will be competing in two categories, Short Story & Poetry.

Miss
Bethany
Cutlip

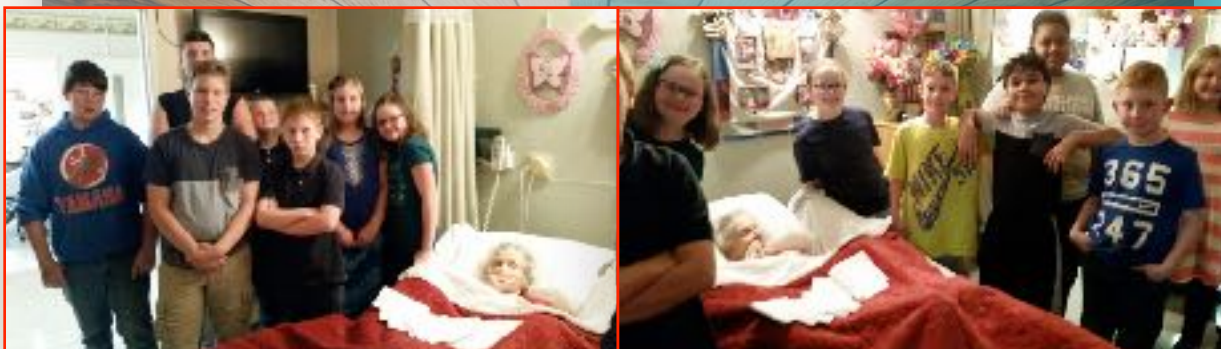
Miss
Evangeline
Bonet

Evangeline attends the Family Worship Center in Beckley. She will compete in the Female Vocal Solo category



Service Spotlight

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45 NIV



The Connected for Christ Youth from the **Coal City Church of God** paid a special visit to the oldest member of their church, Sister Louise Rash, on her 97th birthday, May 3rd, 2017. The children sang some worship songs and of course concluded with Happy Birthday!! Sister Rash went home to be with the Lord on May 24th, 2017.



The downturn of the coal industry has impacted the economy and morale of our region especially hard. However, in the midst of this difficult season, God continues to pour out provisions. On July 18-20 **Oceana COG** ministry teams stepped out onto the streets of their community sharing Love, Hope and Healing along with free hot dogs and cold drinks. During this 3 day span, 1000 meals and countless moments of love, hope & healing were shared.



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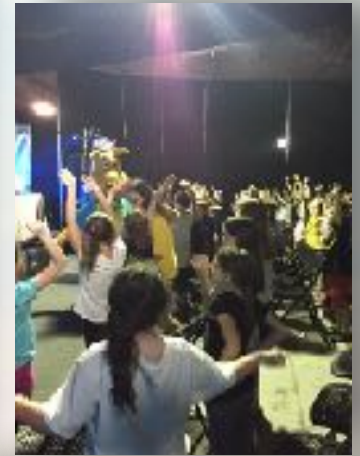


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Our Condolences to the families of retired ministers:
Dr. Boyd England
who passed away May 29, 2017
Larry Shrout
who passed away July 3, 2017
Roger Akers
who passed away July 9, 2017
Our prayers are with you...



Youth Camp 2017
This year we saw a total of 410 kids attend our youth camps at NRR. Each week we experienced a mighty move of God, with over 52 saved, 58 restored and 150 kids filled with the Holy Ghost!



Mark Your Calendar

August Scripture - Psalm 92:1-2

July 31 - Aug 4.....International Teen Talent - Cleveland, TN

September Scripture - Psalm 104:33

4.....Labor Day STATE OFFICE CLOSED

October Scripture - Psalm 119:104

21..... Youth Retreat...New River Ranch