

A RETREAT FOR ALL WIDOWS THROUGHOUT THE PENNDEL MINISTRY NETWORK

NEW HORIZONS & BEYOND WIDOWS ONLY RETREAT

The God Who Sees Me

October 10-12, 2025
Bongiorno Conference Center



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Family Updates

In June, I traveled to Kentucky with my three youngest grandkids, Kayla (11), Bryson (12), and Aubrey (9). We spent a week with my Momma and enjoyed wonderful family time.



Our week was full of fun activities, including swimming, boating, visiting the fair and even going to a baseball game. Trust me, this is a trip none of us will ever forget!

My mom wants to thank everyone who prayed for her over the past few months. Her surgery was successful, and she is doing well.

Missions Update: I'm grateful for God's favor during my travels. I will be in Orlando, FL the week of August 3-9 attending General Council. I've been given a table at the exhibits to promote His mandate to care for the widowed. I've also been invited to share briefly about my mission at the Widowed Credential Holders' Breakfast on Friday. Never forget, I am your voice as I travel and I love you deeply!



Our speaker, Rev. Cheryl Greco, is an ordained minister and has been a missionary for over twenty years, serving beside her husband, David, in Mexico as missionaries, Area Directors and for AGWM

Partnership Development. Since David's homegoing in October 2021, Cheryl has continued to work with the Assemblies of God World Missions department to be a Content Creator with the Communications Department on a special initiative to train and resource children to be sensitive to and mobilized for world missions. She also teaches at The Wilberforce School, a classical Christian school, in Princeton, NJ.

Registration Closes Sep. 1

Space is limited

2 Nights / 6 Meals

Single: \$299

Double: \$260

Triple: \$230

Day Guest:
Meals, No Lodging



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Please pray for our Ministry Network Leaders!

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John 4:23 *"Yet the time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."*

I read this from my 'Jesus Calling' devotional: *"When you worship Me in spirit and truth, you join with choirs of angels who are continually before My throne. Though you cannot hear their voices, your praise and thanksgiving are distinctly audible in heaven. Your petitions are also heard, but it is your gratitude that clears the way to My Heart. The greatest blessing is nearness to Me —abundant Joy and Peace in My Presence. Practice praising and thanking Me continually."*

I'm sure you've wondered what it's like in heaven, with angels singing around the throne. I certainly do.

As I sat quietly, staring at the words: *"worshiping Him in spirit and truth,"* and wondering exactly what that looks like, I dug deeper; here's what I found.

Worshiping in spirit and truth isn't about outward actions. It's not about rituals, places or ceremonies; it's a matter of the heart. Father God said, *"My people praise me with their mouth, but their hearts are far from me."* Isaiah 29:13 It's about honoring God in every part of our lives, aligning with His nature and truth.

Such worship comes from a sincere heart motivated by love and gratitude for all He is and has done. This kind of worship can only come from a genuine relationship with God the Father. It's not a 'private' relationship, but one we maintain whether in public or with family members who hold different beliefs from ours.

The next thing that caught my attention was: *"Practice praising and thanking Me continually."* I looked up the word 'practice' and found: *to turn an idea into action.* This doesn't happen overnight; it's something we must be intentional about doing.

Worshiping in spirit and truth will become a way of life as we commit ourselves not only to reading the Word but also to doing what it says. James 1:22

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*Connecting with
widows and widowers
of credential holders in
the PennDel Network.*



*"...in all these things we are
More Than Conquerors
through Him who loves us."
Romans 8:37*

**Remember You Are
Dearly Loved!**

Reflections from our MTC Retreat



*"Behold, I am
doing a new thing; now it
springs forth."
Isaiah 43:19*

Our Speakers:



Tom Budzowski



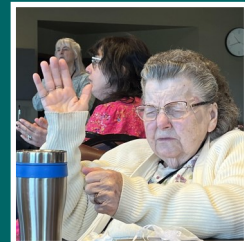
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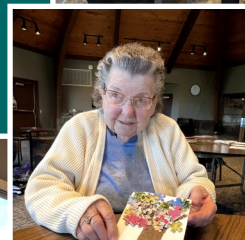
Our Team



Our fearless men!
Martin ~ Tom ~ Dale



Dale Bupp (85)
Carmen Gunder (93)
Ruby Mayeski (97)

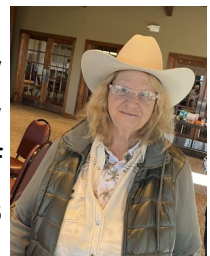


Jeremiah
17:14



Isaiah
43:19

Donna Noll shared, "Thank you and the MTC team for such a wonderful retreat. It was a time of refreshing. I loved my room and the food was so good. Most of all I learned to keep going forward in my ministry. I can't turn back! I have to keep my eyes on the goal and I will fulfill the call of God on my life! God bless our leaders as they strive to make our lives better."



Evelyn Machamer has moved into an apartment at Legend at Silver Spring in Mechanicsburg. Please pray for renewed strength and that lives will be touched as she continues to share the love of Jesus.

Ruby Mayeski still needs prayer for her eyesight.

Karen Loose has been suffering from lower back pain caused by a herniated disc and a pinched nerve. Surgery to remove the arthritis and fuse the discs is the last resort, which would require a three-month recovery period.

Vivian Dippold has seen God's faithfulness to her and her family as she works through her personal journey with cancer. She still faces difficult times ahead, but she is confident that God is in control.

Gene Kummerer has a new mission field now. He is living in a facility with well over 200 residents, many of whom need Jesus. Pray for opportunities and for open hearts. He is also in therapy to strengthen his balance.

Gloria Mosley is thankful for her family who is there for her. Continue to pray for strength as she faces the days ahead.

Our following MTCs have been placed on hospice care: **Hugh Flanagan Jr., Muriel Hobson and Yvonne Ash.** Please keep their families in prayer. (There may be others that I'm not aware of.)

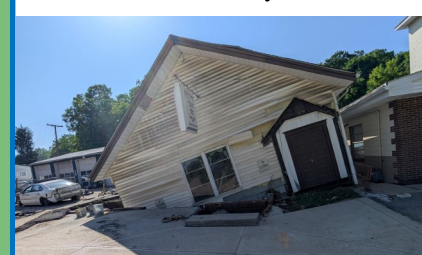
Pray for our MTC family members who care for their parents dealing with memory loss and other challenges.

Pray for our unsaved loved ones! Many of you have shared your burdens with me about loved ones who need Jesus. I felt led to share the prayer I prayed over our son when he was far from the Lord. This is the same prayer I pray for our unsaved family and friends.

Father God, I bring (their name) before You again today. I call them out of darkness into Your marvelous light. I call them from death to life. I come against every lie, scheme, plot and assignment of the enemy to bring destruction upon them. I declare each of these to be aborted, in the name of Jesus. Father, open their eyes so they can see the condition of their soul and come to their senses. Quicken their minds so they can grasp and understand the truth, and unstop their ears so they can hear the truth and no longer listen to the enemy's lies. Break off the hardness of their hearts and give them a heart of flesh. Father, give them dreams and visions; let them see themselves the way You see them. Let them see themselves living in the fullness of Your anointing and bring those dreams into reality. May their names be added to the Lamb's Book of Life. In the powerful name of our Lord Jesus. Amen!

2 Corinthians 4:18 says, "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen..." Therefore, I praise God for answering my prayer, and the things I have asked for will become a reality in their lives.

On June 14, Valley Grove, WV, experienced a devastating flood. Eight lives



were lost in the community, and **Sarah Rakon's** church, Valley Grove A/G, was destroyed. Please pray for Sarah and the congregation as they seek God's guidance moving forward.

Our Newest New MTCs

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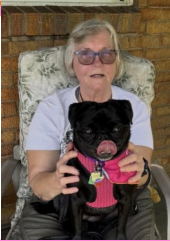
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Charles (Chuck) R. Willis, 77, passed away on June 2. He is survived by his faithful wife, Sue. Together, they were blessed with fifty-one years of marriage. Chuck was very proud to have served his country in the United States Army and was well-known throughout the Pittsburgh area as a prominent businessman with a generous heart. Chuck was a loyal support to Sue as a PennDel Evangelist and as she founded the International Ministry, 'How to Heal Beyond Survival'.

Wayne H. Hixon, 85, passed away on June 20. He was a 1961 graduate of the former Eastern Bible Institute, now University of Valley Forge and proudly served in the United States Army. On June 30, 1962, he married the former Shirley Stewart, with whom he shared nearly sixty-three years of marriage. Together, they served in full-time ministry as lead pastors of the following PennDel churches: Montoursville, Aliquippa, and Lock Haven. Wayne served on the North Central Sectional Committee for many years. He was a member of Beech Creek Wesleyan Church. In his younger years, Wayne enjoyed hunting. He was a talented woodworker who flipped numerous houses and used his skills in the churches he served.

Sharon Lopez shared, "I celebrated my 70th birthday with Princess (who turned three,) and with my family. I thank God for His love and for bringing me through the year. I also thank Him for my family and friends." Sharon and Princess regularly visit senior living and nursing homes, bringing joy and hope to those they meet and spreading the love of Jesus to those who are usually forgotten.



Lots of Laughter



"ALL MINE!"

UPDATE on Donna Grove: During our 2024 retreat, our nurse, Donna, was healed of severe back pain caused by four herniated discs and sacrum involvement, which had caused her legs to buckle when she tried to walk. This past year, she hiked in Utah, tackling five trails at an elevation of 4,800 feet in Mt. Zion National Park, and visited Bryce Canyon National Park. She also hiked in Nevada's Valley of Fire State Park, which includes the Slot Canyons, covering a total of eight miles, and hiked six miles in Grand Teton, WY. To God be all the glory!



**New Horizons Retreat
May 29-31, 2026**

To all those who gave of their time, gifts, talents and finances to bless our More Than Conquerors, we say, Thank You!

We Have Much To Celebrate!



Phil Dippold celebrated his 75th birthday with a family dinner and later enjoyed a homemade apple pie that his daughters had made for him. Phil is pictured here with his son-in-law, Andrew, and beautiful granddaughters.

Carolyn Leeper shared that she enjoyed a wonderful lunch for Mother's Day with her son, Lewis, and his family. Lewis is now pastoring the same church that Carolyn and her husband, Lewis, built years ago.



Jerry Olshevski celebrated his 87th birthday with his daughter, Jodi, who flew in from California for a week. He also had the opportunity to preach at Orchard Beach A/G, the very church he and his wife, Lydia, founded forty-one years ago. He is thankful that he can still play golf at 87.



Muriel Hobson celebrated her 99th birthday. For the past five years, she has resided in a nursing home. A poster of John 3:16 hangs on her wall. Muriel is known for her kindness and thanking each person for even the smallest things done for her. Her goal has always been to plant seeds of God's love in the hearts of the staff who work at the home.



Evelyn Machamer & Ruby Mayeski both celebrated birthdays. Evelyn turned 98 and Ruby turned 97.



Teen Challenge Institute of Missions, now known as Youth Challenge International Bible Institute, is celebrating sixty years since its co-founding by David Wilkerson and John Kenzy. The initial campus was the John Jacob Astor Estate located in Rhinebeck, NY (1965-1972). The school relocated to Sunbury, PA in 1972 and operated there until closing in 2021. Thousands of former drug addicts, alcoholics and broken people attended YCIBI. This "Miracle School" produced men and women of God whose obedience to Him has resulted in thousands of changed lives all over the world. To God be the glory, great things He has done.

Donna Noll celebrated her 74th birthday with her sister, Jo, at a convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Although her trip there and back was not without challenges, she had a great time and made it home safely.



Roberta Anderson shared, "I can't believe I'm 84." Her birthday and Mother's Day were filled with many blessings. "For Mother's Day, my son, Stephen, prepared a wonderful dinner and gave me roses. We also enjoyed a delicious cake! I also got to talk with my daughter and grandchildren who live in Utah. God has blessed me!"



Carol Kenzy



The Celebrations Continue!



Vivian Dippold gathered with all but two of her family members for Mother's Day. Such a special blessing indeed.

Carol Kurka spent Memorial Day weekend in Charleston, SC, visiting her son, Micah. It was a fantastic road trip with her granddaughter, Nevaeh, who had never seen the ocean before. Their time together was filled with creating wonderful memories.



Congratulations

Rev. George & Amy Prior!

They were married on June 14. We rejoice with you as you begin your new life together.



Sherry Sabella shared, "Recently, the AGWM Europe Region had a Europe Together in Croatia. This is the incredible Southeast Europe Area with whom I am so honored and blessed to serve alongside! They are all my heroes of the faith! God is moving in the Balkans and we are preparing for that great harvest!"



Debbie Lecocq shared, "My family is close, but spread out across the country, with the oldest in Hawaii. We are very intentional about taking a vacation together every two years. The first week of June, we gathered at a resort in Orlando, with extended family from six states, totaling forty-five in all. Sunday evening, I had everyone over to our condo for an Italian dinner, a talent show, a hula hoop contest and a limbo contest! It was a week of joy and fun, love and laughter! God is so good!"

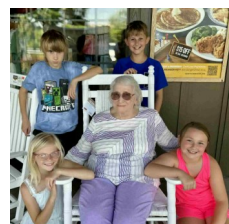
Darlene Pundt shared, "I feel blessed that my son, Larry and his wife, Renee, made a cozy place for me in their home. I have my own private bath with a nice linen closet, plus nice space under the sink. I call this my happy place!"



Faye White is still active in the ministry. She leads the widows' group at her church and recently participated in the worship team for their Hymn Sing Sunday. She shared, "We sang only hymns about Jesus. It was beautiful and uplifting!"



Jean Tennant (pictured here with four of her seven grandchildren) celebrated her 97th birthday with her family at Cracker Barrel.



Sharon Poole was honored at this year's SUMMIT for twenty years of service as our *Girls Ministries Director*. Sharon shares, "Having spent twenty years as the Girls Ministries Director, God has blessed me with opportunities to lead. Our girls took the first-ever (within the National Assemblies of God) foreign missions trip. Many of our young ladies have completed the program, attended college and gone into full-time ministry. Thousands of girls have participated in the Girls Ministries program. Many received Christ; many were baptized in the Holy Spirit. I have been touched and changed by the lives of these girls. God has blessed me beyond anything that I can describe. As I retire from this position, I am stepping away from Girls Ministries, but I am not stepping away from ministry. While I don't fully know what God has in store for me, I do know that He is up to something. He is faithful!"



Karen Loose is one of three notable leaders of a special over-55 singles group at her church, called 'SWAP' (Singles with a Purpose), in Lititz, PA. In addition to their monthly meeting, which includes various activities, their fifty members volunteer at several ministries throughout Lancaster County. Karen said, "When you lose your mate due to death or divorce, everything changes, and other couple relationships usually fade. We are there for one another, and we work hard to draw new people into a community of others who share in their loss and help them find joy in new possibilities."



Yvonne "Bonnie" L. Linton, 86, went to be with the Lord on March 2. Bonnie was born in McConnellsburg on March 23, 1938. She was married to Rev. Frank Linton, who preceded her in death on Sept 1, 2005. Together, Frank and Bonnie pastored the following churches in our PennDel Ministry Network: Clairton, Connellsville, Bedford, and Philipsburg. They also served as interim pastors at several churches in our Network.

Rev. Ronald E. Korzeniowski, Sr., 79, passed away on March 19. He was born in Dorchester, MA. He is survived by his faithful wife, Nancy. Together, Ron and Nancy faithfully served the Lord in the Southern Missouri and Southern New England Ministry Networks prior to transferring to the PennDel Ministry Network. Ron and Nancy were the lead pastors at Glendale AG, Coalport. Following their ministry in Coalport, they served local agencies in the Irvina area as chaplains. They were faithful members of Abundant Life AG, Altoona.

Rev. Jesse O. Owens, 91, passed away on March 21. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Kay, of sixty-five years. Jesse and Kay were global evangelists (for thirty-five years) with Assemblies of God World Missions and an international ministry they founded called Global Renewal. The focus of their overseas ministry was on church-planting and the founding and developing of drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs with Global Teen Challenge.

Mrs. Marjorie Jones, 95, passed away on March 23. Marjorie grew up in an orphanage that her parents established for discarded girl babies. As a teenager, she and her younger brother, David, started a Christian group fellowship that eventually became the A/G Church Kolkata. Today, Kolkata believers worship in over eighteen weekend services in eight different languages and it has outreaches consisting of more than 100 schools, over 700 churches, a daily feeding program for 10,000, and a full general hospital that has treated 2.2 million people. She and her husband served for more than forty-five years in the countries of Malawi, Senegal, and the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa where she was the first woman permitted to teach men at the Bible Schools and the first woman to assist and include women in the college-level Bible School courses.

Rev. Sylvia J. Baker, 91, passed away on April 22. Sylvia was the lead pastor of the Shanksville Assembly of God from 1999 until her retirement in 2021. Her life as a minister was a second career she began in her early 60's, after the death of her husband, Roy. After the plane crash of Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, Sylvia and another local pastor went to the scene to minister to emergency workers. For months after the crash, her church was visited by numerous people who wanted to visit the site. Her ministry to the needs during this crisis included ministering to thousands who came through her small rural community. Sylvia did missionary work in the Philippines and throughout Central and South America. She was also an avid jogger and participated in many 5K and 10K races. She joked that as the only runner in her age category, she always finished first.

Rev. Frederick "Fred" Ripper, 75, passed away on June 15. He is survived by his wife, Faye, as well as his children, Ryan, and Shannon. He also has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Fred went to Zion Bible Institute in 1968, and he also attended Central Bible College as well as Regent University where he earned his Masters Degree. Fred served for forty-nine years in full time church ministry and pastoral care. He fulfilled many positions including daycare director, school principal, various pastoral positions and counselor. He was on staff at First Christian Assembly in Liberty Twp., OH., various churches in Virginia, Teen Challenge in Rehrersburg, PA. and First Assembly of God/Family Life Church in Hermitage, PA, where he retired in 2021. He also founded and started Cardinal Kiddie Kollege in Liberty Twp., OH. which is still open and running to this day. Fred lived a life rooted in faith, devoted to Christ and guided by the teachings of the Holy Bible.