

SPRING IS COMING



Administrative Bishop Daniel Hampton

March 20th is the beginning of spring and we will start seeing changes taking place across the countryside. Trees will begin to put on new growth, flowers will be blooming, the grass will turn green and quite an excitement will sweep across our land as we prepare for the warm days that are coming. Spring is one of the most beautiful times of the year and it reminds us that new life is being generated in what was once dormant and appeared to be dead. Garden spots will be tilled, the ground will be fertilized and seeds will be sown so a harvest can be reaped at the right time. What a welcome time it is as winter is passing, spring has arrived and the excitement of newness has taken over. Animals are born and we are reminded of the innocence and beauty of new life all around us.

As Christians, we are given new life and new mercies every morning. Spring provides a wonderful reminder to us that we should be living a full life and leaving the old dead parts of life behind. There is always hope during the cold dark winter that another spring is coming and new life will come forth.

There is no doubt with everything we have been going through these last couple of years that winter has seemed to last a lot longer than usual. In life we all go through seasons and many times we wonder when will the spring come and when will we recover from all the coldness we are facing. With the pandemic we have been experiencing, the uncertainties of what to do and how to make it through has certainly took its toll on our world. We have never experienced anything quite like this before and many have allowed fear to grip them with a paralyzing hold that won't seem to let go. I want to remind us that seasons come and go and this too shall pass but all of us are asking the same one word question; WHEN? I really wish I could answer that question but I must admit I cannot, but I can declare that I have found hope and comfort in the word of God.



“Remember a new season is coming and the harvest is going to be great.”

The season is going to change just like this season in the natural is changing. As I have written in the past I believe the stage is set for one of the greatest outpourings of the Holy Spirit we have ever seen. Spring in the Spirit is coming and sons and daughters are going to be born again. Families are going to experience answered prayers and the miracles spoken about in the bible are coming to pass. It is spring time in the Spirit and another great awakening is about to happen.

The language of today, as we have been dealing with everything that has been going on is so negative and filled with doubt and worry that many have lost hope. Many are giving up and doubt has replaced faith, sorrow has replaced joy and blindness has replaced vision. Negative talk is coming from all sides and darkness is invading every place we seem to go. Winter seems colder and more dreary than normal, spring seems like it will never come and there are more questions than answers. How are we going to make it? Look at what Hosea said in chapter 10 verse 12; “Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rain righteousness upon you.” Take the word of God and plow all the negative stuff under until the fertile ground of your field is smooth ready to receive the seeds of victory.

Yes, we have been in a cold winter it appears, but hear me as I write this article; a new season is upon us and we are more than conquerors through Him. I want to encourage you to get into the word of God and allow His promises to begin to bud in your heart just like the budding of the trees in the natural. Remember a new season is coming and the harvest is going to be great. Blessings are going to be poured out and there will not be room enough to contain them.

Listen to your Father as He says: I knew you while you were being formed in your mother’s womb. I have watched you every minute, of every hour, of every day and you are mine. I have good thoughts about you and I have good things for you. The season you have just come through was building character so you might know that my strength is everlasting and I do not grow weary. Now “Put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.” (Isaiah 61:3) Psalms 33:1 says Praise is comely. Literally God is saying you look good in praise. The season is changing and **SPRING IS NEAR UPON US.**

A Time for Everything

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens: a time to be
born and a time to die, a time to
plant and a time to uproot, a time
to kill and a time to heal, a time
to tear down and a time to
build, a time to weep and a time
to laugh, a time to mourn and a
time to dance, a time to scatter
stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to
refrain from embracing, a time to
search and a time to give up, a
time to keep and a time to throw
away, a time to tear and a time to
mend, a time to be silent and a
time to speak, a time to love and
a time to hate, a time for war and
a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



CAMS & MIP

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class is June 30, 2022. Please go to
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Sincere Condolences

TO THE FAMILY OF

WILLIAM MCCALLISTER

RETIRED MINISTER

JANUARY 29, 2022

Pastoral Appointment

WHEELING PRAYER HILL

CHURCH OF GOD

JUDY REAM

GREENBRIER AVENUE

CHURCH OF GOD

BRIAN CARTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 3-5 INTL. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

MARCH 11-12 KIDS ADVENTURE DAY/JR TALENT NEW RIVER RANCH

APRIL 8-9 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

APRIL 29-MAY 1 SMOKY MOUNTAIN KIDFEST

APRIL 22-24 MASON, OHIO KIDFEST

The Church of God State Office Staff is praying for each Pastor, Pastor's Wife, Minister and Lay member, and attender of our churches, that God will provide and keep you and your families safe during this time.

Mountaineer Ministries Prayer Requests:

(these requests come from the white envelope enclosed)

Our country; Our President and State Leaders; Military; Health Care Professionals;
Health and Wellness; Finances; Jobs; Marriages; Family; The Church;
A miracle healing for Joshua; Son's marriage; My lost children;
Test results to come back negative; My marriage; Sickness;

Mountaineer Ministries Praise Reports:

(these reports come from the white envelope enclosed)

My home; The church; A pastor who cares; God healing my body of sickness;
God saving lost souls; My job; God's hand on my life;
Feeling God's presence; Positive test results; My children;
Saving my daughter; Financial Blessings; Protecting my children;
Living in a free country; A place to live and food to eat.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 11-12 KIDS ADVENTURE DAY/JR TALENT NEW RIVER RANCH

APRIL 8-9 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

APRIL 14 AND 18 STATE OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE 5-9 CAMP MEETING FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

JUNE 13-17 TEEN CAMP

JUNE 20-27 JR CAMP

JUNE 27-30 KIDS CAMP

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT AN UPCOMING EVENT,
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2022 Women's Conference

April 8-9

Family Worship Center

Guest Speaker

Dawn Lipsey