

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

[Pastor Gene Henderson with edits by Pastor Pier]

One year ago, today our nation held its breath as presidential candidate Donald J. Trump went down bleeding from an assassin's bullet. Moments later he rose in the arms of two secret service individuals, fist in the air, blood streaking across his face as he yelled, "**Fight! Fight! Fight!**"

It was the most astounding sight any American had ever seen. In our lifetime President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed. President Ronald Reagan was shot in an assassination attempt and recovered in the hospital. President Gerald Ford suffered an assassination attempt by a woman whose pistol chamber was not loaded. Both Presidents Bush, William Clinton and Barack Obama were targets, but not shot. Donald Trump came within ¼ of an inch of being shot in the brain.

No one has ever reacted as he did, and there's a very good chance no one ever will. Aside from the unbelievable events of that day in Butler, Pennsylvania, the world watched a man literally rise to power from a madman's bullet. Here we are a year later, and the world is not the same.

Iran is in shock. Rwanda and Congo have signed a peace treaty brokered by the United States. Hamas understands they are a breath from being completely destroyed, and Russia is re-thinking its actions in Ukraine. The world is far from a peaceful place, but it is closer than it was one year ago today. And whether you are Democrat or Republican, you cannot help but feel more hopeful than one year ago. Donald Trump may not be your favorite person – he certainly is **not** Jesus Christ – but maybe God has heard some prayers. Let yours continue. Feel as you will about our President, he claims that God has rescued him. Psalm 18:30:

This God — His way is perfect; the Word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

Welcome!

July 13th, 2025



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services



Prayer – every Sunday evening, from 6 – 7 here in the sanctuary. This is informal, come as you are for the time you are able. James 5:16 (ESV):

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our study of the Book of Ephesians.

30-Days of Prayer – the month of July. All the Assemblies of God churches throughout the United States will be joining together for 30 days of prayer in July. The prayer guides are on the table in the foyer. These will aid in praying for our church, community, State, nation, and world. Please take one and join in prayer!

Annual VBS – August 18th through the 22nd. We need volunteers. If you would like to help, please see Leah or Lori. We will be providing more information in the coming weeks.

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Pastor Keith Davey was called to the ministry at age 16 but ran from this call for 9 years until finally surrendering to God's will to plant churches and rebuild NY's Capital City. He married Susan Hilton '96 and attended Central Bible College (CBC) from '96 thru '99 completing his BA in Theology.



Keith was called to the ministry in 1989 on a mission trip to

Berlin Germany. Though called to plant churches in Albany for a season, he knew Germany held his future. They remained faithful to the Albany New Hope post for 21 years expanding through God's favor and undying devotion to purchase and renovate five buildings for ministry centers/support base.

On a Sabbatical to Berlin in 2019, the Holy Spirit urged Keith to fulfill the second aspect of His calling – Germany. Early in 2021, the Holy Spirit spoke clearly once again “*you have done what I asked you to do, now go...*” On Nov. 7th 2021, Pastor Davey fulfilled his last day after serving for 21 years in Albany focusing on the CALL to Germany and Eastern Europe. i with International Accelerated Ministry under Jay Francis, we fulfilled both the CALL of God on our lives and IAM's vision to reach Europe. Our focus has been threefold; to **Evangelize the lost**, to **Encourage leaders** and to **Equip the Church**. We continually evangelize on the streets of Berlin, Romanian villages and this year Africa and Poland. We have seen salvations, signs, wonders and watched God provide “manna from the sky” to reach lost people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we travel, there is one common heartbreak we come across in each region visited, **hurting** pastors/leaders. Our focus has been to be the sounding board they need, to build relationships of trust through prayer, mentorship, training and to serve alongside these brave heroes of the faith.