

Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God everywhere He went. This was a pattern, according to Matthew, Mark and Luke. *“Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.”* Mt.4:23. If it was that important to Jesus (he talked about the kingdom more than any other thing except money), then surely we should study and make sure we understand what the Kingdom of God is! If it’s important to Him it is important to us.

As I read the gospels, I find three things that stick out to me about the Kingdom:

1. The Kingdom of God means God is with us - Immanuel. *The Kingdom has come near....* Jesus said. When we ask God to rule in our lives, God is present – in our good days and in our bad days. *“And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gave you life because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you”*
Romans 8:10-11.

2. All are welcome! Jesus invites everyone to be a part of the kingdom – but not just a citizen, He invites them to be an heir with Jesus – an heir to the kingdom. And No one comes because of merit or background or worth. It is Jesus who freely invites all to come. *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* Romans 10:13. *“...the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who freely come to Him like children”* Mt. 19:14
3. The Kingdom of God brings healing – spiritual, emotional, mental and physical. Matt.4:23 (above) indicates his modus operandi – how he ministered. Being a part of the Kingdom brings the full array of God’s healing Spirit. Because full healing takes place in eternity, the physical healing that we see in this world is just a taste of a place where there is no sin, no sickness, no death. As we allow God to saturate our lives, the presence of God brings peace and joy – beyond any circumstance we may encounter.

Life in this world is upside down.... Wrong values, wrong ethics, wrong priorities. Living right side up is the reality of living life as a citizen of God’s Kingdom – a child of the King. May we always strive to live in the reality of God’s Kingdom!

Rebecca



360 LEADERSHIP DAY

What has become a popular leadership development day for WPA is just around the corner. On **Saturday, March 18**, we will convene again – this time at **North Main Street Church of God in Butler** (note change of location) – for a day designed to provide development for lay persons, teachers and leaders, people wanting to grow in their faith, as well as clergy members. Bring your whole congregation! It will help you equip them for the ministry God has called them to.

They can choose from 5 great tracks:

Kingdom Living Track

Mental Health & the Church Track

Church Budgeting Track

Spiritual Life Track

Discipleship Track

Register online by March 6 at \$35 per person, (with group of 10 or more - \$5 less per person) for 6 hours of rich training. **After March 6 the price will be \$45 per person.** Cost includes lunch.

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www.wpamin.com/360-christian-leadership-day



Track Topics are:

Breakout Session 1

Kingdom Living – Shift in Thinking
Mental Health – Triaging/Recognizing/Responding
Church Budgeting
Discipleship – Red Letters Jesus’ Approach
Spiritual Life – Experiential Prayer

Breakout Session 2

Kingdom Living – Shift in Thinking
Mental Health – Triaging/Recognizing/Responding
Staff Compensation
Discipleship-Beyond the Red Letters Paul/Barnabas
Spiritual Life – Experiential Prayer

Breakout Session 3

Kingdom Living – Shift in Conflict
Mental Health – Walking Alongside a Family
Church Budgeting
Discipleship – Red Letters Jesus’ Approach
Spiritual Life – Burnout Prevention

Breakout Session 4

Kingdom Living – Shift in Conflict
Mental Health – Walking Alongside a Family
Staff Compensation
Discipleship-Beyond the Red Letters Paul/Barnabas
Spiritual Life – Burnout Prevention

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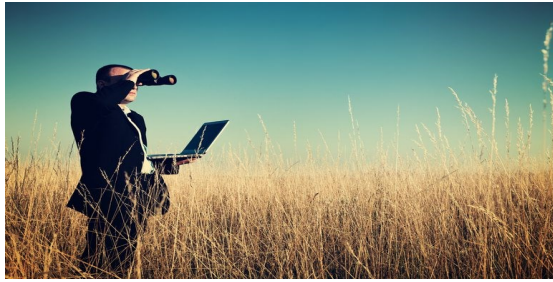
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Connellsville Church of God
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OTHER STAFF NEEDED:

Park Hill Church of God, Parker - Youth Pastor

2023 UPDATE BACKGROUND CHECKS

WPA Clergy need to renew background checks every 60 months (5 years). Please send a copy of each to: WPA Ministries, PO BOX 597, Emlenton, Pa 16373

Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History
Clearance: <https://epatch.state.pa.us>

Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance
Go to <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

FBI Criminal History Report (Fingerprinting)
Go to <https://www.identogo.com>
Service Code: 1KG756

Mandated Reporter Training:
<https://www.reportabusepa.pit.edu>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 18th:

360 Leadership & Lay Conference
Butler North Main St. Church of God
Register at:
<https://wpamin.com/360-christian-leadership-day>

May 9th:

REFRESH at WCCC
Rev. Cliff Sanders

June 22nd - 25th:

Church of God Convention
Tampa, FL
Register at:
<https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/convention-2023/>

July 15th - 23rd:

WPA CAMP MEETING at WCCC
Rev. Dr. Steve Rennick, Evangelist

August 6th - 13th:

NACOG Camp Meeting
West Middlesex Camp

October 20th:

WPA General Assembly
Butler North Main St. Church of God
Guest Speaker: Rev. Karl Vaters

