



# MONTHLY UPDATE

MAY 2026

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# DISCIPLESHIP FORWARD →

May, 2026



*Bishop Trevor Reid*  
Florida State Bishop



## *We are Still Waiting*

Today I've joined several car owners in the time-honored tradition of sitting in the "waiting room" while my car gets work done. None of us know how long the wait will be, we just know that eventually our car will be returned and we can leave. So most of us sit idle, hoping there aren't any more issues and hoping the wait will pass quickly.

Life on Earth is a "waiting room." We, as disciples "wait" for our redeemer's return. However, the comparison stops there. We are not waiting in idleness, we wait with purpose as we anticipate His "soon" return.

We wait while celebrating in faith and personal milestones. We wait while enduring, pressing, and praying through hardship and disappointment. We wait while welcoming others into our family, homes, and community. We wait, while growing and deepening, our faith and relationships.

The Word reminds us that the resurrected one will return in the same way He left us (Acts 1:11). Soon He will usher us past death and into eternity's great upgrade. Until then wait, but not in idleness. While time passes let's work, love, pray, disciple, celebrate, grow, share His wonderful Gospel and endure until the wait is no more. It won't be very long from now!

## **We Wait While...**

...celebrating in faith

...enduring, pressing  
and praying

...welcoming others

...growing and  
deepening our faith  
and relationships

## WHEN MOTHERS PRAY: STRENGTH IN THE WAITING

*"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." – James 5:16*

Motherhood and Mother's Day can hold both joy and sorrow. For some, it is a season of fulfillment. For others, it carries grief, longing, or unanswered prayers. Whether you are raising children, waiting, grieving, or pouring into others in ministry, this truth remains:

**God sees you. God hears you. God is at work.**

Trevor and I were fairly young when we were married. We were both pursuing degrees at the time and were in no rush to start a family. After three, going on four years, folks started to wonder. One of our dear older ministers, whom we loved, approached Trevor and said (not asked), but said: "You know, Bro. Trevor, it's a sin to withhold yourself from your wife." And like all good ministers, probably even quoted Psalm 127:3 to Trevor: "Children are an heritage of the Lord – the fruit of the womb is his reward." He didn't know that we had decided to wait.

The reality is that there are always those among us who desire to be mothers but have never married, couples who have been trying for some time to have children but to no avail, and mothers who may have lost children either through miscarriage, sickness, or sheer misfortune. Whatever your reality is, my prayer is that God will speak to and encourage your heart.

Sometimes we don't understand why God allows or doesn't allow some things that we so desperately want in our lives. But if you look at the pattern of Scripture, you should know this for certain – **God is always up to something.** He just wants us to trust, obey, and wait upon him. The story of Hannah in 1 Samuel reminds us that even in seasons of silence, **God is never absent; He is intentional.**

### **Hannah's Story: When God Is Working Beneath the Surface**

The account in 1 Samuel doesn't provide the medical background for Hannah's story. All we know is that the Lord had closed her womb. We also know that emotionally, this overwhelmed Hannah and threw her into depression.

Hannah's pain was visible: her barrenness, her tears, her waiting were seen by others. But what was unseen was even more powerful: **God was preparing a miracle with generational impact.** Throughout Scripture, when God opens and closes wombs, He is doing something greater than the immediate situation. Hannah didn't just endure her pain; she brought it before the Lord. Hannah reminds us that **our suffering is not in vain when it drives us closer to God.** Her prayer was deep, honest, and surrendered, and God moved.

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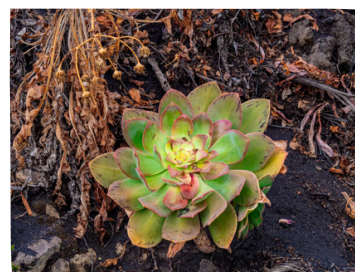
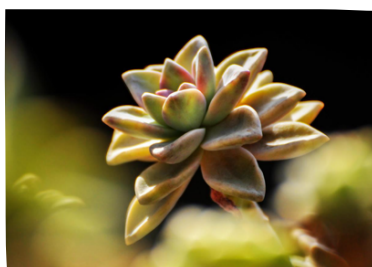
## Motherhood Is Spiritual Work

At some point, we must embrace this truth: **Motherhood is spiritual business.** Hannah understood this. She didn't just ask for a child; she dedicated the answer back to God. As mothers in ministry, we are:

- Covering our families in prayer
- Interceding for future generations
- Partnering with God in His divine purposes

I know we don't live in those days when you can just drop your young child off at the church doors, hand him to the pastor, and say, "Here, you raise him" (of course, some of you might have been tempted to do that at some point with your kids). But Hannah literally gives her son Samuel, the one she prayed for, over to the service of the Lord all the days of his life. She understood God's nature and character, that He could be trusted.

## The Power of a Praying Mother



A praying mother is like a **succulent**—able to retain strength in dry seasons.

- When life feels barren, she holds living water.
- When pressure comes, she endures.
- When answers delay, she keeps praying.

**Every home needs a praying woman.** Even when conditions are harsh, the power of God deep within us, sustains us. Many of us have mothers, fathers, grandparents who labored in prayer for us because they saw more than their current situation. They saw hope and promise in what another generation would bring to the world. So, they prayed, fasted and interceded for us. And that's why we have to do the same—**there is power in prayer.**

## From Prayer to Discipleship: Multiplying What God Is Doing

Hannah's story does not end with answered prayer, it continues through impact. The son she prayed for, Samuel, became a prophet who helped guide a nation. Her private prayers produced public transformation. As mothers in ministry, our prayers are not only shaping our homes—they are forming us into **women who disciple other women.**

When you have prayed through waiting, trusted God in uncertainty, and walked through grief, disappointment, or delay, you carry something others need. Your story becomes someone else's roadmap. Your prayers become someone else's covering.

**A praying mother doesn't just raise children, she raises disciples.** Just as Hannah modeled surrender, by example, we teach other women how to seek God personally, pray with boldness, and trust His timing.

## Your Waiting Is Not Wasted

Hannah's story reminds us:

- God is always working
- Your pain has purpose
- Your prayers have power

Sometimes the answer looks different than expected, but it is always aligned with God's greater plan. God is always up to something. Your prayer life may feel small, but like a seed, it will grow. When mothers pray, families are strengthened. When mothers disciple, generations are transformed. **Because when mothers pray, God moves.**



### A Closing Prayer

Lord,  
Strengthen every mother reading this.  
Meet her in her waiting, her wondering, and her worship.  
Grow her faith, deepen her prayer life, and use her to disciple others.  
Let her life bear fruit that reaches beyond her home and  
into generations.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Aileen Reid*

#### WHAT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

(author unknown)

My mother taught me RELIGION: When I spilled grape juice on the carpet, she instructed, "You better pray the stain will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me LOGIC: From her decisive words, "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY: "Keep laughing, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about STAMINA: "You'll sit there 'til all that spinach is finished."

My mother taught me about WEATHER: "It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

My mother taught me THE CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."...

# Women's Ministry Leaders Directory

## Help Us Build a Women's Ministry Leaders Directory

We are prayerfully working to develop a **Women's Ministry Leaders Directory** to strengthen connection, communication, and collaboration among women serving in leadership across our churches.

This directory will help us:

- Encourage one another in ministry
- Share resources and best practices
- Strengthen discipleship efforts
- Foster meaningful relationships among leaders
- Improve communication regarding trainings, gatherings, and ministry opportunities

We kindly ask you to take a few minutes to submit your local church information. Your participation will help us build a stronger network of support for women serving in ministry.

Please have your women's ministry leader (and/or each team member) complete this form: [Florida Women's Ministry Leader Directory](#)

Together, we can continue building strong and healthy ministries that impact lives for Christ.



Click or Scan Code  
to complete form

# International Assembly

## Help Us Welcome Our International Delegates with Love

As our delegates arrive for our International Assembly, we have a beautiful opportunity to show the heart of Christ through practical care and encouragement. One meaningful way we can do this is by providing **Welcome Bags** filled with essential items, thoughtful gifts, and messages of support to help them in their ministry assignments.

We are inviting each local church to partner with us by contributing **\$50-\$100** toward this special initiative. Your gift will help us prepare bags that communicate appreciation, hospitality, and prayerful support for our international presbytery.

Together, we can ensure that every delegate feels valued, supported, and warmly received from the very beginning.

To participate, please submit your church's contribution by **May 15, 2026** via check or through our online giving. Please indicate in memo field: Assembly Welcome Bag.

[GIVE](#)

Click here to give

For more information or to give, contact Aileen Reid or Frankie Dotson in the State Office.

Thank you for helping us extend Christ's love in tangible ways.



# MAY BIRTHDAYS

4	Lorna Capron	21	Olive Eldon
8	Lorna Brown	22	Celanise LaGuerre
9	Ingrid White	23	Elsa Johnson
12	Aaleah Downs	26	Rona Palmer
19	Yvanne Loriston	29	Stephanie Williams

## ***Birthday Prayer***

***Heavenly Father,***

***Thank You for the gift of my sisters' lives and the grace You have placed upon their calling. As they celebrate another year, renew their strength and fill them with Your peace and joy. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you" (Numbers 6:24-26).***

***Bless the work of their hands, the thoughts of their mind, and the desires of their heart as they align with Your will. May they continue to grow in love, faith, and service, and may their life be a testimony of Your goodness.***

***Cover them with wisdom, protect their heart, and reward their faithfulness—seen and unseen. May they continue to be "clothed with strength and dignity" and face the days ahead with confidence in You (Proverbs 31:25). Bless their coming and going and let this new year overflow with Your favor and rest.***

***In Jesus' name, Amen.***





*Happy*  
MOTHER'S  
DAY!

# OUR Apostolic MANDATE

Coming This Month

MOBILIZING FLORIDA FOR GOSPEL IMPACT

## SPEAKERS



Trevor Reid



Aileen Reid



Brian Sutton



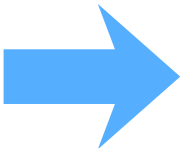
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### What You'll Gain

- ✓ A renewed understanding of our Apostolic identity
- ✓ Practical clarity and strategic tools for mapping and strengthening the work of regional ministry
- ✓ How to multiply disciple makers
- ✓ Designed for Presbyters, Supervisors and Aspiring Bishops

**Date:** May 21-23, 2026

**Location:** Southside Christian Fellowship  
1320 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Winter Garden



Secure Your Seat Today  
Conference Fee: \$25

# INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY



## STATE BISHOP LOVE OFFERING

We invite all pastors and churches to participate in a special love offering for our State Bishop and Sis. Aileen for the upcoming Assembly.

This offering is a meaningful way to express our appreciation for their leadership and dedication to our state.

Offerings may be submitted by scanning the QR code or by mailing your offering to the State Office.

Thank you for your giving.



INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**JULY 15 - 19**

ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK

Orlando, Florida



# Pastor

## INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY LOVE OFFERING



As we look ahead to the International Assembly, we invite each local church to receive a special love offering to support your pastor and their family.

This is a meaningful opportunity to invest in those who faithfully serve, lead, and care for your congregation. Your generosity helps make it possible for them to attend and fully participate in this important gathering.

Thank you!

Frankie S. Dotson  
State Pastoral Care Director



**Pastoral Care Letter**

*May* 2026



*From my heart to yours...*

**Dear Pastoral Care Leader,**

**I am sure you are aware that this month is a very special time to pay tribute to some very special women in our lives. We will be celebrating “Mother’s Day” Sunday, May 10, 2026.**

**This is your opportunity to show honor to the “First” Lady of your church by showing her just how much she is appreciated. I hope you enjoy some of these suggestions that I am providing you with or you might come up with some ideas of your own. Anything you do I can assure you it will be greatly appreciated.**

**Some suggestions for you to use:**

**Flowers**

**Candy**

**Gift Cards**

**Reservation at her favorite restaurant**

**Shopping trip**

**Praying that you have a great time this month as you give honor to the woman of God who has been placed in your lives.**

**Lastly, please remember that you are so loved and appreciated for all your efforts in making your pastoral family blessed each month.**

**Happy Mother’s Day,**

**Frankie S. Dotson**

**State Pastoral Care Director**



# LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

5:45-6 AM EASTERN TIME (MONDAYS)

CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 848-220-3100

CONFERENCE ID: 1917013#



*This month's prayer focus:*

- May 4-Broken/lost individuals and children*
- May 11-Drug/alcohol addicted individuals and children*
- May 18-Suicidal/angry individuals and children*
- May 25-Non-believers and children*



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*Appreciation*  
LUNCHEON

Save The Date  
Pastors and Spouses  
*and*  
State Ministry Leaders

Please make plans to join us for this special time of appreciation as we honor and celebrate your faithful service and invaluable contributions to Florida ministries.

This gathering will take place during the Assembly.

Friday, July 17, 2026

More details to come.

**FLDD**

*Florida Leadership Development & Discipleship*

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**

# amplify

*A One-Day Communication and Outreach  
Intensive for Ministry Leaders of Small Churches*



**DR. SHAUN MCKINLEY**  
**TRAINING PRESENTER**

**SESSION ONE: CLARIFYING YOUR  
MINISTRY'S IDENTITY & MISSION**

**SESSION TWO: STRENGTHENING YOUR  
MINISTRY'S DIGITAL PRESENCE**

**SESSION THREE: REACHING AND  
RETAINING VISITORS**

**SESSION FOUR: CONNECTING WITH  
YOUR COMMUNITY**

**SESSION FIVE: AI & THE CHURCH –  
ETHICAL & EFFECTIVE USES IN MINISTRY**

*Save the date and plan to bring your entire ministry team!  
More information coming soon.*

**FLDD**

*Florida Leadership  
Development & Discipleship*

**NOVEMBER  
13-15  
2026**

**Training for:  
Leaders and  
Workers Serving  
in Children's,  
Youth, and  
Camping  
Ministries.**

**CAMP SONSHINE**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

Make plans now to attend this **training specifically tailored for those leaders and workers serving in Children's, Youth, and Camping Ministries**, providing practical tools, strategies, and encouragement to strengthen your leadership and impact.

If you know leaders who would benefit from this experience, be sure to invite them—together, we can grow stronger in ministry and make a lasting difference in the lives of the next generation, making disciples who make disciples.

# SUMMER CAMPS



SCAN FOR  
APPS & INFO

JUNE 2026

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JUN ↘  
**5-7**

**HOT SHOT**  
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JUN ↘  
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**SENIOR**  
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JUN ↘  
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**INTERMEDIATE**  
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JUN ↘  
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**JUNIOR**  
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JUN ↘  
**27-30**

**I CAN**  
(SPECIAL NEEDS)  
AGES 5-19

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# HOT SHOT CAMP 2026

## FARMHOUSE ADVENTURES


### Growing in God's Love


*“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;  
that you, being rooted and grounded in love.”*


—Ephesians 3:17



## JUNE 5-7

 Location: Camp Sunshine | Ages: 4-7

 Directors: Bobby & Alyssa Morano

 Email: [hotshotcampdirector@gmail.com](mailto:hotshotcampdirector@gmail.com)



**WORSHIP**

**FELLOWSHIP**

**GET ON THE SHIP!**  
• SENIOR CAMP 2026 •

**DISCIPLESHIP**

**SONSHIP**

**JUNE 8 TO 13 2026**

— “ AGES 14 TO 18 ” —

24165 Dan Brown Hill Rd. • Brooksville, FL 34602

Services: Nightly Worship + Preaching

Kyle: [kstarke1987@gmail.com](mailto:kstarke1987@gmail.com) • 727.656.1183

Josie: [josielc23@gmail.com](mailto:josielc23@gmail.com) 727.421.7899

**CAMP SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12:2**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ENDURE, RISE, OVERCOME!

REVELATION 12:11

# OVERCOMER

INTERMEDIATE CAMP 2026



June  
15-20

Ages 11 - 13

Rohan & Christina Bloomfield, Directors  
Email: [intcampflcogop@gmail.com](mailto:intcampflcogop@gmail.com)



# ARMOR UP LEVEL UP

Junior Camp 2026  
June 22-27th

Wear the full armor of God.  
Wear God's armor so  
that you can fight against  
the devil's evil tricks.  
—Ephesians 6:11 ICB

— Banquet Theme: —  
**Masquerade Ball**

Contact: Junior Camp Directors Brian & Vanessa Nulph  
(813) 394-6757 [bvnulph@gmail.com](mailto:bvnulph@gmail.com)



# Young Royals



1 Peter 2:9

June 27-30, 2026

I CAN CAMP | AGES 5-19

CAMP SONSHINE

24165 DAN BROWN HILL ROAD, BROOKSVILLE, FL

# LEAD '26

AUGUST 14TH - 16TH,  
2026

## Young Adult Retreat Ages 19-29

Our mission is to cultivate a space where young adults come to rest in their identity as those who belong to Christ. This retreat is designed to foster whole-life spiritual formation—shaping hearts, minds, and lives—so participants learn to walk authentically with God, becoming more like Christ as they live from a place of being His.

REGISTER NOW



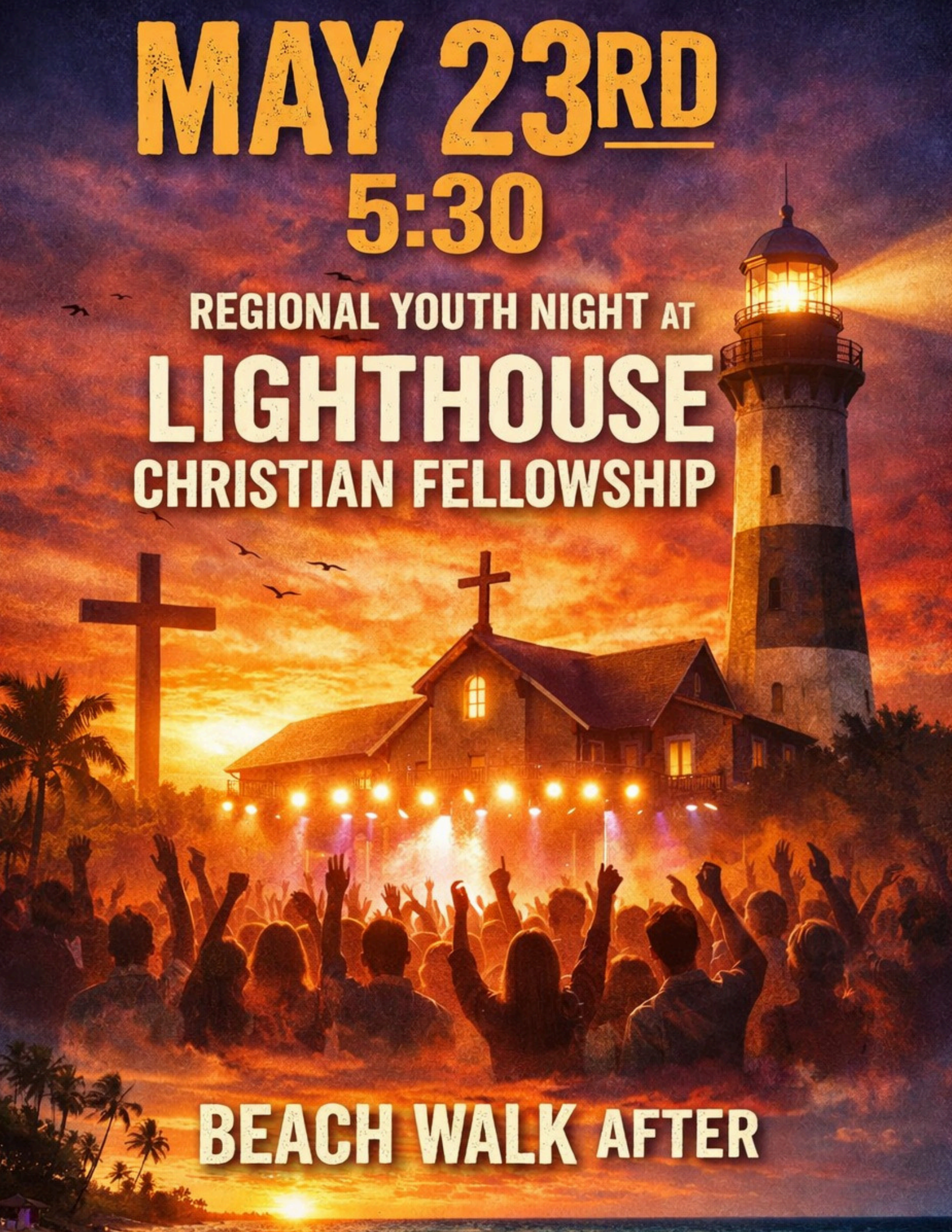
CAMP SONSHINE 24165 DAN BROWN HILL RD, BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

**MAY 23RD**

**5:30**

REGIONAL YOUTH NIGHT AT  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**BEACH WALK AFTER**



# Florida Church of God of Prophecy 2026 Calendar of Events\*\*

Updated May, 2026

## JANUARY

**3-23** 21-Day Fast  
**24** Prayer Conference

*January - April - District Conventions (See District Convention Schedule for details.)*

## FEBRUARY

**20-22** Sister2Sister Uplift Conference  
Home Mission Dollar Days

## MARCH

**Mondays** State Prayer Conference Calls 5:45AM-6:00AM\*

## APRIL

**Mondays** State Prayer Conference Calls 5:45AM-6:00AM\*  
**23-25** Forever Young

## MAY

**Mondays** State Prayer Conference Calls 5:45AM-6:00AM\*  
**21-23** **FLDD** - Strategic Oversight: Leadership Development for Presbyters, Supervisors, and Aspiring Bishops

## JUNE

**Mondays** State Prayer Conference Calls 5:45AM-6:00AM\*  
**5-7** Hot Shot Camp (Ages 4-7)  
**8-13** Senior Camp (Ages 14-18)  
**15-20** Intermediate Camp (Ages 11-13)  
**22-27** Junior Camp (Ages 8-10)  
**27-30** "I Can" Camp (Ages 5-19)

## JULY

**Mondays** State Prayer Conference Calls 5:45AM-6:00AM\*  
**15-19** International Assembly

## AUGUST

**Mondays** State Prayer Conference Calls 5:45AM-6:00AM\*  
**14-16** LEAD Young Adult Retreat (Ages 19-29)  
**21-22** Men's Conference

## SEPTEMBER

**Mondays** State Prayer Conference Calls 5:45AM-6:00AM\*  
Home Mission Dollar Days  
**10-12** **FLDD** - DCPI Training: Healthy Church Dynamics (South Florida)  
**19** **FLDD** - Amplify

## OCTOBER

**Mondays** State Prayer Conference Calls 5:45AM-6:00AM\*  
**4-7** RENEW (State/Regional Bishops Meetings)

## NOVEMBER

**Mondays** State Prayer Conference Calls 5:45AM-6:00AM\*  
**13-15** **FLDD** - Children's/Youth Ministries Training - Camp Sonshine  
**23-27** State Office Closed

## DECEMBER

**Mondays** State Prayer Conference Calls 5:45AM-6:00AM\*  
**21- Jan 1** State Office Closed

\*For more information, visit [flogop.org](http://flogop.org)

\*\*Dates are subject to change.