

MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD

NOVEMBER

NEWSLETTER · 2026

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 107:1

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In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Christmas Gathering



CHRISTMAS BANQUET · MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD PASTORS & MINISTERS

Friday, December 4 at 6:00 pm · Church of God Campground, 6317 Old US 23, Fenton, MI. Register at Michigancog.org or scan the QR code on the graphic.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Michigan YD "Messy" Camp promotion, December 21 – January 4. Lock in the camp rate with a $50 deposit per camper. Stay tuned for the link.

PROMO RATE Dec 21 – Jan 4	**$225**
EARLY BIRD from Feb 1	**$250**
REGULAR from May 3	**$300**

Camp: July 5–9, 2027, Covenant Hills, Otisville, MI.

FROM THE BISHOP

A Letter from the Bishop



“May your tables be filled with more joy than food.”

Hello Michigan Church of God!

On November 8th, Michigan Church of God met in four locations across our state. It was coined as a one-night revival that would potentially reach the entire state. We asked the churches to attend the one nearest them and fill the room with hungry hearts and a spirit of expectancy. The UP participated a few weeks earlier and gathered at Spirit on Fire in Quinn. All four churches were represented.

The reports are in, and it’s clear that supernatural things took place at every location. I genuinely believe it is a result of the spirit of unity that is permeating Michigan right now. Psalm 133:1, 3: *“How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony. And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.”* You could genuinely sense the joy in the room at Grace Point as it buzzed with conversation and was filled with engaged worshipers. The altars were full of hungry believers, desiring to be filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit. We all left better than we came.

We heard similar stories from Kalamazoo, Houghton River and Pontiac. This is how Michigan moves forward. This is how we advance God’s Kingdom. If you missed it, be sure to watch for the next one, and don’t let anything keep you from attending. It’s life-changing! Thank you, Pastor Ron Schubert, Pastor Ellis Fortune, and Bishop Erich Lacks, for ministering the Word.

I’ll shift my final thoughts toward the upcoming Thanksgiving season. I’d like to express how thankful we are for Michigan Church of God. You have welcomed us with open arms and made us feel right at home. We’ve enjoyed our fellowship and every opportunity to preach in your churches. We feel honored and blessed to be in Michigan!

Thanksgiving is needed this year. This list of things I should give thanks for is rather long. But I’ll start with the greatest: my relationship with Christ. I try not to take for granted the reality that He chose me, saved me, and called me. I’m pretty sure I run in the same camp as the Apostle Paul; I’m the least of the least, the most undeserving of His grace. Oh how sweet it is to know Jesus!

I pray you and your family enjoy a wonderful time together. May your tables be filled with more joy than food, and may your reflections cause you to shout praise and thanksgiving to the God who is worthy of it all.

We love you and wish you a blessed Thanksgiving season.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

PSALM 100:4

STATE EVENTS · 2027

Men of Honor & Just Breathe





MEN OF HONOR · MICHIGAN COG MEN'S CONFERENCE

Elev8 (James 4:10). Saturday, January 30, 2027 at GracePoint, 15633 Pennsylvania Rd., Riverview, MI 48193. Registration and meet & greet at 10 AM. $25 per man, includes lunch. Keynote speaker Bishop Ryan Sharpe, River Hills Tampa / River Hills Detroit. Sponsored by the State Evangelism Department.



JUST BREATHE MICHIGAN

A Zoom gathering for the women of Michigan Church of God, featuring Truth + Table's *I Do Boundaries*, a 15-day study with Havilah.

DATE
Monday — **Jan 25**

TIME
Eastern — **7 PM**

Join online from anywhere via Zoom.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

STATE EVENTS · 2027

Prayer & Equip





EMPOWERED · PRAYER CONFERENCE 2027 · SAVE THE DATE

March 18–20, 2027 at Grace Point Church, Riverview, MI. Special guest: Pastor Chad Smith.



EQUIP CONFERENCE

On the final day of the Prayer Conference weekend, also at Grace Point Church, 15633 Pennsylvania Rd, Riverview, MI.

DATE
Saturday — **Mar 20**

PLACE
Grace Point — **Riverview**

Details at michigancog.org

Pray without ceasing.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

STATE EVENTS

On the State Calendar



NOV 20

Young Adults One Night
Church Alive, Kalkaska

DEC 4

Pastors & Ministers Christmas Banquet
Church of God Campground, Fenton

MAR 18–20

Prayer Conference
Grace Point

MAR 8–31

Junior & Teen Talent Registration
Registration window

APR 17

Junior & Teen Talent
Hill Creek Church, Swartz Creek

JUN 14–18

Michigan Church of God Camp Meeting
Statewide

JUL 5–9

Michigan YD "Messy" Youth Camp
Covenant Hills, Otisville, MI

AUG 2–6

International Junior Talent
Lee University

Dates are from the 2026–2027 YD Calendar on page 2. Rally dates and locations are on page 2 as well.

YOUTH & DISCIPLESHIP

Coming Up



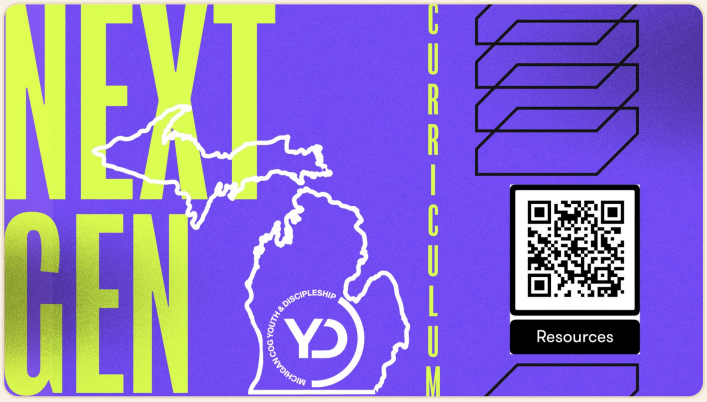


YOUNG ADULTS ONE NIGHTS

Michigan Church of God Youth & Discipleship. Sept 18: Dexter Lake, Battle Creek · Nov 20: Church Alive, Kalkaska · Summer 2027: Grace Point, Riverview.

NEXTGEN TALKS

A MiCOG YD series for the next generation of Michigan Church of God.



NEXTGEN CURRICULUM

Youth curriculum from Michigan COG Youth & Discipleship. Scan the QR code on the graphic for resources.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOV 20
Young Adults One Night
Church Alive, Kalkaska

DEC 21 – JAN 4
"Christmas in July" camp promo
$225 per camper

FEB 1
Camp Early Bird begins
$250 per camper

YOUTH & DISCIPLESHIP

The Year Ahead





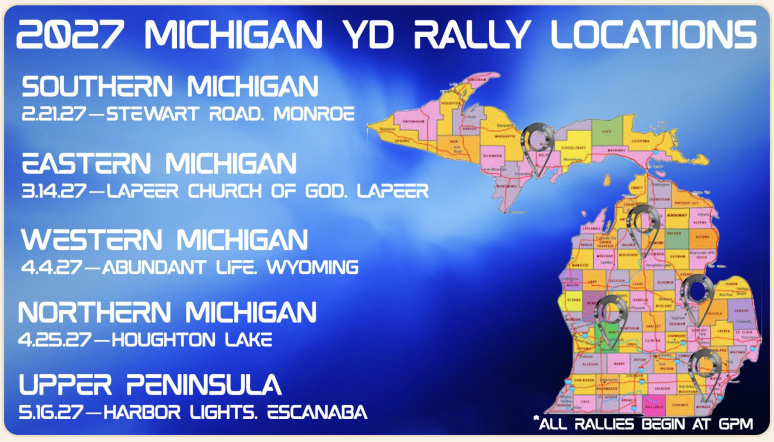
2026–2027 YD CALENDAR

From Young Adults One Night (Nov 20) to International Junior Talent (Aug 2–6), with rallies, Winterfests, Talent, Camp Meeting and the "Messy" Youth Camp.



2027 MIYLA SCHEDULE

Jan Emily Lacks · Feb Bishop Max Reyes · Mar Bishop Mark Cary · Apr Crystal Mullins · May Clifford Waters · Jun Danielle Fortune (The Point, Tecumseh).



2027 MICHIGAN YD RALLY LOCATIONS

Southern 2/21 Stewart Road, Monroe · Eastern 3/14 Lapeer COG · Western 4/4 Abundant Life, Wyoming · Northern 4/25 Houghton Lake · Upper Peninsula 5/16 Harbor Lights, Escanaba.

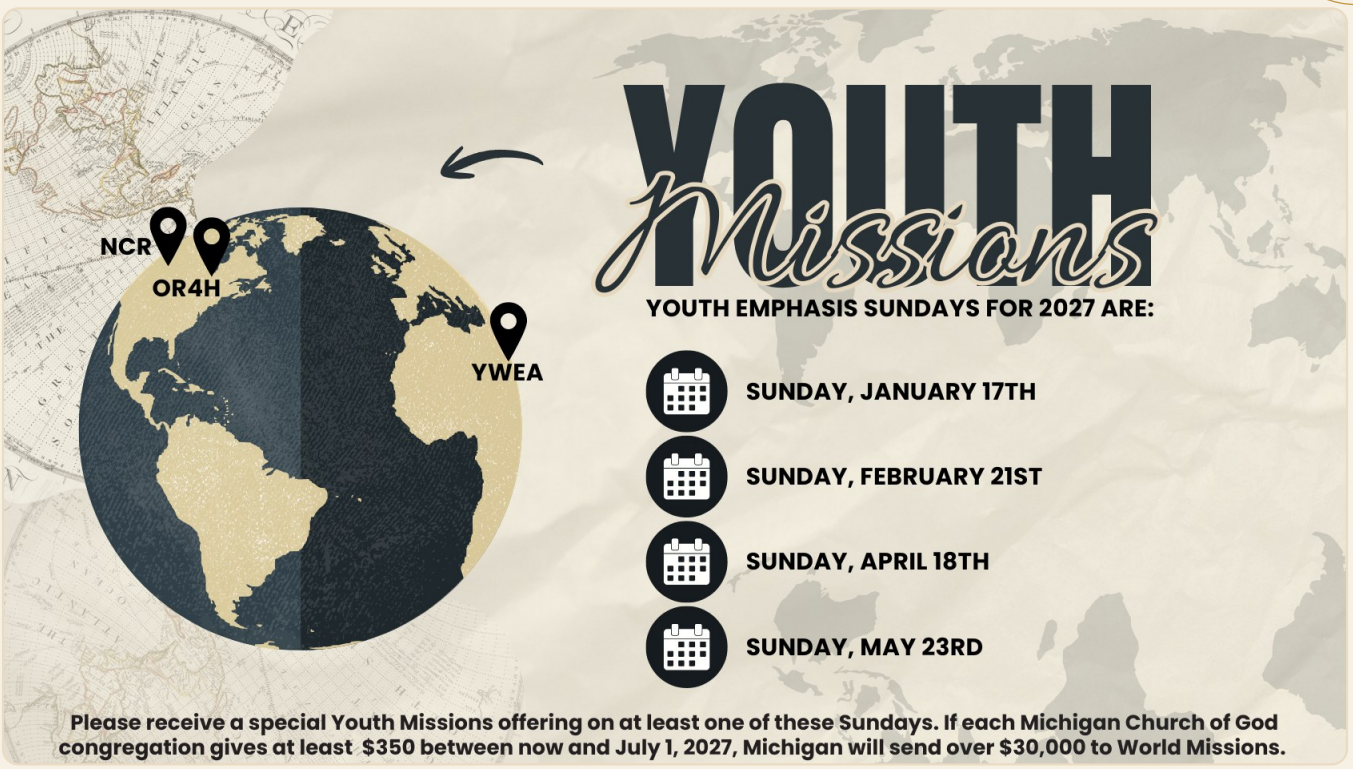
RALLY SEASON

6 PM

All rallies begin at 6 PM. Five rallies across the Lower and Upper Peninsulas, February through May.

YOUTH MISSIONS

Youth Missions



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Featured works pinned on the globe: NCR, OR4H and YWEA.



YWEA · ASIA

Awakened | Invested | Sent. God is awakening a generation. We're called to invest, empower, and send. Learn more at cogyd.org or scan the QR code on the graphic.

YOUTH EMPHASIS SUNDAYS · 2027

- Sunday, January 17
- Sunday, February 21
- Sunday, April 18
- Sunday, May 23

Please receive a special Youth Missions offering on at least one of these Sundays. If each Michigan Church of God congregation gives at least $350 between now and July 1, 2027, Michigan will send over $30,000 to World Missions.

Winterfest 2027



CHICAGO WINTERFEST

Featuring Javaris Wright, Brittney Parete, Jazmin Acevedo and Brandon Nelson.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN WINTERFEST

Featuring Manouchka Charles, Noah Herrin, Keenan Clark, Tyshone Roland, Steven & Hannah Musso, Lizzie Morgan, Danny Gokey, Gio, Marty, and Lee U Worship.



CROSSROADS WINTERFEST

Featuring Joel Reyes, Lloyd Smith and Javaris Wright.

WINTERFEST AT A GLANCE

EVENT	DATES	WHERE	DETAILS
Chicago Winterfest	Feb 26–27, 2027	The Yellow Box Church, Naperville, IL	$115 per person. Groups arrange their own lodging. greatlakescog.org
Smoky Mountain Winterfest	Mar 5–7, 2027	See cogyd.org	Register at cogyd.org
Crossroads Winterfest	Mar 12–14, 2027	Jubilee Worship Center, Hobart, IN	indianacog.com

SEPTEMBER 2026 TITHING REPORT

Tithing by Church



CHURCH AND PASTOR	TITHES	WORSHIP
Stewart Road Church of God, Mark Ingram	**$81,259.89**	479
Dexter Lake Church of God, Paul Tindall	**$46,137.00**	217
Victorious Life, Scott Weaver	**$24,729.00**	116
The River, William E. Wahl	**$24,475.00**	178
Family Worship, Eric Rogers	**$22,002.30**	72
Grace Point Church, Jeff McNally, Jr.	**$18,787.00**	202
Oak-Crest Church of God, Richard D. Rogers	**$17,938.60**	185
New Hope Community, Victor Williams	**$16,954.55**	74
The Point, Ellis Fortune	**$16,110.77**	109
Hill Creek, Wesley Hunter	**$15,615.03**	81
Abundant Life, Richard South	**$14,175.20**	0
Big Jackson, John McGhee	**$11,793.00**	79
Restoration Pointe, Gregory Gitter	**$11,572.56**	70
Walton Blvd Church of God, Tony Barbour	**$11,205.00**	110
Grand Haven, Nathan Strom	**$10,545.00**	50
Power & Praise, Christopher Blankenship	**$10,258.24**	147
Genesee Rd Church of God, Vaughn Eller	**$10,203.13**	96
Durand Church of God, Mark Fernandez	**$8,512.00**	101
LifePoint, Ronald Schubert	**$8,263.00**	148
Heritage Community Church, Adam Schultz	**$8,025.99**	60
International Church of God, Joy John	**$7,500.00**	125
Harvest International, Frederick Nichols	**$7,237.00**	20
North Point Worship Cntr, Michael B. Arp	**$7,058.00**	45
Hope Community Church, Glenn Gilman	**$7,018.63**	38
The Summit, Jim Morrison	**$6,897.99**	59
Heritage Park, Robert Rennie	**$6,467.00**	62
Lighthouse Church of God, Matthew West	**$6,019.30**	60
Lighthouse Worship, Roger Fleming	**$5,990.34**	55
Upper Room Church of God, Alex Fernandez	**$5,862.00**	88
Kingdom Life Church of God, Steven Bishop	**$5,853.00**	148
Houghton Lake Church of God, Jacob Nicoletti	**$5,525.00**	50
Redemption Outreach, Scott Tysick	**$5,500.00**	65
Family Life Center, Ryan Snyder	**$5,483.00**	90
Kalkaska, Church Alive, David Morrison Jr.	**$5,359.18**	34
Central Church of God, Chris Johnson	**$5,030.00**	86
Connection Point, Thomas E. Rea	**$5,009.70**	59
Highest Praise, Wesley Starr	**$4,888.62**	43
Victory Temple, Dennis Wick	**$4,761.00**	45
Trinity Church of God, Mark Wellhousen	**$4,595.00**	17
Holly Church of God, Eugene Blankenship	**$4,540.00**	38
New Harvest, Kerri Smith	**$4,438.00**	30
Lapeer Church of God, Dakota Leming	**$4,170.00**	40
Harrison Church of God, Willis Pilman	**$3,921.00**	25
Revival Center, Greg Casto	**$3,680.00**	35
Redemption Place, Deborah Lesher	**$3,538.89**	38
Fountain of Praise, Debra Schilling	**$3,296.00**	16

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Family Life Worship, Charles Kiesgen	**$3,115.60**	35
Renew Church, Justin Candela	**$3,059.84**	30
New Hope Ministries, J. Ron Dunn	**$2,972.00**	11
Sandusky Church of God, Jeffrey Noble	**$2,917.79**	24
Lawton Church of God, David R. Cripps	**$2,825.00**	11
Crossroads Church of God, Daniel W Blankenship	**$2,580.00**	13
Clinton Church of God, Gary Adams	**$2,498.00**	0
Garden City Church of God, John H Stamper, III	**$2,357.00**	22
New Covenant, Ronald Jacobs II	**$2,257.30**	60
Solid Rock, Wayne Ramey	**$2,140.50**	20
Family Tabernacle, Jeffrey Howard	**$2,022.00**	30
Living Word, Frankie Lucas	**$2,000.00**	30
No Limits Ministries, Robert Renfro	**$1,984.00**	9
Strong Tower, Doug Trudell	**$1,909.46**	38
Lighthouse Village, Anthony M. Fields	**$1,766.00**	21
Living Word, Jeptha Bryant	**$1,680.00**	22
Harbor Lights, Anthony Morrison	**$1,488.37**	29
Faith Community, Curtis Ashmore	**$1,363.00**	33
Inland Lighthouse, David Morrison, Jr.	**$1,100.00**	10
Lake Orion Church of God, William S. Curnell	**$1,000.00**	10
Hastings Church of God, Jeremy Singleton	**$856.70**	10
House of Hope God's House, Tom Coppens	**$400.50**	13
Zeeland Church of God, Brandon Arp	**$365.00**	12
Faith Chapel, Betty Marlow	**$130.00**	26
Andrus Street Church of God, Cody Shepherd	N/R	0
Christian Church/all Nations, Danielle Andre	N/R	0
City Church, Steve Totten	N/R	0
Cornerstone, Warren R. Davis	N/R	0
Flat Rock Church of God, Mark Ingram	N/R	0
Harvest Intern'l Min., Michael Czarnik	N/R	0
Ray of Light, Mary Hoots	N/R	0
Redford Church of God, Shirley Stafford	N/R	0
Riverhills Church Detroit, Ryan Sharpe	N/R	0
Sheridan Church of God, Ryan Snyder	N/R	0
The Church, Nick Heine	N/R	0
The Harbor Church of God, Frederick Weaver	N/R	0
Trenton, Donald Drews	N/R	0
West Branch Church, Tom Plashek	N/R	0
White Cloud Church, James Fader	N/R	0
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