

Administrative Bishop Daniel Hampton

IT'S CAMP MEETING TIME

When I was a young person, after we became members of the Church of God, much talk would take place around our local church and people would be asking the question; "Are you going to Camp Meeting?" People would begin to plan their vacation time around the Camp Meeting dates. Members would begin to make reservations for a spot on the Camp Ground to pitch a tent or set up a camper so they could attend that annual gathering. What a time of fellowship, reminiscing, renewal, sharing and worship it was! Prayer meetings would take place on the camp ground and you could hear people rejoicing all across the property.

Services, it seemed, were from daylight to well past dark. Scheduled services were basically all day long; early Morning Prayer time, a morning Bible Study and after that a worship service. We took a break for lunch and then had an afternoon service. We would go have supper and then come back for the night Evangelistic service. The Camp Meeting started on Sunday night and went through the following Sunday. What a tiresome schedule, but far more important was the demonstration of the Holy Ghost and revival spirit that went home with those who attended.

I remember seeing sinners running to the altar; divine, undeniable miracles taking place; people being slain in the spirit and no one having to catch them. Messages in tongues and interpretation were given and a holy reverence came across the tabernacle. No one was looking around to see who was speaking. Those things had an impact on my life that is as real today as they were back then. "Lord do it again"- is my prayer in this generation that needs to see the demonstration of your mighty power.

All that has happened in the past is wonderful, but we need a mighty move of the Holy Ghost today. We all have heard that times have changed and true it is, but the power of the Holy Ghost is still as relevant today as He was back then. I cannot answer for you, but I still need to witness the demonstration of the Spirit as it happened on the day of Pentecost. The promise is for everyone who will receive.

Camp Meeting back then brought life changing experiences to so many and I believe it is still relevant for today. **WHY HAVE CAMP MEETING?** That is a question which is being asked by some today and hopefully we can give some reasonable explanations.

I have gone to Camp Meeting needing some answers for a situation I was going through and the Lord used someone to speak into my life with the answer.

It is a time to receive affirmation and encouragement.

Hopefully, it will encourage someone else who has not experienced what I have described previously to project to the next generation the reality of experiencing the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

It is a time to renew acquaintances and also make new friends. As I have attended Camp Meetings across this nation I have met people who now are friends and they pray for us regularly.

Sometimes we feel alone and isolated, which the enemy will use to create an unhealthy emotion of uselessness, but coming together assures us we are not alone in the battle, and if God be for us who can be against us.

It is a time of refreshing, renewal, and revival, which all of us need.

I want to encourage you to do your best to attend the Camp Meeting this year beginning Sunday night 6:00 pm at June 9th through Thursday night June 13th. Service time Monday night through Thursday night is 7:00 pm. Please pay special attention to the Camp meeting flier enclosed. I look forward to seeing you this year. Please do your best to attend and I am asking you to join with me in prayer for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost.





2019 Youth Camp

Teen June 17-21

Middle June 24-28

Kids June 30-July 3

Register Online wvcog.com

2019 Camp Meeting Women's Luncheon





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- Gamp Meeting Luncheon
- Downloadable registration forms available on Women's Ministry Lage
- Register online from the Home Lage www.wvcog.com

2019 New River Golf Tournament

It's not too late to sign your team up or sponsor a Hole.

Prizes will include

\$10,000 Grand Prize

LED TV

Callaway Irons

Airline Tickets

and a free gift for each registered participant



Called to Evangelize.....

In January 1997, in an old hunting camp, I, a sinner, was saved by the grace of God. Two weeks later I was baptized in the Holy Ghost and two weeks after that was called to preach. A month later God allowed me to preach the message He had given me.

From the beginning I knew my calling was to evangelize. For two years my wife and I evangelized all over Southern WV. We pastored the Prince Church of God for a year and then chose to go into the Ministerial Internship Program.

After graduating, God put upon my heart to go to Ansted to pioneer a church there. My wife and I started a church in a little storefront building and from there went on to build the church. We pastored the church and the citizens of the town for 17 years. After leaving Ansted, we pastored the Gatewood Church for a little over 2 years.

I have been privileged to serve on the State Chaplins Board, the Ministerial Credentialing Board since 2016, and now I have been appointed as State Evangelist.

My heart's desire, in this day in which Christ's return is imminent, is to evangelize to the lost, to see healings take place, to see miracles manifested by God, and see God's children filled with His Holy Spirit.

To schedule a Revival please call Jesse Smith at 304-719-1558.

CAMS & MIP

Deadlines are quickly approaching!
Any questions can be directed to
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CAMS Deadline May 31, 2019

Pastoral Appointment Family Worship Center Luke Hodges

Our Condolences to the Family of:

4/29 Jesse Inclenrock

Mark Your Calendar

May: Scripture - John 11:25

May 27th State Office Closed

June: Scripture - Proverbs 4:1

June 12th Women's Luncheon @ Dream Center (Must be pre-registered)
June 14th Golf Tournament @ WoodHaven Glade Springs Resort
June 17th - 21st Teen Camp @ New River Ranch
June 24th - 28th Middle Camp @ New River Ranch
June 30th - July 3 Kids Camp @ New River Ranch

The Christian holy day of **Pentecost**, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31). In Christian tradition, this event represents the birth of the early Church.

