

MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD | MAY 2026

May Newsletter



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WE ARE THE CHURCH OF GOD

MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD

2026 SUMMER CAMP MEETING

JUNE 22 - 26, 2026

Stewart Road Church. 1199 Stewart Rd, Monroe, MI



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Mark your calendars for the 2026 Michigan Church of God Summer Camp Meeting, happening June 22–26 at Stewart Road Church in Monroe. This week will bring powerful worship, impactful preaching, and moments of renewal for the entire state. Make plans now to join us as we gather together and expect God to move in a significant way.

Ordained to Make a Difference



The picture in the photo album is of a young couple kneeling at an altar, surrounded by praying men and women. The young man is wearing a dark suit and the girl is wearing a pink flowered dress. They kneel there, committing themselves to ministry, as a prayer of dedication is prayed over them by the laying on of hands.

A moment in time captured in a snapshot... The young couple in the picture is David and me; the occasion – David receiving his ordination certificate and being commissioned by the State Bishop and Council. It is a defining moment in our lives; the trailhead of the path that we have followed 47 years.

Although there are no photographs to document another event, we are allowed a glimpse of a ceremony in Exodus 29. After giving instructions for sacrifices, washing, clothing and anointing, we read the words, "In this way, you will ordain Aaron and his sons." (verse 9) Being ordained is a special occasion.

A footnote in one of my Bibles tells me that the Hebrew word for "ordain" is literally, "fill the hand of." It goes on to say, "The ordained are those whose hands are full of the things involved in doing God's work."

Mm...could it be that we can be "ordained" to do more than stand in a pulpit and preach a sermon?

Can we be ordained to lovingly embrace our children as we "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord?" (Eph. 6:4)

Must we have a certificate hanging on a wall to fill our hands with food and supplies that meet the needs of the hungry and hurting? (Matt. 25:40)

Is it unreasonable to do our jobs for a secular world with a sacred mindset, knowing that we are working for God and not for men? (Col. 3:17)

I could go on and on, but I think you get the drift.

God has filled our hands with opportunities to bring Him glory; He has "ordained" us to make a difference. Who knows, He may even have a photo album with a picture or two of us in it!

Blessings as you serve,
Sonja

SALTY MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD!

*"Gentlemen, we must all hang together or most assuredly we will all hang separately."
— Benjamin Franklin, July 4, 1776*

In his famous sermon, often referred to as the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus asked an interesting question. After comparing those who would be his disciples to salt he asked, "What good is salt if it has lost its flavor?" (Matthew 5:13)

The answer to this question is pretty obvious: It would be worthless.

But here's the question that intrigues me: How does salt lose its flavor?

The only way that I could find was that salt can become so diluted that it can no longer be tasted. For all practical purposes it is like there was never any salt sprinkled in.

In the same way, we can become so diluted with the values and goals of the culture around us that the saltiness of God's presence in our lives loses its impact.

Or, we can become so isolated from one another that the corporate saltiness of God's presence in our communities loses its impact.

In other words, one or two grains of salt is going to make little impact. But gather together several grains of salt in a saltshaker (let's call that saltshaker a "church") and you can begin to change the taste of things.

You're smart, you know where I am going with this.

We must resist the spirit of the age. In this age of little brand loyalty and even less institutional loyalty, we must stick together. Being a part of a local Church of God congregation matters. Being a part of the Michigan Church of God matters.

Together we can make a difference.
Matter of fact, together we are indeed making a difference.

Way to go, salty Michigan Church of God! Let's keep those saltshakers full and running over.

May God richly bless you all,

David L. Kemp
Administrative Bishop for the Michigan Church of God





STAFF REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



**REC TEAM &
ROOM LEADERS**

www.michigancog.org/youth-and-discipleship

www.michigancog.org

Registration for the 2026 Michigan Youth Camp is now open for both Junior Camp and Teen Camp. This year's camp, Battle Tested, is designed to challenge students, deepen their faith, and build lasting friendships. Scan the QR code to register, complete the form, and submit the required deposit to secure your spot.

Camp is at a waitlist status, so please don't wait.

Register for Youth Camp today

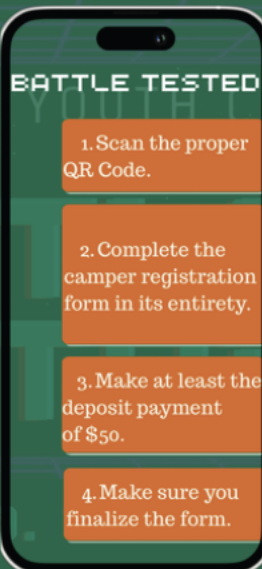
SCAN THE QR CODE



2026 Junior Camp



2026 Teen Camp



If you have any questions, please contact director@michigancog.org or call 423-284-5552

2026 MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP

BATTLE TESTED

BETRAYED. BATTLED. BOUND. BECOME.

2026 MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP
"BETRAYED. BATTLED. BOUND. BECOME."

Get ready for an unforgettable week at Covenant Hills in Otisville, Michigan | July 6-10, 2026! This year's camp will take you on a journey of faith, growth, and transformation as we dive into what it means to overcome battles and become who God has called us to be. Don't miss the worship, the word, and the community that will shape your summer and your future.



ATTENTION

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Camp is full. We are at a waitlist-only status. However, with additional male staff, we can provide more housing.

Early Bird had been SOLD OUT for a while. Please do not miss Michigan's 2026 "Battle Tested." Youth Camp.

Covenant Hills Camp. Otisville, MI
July 6-10, 2026

We still need some room leaders.
Register at: www.michigancog.org



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TEEN TALENT TWENTY-SIX

JULY 27-31, 2026

Church of God General Assembly - Orange County Convention Center
ORLANDO . FLORIDA

Teen Talent 2026 is almost here, and it is going to be an unforgettable week. Students from across the nation will gather July 27 through 31 in Orlando, Florida for a powerful combination of creativity, competition, and spiritual growth. Throughout the week, students will experience high-energy services, meaningful connections, and moments that will shape their faith for years to come. Whether they are on stage, behind the scenes, or cheering on their peers, every student is part of something bigger.

EDUCATION

HEALTH, HOPE, AND EDUCATION

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**"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,"
DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER
YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE
YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE."
JEREMIAH 29:11**



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MISSIONS

2026 YOUTH WORLD MISSIONS

MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD

YOUTH MISSIONS

YWEA KENYA PROJECT. ORPHAN RUN FOR HOPE. NORTH CENTRAL REGION.

WE ARE ASKING EACH PASTOR AND CHURCH TO GIVE AT LEAST \$350
TOWARDS YOUTH WORLD MISSIONS BETWEEN NOW AND JULY 1ST.

IF EACH CHURCH CAN PARTNER WITH US, WE WILL SEND OVER \$30,000 TO YOUTH MISSIONS IN 2026.

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

2026

Michigan Student & Youth Leaders

**Michigan Youth and Children's Youth Leaders
Join us for a powerful season of connection,
encouragement, and leadership development with
ministry leaders from across the country.**

Upcoming Events:

- **July 2 — Jeff McNally**
- **August 6 — Ryan Sharp**
- **September 3 — Chris Ondrovich**
- **October 1 — Josh Martin**
- **November 5 — Cole McClain**
- **December 3 — Erich Lacks**

March Morning Worship Reports

2026 March Morning Worship Reports		
Church and Pastor	Tithes	Worship
Stewart Road Church of God, Mark Ingram	89,452.21	572
Grace Point Church, Jeff McNally, Jr.	27,088.00	247
Dexter Lake Church of God, Paul Tindall	47,703.00	216
Power & Praise, Christopher Blankenship	16,457.09	201
International Church of God, Joy John	8,500.00	200
Oak-Crest Church of God, Richard D. Rogers	28,361.58	178
The River, William E. Wahl	25,928.00	176
Kingdom Life Church of God, Steven Bishop	7,890.00	147
LifePoint, Ronald Schubert	11,857.00	140
Victorious Life, Scott Weaver	30,351.10	123
Redemption Outreach, Scott Tysick	7,000.00	122
Riverhills Church Detroit, Ryan Sharpe	8,118.80	120
Durand Church of God, Mark Fernandez	13,429.50	118
The Point, Ellis Fortune	5,522.39	110
Family Life Center, Ryan Snyder	5,872.63	95
Genesee Rd Church of God, Vaughn Eller	15,394.51	92
City Church, Steve Totten	4,224.49	92
Family Worship, Eric Rogers	17,230.00	90
Walton Blvd Church of God, M. Tony Barbour	19,069.38	89
Central Church of God, Chris Johnson	8,929.00	89
Hill Creek, Wesley Hunter	25,255.55	88
Upper Room Church of God, Alex Fernandez	8,642.50	88
Big Jackson, John McGhee	9,459.00	85
Lighthouse Worship, Roger Fleming	6,874.95	83
New Hope Community, Victor Williams	22,007.52	76
Heritage Park, Robert Rennie	7,516.00	71
Andrus Street Church of God, Don Browning, Jr.	1,400.00	71
White Cloud Church, James Fader	22,129.48	70
Heritage Community Church, Adam Schultz	9,044.61	70
The Summit, Jim Morrison	9,983.00	60
Restoration Pointe, Gregory Gitter	8,065.10	60
New Covenant, Ronald Jacobs II	4,664.30	60
Lapeer Church of God, Dakota Leming	4,386.71	60
Lighthouse Church of God, Matthew West	14,315.46	52
Houghton Lake Church of God, Jacob Nicoletti	6,861.03	50
Grand Haven, Nathan Strom	8,248.86	48
Connection Point, Thomas E. Rea	8,116.53	47
Highest Praise, Wesley Starr	5,784.80	47

North Point Worship Cntr, Michael B. Arp	4,293.00	45
Holly Church of God, Eugene Blankenship	6,365.00	44
Family Tabernacle, Jeffrey Howard	4,163.00	40
Revival Center, Greg Casto	3,724.89	40
Family Life Worship, Charles Kiesgen	2,648.00	40
Cornerstone, Warren R. Davis	290.00	40
Victory Temple, Dennis Wick	10,603.00	39
Strong Tower, Doug Trudell	1,468.00	38
Redemption Place, Deborah Leshner	3,796.16	35
Kalkaska, Church Alive, David Morrison Jr.	5,039.23	33
New Harvest, John Criswell	5,921.00	30
Trinity Church of God, Mark Wellhousen	7,299.00	29
Renew Church, Justin Candela	4,944.00	29
Sandusky Church of God, Jeffrey Noble	6,579.13	28
Faith Chapel, Betty Marlow	150.00	28
Living Word, Jephtha Bryant	5,621.00	28
Garden City Church of God, John H Stamper, III	3,847.00	27
Lighthouse Village, Anthony M. Fields	1,789.00	26
Faith Community, Curtis Ashmore	1,847.32	24
Harvest International, Frederick Nichols	4,557.40	23
Harrison Church of God, Willis Pilman	3,936.00	22
West Branch Church, Tom Plashek	3,571.00	20
Fountain of Praise, Debra Schilling	4,845.00	19
Sebewa, Thomas Jablonski	2,773.32	19
Flat Rock Church of God, James Williams	2,897.50	18
Living Word, Frankie Lucas	1,967.90	17
Zeeland Church of God, Douglas Koglin	2,308.10	16
Crossroads Church of God, Daniel W Blankenship	3,650.00	15
New Hope Ministries, J. Ron Dunn	3,816.00	11
Lawton Church of God, David R. Cripps	2,763.00	11
Hastings Church of God, Jeremy Singleton	814.00	11
Trenton, Donald Drews	2,975.00	10
House of Hope God's House, Tom Coppens	745.00	10
Inland Lighthouse, David Goheen	3,030.00	9
Abundant Life, Richard South	N/R	0
Christian Church for all Nations, Danielle Andre	N/R	0
Clinton Church of God, Gary Adams	N/R	0
Harbor Lights, Anthony Morrison	N/R	0
Harvest Intern'l Min., Michael Czarnik	N/R	0
Hope Community Church, Glenn Gilman	N/R	0
Lake Orion Church of God, William S. Curnell	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
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