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COME HOME TO CAMP MEETING 2026

JUNE 9 – 12 7 PM

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- *HOME COOKIN' IN CAFETERIA



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GUEST SPEAKERS



**BISHOP
KEVIN WALLACE**
TUESDAY EVENING



**BISHOP
HANS HESS**
WED. - THURS. EVENING



**BISHOP
MICHAEL JOHN**
FRIDAY EVENING



**PASTOR
TONY
ATKINSON**
WED. - FRI. MORNINGS
9:15 A.M.

"YEAR OF THE PASTOR"

**NURSERY & CHILDREN'S
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2026

THE YEAR OF THE PASTOR

"I will give you shepherds according to my heart."

Jeremiah 3:15



HAPPY Birthdays

June Retired Ministers' Birthdays

June 1

Rev. Joe Delport
914 John Thomas Way
Greer, SC 29651

June 5

Rev. Mrs. Martha Hall
1240 Meadowlark Dr.
Wytheville, VA 24382

June 6

Rev. Ron Neff
3133 Linville Court
Lenoir, NC 28645



Your help is needed & appreciated.
Lunch will be provided.

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The Bishop's Page

Larry Meadors



State of the Conference Message 2026

What an honor and privilege for Gloria and me to serve you – the pastors, ministers and church members – across the conference. It is a special assignment from God that we do not take lightly.

Recently, the Executive Council and I had the opportunity to spend an entire evening with 24 candidates for local church credentials. Incredibly, they all attend New Life Christian Ministries in Roanoke, Va. Great job by Pastor Aaron Tunnel investing in them on Sunday nights for a year. What was remarkable was their passion and commitment to the gospel. The majority of these were Gen Z, those from 18 to 28. In sharing this story, I remind you that God is in control, and our future is bright in the Appalachian Conference.

These past months of leadership have led me to ask these questions and to hear the heart of God for the answer.

Who are we as a conference? We are more than a campground, church buildings and bank accounts. It is you and I. We are called by God into a sacred trust of publishing this message of the good news, the gospel. We take this message of deliverance to the captives in VA, WV, TN and KY. Last year, your reports indicated that was 4,357 people. We take this message into the regions of our country, the United States of America. We take this message of God into a world brimming with 8 billion souls. We are a people called to be all about people.

What do we do as a conference? Many things! One of the most important things we do as a conference is to recognize and give spiritual covering to the called of God. So, to me the “*Year of the Pastor*” is more than a slogan for 2026. Practically, it is my desire to see you encouraged, resourced and trained both now and moving forward. This is understanding that our starting point is healthy pastors. Since coming into this position, my joy has been to hear your heart, pray for you in the huddles, to give encouragement and fellowship at the Ministers’ Summit. We are a people doing life together under the directive of the Holy Spirit.

What is our vision? In the power of the Holy Spirit, we are connected and commissioned to communicate the gospel. How can we reach our divine directives? What is our focus? Again, it is on you – the pastor/teacher/minister/evangelist/missionary—leading the body of Christ. This focus on ministers arises from Jeremiah 3:15, “Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.”

May your heart be like that of David who had a heart after God.

Specifically, the vision in this season for you, as pastors/ministers, remains as I shared 9 months ago:

Usher in a Season of Revival.

Raise up sons and daughters for ministry.

Strengthen our bonds of unity together.

Let's look at each one closer:

Pastors anointed to usher in revival. First, and most important, is to keep the fire burning on your personal altar. Be keepers of the flame. Light revival fires in your church. To recognize and foster the fire of God in your community. In these past months, the conference has focused on revival with foundational work in the Tony Cruz fall regional revivals and winter pastor prayer and praise huddles. Moving forward, what I know and sense is that we need more preaching and teaching on the Holy Spirit – waiting on the Lord in personal prayer and in our services.

Pastors and Legacy. Who are you raising up for ministry in your church? Who will you leave in your place? The conference leadership team last fall committed to being a conference of 200 churches. Not just a number but a recognition of the spiritual responsibility that we have to reach the lost in our region. How does that happen? To break from the plateau of 141 churches: The groundwork that started back in August of last year is now being used. Rooted and Ready, a ministry Wes Galford is pioneering, is gathering young called people together. A local church internship is in place. (Thankful for Ron and Wes who are working together.) What is needed is your emphasis on the calling in your church. A heart to plant churches. Clergy Development students have grown from 15 to 50 since last year. The crucial next step is to get these ministers working on your staff, gathering in church plant teams to reach new areas. It is time to work together in pushing out more harvest workers.

Pastors and unity. I love to see the scenes of unity. For example, at Summit, ministry couples coming early and staying late to events so that fellowship is occurring. We are in the midst of a change of culture. A culture that values relationships among our 424 ministers. Honestly, I still am struggling to communicate effectively together. I am working on that and I hope you are too. We need each other. Where is this going? Spiritual unity, not just unity for unity's sake, but the fruit of unity is presence and power of God.

There are 2 very important opportunities that are coming up that you need to take advantage of.

You are invited to “*Come HOME to camp meeting.*” I hope you feel that this is your spiritual home. Right here on the campgrounds June 9-12. Tuesday night, June 9, is pastors/ministers' night at camp meeting. Bishop Kevin Wallace, a nationally recognized pastor who is speaking a word to the church right now, will be here. The selection of Pastor Tony Atkinson to teach our morning classes is deliberate. Learn from his 50 years of ministry. I want you here.. Do the same for Wednesday, Family Night; Thursday, Legacy Night and Friday night, Commission night.

Come early and let's break bread in the cafeteria. (new menu, new cook, reasonable prices) Come early and meet in the Fellowship tent on the lawn, where there will be live music, giveaways and fellowship.

I am believing that these times together in the presence of the Lord will be life and ministry altering.

Every 1460 days we are asked, and expected, to gather in a **general conference** to worship God, define our priorities and elect leaders. In 80 days, General Conference will convene in Mobile, AL, July 15-17. Some of the most sweeping changes in decades are being recommended to our church structure. A new general superintendent will be elected. Your presence and input are needed. The General Conference is an investment of your time and finance. As we approach this event, let's not assign our role to another but take your place in the body. We need at least 100 more delegates to sign up before June 15. Early bird.

I conclude back in Jeremiah 3 to reaffirm your call to the call of God. I am thankful for you, your sacrifice and faithfulness to God, your family and ministry. Shepherds who shepherd. The literal word is shepherds who will shepherd you...*feed/lead* with knowledge and understanding.

It is time to lead, to step it up. The days demand it. Let's do the hard things together. Let's lay aside every weight that besets us. It is time to loose the grave clothes and let life take a walk.



Connect time – Fellowship – Worship



Prayer of blessing over Bishop Larry Meadors and wife Gloria



NEWLY LICENSED MINISTERS

L-R Ashley Lassetter, Matthew Akers, Andrew Graham, Levi Duff

ORDAINED MINISTERS



**Ordained, Front Row, L-R: Sheila Melki, Curtis Cregger, Roger Rumley, James Boggs, Emmett Bourne
Executive Council, Back Row, L-R: Wanda Myers, Todd Porter, Bishop Meadors, Wes Galford, Ron
Fredericks, Frank Neff, C.J. Cole**

Come Home to Camp Meeting '26

BISHOP KEVIN WALLACE – TUESDAY NIGHT – JUNE 9



Kevin and Deven Wallace serve as Lead Pastors of Redemption to the Nations Church (RTTN). They have committed their lives to impacting the city of Chattanooga with a message of love and redemption while raising up sons and daughters equipped with the power of God to change nations.

Together they have led RTTN church efforts in caring for our local community, planting a church campus in Uruguay, developing programs to care for human trafficking victims in Guatemala, Romania and Chattanooga through The Together Cafe, and have most recently founded The Ark Daycare, The Ark Academy K-12, and Redemption School of Ministry to raise up and release kingdom-minded leaders. Bishop Wallace was a keynote speaker at the IPHC Pastors' Conference in 2024.

BISHOP HANS HESS – WED-THURS NIGHTS – JUNE 10-11



Hans Hess is an author, sought-after speaker, and church leader who serves on multiple boards within the IPHC. He serves as the presiding Bishop over Redemption Ministries and is the Senior Pastor of Fountain of Life (FOL), a multi-campus church that reaches thousands of individuals each week.

Hans regularly conducts evangelistic and healing services internationally and speaks at churches, conferences, and events throughout the United States each year.

Hans is a native of Grundy, VA.

BISHOP MICHAEL JOHN – FRIDAY NIGHT – JUNE 12



Bishop Michael John is the General Superintendent of North India IPHC, and pastor of Divya Aashray IPHC in Varanasi, India. Under Bishop John's leadership, the North India Conference has grown to be a multiplying force for the kingdom of God. New churches are being planted weekly. Pastors are being raised up full of the Holy Spirit and boldness in spite of the persecution of the Hindus. Bishop John carries an apostolic anointing.

Bishop John is married to Rosaline and they have one daughter, Shaanvi Jessica.

PASTOR TONY ATKINSON – WED-FRI MORNINGS – 9:15 AM



Tony Atkinson, and his wife Sharon served as associate/youth pastors for two years at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Roanoke, VA. In 1978, they started a church in Belpre, OH, which grew to 750 people. They started planting churches in the region to become IPHC's first multi-site ministry with 10 churches under the mother church.

Pastor Tony's last assignment brought him to New Life Christian Ministries, which grew to almost 2,000 under his leadership. Pastor Tony also served as the first bishop of E4 Network IPHC Conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

There is still time to register!



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Morning Sessions
DR. STEVE DENEFF

JULY 13-17, 2026
MOBILE, ALABAMA

The banner features a background image of a city street with buildings. Two circular portraits of speakers are positioned on either side of the central text. A light blue box contains the dates and location.

Make your plans to attend General Conference and participate in the worship, fellowship, legislation and training. Pastors, if you have not already done so, please send the names of your church delegates to the Conference Office ASAP.





World Missions & Evangelism

Wes Galford



It is No Secret What God Can Do



Through the essence of time, it is easy to become so overwhelmed with life that we take the goodness of God for granted. Humanity has a tendency to forget the simple principles of God's Word that make an earthly difference and bring eternal gain. I'm reminded of a few words from an old hymn that has echoed through generations: "It is no secret what God can do. What He has done for others, He will do for you."

Many times, we look at what appears to be successful through the lens of humanity, only to realize there is a deeper root to that success; displayed through the glory of God. As I reflect, I desire to share a simple story of one of our pastors who found supernatural grace through obedience and by following the principles of God's Word.

Pastors Jeff and Tammy Pickett of Hillsville PHC are a tremendous testimony to what obedience and adherence to God's Word can produce. We could easily talk about how Pastor Jeff willingly became the pastor of a church that was hanging by its last thread, and how God miraculously built it into what it is today. Pastor Jeff would tell you that the road has not been easy, and submission to obedience requires a great deal of work. We are to do all we can in the natural to allow God to do the supernatural. Two evident passions of Pastor Jeff are a heart for the lost and a spirit of generosity.

Pastor Jeff exhibits a heart for what breaks God's heart. Jesus said, "I came to seek and to save that which was lost." John records Jesus saying, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." In both verses, we see obedience and generosity providing redemption for all humanity.

Pastor Jeff serves as the pastor of a growing congregation because he values every soul and is not hesitant to be generous in furthering the gospel in the local community and around the world. In April, Pastor Jeff received an offering for Living Israel totaling \$60,000. That is not all. In 2025, Pastor Jeff and Hillsville PHC gave \$20,000 to the Global Outreach Offering and pledged \$25,000 toward the \$250,000 goal for 2026. Pastor Jeff and Tammy hold such deep conviction in the principles of God's Word and the fulfillment of His promises that they stated, "We wanted to pledge \$25,000 because it is 10% of the goal." However, their generosity does not end there.

Pastor Jeff and Hillsville PHC are also impacting the local community and other churches. Pastor Jeff is a team player in the Kingdom of God. In addition to their generosity towards world missions, they support the Hope House Ministry, desiring those who battle addiction to be set free. Recently, Pastor Jeff demonstrated Kingdom generosity by donating a church van to another local congregation.

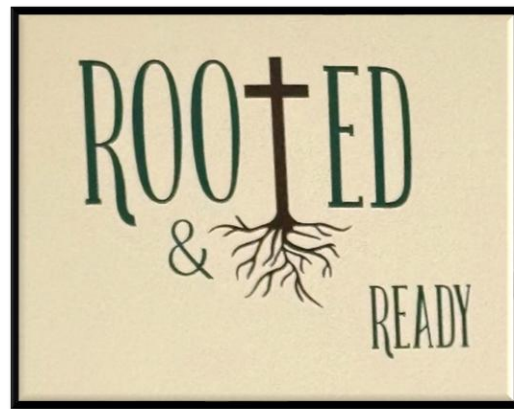
"It is no secret what God can do. What He has done for others, He will do for you." Through Pastor Jeff's heart for the lost and his generosity, he has seen God provide miraculous growth. However, God's principles do not apply to just one person, but to everyone who applies them with the right intentions. When our passion aligns with God's mission, we will celebrate His provision. When we partner with God, follow His principles, and walk in generosity, the gospel will be declared in our communities, our state, our nation, and around the world—until the last one hears.

Rooted and Ready

What a joy it is to be a part of Rooted and Ready! Iglesia Nueva hosted Rooted and Ready on April 17 in Harrisonburg, VA. The night was filled with powerful worship, the Word, prayer time, and a delicious meal as we participated in a Q&A session.

I remain optimistic about our future generation. There are those who are willingly seeking God and His guidance for their lives. I believe we will see many church leaders rise up and move forward in the calling God has placed on them through gatherings like this. God is on the move among young adults.

Please do not miss the opportunity for your young adults to be part of this life-altering gathering. The next Rooted and Ready will be held May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Life Changers Christian Center in Wytheville, VA.





Discipleship Ministries

Ron Fredericks

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LIFE CHANGING DISCIPLESHIP AWARDS 2025

Life Changing Growth Award

Bethel PHC- Organ Cave

Buena Vista PHC

CLI

French's Chapel

Harbor of Hope

Hilltop PHC

Life Line Ministries

Montcalm Pentecostal Holiness Church

New Beginnings PH Church

New Life Christian Ministries

The Rock, IPHC

Voice of Praise

Life Changers Christian Center

Pastor Wes Comer

Pastor Adam Williams

Pastor Ryan Linkous

Pastor Derick Burton

Pastor Craig Reed

Pastor Todd Garwood

Pastor Zach Royer

Pastor Dana Truckenmiller

Pastor Richard Kingrea

Pastor Aaron Tunnell

Pastor C. J. Cole

Pastor N. R. Taylor

Pastor Todd Porter

Misty Comer, D. M. Director

Kyle Park, D. M. Director

Kevin McCauley, D. M. Director

Karen Hedge, D. M. Director

Susan Conner, D. M. Director

Victor McGrady, D. M. Director

Renee Kingrea, D. M. Director

Levi Duff, D. M. Director

Dynamic Growth Award

Draper Valley PHC

Family Worship Center

Valley Christian Ministries

Pastor Mike Ingo

Pastor Jeff Wilhoite

Pastor Nancy Lane

Randall Johnson, D. M. Director

Servant Growth Award

Calvary Full Gospel Church

New Life Church

Pastor Rick Krietemeyer

Pastor George Delo

Rod Gilman, D. M. Director



The mission of Fine Arts is to release a generation of youth for global ministry as we embrace the multicultural dynamics of the IPHC welcoming and seeking to be inclusive of the diversity that embodies the church that God is building.

We exist to mobilize a generation in discovering, developing and deploying their ministry gifts/talents through the local church, conference and denomination, inspiring this generation to minister in the spirit of excellency with humility, modesty, grace and dignity confident in their gifts, submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and committed to fulfill the Great Commission.

Discipleship Ministries values and honors each student who has participated in Fine Arts this year. We continue to declare that you are not the church of the future but you are the church of today. We invite you to join us at the table as we grow, discern and follow the call of God, walk hand-n-hand in service to Him, the church, our communities and the world.

2023-2024		
2 - Vocal Solo: Alpha		
	Hannah Graham	LIBERTY HILL PHC
	Abel Williams	BUENA VISTA PHC
	Naomi Noren	HARBOR OF HOPE
	Olivia Martin	MOSSY LIVING WORD CHURCH
	Hannah Benway	LIBERTY HILL PHC
	Anna Dickinson	NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIES
	Charlie Knapp	NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIES
	Emma McGee	ST. PAUL PHC
3 - Vocal Solo: Omega		
	Laura Garmon	VALLEY HARVEST MINISTERIES
	Abigail Hillenberg	ST. PAUL PHC
5 - Vocal Ensemble Teen		
	Valley Harvest Ministries Trio	VALLEY HARVEST MINISTERIES
	Jesus Freakz	NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIES
7 - Instrumental Solo		
	Abel Williams	BUENA VISTA
12 - Worship Band: Teen		
	ASM YOUTH:	BUENA VISTA PHC
	Kyle Smals, Gracie Pelter,	
	Abel Williams, Dylan Smals	
14 - Short Sermon: Alpha		
	Brooke Parnell	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
	Faith Pardue	NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIES
	Emma McGee	ST. PAUL PHC
15 - Short Sermon: Omega		
	Seth Ortiz	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
	Abigail Hillenberg	ST. PAUL PHC
	Christopher Walker	NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIES

23 - Creative Writing Individual: Omega		
	Abigail Hillenberg	ST. PAUL PHC
28 - Worship Dance Individual: Alpha		
	Faith Pardue	NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
	Grace Burton	FRENCH'S CHAPEL
29 - Worship Dance Individual Omega		
	Mikaela Johnson	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
33 - Expressive Worship - Alpha		
	Atlantis Johnson	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
	Bella Phipps	HILLSVILLE PHC
	Brooke Parnell	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
	Grace Burton	FRENCH'S CHAPEL
36 - Expressive Worship Group Teen		
	Remnant Drama Team	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
	Outbreak Youth	HILLSVILLE PHC
	Maggie & Jordan	HILLSVILLE PHC
38 - Visual Art Drawing: Alpha		
	Grayson Garmon	VALLEY HARVEST MINISTRIES
38 - Visual Art Drawing: Alpha		
	Noah Johnson	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
	James Jones	LIBERTY HILL PHC
	Travis Rife	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
	Leia Alderman	BAKER'S CHAPEL
	Hannah Benway	LIBERTY HILL
	Atlantis Johnson	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
39 - Visual Art Drawing: Omega		
	Olivia Simone	HILLSVILLE PHC
	Jordan Willis	HILLSVILLE PHC
41 - Creative Art - Fabricated/ 3d Alpha		
	Talon Henley	HILLSVILLE PHC
	Grace Burton	FRENCH'S CHAPEL
	Toren Henley	HILLSVILLE PHC
	Christian Payne	HILLSVILLE PHC
	Gabe Payne	HILLSVILLE PHC
	Aaliyah Hampton	HILLSVILLE PHC
42 - Creative Art Fabricated/3D: Omega		
	Maggie Carico	HILLSVILLE PHC
44 - Photography: Alpha		
	Atlantis Johnson	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
45 - Photography: Omega		
	Dylan Rife	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
	Mikaela Johnson	LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER
	Abigail Hillenberg	ST. PAUL PHC

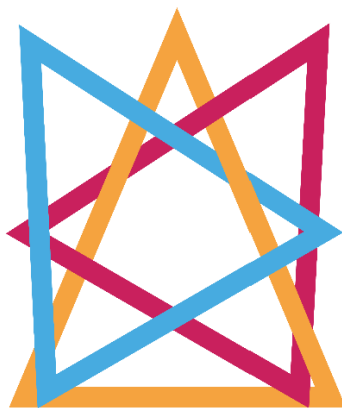
EXCELLENT RATING

2 - Vocal Solo: Alpha	
Grace Burton	FRENCH'S CHAPEL
Eli Benway	LIBERTY HILL PHC
8 - Instrumental Solo Omega	
Cole Fogus	BETHEL PHC
12 - Worship Band: Teen	
J. O. Y.:	NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
Adler Als, Charlie Knapp, Jesse Guthrie, Faith Pardue, Jorja Atkins, Chris Walker	
38 - Visual Art Drawing: Alpha	
Ellison Dunford	ST PAUL PHC
38 - Visual Art Painting: Alpha	
James Jones	LIBERTY HILL PHC
44 - Photography: Alpha	
Aaliya Hampton	HILLSVILLE PHC
44 - Photography: Alpha	
Grace Burton	FRENCH'S CHAPEL
45 - Photography: Omega	
Maggie Carico	HILLSVILLE PHC
45 - Photography: Omega	
Gracie Pelter	BUENA VISTA PHC
47- Digital Art: Alpha	
Aaliyah Hampton	HILLSVILLE PHC

BIBLE QUIZ

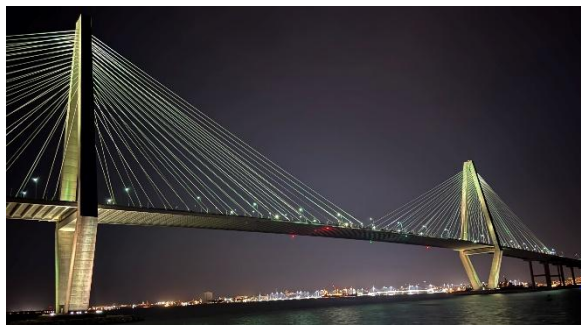
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Mikaela Johnson, Seth Ortiz

LIFE CHANGERS CHRISTIAN CENTER



IPHC FINE ARTS

ENCORE MINISTRIES ENJOYS SPRING TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA



April 28 – 30 fifty-five passengers from around the Appalachian Conference loaded a Sunshine Tour bus at 6:00 a.m. and headed out for Charleston, South Carolina.

While in Charleston, we had the opportunity to do a dinner boat cruise around the Charleston Harbor with Spirit Line Cruises. An excellent dinner and a beautiful ride under the stars.

On Wednesday, we had the privilege of boarding the USS Yorktown where we were able to do a self-guided tour and enjoy a catered box lunch. While on board, a little Bible was displayed that had been sent to Commander Joe Clark by his mother June 19, 1942, with the following inscription:

The Bible is the greatest book in the world. It is God's word to mankind. It is the source of authority. It is the source of wisdom. It is the foundation for our faith. It is the charter of liberty. It teaches five things:

- 1. The purest morals***
- 2. Highest aims***
- 3. Wisest Counsel***
- 4. Most enduring promises***
- 5. Most satisfactory results in the heart***

May you in your spare moments read it and find joy of salvation, the true light.

Following our lunch, we headed out for a carriage tour of Charleston and dinner of southern BBQ at Dukes BBQ. An excellent meal after a great day of adventure.

The trip concluded on Thursday with a riding tour and lunch at the Magnolia Plantation.

We express our thanks and appreciation to Pastor N. R. & Sarah Taylor, our Conference Senior Ministries Directors, for an excellent time and trip.

For more information about Senior Ministries and our upcoming fall trip to Berlin, Ohio – Amish Country, reach out to N. R. & Sarah at 276.620.3214 or nrtaylor61@gmail.com

**Colt Barker Memorial Pinewood Derby, May 2,
2026 at the Appalachian Conference
Campgrounds:**

Boys and girls. Moms and dads. Grandparents,
pastors and friends gather for a day of fun, laughter
and competition.



Commander Freddie Sweet starting the day with a
devotion and receiving the Boy's Ministries annual
Offering for Missions. This year's offering will
purchase school supplies for distribution to
students in Jamaica during our annual Conference
Mission trip!

Then the races began.....



Grand Finale

Jaxton Willis: 1st place
Booker Maldovan: 2nd place (not pictured)
Luke Richmond: 3rd place
Bella Morgan: 4th place

Best Looking Car: Nevaeh Morgan



Ranger Derby Adult Class

John Willis: 1st place
Commander Freddie Sweet: 2nd place
Vonda Boothe: 3rd place



Ranger Kids & Best in Show

Jaxton Willis: 1st Place



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MAY 22, 2026



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GOLF FOR A CAUSE:

All proceeds will help provide Camp Maranatha scholarships for youth who want to attend but may not have the financial means. Our goal is to sponsor 100 young people, giving them the opportunity to grow in their faith, build lasting friendships, and experience the life-changing impact of Camp Maranatha.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ENJOY:

- ◆ 18 holes of golf
(Shotgun start at 10:00 a.m.)
- ◆ Green fees and riding carts
- ◆ Lunch and Snacks Provided
- ◆ Prizes Awarded



**REGISTRATION
INFORMATION**

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CAMP MARANATHA 2026

TOWER TRAINING!



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JOIN THE TOWER TEAM!

Training Provided for those 18+:
June 5-6, 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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**Register To Be A
Camp Worker Now!**

**Volunteer For One
or All!**

**High School Week
(Grades 9 - and up):** ●
June 14-19, 2026

**Middle School Week
(Grades 6-8):** ●
June 21-26, 2026

Elementary School Week ●
(Grades 1-5):
June 28 - July 2

MATTHEW 20:28 "JESUS DID NOT
COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE"

SERVE

CAMP MARANATHA 26



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MATTHEW 20:28 "JESUS DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE"

SERVE

CAMP MARANATHA 26



High School Week
(Grades 9 - 12)

Speaker

Trevon Winfield
June 14 - 19, 2026



Middle School Week
(Grades 6 - 8)

Speaker

Woody Burpo
June 21 - 26, 2026



Elementary Week
(Grades 1 - 5)

Speaker

Heather Reynolds
June 28 - July 2, 2026

Early Registration Deadline
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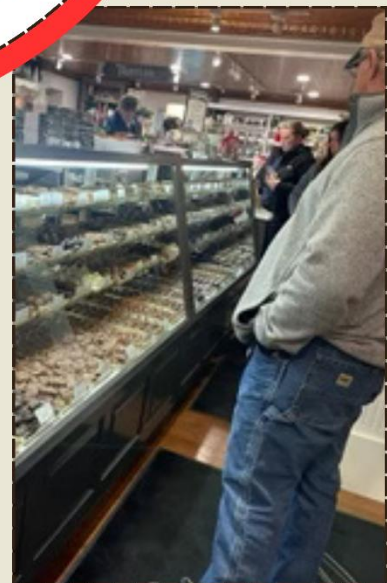
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Honor
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Mother's Day! A day to celebrate that lady in your life who carried, labored and nurtured you. A day when you are reminded that it took sleepless nights and busy days to raise you. A day when you take a moment to reflect on memories of your mother and remember, God used her to bring you into the world.

Psalm 139:13 says, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb" (ESV).

It was in your mother's womb that you were formed; a safe place for a tiny baby to grow and prepare for an entrance into the unknown world. It was in the innermost part that you were shaped and molded by Almighty God.

He used your mother. She may have been the best at mothering or maybe she struggled. No matter the circumstances, she was created to bring life to you.

May 10th is the day to honor our mothers. If you are blessed to still have her with you, as I am, let her know how much you appreciate and love her. If she is no longer with you, take the time to honor her and cherish those memories you shared.

Wendy, Kim and I want to take this opportunity to let all ladies know that you are honored on this Mother's Day. May you know how special you are.



WHO WILL HOLD UP THE ARMS OF MOSES?



As Moses led the children of Israel through the wilderness, they came to a place called Rephidim. Moses struck a rock for the people to receive water also at this place. The miracle of the Water from the Rock occurred before their first battle.

A second miracle would soon come to pass. It would be a miracle involving prayer on the part of Moses.

The first enemy came against the nation of Israel and Moses. The Amalekites were fierce enemies of the Israelites and the first to attack them after their liberation from Egypt.

Moses instructed Joshua to take men with him to fight against this enemy, and while Joshua was fighting, Moses would be praying. He would lift up his arms in prayer.

This was not the first time that the uplifted hands of Moses would bring heaven's influence to the battle. Recall the time in Exodus when Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord parted the Red Sea and made a passage of escape for the children of Israel from the Egyptian army pursuing them. And they crossed over safely!

Then Moses lifted up his hand over the sea when the Egyptians entered the sea, and the waters poured upon them and drowned them! (Exodus 14:13-25)

Now Moses would lift up his hands in prayer for the battle against the nation of Amalek. As long as Moses hands were raised, Israel prevailed over the enemy. But when he became weary, and lowered his hands, the enemy prevailed! (Exodus 17:8-16)

Aaron and Hur

Two people came to assist Moses. Aaron and Hur put a rock under him and held up his arms. One took his right arm, and the other lifted his left arm. (Exodus 14:12) Notice that they first placed Moses on the Rock. Our first response to spiritual battles or even physical ones, should be to stand upon the Rock of Christ. Christ, the "Rock," is the only true foundation to provide stability during warfare!

King David gives reference to this fact. He calls the Lord his ROCK, his fortress, and his deliverer. (Psalm 18:2) Other scriptures also refer to Christ as our Rock. (I Corinthians 10:4, Ephesians 2:20, I Peter 2:6)

Aaron and Hur operated in the priestly role. Some of the duties of the priest were to bless the people with prayer, to offer prayers of supplication, and to serve in the sanctuary. The intercession of the Old Testament priest was to act as a mediator between God and mankind. They were to offer sacrifices on the Day of Atonement.

With the New Testament, Jesus is now the supreme high priest and mediator. He always lives to make intercession. (Hebrews 7:25) A question arises among many New Testament believers. Am I to make intercession, like the priests? The answer is Yes. Our prayers can help hurting people win battles!

“And hath made us kings and priests unto God his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (Revelation 1:6 KJV).

Aaron and Hur held up the arms of Moses until the going down of the sun. (Exodus 17:12) This teaches us about the need for persistence in prayer. Jesus taught this principle. In the parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge, the woman did not give up – even when the judge refused to help. She kept coming to him, and he finally agreed to help her for her persistence wearied him. (Luke 18:7)

JESUS PRAYED FOR PETER

Jesus told Peter that He has prayed specifically for him, for Satan had desired to sift him as wheat. Jesus prayed that his faith would not fail. The prayers of Jesus upheld Peter! (Luke 22:31,32)

Jesus also prays for all the disciples, as noted in John 17. “I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given Me, for they are Thine” (John 17:9 KJV).

FOUR FRIENDS

Four friends carried a man with palsy to see Jesus. When they arrived, the crowd was so great that they could not take the man to Jesus. But this hurdle did not stop them. They climbed to the roof and removed the roof. They lowered the man to the feet of Jesus. Jesus commended them for their faith; and healed the man. (Mark 2:1-6)

THE CHARGE

We need trusted intercessors to lift up our hands when we fight fierce battles. Many battles are lost because prayers are not being offered to God. Weaknesses strike our bodies and spirits. “And he spoke a parable unto them, to this end, that men ought to always pray, and not to faint” (Luke 18:1).

Apostle Paul instructs Timothy about the importance of praying for others.

“Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing” (I Timothy 2:8 NIV).



5 - 6	Tower Training
8	Prayer Walk for Camp Meeting & Youth Camp
9 - 12	Camp Meeting
14 - 19	High School Camp
21	Father's Day
21 - 26	Middle School Camp
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