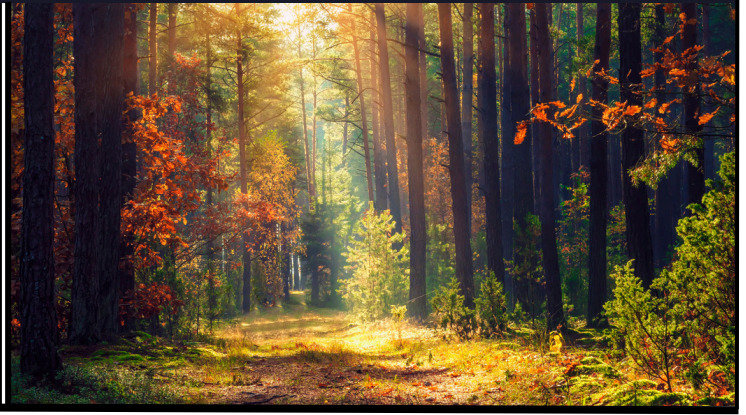


# COGA NEWS



## WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

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## A SEASON OF NEW BEGINNINGS:



*Bishop Cecil Reid*

**Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven."**

September marks a time of transition. The heat of summer gives way to cooler breezes, schools reopen, and schedules begin to settle back into rhythm. For many of us, it feels like a fresh start—a new chapter in the year.

In the same way, God offers us seasons of renewal in our spiritual lives. Lamentations 3:22-23 reminds us, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Just as September signals new beginnings in our daily routines, it also invites us to draw closer to the Lord with renewed hearts.

Scripture reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." September is a wonderful time to remember that God is at work in every season of our lives. Whether we are in a season of joy, challenge, growth, or waiting, His presence remains constant.

This month, let's take time to reflect on what God is calling us to. Maybe it's recommitting to daily prayer, joining a Bible study, reaching out to someone in need, or serving in a ministry. Every small step we take in faith brings us closer to Him and helps us shine His light in our church and in our community.

As the leaves begin to change, may we also embrace the changes God desires in us—trusting His plan, celebrating His goodness, and walking boldly into this season with joy.

Remember, every new season comes with new possibilities. God is constantly presenting us with **open doors**—chances to grow, to serve, to give, and to share His love in ways we may not have before.

The opportunities He places in our path are not just for "someone else," they are for you. Opportunity is waiting on you. All it takes is a willing heart and a faithful step forward.

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What “new beginning” is God placing on your heart this September, and what opportunity is He asking you to step into? Will this be a **season of new beginnings** for you?

The season is **here**, and the door is **open**. Will you walk through?



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SEPTEMBER**

29th - 30th > NWSE Fall Retreat

### **OCTOBER**

- 7th > NWSE One Day Women's Conference
- 9th – 13th > Southern District Convention

Find more information on [www.cogainc.org](http://www.cogainc.org)



## A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- Why don't trees ever look worried in September? Because they just “leaf” it all to God.
- September is when kids go back to school... and parents start shouting “Hallelujah!”
- September proves that God is the best artist—He makes even the trees look like stained glass.
- September is like a sermon—it reminds us to change before we fall.
- September is when parents rediscover peace... and teachers rediscover coffee.
- September is when the leaves remind us that letting go can be beautiful.
- September is when you start every morning in a jacket and end it carrying the jacket.
- September reminds us that just like the leaves, sometimes we need to let go and trust God.
- September reminds us: God's timing is like the seasons—always changing, but always right on time.

hello  
**September**

