

I was really encouraged through the sessions and the celebration at the prayer summit because they offered a fresh and engaging approach to prayer and worship. I feel that God is wanting us to pass on these truths and experiences (worship celebration with movement—Hebrew style) to the children for at least three reasons. They set a good model for adults (Mark 10:14) through their lack of inhibition. Psalm 78 compels us to pass on a legacy of living relationship with God to the next generation—what a better way to start, than through interactive worship? And, God sometimes uses children to teach adults. Worship and prayer is for all stages of life, the earlier a strong foundation is built, the better.

— Lori Roth  
Faith E.C. Church, Williams Valley



For me this was a time to come apart from the distractions of everyday life to spend time with the Lord. Interactions with others encouraged and challenged my walk with the Lord. Worship leaders explained and demonstrated the use of banners in worship. The worship that followed touched my heart. I came away from the summit with a commitment to spend time with the Lord each morning and evening and with resources to strengthen that commitment.

— Carol Schell  
Zion E.C. Church, Annville

The Lord answered my prayer for desiring to attend the Summit before I took it to the “Throne of Grace.” I knew the Lord was preparing me for a wonderful three days of being in the presence of the Holy Spirit and I was not disappointed.

The theme “*Light the Fire Again*” peaked my interest as I reflected upon my “*First Love*” - the excitement of falling in love again with my God exploded in my thoughts. I also resonated with Isaiah 60:1 to arise and shine for...the Lord’s glory rises upon you.

As I went over my notes from the prayer summit, my eyes caught the words from the Wednesday morning devotional time—**being the vital extension of Christ’s kingdom in the world**. How the early church disciplined each other in **prayer** and the **Word** and focused more on their likenesses rather than their differences. The church was not only united (John 17:22,23) but they were maturing in God.

We can experience the same thing in our churches through that power that resurrected Christ’s body. And to think that we can have this same power. Hallelujah! Amen.

— Mary Martin  
Grace E.C. Church, Akron, PA

**How has the Lord spoken to your heart  
as you read the above reflections?**



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**A Time Of Igniting  
The Flame of Revival**

**Reflections and Blessings from the  
2012 National Prayer Summit  
Emlenton, PA — October 8-10, 2012**

“Igniting the Flame of Revival” was the theme for the National Prayer Summit. Rev. Fred Moury called us to worship by sounding the Shofar, or ram’s horn, then led us in a time of “Seeking His Face.” Karen Jacobs, Diane Webb, and Lynn Neely led us in praise singing.

Rev. Dale Kramer’s session, “Search Me, O God,” included a time of silently prostrating ourselves before the Lord. Pastor Mike Campbell taught us to “Be Still” in meditating on God’s Word. Rev. Gary Brown focused on “Thy Kingdom Come,” dividing us into regions for intercessory prayer.

After the work of prayer, Carolyn Bousum led us in “Entering into our Sabbath Rest.” Ginger Yost, Barb Boudier, and Cheryl Miller demonstrated the use of flags and the billow. After

receiving the Lord's Supper, administered by Bishop Bruce Hill, we passed under the billow into a place of celebration. As Karen and Diane led us in the joyful chorus, "Look what the Lord has done! Look what the Lord has done! He healed my body, He touched my mind; He saved me just in time! Look what the Lord has done!", we waved our banners and danced in circles. Even the most reluctant couldn't resist joining in!

Many thanks to the Prayer Mobilization Team for creating a memorable prayer and worship event.

— Ann Brown  
Great Lakes Region



Attending the 2012 Prayer Summit was such a blessing as we came prepared to allow the Holy Spirit to revive our hearts. Each gathering was a beautiful time as we experienced the Lord as he touched our faith and our faces with the light of his presence. The joy and the love of God was wonderfully expressed in hearts of worship as we celebrated him with singing and also with interpretive banners and instruments of praise!

— Cheryl Miller  
(A friend of the EC Church)



What an awesome experience it was to meet together with men and women from multiple regions and districts of the E.C. Church at our denominational Prayer Summit! We sang worship choruses, listened to encouraging devotionals on various aspects of prayer, and even participated in a prayer dance with prayer scarves and banners. I believe we shook heaven's gates with our praises, thanksgivings, confessions, and requests.

I sincerely look forward with anticipation for the blessings that will be poured out upon the E.C. Church in response to our obedience to join our hearts to pray!

— Rev. Charles Campbell  
New Zion E.C. Church, Emlenton

## To God Be the Glory

Summit is a term used in topography referring to the highest point or part of a hill. This year's National Prayer Summit may not have been located on the highest geographical point, but it took me to a very high spiritual point. When I reflect over the time spent at Whitehall Camp, I have to sum up my experience as an elevated spiritual connection with God. It started with worship songs that were instrumental in taking me right into the presence of our Lord. The words had such a wonderful impact on my soul, I just had to praise our Lord for the various composers who used their talents to enable me to

deepen my own relationship with God. Each of the sessions gave me new insights and ideas of how to better my own devotional and daily life so that I could be better equipped to serve my Lord. These were not just on prayer life, but also on how to implement the use of time in God's Word to enhance my relationship and receive empowerment from His Holy Spirit. I came home recharged and better equipped to maintain a high spiritual experience in my daily life. I am very grateful to all the members of the committee who organized this event and to all the participants who helped to create an atmosphere filled with Christ's love.

— Robin Haley  
Grace E.C. Church, Akron, PA



From the first session where we were challenged to "Seek God's Face" and deepen our personal relationship with Christ to the deeply moving and unique worship service at its end, I "sat" like a sponge soaking in every precious moment. I will never forget this fantastic journey to a new and exciting commitment to prayer. If you have a desire to be a "prayer warrior" in your church or just to improve your prayer life, don't miss the next Prayer Summit.

— Linda Miller  
First E.C. Church, Lebanon