

## FULFILLING OUR PURPOSE



Administrative Bishop Daniel Hampton

What an appropriate time to conclude the series of articles I have written on this subject of Fulfilling Our Purpose. We have covered an array of things the Bible has instructed us to do as we fulfill the real purpose for our existence. We were created not just to exist or stumble through life but to fulfill the purpose for which our Father created us. Every one of you who have read these articles over these past few months I trust and pray have discovered your real purpose in the Kingdom of God. There is nothing more fulfilling than to know we are being purposefully used by the Spirit of God to make a difference in this life and leading others to do the same.

We are now entering into what so many call the most wonderful time of the year, and that is certainly a great way to describe it. Many emotions flood through us as we make preparations for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, our only Savior, and if we are not guarded we become so involved in all the preparations we forget the real purpose. In the fullness of time He came into this world to redeem us from our sins and establish once and for all an eternal pathway to the Father.

For this purpose He came into the world and we are to continually share that message with those around us regardless of who they may be. Christmas must be much more than the family getting together, giving of gifts, having parties, Christmas pageants and plays, decorations and the list could go on and on, but you get the picture. Even though all of this is wonderful and exciting, it can become so intense that we forget what the real reason for this season is and what we are to do after Christmas has passed.

Yes it is awesome to recall and remind ourselves of the miraculous birth of Jesus which fulfilled every prophecy spoken about the coming of the Messiah even to the very place he would be born. No doubt Jesus is the only begotten Son of God and there is no other Redeemer. Throughout this season we will be given many opportunities to share our faith with others. To let them know we are His disciples who trust in Him and believe just as He came the first time-He is coming again.

With that being said I must ask the question; after Christmas will we be as intentional in sharing the good news of salvation as we were throughout the Holidays? When the New Year begins will we **FULFILL OUR PURPOSE** by being a witness for him and **Empowered to Win Many in 2020**, which is our theme for the New Year?

Just as Jesus came into this world to fulfill the purpose of the Father and become obedient to the death on the cross, we are to also be obedient to the command of being witnesses for Him. Read John 12 and pay special attention to verses 27 & 28, “Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause (purpose) came I into this hour. 28. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” What a confirmation from heaven that this Jesus, whom we celebrate His birth through this season is, the Son of God.

Now then, what is our purpose in this present day we are living in? Jesus was very clear after He arose from the dead when He commanded the disciples to be empowered with the Holy Ghost and go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. Our purpose is the same as it was for them. Remember Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” This is the true purpose we are to fulfill. May each of us **Fulfill our Purpose** by being His witnesses not just through this wonderful season but continually day after day. Don’t let an opportunity pass you by without sharing the greatest story ever told. May you have the greatest Christmas you have ever experienced and remember our theme for this coming year; **EMPOWERED TO WIN MANY IN 2020!**

### THIS IS OUR PURPOSE

## WV Church of God Prayer Conference

Family Worship Center

224 Pinewood Dr.

Beckley, WV

February 3-4

Monday and Tuesday Night @ 7:00

Tuesday Morning @ 10:00

Guest Speaker Dennis McGuire



## “COME, LET’S RING THE BELLS!”

JESUS IS ALIVE

2019 MINISTER & SPOUSE CHRISTMAS BANQUET

DECEMBER 6TH - 6:30 PM

\$25.00 PER COUPLE OR \$13.00 SINGLE

BECKLEY DREAM CENTER  
224 PINWOOD DRIVE BECKLEY



Please RSVP  
by Thursday  
Nov. 16th, 2019

Mail to:  
Christmas Banquet  
PO Box 2374  
Beckley WV, 25802

MERRY  
*Christmas*  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_ Or Register online @ [www.wvcog.com](http://www.wvcog.com)

Check the appropriate box below:

Tickets are complimentary to RETIRED MINISTERS, SPOUSES and WIDOWS

I will need 1 Ticket     I will need 2 Tickets     Retired Minister     Widow

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



*Our Condolences*  
*to the family of Pam Ocheltree,*  
*Pastor's Wife at*  
*East Bank Church of God*  
*11/17/2019*

*Pastoral Appointment*  
*Capels Church of God*  
*John Kelly*

## Thank You

To all the Churches in WV who contributed to YWEA 2019. Congratulations to three of our churches that made the Top 100 list in giving.

#54 Elk Lick COG Pastor John Demorest  
\$2,701.06

#64 Salem COG Pastor Richard Gibson  
\$2,305.00

# 70 Parkersburg 19th St. COG  
Pastor Jimmie Cox  
\$2,100.00

## Thank you

Beckley Church of God for hosting the Retired Ministers, Wives and Widows Annual Recognition and Luncheon. Thank you for honoring, loving and appreciating those who have sacrificed many years for the Glory of His Kingdom.

## Save the Date

April 24-25 2020  
Women's Conference  
will be held at  
Family Worship Center  
224 Pinewood Drive Beckley WV

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June 7-11 2020  
WV Church of God  
Camp Meeting  
will be held at  
Family Worship Center  
224 Pinewood Drive Beckley WV

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June 15-19 2020  
WV Church of God  
Teen Camp  
will be held at  
New River Ministry Center  
351 New River Ranch Dr.  
Fayetteville WV

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June 22-26 2020  
WV Church of God  
Middle School  
will be held at  
New River Ministry Center  
351 New River Ranch Dr.  
Fayetteville WV

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June 29-July 2  
WV Church of God  
Kids Camp  
will be held at  
New River Ministry Center  
351 New River Ranch Dr.  
Fayetteville WV

## **Junior Talent**

**It's time to start planning for Jr. Talent.**

**Look for details in this month's newsletter. Competition Manuals are available at [cogyouthstore.org](http://cogyouthstore.org) - Click on Junior Talent Competition Manual 2020**

### **Mountaineer Ministries Prayer Requests:**

Family Relationships rebuilt; Family member with Black Lung and Congestive Heart Failure; Salvation for family members; Our Country; An assistant for our Pastor; World wide revival; For our church family; Doctor reports to come back cancer free; Safe travels; All churches and pastors; Drug addiction; God's will to be done; For the Community; For my family's health; My church.

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

For Jesus giving His life that we may have life, for niece's new baby girl, Peace and healing, For His many blessings, Being able to pave our parking lot, Thankful for family, Good health and a beautiful day, My health and my children, Being taken off medication, The Spirit of God moving in our church, God working a miracle in our church,  
That God is good to me

## **Mark Your Calendar**

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

***December 19 - January 6, 2020 Office Closed Christmas Holiday***

***February 3-4, 2020 Prayer Conference***

***March 28, 2020 Jr. Talent/Kids Adventure Day***

***April 24-25, 2020 Women's Conference***

***Isaiah 9:6***

***For to us a child is born, to us a son is given and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***