



## Fulfilling our Purpose

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Do you ever feel as though you are spinning in a circle and doing nothing productive? Are you in a vicious cycle of never having a sense of accomplishment? Nothing ever gets completed! Has life become a routine of boring events? The same old thing! Are you frustrated because nothing seems to be happening? Are you always, it seems, driving down a dead end street? Failure seems to be the norm! Discouragement is a daily companion! There are not enough hours in a day! Guilt seems to knock on the door every evening! Fatigue is ever present! Worry is a lifestyle! Paralysis has set in and fear has taken over! Sleepless nights are a regular occurrence! You feel guilty when you take a break, a day off or go on a vacation! Do you feel pulled in too many directions? You feel like “I’m coming apart.” Compliments are few and far between! It’s hard to focus on the present! Have you lost Hope? There are so many other questions which could be added to this list of how many people today are feeling. I guess the most important question that needs to be asked now is; what is the answer to all these perplexing questions? I believe it can be answered in the title of this article; **“FULFILLING OUR PURPOSE!”** Everything we do must be directed toward accomplishing the purpose for which we were created.

What is our purpose? I believe one of the first things we must do is to **Hear the voice of the Lord.** (Psalms 85:8) “I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints.” May we come into such a relationship with the Lord that if He whispers we can hear. I am afraid we have become so busy with the cares of this life until the most important relationship has become estranged, and that is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How long has it been since you have heard the voice of the Lord clearly speak to you? I am concerned we have too long been deaf to His voice and afraid to stand and proclaim to this generation that we have heard the voice of the Lord. It is time for us to awake out of our slumber, arise to our feet and proclaim the only truth that will set us free and that is the message of the gospel.



Ezekiel 2:1-8 “1. And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. 2. And the Spirit entered into me when He spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard He that spake unto me. 3. And He said unto Me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against Me, even unto this very day. 4. For they are impudent children and stiff-hearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God.

5. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. 6. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. 7. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, for they are most rebellious. 8. But thou son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.

You and I can't fight the battle lying down or face the enemy on our back. It is time for the church to arise, stand up and understand we have a God given purpose to declare the word of truth. We must confront the world views which are attacking the principles of God's word and trying to deceive our generation with the lies of Satan. Our purpose as children of the only King, Jesus Christ, is to speak with boldness to this rebellious people just as Ezekiel did in his day. Whether they listen or choose not to listen is not the question for us to determine, but we must fulfill our purpose by being obedient to what the Lord is saying to us. Remember our purpose is to hear from the Lord and make sure it is Him speaking to us. We must only declare what His word declares and nothing more or nothing less. His word will set men and women free.

This is the first article, in the series which I will be writing about, over the next few months on **Fulfilling Our Purpose**. Each of us have been called to fulfill a purpose in His Kingdom and we will be judged in eternity as to our obedience to His purpose.

## *A Prayer for Our Teachers*

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education. In Jesus' name, amen.*



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## *A Prayer for Our Students*

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they don't have to face it alone. In Jesus' name, amen.*



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# ***Down on the Ranch day***

***Saturday August 24th, 2019 10:00am-3:00pm***

*Please join us in celebrating the ministry of the New River Ranch and New River Ministry Center! A fun-filled day of singing, ranch tours, food, fun and games! Please bring your silent auction items for donation, and all proceeds raised will go to the New River Ranch/Ministry Center. A great day for a great cause.*

*so join us....DOWN ON THE RANCH!!!!*



# **Mountaineer Gospel Gathering Senior Adult Day October 5, 2019 New River Ranch Ministry Center**

**Special Guests  
The Talley's**



## WV Church Of God Youth Camp Statistics

	Saved	Rededicated	Sanctified	Holy Ghost	Regular	Walk On	Total Campers
<b>Teen</b>	19	76	62	53	124	28	152
<b>Middle</b>	24	43	30	64	133	24	157
<b>Kids</b>	51	33	35	45	133	28	161
<b>Total</b>	94	152	127	162	390	80	470

So thankful for our Youth Board full of Super Heroes. You guys make Youth Camp great. Special thanks to a wonderful staff you make camp possible. Lots of thanks to all the Pastors, Youth Leaders, Children's Ministry Leaders, Sponsors, and Parents, it takes us all working together. Each of you make an eternal difference in each child's life that comes to camp. So again, thank you, see you next year in 2020!

**Be looking for information on :**

Jubilee 2019!

**Sponsored by the Beckley Church of God**

**Retired Ministers & Spouses & Ministers Widows  
Service Sunday, October 27, 2019**

**Our Condolences to**

**the family of**

**Donald Morgan**

**7/20/2019**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**August 3, 2019 CAMS Begins**

**August 24, 2019 Down on the Ranch Day**

**September 2, 2019 Office Closed Labor Day**

**September 7, 2019 MIP Begins**

**October 5, 2019 Mountaineer Gathering (Senior Adult Day)**

**November 27-28, 2019 Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday**

**December 6, 2019 Minister and Spouse Christmas Dinner**