

# MOUNTAINEER MINISTRIES

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

## Spotlight

West Virginia is experiencing a positive trend with an increase in membership and record-breaking tithe contributions

## Ministries

- Women's Ministries:

Women's Conference  
April 4-5 Kellysville Church of God

- Youth & Discipleship Department:

Echo Youth Rally  
February 16 Chattooy Church of God

- Girl's Ministries:

Girls Day Out  
May 10 New River Ranch

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## WELCOME JANUARY 2025

*"To improve is to change;  
to be perfect is to change often."*  
-Winston Churchill

In this new year we as children of God hold on to II Corinthians 5:17, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new."* I believe God by his spirit will enable us to introduce the unchurched to the new beginnings of salvation for their lives. We all have an important role in this process as we choose to be the salt and light in this darkened world.

We Care West Virginia  
Bishop Bill & Joy Claypoole



# Spotlight

## Sincere Sympathy

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

Minister	Shelia Walter
Widow	Iris Pack
Retired Minister	Yvonne Pack

## Pastor Appointment

Keaton Thibeault	Pennsboro
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## Tithe Breaker

Bethesda Temple of Praise	Chad Dingess
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## New Members Added

Lifeline	J.B. Hurt	22
Moorefield	Donnie Shinholser	12
New Beginnings Ministry Center	J. Derek Wilson	10
West Logan Church	Scotty Dingess	8
Bethesda Temple of Praise	Chad Dingess	6
Chapmanville	Michael Davis	6
Greenwood	Shelia Workman	4
Cumberland Rd.	Travis Hellmondollar	3
Overflow Church	Jeremiah Bostic	2
Montcalm	Malcom Riggins	2
Huntington/10th Avenue	Darrell Buttram	2
East Kermit	James Wilson	2

# 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
Women's 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

January/February 2025

## Girls Ministries

**GIRLS DAY OUT**  
SATURDAY MAY 10TH, 2025  
NEW RIVER RANCH  
GRADES K-12

Wish you would be  
**A PART OF HIS WORLD**  
ROMANS 10:9  
*Up where they stay all day in the Son*

WITH SPECIAL GUEST PASTOR LYNN SWANK

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Contact Us  
304.252.0622

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

Girl-led Worship

## Youth

**ECHO REGIONAL YOUTH RALLIES**

Feb 16th	CHATTAROY CHURCH	6:00pm
Feb 23rd	JEFFERSON AVE CHURCH OF GOD	6:00pm
March 2nd	LIFELINE CHURCH	6:00pm
March 16th	MOOREFIELD CHURCH OF GOD	6:00pm

**PRIZE DRAWING**  
\$100 Gift & Echo Camp Scholarship  
\*There will be a drawing at each location

## International Event

“We Pray” is partnering with Administrative Bishops, Pastors and local churches to launch 24/7/365 prayer in 2025. All of our states and regions have committed to anchoring a week of continuous prayer this year. Bishop Bill Claypoole and the churches in WV will be interceding the week of February 23- March 1. We ask that you join us at [signup.wepraycog.com](http://signup.wepraycog.com) and choose a day and time to pray.

**If my people.... We Pray! We are the Church of God!**

**CHURCH OF GOD  
PRAYER EMPHASIS**

WEST VIRGINIA  
BISHOP BILL CLAYPOOLE  
FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 1, 2025

SIGN UP @ [SIGNUP.WEPRAYCOG.COM](http://SIGNUP.WEPRAYCOG.COM)



## New River Ranch

If you've ever been around a construction site, you have witnessed a giant mess being made. Things are dug up and out. There's a pile of this over here and that over there. It looks like chaos. Yet, somehow, we can see all of it and not be too concerned about the mess. We know that someone has a building plan and, eventually, all of that mess will be cleaned up and a structure will emerge. We seem to recognize the mess as part of the process. All of that mess is really just evidence that construction is unfinished.

I wonder if we could view life that way – for ourselves as well as others. What may look like a mess in life is just an indication that it's unfinished! In Jeremiah 29:11, the Lord said, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" (NKJV).

For me, one of the most interesting parts of this verse is the Lord had just told the people of Israel they would be in Babylon for 70 years. The Lord affirmed that conditions were not ideal. He affirmed these folks were not where they wanted to be. Yet, in the midst of being in a position they didn't want, in a place they didn't choose, God had a plan for them. It was a mess. But it was unfinished. The Lord still had a plan for them.

This is the case for so many of the children the Lord allows us to serve. For them, life looks messy. Life feels messy. One of the things we hope to foster in them is hope that comes from knowing the God who has a plan and purpose for them. We want them to understand the mess is real, but it is unfinished. They are not where they want to be, but the builder is still working.

At New River Ranch, our mission is to help individuals grow into the people God designed them to be. We achieve this by creating a safe and structured environment where children can experience God's love, hear the Gospel, and learn to follow His plan for their lives. While the journey may be challenging—sometimes requiring hard work, laying foundations, or making necessary changes—we hold firm to God's promise of peace and a future filled with hope. Just as He has a plan to finish His work in their lives, He has one for yours as well. Even if it looks like a mess, the Lord just sees it as unfinished. Trust His plan!

Thank you for all of your prayers and financial support throughout 2024. We ask for your continued prayers and support in 2025.

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is making a difference in  
**West Virginia**

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