

There is no doubt that the entire world is being affected by the Coronavirus. Government Officials, Corporate Executives, Medical Experts, Ministers and the entire population is struggling with how to cope with all the issues we are now facing. We have never seen anything quite like this in our lifetime.

Fear has gripped our world and everywhere you turn people are asking, "What are we going to do?" Our health system is being stretched beyond limits. The economies of the world are being devastated with all the uncertainty about the future. The norm of going to the store and seeing full shelves so you could buy whatever you desired is something of the past. Panic has now set in for many and question after question seems to have no answers. What are we going to do?

We are now being told to separate ourselves from one another and in several States a stay in place order has been issued, including here in West Virginia. Streets that just a few days ago were filled with people are now desolate. Businesses that were full of patrons are now closed. Restaurants are now only open for carry out or drive through service. Churches are now confronted with the challenge of online services, drive in church, family home church and trying to stay connected is a real challenge. Through all this there has been some great and innovative ideas put in place as to how the church can stay connected. What are we going to do?

I want to remind us that the church of Jesus Christ is alive and well and no barrier or virus can limit the Holy Spirit. What an opportunity we have to help dispel fear and give people hope and peace that passes human understanding. I know in whom I believe and my confidence in Him will not be shaken. God's performance in my past gives me great assurance of His ability to take care of my future.

In my time of devotion with the Lord and reading His word, I was directed to several passages of scripture I want to share in this article. Remember He sent his word to heal! Read these verses and allow them to speak into your spirit and receive peace and joy. What are we going to do? Read His word and believe!

### II Chronicles 7:13-14

**13** If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; **14** If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

#### Isaiah 40:28-31

**28** Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding **29** He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. **30** Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:**31** But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

### Mark 9: 23

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

### Romans 8: 14-18

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Receive the Word of the Lord and trust Him fully regardless what you may face. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

### Romans 8:28-31

**28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. **31** What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Receive the Word of the Lord and trust Him fully regardless what you may face. 1Thessalonians 5: 24 "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it."



The WV Church of God State Office, will be closed until further notice as we are not considered an essential business. Please check our website for information concerning cancellations, and updated information about the Covid-19 Virus. There is also a link there to the

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## **Mountaineer Ministries Prayer Requests:**

We as the Church of God State office are praying for each Pastor, Minister and Lay member, or attender of our churches, that God will provide and keep you and your families safe during this time. Our country; Our President and State Leaders; Military; Health Care Professionals; Health and Wellness; Finances; Job; Marriage; Family; Our Church; God's hand of protection; My children; The knowledge to make the right decisions; That lost souls will be saved before it's to late; Highway driving mercies; Husband's back surgery; Sister's eyesight; Constant headache's to go away: The right word's for counseling sessions; My panic and anxiety; Pastor's; the constant battle in my mind; Depression to go away;

### **Mountaineer Ministries Praise Reports:**

Healing; two being saved; God blessing my children; God providing when it didn't seem possible; Our Church; God healing my body; God's peace and comfort; My Pastor; Friends who are always there; A church who goes out of their way to care for the elderly; My job; God's presence in my life everyday; My home; My family; My Health; My Husband; My salvation; God protecting my children; Rehabilitation from drug use;

Our sincere condolences to the families of

. James Means, Pastor of Pine Top Church of God 3/11/2020

> Preston Adkins, Retired Minister 3/19/2020

Pastoral Appointments

Sean Ganoe, Pennsboro Church of God 3/1/2020

Joe Wayman, Wayne Church of God $_{3/8/2020}$ 

## <u>2020</u> Women's Conference

April 24-25, 2020 Has been CANCELLED, any registration fees that have been paid will be returned.

# <u>2020 Jr. Talent</u> June 6, 2020

Has been CANCELLED, any registration fees that have been paid will be refunded. Jr Talent at the General Assembly has also been CANCELLED.

## **UpcomingYouth and Discipleship Events**

## West Virginia Church of God Youth Camp 2020

\*June 15-19 Teen Camp at New River Ranch \*June 22-26 Jr Camp at New River Ranch \*June 29-July 2 Kids Camp at New River Ranch

Should you have questions about any of the above events please feel free to contact Lisa at the State Office 304-252-0622 ext 3.

**Are you looking for a Summer Job,** looking for adventure, looking for an opportunity to pursue ministry? We are looking for you, to be a part of our Summer Internship Program at our New River Ranch Ministry Center May 30-July 31. Call the West Virginia Church of God State Office at 304-252-0622 ext. 3

## Mark your calendar

March 24-25 2020 Women's Conference April 9-13 Office Closed for Easter April 24-25, 2020 Women's Conference May 25, 2020 Office Closed for Memorial Day June 7-11, 2020 WV Church of God Camp Meeting June 10, 2020 Women's Camp Meeting Luncheon June 12, 2020 New River Ranch Golf Tournament