

## Message from C.E.O.

Drew & Leah Baldwin

Meridzo in 2021: This year has been a blessing to return to a little normalcy in the return of mission teams and ministry events across all the facilities, after having to cancel many of our events and teams in 2020. This year, like the many that precede, has been a year of Great Provision from the Lord. The Lord has met the needs in abundance of our prayers within 2021. He has heard our cries of mourning within our staff family, our prayers for healing, our request for understanding in ministry opportunities, and our petitions for provision. To conclude this year, we lift our praises to Him knowing we stand with needs met because of His Gracious Hand.



As I begin to Praise God for the work He has done in and through Meridzo in 2021, I think of a quote from Hudson Taylor that he spoke while a missionary to China beginning in 1853. He said of his mission work, “There are three stages to every great work of God; first it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done.” As Jan. 1 of 2021, began we saw much work before us that God called us to that was overwhelming, especially during a new and trying season of ministry because of political tension and the continued swirling of the Pandemic. It seemed impossible, yet it drove us to place our dependence upon Him to see Him do a great work. As we committed ourselves to the work God called us to, it became difficult. There were many decisions to be made, much administrative work to do, organization to happen, hands on work to be done, sweat and tears to shed that was difficult, but that kept us in right dependence upon God. Now as we make our closing reflections of 2021, we see that it is Done! God has done a great work in this year due to His Faithfulness, and we Praise Him. This gives us Hope as we set our attention on the start of 2022!

*“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10*

Let me tell you a little of God’s movement across our Meridzo Ministry Family over 2021:  
 (You’ll hear more about the specifics throughout the Newsletter.)

- Eric and Sissy Rutherford have served faithfully at Lamp House Coffee over the past 7 years and are now going to focus on the leadership of the Meridzo Center Development Corporation (MCDC), newly named “The Pond”. We are so grateful to the work they did to establish the Coffee Shop, and look forward to more great things to come through their leadership!
- Luke and Morgan Shubert have come on as full-time staff to serve as Directors of Sycamore Woodcraft and Lamp House Coffee.
- Tanner Marshall has been a 3-year summer intern at the Stables and has now come on as full-time staff from NC to be an assistant riding instructor!
- We have been blessed with the oversight of Eolia Christian Community Outreach (ECCO), and God has brought Donald, Steffanie and their son Caleb Hawks to direct this ministry to the community!
- With growth we also deal with letting go at times, this year our Meridzo Family has said goodbye to a very cherished family that has served at Calvary Campus for 7 years and has been a blessing to both the community and Meridzo Center. We praise God for their time at Calvary Campus and the impact it has had for Jesus under their leadership. They will always be a big part of Calvary Campus!
- As Paul and Mary Jo were leaving, they assisted in bringing in their replacement! Marc, Wanda, and daughters, Jenna and Leslie, Hensley from Williamsburg, KY have moved into the Director role of Calvary Campus. The Hensley family is a family focused on missions, and we are excited to see how they take the torch and carry on the work that God was doing through Paul and Mary Jo.
- We also have had the pain of losing a loved sister in Christ. In February Kathi Schaeffer, Co-director of Heaven’s Door Chapel and beloved wife to Dave, who shared her love of Jesus through horseback riding, the arts, discipleship, teaching and so much more went on to be with her Savior. We are grateful for her love of Jesus and service to through Meridzo Center.

We know that in the growth and the loss, that God is good, He never left our side for a moment, and He has provided everything we need to continue to share the love of Christ with Eastern, KY. We would like to thank you for your prayers, your service alongside us, and your financial support. We praise God for you, and the Great Work He has done in and through Meridzo Center in 2021! And we already celebrate what He is going to do in 2022!

This Newsletter is written in loving memory of Kathi (Kat) Schaeffer,  
 wife of David Schaeffer, Directors of Heaven’s Door Chapel.

## The Stables at Creekside Glenn

Directors: Drew & Leah Baldwin

Arena Manager/Head Riding Instructor: Lindsay Moore

Assistant Riding Instructor: Tanner Marshall

2021 at The Stables at Creekside Glen, lovingly nicknamed 'The Barn' has been a Yippee Yahweh kind of year with a return to camps, full swing internship, 4H, drill, riding lessons & mission groups. Camps were full of kids that were eager to get out of the house, learn about horses and Jesus. We focused on Romans 10:13 "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord, will be saved," and with eager campers came many new interns for the fall. We had missed all of this, and with each return to normalcy, we had a fresh thankfulness to the Lord at the opportunity to be together, even if it involved mucking stalls. This thankfulness overflowed as we saw God provide hay, square and round bails, fencing, tack, saddles, good horses, Bible study material, and this list goes on. As we reflect on all the ways God provided, the biggest way was in bringing more hands and hearts to help serve at 'The Barn'. Caleb Broersma, an intern from years past, committed to a yearlong internship here, and he was joined shortly after by 'Rodeo Bobby' Woody, whose parents had gone to seminary with us. These guys live at the barn and have helped lighten the load and are eager for discipleship opportunities. Another familiar face joined our Meridzo staff at 'The Barn' full time, and that is Tanner Marshall who has partnered with Lindsay to help teach riding lessons, but she has been a blessing to all of us.



2021 has also been a great year for our riding lesson program! It's been a huge blessing to have Tanner join our staff as an assistant riding instructor! We were able to give lessons to a total of 43 students this year between our spring and fall semesters. We were happy to see a good blend of returning students and new students come through. With the lessons increasing we are all excited to see what 2022 will hold.

The Stables was able to continue partnering with the Letcher County 4-H Horse Club this year and had 11 youth compete. Our youth competed in showmanship, barrel racing, pole bending, and drill team. The District 2 Horse show was hosted at our arena this year and all 11 of our youth qualified for the 4-H State Horse show. We are so proud of how well all the youth did at state. We had several place in the top 10. We had 1 senior place in barrels and 1 senior place in poles. We also had 1 junior place in barrels and 1 junior place in poles as well. Our drill team also placed in the top 10. Overall, the 4-H State Horse show was a success for all who participated! We look forward to having another great 4-H year!

We are so grateful to God for giving us a chance to share Jesus by horseback. Please continue to pray for our interns and staff to love God deeper and as we share Jesus those hearts would be changed.



## New Staff Introduction – Tanner Marshall

Assistant Riding Instructor at the Stables at Creekside Glen: Tanner Marshall

Hey y'all my name is Tanner Marshall. I am 22 years old and am from Burlington NC. Horses have always been a big part of my life. When I was two years old, I had a traumatic injury that left me with paralyzed vocal cords. Because of this I have a very narrow airway and could not participate in most sports growing up. Horseback riding was a sport that not only could I do stamina wise, but it was something that I enjoyed. The love of horses stuck with me and all through middle and high school I rode competitively. I learned about Meridzo from a family friend who also serves on the board of Feed the Hunger. I was a summer intern at The Stables at Creekside Glen for three summers, and in May of this year God called me to full time ministry here. At the farm I, along with my farm family, help care for the horses, lead trail rides, teach lessons, and assist with summer camps. I have been blessed to not only get to work with people and animals that I love, but most importantly share and demonstrate the love of Jesus every day. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for 2022.

## God's Creatures Veterinary Clinic

Directors: Dr. Kelley & Debbie Bradford

"Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, GO tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born." We both love this Christmas song for many reasons. Most important is the message - GO, TELL, EVERYWHERE! What a reminder for all of us. Wherever your mountain (or flatland) is, there's your mission field to share the good news to everyone around you.

2021 has been a busy year! Our office stayed very busy as people continued to get new puppies and kittens. Looking at our business, it's more opportunities to love, encourage and pray for more people. We saw so many this year that had lost loved ones, that were dealing with serious illness, that were broken and burdened, that felt so hopeless.



"Yet, this I call to mind and therefore I have hope; the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never end, they are new every morning; Great is your faithfulness" - Lamentations 3:21-23.

So thankful for God's promises, His steadfast love, mercy, and the hope that comes only from Him. For us personally, we were excited to see so many campers and mission teams on the farm this year. It was encouraging for all of us hear the "sounds of camp" - the happy laughter, praise and worship music, tractors pulling wagons, and Jesus being shared. We enjoyed Buck-a-roo camp with our own little Buck-a-roo, Ella May. Hard to tell who had more fun!!! Becca, Rob, and Brighton Grace spent several weeks with us during the summer and helped with camps, etc. at the farm. Our hearts were overflowing with grandbaby joy!!

It's a joy and a blessing to be a part of the Meridzo family as we serve together to love people and share Jesus every day. Thank you for your continued prayers for all of us!



## Shekinah Village

Directors: Chad and Stephanie Morgan  
Team Leaders of The Farm

Our first thoughts about 2021 are "WHERE DID IT GO??" My goodness it sure flew by! It was nice to get back to a more "normal" year of ministry. Our summer camps and community events were a huge success! Over 2300 people (not counting our mission teams) visited The Farm and were able to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is a JOY to serve with people from all over the country who travel, some for hours and some just minutes up the road, to love on our community. Two young people came to know the Lord at camp and countless lives were impacted by the work the Lord is doing on The Farm.

As you will read in this newsletter, Meridzo acquired a new ministry in 2021. ECCO has been a blessing to the Eolia and surrounding communities for over 30 years and we are so excited to be part of that team! Just a short drive "up the river", ECCO and its new Directors, Donald and Steffanie Hawks and their son Caleb, have been adopted into The Farm Family and are doing a fantastic job living out Acts 1:8 through their ministry at ECCO. As Team Leaders, we have had a front row seat in seeing what the Lord is doing in and through ECCO and the Hawks. We are so excited for the future of this ministry. Please join us in prayer as we seek the Lord's guidance in how He wants to grow and expand this ministry.

On a personal note, since getting married, the Lord has led our hearts to minster in the City of Benham where we live. Chad continues to serve on the Benham City Council and together we help lead the Friends of Benham, a non-profit organization that seeks to change lives through the revitalization of our beautiful city. We fully believe the Lord wants to see Benham (and all eastern Kentucky) restored and through that restoration, we are also seeing lives changed and given to the Lord.

Thank you for your continued support! We are humbled that the Lord chose us to lead in these areas of ministry, and we count it a true BLESSING to serve our Savior alongside all of you!



## New Staff Introduction – Hawks Family

Directors at ECCO: Donald and Steffanie Hawks

We are the Hawks family, and we came here from Central VA in August of 2021. We have 3 terrific boys, Chris, 22, Matt, 20, and Caleb, 10. Our older boys stayed back in Lynchburg when we made our journey to Kentucky. Donald loved working in the emergency room prior to being a stay-at-home dad. He also became involved in missions work and served diligently with Hope for Appalachia until we were called to come to Kentucky. Steffanie was a special education teacher for 14 years and taught kids with special needs and more recently kids with visual impairments. She taught Braille and worked closely with each of her students.

Our journey to landing in Eolia, KY is quite a God story! It is nothing short of God's goodness and faithfulness on display. Donald visited KY on one of his missions' trips and just felt the pulling to be here. He returned home in VA, and the pulling never left. So, we quit our jobs and said our goodbyes to our family and friends and moved to Kentucky. The Lord never stopped answering prayers for what to do next as we just walked in faith. We take no credit for any of this, all praise is lifted to our Lord and Savior for faithfully loving us every step of this journey. And this is just the beginning...



## ECCO

Directors: Donald and Steffanie Hawks

Eolia Christian Community Outreach Inc (ECCO) is a new part to the Meridzo ministry, and became a part of the Meridzo in February 2021. ECCO is the glue that has kept the Eolia community together, and our Meridzo family had been praying for full-time staff with a heart and passion to help others and share Jesus through ECCO to come on board. In August 2021, God answered that prayer by sending new directors to oversee the ECCO ministry: Directors, Donald, and Steffanie Hawks, along with their son, Caleb.

After coming back from a mission trip to Eastern, KY in November, Donald felt that God was calling us to Eastern, KY, and as we prayed and sought God's clear direction, we were positive God led us to ECCO and Meridzo Center.

ECCO consists of a thrift store and a food pantry. Through the thrift store, the community is able to purchase clothes, household items, furniture, large appliances and many other daily living needs at prices that are affordable. While our community family visits and shops, our team builds a relationship with each person that enters the doors, by praying with our families while letting them know that they are loved. All proceeds that are made from the sale of items in the thrift store are put right back into the ministry so that we can provide food boxes each month to more than 50 families. We meet their physical needs, their nutritional needs, but more importantly, we meet their spiritual needs as we point to Jesus. Our ECCO team works closely with the resource teacher at Arlie Boggs Elementary School. The teachers were blessed with a small gift, at the beginning of the school year, to welcome them back and to let them know they are valued and appreciated. The team has helped to find sponsors for children, through Arlie Boggs Elementary School, for Christmas, and we partnered with a women's rehab facility to help with clothes and food. God is moving within this ministry! We look forward to seeing how God continues to grow this ministry. We are so humbled to be allowed to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We would love to have you come visit and serve alongside us as we serve the Eolia community!

### Donate Online!

You can now donate to Meridzo Center online through PayPal (no PayPal account needed) just scan this QR Code with your Smartphone or go to our website and click the "Donate" button:





## Solomon's Porch

Directors: Terry and Leah Tipton

Solomon's Porch was busy this summer, and we are so thankful. In 2020 we had 11 teams. This year we had 38 teams and almost 1,000 people. Of those teams, 12 were new teams. We had teams from North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Florida, and Kentucky.

Many projects at the Porch got completed. The main porch area got a facelift. A mysterious leak in 204 was found and fixed. Several rooms got remodeled and look amazing. The 3rd floor kitchen and dining room look great and so does 303. We added a sleeping room to the 4th floor. So now the 4th floor will sleep 25 people.

Projects we hope to complete in 2022 are remodeling the reception area and adding a sitting room to the 4th floor. Our building is 101 years old. She needs a little help on the outside. So we hope to work on the eaves, outside trim and parking lot.

Northport Transitional Home is very close to being completed. A lot of love has been put into this house this past year. We hope to have our first tenant in 2022. This Home will be for ladies that have completed a recovery program and need help getting a job and someplace to stay to get on their feet. We will have a 'house' mom to monitor the house. So please pray for this home, the house mom, and the ladies.

Looking forward to 2022, we are excited to see what God has planned. We have 24 teams already on the calendar. June only has a couple of openings and July is full. So if you are wanting to plan a mission trip give us a call. We would like to thank everyone for their love, prayers, and support. We are honored that God has placed us at Solomon's Porch. We have met many new friends and we continue to see God work each day.

## C3 - Community Christian Center

Pastors: Terry and Leah Tipton

Many churches have made adjustments during this unusual year. Yet, God has never stopped His work! God opened a whole new mission field through the internet during this time. C3 now broadcasts services on Facebook Live. In the days ahead, we're excited to see what God does with this. "Coffee and Jesus", Sunday Morning Bible Studies hosted at the Lamphouse Coffee Shop, now sees over 50 in attendance with most of those joining online. Celebrate Recovery meetings are conducted online, as well as private open share groups. Through God's work in this ministry, 81 trusted in Christ and were baptized this year. In a year of limited interaction, that is more than the year prior. Lots of changes are coming as 3 new families join the Meridzo ranks. Ivan and Julie Garrett will be relieving me from the Project Manager duties. With God affording me this freedom, I'm anxious to see what God intends for the days ahead. As many also know, a neck injury sidelined me for a couple months. Thanks to the Lord and the prayers of many beloved friends, I've seen dramatic improvement in recent days.

God is Good, All the Time!

## Project Coordinators:

Ivan and Julie Garrett

Well. It's been quite a ride for 2021! What started off slow in the spring, gained momentum and speed into the summer, then gave us a second to catch our breath before the grand finale this fall! We learned to enjoy a new pace in our daily routines, got to spend treasured time with family and friends and got to see our 2 oldest kids get married this year!

We had a wonderful time meeting and building relationships with all our missionary groups and look forward to seeing many of them back in 2022. We had our challenges and got to see God show off a LOT!



We're honored and blessed to have our first year with Meridzo and are looking forward to seeing what 2022 has in store!



## Heaven's Door Chapel

Directors: David and Kathi Schaeffer

This year has been a year of both difficulty and blessings. It began on a normal basis with weekly Bible Study with Curt and Kayla, a couple we did a wedding for in the previous fall. On February 23 we had a great evening of dinner and Bible Study at their home. The next evening Kathi peacefully passed away in her recliner. That same week Curt and Kayla Middaugh stepped up to help in the ministry in several ways. From that time forward, God has brought a "tribe" of support. Kathi will be greatly missed, but not forgotten. She left a legacy of community impact and 42 years of service to our Lord and Savior.

This year has been a year of increase in ministry in the community. We have had the opportunity to distribute many blessings given to us, living out our ministry name Meridzo (divide and distribute). Since our coming to Heaven's Door chapel 3 years ago I have seen two thresholds of ministry increase. 1. The beginning of the Pandemic and 2. The passing away of my wife Kathi. Many people would say those two events could nearly end a ministry. I am living out this verse: "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." - Romans 8:28

## Calvary Campus

Former Directors: Paul and Mary Jo Radosevich

Happy New Year! It is with much joy that I write this piece, and at the same time my heart is heavy. The Lord has done so much this year at Calvary. God wanted us to trust and follow Him. "I have a plan." Isaiah 25:1 This past year the Lord brought 17 mission teams that touched many lives throughout Letcher County through many light construction projects, Backyard Bible Clubs, Vacation Bible School, painting, food ministry, pillowcases, and so many different touches from the Lord's hand. It really was exciting to see the Lord bring the right people each week. From one of the last groups that came one of the team members accepted the Lord as his Savior. This 40-year-old man came to serve and left with the Lord. Only God can script that.



As I went through cancer this last year these words "I AM with you, hold on to Me," stayed with me. He reminded me, "I, the Lord, have a plan." This past October my oncologist said that I, Paul, am cancer free. Mary Jo and I are so blessed as we had so many prayer warriors as we went through all the treatments. We want to thank you so much for the prayers and notes of encouragement, and support.

Now to the heavy part of this note. This past summer we knew the Lord was leading us away from Calvary. Mary Jo has health issues, and our youngest John has autism. We needed care for John, so we have moved to Hartselle, Alabama. One of our daughters lives in the same town and she can help us, and we can help her with the grandchildren. It was not an easy decision to leave Calvary and the people who have adopted us in eastern Kentucky. My life verse is Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

It has been a privilege to serve the Lord there at Calvary for close to 10 years. We ask for prayers for the new ministry the Lord will bring. 'I the Lord have a plan.'

### Check Us Out On:

YouTube: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search Meridzo Ministries

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MeridzoCenter](http://www.facebook.com/MeridzoCenter)

Online: [www.Meridzo.org](http://www.Meridzo.org)





## New Staff Introduction – Hensley Family

New Directors at Calvary Campus: Marc, Wanda, and Jenna Hensley

Hi everyone, I am Marc Hensley the new Director at Calvary Campus in beautiful Letcher County in Eastern Ky. My family Wanda, Leslie, and Jenna are very excited that God has called us to this area in ministry to further His Kingdom. Wanda is from the area, and she feels like she is coming home. I am originally from Oneida Ky just a few counties over from Letcher. We look forward to rekindling old friendships and making new ones as we take this opportunity to serve our community and Lord on this beautiful 25-acre campus that has a rich and Godly heritage of many that have come before us. Please be in prayer for us and this ministry as we seek God's leadership and will as we serve only to bring glory and honor to our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

## Meridzo Center Development Corporation

Directors: Eric and Sissy Rutherford

Our founder Lonnie Riley has quoted the old saying “Feed a man a fish and he'll eat for a day; teach him to fish and he'll eat for a lifetime”, only to make the point that you can't help others in that spirit if there is no pond in which to fish. With that in mind the Development Corporation was set up to help meet the need for job opportunities and economic redevelopment here. In the years Sissy and I have been here God has inspired and provided a coffee shop, a convenience store, a gym, an escape room, a mushroom factory, vacation rental homes, and most recently a wood shop. All have been businesses used – some for just a season – to provide jobs and job skills to more than fifty people; to bless the community with products and services; or to serve as a catalyst for even greater things. God has cast a renewed vision for “The Pond”, as I now affectionately refer to the Development Corp. I believe He wants us to use His businesses to minister to the whole person and to continue giving opportunities to those who might not otherwise have them, including many of the people we are serving in our recovery ministry. He is also sending servants like Luke and Morgan Shubert who will direct the coffee and wood shops. Their arrival allows Sissy and me to pour into, support, and mentor them and future directors; to focus on future business-ministry opportunities; and, to reach beyond our community to invest in the relationships God is building with other business-ministries all over the country to advance His Kingdom well beyond eastern Kentucky. We look forward to the coming year leaning on Hebrews 1:11 on this faith journey with excitement and anticipation, trusting with “confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” (Yet!)



## Sycamore Woodcraft

Director: Luke Shubert

The Woodshop at Meridzo Center began in late 2020 and has been meeting the needs of Meridzo and selling small items through the gift shop in Solomon's Porch. This past year has presented some challenges, but God has been faithful to provide everything that the woodshop needs to begin moving forward. We are excited to announce that a new vision is being cast, and we are transitioning from The Woodshop at Meridzo Center to Sycamore Woodcraft. As the Lord leads, we are preparing to begin producing custom furniture in late spring of 2022. We are thankful for everyone who has poured into the shop, and we are looking forward to what God has in store for us this year!

### Sign Up for E-Mail Updates!

Meridzo Center: <https://www.meridzo.org/email-updates>

Farm Updates (Shekinah Village, the Stables at Creekside Glen, and God's Creatures):

<https://mailchi.mp/9af06308de6b/stayintheloop>

## Lamp House Coffee

Director: Morgan Shubert

In the last year change has been constant at Lamp House Coffee, but we have seen God's hand in every step. We were blessed to see many smiling faces this year, from locals to mission teams to tourists seeking the thrill of the mountains. We were able to see a valued employee go on to start his own restaurant at the local community college. We hosted another successful 4th of July parade and shared with many what God is doing in our little coal town. We are so excited about this coming year! We are planning to make some renovations to update the shop, tweak the menu to better serve the community, and hire on new employees to pour into and prepare for future endeavors. We are so thankful for everyone who helped keep the coffee shop open while Luke and I were dealing with health issues. We can't wait to see what God has in store for 2022!

## Black Mountain Worship and School of the Arts

Directors: Steve and Susan Nichols

Our assignment and invitation by the Lord is to begin a 24hr Center for Worship as well as a free School of the Arts both of which we have begun. In March, a Bobcat was loaned to us to continue the cleanup efforts in our building. As often as Steve was able, for as long as he was able, he drove through the catacombs of the Center for Worship filling up commercial dumpsters one after the other with soggy, wet debris. The building also got a good scrubbing and pressure-washing with the help of a group from Texas. We realize the impact we are having on the world by prepping this building for the Presence of the Holy One. And as we are prepping the building for the Presence, we rest in the knowledge and truth that the Presence of the Holy One is already there preparing for us.

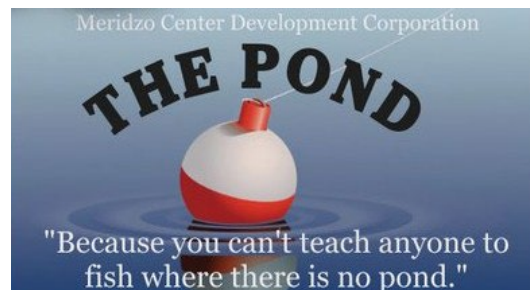


Soon after, the architect that donated services for drawing up plans for the upper level was taking measurements and drawing up plans for the lower level. With the building clean-up completed, we are now ready to address the roof. When it rains, it rains inside our building as well. We have declared it done in Jesus Name but have not yet seen it with our physical eyes. We cannot begin the build out until we are dried in. Pray about if you or your church can help make this roof possible. Despite not having a building, and dealing with Covid both in 2020-21, we have had to start and stop music and art lessons just like the rest of the world. Approaching this new year, with Steve wrapping up recovery of a rotator cuff shoulder surgery, we are ready to begin both music and art lessons again full force!

Someone generously donated \$15K for a piano lab. This allows us to teach up to 8 students at a time with the purchase of electric keyboards and headsets for group lessons. The lab is set up and ready for our first piano students! We have also purchased guitars and ukuleles for group lessons as well. The year 2021 also gifted Susan, representing Black Mountain School of the Arts, with the opportunity to paint a 38x8 ft mural on the side of the caboose in the city of Benham in the heart of the Coal Miner's Park. This mural depicts waterfalls found here in the mountains and a replica of the town of Benham as pictured in a 1926 photograph found inside the museum. We are in need of art supplies as our personal supplies have run out, if you would like to help in that way.

During the summer, Steve helped at a worship camp in NC where the goal was to equip students, most of whom had never played an instrument, with basic musicianship to go home and begin leading worship after only a week of camp. The week ended with several strong teams leading community wide worship events and the kids excited and eager to lead worship back home. This coming summer in 2022, the Camp Rock team will lead the same camp for teens in Lynch and surrounding areas. We are always collecting instruments and funds to purchase instruments to put into the designated hands that Father has called to Black Mountain Worship and School of the Arts. In the fall of 2021, Black Mountain Worship hosted its first worship event attended by many states including Florida, North Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The purpose of LIGHT THE FIRE worship conference was to ask Father (per His instruction) to light a Fire for worship here in the Valley. The weekend was full of worshiping the only One worthy with singing, drums beating, live painting and more! We are excited for the possibilities that 2022 will bring! And we are excited to partner with you for this next phase of preparing for the build out of our building and the return of our Lord.





## March

## March 18-19 – Christian Vet Mission Clinic

## March 26 – Women’s Conference

**April**

## April 25-29 – Dairy Education with Letcher County Public Schools

**May**

## May 21 – Beyond the Points 3D Archery Shoot

**JULY**

## Jul 4 - Lynch Independence Day Parade

## Jul 4 – Fireworks Display

## August

## Aug 20 – Beyond the Points 3D Archery Shoot

## September

## Sep 16 – Women’s Gathering

**Sep 17 – Gospel Stampede Rodeo**

## October

## Oct 8 – Fall Festival

## December

## Dec 9-10 – Live Nativity

\*For more information, please visit our website [www.Meridzo.org/events](http://www.Meridzo.org/events)





## Camp Schedule:

### JUNE

#### **Jun 6-9 -- Lil' Buckaroo Boot Camp**

10am-2pm – FREE (donations accepted) – 12 & younger

#### **Jun 13-16 – SWAC (Shekinah Wilderness Adventure Camp)**

10am-3pm – FREE (donations accepted) – 1st-5th Grade

#### **Jun 27-July 1 – Camp SHEKINAH**

Now Registering (call for pricing) – 6th-12th Grade

### JULY

#### **Jul 11-15 – Camp SHEKINAH**

Now Registering (call for pricing) – 6th-12th Grade

#### **July 18-21 – Ranchero Camp**

10am-3pm – FREE (donations accepted) – 4th-6th Grade

#### **Jul 25-31 – Camp Rock**

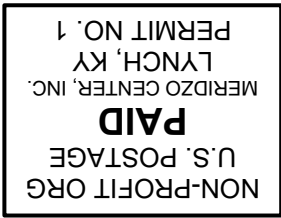
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#### **Jul 25-29 – Wrangler Rodeo Camp**

4pm-9pm – FREE (donations accepted) – 12 & older

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