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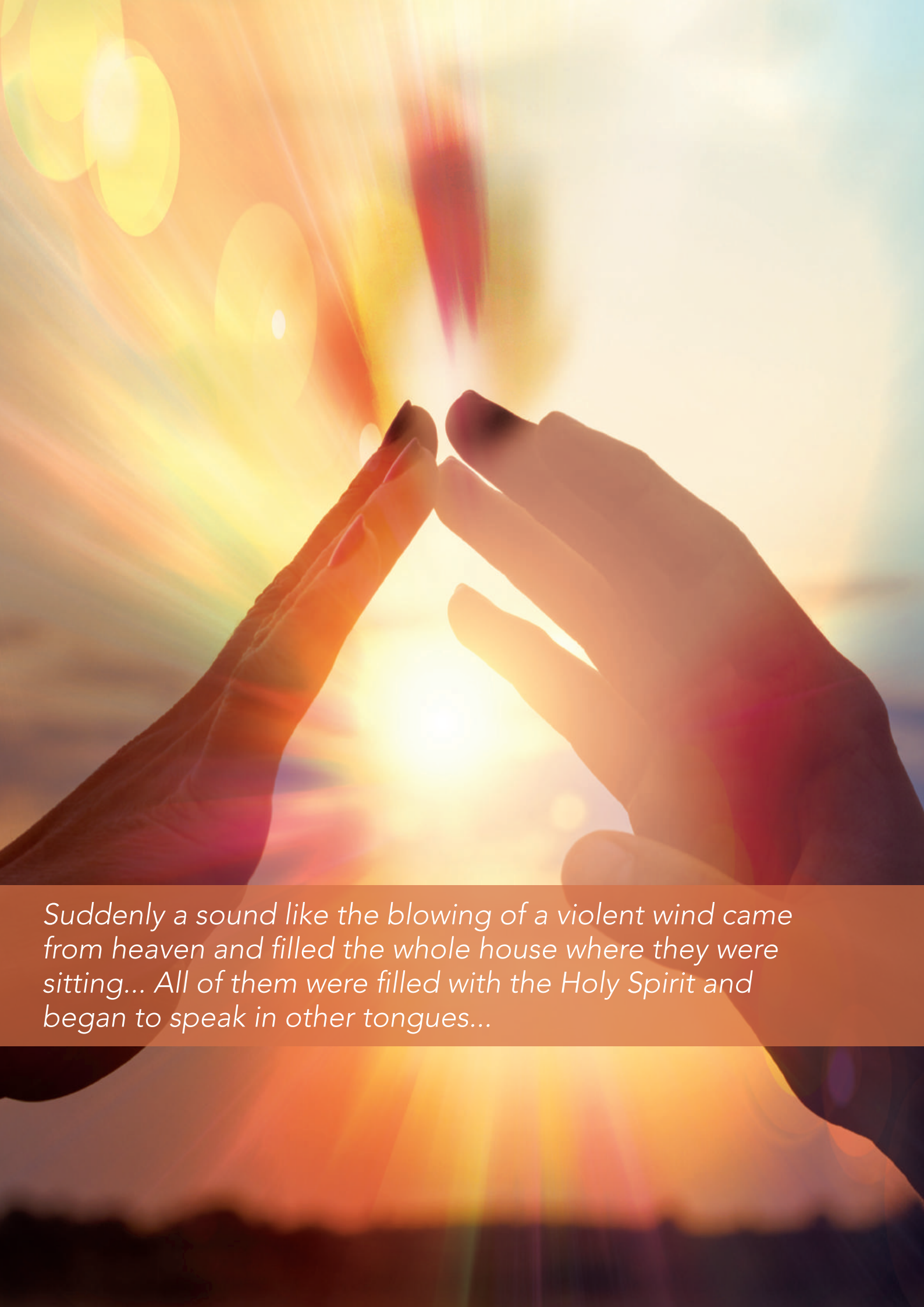
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Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues...

THE New You & The Holy Spirit



If you've received Jesus as your Saviour, one-third of your salvation is complete. It's a done deal. Your spirit is sealed (Eph. 1:13) and perfected forever (Heb. 10:14). That is the new you on the inside. But there is more to being a Christian than just the forgiveness of your sins and having a ticket to heaven. If you're going to experience life the way God intended, you need the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I know some people take issue with that.

"You're saying I don't have the Holy Spirit even though I've been born again?"

No, that's not what I'm saying.

"Well, then, if I got the Holy Ghost when I was saved, that's all the Holy Ghost I need!"

Well, no, that's only partially true. Yes, you did receive the Holy Spirit when you were saved, but there's another, separate experience for after you're born again. This is where you need to let the Bible get in the way of what you believe. Religion has taught that the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit all passed away with the apostles. That isn't true. Speaking of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Peter said,

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 2:39

That includes you and I.

You know, Scripture talks about how believers will receive power *after* the Holy

Ghost has come upon them (Acts 1:8). I know many Christians who are saved but powerless, and it's this separate experience of the Holy Spirit that makes all the difference. Before I had the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I was charging hell with a water pistol. After I received the Holy Spirit, boy, it was like having a fire hose!

I'm telling you, you never would have heard of me if it hadn't been for the Holy Spirit's power in my life. When I've faced issues in my life or in ministry, it was the Holy Spirit, particularly speaking in tongues, that has tipped the balance in my favour. It's happened so many times that I've lost count.

Let's look at some Scripture to verify this:

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptised? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptised with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied.

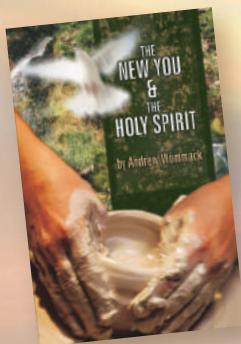
Acts 19:1-6

Here is a perfect example of what I'm talking about. Paul asked *believers* if they had received the Holy Ghost. That would have been a dumb question for people who couldn't receive any more of the Holy Spirit than they already had. Can you see that?

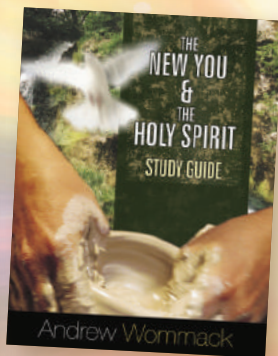
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THE NEW YOU & THE HOLY SPIRIT PACKAGE

In this package, Andrew addresses the two most important events that will ever take place in a person's life—first, receiving salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and, second, being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. This package includes *The New You & The Holy Spirit* paperback book, study guide, and CD or DVD series.



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The reason this is so important is because many Christians emphasise the initial born-again experience, saying, "We've got to get people saved." And I agree! We do! But then these same people will de-emphasise anything having to do with the Holy Spirit. They don't realise how foundational it is to the Christian life. They consider it optional. It's a view that's completely opposite to what we see in Scripture. Before Jesus sent His disciples into ministry, He commanded them to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit to come into their lives (Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4). In Jesus's opinion, having this power wasn't optional. Speaking from experience, life is better with the Holy Ghost.

Some people will argue that they received this when they were saved. Well, it's true that you can receive both the first and second works of the Holy Spirit at the same time (see Acts 10:44-46), but they are not the same experience. In John 20:22, right after Jesus rose from the dead, He breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." This is the moment they became born again. But over in Acts 2 is when they were filled:

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:2-4

If we could ensure people were not only saved but also filled with the Holy Ghost, the devil would be in trouble! This is one of the reasons I emphasise the baptism of the Holy Spirit at many of my meetings. It is super important that we have this gift *and* begin to speak in tongues.

I don't have the space here to explain all the benefits of speaking in tongues, but in my teaching *The New You & The Holy Spirit*, I go into greater detail about this and many other foundational truths. If initially you're turned off by the idea of speaking in tongues, don't worry. It's not something you *have* to do; it's something you *get* to do! Your relationship with God will go through the roof, revelation of the Word will come, and your life will change for the better.

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Andrew and Jamie



THE Power of Discipleship

For decades, God has put discipleship on Andrew Wommack's heart.

While evangelism focuses on the necessary task of getting people born again, discipleship helps believers go deep into the Word, grow their relationship with God, and be empowered to disciple others.

Discipleship creates lasting results. The lives of born again believers who are not discipled may look the same months and years down the road. They often still suffer from bitterness, anger, and jealousy and become negative witnesses for Christ.

A discipled believer's life, however, is transformed. A disciple is a follower, or a learner - someone who wants to continue to grow in faith. Jesus called his followers disciples, not converts. Conversion is a onetime experience; discipleship is a lifelong journey. A disciple's goal is to become more like his or her leader - for believers, this means to be more like Christ.

Chris and Lisa Cree know the power of discipleship. They had been born-again believers for 15 years; however, they felt saved and stuck, like there was very little power operating in their lives. They wondered why they weren't seeing the miracles spoken of in the book of Acts and were dissatisfied when told that those miracles passed away with the apostles. Upon hearing Andrew's teaching, *How to Stay Positive in a Negative World*, they felt they needed to know more. "It felt like I had a jigsaw puzzle, but I couldn't see how to put the pieces together," Chris says.

Discipleship through Charis Bible College was their answer. Chris and Lisa decided to attend the Charis Bible College main campus in Colorado. They

graduated with the 2013 class and chose the Ministry School for their third year. The training they received at Charis helped them put together the pieces of the puzzle and see the big picture. Today, the Crees direct the Charis Bible College campus in Dumfries, Scotland. As students come through their program, they see lives completely transformed through discipleship.

The importance of discipleship became clear to Andrew through Second Timothy 2:2, which says, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Through revelation of this verse, Andrew realised that just as Paul told Timothy to train others, God wanted him to do the same. Andrew's vision of discipleship grew into Charis Bible College. Andrew says, "The Lord led me to start Charis Bible College for the purpose of training people for the work of the ministry. He wanted me to take a unique approach; it had to be a combination of the rich teaching of God's Word and practical, hands-on ministry."

Since first opening in 1994, Charis Bible College has trained thousands of students. Graduates, such as the Crees, have gone on to disciple others all over the world.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of Charis Bible College, a \$250 tuition discount is available to new students who apply to the Woodland Park campus now until 31st May 2019.. Go to charisbiblecollege.org/discount to apply today and take the next step in your discipleship journey!

Please note, this offer is not available at any other Charis locations.



For 25 years - with your help - we've fulfilled the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations through Charis Bible College. Whether students are on campus or on the mission field, we love hearing stories of disciples making disciples. Last year, as part of the graduation requirements, second year students went on life-changing missions trips around the world. Here's what a few of them had to say:

"40 years ago, God through His love brought me to the United States from Hong Kong where I was born and raised. Prior to that, my family was very poor: our home was made from cardboard, flimsy plywood, or anything we could find. Last December, I went back to Hong Kong with my wife and the Charis missions team. On the last day, I was drawn to a very sad homeless man. I gave him some food, and we cried together as he told me his story. I shared about my past and how the love of God changed everything. He accepted Jesus as his Saviour, and his tears of sorrow turned into tears of joy!"
- K. L.

"At the first altar call I gave on day one, 40 kids asked Jesus into their hearts! Each day, I was amazed at how open people were to hearing the Gospel. We reached out to those passing by on the streets of Budapest and could see their desire to know the God we spoke of. Many of them stood in the cold for over 30 minutes just to hear about Jesus. Welcoming brothers and sisters in Christ into the Kingdom of God was worth every awkward question or freezing cold night."
- N. B.

"God's love flowed through me so powerfully on the missions trip. I saw people get saved, healed, and delivered from tormenting spirits. I witnessed to an intoxicated man and saw him become instantly sober after accepting Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. Everyone is looking for God, and it's our job to show them the Father and let His love flow through us."
- J. M.

"I was privileged to be part of a group that's changing lives for eternity and to see God move in miraculous ways. It was stretching and definitely challenging, but through it, I have grown immensely."
- F. L.

"The missions trip really showed me Jesus's heart for the world. He'll do whatever it takes to reach just one. No matter who they are or where they've been, He'll reach out for just that one."
- T. O.

"The Lord spoke through me, and people got healed, encouraged, and delivered from demons. It was awesome to see firsthand what God can do through us when we yield to Him."
- T. P.

Charis students and graduates are impacting the lives of thousands around the world with the *nearly-too-good-to-be-true* news. And it's all possible because of your faithful support of the Gospel.

Thank you for 25 fruitful years!

Note: Testimonies have been edited for length and clarity.





American history meets modern warfare during *In God We Trust*; a theatrical production taking place at The Auditorium on 4th July, 2019, amid the week of the Summer Family Bible Conference. This patriotic play follows a modern American Bravo Unit as they serve along the Afghanistan/Pakistan border. While facing grave danger, the unit meets a mysterious stranger who shares with them encouragement and key lessons on American history.

Adam Stone, coordinator of the Charis Bible College Creative Arts School, wrote the script and will be directing and performing in the play. Adam talks about the creative processes involved in the production, such as building a helicopter out of wooden boxes and creating a war zone on stage. "I wanted something that would grab people's attention, something that a modern-day audience would enjoy and get excited by. You don't often see a war zone in live theatre."

In addition to modern war scenes, the play also depicts critical events in America's history. Adam says much of the inspiration for the historical scenes came from conversations he had with Richard Harris, coordinator of the Practical Government School. "He was a lot of the inspiration. He knows American history. He knows all the great quotes. He just

In God We Trust Packed with Action and Drama

gets it because he teaches it all the time."

One of the most powerful scenes in the play shows the War of 1812, in which steadfast American soldiers refused to let the American flag fall in the face of threat from the entire British fleet. "It was the lives of the American soldiers that held the flag up," comments Adam.

Throughout all the dramatic action and music of the production, the presence of God is evident. Adam says one of the most important purposes of the play is to serve as a reminder of America's heritage. "That's the goal—to remind people that the foundation of this country is a godly, Christian foundation. . . . We wanted to tell the story of America and then bring it into someone's heart, into their modern-day life, making history fun and relevant."

Besides Adam, the show also features Charis Bible College students and professional actors and musicians from Colorado Springs and Orlando. A live band and vocal ensemble provide the music, which includes American, patriotic classics.

Adam says he is excited about the potential impact the show could have and believes this impact could be amplified by developing the play into a format for other communities to reproduce. "My hope is that we can package it and make it available to churches and theatres around the country."

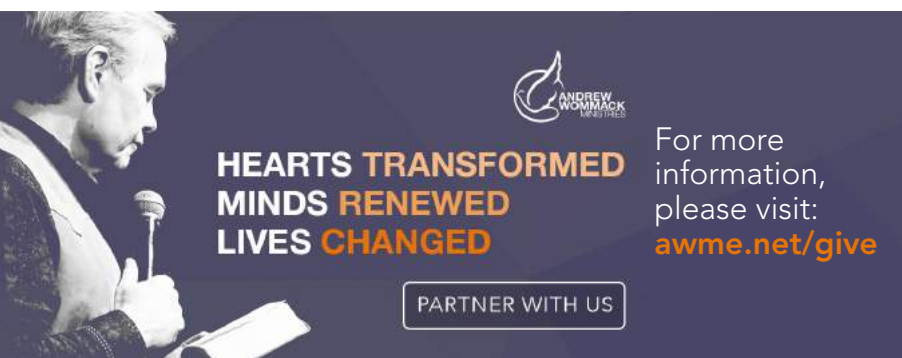
Come see *In God We Trust*! It's family-friendly and free! You and your loved ones can experience it all right here in Woodland Park, Colorado, during the Summer Family Bible Conference, which takes place 1st-5th July. Information on registration for the conference and tickets for the 4th July barbecue may be found at awmi.net/summer.

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June 1-2 • Dumfries, Scotland

Kingdom Business Summit

June 12-14 • Woodland Park, CO

JULY

Summer Family Bible Conference

July 1-5 • Woodland Park, CO

July 4th Celebration

In God We Trust

July 4 • Woodland Park, CO

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July 18-20 • Woodland Park, CO

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AUGUST

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August 2-3 • Woodland Park, CO

Healing Is Here Conference

August 13-16 • Woodland Park, CO

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September 19-21 • Woodbridge, VA

Charis 25th Anniversary

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Charis Christian Center

September 29 • Colorado Springs, CO

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