



MOUNTAINEER MINISTRIES

April 2025 Issue

Upcoming State Events

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

April 27

Girls Day Out

May 10

New River Ranch, Fayetteville

Camp Meeting

June 8-11

Lifeline Church, Princeton

Spotlight

Flood Relief Update (pg 3)

God by design makes all things new in April. It is truly a month of renewal, refreshing, and resurrection from the deadness of winter. We know things have been unpredictable and very tough to navigate through but just as April brings new life, we can rest assured that God is renewing us and leading us to our destiny. Take time to smell the flowers and enjoy the newness that Spring creates.

WE CARE WEST VIRGINIA

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

NEW MEMBERS ADDED

PASTORAL APPOINTMENT

Josh Pickett

Moorefield

TITHE BREAKER

No tithe breakers this month.

Pie	Brian Wellman	24
Kenova	Joshua Nunley	13
Family Worship Center	Luke Hodges	10
Bolt	Ricky Peters	5
Justice	Billy Cresong	5
Greenwood	Sheila Workman	3
Paden City	Joyce Hill	2

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Princeton	June 8-11, 2025
Teen Camp	New River Ranch	June 16-20, 2025
Middle School Camp	New River Ranch	June 23-27, 2025
Kids Camp	New River Ranch	June 30-July 3, 2025
International Teen Talent	Cleveland, TN	July 28-August 1, 2025
Day at the Ranch	New River Ranch	August 23, 2025

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY — SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT:

adulthooddiscipleshipcog.com or call 888.766.9009

WISE CARE FLOOD RELIEF UPDATE – LUKE HODGES, COODINATOR

February Update:

- Assess damages of Church of God churches
- Set Up 4 depots to distribute disaster relief aid:
 - Princeton, WV: (Operation Lifeline)
 - Beckley, WV: (Beckley Dream Center)
 - Logan, WV: (West Logan Church of God & 84 Lumber)
 - Delbarton, WV: (Regional Church of God)
- From these four depots we brought in semi loads of supplies from God's Pit Crew, Operation Compassion, MWOA, Walmart, and very benevolent churches. These items consisted of:
 - Water & Gatorade, snacks
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Generators & power cords
 - Heaters
 - Sump pumps
 - Clean barrels & water tanks,
 - Monetary from West Virginia Churches, Grants & Other Benevolent Ministries.
- Assign WISE CARE team members a pastor/church that was directly affected by the flood.
- Bishop Claypoole & Bishop JD Wall visited our WISE CARE Depots and raised awareness of our collective efforts.
- Bishop Claypoole & Bishop JD Wall visited our churches affected by the flood and gave prayer, encouragement, and monetary relief.
- February ended with a Meeting hosted by Regional Church, in Delbarton, WV. In this meeting, Executive Committee Member, Bishop T. Wayne Dority, MWOA Director, Our West Virginia, Bishop Bill Claypoole, and Kentucky Overseer, Bishop David Jarvis addressed pastors from West Virginia, and Kentucky who were affected by the flooding. This meeting helped raise awareness of the need, offer encouragement and resource these pastors with organizations/businesses that will help them rebuild.

March Update:

- The need shifted from mobilizing cleaning supplies to sending teams to help churches clean up from the flood.
 - Fountain Of Life Worship Center sent a clean-up team of 30 people to Chattaroy Church of God.
 - Ghent Church of God sent a clean-up team to War Church of God.
 - Family Worship Center, Lifeline Church of God, & Worship Well Church of God sent a clean-up team of 17 people to War Church of God.
 - From my understanding Beckley Church of God and Lifeline Church of God has worked closely with Oceana Church of God in their flood relief.
 - I do believe there are other West Virginia Church of God Churches that have offered clean-up assistance, monetary donations and encouragement to our churches affected by the flood
- Currently our WISE CARE team is working closely with War Church of God, Bradshaw Church of God and Welch Church of God. Both War and Bradshaw buildings were likely built in the water table. 6 weeks after the flood, these churches are still dealing with water coming in the building. We need to help these churches address and eliminate these issues. Welch Church of God lost part of their property that borders the Tug River. The flood eroded the bank within 4 feet of the building. WISE CARE member, Ronnie McKinney is working to find a solution with the State of West Virginia to help rebuild/restore the riverbank.

April Projections:

I recently shared with our WISE CARE board that Easter is coming soon. I want them to focus on Easter in their perspective areas. After Easter I would like to gather another work team and help Bradshaw Church of God & possibly War Church of God build back.

- Ronnie McKinney will continue to work on a solution for our eroding property/riverbank at Welch Church of God.
- As I continue to get updates on the progress of our other churches I will pass along the details.

PIE CHURCH OF GOD RENOVATIONS



YOUTH & DISCIPLESHIP STATE DIRECTOR — J. D. WALL



NEW RIVER RANCH CHILDREN'S HOME — JASON NEWSOME, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In today's world, young people are constantly bombarded with messages that can shape their sense of identity. Social media, peer pressure, and the wider cultural pressures often send messages about who they should be, what they should value, and how they should measure their worth. As Christians, we know that true identity is not found in following the latest ideology or seeking social approval or standing. Rather, we seek an identity that is grounded in Jesus Christ.

The Bible affirms that every person is created in God's image (Genesis 1:27) and has a unique purpose in His plan. Many young people struggle with self-worth because they seek validation outside of a relationship with God. However, Scripture reminds us that our value is not based on these external factors but on our identity as children of God. At New River Ranch, we believe that God has a path and purpose for each of us.

During our March 4, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, we adopted the following mission statement:

The mission of New River Ranch, Inc. is to provide healing environment that promotes individuals' development into who God created them to be.

We firmly believe that God can and will use our programs to bring about changes in behavior, reduction in symptoms, and healing of relationships. However, we also believe that we have a unique opportunity to lead children into a relationship with God wherein they can establish a Christ-Centered identity.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Apostle Paul wrote, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." This is a foundational truth for a Christ-centered identity—one that is not defined by the world but by God's grace, love, and transforming power!

While we focus on the needs of our children, we recognize that we are all in need of development. Therefore, we believe the spiritual, educational, and emotional development of our staff are also important. As you know, our children and the staff on-duty with them attend our local churches. We have also added a couple of things to our schedule on-campus to promote staff development.

We now have "Ranch Church" on two Sunday evenings per month. This is a time when our children and staff get together for worship and hearing Biblical preaching. We have also added "Chapel" one morning per week for our staff to come together for prayer, worship, and Biblical teaching.

We humbly ask that you pray for us as we continue the vital ministry of New River Ranch. We believe that God has called us to lead children — and each other — into a deepening relationship with God.