

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

BEING SALT AND LIGHT IN THE WORLD

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:13-16)."

Jesus uses the metaphors of salt and light to describe the role of His followers in the world. These verses emphasize that believers are meant to be a positive influence, both preserving goodness and shining as examples of God's character. Salt was used to preserve food and to enhance its taste. To be effective, salt must be in contact with the meat to preserve. As believers, we must be involved where we work and where we live. Similarly, Jesus' followers are called to preserve goodness and righteousness in a world that is often corrupt or lacking in moral values. If believers lose their impact and become worldly, they will be considered useless, like salt that has lost its flavor.

Jesus says His followers should be the light of the world, shining brightly like a city on a hill that cannot be hidden. Just as a lamp is used to illuminate darkness, believers are called to guide others toward Christ through their lives and actions. The light of believers should demonstrate the goodness and love of God to the world. The job description of a Christian is not only to maintain personal holiness, but also to touch the lives of everyone around us with the Gospel of Christ.

In many areas, it seems, we're moving to extremes. People and movements are becoming radical at a disturbingly rapid rate. The "sane middle" seems to be evaporating. Civil debate is almost a thing of the past. Into this intense climate we are sent by Jesus to be agents of His love and peace. We bring with us a message of hope and assurance. While we are often rejected, there seems to be a silent plea, "Please don't stop. In fact, preach it more and preach it louder!" "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16)."

FAMILY CAMP

Make plans to join us for our annual Family Camp on July 24th - 28th, 2025. Our guest speakers this year will be Bishop Randy Lawrence Sr. of the Mid Atlantic Coast, and Pastor Randy Lawrence Jr. of New Hope Church NRV, who also serves as our National Youth Director! For more information, go to michpcg.com/crystalcreek.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Vince Bridge healing
- Ruby Hammack healing
- Dawn Hanson healing
- Judy Mason healing
- Danny Martineau healing
- Steve Hale surgery recovery
- General Assembly in Phoenix
- Upcoming Youth Camps
- Upcoming Family Camp
- Our Pastors, Ministers, Churches & Missionaries

OPEN CHURCHES FOR PASTORING

Full Gospel Assembly (Berrien Springs)
Hartford PCG (Hartford)
Harvest Time (Youth Pastor, Grand Blanc)
SinnerSaved (Youth Pastor, Fostoria)

MINISTER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Messenger College graduates, Kaleb and Eva Markham, class of 2025. Kaleb is a credentialed minister with the Michigan District, and graduated Cum Laude and valedictorian. Both Kaleb and Eva graduated with their Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry. Go Eagles!



EMPOWERED WOMEN

A special thank you to all the Women who traveled from across Michigan on May 2-3 for our annual women's conference held at Cadillac Revival Center. What a wonderful weekend we had fellowshiping with each other and worshipping the Lord! Pictured is Women's Director Lorie Coleman and Speaker Melissa Patillo.



IMPACT MI UPCOMING EVENTS



The Holy Spirit is moving in our May Rally tour!

CAMP PRE REGISTRATION is due by June 1st for both High School and Junior High camps. Elementary Camp pre registration is due by July 1st. If you or a helper are planning on working at camp, please fill out a camp worker form as soon as possible!

RALLY TOUR
MONTH OF MAY



SUMMERFEST
JUNE 18TH & 19TH



JUNIOR HIGH CAMP
JUNE 24TH - 28TH



HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
JULY 14TH - 18TH



ELEMENTARY CAMP
AUGUST 4TH - 7TH



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Phoenix, AZ June 16th - 20th, 2025

Go to PCG.org/events/assembly/registration-2025 for more information. Reminder - the **\$100** contribution per church for General Assembly assessments and district executives' travel expenses was due to the district office on April 30th. Thank you to all the churches that have already responded.

CAMP FUNDRAISER

At Leadership Conference, we introduced a new fundraising opportunity for a new playground at the Campground! Our goal is **\$25,000**. To give, you can send it to the district office, or give on michpcg.com.



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