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Greetings from
Bishop Kemp



When You're Home and When You're Not

My dear, amazing Michigan Church of God Family,

Having spent most of my life in South Carolina meant that there were always, within easy driving distance, wonderful beaches, lakes, nature reserves, and beautiful mountains just a few hours away.

And not only that, but there were also countless other amazing places and events available.

To make things even better, there were only a few days in the year when the weather was prohibitive in enjoying those beautiful places and exciting events.

So, to be honest, as a pastor, it was a mystery and grief to me how easily God's people could put God's house on the back burner for so many weekends.

It seemed to me that the mindset was that if there was nothing else to do (and there was almost always something else to do) then people would almost grudgingly choose to attend church.

Now, run the clock up to January 2018. That January, Sonja and I packed up and moved from South Carolina to Bismarck, North Dakota, arriving on January 11 with a windy -23 day to welcome us.

That day was a chilling introduction to another whole way to live. I experienced snow every month of the year while living there (including June, July, and August). Living in the Dakotas and Montana meant that there were only a few months (even weeks) in which people could get outdoors and enjoy God's wonderful creation.

While living there, I observed that the pastors didn't make such a big deal out of their members missing church during those few weeks available to them. They understood, and I came to understand it as well.

All those pastors asked of their members was to (a) when you are home for the weekend, be at church, and (b) when you're away, remember that life goes on at the church while you're gone. The bills still must be paid, the needs still need prayer, and the shut-ins and those keeping the home fires burning still need an encouraging call from time to time.

In other words: Be there when you're home and send support when you're not.

Beautiful Michigan is a lot like that as well.

I get it.

The winters are long and harsh here. Michigan Church of God, you'll get no grief from me if you try to pack in a lot of living in a short season. All I ask is: Be there when you're home and send support when you're not.

Blessings and safe travels,

David L. Kemp

Administrative Bishop



Camping Out

My idea of “camping out” is staying in a hotel with a window that gives me a view of trees. But I realize that many families actually go into a forest with a tent and camp out. Maybe you and your family are some of the brave souls who have experienced a week without electricity and hot showers. If so, I am sure you have made some memories that will not soon be forgotten.

There were some things God didn't want his people to forget either - like where He had brought them from. So every year they were supposed to reenact the early years by camping out in shelters made from tree branches...

“For seven days you must live outside in little shelters... This will remind each new generation of Israelites that I made their ancestors live in shelters when I rescued them from the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.” ~ Leviticus 23:42-43 NLT

These shelters were meant to be visible reminders of how simply, and dependently, their ancestors lived during the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. God not only wanted families to make memories together but to remember all He had done for them and where He had brought them from.

On days when we feel despondent and burdened down with care; when our songs tend to the minor instead of the major; when the glass only has a few drops in it – never mind being “half-empty”; on days such as this we must *“dwell in the shelter of the Most High”* (Ps. 91:1 NIV) and remember all that our God has done for us.

When we are tempted to complain about what we have or don't have, then it's time to remember where God has brought us from... to think back on the early days of our marriage when we didn't have two dollars to rub together but we had each other and the dream of making a difference in the world side by side.

With the remembering comes the reminder that the same Lord God who was faithful to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land, meeting every need along the way, is the One leading us today.

“Camp out” on that idea for a while!

Blessings and peace,
Sonja



7 DAYS
OF PRAYER & FASTING
FOR 2026 YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 28--JULY 4TH

7 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

The poster features a dark background with a close-up of hands clasped in prayer. The text is primarily in bright yellow and white. There are decorative white dot patterns in the top-left and bottom-right corners, and white curved lines in the bottom-left corner.



2026 MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP

JULY 6-10

COVENANT HILLS. OTISVILLE, MICHIGAN

BETRAYED. BATTLED. BOUND. BECOME.

The poster has a black background with a grid of glowing purple lines. The text is in a bright cyan color. There are several small, colorful paper airplanes scattered around the date. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and energetic.

THE AFTERGLOW



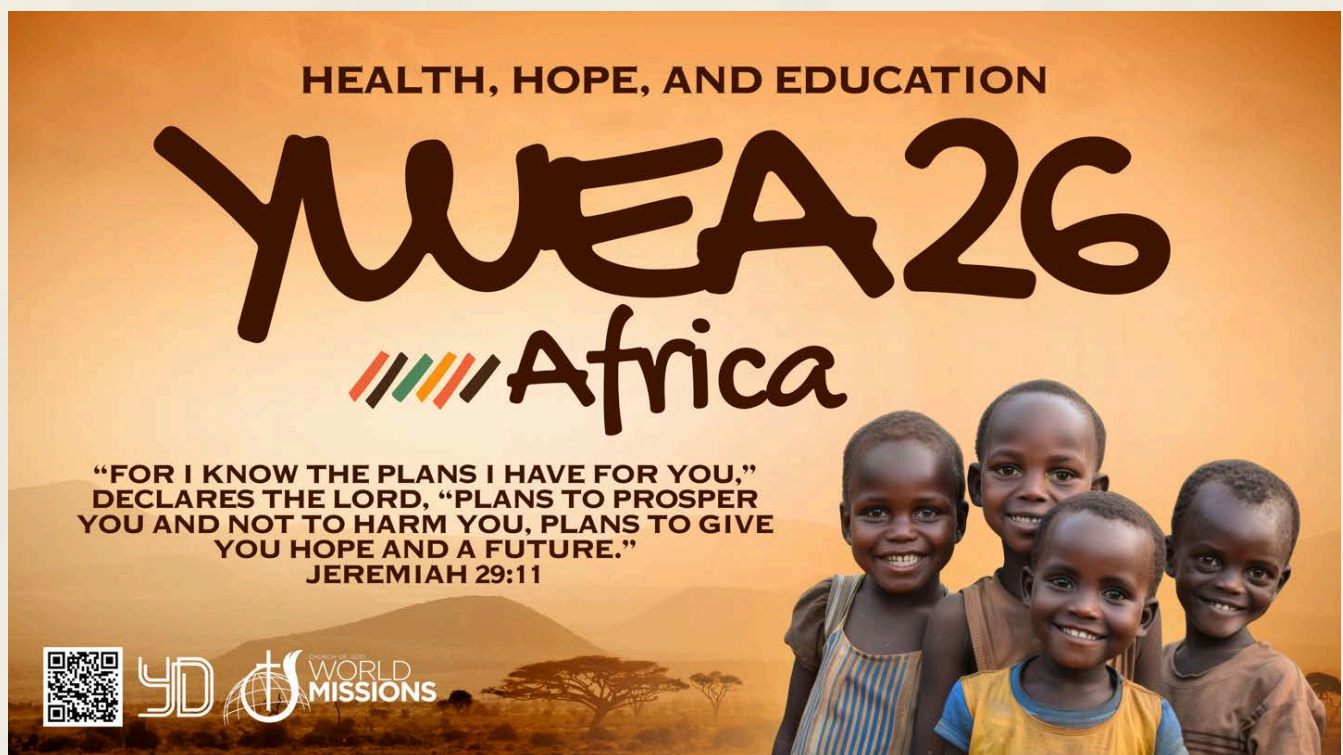
The Camp Meeting Afterglow is the perfect way to end an incredible evening of worship and fellowship. Immediately following the Friday evening service, young adults and students are invited to gather for a night of fun, connection, and community. Enjoy basketball and pickleball tournaments, YWEA concessions, music, games, and plenty of opportunities to build relationships with others from across Michigan. Whether you're competing, hanging out with friends, or meeting someone new, the Afterglow is a place to celebrate what God is doing in our generation. Don't miss this exciting night of fellowship, laughter, and memories following the service.

Music • Games • Tournaments • Concessions • Fellowship • Fun

YOUTH MISSIONS & YWEA



Michigan Youth Missions and YWEA continue to make an impact by equipping students and young adults to serve both locally and around the world. Through missions projects, fundraising efforts, and ministry opportunities, young people are learning that they can make a difference for the Kingdom today. Thank you for investing in the next generation as we continue to reach others with the love of Christ.



MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD

2026 SUMMER CAMP MEETING

JUNE 22-26, 2026

Stewart Road Church, 1199 Stewart Rd, Monroe, MI

EVENING SERVICE TIMES - 6:45 PM

MORNING SERVICE TIMES - 10 AM

MICHIGAN
COG



Patrick Conley
Lead Pastor
Garden Sanctuary



Jamie Barfield
Lead Pastor
Palmetto Pointe COG

Dr. T. Wayne Dority
Second Asst.
General Overseer

Camp Meeting 2026

Camp Meeting is one of Michigan's annual gatherings of the Church of God, bringing together individuals and families from across the state for worship, ministry, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

Throughout the week, attendees experience dynamic services, special events, and opportunities to connect with fellow believers while celebrating what God is doing throughout Michigan.

Michigan COG Camp Meeting Children's Church

MEET THE TEAM



ELISABETH MORGENSTERN
GRACEPOINT



JODI LEHR
STEWART ROAD



COLE MCCLAIN
OAK CREST CHURCH



MAVEN AND MADISON PARKER
DEXTER LAKE



KEN SKOCZYLAS
LIFEPOINTE CHURCH

Kids Camp Meeting provides a fun, safe, and Christ-centered environment where children can grow in their faith through worship, lessons, activities, and fellowship.

Pre-registration is highly encouraged and helps our team prepare volunteers, supplies, and classroom space to ensure every child has the best possible experience. Register today and help us make this year's Kids Camp Meeting a success!

**SPEED UP THE PROCESS AND
PRE-REGISTER YOUR
CHILDREN AT THE LINK OR USE
THE QR CODE PROVIDED.
GO.STEWARTROAD.ORG/PREREGISTER**



MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S & YOUTH LEADERS

The Michigan Children's and Youth Leaders Sessions brings together ministry leaders from across the state for a time of encouragement, training, fellowship, and spiritual growth. This annual event equips those serving the next generation with practical resources, fresh vision, and meaningful connections with fellow leaders.

Whether you serve in children's ministry, youth ministry, or leadership, this conference is designed to strengthen and inspire you for the ministry God has called you to lead.

MICHIGAN YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S YOUTH LEADERS

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/2



JEFF MCNALLY, LEAD PASTOR,
GRACEPOINT, RIVERVIEW, MI

8/6



RYAN SHARP, LEAD PASTOR,
RIVERHILLS CHURCH, TAMPA, FL

9/3



CHRIS ONDROVICH, Y&D DIRECTOR,
INDIANA CHURCH OF GOD

10/1



JOSH MARTIN, Y&D DIRECTOR,
SOUTH CAROLINA CHURCH OF GOD

11/5



COLE MCCLAIN, YOUTH AND CHILDRENS
OAK CREST CHURCH, MUSKEGON, MI

12/3



ERICH LACKS, Y&D DIRECTOR,
MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD

Credentialing Department Announcement

ATTENTION NEWLY CREDENTIALLED MINISTERS:

(2024-Present)

If you recently received an email from Emily Lacks, Credentialing Coordinator, requesting that you complete a Google Form regarding your ministry interests and desired ministry positions, please know that this is a legitimate request from the Michigan Church of God State Office.

The information collected will be used to develop a Desired Ministry Position Database that will help connect credentialed ministers with ministry opportunities throughout Michigan.

If you have not yet completed the form, we encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your assistance as we work to build this valuable resource for our ministers and churches.



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**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 29TH**

REGISTRATION 8AM
SHOTGUN START 9AM



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OR VISIT ONLINE
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Church Statistics &
Ministry Impact



2026 APRIL MORNING WORSHIP REPORT		
Church and Pastor	Tithes	Worship
Stewart Road Church of God, Mark Ingram	91282.61	674
Grace Point Church, Jeff McNally, Jr.	26698.00	262
Dexter Lake Church of God, Paul Tindall	42028.00	238
The River, William E. Wahl	20349.00	224
Oak-Crest Church of God, Richard D. Rogers	26613.97	218
Power & Praise, Christopher Blankenship	14750.63	207
Victorious Life, Scott Weaver	25249.00	186
LifePoint, Ronald Schubert	16092.50	178
Kingdom Life Church of God, Steven Bishop	5621.00	155
Durand Church of God, Mark Fernandez	9614.00	139
The Point, Ellis Fortune	3829.12	130
Riverhills Church Detroit, Ryan Sharpe	9068.00	120
Walton Blvd Church of God, M. Tony Barbour	16318.35	118
Hill Creek, Wesley Hunter	16407.75	110
Family Worship, Eric Rogers	17128.25	108
Abundant Life, Richard South	10151.40	107
Central Church of God, Chris Johnson	5430.00	104
Genesee Rd Church of God, Vaughn Eller	11347.20	102
New Hope Community, Victor Williams	15577.00	91
Family Life Center, Ryan Snyder	8636.67	90
International Church of God, Joy John	6000.00	90
Upper Room Church of God, Alex Fernandez	6199.00	88
Big Jackson, John McGhee	26143.00	84
Lighthouse Church of God, Matthew West	6268.89	78
The Summit, Jim Morrison	7496.00	74
Andrus Street Church of God, Don Browning, Jr.	1284.38	74
White Cloud Church, James Fader	12028.63	73
Heritage Community Church, Adam Schultz	6884.24	73
Heritage Park, Robert Rennie	5709.48	73
Restoration Pointe, Gregory Gitter	9223.00	63
Lapeer Church of God, Dakota Leming	4369.81	60
New Covenant, Ronald Jacobs II	2201.30	60
Highest Praise, Wesley Starr	7674.51	58
Connection Point, Thomas E. Rea	5437.47	56
Houghton Lake Church of God, Jacob Nicoletti	8227.00	54
Grand Haven, Nathan Strom	7851.56	50
North Point Worship Cntr, Michael B. Arp	5504.00	45

Holly Church of God, Eugene Blankenship	4813.00	44
Strong Tower, Doug Trudell	1331.00	41
Family Tabernacle, Jeffrey Howard	3259.00	40
Cornerstone, Warren R. Davis	302.00	40
Victory Temple, Dennis Wick	6352.25	36
Redemption Place, Deborah Lesher	2911.02	35
Family Life Worship, Charles Kiesgen	2518.00	35
Sandusky Church of God, Jeffrey Noble	3986.58	32
Harbor Lights, Anthony Morrison	2116.00	32
Garden City Church of God, John H Stamper, III	2951.00	30
Faith Community, Curtis Ashmore	1448.28	28
Kalkaska, Church Alive, David Morrison Jr.	5932.90	27
Harvest International, Frederick Nichols	4757.05	26
Living Word, Jephtha Bryant	2075.00	26
Harrison Church of God, Willis Pilman	3516.00	25
Sebewa, Thomas Jablonski	3244.00	25
Lighthouse Village, Anthony M. Fields	1228.00	22
Trinity Church of God, Mark Wellhousen	3897.00	21
Zeeland Church of God, Douglas Koglin	2157.00	20
Crossroads Church of God, Daniel W Blankenship	3141.00	18
Lawton Church of God, David R. Cripps	2220.00	18
New Hope Ministries, J. Ron Dunn	2574.00	16
Flat Rock Church of God, James Williams	2057.00	16
Trenton, Donald Drews	3019.00	10
Inland Lighthouse	2159.00	9
Hope Community Church, Glenn Gilman	4900.35	8
Faith Chapel, Betty Marlow	120.00	8
House of Hope God's House, Tom Coppens	895.00	7
Fountain of Praise, Debra Schilling	18140.00	0
Redemption Outreach, Scott Tysick	7000.00	0
Christian Church for all Nations, Danielle Andre	3446.06	0
Living Word, Frankie Lucas	2517.00	0
Clinton Church of God, Gary Adams	2473.70	0
Hastings Church of God, Jeremy Singleton	842.50	0
City Church, Steve Totten	N/R	0
Harvest Intern'l Min., Michael Czarnik	N/R	0
Lake Orion Church of God, William S. Curnell	N/R	0
Lighthouse Worship, Roger Fleming	N/R	0
New Harvest	N/R	0
No Limits Ministries, Robert Renfro	N/R	0
Ray of Light, Mary Hoots	N/R	0

Redford Church of God, Shirley Stafford	N/R	0
Renew Church, Justin Candela	N/R	0
Revival Center, Greg Casto	N/R	0
Sheridan Church of God, Robert Carpenter	N/R	0
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