



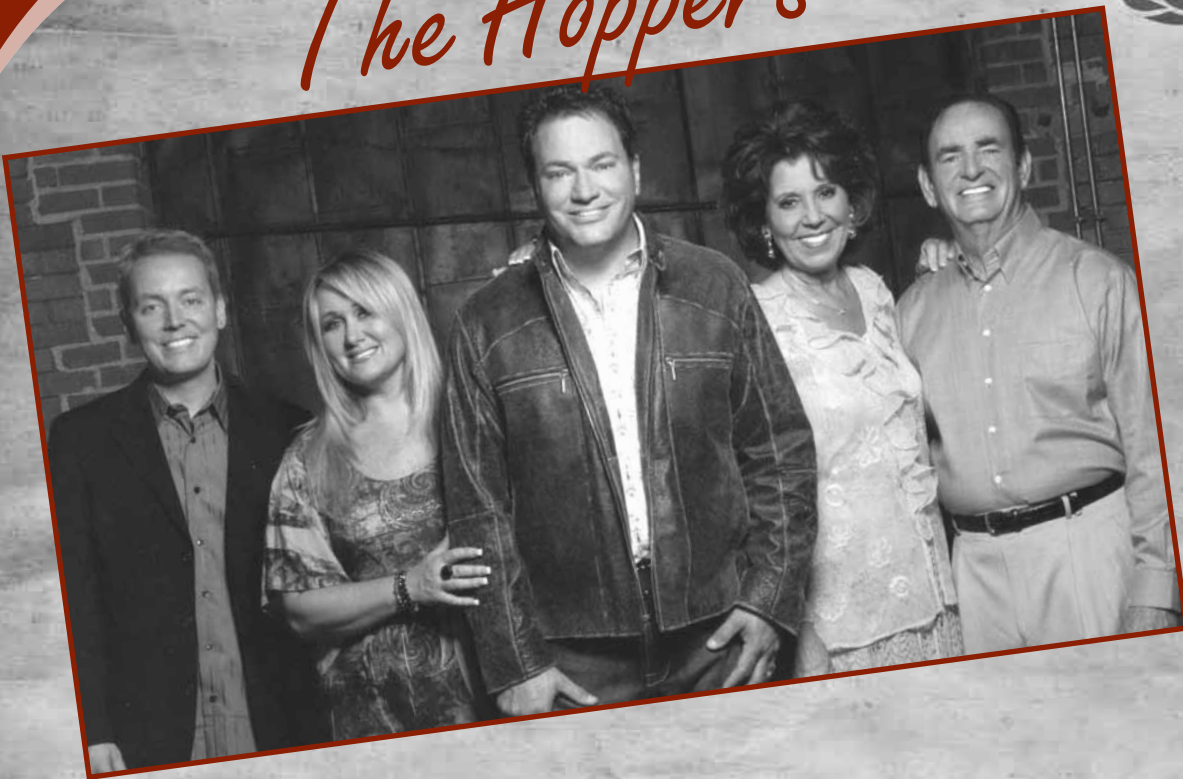
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# Bishop's Page

KEN KINGREA

## Women in Conference Ministry

*Submitted by Dr. C. R. Conner*

In many denominational organizations women have been suppressed in ministry. Pentecost, however, had no boundaries or structural hindrances. From the very beginning women have played a crucial role in the development of our conference. As early as 1912, Mrs. Emma D. Miller was licensed to preach with the Virginia Conference. She was a charter member of the Roanoke Fire Baptized Holiness Church (now New Life Christian Ministries, IPHC). She became involved in the conference and served on many committees that set forth the early standard of church holiness. She was a strong World Missions supporter, and after her passing, her home was given to the conference as a place for furloughed missionaries. In later years, the home was sold, and two apartments were built on the campground in her honor.

One of the first missionaries from the conference was Rev. Laura Hylton, missionary to China. Sister Hylton was an author and teacher. Her home was in the Floyd, Virginia, area until 1909 when she moved to Pulaski. There she joined the Pentecostal band of believers and became a charter member of the Pulaski Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1910. She was licensed to preach in 1921 and had a desire to attend Holmes Institute (now Holmes College of the Bible). The conference in session received an offering to help her attend school and then gave a monthly gift to assist when she went overseas to China. She was one of the first conference-supported missionaries.

Women have been a strong mainstay in missions with our conference. Some went to the mission field having forsaken all and served the Lord, never having a family of their own, while other women called to missions married and took their families with them. After arriving, families were separated for as much as 10 months of the year while children attended schools hundreds of miles away.

There were also women evangelists whom God used greatly in advancing His kingdom. Rev. Katie Campbell, after the death of her husband, David, took her two children, Elizabeth and Carl, with her as she traveled and

held revivals. As a camp meeting speaker, she would have Elizabeth play the piano, and she would sing her favorite song, "When I Wake Up in Glory." There were others who carried the gospel in those early days of the conference, and I regret I do not have time to cover them all.

Great women have blessed our conference, and among them was Mrs. Dorothy Underwood. Mrs. Underwood was not a minister, but her influence on the conference is tremendous. In 1945 she helped organize the first Woman's Auxiliary (now Women's Ministries). For many years she wrote the *Helping Hand* magazine for the General Conference Woman's Auxiliary. The women's conference program is a ministry that for many years sustained the small churches financially. Personally, I have pastored churches that would have been unable to function had it not been for the Woman's Auxiliary.

Today, the future for women in the Appalachian Conference is more open than ever before. God is looking for women who will preach the gospel, live the gospel and sacrifice to take the gospel to the lost.

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## UPCOMING CONFERENCE EVENTS

April 30 & May 1 Tower Training – Dublin, VA. Provides specialized skills to youth camp.

### MAY

- 1 iWIN Training & Prayer Festival – Valley Harvest Ministries, Dublin, VA
- 5 – 6 iWIN trip to Washington, D.C.
- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 7 First Friday fast
- 9 MOTHER'S DAY
- 11 Conference deadline for National DM awards for excellence. Nominate your teacher, youth/children's pastor, Royal Rangers commander who model excellence in ministry. Forms at <http://cem.iphc.org/sstoty.html>
- 14 Register for youth camp by this date to save money and get a free T-shirt! Camp could sell out this summer...get those registrations in early.
- 15 Golden Eagle Seniors Spring Rally, Dublin Campgrounds. Catered meal by the Daltons (5:00 p.m., cost \$10) Concert with the Sounds of Harmony (6:00 p.m., no cost) Register by calling the DM office. All conference seniors are welcome to attend. Save \$10 per person by signing up for the fall bus trip at this event. More info: John Talmage ([Johntalmadgewmm@aol.com](mailto:Johntalmadgewmm@aol.com))
- 15 "Royal Rangers Basics" – training at Conference Grounds; for more info: Steve Allen ([royalrangers1@comcast.net](mailto:royalrangers1@comcast.net))
- 15 Music & Creative Ministries Spring Training, Valley Harvest Ministries, Dublin, VA
- 20-22 Antioch Encounter, Pittsburg, PA
- 22 Women's Ministries Convention, Valley Harvest Ministries, Dublin, VA
- 23 PENTECOST SUNDAY & Global Day of Prayer
- 25 Discipleship Ministries Workday preparing for youth camp. 9:00 a.m.
- 31 MEMORIAL DAY (Conference Office Closed)



# World Missions & Evangelism

PRESTON MATHENA



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## Ministering to the Homeless

It was a cold and muggy December Sunday in Morristown, Tennessee. The mugginess was brought about by the previous night's snow, which had disappeared in the warm Tennessee morning. My ten-year-old daughter noticed a dark figure sitting in the shadows of undergrowth near the corner of the church parking lot. The story that follows expresses more about the heart of our God towards the hurting and lost of the world than the people of our church.

My daughter asked my wife, Kathy, to tell me about this "homeless guy" in the bushes. She wanted to see if he was all right. The problem was that I had been at this location in the inner city for 2½ years and had become numb to seeing homeless people in and around the church parking lot.

At my wife and daughter's insistence, I walked over to the motionless, hooded figure, wondering if he was dead or alive. His back was toward me, his hoodie hiding his face. His clothes were dark and dirty. A piece of cardboard was his only protection from the cold, wet ground.

Not wanting to startle him, I sent out a, "Hey, man! Are you all right?" This brought the first motion seen from the lone figure. As I got closer, I noticed the shaking and shivering from the cold. No doubt some was caused by the alcoholism that had captured his life. "I'm okay," he replied.

The next person who spoke has changed my ministry and me forever. As I looked over the man's shoulder, I could see the main entrance of my church as the Holy Spirit spoke these words: "This is outside of your door. What are you going to do about it?"

I asked the hooded guy where he had slept the night before. He replied, "In my sleeping bag until about 3:00 a.m., when the melting snow soaked it and woke me up."

The next 24 hours I spent before the Lord seeking His direction. His instructions were to call the men of the church together to pray about what to do. The answer came two days later. We would have a "warming station" open from dark until daylight any time the temperature fell below 40 degrees.

There were no committee meetings, no planning sessions or staffing sign-up. Leaders, volunteers and cooks stepped forward. God sent resources providing cots, blankets, pillows, food, coffee, thermal clothing and gloves. God supplied everything required to meet the needs of these hurting people outside our door.

Since December 1, 2009, we have been closed only one night. Two or three people always staff the warming station. Our neighborhood is culturally diverse, so staff must speak both English and Spanish. There is female staff to stay when we have women.

We now serve between 20 and 25 people per night; as the ministry grows, so do our needs. The original 10 cots are now filled, and 10-15 people now sleep on the floor. The good thing is that they are not sleeping on the ground or in dilapidated and abandoned buildings. The needs that we have in the ministry are not as great as the need we have to express the love of God to "the least of these."

As we share this love with them, we share this question with you: "Who is outside your door, and what are you going to do about it?"

*The Life Center of Morristown is an eight-year-old church plant and pastored by Kip and Kathy Worrell.*



### Top Ten Churches in Overall Missions Giving in 2009

#### CHURCH

- Winchester – Word of Life
- Dublin – Valley Harvest Ministries
- Shenandoah
- Salem – Christian Life International
- Buena Vista
- Christiansburg – Harbor of Hope
- Bluewell – Voice of Praise
- Mossy
- Dublin – French's Chapel
- Austinville

#### PASTOR

- Ron Neff
- Steve Willis
- Mike Reynolds
- David Tuell
- W.A. Mills
- Richard Kingrea
- Andrew Byrd
- Robert P. Basham
- David Wood
- Sam Shelton

### Top Ten Churches Giving to the Global Offering in 2009

#### CHURCH

- Christiansburg – Harbor of Hope
- Shenandoah
- St. Paul
- \*Rosenbaum Chapel
- \*Liberty Hill
- Lynchburg – Tree of Life
- Coal City – Cales Chapel
- Cool Springs
- Premier
- Bluefield – Crossroads
- Dublin – French's Chapel

#### PASTOR

- Richard Kingrea
- Mike Reynolds
- Chris Stansell
- James Moran
- Bobby Lewis
- Michael Dodson
- Dennis Haga
- Larry Myers
- Randall Dority
- Scott Bryan
- David Wood

\*-Tied in amount given



# Discipleship Ministries

LARRY MEADORS

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## Fifty-Six Children Baptized at Tree of Life

Having made a conscious choice to follow our Savior's example in water baptism, 56 children in grades 1-5 were submerged in a watery "grave" of baptism Sunday morning, February 21, 2010. This is a direct result of an awesome move of God at The Filling Station, the Kids Church Ministry of Tree of Life Ministries in Lynchburg, Virginia. Nowhere does Scripture say there is an age requirement for baptism. The criteria for water baptism are based on a person's understanding of and commitment to scriptural concepts, not upon his physical age. Children's Pastor Don Webb taught on the subject during January and felt the kids in The Filling Station were ready for this major event.

Needless to say, The Filling Station was packed to overflowing during the 11:00 a.m. hour with approximately 220 people, and another 40-50 persons seated and standing outside in the hallways watching on a TV screen. God's power was felt throughout the service, and we thank God for these 56 children who made such an awesome commitment to take a public stand for their God. Following the service, a buffet meal was served to participants and their families. It was a day never to be forgotten!

*by Children's Pastor Don Webb*

## Help for Your Church

**Discipleship Ministries announces a new Children's and Youth Pastor Advisory Committee for our conference!** Children's Pastor Don Webb, of Tree of Life Ministries, will chair this committee. Serving with him will be Dianna Arnold, Youth Pastor at Hill Top PHC; Scott Harvey, Youth Pastor at Christian Life International, and Elaine Wood, former National Children's Pastor. The purpose of this distinguished group is to serve our pastors, children and youth workers across our conference churches. They desire to network our workers, help with training and be available to give insight and encouragement when needed.

**The Music and Creative Ministries Advisory Committee is now under the direction of Sam Shelton**, pastor at Austinville PHC and former worship leader for Redemption World Outreach Center. Other committee members are Clayton Kipps, former chairman of the committee and worship leader at Harbor of Hope PHC, and Shelia Willis, worship leader at Valley Harvest Ministries. They are inviting all worship leaders for a time of fellowship and interaction on May 15 at Valley Harvest Ministries. This team is excited to serve our conference music teams. Planning is under way for training events and ways to support and encourage this important area of our church.

**Contact information for the committee personnel is available at [www.appconfcem.org](http://www.appconfcem.org).** If you are a leader in these areas of

ministry in your church, please forward your contact information to our DM office secretary, Dinah Gregory, at [digregory@aol.com](mailto:digregory@aol.com) or 540-674-4131 x 3.



They are precious in His sight: group photo of the children who were baptized at Tree of Life Ministries

## Discipleship Reflection Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry

Youth Camp has a rich heritage in the Appalachian Conference. The committee of the Pentecostal Holiness Youth Society (PHYS) recommended to the Virginia Conference in 1945 "that a youth training school" be started the very next year. The first "school" or youth camp was held July 1-7, 1946, in Pulaski, Virginia. Those 88 campers were involved in morning classes of song leadership, visual aids and Sunday school.

The next two camps were held in Shawsville, Virginia, at the Piedmont camp meeting grounds in 1947-48. Many still fondly remember those cold swimming holes in the creek. During this period, conference leadership searched for property on which to hold conference activities. The current campgrounds in Dublin, Virginia, were purchased in 1949.

Since that time thousands of young people have had radical encounters with God, made lasting relationships and enjoyed many diverse activities. Later in the 1970s, the name Camp Maranatha was chosen. The name means "come, Lord Jesus." Camp is still a great attraction as hundreds of campers come each year. Your children and youth are welcome to join in the fun and adventure for our 64th summer season. There are four weeks of age-graded camp beginning June 21. All the details can be found on the web site: [www.appconfcem.org](http://www.appconfcem.org) or by calling the DM office.



# Women's Ministries

WANDA MYERS



## “EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU JESUS?”

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table, which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding. ALL BUT ONE! He paused, took a deep breath, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.



He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did.

The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, “Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?” She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, “I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly.”

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, “Mister...” He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, “Are you Jesus?”

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul, “Are you Jesus?” Do people mistake you for Jesus?

That's our Destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing, picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary, and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

Sometimes we just take things for granted, when we really need to be sharing what we know. Too many Christians are no longer fishers of men but keepers of the aquarium.

*Author Unknown*

ATTENTION, ALL LADIES  
**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONVENTION**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010, AT 9:30 A.M.**  
VALLEY HARVEST—DUBLIN, VA

All ladies who are part of the local PH church are encouraged to attend and participate in the election of a new Women's Ministries Conference Board. Please pray for wisdom and direction as the baton is passed on to a new board for the next four years under Discipleship Ministries.



# World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



## ALMOST PERSUADED!

“King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” Then King Agrippa said unto Paul, “Almost you persuaded me to be a Christian.” (Acts 26:27, 28)

How many people are in Hell today because they were *almost* persuaded? A simple, heartfelt *yes* by King Agrippa would have given him an eternity in Heaven. Just what could have turned his heart and changed his mind?

The answer is found in 1 Timothy 2:1-4. Prayers are to be offered for kings and for all that are in authority. God’s desire is found in verse 4: “Who will have all men to be saved, and to come into the knowledge of truth.”

King Agrippa could have been just *one prayer* away from eternity in Heaven! If he had accepted Christ, it is possible that many of his friends would do likewise. Many people may have received Christ if the King had made this choice. We live in a day when nations need to come to Christ! We may never meet the leaders. Yet we can pray the prayers!

There was another Roman official who was persuaded! He was the Roman centurion who stood guard at the cross of Jesus. He saw the unusual events that accompanied the death of Jesus. But even more importantly, he heard the prayers that Jesus prayed on the cross. His response was different from King Agrippa’s. He cried out so that those around could hear. “Truly this Man was the Son of God!” (Matthew 25:50 -54)

## 2010 SPRING PRAYER FESTIVAL

### TOPIC: “TURNING POINTS”

If you need a turning point in your life, do not miss this inspiring event! All prayer coordinators, pastors and intercessors are encouraged to attend.

**DATE:** May 1, 2010

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Valley Harvest Ministries, Dublin, VA

### THREE SESSIONS

1. Spiritual Turning Points
2. Financial Turning Points
3. Physical Turning Points

**INSTRUCTORS:** Donna Hankla, Debbie Hutton, Beckie Thompson

**PRAYER** by Juanita Kingrea

**MUSIC** by Christine Trigg

**COMMUNION** by Bishop Kingrea

Fellowship meal included.

Please RSVP before April 23, 2010, at 540-674-4131 or e-mail RhondaWSmith@aol.com.

## Maranatha College of Christian Ministries

2010 Spring Schedule Beginning April 12, 2010

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540-639-5664

### *BIBL3013 The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ*

Instructor: Bernard McBride  
South View Church, Bluefield, WV  
276-326-6888

### *BIBL 4313 Apocalyptic Literature (Daniel and Revelation)*

Instructor: Jarrod Midkiff  
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## Men's Ministries

RICK BLACK



### Men's Ministries Hawaiian Mission Trip

*February 23 – March 2, 2010*

When the Appalachian Conference was partnered with the Hawaii District, it not only partnered in prayer, spirit and moral support, but in manual labor as well. On February 23, a team of 18 men and women left the cold and snow of the Appalachians for the warmer climate of Kailua, Hawaii. It was a long flight, but spirits were high as they reached the Life Church compound.

The men set to work on the construction of 10 bunk beds. Materials for these had been purchased ahead of the team's arrival and were on site. Before nightfall, one bed was completed and bases for five more made. The team had agreed to purchase mattresses (a total of 20) for these beds. They were on site also, so the team was able to utilize them the first night. The remaining beds were ready and in place for the second night.

In the following days, 11 classrooms were scraped and painted, exterior walls of the school building painted, 25 light fixtures replaced, old carpet removed and four shower stalls built.

Home-cooked meals were served to 32 people (18 team members and 14 from the Hawaii Life church who worked with the team) daily.

On Saturday, February 27, we experienced firsthand the miraculous power of God. We were awakened at 3:00 in the morning by phone calls from the mainland alerting us to the impending tsunami headed for Hawaii. In spite of all the dire predictions, peace reigned among team

members. Breakfast was served a bit earlier; devotions followed and then a trip down to the beach to investigate. As we were walking out of the compound, someone said, "Look! There is a rainbow!" Sure enough, there against the dark vog (volcanic ash

and fog mixed) was the most beautiful rainbow, evidence of God's promise never again to destroy the world by water. The team walked in peace and comfort to the beach, where they observed the waves lapping the shoreline in the usual manner. After returning to the compound, work resumed. We were kept up to date via the Internet. As time approached for the first waves to hit the Big Island, there was some apprehension, but nothing major; peace that passes all understanding reigned supreme. Rejoicing was heard as the news media informed the nation the danger had passed.

The next morning, team leader Rick Black received a text message from a dear friend, which read, "Eight-foot tsunami waves traveling at 500 miles per hour – disappears." Our prayer was that God would put His finger on the waves and make them go away, and that is exactly what He did.

On Sunday morning, we were privileged to attend the church service at Life Church. Pastor Greg Hood preached a timely message, and he, too, had received a message of how the weathermen who were watching the tsunami could not understand how it just disappeared.

What a mighty God we serve! Sometimes we just have to walk by faith and trust in Him to take care of us in spite of the negativity and fear that surround us. We extend our grateful appreciation to all those who prayed for our safety. God still hears and answers prayer.

Monday, March 1, shortly after breakfast most of the team members enjoyed a visit to Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial. After a week of hard labor, this was a most enjoyable treat; plus it was the day the team returned to the mainland.

Men's Ministries Director Rick Black stayed to work another week with a team led by International Men's Ministries Director Bill Terry. Their project is to complete remodeling the mission house so Pastors Greg and Joan Hood can move into it.

Please keep the Life Church in Kailua, Hawaii, in your prayers as they are rebuilding. God is already at work there as people return to the church and new ones are being added.

