



MOUNTAINEER MINISTRIES

March 2025 Issue

Upcoming State Events

Teen & Junior Talent

March 22

Family Worship Center, Beckley

Women's Conference

April 4-5

Kellysville Church of God

Girls Day Out

May 10

New River Ranch, Fayetteville

Camp Meeting

June 8-11

Lifeline Church, Princeton

Spotlight

Flood Report

When two pieces of iron are rubbed together they can sharpen each other, so can people mutually improve and refine each other through challenges, constructive feedback, conversations, essentially giving a positive change and cause individuals to grow and be a better version of themselves.

It's no accident that when we sharpen our gift sets God has given us, he will place his divine anointing upon it. Skill sets are important and will make a difference regarding eternal things in the kingdom.

WE CARE WEST VIRGINIA
Bishop Bill & Joy Claypoole

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"As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another."

-Proverbs 27:17

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

Reverend Albert Mitchem – Pastor

Sister Robyn Shrewsbury – Pastor’s Wife

PASTORAL APPOINTMENT

No appointments.

TITHE BREAKER

West Logan

Scotty Dingess

NEW MEMBERS ADDED

Gatewood	Jack Pittman	24
West Logan	Scotty Dingess	16
Overflow	Jeremiah Bostic	10
Lifeline-Princeton	J.B. Hurt	4
Matewan	Jeremy Compton	4
Bethesda Temple of Praise	Chad Dingess	3
Family Worship Center	Luke Hodges	2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Smoky Mountain Winterfest	Pigeon Forge, TN	March 7-9, 2025
ECHO Youth Rally	Moorefield COG	March 16, 2025
Teen & Junior Talent	Family Worship Center Beckley	March 22, 2025
Women’s Conference	Kellysville COG	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 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

FLOOD RELIEF REPORT

God's Pit Crew brought in 3 semi-trucks worth of supplies last week to our Princeton, Beckley, and West Logan locations. These loads included generators, sports drinks, water, snack food, blessing buckets (contains 30 items per bucket). Most of these supplies are distributed to our West Virginia churches who were greatly affected by the floods.



Church of God Men & Women of Action

This crew brought in 2 large trailer loads of supplies to our FWC/Beckley Dream Center location. These supplies included food, cleaning supplies pillows and blankets, medicine, generators, & heaters. We will be mobilizing these supplies to West Logan and Chattaroy.



Beckley Dream Center

A box truck full of supplies from God's Pit Crew to Delbarton and Chattaroy.



The following ministers were assigned a West Virginia Church of God pastor affected by the flood. Their assignment was to call, check on, pray with and help with property damage assessment.

- Luke Hodges: War Church of God
- Garrett Clyburn: Beaver Church of God
- Ronnie McKinney: Matheny Church of God & Rhodell Church of God
- Aaron Stepp: Maybeury Church of God
- Kevin Summers: Naugatuck Church of God
- Mark Bayle: Bradshaw Church of God
- Mick Frye: Chattaroy Church of God
- Ryan Parks: Oceana Church of God

FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE YOUTH DIRECTOR, J.D. WALL

I hope 2025 finds you blessed and highly favored! Although it has been cold and most of the state has had to deal with large amounts of snow, West Virginia Youth Camp Season is just around the corner! Let me encourage every pastor, youth pastor, children's pastor, parent, and grandparent to get your young people to camp. Church of God Youth Camp is a life changing experience, and my prayer is that each church get involved. Every camp season we see young people saved, set free, filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and called into ministry. Each week will be filled with fun, fellowship, and an encounter with God! The theme for 2025 is ECHO! This theme is retro, and we want your young people to know that the Kingdom is timeless and generational! We will have decade themed nights and are bringing back the block party!

The dates for camp this year are as follows:
(please notice dates are a week later than traditionally)

Teen	Ages 14-18	June 16-20
Middle School	Ages 11-13	June 23-27
Kids	Ages 6-10.	June 30-July 3

We were at full capacity for teen camp 2024 and came close the other two weeks as well. I would encourage you to get your application in *as soon as possible* to secure your spot. An application is available in this month's newsletter. Online registration and printable applications are available at www.wvcog.com.

In addition, if you wish to volunteer for camp, please turn in your worker application prior to May 5. Due to the high volume of campers and limited staff housing, we will need more time to facilitate rooming issues. A worker application is also available in the newsletter, or you may print an application online at www.wvcog.com.

Chrystal and I hope to see you and your young people at ECHO!

NEW RIVER RANCH CHILDREN'S HOME

As the days grow longer and the air fills with the scent of fresh blooms, we are reminded of God's promise of renewal and new life. As we get warmer and greener here at New River Ranch, we are reminded of our mission to provide an environment and services where our children can grow into who God has created them to be.

As seasons change, it reminds us that we have a season of influence in the lives of our children. Our prayer is for this to be a season of renewal and hope in the lives of our children. A recent example of this came when one of our children decided she wanted to do something to help homeless individuals in our area.

This young lady loves to bake. She asked if she could have a bake sale to raise money to help homeless shelters in our area. The Ghent Church of God hosted this bake sale after one of their services in February. This young lady sold her homemade cookies and raised \$368.00 to support homeless shelters. (We can't publish the pictures due to privacy but trust us. It was awesome!)

It is amazing to watch our children develop to the place of extending the love of God to others. She wanted to live out the mandate of 1 Peter 4:10, "*As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God*" (NKJV).

Your support contributes to these transformations. Thank you for praying for us, giving finances, providing supplies, bringing gifts, and just showing up! Thank you for loving us so that we can continue loving, and sharing God's love, with our children.

Jason Newsome
Executive Director

