

We would not think that Psalms 46:10 could be used to give a Christmas greeting, but as I considered that verse I was captured with the thought; "Christmas really is a time we need to slow down & recognize the Reason for the Season."

How many times have we heard it said and repeated it ourselves; "I get to the place I dread to see Christmas come because of all the hassle?" Everyone is in such a hurry and the pressure of getting everything done is overwhelming. Why don't we try being still and really take time to know Jesus is God's only Son given to redeem us from our sins. He is the One we are to be celebrating during this most wonderful time of year.

We want to encourage you this Christmas to be still and know that Jesus really is God incarnate. In the fullness of time, He came into this world and his birthday song was sung by an angelic choir to shepherds on a Judean hillside. The chorus rang out "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

As you gather with family and friends, why not stop, be still and give thanks for the greatest gift ever given, JESUS? He is the one who gives joy unspeakable and the fullness of glory.

We, the WV State Office Staff, want to wish you not only a Merry Christmas, but a — "be still and know that I am God" — celebration!



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Tappy New Year!!!

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PRAYER CONFERENCE JANUARY 20-21

SUNDAY 6:30 PM MONDAY 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM





Congratulations to:

<u>Dan & Vanessa Freeman</u> **Lennsboro** Church of God

Christ's Birthday Offering

Please remember to send your "Christ's Birthday" offering with your December clerk's report. All proceeds benefit the New River Ranch!!!



The Youth & Discipleship department is now accepting applications for LeadNow 2019. The cost is \$100 and the application can be downloaded on the Youth & Discipleship page at www.wvcog.com. LeadNow is a discipleship and leadership training program for next generation leaders. All sessions are online & begin in January!



Teen Talent 2019

- Complete registration packets have been mailed to all pastors and can also be found online at www.wvcog.com under the Youth & Discipleship page.
- There will be no Junior Talent in 2019, as it will now be held on alternating years to align with International Junior Talent.
- Online registration will OPEN January 7th,
 2019 & will CLOSE on the registration deadline of March 1, 2019.
- Participants must be ages 13-19 for at least one day of the calendar year 2019 to eligible to compete.







You'll want to join us for the 2019 MYLA "Nexus" Conference!
January 18-19 @ New River Ministry Center A weekend full of dynamic speakers & information that is vital to today's Youth & Children's Leaders!

DON'T MISS IT!

Register now @ www.wvcog.com

Mark Your Calendar

December: Scripture - Luke 2:11

7......Minister & Spouse Christmas Banquet — Dream Center

20 - Jan 7......Christmas Holiday - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

January: Scripture - 2 Corinthians 5:15

19......MYLA Youth Leaders Conference — New River Ranch

20 - 21.....Prayer Conference 2019 (Multiple Locations)

February: Scripture - Psalm 42:1

1-3.....Premier Winterfest - Ocean City, MD

28......Early Bird Registration Deadline 2019 Women's Conference