

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

# MESSENGER

SPRING 2022

A CALL TO  
PRAYER

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# A Call to Prayer

*In the first year of his (Darius') reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy...*

*(Daniel 9:2-3a, ESV)*

In just a few short weeks, we will gather at Central Assembly in Springfield for District Council 2022. This is shaping up to be a monumental event. By now you are aware that we will be considering resolutions which would bring some sweeping changes to our district. I believe these changes are a few more steps of forward motion for us as we endeavor to radically affect Southern Missouri for Christ. In addition, key elections will occur including the choosing of our executive presbyters.

Yet, I sense that greater than any business that will be transacted, the most important element of District Council will be what God does in us spiritually. As we will address during our time together, we stand in a time of great paradox. We are moving into a season of challenges and unique circumstances...possibly more perplexing than ever before. Simultaneously I believe that God is literally preparing to accelerate the spiritual harvest. (We are already seeing signs that this acceleration has begun.) The theme of this entire council is Accelerate. We will focus on how we can leverage this moment of time to see the greatest season of harvest ever.

Daniel perceived the fulfillment of God's prophesy to return His people back to Israel was near. He read the prophetic words of Jeremiah and calculated the seventy years was nearly complete. But as he read Jeremiah's words, he did not burst into spontaneous praise. Instead, he moved into intense intercession that God would bring the word to fulfillment.

This is why I call you to prayer in preparation for our time together in April. Let God birth in you a sense of anticipation of what He will do. Let Him speak to you of how He will use this Council to position us for great spiritual harvest. But let this bring you to your knees and onto your face before God in deep intercession.

Here are some things to pray about as we get our hearts ready:

- Pray that God will meet with us in a powerful way.
- Pray that God will cleanse us and purify so that we will be ready to be used powerfully by Him.
- Pray that God will help us be "like the sons of Issachar who understand the times and know" what we should do.
- Pray that God will draw ministers to District Council 2022. Pray that they will determine to not let anything stop them from coming and experiencing His Presence together.
- Pray that wise decisions will be made in elections and consideration of resolutions.
- Pray that God will anoint each speaker with the word for the hour.
- Pray that through this District Council, God will prepare us for the greatest season of spiritual harvest ever.

Thank you in advance for your intercession. I can hardly wait to see you in April.





## A Legacy of Prayer

**M**y grandmother was a godly woman. Though she has been in heaven for more than 27 years, I dare say that her prayers continue to impact the lives of her family. I've contemplated the blessings of God on her eleven children, their spouses, and her 32 grandchildren. The family has grown beyond my ability to count in my head. Not a perfect family by any means, but a blessed family. I credit much of it to Grandma's prayers. It was not until recently that I figured out that my grandma was a Matthew 6:6 kind of pray-er.

*"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."*

As I have contemplated God's goodness many times, I had this memory of my grandmother going into her bedroom following her morning chores on the farm. She would close the door and a period of time later she would return to the main living area. I didn't know what she was doing in there. It was always quiet. But now I know that she was connecting with her Heavenly Father and interceding for her family.

Maybe you didn't have a grandmother like I did, but you do have an opportunity to be that person of prayer for your children and your children's children. I've been called to pray... and so have you!

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**THANK YOU** so much for all of the calls, cards, flowers, visits, and many kind gestures that took place while I have been recuperating from surgery. It is times like these, though difficult, that the church, friends, and family rise up and make the difference in the journey. I heard and experienced your love, and YOU did make a DIFFERENCE@

Thank you – George Westlake III

# A CALL TO PRAYER

*Mathew 6:9-13*

This, then, is how you should pray:

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, [a]  
but deliver us from the evil one.*





## A Call for Powerful Effective Prayer for the Lost

***“I’d rather be able to pray than be a great preacher; Jesus Christ never taught his disciples how to preach, but only how to pray.” D. L. Moody***

Our prayers cannot save a person, but our prayers can pave the way for people to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. We should pray for the lost so effectively that they must climb over our prayers to go to hell.

How can we pray effectively for the lost?

### **I. TO BE EFFECTIVE IN OUR PRAYERS FOR THE LOST GOD REQUIRES CONSISTANCY IN OUR PRAYERS.**

- Prayer for the lost is good and acceptable! *1 Tim. 2:1 “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, [2] for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior”*

- Jesus said that persistent prayer was what men ought to do. *Luke 18:1 “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, [2] saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. [3] Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ [4] And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, [5] yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’” [6] Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. [7] And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? [8] I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”*

- The lost need our persistent prayers!

- We need to be balanced in our prayers for the lost! *1 Tim. 2:1 “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men”*

1. **Supplication** means there is a specific request.
2. **Prayers** is our requests to God.
3. **Intercessions** is to enter into God’s presence on the behalf of others.
4. **Giving of thanks** means that even in our prayers for the lost we must give thanks to God for all He has done!

### **II. TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PRAYING FOR THE LOST YOU MUST PRAY IN FAITH KNOWING IT IS GOD’S WILL TO SAVE THE LOST.**

- It is God’s will that everyone be saved. So when you pray for the lost you should have great confidence that God is hearing and answering your prayer! *1 Timothy 2:4 “who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

- You always know you are praying God’s will when you are praying for a person to be saved.

- When you pray for the lost, pray the completed work of Christ. *“[5] For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, [6] who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time”*

1. Man is separated from God because of sin but Christ stands as the Mediator between God and man. Pray knowing there is a mediator for the person you are praying for!
2. Pray knowing that Christ paid the ransom for all. The price has been paid. God will not have to do anything else to save them. So, pray for the lost from a place of power not weakness!

### **III. TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PRAYING FOR THE LOST WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT A LOST PERSON WILL NEVER BE SAVED WITHOUT HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL MESSAGE!**

- Paul was not only praying for people he was telling them the good news about Jesus! *“1 Timothy 2:7” for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle--I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying--a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.”*

- We must pray that the lost person will have an effective presentation of the gospel. *Romans 10:14 “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”*

### **IV. TO BE EFFECTIVE IN OUR PRAYERS FOR THE LOST WE MUST BE RIGHT WITH GOD OURSELVES.**

- Paul’s words given by the Holy Spirit were strong words. This was not Paul’s wish it was the Spirit’s command! *“I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere” 1 Timothy 2:8*

- Paul is saying that everywhere Christians meet, prayer for the lost must be offered.

- We can’t struggle effectively in prayer for the eternal souls of men, women, teens, boys and girls, when we aren’t right with God. *1 Timothy 2:8 “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting”*

1. **Lifting up Holy hands** speaks of personal purity in our walk with Christ!
2. **Without wrath**, angry people can’t pray effectively for anyone or anything.
3. **Without doubting** has the meaning of disputing with others which will hinder or prayers!

**Conclusion** – Praying for lost people works! Keep it up and you will see people coming to Christ! The lost can be rescued from their sins through the power of prayer.





# WE ARE CALLED TO MISSIONS

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Every believer has A CALL. We who love and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, enjoy a universal call.

We are called to align ourselves with the Mission of God. We are called to engage in God's Mission, to bring the world to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

II Peter 2: 9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

The message of the gospel is a redemption story. The crimson thread of redemption is woven throughout the fabric of God's Word. Truly, God wants all men to know Him, and to serve Him.

I contend that we are living in an unprecedented time in the history of man. Perhaps, we are living what can be described as the worst of times, and the best of times. On one hand, we see man in a wicked condition doing unimaginable horrors. Yet, on the other hand, God's people are enjoying God's favor, witnessing amazing miracles and victories. Souls are being drawn unto Christ!

God is working! Tim Hill, in his book entitled "The Speed of Favor", puts it this way. He (God), is releasing His favor to bring about His Kingdom Work at an unprecedented pace. He says, we can anticipate these three things:

- 1. God will exceed all you expect.**
- 2. God will increase all you invest.**
- 3. He will accelerate time to accomplish His Kingdom purpose for your life.**

Missions, should be the mission of every believer. Let us ALL be about our Father's business. May we be obedient to His Call!

In conclusion, I believe that 2022 is going to be a remarkable year for our SoMo Churches. I fully expect that 2022 will be the greatest year of missions in all of the history of the Southern Missouri District. Get Ready, Get Set, Go!





## CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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# Disappointed with the Answer

Superintendent Don Miller called for a District-wide time of Prayer and Fasting for 21 Days this past January. It was so exciting to hear of the many ministers and churches that were taking part. Things happen when we pray and fast. I love the fact that the church I attend places great emphasis on prayer, and the results speak for themselves. We serve a God that can do anything, that is supernatural, and desires to meet the needs of His children.

Yet, have you ever been disappointed with the outcome/answer to a prayer? This is a topic, that as Christians, we often ignore, afraid of what “God would think of us?” As if He can’t “read our mind!”

I remember vividly when my Dad was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 67. Such a godly man that loved his Savior, loved his family, loved his church, and loved people. Dad wasn’t loud, didn’t necessarily stand out in a crowd, but when he prayed things stood still and you knew that God’s presence was there because he had spent time in the presence of God.

They told us at the doctor’s office that there were 5 kinds of leukemia and he had the worst kind. With no treatment he may live 30 days, with chemo he had 50% chance of going into remission (which may last a couple of years). I remember thinking – 50%, surely with God on our side we’re going to ace this. My God is the HEALER and I know He’s going to heal my Dad, I need my Dad!!!!

We prayed, we fasted, he was anointed with oil time and time again, in fact the world was praying. But during the 7 months that dad lived, spending 4 of those in the hospital, he NEVER went into remission. In fact, it was a VERY difficult time, as we received bad medical reports over and over again. Dad went from a tall, strong man, to mere bones during this journey. He tried so hard to live, not afraid to die, but wanting to stay with his family.

After his death we all experienced various emotions. Did we trust God – YES! Did we understand why dad was not healed on earth – NO! Are we still serving and trusting God – YES! Did God reveal Himself through this journey – YES, time and time again! Most importantly, He sustained us, our relationship with Him grew deeper, and we were afforded the privilege to spend hours upon hours with Dad, time that we will always be so very thankful for.

In Philip Yancey’s book, “*Disappointment with God*”, he poses three questions that Christians wonder but seldom ask out loud:

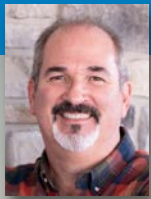
Is God Unfair?

Is God Silent?

Is He hidden?

Our questions basically amount to this – **Is He listening and does He care?** We may never understand all of our “whys”, as much as we would like to, BUT I have no doubt and I trust MY HEAVENLY FATHER! It only takes mere seconds to look backwards and see TIME, AFTER TIME, AFTER TIME, the faithfulness of God in my life. He always has been, He is, and He will be. FAITH is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. KEEP PRAYING, KEEP FASTING, and KEEP BELIEVING!





## CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

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# A CALL TO PRAYER

2 Chronicles 7:14 is probably one of the most talked about verses on the subject of prayer in the entire Bible because there is SO much to glean for everyone. Humility, repentance, forgiveness, and healing are just a few of the powerful truths that leap from the page, but the most impactful words of the passage to me are the first three:

*"If MY people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

The first three words are a call to prayer, but not a call to just anyone. It's a call to prayer for the people who belong to God. God is not asking the general public to pray, humble themselves, and repent – *He's asking the people that are called by His name.*

**If there was ever a time that the church needed to pray – it's NOW!**

We can't expect anyone else to pray the prayers that WE have been called to pray. If the first two chapters of Acts teach us anything, it is that **POWERFUL things happen when God's people PRAY TOGETHER!**

The future of our churches, our families, our communities, and our nation depend upon YOU and ME (the people of God) to PRAY, humble, and repent. If we will do as God asks, He will hear us and respond.



**Want to see transformation  
at your church?**

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# CHURCH PLANTING

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BY JERRY HARRIS, REACH MISSOURI NETWORK

## RMN is Celebrating 5 Years!

Reach Missouri Network is 5-years old! We started in March 2017 with no planters and no finances; just a commitment from the Southern Missouri District and Presbytery to help us until we could raise our budget. We are so very grateful to Superintendent Don Miller and the Presbytery for believing in us as we pursued the vision to plant churches in Missouri.

As we began our journey of raising personal support and a work budget to plant churches, God answered our prayers by providing churches and individuals who invested in RMN. Without these people who have invested prayers and financial support, we would not be able to celebrate the things God has done in the last five years, and we would not be able to look forward and plan for even more new churches.

You are the people who have blessed Reach Missouri Network and helped produce eternal results in the lives of hundreds of people across Missouri for God and His Kingdom. We give our thanks to God and to you!

Please don't stop!

We still need your financial support. Most of all we need your prayers to cover our planting families and their communities, to raise up more churches with Godly influence in our cities and rural areas, and to give wisdom and guidance to our leadership.

## What is Reach Missouri Network?

Reach Missouri Network provides intentional relationship-based networking for church planters and their families. We offer support, training, administration, and guidance during the pre-launch, launch, and post-launch of a church. We work side-by-side with the planter to ensure the establishment of a healthy, impactful, and influential church.

### Relationship Building

- Provide a network of relationships with established leaders and coaches throughout the complete process of church planting
- Facilitate a network of relationships with local pastors and churches and other local and non-local church planters and their families

### Equipping

- Provide and assist with marketing and fundraising strategies
- Assist with the recruitment and development of church teams and core groups
- Provide administrative assistance for legal requirements, web and social media, publications, networking, general office, accounting and the building of administration structures

### Advancing

- Collaborate with community and church leaders to address the needs of the local area and accomplish Kingdom initiatives larger than the local church
- Recruit new church planters and promote, consult, and encourage healthy churches to effectively parent a new church

### Consulting

- Provide leadership development, identification, and development of key leaders and team building for pastor/board and pastor/staff/team
- Provide guidance in the development of church ministries and sustaining spiritual and numerical growth

### Health Maintenance

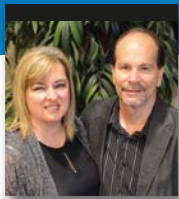
- Ongoing mentorship, training and leadership development
- Ongoing health checkup of leadership and ministries through evaluations
- Help with people assimilation into the local church and the local church into the community

## Celebrate Our Kingdom Initiatives with Us!

Since 2017, we have collaborated with community and church leaders to address the needs of the local area and accomplish Kingdom Initiatives larger than the local church. Pray for these organizations as they do outstanding work to reach people for Christ.

- **Bridge House** - transitional housing for men and women with addictions
- **Renew Foundation Center** - helps with jobs, housing & education for men leaving maximum-security prisons
- **Restoration House** - works with homeless youth in the inner city of St. Louis
- **Men Standing Positive** - works to impact low-income urban communities reaching men, women & children





## CROSS POINTE CAMP

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# Call to Prayer

Being a person of prayer is the most important calling of our life. Prayer is the connection to the most important relationship of our lives and is the primary means of releasing the power of God into the earthly realm. Without abiding in Him (in prayer) we can do nothing (John 15:5). The SOMO Prayer Network is a resource to encourage prayer ministries to support the work of the Lord in churches and in our district. It is also to connect intercessors across our district.

For more information on the SOMO Prayer Network go to [SOMOpayer.com](http://SOMOpayer.com).

To find monthly prayer focuses go to [SOMOpayer.com](http://SOMOpayer.com).



## Getting Ready for Camp Season 2022!



Updating of conference room under the gym



Resurfacing of the dock at the water front



New chairs and resurface of floors in tabernacle





## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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# WE ARE ALL CALLED TO PRAYER!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

### SO MO WOMEN are WOMEN OF FAITH

Hebrews 11:6

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

SO MO WOMEN believe that we must have faith in God! In prayer we believe that he will answer, as we seek Him with our whole heart.

### SO MO WOMEN ARE WOMEN OF INTEGRITY

Proverbs 10:9

*Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.*

SO MO WOMEN know that sin will block us from remaining in the will of God, and doing our best to build the Kingdom of God. We strive to live a holy life and to humbly ask for forgiveness when we fail. As women security is very important to us. We can have security in God by doing this journey in integrity.

### SO MO WOMEN are PERSISTANT in PRAYER

1 Chronicles 16:11

*Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face continually.*

Life gets complicated and more than ever we need to push through as we pray! We can't give up easily! We are strong and brave! We understand that this journey isn't always easy, but God is always faithful!

Doing so helps us to prevent the enemy from taking control of our lives. When we give the enemy access into our lives through sin, he blocks us from receiving answers to our prayers.

### SO MO WOMEN MINISTER out of a HEART OF LOVE AND COMPASSION

Mark 16:15

*And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."*

SO MO WOMEN understand that this journey is not just about us. We have all been called to minister, and we have all be called to reach this world for Jesus Christ! Prayer changes our lives and the lives of others!



EAST: SEPTEMBER 8-10  
WEST: SEPTEMBER 15-17

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREATS ON THE LAKE 2022

## SHE IS STRONG ENOUGH

*she is strong enough*

  
**Sherry Welch**  
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SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

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# Prayer is Life

For most of us, if we were asked to go an entire day without talking it would be quite difficult. Not only would the silence cause challenges in completing daily tasks, but it would also contradict our deepest desire to communicate with those around us. We were created for community and relationship so we could develop deeper feelings, thoughts and abilities to make life more rewarding. If communication, verbal or non-verbal, is life-giving then why do so many neglect the greatest privilege of communicating with, our creator, God? Prayer is not an empty religious routine, but instead is our direct communication to the

God of the Universe. Through prayer God can strengthen us to overcome, provide for our needs and can give us the much-needed direction to fulfill His purpose in our lives. It is time Christ followers actively engage in prayer so the next generation can see the life giving transformation that comes from communicating with God.

Our nation and students are facing some of the biggest challenges we have ever seen, but not bigger than our God. We need to once again take every need to the Lord in prayer as we confidently trust that God is the only one who can make a way.

## FREE RESOURCES

Check out some free resources that will help you reach the girls in your church and community at [ngm.ag.org](http://ngm.ag.org). The small group guides cover 12 topics that your students are facing and gives them opportunity to interact with scriptures on how to follow God's plan in that area.



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1. Oregon	\$20,716.86
2. South Texas	\$13,279.77
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Confetti was flying as the Assemblies of God NextGen ministries raised more than 27 million dollars for missions. The girls of Southern Missouri raised over \$13,784.40 for Compact Family Services and Vanuatu in 2021. So thankful the girls are developing hearts of compassion to reach the lost with the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ.



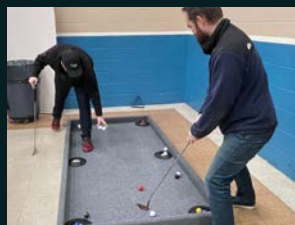




## MEN

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# MAN TOUR 22



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## The Biblical Basis for Ministry to Boys

Years ago, our national leadership realized the need to provide a ministry that would appeal to the unique interests of boys and provide churches with a platform to “reach, teach, and keep” boys for Christ. The product of that realization was the Royal Rangers program, and although many aspects of the program have changed since that time, the mission of Royal Rangers remains the same—to mentor boys into true Christlike manhood.

The mission of Royal Rangers and the methods we employ are based on ageless Biblical principles that endure beyond culture, politics, or personal preference. Luke 2:52 illustrates the multi-dimensional aspect of manhood modeled in the life of Christ as a young man: “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” From



this verse, we can identify four distinct ways a boy grows: mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially.

From Christ’s example, we see a picture of true and complete manhood that includes all four of these aspects of growth. Our boys must therefore also be challenged with opportunities to grow mentally, and physically, and spiritually, and socially. Any fully effective ministry to boys must promote development in all four of these areas to develop Christlike young men.

In Royal Rangers, the process we employ to promote growth in boys is to follow the simple pattern given to us by the apostle Paul in his letter to Titus: “Encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good” (Titus 2:6-7).



These words provide us with a clear process for leading boys into Christlike manhood—gender-specific, relationship-based discipleship and mentoring. Teaching boys Bible lessons and scriptural principles plays a central role in this process, but the best way for a boy to fully understand what Christlike manhood really looks like is to see it modeled in the lives of men he knows and respects—men who “set them an example by doing what is good.”

Boys need a picture of manhood and a process for getting there. Scripture provides the picture in the life of Christ, but the process comes through regular interaction with everyday men who consistently model Christlike manhood before boys as they do life together, side by side, instilling within them faith, hope, love, service, and sacrifice, consistently providing a living image of the character of Christ.







# A Call to Prayer

**Power of God released**

**Respond to God's voice**

**Acknowledge God is in control**

**Yield your will to God's will**

### *A Final Farewell-*

*As I compose this last Messenger page, I am still humbled and honored to have served in this position for the past 11 years. It has been a wonderful experience.*

*I have grown in ministry and as a person. God has been faithful. Pam and I are extremely grateful for your support and your friendship throughout this time of our lives. Please agree in prayer with us that we will hear and respond to God's*

*voice for our future. We love you greatly! Blessings! Jim and Pam*





## YOUTH

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**June 2022 / Rocky Mount, MO.**

## Speakers

**June 1-4**



**Kevin  
Brown**

**June 6-10**



**Micah  
MacDonald**

**June 13-17**



**Jonathan  
Rivera**

**June 20-24**



**John  
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# SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

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