



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

THE ROCK OF AGES DAY 1

The Pulse of the Rock—Where the Family Gathers Again

Psalm 133:1:

*Behold, how good and how pleasant
it is for brethren to dwell
together in unity!*

Welcome from the President!

God bless you abundantly in the name of Jesus Christ.

We did it! Here we are together at Rock of Ages 2025! This event is sure to find its place among the most significant occasions in the history of The Way Ministry. I am overjoyed that we can once again host such a great event on the grounds of The Way International. Thank you for making the effort to be part of this magnificent time filled with good food, good fun, and good fellowship, all centered around the excellence of God's Word. It will be a showcase of God's blessing because I believe God has been involved with this Rock of Ages since its inception.

Five years ago, as I walked across these grounds, I quietly asked God to show us how to fill these empty fields and better utilize them to glorify Him and bless the believers. The idea of bringing back the Rock was born. It took even deeper root after a discussion with one of our Vice Presidents, the Chief Facilities Officer. After his confident thumbs-up, the other Directors

and Officers quickly embraced the idea, and ROA 2025 began to emerge.

Much needed to be figured out. We had long ago rid ourselves of the equipment and materials from former Rocks. Initially, we could not even find a set of plans from previous events. However, as our new ROA coordinator remained persistent, not only did we find a plan set, but we were also able to acquire all the information we needed.

However, much had changed in thirty years. There were new zoning and labor laws as well as technological advancements, and the cost of equipment and materials had increased dramatically. But with great believing, completely confident that God was involved, the team rallied and put their problem-solving skills to work. Of course, having Christ in them helped them to find the best solutions.

As you look around, those of you who remember the old ROAs will see many familiar features yet also notice upgrades and improvements. Those who were not part of any previous Rock can still get a feel of the

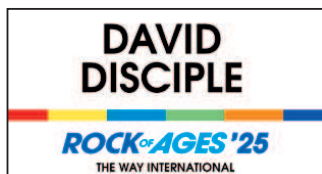
sentimental tradition yet enjoy its beautiful blend with the new.

All in all, this will be the Rock of all Rocks. Expect God to do magnificent things in your lives and exceed all your expectations. Whether you traveled from local communities or the other side of the world, your presence here will be richly rewarded by God our Father. I believe it is He Who has brought you to this moment with your spiritual family. It's good to be home again with you!



With great thankfulness,
Vern Edwards

Official ROA Name Tags



Need a name tag? Stop by the Rock of Ages Name Tag Tent to place your order! It's your one-stop spot for official Rock of Ages name tags. Simply visit the tent to place your order, and come back later for pickup. Find us near the Gazebo, west of the drink stand.

Lend a Hand and Labor for the Lord

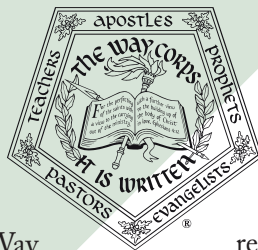


Want to get involved and help at Rock of Ages '25? Visit the Labor for the Lord Volunteer Tent to see how you can help! A friendly attendant will fill you in on all the available volunteer opportunities. The tent is located next to the Rock of Ages Name Tag Tent, near the Gazebo, west of the drink stand.

Way Corps Days Recap

To put on a festival like The Rock of Ages that is full of good food, good fun, and great Word, the believing, love, and support of many individuals is needed. On Sunday, August 3, approximately 500 Way Corps from fifteen countries gathered at The Word Over the World Auditorium for the start of Way Corps Days, a three-day event prior to The Rock of Ages for The Way Corps body to come together and lend their support in finalizing Rock of Ages preparations.

Sunday evening, The Way Corps closed out their year-long study of Ephesians, followed by a sweet time of fellowship. And then, Monday morning, The Way Corps began finalizing ROA preparations by setting up chairs in the Big Top. From there, The Way Corps dispersed to all areas of The Rock of Ages grounds to bring their believing support and love. After a full day of working alongside one another, The Way Corps gathered at the Gazebo for supper and a time with the Directors to continue to



build vision for The Word Over the World. Rev. Vern Edwards opened by sharing his heart to encourage The Way Corps in their care of God's people. Following Rev. Edwards, the other Directors shared and made special presentations to The Way Corps receiving recognition for 25 years of service. Additionally, two individuals were recognized for the fiftieth anniversary of their ordinations: Rev. Patte Hobbs and Rev. Chris Lagey.

Tuesday morning, after a sweet night's rest, The Way Corps were back working alongside one another. From the Big Top to the Splash Pad to the WORD Stages to the Children's Pavilion to the petting zoo, there is not an inch of The Rock of Ages grounds that was not prepared in love by The Way Corps to bless those attending. The purpose of this work was to help others experience what it would be like to have The Word Over the World. This is what Way Corps Days and The Rock of Ages festival are all about.

—David Watson

Today's Family Favorites

Special moments we're loving today.

☺ 6:00 p.m. – Grand Opening and Way Ambassador Parade

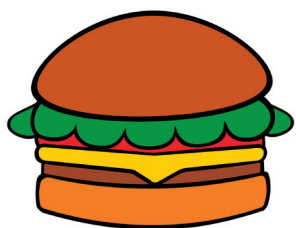
Join the celebration at the Gazebo as we launch Rock of Ages '25 with joy and believing.

☺ 7:00 p.m. – Evening Fellowship

Our first evening of teaching under The Way Big Top. Come with high expectations because the Word begins to flow tonight with Rev. Vern Edwards teaching!

☺ After the Evening Fellowship – Young Adult Fellowship at the Timothy Stage

Kick off the week with music, sharings, and fellowship just for young adults.



Good Eats at the Rock

Our food picks, served with love. Today, the WOW Burger makes a triumphant return!

It's called the WOW Burger for a reason—capital W-O-W. This quarter-pound, never-been-frozen Angus beef burger is served on a multigrain bun and topped with bacon and cheese, with condiments available. It's a fan favorite from Rock of Ages gone by, and it's back and better than ever. Juicy, flavorful, and perfectly grilled—this one lives up to its name. Find it at the Quick Quality Food Tent! ★★★★★