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The Value of Camp Meeting

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The Value of Camp Meetings

The major purpose of camp meeting is spiritual. Everyone needs a time to reflect and focus on spiritual issues. Each person must have a personal encounter with God. Taking time out of our busy lives to attend camp gives God an opportunity to work, since each person needs to periodically take time to refill with the fullness of God.

While the spiritual benefits are the priority and have eternal value, there are other benefits to camp meeting as well. Another key value of camp meeting is the social interaction with other Christians. Many people attend small churches and have little opportunity for Christian fellowship. Camp meeting provides a time for people to meet together and bond with other Christians. There is a very important social side to the church. If people do not connect socially with others in the church, it is unlikely that they will stay in the church long. It is also true that when those committed to the church begin missing occasionally and the social ties which have held them in the church begin breaking, it is often not long until they quit attending at all. Camp meeting can do something to build a connection and a friendship between families that is impossible to do in another setting. Attending several services a day, praying together, eating together, relaxing and visiting together, as well as working together all contribute to a togetherness that cannot be achieved in any other way.

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Young people also need to have healthy and Godly social interaction. Outside of youth and family camp many young people have no interaction with other holiness young people. There is great value in playing games and working together toward a common goal. The camaraderie is invaluable that occurs from being part of a team in youth camp all working toward a similar goal. Young people become part of a church group rather than just a lone "kid" in an isolated church. Children can often build stronger attachments with their families during this time. Life is busy, and often parents do not take the time to build relationships with their children. When families leave everything behind and just go to camp, it gives time to rebuild some of the better things in life that are squeezed out due to daily pressure. The same can be true for marriage relationships. Unless spouses take time for each other, over time something special will be lost. With the routine of services where the presence of God comes, camp can provide a time where God moves to rebuild strong families.

Often camp provides a time for extended families and close friends to stay connected over the years. Our busy lives take a toll upon close families and friendships. As the years pass, if time is not set aside, the children of families fail to really know other family members as people; they become mere acquaintances, if that. Intentional camp attendance maintains and rebuilds friendships in addition to the primary spiritual benefit.

Many people today often face constant pressure and there is a limit to how much a person can take. People talk about the need for a vacation, but often vacation is also packed with pressure. Of much greater value is attendance at a camp meeting. A person can sit back and relax and enjoy the food and fellowship, all in a spiritually charged atmosphere. They can then go back home with their physical and spiritual batteries recharged and ready once again for their responsibilities. Occasionally the opposite is true, where some face little to do due to retirement, physical limitation, or other reasons. Camp helps to revitalize them as well. It is a time where they can become part of something bigger than themselves. Even when there are physical limitations, one can still be involved in prayer and services and provide valuable help to others, all while God is revitalizing them at the same time. It is often the highlight of their year.

The more people involve themselves in camp, the greater will be the benefit received. The tendency is to allow camp to become only a fringe activity of life and many of the social, physical restorative, and spiritual blessings may be lost. Some of the greatest human ties are forged as men and women work together to prepare for camp. Who can forget the buildings that have been rebuilt as teams of people have worked together, or the meals that the ladies have prepared? Memories are made which will never be forgotten. When one throws himself entirely into camp from beginning to end it builds the social bonding in an even greater way. Pastors of small churches build friendships with other pastors of small churches and with the larger group. We need each other, and camp is the ideal time to accomplish this purpose.

Every generation must have their own spiritual awakening.

The God's Missionary Church must have vibrant living camp meetings. Every generation must have their own spiritual awakening. Camp meeting is often the place where this happens. Great numbers of our people can testify that it was at camp where they were saved, sanctified, or called of God to ministry. Beyond the spiritual advantages, camp provides the necessary bonding for the church. Our people and churches are not small islands to themselves scattered across several states. We must come to see ourselves as part of something bigger, something God is trying to accomplish. The more one is involved, the more one will feel part of the greater picture. Camp is an integral part of who we are. If camp meetings begin to dwindle and are lost, it will have serious negative repercussions for the denomination. Thank God for your camp, support and pray for your camp, and see you there next year!

Mount of Blessings, A Great Family Camp!

Submitted by Andrew Cooley, Vice President

Once again God blessed a wonderful family camp at Mt of Blessings 2026! We thoroughly enjoyed the good number of children and young people who added so much life to a gathering. Watch out for, water pistols, bicycles and other modern means of personal transportation! Also, it's great to watch the active children on their playground and then get involved with the youth volleyball games.

The good slate of workers, Darrell Stetler, James Plank, Jerry and Becky Glick yielded a solid preaching ministry of God's Word and great wholesome music. Our Youth Evangelist Darren Durkee really connected with the young people and our Children's Workers Cade and Marissa Davis did a fine job with the little ones. Eric Susan met with the youth for devotions at night for a good wrap up for the day.

Numbers of times there were people seeking the Lord at the altar and good testimonies of help and victory. Our camp has a good number of praying people who start the day before breakfast at the morning prayer time.

Our good President Brian Spangler, with God's help, capably directed the camp and the general atmosphere was one of great Christian fellowship.

The people of the camp also gave generously and we were able to go over the top on our budget. Thanks to all who gave!

A note of thanks is in order for all the churches and people who attended, stayed, worked, and participated in this long-standing holiness family camp. God bless you all! To God be all the glory.

Children's service

Updates to the Mount of Blessings Campground

Rebuilt domitory

New dining room ceiling

New stove

Camp president and family

Lebanon Valley Gosepl Band

Youth service

Song service

Song service

Hanover Fellowship Camp

At Fellowship Camp 2026 we had another great year. We enjoyed anointed preaching by Edward Lecates and Dan Hardy, Jr. with the Joe Carey family supporting them with their wonderful singing. Our youth were challenged by Pastor Justin Steen during the afternoon services and evening devotions. The youth also enjoyed times of activity including volleyball, water ballon tosses, a dunk tank, etc. The children were reminded by Esther Sweitzer that "God's Still Running This World" during our VBS time. There were great times of prayer, victories that were won around the altar, great fellowship over wonderful meals, and enthusiastic giving that all helped to make campmeeting very special. We also enjoyed our yearly Independence Day service with a skit directed by Daren & Cristina Fisher and historical reminders shared by Dwight Mummert. We finished the evening off with a fireworks display sponsored by Daniel Fisher and 3-D Lawn Care. We would love for you to make plans to join us next year as we celebrate our 75th anniversary, June 25 – July 4, 2027.

Penns Creek Camp Meeting 2026

We had a wonderful camp! Rev. Rodney Loper, Rev. Randy Neville and Rev. Ron Stevens did an excellent job preaching. There were a lot of people seeking and receiving spiritual help. Rev. Dan and Michelle Durkee's music ministered to us all. The food and fellowship were outstanding, along with the fellowship around the pond watching some children fish. Times of kayaking and the boat rides by Rev. Solomon Shaffer made some special experiences for the children. Here is a safe place to ride bikes. Penn's Creek Camp has a bright future because of all the young people that are using their talents and gifts for God, some playing in our camp orchestra and others praying around the altar with other people. They also made flyers and went knocking on doors in the community. The first flyer was titled "Prisoner to Preacher," promoting Rev. Ron Stevens testimony Thursday night. A group of 38 also went to Sunbury to knock on doors for a V.B.S. New children were found by this effort. I say, "Praise the Lord"! The second Saturday night of camp was so special to Rhoda and I. The General Board and others planned an excellent service with so many meaningful tributes and many kind words! Thank you so much for everything!!! We love and appreciate each one! The Lebanon Valley Band always comes for a pre-service the last Sunday night and adds so much to the worship of that last service.

We thank God and His people for helping us to reach our goal of $50,000. The people gave generously to PVBI, World Missions, Home Missions, etc. To God be the Glory for what He has done this year at Penns Creek Camp!

Jacob Martin

My Secret Hideout

Vision for the Future

Jeremy Fuller

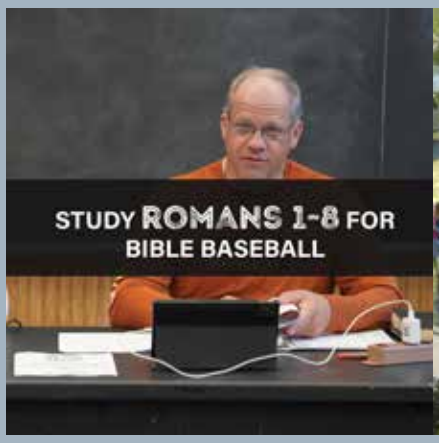
I want to say a few words about the future.

It is my prayer and desire to see God's Missionary Church grow. I believe God is calling us to expand across the United States and around the world. I want to see our conference have churches in every single state in America. You ask, "How will we do it?" The same way holiness preachers have done it in past centuries.

Like Mr. Wesley, we will preach a clear doctrine of Christian Perfection. Holiness Unto the Lord will be our watch, word, and song. And we will not rest until we have rescued our homeland from the revolution that is sure to come if we don't have revival.

Like Bishop Asbury, we will labor strategically, inventing new methods and systems to reach the masses. We will run buses and start new churches. We will train new Christian workers like our very organizational life depends upon it. We will not be told that it can't be done. We will just do it by the Grace of God because we are under orders: the Gospel to every creature. And we will live in obedience to our Lord's great commission.

Like General Booth who started the Salvation Army in 1865, the same year his distant cousin, John Wilkes Booth assassinated Abraham Lincoln, our 16th. U. S. President. One cousin cursed a nation; the other cousin blessed the world. After forty-seven years, when the old General laid down his Bible and was promoted to be with the Lord, the Salvation Army continued on page 12



God's Missionary Youth Camp

The 46th God's Missionary Youth Camp was marked with God's presence. The theme was "More Than Conquerors." Throughout the camp, we were reminded that through Christ we can live victorious Christian lives and face the challenges of our generation with confidence in Him.

Youth Evangelist Solomon Shaffer was used of God in a special way. The Lord clearly anointed his ministry as he faithfully preached the Word, and we are grateful for the victories won.

We were also pleased to release our second GMYC devotional book, More Than Conquerors, built around this year's theme. Through the generosity of donors, every young person in attendance received a free copy. Additional copies are available for purchase on Amazon: https://a.co/d/0bF9cTeA.

We praise God for His continued faithfulness to God's Missionary Youth Camp and for the privilege of investing in the next generation. We are already looking forward to GMYC 2027, June 14–16, with Evangelist John Zeigler. Our theme will be "Ignite!" as we pray for God to kindle a fresh fire in the hearts of young people for Christ and His work.

Blessings!
Matt Maloyed

Tribute to Jacob Martin

Thank-you Conference President Emeritus, Rev. Jacob Martin, for working with me through the month of August to help transition the office of conference president. It has been a great honor to serve with him for the past 11 years as vice-president. His counsel and prayers will continue to be a guiding light as I serve as the 7th president of God's Missionary Church.

I honor the men who have served our conference family for the past 91 years (1935-2026). Daniel Dubendorf, Truman Wise, G. I. Straub, P. F. Miller, H. F. Plank, and J. W. Martin are all heroes to me, and I will endeavor to lead God's Missionary Church earnestly contending for the faith and the example they have set before us.

I want to thank Rev. Solomon Shaffer, our newly elected Vice-President, for the incredible service he has already rendered to me and to our family of churches. We will work together as a team to serve our pastors and their families, and by God's grace grow and strengthen God's Missionary Church. Faith and I love Solomon, Joanne, and their family! They will be very valuable partners in this new season of our shared story.

Saint Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 5:12-13, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Rev. Jacob Martin has been an outstanding leader, and I praise God for the forward progress during the 11 years of his administration. Here is a list of some of the great things the Lord has done for God's Missionary Church from 2015 to 2026:

1. The purchase of the property in Penns Creek which now serves as our Conference Headquarters, recently named the "Martin Ministry Center." That property was purchased for the miracle price of $100,000. The Penn View Ministerial Department has a designated classroom in that building. The General Board and all the departments of God's Missionary Conference have a recently remodeled and technologically furnished a board meeting room to host and conduct meetings with members anywhere in the world. And it's all paid for - No Debt. Praise the Lord!

2. The acquisition of the conference parsonage on Spruce Street in Penns Creek. A couple of months ago we were able to pay off the mortgage. Zero Debt. Glory to God!

3. The strengthening of our conference by the addition of new ministry sites - Just to mention a few:

- The church in Summerfield, Florida
- The Helfenstein Church
- The Beulah Camp Meeting
- The Rome, NY Church
- The Star Lake, NY Church
- The Lancaster, PA Church
- The Milford, OH Church
- The Halls, TN Church
- The Delaware, OH Church
- The Mount Pleasant, IA Church
- The St. Louis, MI Church

We have also seen expansion of our ministries in Foreign Missions:

- Three churches in Brazil
- Four churches in Pakistan
- New strategic Ministry Partnerships in Kenya and Egypt

We have added 10 acres to the campus of Penn View Bible Institute with a beautiful home for the President and his wife, eliminated over 2 million dollars in debt, completed the McIntire-Mason Student-Life Center, established an endowment fund, achieved accreditation, and many other improvements too numerous to mention.

And The Best for Last . . .

Sixty-two new preachers have been brought into fellowship and ministry with God's Missionary Church from August 2015 to February 2026! That is a remarkable increase in ministry potential.

Conference President, Jeremy Fuller

Travel notes with the president

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June 01-03: Rhoda and I enjoyed 3 days off for our 40th wedding anniversary to go to New York. We revisited some of the places we went on our honeymoon. We also visited some of Rhoda's family. We had a great time with beautiful weather every day.
June 04-06: Administrative work and a General Board meeting.
June 08-18: GMYC, God used the camp again to speak to young people. Bro. Solomon Shaffer preached some great messages! It was my privilege to be at one of the volleyball courts again.
Rhoda and I also went to the beautiful wedding of Blake and Lauren Cassady. We pray God will bless their ministry together at the New Columbia Church.
We then took a few days to visit Rhoda's two sisters in Cincinnati and Salem, Ohio. We continued our 40th Anniversary trip. Thanks, Paul and Linda, Doug and Carm, for a great time together!
June 20: Lebanon, where I was privileged to preach at the gospel Center. I like going on a Saturday before the meal and preaching. Rev. James Sherman and Rev. Donald Kiscadden do a great job leading the mission.
June 22-28: Chambersburg, to preach at Camp Robinhood. Camp President Lyndell Durr and his son did a great job directing the different services. I was honored to take turns preaching with Rev. John Engram. He has such a wonderful spirit, and I loved his content and the way he put sermons together. Joel Sickler and his family were the singers and God anointed and used them in a special way throughout the camp.
June 29-30: Hanover and Mt. of Blessing camps.
July 1-3: Administrative work and visited Mount of Blessing again. I enjoyed Bro. Darrel Stetler's message. They had a great firework display.
July 05: Northampton to preach. God is helping the church! The attendance and offerings and prayers are all going up! Praise the Lord! We still need a pastor, keep praying!
July 06- 11: Conference preparations. I went to Hanover Camp and heard and appreciated Bro. Duane Quesenberry's message. I am always blessed by the song evangelist ministry of Jay and Janelle Carey family. I went to visit and have prayer with Sis Rachel Plank as she had 4 stints put in. So thankful she is doing better. We visited Oakland Mills Camp and Ono Camp. Rhoda and I went to a 40th birthday party for Josh Arnold. What a great turnout and so glad he is our friend!
July 12: Oakland Mills and Beulah Camp. Rev. Chris King preached challenging messages each time I heard him. The Tim Cooley Jr. family also does a great job singing. Rev. Philip Brown preached a good message on Romans 6. The Careys were the singers at this camp too! I enjoyed their ministry again.
July 14: Hanover for Kids camp. I went down for activities and a service. What a wonderful ministry for children. Thanks, Bro. Solomon and Staff, for all your work to make this happen every year!
July 15: Beulah Camp again, I so enjoyed the service and fellowship.
July 17-18: Penns Creek board meeting and work day. I am so thankful to all those who help make Penns Creek Camp possible.
July 19: Oakland Mills Camp, Rev. Brent Lenhart asked me to have a special prayer over the youth who will be going on a Mission trip!

JACOB MARTIN

In the evening I was asked to pray over two Papua New Guinea intern Students. Many others joined in, too! What an honor to pray over both the young people and these young men! May God continue to raise up workers for the Harvest field!
July 20-22: Administrative work for camp and conference. I had a Pastoral election for the Mountain Road Church. We are excited to announce that the Rev. Chad Snider was elected and has accepted.
July 23- Aug. 02: Penns Creek Camp. We are pleased to announce that Rev. Jeremy Fuller was elected for our next Conference President. God has used him in a great way as Home Missionary Director! Please pray for him and his family as they transition from their church in Duncannon and for their people. Their people love them so much! What a blessing to see so many at the last service at Penn's Creek Camp from their church to honor and pray for
the Fuller family! The rest of the camp went great! Rev. Rodney Loper, Rev. Randy Neville and Rev. Ron Stevens did an excellent job preaching! Lots of altar calls and people seeking and finding victory. Rev. Dan and Michelle Durkee's music ministered to us all.
The last Saturday night at camp was so special to Rhoda and I. The General Board and others planned an excellent service with so many meaningful tributes. So many kind words and a wonderful "Kettle offering". Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
It has been an honor for Rhoda and I to serve these 11 years as Conference President and wife!

We love and appreciate you!
Jacob Martin

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had grown to 9,415 congregations scattered across 160 countries around the world.

I am not under any false pretense. It will take tremendous sacrifice and courage to draw new battle lines and fight our way forward into new territory. But we must! Status quo is not an option. There are states in our union where no conservative holiness church exists. God's Missionary Church must lead the charge into those states and plant new churches. We are currently endeavoring to do that in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

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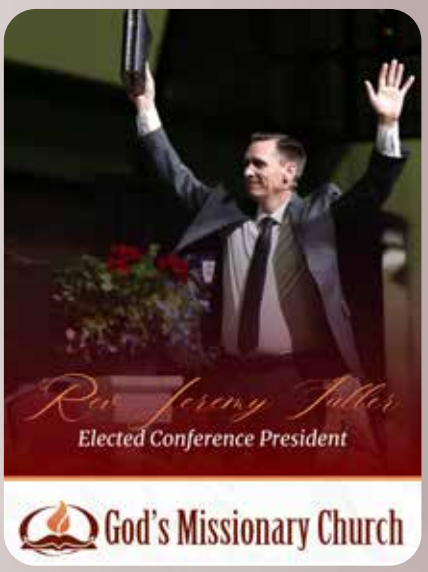

Every battle plan requires a good strategy. We must continue to revitalize our Florida district and expand our western district. I believe we should, also, endeavor to establish two new districts (New York and Ohio). These are our sister states. We have been primarily a Pennsylvania denomination. We need more churches in Pennsylvania, but it's high time we expanded into new states. Over the last number of years, I have worked tirelessly as your home mission's director. We now have two churches in New York and two churches in Ohio. My prayer is that within 6 months we will have three churches in each of those two states with more to follow shortly. I believe by God's grace we can establish strong districts in Ohio and New York and have camp meetings in both those states.

We will continue to invite independent holiness churches to join us. And wherever we find a struggling church about to close its doors, we will not let that happen without a valiant effort. God has willed His truth to triumph through us! Let us live like we serve a Resurrected Savior who has all power in Heaven and on Earth.

May God grant us determination without arrogancy, firmness without harshness, steadfastness without stubbornness, and love without weakness. Amen!

Jeremy Fuller

Ministers at God's Missionary Church Conference 2026