

We have just celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior who came as the fulfillment of the prophecies in the Old Testament as the only begotten Son of God. Every promise was fulfilled exactly as was given hundreds of years before His birth. There can be no doubt that this one called Jesus is God's only Son. He lived a sinless life, performed miracles, raised the dead, overcame every temptation, astounded scholars, taught the truth that will stand for eternity, was crucified on a cross, buried in a borrowed tomb, rose from the dead, appeared to many after His resurrection and gave the promise of the Comforter.

He instructed His disciples to go to the upper room and wait for the promise of the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Ghost. He told those believers in (John 14: 15-18) 15) If you love me keep my commandments. 16) And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever; 17) Even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18) I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

What a promise we have received from Him. But the question is, What is the purpose of the Comforter? Jesus made it very clear when giving instructions to the disciples about going to the upper room. He said in (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. Given to us is the power to witness to everyone we come into contact with that Jesus is the Savior of the world.

Our theme this year in West Virginia is **EMPOWERED TO WIN MANY IN 2020.** As this New Year begins may we together resolve to be witnesses for Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Ghost? We are not filled with the Spirit to sit idle in our sanctuaries and just experience the Spirit's moving, but rather to become empowered to witness. The true Pentecostal experience will compel us to leave our houses of worship and go into our communities declaring the greatest story ever told, Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost.

I wonder what would happen if every one of us would purpose in our heart this year that we will witness and try to win as many members of our family and neighborhood as possible. If we do, 2020 can be the greatest year of soul winning in the history of West Virginia. Now is the time to fulfill the purpose of the Holy Spirit's coming to dwell within us. Remember what Jesus said in John 16: 7-13. 7) Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement: 9) Of sin because they believe not on me; 10) Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and you see me no more; 11) Of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged. 12) I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. 13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Remember as we become empowered it is the work of the Holy Spirit in us that will teach us all things and give us the boldness to testify of Jesus. Now is the time, like never before, to share Jesus with everyone we meet.

(Acts 1:8)

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Pastoral Appointment Mick Frye Fountain of Life Worship Center Walter Rohrbacher Elk Lick Church of God

Mountaineer Ministries Prayer Requests:

Health; Lost loved ones; Depression; Drug addiction; Unspoken request; Marriage; Salvation; Finances; Numb feet and legs; For Joshua to be able to talk; Military; Our President; Our Country; Our Leaders; My children; For property to sale; Kidney condition; Healing; Direction in buying a home; My son; Revival; Church growth;

An affordable house to rent; Back and leg pain; Pastors

Mountaineer Ministries Praise Reports:

Being home from nursing home; and living life again; Surgery going well; Church parking lot being

paved; Being cancer free; Healing; A better job; No spinal defects; Cataract surgery went well;

Home after 16 months in hospital; Good report from doctor; Meeting our needs

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

Junior Talent/Kids Adventure Day

This year Jr. Talent and the Girls Club Jamboree will be a combined event on March 28, 2020 at the New River Ranch.

Enclosed is registration forms.

Women's Conference

April 24-25, 2020 will be held at Family Worship Center 224 Pinewood Drive Beckley WV Thank you from the New River Ranch Staff and Children, to all the Church's and individuals who have blessed them over this last year. What a tremendous blessing you have been. We have received food, linens, toiletries, gifts and so many other items. May God bless you richly for your generosity.

Happy New Year

Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18-19 (NK7V)

Mark Your Calendar

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