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WELCOME

Welcome to the Merge Summit 2026, "Testify." We are so honored that you have set aside time to come together to worship, pray and fellowship...and to hear what the Lord is saying.

For the next few hours we hope to encourage one another with stories of past revivals and encounters with the Lord, what is happening currently and to envision what may happen in the future if the Lord tarries. It is a powerful time when leaders of churches and ministries in our city and region gather to seek the Lord.

I have been struck by the simple prayer of Moses in Exodus 33. "Teach me your ways that I may know you." The humility of Moses, the longing of his heart as he was called to lead, was so simple and yet profound. Revelation 12 reminds us that there is power in testimony. "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

We are here to celebrate. Celebrate each other and the work God has done and is doing...and what He will do. Welcome! Take a deep breath and breathe Him in...and let's enjoy God. "What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever!"*

*Westminster shorter Catechism

MERGE Leadership Team, Bill and Barb Herzog,
Ron King, Grant Perry, Jonathan Perry,
Savannah Marten, Calvin and Christine Sweeney

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2026**

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ATTENDEE GUIDE

THURSDAY

- 8:30AM** ● BREAKFAST & CHECK-IN
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- 10:00 AM** ● WELCOME | SAVANNAH MARTEN | SHARON PERRY WORD
- 10:30 AM** ● WALL OF CELEBRATION | BILL & BARB HERZOG
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- 10:45 AM** ● INTRO VIDEO & WORSHIP
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- 11:30 AM** ● BE THE ONE, TEN LEPERS | CALVIN SWEENEY
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- 12:15 PM** ● LUNCH
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- 1:30 PM** ● PANEL DISCUSSION | JONATHAN DAVIS, GERRY SOVIAR, CHAZ BOES, RON KING, SAVANNAH MARTEN | HOST JONATHAN PERRY
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- 2:00 PM** ● CULTIVATING A HEART OF GRATITUDE | BILL HERZOG
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- 2:45 PM** ● OPEN FLOOR TESTIFY! | JONATHAN PERRY
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- 3:30 PM** ● PASSING ON GENERATIONAL JOY, PSALM 145:1-9 | JOEL SCHUTTE
- 4:00 PM** ● GENERATION CONVERSATION | HAROLD AND JOEL SCHUTTE, RON AND CALEB KING | HOSTED BY JONATHAN PERRY
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- 4:30PM** ● BREAK |CHECK IN
- 5:30 PM** ● DINNER & COMMUNION
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- 7:00 PM** ● WORSHIP AND BREAKOUT AND PRAYER AROUND FIRE PIT
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We believe the Toledo region is entering a time of unprecedented potential. What God is bringing together among us gives us reason to look toward the future with extraordinary hope.

The picture we carry is of an alignment in the heavens. Before the moment arrives, the movement is already underway. Things that have seemed distant from one another are drawing into relationship, and we begin to recognize the significance of their meeting. We believe we are seeing such a movement in our region. The alignment is still taking shape, but we can see the trajectory.

There is a hunger for God across the church in Toledo. Worship is rising from communities throughout our region, and a growing desire for his presence is drawing us toward one another. Relationships cultivated through years of prayer are becoming friendships we can build upon. We are discovering how much becomes possible when we trust one another enough to share in what God is doing. Even the way we experience another church's growth is changing. Their fruit gives us joy. Their vision awakens something in us. We are beginning to recognize the possibilities of belonging to a church larger than the congregation we call home.

At the same time, God is bringing generations into a remarkable moment of shared purpose. Younger leaders are stepping forward with gifts and vision that our future needs. Those who have carried the work for decades are helping them find their footing and giving them room to lead. Years of wisdom and faithfulness are meeting fresh imagination, and we believe this meeting will carry the work of God further than any of us could take it alone.

A wider vision of the kingdom is also taking hold. People whose work shapes the life of our region are recognizing the calling of God within that work. Business leaders and culture makers are bringing their gifts into a shared vision for Toledo. Through their work, the goodness of God can reach into the daily life of this city in ways we are only beginning to imagine. We believe these movements belong together. God is creating relationships

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capable of carrying what is ahead. Across different communities, we are beginning to recognize a shared invitation and to find that what God has entrusted to one of us may be essential to what he is asking of another.

This is why we are excited about the future.

We see a church whose growing unity becomes a gift to the whole region. The trust formed in prayer will make courageous partnerships possible. Together, we will be able to undertake work that has remained beyond the reach of any one congregation or ministry.

We see our children inheriting friendships where we inherited distance. They will grow up knowing and loving people we are only now learning to walk alongside. What takes courage to begin today can become a familiar part of the church they receive from us. And we see a region touched by the life of Jesus through people who understand that they have a part to play. There are gifts among us whose possibilities we have barely recognized. As those gifts find room and come into relationship, we believe Toledo will experience the fruit.

For Merge, this moment calls us to offer ourselves more fully to the future we have been praying toward. The relationships God has given us are ready to carry a greater responsibility for our region.

Our faithfulness matters. The friendship we pursue, the leader we make room for, the work we undertake together may carry significance far beyond what we can see today. We want to respond with the courage this moment deserves.

We believe that if we are faithful to what God is placing before us, we will witness a work of his Spirit in this region unlike anything any generation before us has seen.

There is more coming into view. We can see the trajectory.

With gratitude for all that has brought us here, and with our hope firmly in Jesus Christ,

we take our place in what God is bringing together.



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OUR VISION IN 7 STATEMENTS

- Toledo is entering a time of unprecedented potential. We believe God is bringing together people and possibilities that will allow his work in this region to reach further than we have yet imagined.
- The worship rising across our region will draw the church into deeper unity. Our shared hunger for God will carry us across familiar boundaries and into relationships that strengthen the whole church.
- God is enlarging our hearts for what he is doing through one another. We will celebrate fruit wherever it grows and give ourselves to a shared future that reaches beyond our individual congregations.
- The meeting of generations will gather momentum. Emerging leaders will receive room to lead, supported by the wisdom and friendship of those whose faithfulness has helped prepare this moment.
- The unity cultivated through Merge will bear fruit in the life of our region. Relationships formed in prayer will sustain courageous partnerships, giving practical expression to the future we have prayed for.
- Business leaders and culture makers will recognize the calling of God within their work. As their gifts find fuller expression within a shared kingdom vision, the goodness of God will become more visible throughout Toledo.
- God is bringing the gifts and callings of our region into prophetic alignment. We can see the trajectory, and we believe that faithfulness in this moment will lead us into a work of his Spirit unlike anything previous generations here have witnessed.

PSALM 145:1-9
NEW AMERICAN STANDARD

I will extol You, my God, O King,
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless You,
And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised,
And His greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ **One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.**

⁵ On the glorious [a]splendor of Your majesty
And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.

⁶ Men shall speak of the [b]power of Your awesome acts,
And I will tell of Your greatness.

⁷ They shall [c]eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant
goodness

And will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful;
Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

⁹ The Lord is good to all,
And His mercies are over all His works.

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FRIDAY

8:30 AM

BREAKFAST BUFFET, FELLOWSHIP

10:00 AM

WELCOME | RON KING, COMMUNION | JIMMY CROWELL
AND WORSHIP ETHAN CHUMCHAL

10:30 AM

HOPE OF KINGDOM COME | GRANT

11:15 AM

PROPHETIC READING AND OPEN PROPHECY |

12:15 PM

LUNCH & CLOSING FELLOWSHIP



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MERGE is a monthly prayer gathering of pastoral, (5 fold ministers) and city leaders of the Northwest Ohio Region. We gather to seek God, be in His presence, pray, encourage one another and walk in unity through our unity. (meets monthly on the third Thursday from 10am to after lunch) Started in 2012.



Our Vision - Through relational unity, being lead by God's presence and prayer seeing revival sweep our region and cities transformed.



Our Goal - Presence, prayer, unity, and revival./ city transformation.



Revival /City Transformation- Revival isn't an event, it is a spiritual awakening, a mighty move of God. It is a release of God's power, here and now, in and through us. Revival is when the church leaves the four walls and takes the Kingdom of God into the 7 mountains of influence, where we make disciples and bring change in a city, a region, and a nation. There is a spiritual shift in society, a redemptive lift to the culture. Being disciples and making disciples will bring a radical transformation to the landscape of our city and region.

“My prayer is not for them alone, I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one. Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:20 - 21)”



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500k is a prophetic vision actively pursuing the salvation of every soul in Greater Toledo.

- » à Believing for nothing less than God's heart for the lost and His will that none would perish (II Peter 3:9)
- » à Actively praying for the veil to be removed off the spiritual eyes of those that are perishing (I Corinthians 4:3-4, I Timothy 2:1-4)
- » à Strategically coordinating outreach, evangelism and discipleship in our region (Matthew 28:19)

Birthered out of a corporate prayer meeting in January of 2015, a powerful prayer was prayed that changed the hearts of everyone in the room that night and has continued to spread as a rallying cry and a prophetic prayer throughout the greater Toledo area.

"God save every soul in greater Toledo. Save 500,000."

This single prayer lead to a series of citywide prayer rallies to begin crying out to God for the salvation of every soul in the greater Toledo area. This lead to a plan to distribute the gospel message through area churches to every home in the greater Toledo area. SATURATE Toledo! Together, churches collaborated and walked the streets to put the Jesus movie, church materials and the salvation message at the door of about 120,000 homes. We are about 70% SATURATED so there is still work to be done!

Saturate Toledo isn't finished yet and we want to complete what we started by seeing every home touched with the good news of the gospel. This past year, one father and son team saw the need and stepped up to deliver these life-changing materials to over 12,500 homes in our area alone! Thanks to James Vernot and his son these families have had the chance to know Jesus!

YOU can make a difference. If your zip code hasn't been saturated yet let us know and we will connect you with James Vernot and we will see Saturate Toledo completed. Get involved in Saturate Toledo and help give every home the gospel.



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a gathering of pastors and
leaders

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PRAYER FOR 500,000

*Lord we stand before you now with anticipation,
we are believing for our city's transformation.*

*Heaven coming to earth,
Godly dreams and desires being birthed. 500,000 saved and set
free,*

*The church walking in her destiny,
Families fully restored,*

*Every home in the city proclaiming you as Lord.
Children prophesying, dreaming, and carrying your glory.*

*A church walking in power and in love with your story.
We thank you Lord for choosing us, for such a time as this,
To bring your Kingdom to our beautiful city.*

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Foundation for the Prophetic

Merge leadership once again extends a hearty thank you to each you for your involvement in this years Summit. In this summit we will experience several dynamics to include worship, prayer, vision casting, and dialog. At times we may also experience the prophetic voice. (Grk: Prophetfe.. to speak and or sing by inspiration of Holy Spirit)

Merge values the prophetic voice. Value, speaks of what we believe to be of worth and importance. God throughout history has spoken and continues to speak to His church through a prophetic expression. i.e. prophets, and a prophetic people (His body).

This expression serves to present his good thoughts and his intentions for you and I, through you and I. (Psa. 139:17-18; Jer. 29:11)

We understand the prophetic voice does not trump a personal relationship with our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit who resides within every believer. Additionally, we embrace the significance of the inspired scriptures for doctrine as God equips his people for every good work. (11 Peter 19:20 ; 11 Tim 3:16) God's prophetic communication provides a witness, and testimony to the nature of Jesus bringing encouragement, equipping, and comfort to all who have ears to hear. (Rev. 19:10b; 1 Cor.14:3.)



Prophetic Guidelines for the Merge Summit

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1. You have a personal prophetic encouragement (Those who prophesy speak to people, building them up, and giving them encouragement and comfort, 1 Cor. 14:3) for someone, take another individual with you who can come along as a witness. It is preferred that the witness is someone who is either in leadership or carries a prophetic gifting (2 Cor 13:1-2). These words should be words of encouragement, equipping, and for comfort.

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2. If you have a prophetic prompt for corporate release during the times of worship and prayer please come forward and submit the word to the designated leader. The leader will determine the release and the time of the word. If you are encouraged to share the word during the session please speak directly into the mic ensuring we capture the word and it's heard clearly by those in attendance.



When you Receive a Prophetic Word either Personally or Corporately.

Paul points out to the believer that the final responsibility rests upon each of us to scrutinize the words spoken. Thessalonians 5:19-22 (NLT) Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. 20 Do not scoff at prophecies, 21 but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. 22 Stay away from every kind of evil. The above is not intended as a form of strict policy but guidelines to follow the instruction of scripture to carefully watch over individuals and to guard the integrity of His word and His ministry.



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Guiding of peers and leaders

Serving You, Merge
Leadership

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I COVENANT

As pastoral and ministry leaders in the Greater Toledo Region

Our belief in the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Jesus as the son of God and salvation is by grace through faith in Him, and our unique call to the ministry is the common bond we carry.

Our commitment to the unity of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:3), our understanding of the Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:12-27) and our combined commitment to make „go and make disciples” (Matt 28:19) is what brings us together. We realize that we are better together than we are apart.

We will compete for the lost but not for the saved

We will not harbor offense towards one another

We will support one another in prayer and deed

I give my commitment to the Greater Church of Toledo to hold these values true.

Signature/Church

Date

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Pastors Bill & Barb Herzog

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Teaching of pastors and leaders





Anatomy of a Testimony

Inside every testimony is an acknowledgment of the character of God. It reveals some aspect of who He is—Jehovah Rapha in the face of sickness, Jehovah Nissi in the midst of battle, Jehovah Shalom in the middle of anxiety and fear.

Inside every testimony is also the recognition of our frailty—the weakness of our flesh and our inability to save ourselves. But alongside that frailty stands the greatness of God. Every testimony magnifies Him. Every testimony contains praise and worship because it declares what God has done.

David said, "If it had not been for the Lord who was on my side!" A testimony is the evidence that God stepped into a situation where we could not help ourselves and showed Himself strong on our behalf.

Testimonies are what I call the perfect food—the egg. They contain everything: the reality of who we are as fragile flesh, the reality of who God is as mighty Deliverer, and the story of what He has done. Not only in the grand, cosmic sense, but in the details of our everyday lives.

He rescued me. He brought me out.

He set my feet upon a rock. He restored my soul.

Some testimonies are about the keeping grace of God. Others are about His rescuing hand and His mighty arm. But every testimony that rises from the earth is like a rocket launched into the camp of the enemy. And when it lands, it explodes with a roar:

"See what the Lord has done!" Look at my God!

You cannot stand against the arm of my God!

What sounds like praise leaving our lips becomes a declaration of victory in the enemy's camp. What sounds like worship on earth sounds like warfare in the spirit.

This reminds me of Gideon and his three hundred men. They shattered their jars, exposing the light that was hidden inside. The breaking open of a simple clay vessel carrying a small flame became the sound of victory and the roar of war.

Never underestimate your testimony.

Never let the enemy silence your praise.

Your testimony may seem small to you, but when it is released, heaven is glorified and hell is put on notice.

Look what the Lord has done!"

Sharon Perry, June 2026