



MOUNTAINEER MINISTRIES

September 2026 Issue

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Revitalization

Scotty Dingess

Spirit Care – Ministers

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SEASONAL CHANGES

Autumn can be a meaningful season of spiritual reflection, even though the Bible doesn't assign it a single official meaning. Its changing colors, harvest, and movement toward winter often point to several biblical themes:

- “The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.” — Psalm 24:1
- God's faithfulness and order: The changing seasons can point to God's consistency and care for creation.
- Letting go and surrender: Falling leaves can symbolize releasing what is no longer needed, trusting God through change, and making room for spiritual growth.
- The passing of life: Autumn's fading light and bare trees can remind Christians that earthly life is temporary. This can encourage wisdom, humility, and readiness to live faithfully.
- Hope beyond the season: Autumn leads into winter, but winter is not the end. For Christians, this can echo the hope of resurrection, renewal, and God bringing new life from what appears dormant.

In short, Autumn can represent change, surrender, and hope in God's renewal.

We Care West Virginia
Bishop Bill & Joy Claypoole

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

Arlene Stump

PASTORAL APPOINTMENT

None

TITHE BREAKER

(based on July 2026 reports)

None

Congrats!

CREDENTIALS

Layla Gore - Exhorter

NEW MEMBERS ADDED

(based on July 2026 reports)

Bethesda	Chad Dingess	14
Pie	Brian Wellman	11
Rainelle-Greenbrier Ave	Brian Carter	10
West Logan	Scotty Dingess	7
Evans	Benjamin Rigglesman	3
Kenova	Joshua Nunley	2
Elk Lick	Walter Rohrbacher	1
Paw Paw	Randy Shade	1

Calendar of Events

updated 8/31/2026

CAMS Classes - Various Locations
September 5, 2026

CAMS 4 Students/MIP Classes - Various Locations
September 12, 2026

Golf Tournament, Grandview Country Club, Beaver, WV
September 25, 2026

CAMS 4 Students/CAMS/MIP Classes - Various Locations
October 3, 2026

Senior Adult Day, Fayetteville, WV
October 10, 2026

CAMS 4 Students/CAMS/MIP Classes - Various Locations
November 7, 2026

Harvest at the Ranch @ New River Ranch, Fayetteville, WV
November 7, 2026

Ministers' Meeting - Beckley COG, Beckley WV
November 9-10, 2026

Ministers/Widows Christmas Banquet, Beckley, WV
Family Worship Center-Beckley Dream Center
December 4, 2026

CAMS 4 Students/CAMS/MIP Classes - Various Locations
December 5, 2026

MIP Classes - Various Locations
January 2, 2027

MIP Classes - Various Locations
February 6, 2027

Prayer Conference, Bethesda Church, Sulphur Springs, WV
February 22-24, 2027

Smoky Mountain Winterfest, Pigeon Forge, TN
March 5-7, 2027

MIP Classes - Various Locations
March 6, 2027

MIP Classes - Various Locations
April 3, 2027

Women's Conference
April 23-24, 2027

Smoky Mountain Gathering, Gatlinburg, TN
April 27-29, 2027

MIP Classes - Various Locations
May 1, 2027

Girls Day Out @ New River Ranch, Fayetteville, WV
May 15, 2027

Camp Meeting, Lifeline Church, Princeton, WV
June 6-9, 2027

Men's Conference
November 6, 2027

Ministers/Widows Christmas Banquet
December 3, 2027

YOUTH & EVANGELISM

BRIAN VARNELL, STATE DIRECTOR



Brian & Danielle Varnell
Youth & Evangelism Director
Girls' Ministry Coordinator

Hello West Virginia Church of God!



Danielle, Ansleigh, Truett, and I are getting settled in here in Beckley, and we have been blown away by the beauty of this state in our travels thus far! We are so excited to continue meeting you all, developing relationships, and becoming a part of the West Virginia Church of God family. Everyone has been so kind and welcoming to our family since our arrival, and we are truly grateful. Bishop Bill and Mrs. Joy Claypoole are choice leaders and we are honored to serve with them.

We look forward to serving the people across this great state—from the youngest to the oldest—and we are believing God for a transformational season of ministry as we move forward together. We believe there are great things ahead!

We have some exciting events coming up, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is ever any way we can serve your church.

West Virginia, we're glad to be here!

-The Varnells



WEST VIRGINIA
CHURCH OF GOD

10.10.2026

SENIOR ADULT DAY

REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 9:00 AM

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**TEAM OR SOLO
REGISTRATION:**
\$60/SINGLE OR
\$240/TEAM

West Virginia Church of God

GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 25, 2026



Registration 8am
Shotgun Start 9am

Lunch included!

- Hole-in-One
- Longest Drive
- Closest to the pin
- Prizes

Sponsorship Level:
☐ Hole Sponsorship
(\$100)

☐ Pastors Special
(\$150)

*Signage at the hole
with senior pastors
fee included!

Grandview Country
Club
1500 Scott Ridge Rd
Beaver, WV 25813

NEW RIVER RANCH CHILDREN'S HOME

DR. JASON NEWSOME, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As September begins and another school year gets underway, I want to take a moment to thank the people who make the work of New River Ranch possible.

Many of you support New River Ranch faithfully, but you don't always get to see what happens because of that support. You may not see the young man who begins believing he can succeed in school. You may not hear the conversation when a young person finally opens up about something he has carried for years. You may not be there when trust begins to replace fear or when a young person starts to understand that his past does not have to determine his future.

But you are part of those moments.

Paul wrote, *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth"* (1 Corinthians 3:6). That is a wonderful picture of ministry. Some plant. Some water. Often, someone else gets to see the growth. But all of us have a part in what God is doing.

Every prayer, gift, word of encouragement, and act of generosity helps us provide a safe, Christ-centered place where young people can heal, grow, and discover who God created them to be.

As we begin this new school year, thank you for continuing to plant and water alongside us. We may not always see immediately what God is doing with what we give Him, but we can trust Him with the growth.

Don't forget to join us for Harvest at the Ranch on Saturday, November 7 starting at 11:00 AM.

We have **Kelly Crabb & The Bowling Sisters** who will be joining us. We also have food, games, fun and fellowship waiting for you. We are excited to see you!

