



Saturday, September 20, 2025

Location: The University of Rio Grande, The Green @ corner of SR 325 & N College Avenue, Rio Grande, Ohio

2025 Theme: "Freedom, Faith & Fellowship – Passing the Torch Through Generations"

10: 00 a.m. – Opening Ceremony

Raising of the Flag – **5th USCT & Civil War Reenactors**

Musical Selections.....**River Valley High School Band**

Pledge of Allegiance.....**led by Shane Stroud**

Welcome/Invocation.....**Reverend Marlin Griffin, President**.....**Introduction of Kamiyah Wells (USA National Miss Ohio Jr. Teen 2025) who will assist with Emcee duties for the 2025 Emancipation Celebration**

Negro Anthem.....**Linae Scott, accompanied by Christian Scott**

Offering

Exercise.....**Led by Raymond Ignite**

History Booth and Artifacts.....**Fine Arts Building**

KIDS DAY ACTIVITIES:



CAF RISE ABOVE TRAVELING EXHIBIT (Will be available Saturday 10am to 4pm)

A fully functional mobile movie theater features two compelling original short RISE ABOVE films that tell the story of the Tuskegee Airmen or the WASP, and the obstacles they both overcame to be able to serve their country during WWII. This immersive experience is housed in a climate controlled 53' semi-trailer with expandable sides and equipped with a ramp and hydraulic lift to ensure access to all, comfortably accommodating 30 visitors for each showing. Because of its dynamic 160-degree panoramic screen, the film creates the feeling of being in the cockpit soaring above the clouds. Admission to the exhibit is always FREE to event attendees.

Bounce Houses

Hover Ball Archery, Face Painting,

Tommy Sprague 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – Adults & Children

Music by Rockin Reggie throughout the Day

1:00 p.m. - Afternoon Program

Welcome & Recognition of Local, State & National Dignitaries.....**Minister Marlin Griffin, President**

Remarks.....**Gallia County & Gallipolis City Commission Officials**

Reenactment.....**5th Regiment, United States Colored Troops**

Reenactment..**Lincoln-Douglass Debate featuring Actor Larry Elliott as Lincoln & Actor Michael Crutcher, Sr. as Douglass**

Presentation.....**Deacon Glenn Miller presents The History of Lambert Lands**

Offering

Scholarship Presentation....**Mr. Arthur Clark (2025 Scholarship Awardees: Linae Scott, Olivia Ratliff, Kiera Scott & Lamiyah Wilson)**

Music.....**Mikey Mike and Unit Band WV, from Charleston, WV**

Closing Remarks.....**Reverend Marlin Griffin, President**

Everyone Welcome



Sunday, September 21, 2025

Location: The University of Rio Grande, The Green @ corner of SR 325 & N College Avenue, Rio Grande, Ohio

2025 Theme: "Freedom, Faith & Fellowship – Passing the Torch Through Generations"

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service

Welcome.....**Reverend Marlin Griffin, President**

Devotional.....**Deacons & Laymen**

Musical Selections.....**TBD**

Offering

Introduction of Preacher....**Reverend Dr. Gene Armstrong, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Bidwell, Ohio**

Sermon.....**Rev. Lewis McCarter, Corinth Baptist Church, Centerpoint, Ohio**

Invitation to Christ

Benediction

1:00 p.m. - Afternoon Program

Emancipation Board Recognition Past/Present.....**Reverend Marlin Griffin, President**

Recognition of Local, State & National Dignitaries..... **Reverend Marlin Griffin, President with Proclamation**

Presentations

Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....**Reverend Marling Griffin, President**

Keynote Speaker.....**Dr. Jonathan Mathis, M.D., Pediatrician at Holzer Clinic**

Offering

Musical Selection.....**The University of Rio Grande's Grande Chorale**

Special Entertainment.....**Lawrence R. Greene and Company (African Drum and Dance)**

Closing Remarks..... **Reverend Marlin Griffin, President**

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