



### **Thoughts of Momentum from Rob**

*As many of you know, a deeper, more meaningful connection with each other comes when gathered in worship, fellowship, and exploration, especially at a Community of Christ campground. With this in mind, I encourage you to consider sacrificing time to join us for the Midlands Spring Conference Retreat this April 24-26 at Chihowa. Laura and I have already registered and are looking forward to meeting more of you this weekend. As we emerge from this sacred season of Easter, I pray that the Holy Spirit imbues us with momentum. Momentum is the theme of the Spring Conference.*

*Many of us in the middle-aged group, many in the 70+ age group, have memories of our congregations being vibrant, full of kids and young adults. We remember multiple generations who worshiped, loved each other, and with Christ-like passion cared for those in need in our communities. And we wonder if we will experience this again? Well, perhaps there are signs of momentum.*

*More Gen Z and Millennials are seeking meaning. More are exploring church, some for the first time in their lives. They crave meaning... authentic relationships they can trust. These days, it's not always clear what is real. Young adults have infinite digital connections and experiences, but those relationships often feel inauthentic and hollow.*

*Young people seek depth in their experiences and relationships.*

*They are hoping for something more, hoping to experience real love from others. More Zoomers and Millennials are curious about God and worship, want to study the words and actions of Jesus, and are considering the possibility of experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*This is what they hope for. Hope is here!*

*During my sessions at our Momentum Spring Conference, we'll explore together the evidence of renewed interest among young adults in the organized church. And what we can do as members, congregations, and even new expressions of church to make our journey together in Faith more meaningful to young adults who are seeking.*

***I hope you sign up for the Spring Conference Retreat! Register here: <https://www.midlandsmc.org/>***



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## Online Education

### Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes

Information and \$25 enrollment at [graceland.edu/CIMM](http://graceland.edu/CIMM).

May 4 – June 28

- **Introduction to Scripture** – David Lloyd
- **CYW Core Training**

### CIMM Sessions

Broadcast live and free on Zoom at 7:00pm most Wednesdays.

Register at [graceland.edu/cimmsessions](http://graceland.edu/cimmsessions).

- April 1 – **Nationalism as an Afront to the Christian Message** – Matt Frizell
- April 8 – **Emerging Role of the Temple** – Joelle Wight
- April 15, 22, 29 – **Reunion 2026 Adult Class #1, 2, 3**

## Chihowa Workday(s)

**April 11 and April 13 – 17**

Join us anytime to paint, plant trees, cut trees and brush, and more. Bring tools or show up ready to be assigned a job. The church RV Association will be on the grounds April 13-17, and you are also welcome to come out anytime during that week to join 25+ individuals giving their time and talent to upkeep our valuable campgrounds.

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## Films for a Cause: Gaza Is Our Home

**2:30 pm Sunday, April 26**

Intersect KC presents this documentary covering the first-hand suffering endured by a family trapped in the Gaza Strip. A panel discussion with director Monear Shaer follows until 5pm. A \$10 donation is suggested, and concessions will be available for purchase. The event is hosted by Independence Boulevard Christian Church at 606 Gladstone Ave, KCMO.

Please RSVP at [bit.ly/GazaHome26](http://bit.ly/GazaHome26).

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## CARAVAN: We Are One in the Spirit

Students who have completed grades 9–12 are invited on this 12-day quest to immerse ourselves in our Enduring Principles as we journey. We will spend the first half of our trip visiting Nauvoo, Kirtland, and the Sacred Grove in Palmyra learning about our Church history and where we came from. The second half of this exciting expedition will include exploring who we are as a faith community today and what we as disciples can do to live the Enduring Principles as we move into the future. We will visit the National Mall and the Smithsonian museums in Washington DC, Monticello in Virginia, the Beck Cultural Exchange Center in Knoxville TN, the Nashville Zoo, and the Lorraine Motel Civil Rights Museum in Memphis. We end with a Temple tour the last day.

# Experience Summer Camp!!

## Youth Camps 2026

June 5–16	Caravan \$500
June 28–July 3	Junior/Middle School Camp \$335 (\$355 after 5/15)
July 12–19	Spectacular @ Graceland \$495 (\$595 after 6/30)
July 12–17	Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan
July 23–25	Youth Quest @ Olathe

## Family Camps (Reunion)

**Doniphan** – Excelsior Springs, MO – June 18 to 22  
Joint event with Central Missouri Mission Center  
Guest Minister: Apostle Richard James

**Chihowa** – Perry, KS – July 5 to 10  
Guest Minister: Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith  
Director: Dawn & Greg Bassett



### Family Camp Prices (Early Bird/Regular)

Age	Doniphan*	Chihowa
Adults (age 16+)	\$360	\$260
Youth (age 13-15)	\$320	\$170
Children (age 5-12)	\$320	\$125
Children (age 0-4)	FREE	\$25

\*Price for main lodge, cabins and RVs are cheaper



## Register NOW

- YOUTH: [www.midlandsmc.org/camps](http://www.midlandsmc.org/camps) Find camp & click “Register Here”
- FAMILY CAMP [www.midlandsmc.org/family](http://www.midlandsmc.org/family) : Find your camp and choose “Pay” now (credit card) or “PAY LATER” (check, cash, credit)

**Campships** are available: [bit.ly/MMCcampership26](http://bit.ly/MMCcampership26). **Application forms must be submitted TWO WEEKS prior to the event.** If you have questions, please contact [mcfoteam@midlandsmc.org](mailto:mcfoteam@midlandsmc.org)