



Administrative Bishop Daniel Hampton

LET THE WIND BLOW

We are now in the month of March and usually it comes with the wind, which reminds us that seasonal change is coming. We all have heard or used the phrase in referring to March; “If it comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb, or if it comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion.” As I was thinking about that phrase I could not help but be reminded of the wind that blew on the Day of Pentecost. The mighty rushing wind that blew that day certainly brought change to the entire world. Nothing has remained the same since that day and the wind is still blowing.

The noise that accompanied the wind was so loud that the people in Jerusalem heard and saw something they had never witnessed before. There was such a noise that it put a stop to the routine activities of the day and people came running to see what was going on. The New Testament Church was birthed that day and continues on even in 2019.

When we look for wind we must admit we don’t know where it comes from nor do we know where it is going. John 3: 8 says “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Sometimes wind comes as a gentle breeze. Other times it comes a little more forceful and then there are times when the wind comes as a mighty blowing devastating storm. We see and feel the evidence of the gentle breeze by watching a leaf or flower move ever so slightly. Other times we see evidence of the wind by a more forceful movement of leaves and trees. When the violent wind of a thunder storm or tornado approaches we take cover because we know the force is destructive and damage will come to whatever is in its path.

It appears to me, as I observe where we are today with all the chaos, anger, division and spirit of revenge, we need a fresh wind of the Spirit to blow across our nation and around the world. The thing we have at our disposal that can combat the adversary is the mighty presence of the Holy Spirit. Lord may the mighty rushing wind that blew on the day of Pentecost blow again so forcefully that people of our communities will run to our houses of worship to experience this outpouring. Let it blow away everything in its path that is not fulfilling His perfect will.

The Church of God was birthed out of a hunger for the presence of God in a way they had never seen before and when the Holy Ghost came upon those believers at the Shearer School House change came. Our theme this year is “**Believing For Great Things,**” and I am believing for the mighty wind of Pentecost to blow across West Virginia like none of us have ever witnessed.

I am alarmed today as to how quiet and sedated so many of our churches are. It is time for the church to arise and proclaim loudly in the face of all the noise of violence that Jesus Christ is the answer. We are Pentecostal and we need again to restore the shout of triumph and joy which will drown out the voices of disbelief and doubt. I'm believing for the miraculous to again enter our churches where people will run to see what this is all about. I don't need to remind us but I am going to anyway, the Holy Spirit can do more in a split second than all our learned abilities can do in a lifetime.

Church of God in West Virginia, I am calling on all of us to return to our roots of Pentecost and let the Holy Ghost have full right of way. Yes we must have order and structure but when the Holy Spirit comes in and says, "I will take it from here" let Him have his way. I believe the wind is about to blow and fulfill the promises He has made to us.

2019 Women's Conference

Downloadable registration forms
available on Women's Ministry
page

www.wvcog.com

Register online at
www.wvcog.com



IT'S A
Jungle
OUT THERE
2019
Women's Conference

April 5-6 @ New River Ministry Center
351 New River Ranch Rd Fayetteville, WV

Featured Speaker:
Annette Watson
From Ocala, FL
\$90 overnight registration
\$70 commuter registration
Includes meals & materials

2019 Camp Meeting Women's

*Bee-lieving . . .
for great things in 2019*



Wednesday, June 12, 2019 @ 12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00 per person

2019 Women's Luncheon

- Camp Meeting Luncheon
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Bishop Daniel and Ruth Hampton and Family

God blessed you together these Fifty years,
 memories of much love, full of laughter and tears,
 children and grandchildren
 family and friends a love for each other,
 a love with out end.
 Through commitment and love,
 God answered your prayers.
 You help those in need and always care.
 May your blessings be bountiful and friendships grow.
 You are loved by many more than you know.

50th Anniversary

The Hampton's wish to express their
 appreciation to the people of
 West Virginia for their love, kindness,
 attendance, calls and cards during the
 50th Anniversary Celebration at the
 Dream Center.



CAMS & MIP

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

MIP Deadline June 30, 2019

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Rev. Irene Riggelman who passed away 1/17/2019

Rev. Paul Thompson who passed away 2/5/2019

Rev. Julia York who passed away 2/18/2019

Rev. John Atkins who passed away 2/19/2019

Camp Meeting **June 9-13**

“Believing for Great Things in 2019”

Family Worship Center
Beckley, WV



2019 New River
Golf Tournament
Friday June 14, 2019
WoodHaven
Glade Springs Resort



Mark Your Calendar

March: Scripture - Ecclesiastes 3:1

March 23rd Teen Talent @ Mountain View Church of God

April: Scripture - John 11:25

April 5th - 6th Women's Conference @ New River Ranch

April 13th Girl's Conference @ New River Ranch

April 21st Easter

April 22nd State Office Closed

May: Scripture - John 11:25

May 12th Mother's Day Offering

June: Scripture - Proverbs 4:1

June 9th -13th Camp Meeting Family Worship Center Beckley

June 12th Women's Luncheon @ Dream Center

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