

Interstate Association of the Church of God

# 93RD ANNUAL HANFORD *Camp Meeting*

COVERED IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS

PSALM 91:1-4



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 – SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025**

Hanford Camp Ground - 942 S. Harris Street, Hanford, CA 93230

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## CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



### Welcome to the 93rd Interstate Association of the Church of God Summer Camp Meeting at the Hanford Tabernacle in Hanford, California!

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is with the Joy of the Lord that I look forward to this wonderful time of engaging in worship, Word, and fellowship with you!

I am reminded of the hymn,  
"A Child of God" by B. E. Warren.  
Verse four states:



"Saved From Sin Today, Every Band Is  
Riven, I Am A Child Of God; Through The  
Tests Of Life, I Have Peace From Heaven;  
I Am A Child Of God."

This song rings true today. When we find ourselves faced with troubling and uncertain circumstances, we don't have to be afraid. We are children of the Most High God! We can navigate every situation in full confidence that He has already made a way for us.

The theme God led us to this year is "Covered in the Midst of Chaos", Psalms 91: 1-4, and we are excited to have a powerful man of God in the person of Rev. Dr. Horace Sheppard Jr. of Philadelphia, PA as our keynote speaker. We look forward to hearing a God-breathed Word!

Our amazing team has been praying and working in preparation for this year's camp meeting. Sis. Carmella Porter, Women's Ministry President, and Deacon Mitch Shaw, Men's Ministry President, have prepared dynamic programs and activities for you to participate in that are not to be missed!

Brother Joseph Bowen, our dedicated Historian, will be presenting stories of our rich heritage at 6:30 PM, nightly. It is always a blessing to see how far the Lord has brought us as a church body. I pray that this is a time of refreshing, refilling and restoration so that when you return to your local churches and communities, you are ready to set them ablaze with the spirit of God that has been renewed in you. I welcome each and every one of you on behalf of the entire Interstate Association staff to the holy grounds here, in Hanford, California. I'm so glad the Lord has enabled you to travel from near and far to be a part of this week's worship experience. Let us not forget that you are, "A Child of God" and you have been "Covered in the Midst of Chaos". Thank you all for coming home to Hanford!

- Chairman Conedy

Bishop Paul L. Binion, Vice Chairman  
Bro. Garland Jamison, Business Manager  
Sis. Patricia Arnold, Secretary

# Camp Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, July 9, 2025



**5:00 pm**

Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 pm**

Historical Videos, Heritage Song

**7:00 pm**

Opening Worship Service

Bishop Paul Binion, M.C.

**Welcome**

Travis Paden, Vice Mayor of Hanford

**Praise & Worship**

Westside Church of God Praise Team

**Congregational Prayer**

**Introduction of Speaker**

Elder Chris Conedy

**Sermonic Solo**

Pastor Leroy Harris

**Message**

Rev. Dr. Horace Sheppard, Jr.

**Special Recognition**

Sis. Lorenda Jamison





## **Rev. Dr. Horace Sheppard Jr.**

**Keynote Speaker**

Rev. Dr. Horace W. Sheppard, Jr, is the founder of Shepherd's Voice Ministries, a 501c3 ministry dedicated to supporting pastors, serving churches, and strengthening leaders. The former senior pastor of Bethesda Christian Fellowship Church of God, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he served for twenty-six years. Pastor Sheppard retired from forty-three years of pastoral ministry, having also served congregations in East Palo Alto, California, and Kansas City Missouri. In addition to his pastorates, Pastor Sheppard also spent three years as a full-time revivalist.

Pastor Sheppard has served extensively as a revivalist, conference leader and convention speaker both nationally and abroad. He is a graduate of Mid America Nazarene University and is the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Southern California School of Ministry. Dr. Sheppard's vision is to use his ministry and pastoral experience to support and serve the body of Christ.

He and his wife, Linda, have been married for forty-eight years and are the proud parents of three sons and one daughter and the delighted grandparents of twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.





## Alicia Sheppard Greer

Guest Speaker

Alicia Sheppard Greer is a passionate disciple of Jesus Christ with a deep commitment to advancing God's Kingdom in every sphere of life. A dynamic voice in faith-based leadership and discipleship, Alicia holds a Master of Arts in Christian Studies with an emphasis in Christian Leadership from Grand Canyon University and is a proud alumna of the University of Southern California.

She is the author of *Dethroning the Queen: Getting Rid of Rivalry and Resentment*, a powerful book that confronts the roots of female rivalry, including comparison, jealousy, and pride, and offers scriptural insight and encouragement for healing and restoration among women. Alicia also creates relatable, Spirit-led content on her YouTube channel that inspires believers to live boldly and authentically in their faith.

Rooted in legacy, Alicia is the daughter of Pastor Paul and Lady Meredith Sheppard and calls Destiny Christian Fellowship her home church. Alongside her husband, Pastor Jarell Greer, and their son Zion, she carries a mantle for ministry that is both generational and global.

Alicia also serves as a leader within Kingdom Collective, a ministry organization devoted to extending the reach of the Gospel beyond the four walls of the church and into culture, community, and everyday life.

# Women's Day Schedule

Thursday, July 10, 2025

**9:30 am**

Morning Worship Service  
Sis. Carmella Porter, M.C.

## **Women's Day Message**

Sis. Alicia Sheppard Greer  
Destiny Christian Fellowship, Fremont, CA

**10:45 am**

## **Men's Breakout Session**

Minister Chris Pennywell  
Darnell Fisher, LCSW, PPSC  
Westside Church of God, Fresno, CA

## **Ladies Brunch**

Sara Binion Dining Hall

## **Women's Outreach Event**

**5:00 pm**

Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 pm**

Historical Videos, Heritage Song

**7:00 pm**

Evening Worship Service  
Sis. Carmella Porter, M.C.

## **Praise & Worship**

Keith Nevels

## **Congregational Prayer**

## **Sermonic Solo**

Pastor Leroy Harris

## **Message**

Rev. Dr. Horace Sheppard, Jr.







## Minister Shinoba Pennywell

Guest Speaker

Minister Shinoba Pennywell was born in Fresno, California. She received her K-12 education in the Fresno Unified School District. Minister Shinoba pursued her higher education by receiving a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Fresno Pacific University. She later earned her master's degree in social work from San Jose State University becoming a prestigious member of the Honors Society while attending. She currently works for a foster/adoption agency as a social worker while pursuing her licensing in social work. Minister Shinoba loves being a social worker and believes that her employment is a place of the real ministry.

Minister Shinoba received Christ into her heart as a young girl and re-dedicated her life in her early 20's. Minister Shinoba began her ministry of serving youth and young adults. She has a heart and passion to encourage and mentor others in the Lord. Over the years minister Shinoba has used her gifts and talents in the form of arts. She has written plays, performed dramatic interpretations and in dance. Minister Shinoba accepted her call to minister God's word shortly after working with the youth and young adult ministry. Minister Shinoba loves the Lord. Her heart mission is to please him in everything that she does.

Minister Shinoba is a member of Westside Church of God in Fresno, California under the leadership of Bishop Paul and Lady Valerie Binion. There she serves as a minister, and in various other capacities of the ministry.

Minister Shinoba is a wife to Minister Chris Pennywell of 21 years, and a mother to Zion, Selah, and Christian. Family means everything to minister Shinoba. She loves her husband and children.

# Men's Day Schedule

Friday, July 11, 2025

**9:30 am**

Morning Worship Service  
Minister Chris Pennywell M.C.  
Bro. Darnell Fisher, M.C.

## **Men's Day Message**

Minister Chris Pennywell  
Darnell Fisher, LCSW, PPSC  
Westside Church of God, Fresno, CA

**10:45 am**

## **Men's Breakout Session**

Minister Chris Pennywell  
Darnell Fisher, LCSW, PPSC

## **Women's Breakout Session**

Minister Shinoba Pennywell

**2:00 PM**

Business Meeting

**5:00 pm**

Choir Rehearsal

**7:00 pm**

Evening Worship Service  
Minister Chris Pennywell M.C.  
Bro. Darnell Fisher, M.C.

## **Praise & Worship**

Rebecca McCullough

## **Victory March**

## **Sermonic Solo**

Pastor Leroy Harris

## **Message**

Rev. Dr. Horace Sheppard, Jr.

## **Special Recognition**

Celebration of Marriages







## Minister Chris Pennywell

### Guest Speaker

Chris Pennywell was born and raised in Fresno, CA. He is a Certified School Psychologist in the Selma Unified School District where he serves various students in elementary and high schools.

He is currently completing a book entitled, “Lose Your Mind” and is currently working on two other books, “My Secrets that Make me Sick” and I Choose Me.” He is also an ordained minister and has been in the ministry since the age of eighteen years old. He was recently featured in ASHE Magazine as one of their Top 100 Black Voices and has been also featured as a guest on various talk podcasts. He has served as a mentor, consultant, and counselor to hundreds of teens and adults over the years.

His education includes a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master of Science in School Psychology. He also holds a Pupil Personnel Service Credential.

Minister Pennywell firmly believes that the actions that undermine us are due to systems of thinking that were developed for survival but are not fit for living a healthy life. He believes that a part of his life’s mission is to help society to discover the root cause of the belief systems that undermine us while emerging with healthy belief systems that produce success.

Minister Pennywell is a highly sought after speaker, counselor, and consultant. He is a member of the illustrious fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He is also a husband to his beautiful wife, speaker, and mentor, Shinoba Pennywell, MSW, and father of three children, Zion, Selah, and Chrisitan.



## **Darnell J. Fisher, LCSW, PPSC**

### **Guest Speaker**

Darnell was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles by his grandparents and mother. Being raised in a single parent household in the inner city of Los Angeles, Darnell struggled to discover who God created him to be during his early years until he gave his life to Jesus Christ, in his grandparents' backyard at the age of sixteen. It was at that moment that God began to transform Darnell into the God-fearing husband, father, brother, son, mentor, and therapist that he is today.

While God's work in and through Darnell is not complete, through God's strength and guidance Darnell has had the opportunity to accomplish great things and serve countless people and communities. He has over 18 years of experience working with vulnerable populations, communities, and systems.

Darnell received his bachelor's degree in social work from California State University, Fresno where he was a Ronald E. McNair scholar and received the Dean's Medalist award. He went on to receive his Master of Social Work degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he was a School of Social Work Fellowship recipient. He has experience working in community organizing, youth and adult substance abuse prevention and intervention, healthcare, education, and youth ministry. Darnell has a passion for working with vulnerable populations within the education system and has experience working at every educational level including elementary, middle, and high school as well as postsecondary. For the past 10 years, Darnell has worked within the Fresno Unified School District in various roles including Clinical School Social Worker and as a Medical Social Worker for the past 3 years with the J&P Spine and Recovery Center.

Darnell is honored to be under the leadership of Bishop Paul Binion and the Westside Church of God in Fresno, CA where he has been a member since 2008. Darnell is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, loving husband of 14 years to Sasha, and caring father to his three sons, Dylan, Drew, and Destin.



# Camp Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, July 9, 2025



**9:30 am**

Morning Worship Service  
Chairman Chris Conedy, M.C.

**Communion Service**

**Praise & Worship**  
Rebecca McCullough

**Sermonic Solo**  
Pastor Leroy Harris

**Message**  
Rev. Dr. Horace Sheppard, Jr.

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**Thank you for attending our annual camp meeting! We know you experienced the presence of the Lord. May the Lord cover all of us as we travel back to our respective cities.**

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THANK YOU FOR COMING!



We look forward to seeing you at next year's  
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