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2023 SPRING MESSENGER



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### FOR SALE:

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Church Pews with Cushions. There are 4 different sizes to  
choose from ranging from 10 feet in length to 25 feet in  
length and 39 Pews in all. Asking \$50.00 for each or best  
offer. They are in great shape and would be great pews  
for an established church or church plant. Contact Wes  
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Buyer is responsible for pickup.

First Assembly of God in Lexington, Mo have 26 pews (108"  
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## SUPERINTENDENT

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# A NEW NAME

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In just a few short weeks, we will convene for our first ever Network Conference. Until our name change last year, this was known as District Council. I will confess this year has been a little confusing with questions like "Now that it is a Network Conference, do we call last year's event Network Conference or District Council?" So April 17-19 at Central Assembly in Springfield will be a watershed moment. We will have crossed the divide fully into our new name.

I remember a special moment at the Ministers Renewal last October. We had spent time together in the presence of the Lord praying for each other, ministering to each other. As I looked out over the group, it dawned on me, "This is the reason for the name change." It best describes what we really are. We are a ministry network.

Ministry describes what we do. As Paul states in 2 Corinthians 5:20:

***Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.***

We are ministers of the gospel; sharing the hope of Christ with our world. That is what will change our state, our world, and our nation. Not bold, brazen statements on Facebook. Not protests or uprisings. What will change our culture is offering to those around us the hope of a transformed life because of the sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus took our place in death so that we can have life.

Network is how we do that ministry. To operate in isolated seclusion is not the best way to do the work of God. We truly are better together. When we are in network, we encourage each other. When one is down, others can lift him or her up. We bring accountability to each other. We help others to find resources that they need to fulfil the vision God has given to them and the ministry they lead. We even share resources to assist another church or minister to move forward.

So as we come together in April to this event now known as Network Conference, we will demonstrate and fulfill who we are. We will come together to deliberate and discuss how we as a network can more effectively reach Southern Missouri- the business. We will learn and grow together as we receive teaching and training on leadership- Momentum Conference. We will worship together and receive the ministry of the Word- the services. We will pray for one another believing for miracles- Wednesday Morning Prayer and Praise. We will fellowship together catching up with old friends, laughing together and crying together- the luncheons and the informal times before and after services. And we will participate as another group of ministerial candidates receive a fresh anointing and impartation of the Spirit through the laying on of hands- the ordination service. We will be ministered to; empowering us to minister to others. And we will network together in relationship.

You will not be able to benefit from this amazing event... unless you are there. Please join us at Central Assembly April 17-19 for our first ever Southern Missouri Ministry Network Conference. We will not be complete without you. See you then!





## REFRESH MINISTRY WOMEN

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# Are you “Unshakable”?

Certainly, you and I have been shaken on some level: physically, emotionally, spiritually, or maybe on all levels at the same time. What keeps our footings sure, our stances upright, and our faith intact? The Psalmist words it beautifully and specifically,

“I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand,

I shall not be shaken.” Ps 16:8

The declaration is not intended to imply the absence of

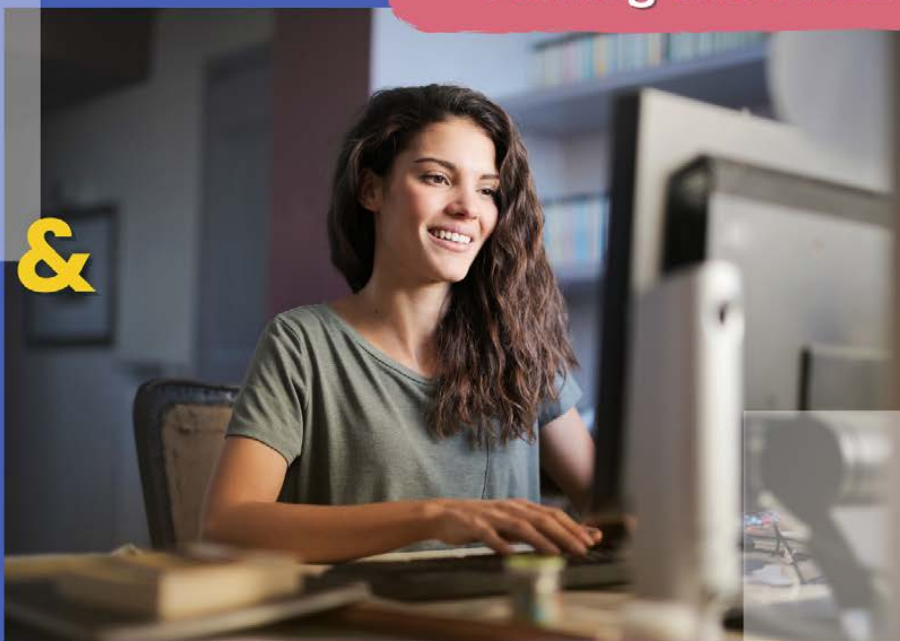
hardship; rather, it establishes that if I intentionally place myself in God’s presence, nothing can move me from that position. Ill words, financial hardships, wayward children, and even diagnosis of a life-threatening disease can shake my world and test my faith, but they cannot remove me from my relationship with God.

In Christ, we are “unshakable.”



## Lunch & Learn

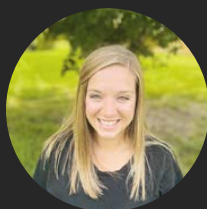
Coming this FALL





# YOUTH CAMP

MAY 31 - JUNE 23



Week 1  
Ashley Pritchett  
Guest Speaker



Week 2  
Joey Silva  
Guest Speaker



Week 3  
Reggie Hill  
Guest Speaker



Week 4  
Josh Jamison  
Guest Speaker

CAMP WEEK PRICES:  
WEEK 1: \$157 PER STUDENT  
WEEKS 2-4: \$190 PER STUDENT



KIDS CAMP

## 2023 CAMP DATES

**Week 1**  
**June 26-30**  
Speaker: Summer Berry

**Week 2**  
**July 10-14**  
Speaker: Julie Pratt

**Week 3**  
**July 17-21**  
Speaker: Jeremiah Hembree

**Week 4**  
**July 24-28**  
Speaker: Jeremiah Hembree

KIDS CAMP





# UNSHAKEN FAITH

Unshaken faith only comes from tested faith. Dr. “C” Charles Harris a professor of mine at Central Bible College would hand out a test with a smile and say, “You can’t have a testimony without a test.”

We serve a loving God that knows that our “walk of faith” cannot be successful without His testing of our faith! Job understood that testing would produce a pure faith in his life! *Job 23:10 But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.*

## GOD FEELS THAT OUR FAITH SHOULD BE TESTED!

*Gen 22:1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham*

- If you’re having heart trouble your physician will ask you to take a stress test. The reason for the test is not to give you a heart attack, but to find out how well your heart is functioning!

- God doesn’t test us to destroy us but to let us see how well our faith is functioning. If there are areas of weakness we need to see it and correct it.

Satan tempts us to destroy our faith. God tests us to increase our faith.

God tests us to see if we will give the things we love the most to him in worship. *Gen 22:2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”*

## ABRAHAM GIVES US THE PROPER RESPONSE WHEN OUR FAITH IS TESTED.

*Abraham responded quickly* to God’s command! *3 “So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son”*

- Don’t drag your feet, the sooner you take the test the sooner you’ll reap the benefits!

*Abraham responded thoughtfully and thoroughly* to God’s command. *6 “So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.”*

- He didn’t go crazy and lose reasoning, though he responded quickly, he took time and prepared himself for the test.

- If you’re being tested by God, respond quickly, but do it thoughtfully and thoroughly.

## *Abraham responded obediently.*

- Abraham traveled for three days to the land of Moriah! *4 “Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.”*

## *Abraham responded silently.*

- Abraham never shared this with anyone. God had spoken directly and he knew what he had to do.

- When faced with the unpleasant task of doing the right thing do not to seek out sympathizers.

- If you need clarification seek wise guidance, but don’t seek out sympathizers.

## ABRAHAM SHOWS US WHAT UNSHAKEN FAITH CAN DO.

Unshaken faith will cause you to go a little farther. *5 “And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship”*

- Faith in God will enable you to go farther than you ever thought possible!

- If Abraham had been asked if he could have done what God had asked Him prior to the test, he would have said no.

Unshaken faith will cause you to worship during the times of testing. *5 “And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship”*

Unshaken faith during your test will bring calmness.

- Abraham’s faith produced calmness in his life that touched others. The two young men and Isaac stood steady during this time of incredible testing!

- Your unshaken faith shown during the times of testing should bring calmness to those around!

## ABRAHAM’S UNSHAKEN FAITH PASSED GOD’S TEST.

We pass the test when God speaks clearly and forcefully into our lives.

*Gen. 23:11 “But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.” 12 And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”*

- There is a place during the test of your faith when God speaks into your life and you know it!

When our faith in God is tested but unshaken there will always be provision for our present day and promise for the future ahead.

- Gen. 23:13-14 Abraham’s unshaken faith meet “Jehovah-Jireh” The Lord –Will- Provide. The same will be true for each of us in our times of testing.

- Gen. 23: 15-18 Abraham’s unshaken faith heard the promise of an everlasting covenant. *17 “blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”*

Unshaken faith only comes from tested faith. The same God that enable Abraham to pass the test of His faith will enable each of us to be unshakable in our faith.





## *Let Us Be Steadfast In Our Love*

For years, as I traveled from my home in route to the Network Office, I would pass by an old farmhouse. It appeared to be about one hundred years old. Daily, I would pass without giving the place much thought. It was just something I was accustomed to seeing.

Recently something has changed. In just a few short days this old landmark has been destroyed, dismantled, and hauled away. Even the huge old trees have been removed. It now appears as if these buildings and trees never existed.

We may not want to think about it, but one of these days we will be as this old farmhouse. We will just be gone. Will we be forgotten? Yes, by many we will. But, if we have remained faithful to our Lord, He will never forget us. For his love is steadfast love. We may not be known to many, but we will always be known to our Lord.

Let us be true and faithful. Let us be like Timothy. He was such a faithful servant of the Lord and Paul, that Paul said of him in Philippians 2:20 *“for I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.”* I would paraphrase this to say, I have no one else like him.

Every week some of our colleagues in ministry pass. Let us remember their love and faithful service. Let us carry the baton of service they have passed to us. Let us love God and love our neighbors. Let us be steadfast till we finish our race and meet our Lord Jesus, face to face! Blessings, friends!





## CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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# UNSHAKABLE

As I write this, the death toll from the Turkey earthquake has surpassed 41,000. My mind cannot even comprehend such great loss. People got up that morning with the expectation that it would be a routine day, but in an instant, everything changed. Survivors continue to hold on to hope that their loved ones will be found alive, and some have been. Survivors also are coming to terms with the fact that life as they knew it will never be the

same. Several years ago Christine Caine authored a daily devotional book entitled “Unshakable,” with the following

**Unshakable – If someone’s trust or belief is unshakable, it is firm and cannot be made weaker or destroyed.**

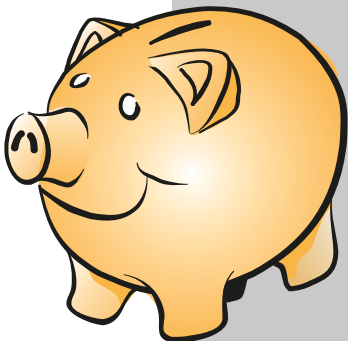
*Cambridge English Dictionary*

description – “God is bigger than your current story. Bigger than fear and shame or that voice in your head that whispers you are not enough, too broken, or too flawed.” GOD IS BIGGER than an earthquake. GOD IS

BIGGER than all of our stories, GOD IS BIG, and in HIM we can be UNSHAKABLE.

## HOW TO GET STARTED ON YOUR BUDGET

by Crown Financial



- **Know your monthly income**
- **Know your monthly expenses**
- **Create your categories**
- **Compare Income and Expenses**
- **Implement the Budget**
- **Plan and Adjust**

No matter what, remember that **your budget will never work unless you work your budget**. The saying, “those who fail to plan are planning to fail” definitely applies to the area of personal finance. Once you have one made, stick to it! Proverbs 16 says, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”





# THE UN-SHAKABLE CHURCH

As I read about the first century church described in the book of Acts, I cannot help but think how different the church was than anything of its time. In fact, the entire ministry of Jesus was different than anything anyone had experienced. I believe that was the point. If there was ever a time we needed a church that was different than everything around it – it's now – it's here.

The Apostle Paul warned Timothy (*2 Tim 3:1-5*) of a time in the last days when everything would be distorted and evil. He also referred to the world as warped and crooked (*Phil 2:15*). I think that pretty well describes the world in which we live, right? It seems like every system and institution that were once thought reliable and stable have been shaken. Everything around us is in disarray, EXCEPT for the Church!

In any building project, you MUST have a solid foundation to give strength to whatever structure you're going to build. If the foundation crumbles, it's only a matter of time before the rest of the structure crumbles and falls. But if the foundation remains solid and secure—the structure you build will also be secure. You probably already see the connection.

According to 1 Peter 2:6 (NIV), our cornerstone is not a “what” but a “who.” Jesus is the Cornerstone—the foundation of the church.

For in Scripture it says: *“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”* (v 6)

Peter had a unique perspective of Christ being the foundation of the church because of his conversation with Jesus in Matthew 16. Jesus had asked them who they thought He was, and after several of them answered with “some say... this or that,” Peter stepped up and said this: **“YOU are the CHRIST (messiah), Son of the Living God!”**

Jesus responded: **“Upon this ROCK, I will build MY Church...and the very gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”** Jesus was not saying that he would build his church upon Peter, but upon the ROCK of truth in what He said—Jesus Christ, the MESSIAH, the Son of the Living God!

Our foundation is not a pastor, a worship style, or even a building. The foundation of the church is Jesus Christ—and HE is unshakeable! THAT is why the church is UNSHAKABLE. It's not because we always do everything right. It's not even because we know what we are doing. **The church is UNSHAKABLE because we have a SAVIOR who is the HOPE of the World!**

And as part of HIS Church, WE are UNSHAKABLE too.





# CHURCH PLANTING

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BY CHRIS WIGGS, REACH MISSOURI NETWORK

Spring 2023 →

## BUILDING AN UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM

Hebrews 12:28 says that we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakeable—meaning it's fixed and immovable. Though the heavens and the earth will be shaken, God's Kingdom will stand strong! Since we have such an inheritance, our goal should be to help populate this unshakeable kingdom, and that's why we plant churches. The goal of starting new churches isn't fueled by a desire to offer new options to disgruntled church people. The goal is new Kingdom growth.

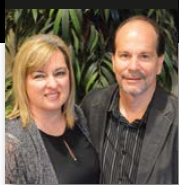
Statistics show that 42% of people who attend new Churches have either never attended church or haven't been in years. Week after week new churches in Southern Missouri are seeing people saved and set free by the power of Christ! There is a spiritual battle taking place every day. The enemy of our souls is fighting to steal the seeds that have been planted in the hearts of people. Jesus promised to build His church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it!

Reach Church in Kansas City is barely 5 years old, and they are busting at the seams. Each week, almost 400 people pack into their undersized auditorium to hear the life-changing message of Jesus. Pastor Adam Brown recently told me that a prostitute started attending their church, and since coming to Reach her entire life has been changed. Not only has God delivered her from prostitution, but she now leads a small group at the church. This is just one of many testimonies we hear from our planters. Thank you for supporting Reach Missouri Network. Together we're helping build God's unshakeable kingdom!

### REACH CHURCH- KANSAS CITY







## CROSS POINTE CAMP

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# UNSHAKABLE

We can testify that we serve an Unshakable God. Having recently gone through an experience of being confronted with a disease that could mean death, everything in our lives was shaken. I want to testify that in the face of everything being shaken, our Lord is Unshakable. An experience such as this removes our dependence on the things of this world, and makes us realize that there isn't anything in this present realm that will remain. But Hebrews 12:28 encourages us that we have a solid foundation in the future that Christ has for us. It says, "we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken!" Just reading that phrase causes strength to come into my spirit. This world in these last days is reeling and in many ways crumbling. But again... "we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful and so worship God acceptably." In Christ, we can remain unshaken. In our darkest hours, when there is no thing that is certain... Jesus is there and strengthens us. I'm so glad that we do not face this life alone!

## WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT CAMP!

We are getting ready for camp 2023!

- Upgrades for the 2023 camping season;
- New Carpet in Tabernacle – picture
- New Canopy built over the doors of the Tabernacle
- New Camera system for security on the campgrounds

*"Touching Heaven"*  
 Camp Intercession Cross Pointe Camp  
 April 14th and 15th



**Donna Barrett**

General Secretary of  
the Assemblies of God

We will be challenged in prayer by the General Secretary of the Assemblies of God, Donna Barrett and led in a powerful time of worship by Floyd McDonald and the Calvary Christian Assembly worship team. This is a time of praying and believing for the miraculous outpouring that occurs for our young people at camp, but also a time of renewal and refreshing for all who attend.

**Register today at [SOMoprayer.com](http://SOMoprayer.com)  
or by calling the camp.**



**Wednesday  
Prayer for  
Revival!**



At this time, we want to encourage people and churches to pray on Wednesdays for a renewed outpouring in our network. In addition to praying specifically for revival, there will be prayer focuses posted on the SOMoprayer website. This will be encouraging as we know that people will be uniting in prayer across our network on Wednesdays.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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# SO MO Women Are UNSHAKABLE!



"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."

SO MO WOMEN are doing our best to help equip women to build their lives on the true and unshakable foundation!

Worldly foundations are enticing, but they will ultimately fall. The Word of God is the only foundation that will not fail, change, or pass away.

We do this through events that will Empower them to be strong and courageous!

Won't you partner with us?

SOUTHERN MISSOURI NETWORK WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

# Empowered

March 31 & April 1  
FRIDAY @ 7:00PM - SATURDAY @ 9:00AM-3:00PM  
LIFE 360 CHURCH  
2220 W. Chesterfield St, Springfield, MO 65807

Sherry Welch  
NETWORK WOMEN'S DIRECTOR

Carleen Clair  
EMPOWERED SPEAKER

DeShae Thrasher  
GIRLS MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

"I know the plans I have for you, saith the Lord!" Jeremiah 29:11

# My dear girl, you are beautiful

**SOMO WOMEN FALL RETREATS ON THE LAKE**  
EAST: September 14-16 || WEST: September 21-23

"True beauty begins within."  
1 Peter 3:4

Steve Welch  
WORSHIP LEADER

Sherry Welch  
SOMO NETWORK WOMEN'S DIRECTOR

Evelyn Klingler  
GUEST SPEAKER

Martha Tenzon  
GUEST SPEAKER

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## GIRLS MINISTRIES

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# Unshakable

Have you ever looked at something so long it appeared to shake? This is a trick that our eyes will sometimes play on us. Maybe we close our eyes, rub them a bit or even rearrange our position to see if the object still appears to be shaking. The enemy wants to introduce doubt and confusion into our lives oftentimes using deception. Did that object really move? Did God really say that? Is that choice that important? In a world that is seemingly shaking on what is right and wrong. We must keep our eyes on Jesus in a shaking world. Hebrews 12:2 instructs us, "We do this by

keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith." When we are focused on Jesus, the Holy Spirit will help us to determine what is truth and what is a lie! How are you helping your students focus their lives on Jesus? Do the students in your church and community know when they are being deceived? As you minister to girls there are some wonderful resources to help acquaint them with the truth of God's word and help them experience the power of the holy spirit baptism. Great resources for elementary and teen girls can be found at [ngm.ag.org](http://ngm.ag.org).



## you & me

A special event for women & girls hosted by the  
Southern Missouri Women's and Girls Department

April 28 @ 5:00PM - April 29 @ 3:00PM

*Registration is now Open!*

SOMO Women  
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Questions? Call us at 417.881.1316 or send us an  
email at [wms@somoag.org](mailto:wms@somoag.org)



**Sherry Mattix**  
Guest Speaker



**MEN**

**Greg Perkins**  
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# Men's Summit

April 14-15 @ Eagle Sky

Registration Open: NOW

September 29-31 @ Cross Pointe

yea, we know

Registration Open: May 4th @ 12:04pm

## 2023 Speaker: Brooks Till



Brooks serves as the District Youth Director for the Tennessee Ministry Network. His ministry is a powerful blend of humor and heart! The message he brings is one that will challenge, encourage, and provoke you to experience the love of a Heavenly Father and find a real relationship with Him.



**DISCIPLE  
MAKER  
BOOTCAMP**

*"I walked away with more tactical approaches to making a difference in God's Kingdom than I thought I would ever have."* Pastor Bill Arnold

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# MINISTRY TO BOYS Can Take Many Forms

When the Royal Rangers program first began many years ago it was designed to reach boys with the Gospel message, teach them the truths of scripture, and keep them connected to the church through a variety of activities boys enjoy. Although many features of the program have changed through the years the mission of Royal Rangers remains unchanged and churches all across the country and around the world have employed Royal Rangers as their primary evangelism and discipleship tool for the boys of their church and community.

But due to the diversity of ministry styles and changing capabilities over time, many churches will experience seasons where alternative options are needed that enable them to reach and disciple boys in a way that better aligns with the changing needs and capabilities of their church.

Ministry to boys can take many forms, and the form of ministry your church chooses to employ may change over time as you experience seasons of change. But regardless of the season, every church can provide ministry to boys in some form. Consider the following as examples of what your ministry may look like at different points in time.

- A full Royal Rangers program utilizing all aspects of the advancement system with awards, uniforms, and multiple age groups.
- A “lite” Royal Rangers program that provides boys with the same skills and discipleship pathway as a full program outpost but without the cost and complexities of awards, uniforms, and insignia.
- A custom “club-style” boy’s program fully defined by your church using curriculum from Royal Rangers or other sources as discipleship resources.
- Providing gender-based classes or small groups as part of your existing children & youth ministries, such as a teen boys life group or a boys discipleship class.
- Periodic activities for men and boys that bring them together around common interests to build relationships and provide easy entry points for men and boys to invite their unchurched friends.

Every man and every boy needs a community of Christlike men that will encourage and support him in his journey to becoming the man of God he was created to be, and every church can provide that community on some level. If you would like to hear more about the ways your church can be part of that process, we would be glad to assist you. Together we will explore the options available and help you design a plan for providing an effective and engaging ministry to the men and boys of your community that is uniquely suited to the vision, objectives, and capabilities of your church.







## The Gideon Sword

EXCEPTIONAL Giving  
UNSHAKABLE Commitment

# BGMC

## Gideon Sword

### *What is a Gideon Sword?*

In the book of Judges, we are told of Gideon, an unassuming farmer who was called to lead the nation of Israel into battle. But when it came time for the battle, the Lord told Gideon he had too many men. Gideon obediently whittled the number down to 300 men of valor. With 300 obedient and resolute men, the Lord brought a great victory over the Midianites.

BGMC has a special award for churches who exhibit a similar steadfast resolve and exceptional sacrifice in the battle for souls. This award is the Gideon Sword.

### *How can my church earn the Gideon Sword?*

Churches earn a Gideon Sword by having exceptional BGMC giving over 4 consecutive years. Specific giving requirements are dependent on the church's average Sunday morning attendance.

#### Attendance/Giving requirements:

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101-250	\$3000 per year
251-500	\$4000 per year
501-750	\$6000 per year
751+	\$8000 per year







# YOUTH

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Southern Missouri Youth Ministries is thrilled to announce an exceptional summer at camp! Youth Camp presents an incredible opportunity for young individuals to break away from the constant distractions of life and immerse themselves in intentional time with God.

Our mission is to witness students being saved, filled, and called. With an outstanding lineup of speakers and an electrifying summer itinerary filled with games, lakes, and fun, we're eagerly looking forward to a remarkable season. Don't miss out on the chance to give your students an unforgettable experience at Youth Camp this year!

## YOUTH CAMP 2023



Week 1 - Ashley Pritchett  
May 31-June 3



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June 5-9



Week 3 - Reggie Hill  
June 12-16



Week 4 - Josh Jamison  
June 19-23

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## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

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# ON CHRIST THE Solid Rock

A little boy and his father were fishing on one of the great lakes when a sudden storm caught them off guard capsizing their boat and leaving them swimming as the boat washed away. They swam as long as they could, and the tired boy told his father he couldn't go any further. Suddenly they spied a large rock protruding out of the water and carefully made their way to it. After several hours and approaching darkness, the father told his son that he would swim for help while he, the boy, stayed on the rock. Hours later a boat was seen heading toward the rock with the boy still holding onto it. When the lifeguard lifted the boy to the boat, he asked if he was

not afraid during all that time. The boy responded, "Yes sir I shook on the rock but the rock never shook!" What a great lesson for believers in the Second Half of Life who are seeing more changes than most of us can keep up with. Last day things all around us are shaking and moving but we have a "Rock of Ages" who we can hide in. As the hymn reads, "On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, ALL other ground is sinking sand!" Our faith is rooted in truths that are unchanging and although sometimes we may shake we do not have to fear our ROCK CHRIST JESUS IS Unshakable!

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- \* Shelburne Museum
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- \* Rock of Ages Granite Quarry
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