

# *The Contact*

The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God  
August, 2025

## *PHLOX AND LOCKS*

On July 10th , the Super Seniors and Friends traveled by chartered bus to Phipps Conservatory and the Gateway Clipper. We felt so blessed to have Pastor Dean Hay Jr. as our bus driver. That was a real treat!! After a few detours (thank goodness for google maps on our phones), we arrived at Phipps around 2:40 p.m. This gave us almost 2 ½ hours to tour the 14 rooms and outside gardens. It was a very warm day, and even warmer in the greenhouse. But it was so worth it to see all the beautiful flowers and creations they make with the flowers. We got back on the bus around 5:00 p.m. and headed to the Gateway Clipper. We made it there in good time and had some time to wait before we boarded the boat. We were able to board around 6:00 p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. cruise time. As soon as we got on board we were taken to our tables and we able to get our food. It was all you can eat BBQ, which included coleslaw, corn, mac n cheese, bbq ribs and bbq chicken( which of course, was not as good as KCOG bbq chicken), and cheesecake for dessert. It was a beautiful night for a cruise on the river. It took us about an hour to get to the lock and dam. And with some scary bumps we made it through the lock and back through again. God blessed us with a fantastic full moon that night, which was beautiful to see over the city. We docked about 9:45 and piled on the bus to head home. However, when we got on the parkway, we ended up in a construction backup for an hour. So, that meant it was another late night for our senior citizen group. We finally arrived back to the Fellowship Center at 12:20 a.m. Someone said, we might as well start scheduling overnight trips!! As always, it was a fun trip and even with some detours, bumps and construction, God blessed us with a safe trip.

Our next trip is on Oct 2nd to Elk County to see elk, take a wagon ride and have dinner at the visitors center. This will also only be a 38 passenger bus. We will be getting the sign up sheet out towards the end of August. Hope you can join us.

## VBS 2025

### Road Trip

The children were taken on a road trip through the Bible stopping to see Abraham and Sarah.  
They found out how they both followed God.

Next, they saw the Israelites Take the Scenic Route out of Egypt. On Wednesday, the children witnessed a family reunion between Mary and Elizabeth.

On Thursday, Jesus visited Zacchaeus. Friday, they went on the road with Paul. Along with the Bible stories the children made crafts, had snacks, saw some

Science experiments, and played some really fun games. A fun time was had by all.

Thank you to all who helped in any way, we really appreciate you and hope to see you next year, along with some new faces.



**July. Summer!!** As I write this it is hot and summery. We have been having Florida like weather with sunny mornings and afternoon thunderstorms. The humidity is up there pretty high. On one recent day the weather man said it was 100% humidity. Air you don't breathe but swim through. Oh well, that's summer. I'm sure that in about six months (or perhaps sooner) we'll be complaining about snow. It has been an interesting month around here. Church camp has come to a close for the year. Triennial conference has been held in Harrisburg. Our VBS ran from the 13<sup>th</sup> –

17<sup>th</sup>. The Kingwood chicken BBQ was held. Our retiree luncheon happened. There was a mission night at Indian head church of God attended by numerous churches from the area. The parking lots were milled and resurfaced. And mini split air conditioners (heat pumps?) were installed in the down stairs Kid's SS classes. Quite a busy month all in all.

The triennial conference in Harrisburg was our bi-centennial conference. That's right the churches of God have existed for 200 years. Aside from the conference there were tours of the churches that John Winebrenner (our founder) preached in. There were also special events with many of our missionaries from various fields present.

Our annual chicken BBQ was a success with both drive through pickup and dine in options. The fellowship center was quite the hub of activity. I snuck down to check it out. The meal included salad, a pickle, dinner rolls, baked beans, chips, cookies, and a drink. Oh, and let's not forget the famous Kingwood chicken. Delicious as always.

VBS was a major hit with about 33 kiddos attending. Many volunteers made the evenings a success. Thank you to all who were involved in the kitchen, leading crafts, doing skits and Bible stories, being guides to take the children from one activity to the next, or just helping in anyway needed. You all ministered to the Children and their families. Thank you very much.

Pastor Will seems to be back and in full force, or almost full force. He has started a new series titled the I AM statements of Jesus. I think I heard him say this will run clear through the month of August.

We had a retiree lunch for the community and it was a full event. I even heard that there was a waiting list in line for cancelations.

All of these activities and then on top of all this there were some major projects going on around the church. Parking lot resurfacing and air conditioning as part of the basement remodeling. What a busy, busy month.

Well, I think that might be all for now.

Until next time.

As always yours, The Church Mouse



# Chicken BBQ 2025

**CHICKEN BBQ 2025** is in the history books! July 19<sup>th</sup>, turned out to be a wonderful day. There was good help at the chicken pit and in the Fellowship Center. We appreciate all the cookie donations – even though we sometimes have to beg – we had a great selection of cookies! Special thanks to all the people who worked bagging the cookies! Thanks to Vanessa for heading up “bagging the rolls”! Aren’t those the best dinner rolls? Thanks Jesse and Eileen for your special baked bean recipe and making it come together. It was good to have Joyce back with us – helping in many areas! Special thanks to Lori for taking care of cooking “the special sauce”! Tearing all the lettuce is another big job – thanks to Lisa and Peggie for staying with it until it was done! Boxing the meals is a big job and we had some special help from Nancy – who lives in Arizona and Sissy who lives in Virginia – it was nice to have you ladies. We appreciate the people who PACK and RUN when the line starts to move. We took care of our customers who arrived before we were open! Thanks!

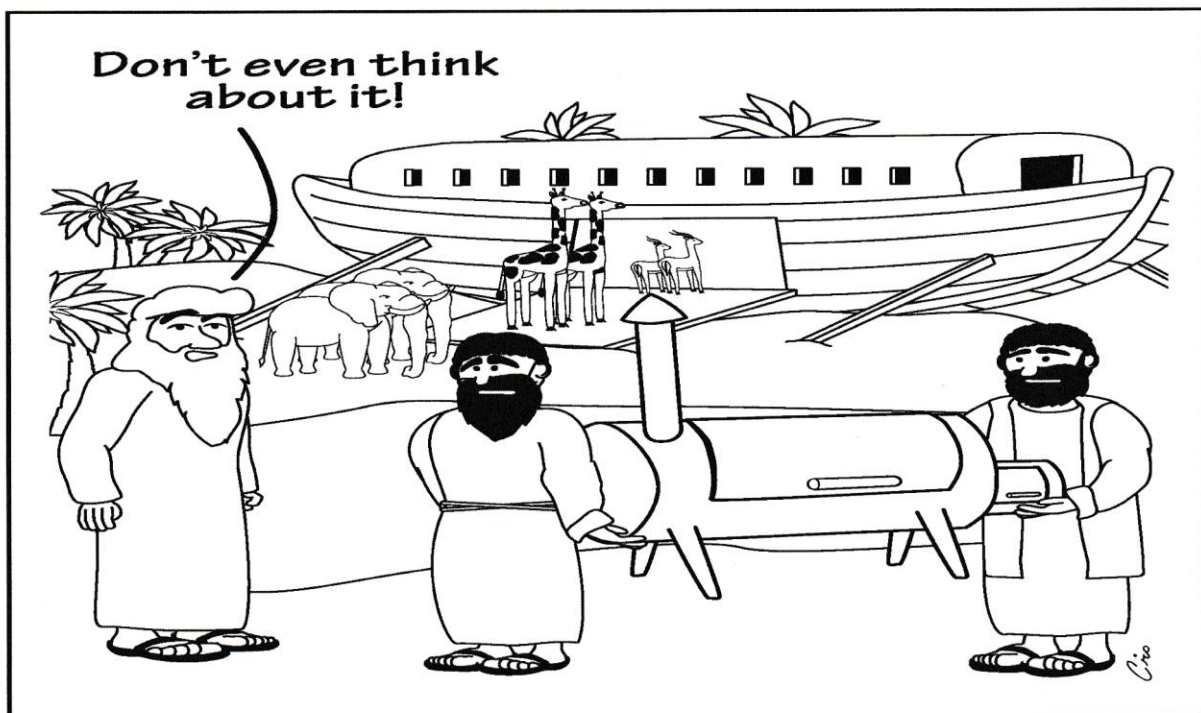
As always, the chicken pit crew had lunch! Burgers and fries make hard work easier! We welcomed some new ticket people – thanks Barb & Shanda – great job! Some big shoes to fill – replacing Gerald and Marty! Thanks to Cary & Carey Beth who continued to sell tickets – we appreciate your work very much and especially when the line starts to drive through!

We certainly missed Gerald & Louise and Marty at this year’s BBQ – many people asked about you.

Sooooo 67 years of Chicken BBQs – that’s amazing!

We’ll get together and do it again next year!

Thanks again, *Melanie & Cheryl*



# Prayer Needs

National Revival  
Our Country  
Allegheny Region Churches, Pastors  
and Leaders  
Pastor Will & Beth  
Pastor Jim & Melanie  
Pastor Karey & Jake  
Hillary & Anthony  
Those dealing with sickness  
Violence in the World  
Violence in our Nation  
Families who have lost loved ones  
Shirley Henry  
Larry Conn  
Those dealing with mental, emotional,  
spiritual & financial issues  
Those hospitalized & having  
procedures  
Those dealing with long-term illnesses  
Shut-Ins  
Those in nursing homes and care  
facilities  
Severe Weather Events  
Harvest Party  
AppleFest  
Rally Day  
Safe Vacation Travel  
Hospital Workers  
Hospice Workers  
Winebrenner Seminary  
Brent & Julie Sleasman  
Church Ministries  
Camp Sonrise Mountain  
Summer Camping Program  
Church Camp Deans and Staff  
Vacation Bible School  
Chatelas Church  
Our Missionaries  
Our Global Mission Fields  
Military / Police / First Responders  
CEF  
Unspoken Needs



## UP-COMING EVENTS

**September 27 – AppleFest**

**October 3-5 – Sisters of Strength Retreat at Camp  
Sonrise Mountain**

**October 18 – Harvest Party – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. –  
Fellowship Center**

**October 26 – Rally Day**

### *A Note of Thanks...*

*Thank you to all who helped with and/or attended the  
Retiree Lunch. We served about 182 meals with 159  
people eating at the Fellowship Center and 23 meals  
delivered to shut-in's. A special Thank You to the 25+  
volunteers that made the meal possible.*

## Helping Hands Prayer Needs - August

*"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being praise  
His holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul; and forget  
not all His benefits."  
Psalm 103:1-2*

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# **Global Reach Updates**

**Project Help Haiti – Check out the most recent pics from our sister church Chatelas on the Mission Board or they will be available on our Facebook page on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August! Church is full and praising the Lord our God!**

**Bangladesh – The Khanjanpur House Mom, Monika, is back to work! Thank you for keeping her in your prayers. Continue to keep the country and the Lord's work in prayer here and in India. Pray for our Leaders and pastors and all the workers sowing into the mission field!**

**ACTS Teams -- We had a team go to Gamerco, and a team go to the D.R. The reports back from team members was so encouraging and amazing! Great work being done on the ACTS Team trips. Pics at both services on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and on our Mission Board! Never been on a mission trip and are curious? These trips are perfect for the 1<sup>st</sup> timer! Heather Houghton is happy to answer any questions, any time!**

# RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

Welcome **August!** It's time for more family reunions, evening fires with family and friends and other late summer get-togethers. I always enjoy the opportunity to try something new at a picnic. I'm not great at reading a recipe and thinking that it will be good! I like it when someone makes a new recipe and brings it to share – then I know if I like it or not! I have a good friend who is always trying “a new recipe” and the best part is that she makes it and then shares the food!

This recipe is a good dessert or a special treat for breakfast!

## Cinnamon Roll Casserole

1 Package Cinnamon Rolls with Icing  
¼ Cup Half & Half (or whipping cream)  
¼ tsp Salt  
1/3 Cup Pecans (pieces work well)

2 Eggs  
½ tsp Cinnamon  
1/3 Cup Brown Sugar  
1/3 Cup Sour Cream

Use a square baking dish. – Grease the pan (I use butter).  
Heat oven to 350 Degrees.

Wisk together eggs, Half & Half, Cinnamon and Salt.

Cut each Cinnamon Roll into 6 pieces.

Dip the pieces in the mixture, coat them well, and place them in the baking dish.

Top with the brown sugar and pecans.

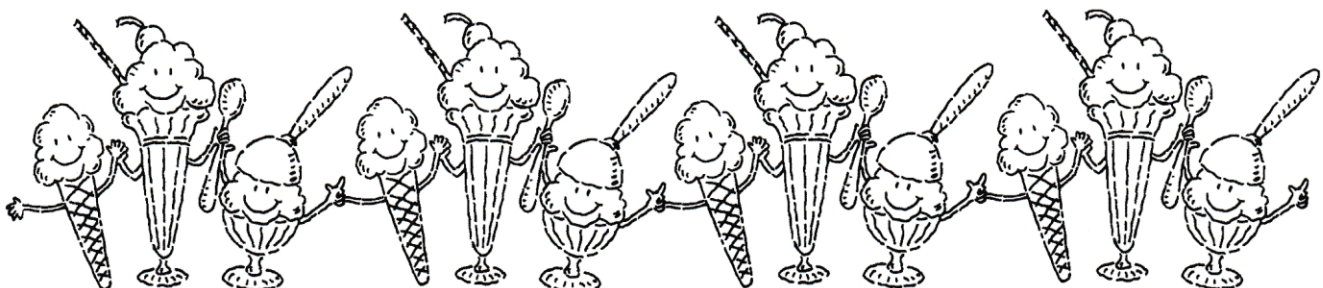
Bake 20 to 25 minutes. Allow to COOL.

Use the icing package and add 1/3 Cup Sour Cream – mix well and drizzle over the rolls.

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Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5&6



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### **Church Staff**

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### **Church Website**

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### **Sunday Morning Worship**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Second Worship Service  
7:00 p.m. Midweek Services @ FC on  
Wednesdays

