

MOUNTAINEER MINISTRIES

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Prayer Conference: Bethesda Church, 232 Bob White Lane White Sulpher Springs, WV February 24-26 2025.

Spotlight

West Virginia is on an upward trajectory with a rise in membership and record-breaking tithe contributions.

Ministries

• Women's Ministries:

Women's Conference April 4-5, 2025, at Kellysville Church of God.

• Youth & Discipleship Department:

Teen/Jr Talent March 22, 2025 at Family Worship Center Beckley.

• Girl's Ministries:

Girls Day Out May 10, 2025, at New River Ranch.

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"This Christmas season, we send our warmest blessings from the West Virginia Church of God State Executive Staff to you and your family. May this time be filled with refreshing moments and cherished memories together. As we look toward the New Year, may God's abundant grace shower upon you all, bringing joy and peace into your lives."

Spotlight

Sincere Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Widow Jean Kennedy

Widow Della Melvin

Retired Minister's Wife Judy May

Pastor Appointment

Jason Mason Milton Church of God

Lesanne Smith The refuge

New Members Added **Evans** Ben Riggleman 26 Lifeline J.B. Hurt 10 Jeremiah Bostic Overflow 5 Jeremy Compton Matewan 4 **Chad Dingess** Bethesda 2 Ricky Shrewsberry 1 Garwood Mountain View Kevin Taylor Ι

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Stone Branch

Upcoming Events

Echo Youth Rally	Chattaroy Church of God	February 16, 2025
Echo Youth Rally	Jefferson Avenue Church of God	February 23, 2025
Prayer Conference	Bethesda Church	February 24-26, 2025
Echo Youth Rally	Lifeline Church	March 2, 2025
Smoky Mountain WF	Pigeon Forge, TN	March 7-9, 2025
Echo Youth Rally	Moorefield Church of God	March 16, 2025
Junior and Teen Talent	Family Worship Center Beckley	March 22, 2025
Womens Conference	Kellysville Church of God	April 4-5, 2025
Midwest Kidfest	Liberty Township, OH	April 25-27, 2025
Smoky Mountain Gathering	Gatlinburg, TN	April 29-May 1, 2025
Smoky Mountain Kidfest	Gatlinburg, TN	May 2-4, 2025
Girls Day Out	New River Ranch	May 10, 2025
Campground Workdays	New River Ranch	May 16-17, 2025
Camp Meeting	Lifeline Church	June 8-11, 2025

Ministries

State Council

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the State Council. Praying God gives us wisdom as we serve our state together.

Youth & Discipleship Board



Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Youth and Discipleship board. Looking forward to raising up the next generation and serving the students of the Mountain State!

Evangelism Board



Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Evangelism board. Praying God gives us favor as we strategically plant life giving churches and revitalize local congregations!

Business Spotlight

Thank you so much for your continued support for Redemption Cups. This month makes one year we have been in business partnering with churches to provide quality prefilled communion cups. We have also heard your feedback from this past year and have adjusted our cups to make them SUPER EASY to open now. Please check us out on our website at www.redemptioncups.com to order some for this Christmas season. To say Thank You to everyone we want to offer 10 percent off using the code TENOFF on our website. Thank you again, we are praying for you, and have a great day!



Girls Ministries

December 2024

The month of November is a time of gathering and thankfulness. One of the many things that I am thankful for are the women of God who poured into my life through prayer, quality time, and meaningful interactions. Though I was a young girl at the time, I can still remember their names and how our interactions always left me encouraged and feeling loved. We have a scriptural mandate to mentor the younger generation and lead them by example. When it comes to Girls Ministries and starting a club at your local church, I am often asked where to begin. I have always felt that Prayer Mentoring is a wonderful place to start. AFFIRMED Prayer Mentors (once called "Prayer Mothers") provide a unique relationship between a spiritual mother and daughter. The objective is to train young women to become all they are created to be as the daughters of God! Prayer Mentors are there to lift up young girls in prayer and remember their special days along the way. Maybe you have an active Prayer Mentor program at your church or a group of girls that are meeting each week. I would love to hear about it! If you would like more information about starting a Girls Club or AFFIRMED Prayer Mentoring, don't hesitate to reach out! I can be reached at the State office or through my email, Club@wvcog.com

Chrystal Wall

New River Ranch

Christmas is a time of joy, celebration, and reflection on the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. For many children, the season is filled with excitement, from the anticipation of gifts to the joy of family traditions. However, for others, Christmas can be a time of grief and sadness as they may be separated from their families or face a great deal of uncertainty. Others remain hopeful, awaiting the opportunity to be embraced by a new family.

In the midst of these various experiences, Christmas offers a unique opportunity to guide children in understanding who Jesus is and why He came. Beyond the festive traditions and the challenges some children face, Christmas is a time to focus on the hope, love, and peace that the coming of Christ brings to all people. At New River Ranch, we are dedicated to helping children navigate both the joys and difficulties of this season by sharing the truth of Jesus—His promise of hope, grace, and abundant life (John 10:10).

Reading from Isaiah, Jesus described His ministry in Luke 4:18-19,

The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to

proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

This powerful passage highlights the mission of Jesus: to bring freedom, healing, and good news to those who need it most.

The birth of Jesus was, and still is, a profound sign to the world that the Lord has come to offer healing to a broken world. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus offers freedom from the bondage of sin and healing from the emotional and physical pain that many experience. It's this hope and healing that we aim to share with every child who comes to New River Ranch. We want every child to know that Jesus loves them, that He sees their pain, and that He offers them hope.

Through your continued prayers and generous support, New River Ranch is able to minister to children during this Christmas season and throughout the year. Your partnership allows us to offer a safe, nurturing environment where children can learn about the love of Jesus and experience the hope He brings. As you celebrate this Christmas season, know that your prayers and generosity are making a difference in the lives of these children, helping them to heal, grow, and discover their true worth in Christ.

May the Lord bless you abundantly as you celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior, this Christmas season!

Jason Newsome Executive Director New River Ranch

Mountaineer Ministries is making a difference in West Virginia

