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### ONE CALL CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING. VOLUME 1, NO. 3



One call can change everything. I was reminded of this on October 9th when I received a call informing me that my mother had experienced a bad fall and the assessment was, "David, it doesn't look good." That one call changed all my plans. Suddenly, the important lunch meeting I was in the middle of was quickly ended; my afternoon appointments were cancelled and after quickly throwing a few things in oursuitcases, Sonja and I were on the road heading to South Carolina. The short of it was that my mother died fourteen days later from the injuries she received from that fall.

Yes, one phone call can change everything. That reality is a reminder to not hold on to the things of this life too tightly or to not make assumptions that can't be guaranteed. Something else I learned from that call is that there has to be something that does not change when everything else does.



This was demonstrated to me by my mother through her response to the news that, barring a miracle, her injuries were terminal. She was silent for just a moment and then she began to talk to God. She went through a long list of God's faithfulness throughout her life. She then began to pray in the Spirit, which eventually led into singing. Finally, she began to repeat over and over, "My faith still holds, my faith stills holds..."

I'll never forget that sacred moment. My mother looked into the abyss and in her darkest and most desperate moment she found her footing; she had built her life on the Rock (Matthew 7:24–25, Psalm 18:2) and He did not fail her.

So it turns out that one call can change a lot of things, but it doesn't have to change everything. So my dear friend, no matter the challenges you may be facing, the mission has not changed, your faith and focus havenot changed and your Lord God –the immutable One (Malachi 3:6) has not changed. Therefore, do not grow weary in well-doing for in due season you shall reap.

And one final thing, your kindness to me and my family during this season of bereavement has meant so much. The benefits we received are beyond my ability to express adequately.

Suffice it to say, from my heart and with deepest appreciation: Thank you.

Blessings, David L. Kemp Administrative Bishop



Mist in the Mouning

What's not to love about Autumn? The hot, humid days of summer fade away to be replaced by cooler temps, colorful leaves, and beautiful blue skies. Then there's pumpkin spice, apple orchard cider & donuts, and the holiday of gastronomic delight, Thanksgiving.

Like the seasons of our natural world, our lives also go through seasons –some we love, some we endure; some that are sad and painful; others we find joyful and fulfilling. Whatever situation we find ourselves in, there is always something to be thankful for –Jesus is by our side. So, no matter the season, we never have to face life alone.

Isaiah 18:4 says, "For the LORD has told me this: "I will watch quietly from my dwelling place—as quietly as the heat rises on a summer day, or as the morning dew forms during the harvest." (NLT)

As the song we used to sing when I was a young girl proclaims, "Standing somewhere in the shadows, you'll find Jesus; He's a friend who always cares and understands..." These lyrics remind us that in the heat of summer or the cooler temps of harvest, whether we can senseHis near ness or not, He is always nearby, standing guard over our lives. If you happen to see mist rising up on an autumn morning, I hope it reminds you of the loving presence and provision of ourLord, winter, spring, summer and fall.



Blessings, Sonja Kemp Women's Ministry Director







2026 Michigan Youth Camp —
"Betrayed. Battled. Bound.
Become."

Get ready for an unforgettable week at Covenant Hills in Otisville, Michigan ---> July 6-10, 2026!

This year's camp will take you on a journey of faith, growth, and transformation as we dive into what it means to overcome battles and become who God has called us to be. Don't miss the worship, the word, and the community that will shape your summer and your future.



December 22 – January 2



Pay your \$50 non-refundable deposit within the above date window and lock your camper into

Camp at the \$225 early bird rate.

After January 2<sup>nd</sup>, registration will be suspended and reopen on February 1st.

## UPCOMING RALLIES WINTER-SPRING, 2026

1/18	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN RALLYNORTHPOINT</b> 5920 Jefferson Ave, Midland, MI			
2/15	<b>EASTERN MICHIGAN-LAPEER COG</b> 459 E. Oregon St, Lapeer, MI			
3/1	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN RALLYNORTHPOINT</b> 5920 Jefferson Ave, Midland, MI			
4/12	<b>SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN-STEWART RD.</b> 1199 Stewart Rd, Monroe, MI	sk	eg;	
4/26	NORTHERN MICHIGAN-HOUGHTON LAKE 9949 W Lake City Rd, Houghton Lake, MI	1/101/s		901
5/17	<b>UPPER PENINSULAHARBOR LIGHTS</b> 612 2nd Ave S, Escanaba, MI	1/4	·wd	0)



All CAMS Spring 2026 applications must be submitted to the state office by December 7, 2025. If you have any questions, feel free to email Emily at *credentials@michigancog.org*.





## CHRISTMAS MORNING



Let's celebrate Christmas together!

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. Campground Tabernacle

Scan to Register or register at michigancog.org



# SEPTEMBER MORNING WORSHIP ATTENDANCE STATS



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#### Church of God in Michigan 2025 September Morning Worship Attendeance Stats

#### **Mission Churches**

Clio, Life Line, Linda Adamczewski Gwinn, Upper Room, Charissa Renner Mt. Pleasant, Curtis Asmore Sheridan, Robert Carpenter

Church and Pastor	Tithes	Worship
Stewart Road Church of God, Mark Ingram	88,662.49	565
Grace Point Church, Jeff McNally, Jr.	16,751.00	228
Dexter Lake Church of God, Paul Tindall	67,126.00	228
International Church of God, Joy John	6,100.00	200
Oak-Crest Church of God, Richard D. Rogers	24,210.95	200
The River, William E. Wahl	16,164.00	198
Kingdom Life Church of God, Steven Bishop	2,672.00	150
LifePoint, Ronald Schubert	11,859.30	150
Victorious Life, Scott Weaver	22,394.42	130
Redemption Outreach, Scott Tysick	5,613.31	117
Durand Church of God, Mark Fernandez	5,485.00	115
Walton Blvd Church of God, M. Tony Barbour	14,270.55	102
New Hope Community, Victor Williams	19,788.00	99
White Cloud Church, James Fader	8,996.86	94
Maranatha Church of God, Ryan Sharpe	11,704.00	94
Hill Creek, Wesley Hunter	14,578.77	89
Big Jackson, John McGhee	8,361.00	87
Family Life Center, Ryan Snyder	5,003.40	80
Lighthouse Church of God, Matthew West	5,428.95	80
Abundant Life, Richard South	13,024.38	66
Central Church of God, Chris Johnson	4,171.00	61
Lapeer Church of God, Dakota Leming	6,332.20	60
Heritage Park, Robert Rennie	7,792.01	60
The Summit, Jim Morrison	7,333.00	58
Victory Temple, Dennis Wick	9,139.25	53
Highest Praise, Wesley Starr	4,504.00	50
Heritage Community Church, Adam Schultz	7,244.87	50
Hope Community Church, Glenn Gilman	5,427.83	49
Holly Church of God, Eugene Blankenship	4,713.00	42
Houghton Lake Church of God, Jacob Nicoletti	11,824.65	42
North Point Worship Cntr, Michael B. Arp	2,027.00	40

Family Life Worship, Charles Kiesgen	2,028.00	40
Grand Haven, Nathan Strom	7,004.60	40
Strong Tower, Doug Trudell	1,144.00	35
Redemption Place, Deborah Lesher	2,814.67	35
Connection Point, Thomas E. Rea	4,360.41	35
Lighthouse Village, Anthony M. Fields	1,304.80	34
Kalkaska, Church Alive, David Morrison Jr.	5,105.69	32
Family Tabernacle, Jeffrey Howard	3,700.00	28
Trinity Church of God, Mark Wellhousen	4,602.00	28
Living Word, Frankie Lucas	3,131.27	26
Living Word, Jeptha Bryant	4,590.00	24
Sandusky Church of God, Jeffrey Noble	3,310.61	22
Garden City Church of God, John H Stamper, III	2,116.00	21
Flat Rock Church of God, James Williams	2,473.00	21
Harrison Church of God, Willis Pilman	3,321.00	18
Fountain of Praise, Debra Schilling	3,525.00	18
Hastings Church of God, Jeremy Singleton	871.27	15
Lawton Church of God, David R. Cripps	2,689.50	15
Trenton, Donald Drews	2,943.00	15
Inland Lighthouse, David Goheen	1,874.00	11
New Hope Ministries, J. Ron Dunn	1,920.00	11
House of Hope God's House, Tom Coppens	576	10
Faith Chapel, Betty Marlow	145	8
The Point, Ellis Fortune	2,223.54	0
Upper Room Church of God, Alex Fernandez	5,770.00	0
Andrus Street Church of God, Don Browning, Jr.		0
Christian Church for all Nations, Danielle Andre	N/R	0
City Church, Steve Totten	N/R	0
Clinton Church of God, Gary Adams	N/R	0
Cornerstone, Warren R. Davis	N/R	0
Crossroads Church of God, Daniel W Blankenship	N/R	0
Family Worship, Eric Rogers	N/R	0
Genesee Rd Church of God, Vaughn Eller	N/R	0
Harbor Lights, Anthony Morrison	N/R	0
Harvest Intern'l Min., Michael Czarnik	N/R	0
Harvest International, Frederick Nichols	N/R	0
Lake Orion Church of God, William S. Curnell	N/R	0
Lighthouse Worship, Roger Fleming	N/R	0
New Covenant, Ronald Jacobs II	N/R	0
New Harvest, John Criswell	N/R	0
No Limits Ministries, Robert Renfro	N/R	0
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Power & Praise, Christopher Blankenship	N/R	0
Ray of Light, Mary Hoots	N/R	0
Redford Church of God, Shirley Stafford	N/R	0
Restoration Pointe, Gregory Gitter	N/R	0
Revival Center, Greg Casto	N/R	0
River of Life, Justin Candela	N/R	0
Sebewa, Thomas Jablonski	N/R	0
Sheridan Church of God, Robert Carpenter	N/R	0
Solid Rock, Wayne Ramey	N/R	0
The Church, Nick Heine	N/R	0
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