



THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

Isaiah 26:4:

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength [the Rock of Ages].

The Pulse of the Rock—Where the Family Gathers Again

Hearts Full, Tents Up, and the Word Flowing

The Rock of Ages opened Wednesday evening with a joyful homecoming that echoed across the grounds. At 6:00 p.m., families and friends gathered around the Gazebo as Rev. Vern Edwards welcomed the ministry family with the words “It’s good to be home again!” With banners waving and applause rising, the Way Ambassadors made their entrance in a colorful parade, setting the tone for the days ahead.

An hour later, the evening fellowship in the Big Top began with music from Way Productions, followed by heartfelt greetings from Rev. Edwards and his wife, Jill. Howard and Wanda Allen were honored during the welcome, and participants joined in two hymns—“To God Be the Glory” and “I Saw the Light.” The manifestations of holy spirit set a dynamic spiritual tone for the rest of the evening.

Rev. Edwards’s opening teaching, titled “It’s Good to Be Home Again,” called the family of God to unity, strength, and faithfulness. “Home is where the Word lives,” he said,

anchoring his message in Zechariah 8, Isaiah 58, and Matthew 7. These verses painted a picture of home as a place of peace, strength, and restoration—where generations dwell together in righteousness and God is in the midst.

He reminded the audience that spiritual unity is not just comforting; it’s powerful. Like draft horses pulling in unison, we work together with one heart and one standard: the rightly divided Word. This multiplies our efforts. “We can do our separate things,” he said, “or we can do them

together and have a far greater impact.”

He also addressed a key doctrinal point, affirming that the family of God and the household of God are one and the same—all are born-again believers. This unity is not based on affiliation or title but on the new birth and the shared faith that makes us sons and daughters of God.

Quoting Isaiah 26, he reminded us that God is everlasting strength—the Rock of Ages—and Christ Jesus is the cornerstone of our spiritual home. As Vern concluded, he called the entire gathering to move forward shoulder-to-shoulder, embracing the urgency of the times and believing for our impact to be multiplied. “May the Rock of Ages be inspiring, strengthening, and invigorating,” he said, “as we rejoice together in all that God has done to bring us to this moment in time.”

The Rock of Ages opened with joy, unity, and a call to stand together. With the tone set and hearts stirred, God’s family is ready, rejoicing, and expecting great things.



Dr. Wierwille on a Percheron, once used to work the homestead farm.

ROA Marketplace

Where fellowship and craftsmanship come together.

Visit the Marketplace Tent to enjoy fellowship and to browse handcrafted goods! You’ll find a wide range of items including original artwork, handmade crafts, music, books, and more. It’s a wonderful place to meet others who share your interests and to find something meaningful to take home. Open Thursday and Friday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Visit the Children’s Zoo!

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
9:00–11:00 a.m. and 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Stop by the Children’s Zoo and meet some adorable, kid-friendly farm animals! It’s the perfect place for little ones to enjoy God’s handiwork up close—pet a goat, say hello to the alpacas, or watch the chickens strut. Note: The alpacas will be visiting Thursday only—don’t miss your chance to meet these woolly wonders! Fun, furry, and full of joy!



Rock Talk

Real words. Real moments. Right from the Rock.

“It does my heart good to see the younger generation carrying on the faithfulness started generations ago.”

—Shirley Wallace, Round Rock, Texas

“The community mind-set has stood out to me so far. I’m staying in Tent City by myself, and three or four different people came over to help me as I set up my tent. People are here with a giving mind-set.”

—Sarah Ryan, Fishers, Indiana

“It feels wonderful to be back. It’s just like coming home, being around the love of the household. It’s a reunion!”

—Victoria Marut, Durham, North Carolina

“It’s a longtime desire since ’95. 1974—that was my first Rock of Ages. Seeing familiar faces...it’s already happening.”

—Wayne Anderson, Beaverton, Oregon

“Reconnecting with people we haven’t seen in probably thirty years—that’s big on my list.”

—Neale Watson, Hamstead, Maryland

Today’s Big Top Teachers

Morning

Rev. Gary Martin – “God as a Father in the Gospels”

Liz Greene – “God, Our Father, in the Church Epistles”

Evening

Rev. Míceál Adams – “First of All, Love God”

Jill Edwards – “Love One Another”

Today’s Family Favorites

Special moments we’re loving today.

☺ 2:30 p.m. – **WORD Stages #1 and #2 debut**
Formerly known as Family Tables, the WORD Stages are the place to go for short teachings, sharings, and performances from people from all over the world!

☺ 2:30–4:30 p.m. – **Teen Camp: ROA Edition**
Timothy Stage
For teens ready to grow, connect, and have fun—an afternoon designed just for them.

☺ After the Evening Fellowship – **Young Adult Fellowship at the Timothy Stage**
Music, sharings, and hangout time—just for young adults.

For the full schedule, please refer to your Rock of Ages program.

Next Gen Highlights

*Highlights from the Timothy Stage—
where the next generation is rising up.*

After the Big Top quieted, the Timothy Stage came to life with music, sharings, and connection for young adults. Bryce Gieszl’s sharing on “Purpose in Service” offered a heartfelt challenge to live boldly for God, and the night closed around the firepit with joyful conversations and new friendships. Hosted by David Ely and Summer McKellar, it was a warm and meaningful time for our young adults.



Bookstore Spotlight

Today’s featured gem.

T-Shirts – Starting at \$11.95

Choose from seven vibrant designs featuring the official Rock of Ages logo, including toddler, youth, and adult sizes. Retro styles available too—soft, breathable, and perfect for summer fellowship.

