

THE BATTLE FOR THE HEART OF THE HOME AND COUNTRY

As I think about May there are two special celebrations which take place during this month, MOTHERS DAY and MEMORIAL DAY. These two celebrations are set aside for us to give honor first to the most influential person on earth in most of our life and secondly those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy in this nation. Both are now under attack like I have never seen in my lifetime. Honor for others appears to be a strange characteristic today with the most predominate attitude of "It's all about me."

Let's see if we can make some sense of what is happening today and identify what the battle is all about. In order to understand what we are facing we must go to the book of truth which is established in the throne of God and is all truth and nothing but the truth.

First we must understand who the enemy is. Our adversary is the Devil who tried to set himself above God but was cast out of heaven like lightning. Jesus said in Luke 10:18 & 19 "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Also remember the battle is not yours but the Lord's.

Secondly, we must be aware of the weapons we use. Trying to fight carnality and flesh with the same weapons is not the strategy which we use, but rather we fight with the sword of the Lord. II Corinthians 10:3-5 (NLT) 3"We are human but we don't wage war as humans do. 4 We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. 5 We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ."

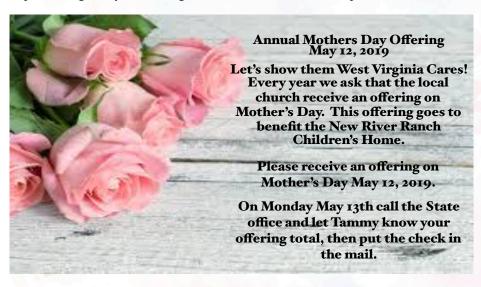
Thirdly we combat him with the sword described in Hebrews 4:12 (NLT) "For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."

Fourthly we must identify the spirit which has been unleashed on this generation and that is moral impurity which is at a crisis in America. It seems as though a sewer pipe has broken and the refuse of corruption has become the norm. Immorality has declared war on the basic unit of society. The home was established before the church or the government. The perverted ideas which are being thrust upon our nation is destroying the very foundation which makes us strong. God's plan is for monogamous marriage of one man and one woman until death do them part. That is the Creator's plan and He has not changed his mind.

Mother's Day celebration could only have happened by women giving birth to children. No person on earth other than Adam and Eve got here without a mother and that is a fact. Who is the expert on the subject of the family? I believe He is the one who created the family unit in the beginning and His word is very clear as to what the family is all about.

What about honor as we approach Memorial Day the last Monday of May? There are so many military families who have been affected by the loss of a loved one due to war and conflict. Please take time to pay honor to these brave souls who gave the ultimate sacrifice by placing a flag on their grave or sending a condolence to their loved one. If you see someone in uniform, or wearing a military hat as a veteran in a restaurant, buy their meal and thank them for their service. What better way to show the love of Christ than to honor them? Look at how Jesus responded in Luke 7:9 (NLT) to the Roman Centurion "When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following him, he said, I tell you I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!"

I want to remind us, as I end this article, that the Captain of The Host of Heaven's Army is soon to appear and what we are experiencing today are the signs of His soon return. The question is not is He coming but rather: are you ready?







Annual Mothers Day Offering

- May 12, 2019
- Benefits New River Ranch
- Be a blessing so we can bless others

<u>2019</u> Women's Luncheon

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

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Youth Camp

Teen June 17-21

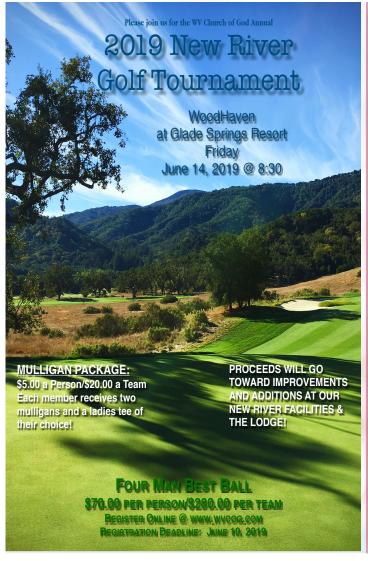
Middle June 24-28

Kids June 30-July 3

Register Online wvcog.com

Bishop Daniel Hampton is asking that all Pastors,
Ministers, and Lay
Members set aside a special time of prayer each Sunday in the Month of May leading up to Camp
Meeting to pray over the services, pray for souls to be saved and lives to be changed, miracles to be performed and healings to take place. We are
Believing for Great Things at Camp Meeting 2019.





Blessed are Mothers

Blessed are the Mothers who love God, for their children shall not be ignorant of their Creator and his plans concerning them.

Blessed are the Mothers who love the word of God, for their children shall know of the way, the truth and the life.

Blessed are the Mothers who love the house of God, for their children shall enter there and sit with them in the presence of God.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to pray, for their children shall feel the power of prayer and many shall find salvation.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to give to the cause of Christ for their children shall become supporters of the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are the Mothers who love the family altar, for they shall have their reward in the world to come.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to speak kind words to their neighbor's children, for thereby they shall win other boys and girls besides their own to Jesus Christ.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to be a companion to their children for they shall be called an understanding Mothers.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to fight life's battles bravely with a strong and stedfast faith in God, for their children shall know where to find strength in time of need.

Blessed are the Mothers who, when they are old and gray, can look back upon memory's wall with no regret and can say, "I brought my children up in the fear of the Lord." Theirs are the mansions in glory.

Our sincere apologies to Limitless Youth of Glen White Church of God for inadvertently leaving them out of the last newsletter. Limitless Youth of Glen White Church of God was the First Place Winners of Bible Quiz. You are to be commended for the hard work and dedication that was put in during your time studying for the Bible Quiz Division of Teen Talent.

Grand Prize Winners

Creative Writing Kaitlin Marino Promise of Victory
Art Hollie Cooper Jefferson Ave.

Music Josiah Bowles Oceana
Drama Finally Free Ghent
Bible Limitless Youth Glen White

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

Pastoral Appointment

Our Condolences to the Family of: 4/4 Betty Day

Mark Your Calendar

May: Scripture - John 11:25

May 12th Mother's Day Offering May 27th State Office Closed

June: Scripture - Proverbs 4:1

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