

## Camp Meeting Returns in Person This June

Chesapeake Conference is gearing up for this year's camp meeting, "The Gathering: Occupy Till He Comes," which is set to take place June 13-17 on the campus of Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md. This year marks the return to an in-person event after the COVID-19 pandemic forced the conference to switch to a virtual format for the past three years.

"The number one question I have received lately from our Chesapeake constituents is, 'Are we going to have camp meeting in person this year?' The resounding answer is, 'Yes!'" says Andre Hastick, executive secretary and camp meeting coordinator.

"The Gathering" has been a cornerstone of Chesapeake Conference's calendar for many years, drawing attendees from across the region for a week of worship, inspiration and fellowship. This year's theme, "Occupy Till He Comes," centers around maximizing time and resources to share the gospel until the second coming of Jesus Christ.

This year's featured speaker is Derek Morris, president of Hope Channel. Morris is known for his dynamic preaching and ability to connect with audiences of all ages.

"Dr. Morris has a very biblically-focused ministry and is committed to uplifting Christ and directing others to know Him as their personal Savior and Friend," says Jerry Lutz, president.

"The Gathering" will also feature uplifting music and a variety of seminars and workshops covering topics such as prayer, biblical studies and evangelism.

Dynamic youth programming is set to ignite the imagination of kids, teens and young adults. Daily activities will include field trips, relevant messages from guest speakers, interactive games and meeting peers from across the conference.

"The Gathering' camp meeting experience serves as an annual spiritual family reunion for our conference," says Hastick. "With programming for all ages, it's an inspirational week of faith-building and fellowship for everyone to benefit from and enjoy."



## Teens Put Faith in Action at 'Generation Rain'

Chesapeake Conference recently hosted its annual "Generation Rain" teen retreat on the campus of Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md. Themed "More Like Jesus," the retreat featured



keynote presentations from guest speaker Joel Greve, a pastor from the Ohio Conference.

Weekend activities included worship, music, seminars, testimonies and community service. The event's high point was Sabbath afternoon when teens participated in local mission projects in the Hagerstown area, such as visiting retirement homes and assisting Habitat for Humanity endeavors.

Kenia Reyes, the conference's Youth and Young Adult director, says, "This year, we [focused] on ... the importance of serving our communities by being the hands and feet of Jesus. [It's about] being able to show Jesus' love through our actions."



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