

## **Possibilities of Believing**

Ephesians 3:20-21

It is hard to believe we are already in the second month of 2019. I wonder how many who made New Year's Resolutions have already given up on them. I am sure the commitments were well intended but circumstances have interfered with seeing them fulfilled. We all like the idea of something new but it doesn't take long for it to lose its appeal. The new smell soon wears off, the realization we have months of payments sets in and things soon get rather routine as in times past. We truly believed things were going to be different and the fresh start of a new year would bring change. What change needs to happen in your life situation that will bring fulfillment and purpose?

This year we are **"Believing for Great Things"** but with this theme comes two questions: What does it mean to **Believe** and what makes something **Great?** Real believing must be based on truth. Anything that is not factually true produces doubt and skepticism. To believe we must adopt the mindset which says, regardless how things may appear, I know that truth will prevail and set me free. Believing stands in the face of doubt and says I know in whom I believe and am persuaded that nothing can separate me from the love of God. Believing is an attribute given to all of us as the measure of faith to trust God in every situation of our lives. When everything is going great, we trust Him. When we are healthy, we trust Him. When we are financially secure, we tithe and trust Him. When we are financially strapped, we pay our tithe and trust Him. You see believing is not based on situations but rather on the person of Jesus Christ who overcame and won the victory for us. (Ephesians 3:20 & 21) **"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, Amen."**  We hear the word "**great**" used quite often when referring to some extraordinary feat that has been accomplished. We make reference to an achievement by usually saying to that person "**great**" job. We have read in history of individuals who have been called Great; Alexander the Great, Muhammad Ali the Greatest, the Great Wayne Gretzky, Catherine the Great, Charlemagne the Great, Fredrick the Great, Ramesses the Great, Peter the Great and the list could go on. Yes, those names above did some fantastic things in history, but none compare to the greatest one who ever adorned himself with the cloak of flesh, and that is Jesus. The others who did some great feats have made their mark, and their contributions have come and gone; but Jesus, the Son of God, is still changing lives and situations. Alexander, Catherine, Charlemagne and others have died and been forgotten, but Jesus is alive and continuing to do great things. In fact, He said, "whatsoever you ask in my name that will I do" John 14:13.

Just asking alone is not good enough. We must believe that God is and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Asking without believing will not produce the results we are looking for. Read Mark 9:14-29. After Jesus had rebuked His disciples for their unbelief, He called for the boy to be brought to Him and said to the dad, if you can believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. The dad cried out in tears and said I believe, help thou my unbelief. Jesus commanded the evil spirit to come out of the boy and never enter him again. Deliverance came and the child was set free.

You may not be in that kind of a situation, but you need the Lord to do something great in your life. Remember He knows, He cares, He understands and is waiting for you to call upon Him in true faith, not doubting, but believing with all that is within you. Believing for great things must be more than a theme or phrase; it must become the focus of our life. I am asking you to join with me and believe for great things to be done this year in the West Virginia Churches of God.

I am believing for your sons and daughters to be saved, miracles to be wrought, finances to increase, peace to replace turmoil, joy to overcome sorrow and for the fulfillment of promises. God is going to be glorified, Jesus is going to be preached and the Holy Spirit is going to be poured out like on the day of Pentecost. Prepare for what the Lord is about to do by having clean hands and a pure heart. God is looking for worshippers to worship Him in spirit and truth. If you will be one of those along with me, then whatsoever we believe according to His word is going to come to pass. Remember: BELIEVING FOR GREAT THINGS IN 2019.

Believing for Great Things in 2019



YOUTH DEPARTMENT **UPCOMING EVENTS!** 

# **Girls Conference 2019 Life is Sweeter** with Jesus

April 13th Girls 5-12 years old New River Ranch



Registration deadline March 29th

We will be taking a special offering for This Little **Light of Mine** 

accommodations are available

\$5 per person

Overnight

for extra

Register at WVCOG.com or ask your local youth leader



2019 Saturday, March 23rd Mountain View Church of God

Registration 9:00 am Competition 10:00 am

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019** 



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!





-REGGIE DABBS - - PRESTON CENTUOLO

MARCH 8-10 | MYWINTERFEST.COM THOMPSON-BOLING ARENA | KNOXVILLE, TN

### We honor the memory of Rhonda Jarvis!

We were saddened when we heard the news of Rhonda Jarvis' passing from this life, on January 03, 2019, to her heavenly home; for her we rejoice. Her passing was a shock to everyone; she died from a heart attack.

The Jarvis' served as state youth directors, here in West Virginia from 1996-2000. They served with us in South Georgia 2004-2006.

She won the heart of everyone she came in contact with due to her love of God, her bubbly personality and her love of people, young and old — she loved people and especially Church of God people!

She was born September 24, 1981. We say 37+ years is too young to die but we must remember — God is sovereign. She lived many more years than her biological years because she lived life to the fullest — taking each new day as a gift and not wasting a precious moment of it. She will long be remembered in the hearts of each one who had the privilege of knowing this talented young lady that loved God and others beyond her true capacity! We will miss her!



Please keep the family in your prayers. If you would like to contact the family, do so at: Rev. & Mrs. David Jarvis 840 Sea Biscuit Dr, Edmond, OK 73025

Papa Dan, Nana Ruth Hampton and the Entire Church of God Family of WV love you all and will be in our prayers! Miss you Rhonda!

Standing L to R: David, Rhonda, Jan, Jessica (Lawson) Jarvis, Ryan Lawson



"King of Kentucky"

# **Mark Your Calendar**

	February: Scripture - Psaim 42:1
1-3	Premier Winterfest - Ocean City, MD
28	Early Bird Registration Deadline 2019 Women's Conference
28-March 2	Focus Kidmin Leadership Training Conference - Knoxville
	March: Scripture - Ecclesiastes 3:1
1	WV Teen Talent Registration Deadline
8-10	Smoky Mountain Winterfest - Knoxville, TN
23	WV Teen Talent 2019 - Mt. View Church of God
	April: Scripture - John 11:25
5-6	WV Women's Conference - New River Ranch
13	WV Girls Conference - New River Ranch
26-28	Midwest Kidfest - Great Wolf Lodge - Mason OH









# Saturday, March 23rd

Mountain View Church of God Registration 9:00 am Competition 10:00 am

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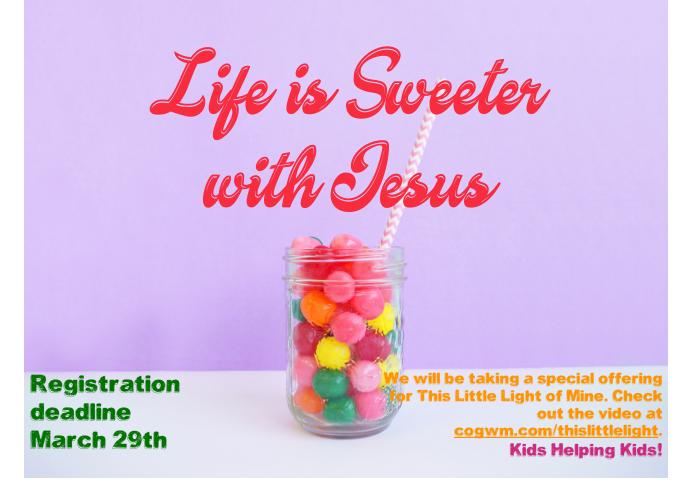
Mountain View COG is located at: 2 Mt. View Rd, Hilltop WV, 25855



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<u>Register Today!</u>	<u>2019 "It's a Ju</u> Women's Confe	U		Easy online Registration @ <u>www.wvcog.com</u>
Name:		_Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:	
Email:	Church:		Pastor:	
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Early Bird Registration Postmarked by February 28th, 2019

\$90 overnight registration \$70 commuter registration (Includes meals & materials) \*All registration forms must include a \$45 non-refundable, transferrable deposit \*Balance due @ registration \*Bring your own twin bedding, towels & toiletries!



Where: New River Ranch, 351 New River Ranch Rd Fayetteville, WV When: Saturday, April 13th 2019 10 am - 3 PM Registration starts at 9 am

<b>Church Registration Form</b>	Please mail your registration to: PO Box 2374 Beckley WV 25802 or Register and Pay Online at <u>wvcog.com</u>					
Local Church: Pastor:						
Counselor/Leader:Email:						
Mailing Address:						
City:State:Zip	: Phone:					
Total # of girls in each age group: 5-8 years: 9-12 years:						
Please pre-register the following for the Girls Conference:   # of Counselors/Adults Saturday only x 20.00 =   # of Adults staying overnight x 25.00 =   # of Girls Saturday only x 20.00 =   # of Girls Saturday only x 25.00 =   # of Girls staying overnight x 25.00 =   Total # Attending Conference Total due =						

Please list the names and ages of the girls on the back of this form.

# Register at wvcog.com or ask your local youth leader

We will be taking a special offering for This Little Light of Mine cogwm.com/thislittlelight

Overnight accommodations are available for extra \$5 per person



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Proverbs 16:24

"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

