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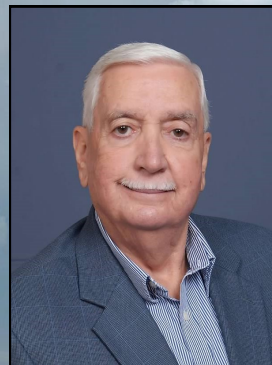
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2024 Celebration 94th District Council

July 15-17

“You’ve Already Won!”



Glenn R. Beaver
Ordination Speaker
West Texas
Superintendent



Alton Garrison
Celebration &
School of Ministry
Guest Speaker



Greg Beggs
Memorial Service
Guest Speaker

Host Church: Christian Life Assembly of God
5917 66th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424
John & Sue Murdoch, Lead Pastors

Celebration Schedule

Monday, July 15

5:00pm Light for the Lost Banquet, Phil McGechie, Men’s Ministries District Director
(Christian Life AG, Lubbock)

7:00pm Ordination Service, Glenn Beaver, Speaker

Reception Honoring Newly Ordained & 50 Years Ordained Minister following service
(Christian Life AG, Lubbock)

Tuesday, July 16

9:00am Prayer

10:00am Memorial Service, Greg Beggs, Speaker

12:00noon Nelson University (formerly SAGU) Luncheon, Felicia Middaugh, Alumni Coordinator
(Christian Life AG, Lubbock)

2:00pm District Council, Business Session

5:00pm STL & BGMC Banquet, Nick Rogers, Youth Ministries & Christian Ed. Director
(Christian Life AG, Lubbock)

7:00pm Celebration Service, Alton Garrison, Speaker

Wednesday, July 17

9:00am Prayer

10:00am School of Ministry Session 1, Alton Garrison, Speaker
(Christian Life AG, Lubbock)

12:00 noon Women of Purpose Luncheon, Christina Sattesahn, WOP District Director
(Christian Life AG, Lubbock)

1:30pm School of Ministry Session 2, Alton Garrison, Speaker
(Christian Life AG, Lubbock)

7:00pm Missions Celebration, Alton Garrison, Speaker
(PK Party following service)

50 Years Ordained Ministry

John Murdoch

Ordination Candidates

Albert Bawl, Joshua Beaty, Jordan Davis,
Katelyn Garcia, Edward Garner Jr, Kevin Guthrie,
DeShawna Johnson, Jamie Johnson,
Shyanne Maloney, Oliver Offutt

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From the Heart of the District Superintendent



Glenn & Betty Beaver
Superintendent

Praying for Kid's & Youth Camps Psalms 145:4

*"One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts."*

During the months of June and July our Youth Ministry Department will be conducting Kid's and Youth Camps. This is a wonderful time for us to join our hearts together in the "prayer of agreement" to see the Lord do amazing things in the lives of the next generation.

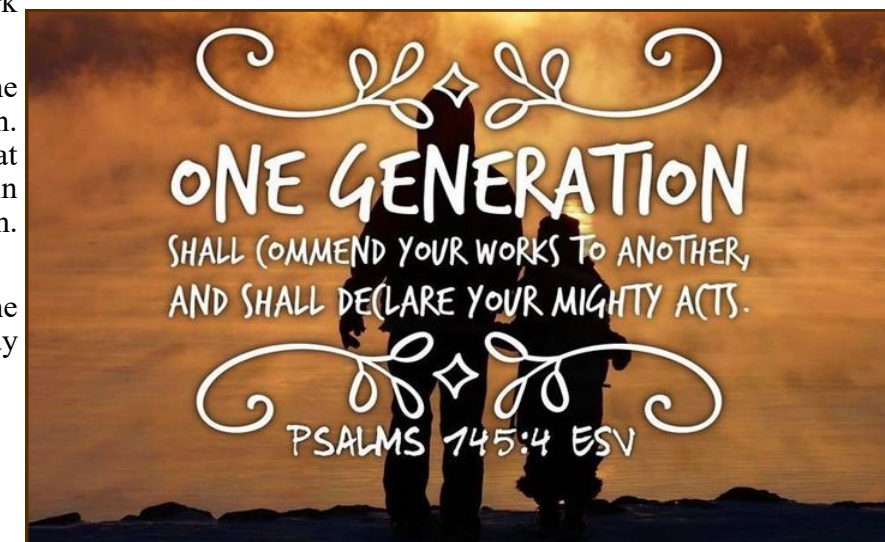
Let's join together in praying for our Camp Directors, **Nick and Alicia Rogers** who will be investing their time and talent to make sure that the camp is ready for our students and that the spiritual atmosphere is prepared for a move of the Holy Spirit. **Anthony and Amy Castro**, our Camp Managers, have helped coordinate groups throughout the past months to make sure all the facilities are up and running. Then there will be a host of pastors, ministers, youth leaders and volunteers from our churches who will bring their students and speak into their lives through the weeks of camp. These individuals are some of the ones who will be commending the **works of God to the next generation**. As Bro. Nick wrote in his Annual Report, it is important that we join him in praying for our students to: "Carry their cross for Christ" (Matthew 16:24); "live a crucified life" (Galatians 2:20); and "Be innocent of evil" (Romans 16:19). Nick went on to write, "Pray for them to be filled with the power of the Spirit, (Acts 1:8); Pray they are given every opportunity to respond to God's calling to ministry; Pray we disciple and develop them as powerful ministers of the gospel." Our prayers for our campers this summer will leave an eternal legacy across West Texas and around the world.

In 2023 the Youth Department report reflects of a tremendous move of God's Spirit as our students were touched through the ministry of the Word and time spent in the altars. During our camps in 2023 there were 208 salvations, 213 rededications, 170 called to ministry and 354 filled with the Holy Spirit. **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!** As we join together in prayer for our 2024 camping season, we are asking the Lord to fulfill His purpose in the students who attend each of the camps.

We are all aware that our students face some very difficult times. Our prayers for them moves the hand of God to sustain them. Just as Aaron and Hur stood on either of Moses, as the Israelites battled the army of Amalek, we too can stand in prayer on either side of our Youth and see God bring a great victory over the challenges they face. Our students who attend our summer camps will be disciplined in the Word of God, which is the "Rock" on which Moses sat. Then like Aaron and Hur, we will stand on either side of our students holding up their hands and will be involved in the victory which Joshua won against the spirit of Amalek. The same spirit is being used by the devil to try to destroy the next generation. As we pray in faith, we have a part in every student who is saved, baptized in the Holy Spirit, called to ministry, and every transforming work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

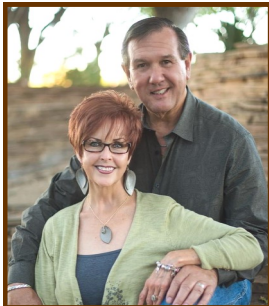
Our generation has the responsibility to tell the stories of God's mighty acts to next generation. This is accomplished in part by telling the great things God has done and living out our trust in the promises of God that He will do it for them. He is the Lord and He does not change!

Thank you for being an Aaron and Hur for the Moses students who are the bright lights today and the future of our West Texas fellowship!



District Secretary/Treasurer

The Profile Of A Great Man: Part 1, Acts 4:32-37



Billy & Betty
Nickell

With **Father's Day** and **National Men's Ministries Day** in the Assemblies of God being June 16, it is appropriate to place the spotlight of appreciation upon the men of our fellowship, as well as challenge each man to rise and rally to the occasion. Never has there been more confusion regarding the role of men in society, nor a greater assault against masculinity than what has been witnessed over the past decades. From the media to the military, men are being told they no longer qualify as leaders of the home or the nation. Biological men are now forcing themselves into women's sports, masquerading as women while being applauded by the largest labor union in the United States, the National Education Association, the White House, Hollywood and a growing segment of the culture. The feminism of the 1960s to the 1980s was supposedly to achieve equal rights, while the thinking of those in the twenty-first century advocate the dominance of women at all cost. The rest of the story is a glaring contrast! God has an army of men who know their role in the home, the church and the nation and they understand their God-given assignment cannot be substituted or filled by two mommies. They are part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The dye has been cast, they have stepped over the line and the decision has been made to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. They will not look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still. These are **great** men! Though their name will never be in lights, nor will they make Forbes' 500 List of the world's richest, their face is set, their goal is heaven, their mission clear and their Guide reliable!

Acts 4 gives part of the biblical record of one of the **great** men of the New Testament and perhaps of all Scripture. He is known as Joseph the Levite from Cyprus and he qualifies as one of the finest men mentioned in the Holy Writ. He is called "a good man" by Luke, the writer of Acts. **Good** is defined by Mr. Webster as, "having the required qualities of a high standard, morally right, virtuous, righteous, well behaved" while the Greek rendering means, "**benevolent, profitable, useful, upright, virtuous.**" Luke gives further insight into the life of this **great** man, "But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on returning to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, proclaiming [to them] the good news (the Gospel) about the Lord Jesus. And the presence of the Lord was with them with power, so that a great number [learned] to believe (to adhere to and trust in and rely on the Lord) and turned and surrendered themselves to Him. The rumors of this came to the ears of the church (assembly) in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what grace (favor) God was bestowing upon them, he was full of joy; and he continuously exhorted (warned, urged, and encouraged) them all to cleave unto and remain faithful to and devoted to the Lord with [resolute and steady] purpose of heart. For he was a good man [good in himself and also at once for the good and the advantage of other people], full of and controlled by the Holy Spirit and full of faith (of his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through Whom we obtain eternal salvation). And a large company was added to the Lord" (Acts 11:20-24 Amplified).

Joseph the Levite was also called Barnabas, and that name is used twenty-eight times in the New Testament. Our text says in verse 36 that Barnabas was Joseph's surname. Today we would call it a nickname, an added name derived from one's occupation or other circumstances. We know from Scripture that James and John, two of Jesus' disciples, were known as, "sons of thunder". The Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah, is remembered as being, "the weeping prophet." Luke informs that Joseph the Levite was known by that title in Cyprus. Upon arriving in Jerusalem he was initially known as the same until he was given another name by the apostles who saw a pattern of conduct in his everyday life. He didn't have to tell them, "You can call me Barnabas if you'd like because I'm Mr. Encouragement!" No, he did as Proverbs directs, "Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips" (Proverbs 27:2 Amplified).

We too are being given names/labels by those who watch our conduct. What name describes my life? What adjective(s) are associated with your life and ministry? If I do not like what I see when I examine myself through the eyes of God's Word, there's an excellent example given in Scripture who models **The Profile of a Great Man!** His name is Barnabas. Before we look at the qualities that exemplify **great**, it would be well for us to take a brief look at the background of this unsung hero. We learn from Scripture that he was a Levite and he owned land, something not common for Levites. The law of Moses states, "Remember that the Levitical priests—that is, the whole of the tribe of Levi—will receive no allotment of land among the other tribes in Israel. Instead, the priests and Levites will eat from the special gifts given to the LORD, for that is their share. They will have no land of their own among the Israelites. The LORD himself is their special possession, just as he promised them" (Deuteronomy 18:1-2 NLT). The land he owned was not in Israel because he was born of Jewish parents outside of Palestine, in Cypress, an island in the northeastern Mediterranean Sea, 50 miles south of Turkey (Asia Minor), 70 miles west of Syria. Some believe he may have come to Jerusalem because of his priestly connections, by virtue of being a Levite. We know he became part of the early Christian community in Jerusalem, and when he joined with the believers there he was known as Joseph. Other noteworthy matters are, he soon became a leader and a man of distinction in the church. He and John Mark, the writer of the second gospel, were cousins, according to Colossians 4:10. (Some say uncle/nephew). His name stands first on the list of prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch. "Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called "the black man"), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul" (Acts 13:1 NLT). If those five names are listed in the order of prominence, as is often the case, take note of which name is mentioned first, and which name is last. The man who many would call "the greatest man in the New Testament, Saul/Paul," is named last! In the limited space that remains I will attempt to do justice to the first of three things that made Barnabas one of the greatest men in the New Testament.

BARNABAS WAS A SELFLESS MAN. This truth emerges early in Luke's history of the early church. "The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind! They didn't even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, 'That's mine; you can't have it.' They shared everything. The apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them. And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy. Those who owned fields or houses sold them and brought the price of the sale to the apostles and made an offering of it. The apostles then distributed it according to each person's need. Joseph, called by the apostles "Barnabas" (which means "Son of Comfort"), a Levite born in Cyprus, sold a field that he owned, brought the money, and made an offering of it to the apostles" (Acts 4:32-37 The Message). It is interesting that Barnabas is listed by name after Luke tells of others in the church who owned fields and/or houses and sold them and brought the money to the apostles to distribute to the poor. We do not know the reason Barnabas is the only name mentioned of all who participated but it could have been because he was the first to take such action! Whether he was first or not, we know he was a selfless man, a word defined as, "concerned more with the needs and wishes of others than with one's own." Barnabas is a great model for every man to emulate. (To be continued).

Director of Church Ministries



The Principles of Prayer



Tracy & Cara Lynn
McWilliams

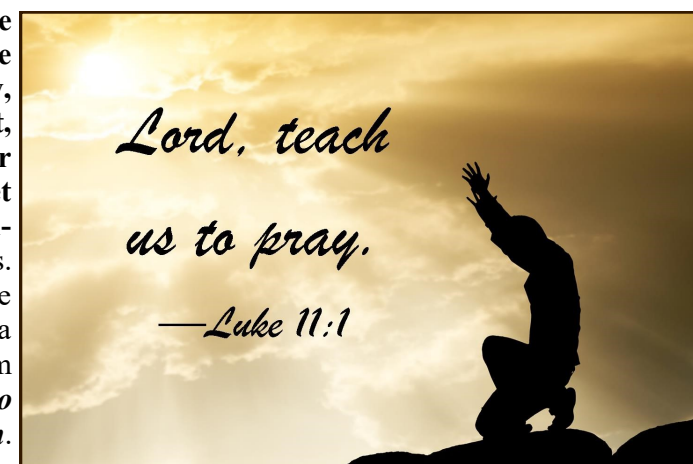
"Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.' John taught his disciples to pray" (Luke 11:1, NKJV). Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Prayer is not something automatically learned. It is not something natural or effortless. You had to learn to walk and learn to talk, and you must learn to walk with God and talk to Him. Many people know a lot of information about prayer, but they never pray. It is not what you **know**, it's what you **do**. Warren Wiersbe said, "Prayer is the provision for every need and the solution to every problem." Jesus used what we know as "The Lord's Prayer" (Matthew 6 & Luke 11) to teach His disciples how to pray. I would like to note several principles of prayer:

1. The Place of Prayer - "As He was praying in a certain place..." (Luke 11:1, NKJV). Jesus said, "But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." It is not wrong to pray in public, but we need to make sure that we have a private prayer life. What keeps a skyscraper from falling over when hit with fierce winds? It is the foundation deep down below, that no one sees, that gives it stability in the storm. Prayer should be the foundation of our life and is the key to surviving the storms of life. How you start your day affects everything in your day.

2. The Pattern of Prayer - "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:9-10). Jesus never said to pray these exact words. Jesus is not telling us **What** to pray but **How** to pray. It is an outline, a guide, a template, or a model. Jesus begins, "**Our Father...**" Prayer is relational. Only those who have put their faith in Jesus Christ can truly call God their Father. "**Hallowed be Your name.**" We honor and respect His name. There is power in His name. God works for His name and not ours. If I pray for someone and they get healed, I don't take the credit. Likewise, if they don't get healed, I don't take the blame. "**Your kingdom come. Your will be done.**" The purpose of prayer is not to get man's will done in heaven but to get God's will done on earth. Through prayer, we are to ask for three things: **Daily Bread** – God wants us to depend upon Him daily. We cannot live on yesterday's blessing. We should not just pray from more things, but we should pray for more of Him. **Forgiveness of Sins** – Sin separates us from one another and from God. We need to ask for forgiveness and choose to forgive others daily. **Protection from Temptation** – We all face temptation every day. Even Jesus was tempted, but God has promised to make a way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).

3. The Persistence of Prayer – In Luke 11, Jesus tells the story of a man trying to wake his neighbor at midnight because he needed something to eat. In those days, everyone lived in a one-bedroom home, maybe two rooms at the most. You don't want someone knocking on your door at midnight, especially if you have kids. The point is clear – **persistence pays off**. If you can get a reluctant neighbor to give you what you need, how much more will your gracious heaven Father give you what you need. "**So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened" (Luke 11:9-10, NKJV).** These are all continuous verbs meaning to keep on asking, seeking, and knocking. We can't ask for something one time and presume we have it. Persistence gets results!

4. The Power of Prayer - "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly" (Matthew 6:16-18, NKJV). To be prayerless is to be powerless. I love the way Rick Dubose put it. He states, "Whoever controls the altar controls the outcome." Prayer and fasting takes our faith to a new level. Prayer **connects** us to God. Fasting **disconnects** us from the world. Prayer is **lifting** one hand to God and fasting is **letting go** with the other hand. Jesus did not say **if** you pray or fast, but **when**. Let's pray big because we serve a Big God!





Around West Texas

Churches

Open Church List & Relaunch Opportunities

- ***Sunray, Assembly of God**
- ***Stinnett, First Assembly of God**
Contact: Kevin Anderson, Presbyter
P.O. Box 511, Stratford, TX 79084
Phone: 806.922.2840
- ***Plains, First Assembly of God**
- ****Lamesa, Life Changers Church**
Contact: Danny Williams, Presbyter
1801 CR 151, Snyder, TX 79549
Phone: 325.575.2861
- ****Spur, First Assembly of God**
Contact: Raymond Mizelle, Presbyter
408 Broad Way, Roaring Springs,
TX 79256 Phone: 806.422.1092
- ***Fort Stockton, First Assembly of God**
Contact: Mike Hanks, Presbyter
100 West Wadley, Midland, TX 79705
Phone: 432.528.8592
- ****Whiteface, Living Water Fellowship**
Contact: Nick Hester
2717 58th Street, Lubbock, TX 79413
Phone: 832.275.1611
- ***District Affiliated Church**
- ****Relaunch Opportunity**



New Baby Boy
Congratulations to
Cullen & Avery Williams
as they welcomed into their
family a son,
Reign Hezekiah
on May 9, 2024.
Cullen and Avery serve as
US Missionaries with
Chi Alpha, Texas Tech.
They state that they feel so grateful
that Jesus chose them to be his parents.

Prayer Requests: Logan Murdoch, Dengue fever; Steve & Charline Norman Sr, complete healing for health issues; Carol Allen, treatments for cancer; Kay Stafford, complete recovering from a recent surgery; Becky Nenstiel, cancer; Chuck & Judy Redger, healing; Rey Rodriguez, Muscular Dystrophy; Annette Newberry, Dementia; George & Janice Mullen, health issues and strength; Regina Gonzalez, autoimmune disease; Brenda Van Hoose, autoimmune disease; Perry Shuffield, health issues; Mylinda Wood, (sister of Tracy McWilliams), ALS; Patsy Anderson, (mother of Kevin Anderson), heart issues; and Sue Stevens, (mother of Darla Ander-

West Texas Bible Institute

June 22, 2024

Certified: Spirit Empowered Church
Licensed: Intro to Homiletics
Ordained: Preaching in Cultural Context

August 10th, 2024

Certified: Life of Christ
Licensed: Leadership Skills
Ordained: Church Admin, Finance & Law

***Last day to register is for the August class is July 19.**



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Juana Munoz**. Juana is the mother of **Rosario Correa** who serves as an Ordained Minister with the West Texas District. Please be in prayer Sis. Rosario and her family that they will be comforted by the Holy Spirit as they walk through the process of grief.

Ministers

Available for Ministry:

Gene Benningfield	806.456.2029
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Kelly Breckenridge	806.787.0355
Danny Brown	806.577.3580
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Edward Garner	240.419.4736
Margie Gonzales	806.282.0534
Mike Matheny	806.200.9959
Phil McGechie	918.541.8882
J.C. Owen	432.254.8629
Jerry Pollard	806.330.0969
David Sasse	806.300.8717
Marcus Tanner	903.330.1560



**Blessed
Father's
Day!**

Numbers 6:24

*The LORD bless you
and keep you.*

Save the Date

2024 Celebration/District Council, July 15 - 17, 2024

Christian Life Assembly of God, 5917 66th Street, Lubbock, Texas

Host Pastors: John & Sue Murdoch

Congratulations College & High School Graduates!

Bachelor of Arts Degree

Lexi Pate

Lexi, the daughter of Ryan & Cari Pate, graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Associate of Arts Degree

David Shryack

David, son of Joseph & Lana Shryack, graduated from Ramp University with a Diploma of Completion in The School of Arts.

High School & Associate of Arts Degree

Natalie Morris

Natalie, daughter of Josh & Laura Morris, graduated High School and earned an Associate of Arts Degree along with her regular High School classes.

High School Graduates

Daniel Lapusan

Daniel, the son of Joseph & Carolina Lapusan, received his High School Diploma from Seminole High School

Rachel McLendon

Rachel, the daughter of Gary & Aarone McLendon, received her High School Diploma from Seagraves High School.

Elias Pena

Elias, the son of Steven & Mandy Pena, received his High School Diploma from Snyder High School.

Nathan Pena

Nathan, the son of Steven & Mandy, received his High School Diploma from Snyder High School.

Nash Rogers

Nash, the son of Nick and Alicia Rogers, received his High School Diploma from GRACE Lubbock Homeschool.

Braden Sattesahn

Braden, the son of Jason & Christina Sattesahn, received his High School Diploma from Plainview Classical Academy.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11



Congratulations!



YOU'RE INVITED:

LIGHT THE WAY LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

12:00 PM

Christian Life Assembly of God
Lubbock, TX 79424

Christina Sattesahn
Women of Purpose
Director



Join us as we celebrate last year's Light the Way giving and highlight our 2024 LTW Project.



Phil McGechie -Director



Helping men be who God wants them to be in the home, church, and marketplace.



DISTRICT CELEBRATION BANQUET

CHRISTIAN LIFE, LUBBOCK
MONDAY, JULY 15TH
5 PM

LFTL provides evangelistic resources for missionaries and missionary partners through print, audio, video, internet technologies and apps.

Put these dates on your calendar now...



ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

Lubbock
August 16-17
Christian Life Assembly
5917 66th St.

No registration fee for this event.

More information coming soon!

El Paso
August 23-24
Grace Christian Center
820 N. Raynor

MATTHEW 20:28

CAMP 2024 CREW

The 2024 Roaring Springs Camp season is here! This means that we will be hosting over 40 Camp Crew throughout the summer working 16+ hour days helping run REC, Snack Shack, working in the kitchen, praying in the altars, and many other things that make our camp run. Will you join us in prayer for the camp crew members we'll have this summer? Below is a list of names of Camp Crew that we'll be hosting throughout the camp season.

Please Be Praying For:

Aaron, Abigsil, Aliya, Blayz, Bri'Anna, Bryant, Bryson, Cash, Chaeli, Chloe, Christopher, Claire, Colleen, Elijah, Eli, Essie, Ethan, Haleigha, Hannah, Holly, Jasimen, Jax, Jayli, Jennifer, John, Kalei, Kenna, Layni, Lexi, Mariah, Michael, Natalie, Nathan, Nathaniel, Nisi, Rebecca, Robyn, Valerie, Vivian, Will, Will, Kenna, Anna, & Zoe



DYD Nick, Alicia, Nash, & Anna Rogers

Need more info about our events?

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has everything you need!



Congratulations to everyone who participated in the West Texas District Fine Arts Festival! The Lord is moving in big ways in our next generation!



The Lord has been moving at Roaring Springs Camp!

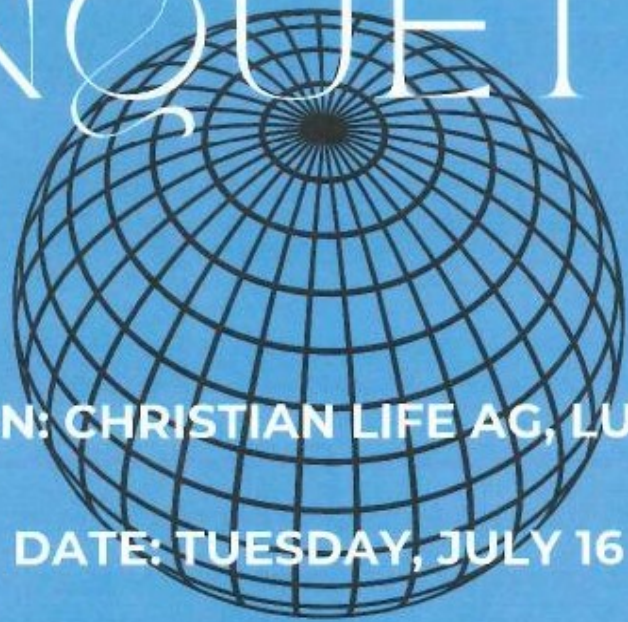
We had different groups come in throughout the month of May to serve the camp in all areas. They worked on our plumbing, cleaning the camp pool, repairing roofs, worked on refrigeration, and trimming trees!

We praise God for your prayers, and the help we received!



HOSTED BY DYD NICK & ALICIA ROGERS

DISTRICT CELEBRATION BANQUET



LOCATION: CHRISTIAN LIFE AG, LUBBOCK, TX

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 16



PK PARTY

Attention PK's!

Join us at Adventure Park in Lubbock after
District Celebration Service on Wednesday,
July 17!

Contact Destiny if you have any
questions: (405) 482-7671



Ministers Retreat Cruise Registration is LIVE!

Set sail with us for a relaxing and refreshing time! We are cruising from

November 11-16, 2024

on the Royal Caribbean Mariner of the Seas

with ministers from North Texas, South Texas, West Texas and Louisiana.

For more information and to register go to:

<https://northtexas.ag/ministers-retreat/>

We are praying and believing this will be an amazing time

of renewal and rejuvenation for you!