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2011 GREAT COMMISSION MEALS

“Renew the Vision”

Saturday, March 19 – East Tennessee District 6:30 p.m.
Golden Corral, 3104 Browns Mill Rd., Johnson City, TN 37604

**** Monday, March 21 – Central Virginia District 12 noon**
Olde Liberty Station, 515 Bedford Ave., Bedford, VA

**** Monday, March 21 – Shenandoah District 6:30 p.m.**
Ray of Hope Church, 1450 Reservoir St., Harrisonburg, VA

Tuesday, March 22 – Greenbrier District 12 noon
Shoney’s, Hwy 219, Lewisburg, WV

Tuesday, March 22 – Central West Virginia District 6:30 p.m.
Ryan’s Grill Buffet & Bakery, 1320 N. Eisenhower Dr., Beckley, WV

**** Thursday, March 24 – New River Valley & Roanoke Districts . 6:30 p.m.**
Harbor of Hope Church, 2720 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, VA

**** Friday, March 25, Southwest Virginia District 6:30 p.m.**
Draper Valley PH Church, Draper Valley, VA

**** Saturday, March 26, Bluefield/McDowell Districts 12 noon**
Bluefield First PH Church, 1225 Lyndale Ave., Bluefield, WV

****RSVP to 540-674-4131 ext. 207 or latrissia@aol.com**

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Meet Pastor Paul Godawa of Poland



I was privileged to meet Pastor Paul a couple of years ago when I attended a Northwest European Missions Retreat in Ashburnham, East Sussex, England. Pastor Paul was the keynote speaker, and I was immediately impressed with his heart for God and God's people. He is the founding pastor of one of the most prominent churches in Eastern Europe, Water of Life Christian Centre in Koszalin, Poland. God has given him the nature of a pioneer and the calling of a reformer. He desires to do something for God and for believers, something that has not been done before.

Pastor Paul Godawa is a gifted, inspirational speaker, who flows in great prophetic anointing. He preaches the Word of God with faith and enthusiasm, as well as a sense of humor. Acquiring knowledge, choosing a wise lifestyle, knowing God's principles, and character building are main aspects of his teaching and writing.

He believes in "open-minded Christianity"; that is, a Christian should use common sense, be bold in his actions, and know success in every area of life. For Pastor Paul, spiritual experiences make sense only if they positively influence everyday life. He maintains that Christianity is not just for Sundays, but for every day of the week. Growth and real fruit – these are what he desires for himself, his family, and all believers.

Paul Godawa is a part of Tony Miller's network of international pastors, as well as Bane and Barbara James' Joysprings Ministries. Paul and his wife, Joanna, are recognized and respected among believers and pastors in Poland and abroad. Their persistence, faithfulness to the Word, commitment and constant optimism have helped many people discover faith in God and His Word. The Godawas believe in a church body built of people – people working together as a team, and this is what they encourage in their international ministry.

The 2011 Ministers' Summit is coming up February 17-19 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and we are blessed to have Paul Godawa as the guest speaker. I am excited for the challenge that lies ahead for our ministers as they sit under his ministry. Your life and ministry will be richer for your having attended.

Special Announcement for Pastors

**Photos will be taken at the Ministers' Summit.
These photos will be used on the new Appalachian Conference website.
Dress attire for the photos can be either dress or dressy casual.**

**Pastors, if you are not able to attend the Summit,
please send us a recent photo of you and your spouse (if married).
We also need up-to-date contact information and the physical address of your church. In today's
age of Mapquest and GPS, visitors to the website need this information.**

Please send to:
Appalachian Conference, Attn: LaTrissia Black, 5847 Oak Grove Avenue, Dublin, VA 24084
Digital photos, contact information and church's physical address can be e-mailed to: latrissia@aol.com

March Retired Ministers' Birthdays



MARCH 11

Rev. Glen Wright
1426 Rockdale Rd
Wytheville, VA
24382

MARCH 23

Ethel Swart
513 Awaroa, RD1
Kaitaia North Island,
New Zealand

MARCH 24

Thomas Cochran
204 Woodland Drive
Buena Vista, VA
24416

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4 Bible Quiz Scrimmage
- 9 Ash Wednesday
- 12 Pinewood Derby
- 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins
Women's Ministries Day
- 15 Deadline for National Discipleship Ministries
Award of Excellence
- 18 – 19 Ed Stetzer Seminar, Nashville, TN
- 19 – 26 Great Commission Meals
- 20 SPRING Begins
- 26 Ranger Basics

2011 Pentecostal Fellowship

Baker's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church will host this year's Pentecostal Fellowship among churches of the Southwest Virginia District of the Appalachian Conference on Monday, February 28 – Saturday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The fellowship will entail one week of revival services with different Pentecostal Holiness pastors ministering each night. The fellowship will wrap up on Saturday night with a gospel concert by The Shepherds from Sandersville, Georgia. Pastor Jim Tunnell and congregation welcome all to attend. For more information, contact Baker's Chapel at (276) 699-2265, or visit their website www.bcphc.org.

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World Missions & Evangelism

LARRY MEADORS



APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

“If I Were I Missionary...”

That was the question asked the children of Tree of Life Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. All of the children responded with wonderful ideas. Kirsten Steffans, age five, was chosen the winner of the contest by our office staff. Her response showed a heart not only to go tell others about Jesus, but also to start now by practicing on her neighbors. That is truly living missionally! She will be awarded a Camp Maranatha scholarship for this coming summer.

Pastor Don Webb and all the staff at the church are to be commended for making disciples and casting vision in this generation. We also liked Christy’s response, which is shared in the Grow section on this page. Cameron has an adventurous approach: “If I were a missionary, I would climb trees and swing on the vine to tell people about God. And then tell people about God and read the Bible.”

Let’s believe together for the needed laborers to go into the harvest. You can go into your world. You can cast vision in your children and youth to serve God both now and in their future.



GO

It is time for the Great Commission Meals! See the front cover for the location nearest you. If you are attending one of the districts with an asterisk, be sure to contact the Conference Ministry Center to make your reservation. We need a head count for the caterers.

Register for: “Going Missional: Fresh Passion for the Great Commission,” March 17-19 in Nashville, Tennessee, sponsored by Evangelism USA. <http://www.iphc.org/evangelism>

Make a difference in Africa! Mozambique Conference Missions Trip, September 26 – October 8. Registration forms available from the conference office or appconf.org.

GIVE

Can’t go? Consider giving to this \$25,000 project. (Project # 16506P) This will complete an AIDS Clinic as part of our IPHC church compound.

GROW

“If I were a missionary, I would show people the Bible. I would travel on an airplane. I would bring money, clothes, and food. I would tell them to believe in Jesus.”

Christy, Tree of Life, Lynchburg, Virginia

2010 Global Outreach Offering Total

\$130,075.10

Thank you!



Discipleship Ministries

RON FREDERICKS

www.ac-dm.org



As we quickly move into a new season of Bible Quest and Talent Quest, I have asked two young adults from the Appalachian Conference to share with you their thoughts. For more information on Bible Quest or Talent Quest go to ac-dm.org.



Brandon Groseclose

**Business Administration/
Economics**

Student, Radford University

Wytheville Word of Life

Coach: Magnificent Catch Teen

Bible Quiz Team

I remember fondly the first time I was offered the opportunity to participate in what was then called

Bible Quiz (now called Bible Quest). The effort it took that first year to memorize the nine fruits of the Spirit. Friday night practices the night before the big scrimmage on an old quiz machine that somehow still worked. The joy of winning our first game and the feeling of jubilation a 10-year-old first experiences when he realizes he can quote that Quotation Question word for word. Looking back on it, Bible Quiz has had a profound effect on my life.

Now, being a full-time college student, I can understand the importance of the things I learned from Bible Quiz and fully appreciate the impact they have had and will have on my life, the most important of which being self-control. In class I sometimes hear the murmuring of fellow classmates recounting their late night escapades at the local bar and realize that the joy they may be feeling is only transitory and brief. The relationship that Bible Quiz has helped me establish with God is so much more lasting and fulfilling.

However, what I have learned has gone much deeper than that. The importance of friends, family, and church rank so much higher than anything else and cannot truly be taught by anyone else. These life essentials can only be taught to oneself, and having a firm foundation in the Word of God goes a long way to establishing them. Bible Quiz has helped me establish that firm foundation that is so important in the younger years of life.

The things that you learn from Bible Quiz really do stick with you. I can still recite the nine fruits of the spirit and that first quotation question. I can remember all the fond times we had at the scrimmages when sometimes the person reading the question didn't read it quite right. Many things in life influence the type of individual you eventually become, and Bible Quiz has been one of the shining examples of a thoughtful, fulfilling, and exciting event in my life.



Emily Arnold

St. Paul P H Church

**Emily was recently featured in the
Wytheville Enterprise.**

www.swvatoday.com/news/article/noted_talent_wythe_teen_wins_competition/8009

In 2010, I had the wonderful privilege of traveling to Florida to participate in National Talent Quest. The amount of blessings I saw in my time there was incredible. Throughout my eight years in Talent Quest, I have grown to realize that the competition is not solely to compete. **It is there to present to us an opportunity with which we can offer up our talents as a gift to bless our Designer.** Personally, I have learned through this ministry that it does not matter how great or how small a talent is. When your heart is in the right place, it takes the focus off yourself and redirects the spotlight to God.

Talent Quest has given me an appreciation for God-given talents, an appreciation I never quite had before. Being a musician, I have to constantly remind myself that without God, I would not have the ability to sing or play my instruments. So being a participant in Talent Quest has opened my eyes to the fact that without God, without his awe-striking power and genius design, I would not be able to do what I love best.

Seeing merely a fraction of God's handiwork gather together every year makes me thankful that we have a place to share with others the blessings we have each been given. Thank you, IPHC Talent Quest, for being a ministry of joy, encouragement, and blessings to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

2011 YOUTH CAMP

"Army of One"

Workers Needed

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Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



Girls' Ministries Valentine Memories



On Valentine's Day everyone likes to receive something special. Several years ago, I received something I will cherish forever. I had planned a Valentine party in my "Friends Missionettes" class. These were girls I had taught since the very beginning. I was like one of those hovering mothers who, when their children moved, they moved. So I wanted to plan a little fun for them one night, something out of the ordinary.

During our meeting, we did an exercise – when a person's name was called, the other girls would write something encouraging about that person on their page. I was eager to read what they had written. I quickly realized I needed to find a box of tissues, for the words I read reminded me that I was given only a short time with these girls, and even though they were not my own daughters, some of their reflections were already reflections of me.

We had our days of happiness; we had our days of disappointments, as every "mother and daughter" will have in life, but it was when I was faced with a great challenge myself that I learned it is truly worth



persevering even when I felt my heart could not take any more. I called my "daughters," met with them and told them what I was facing. It was then I was reminded, as one of them said, "We need to pray for you," what one had written on her page: "I hope Jesus can always be the center of my everything, the way He is with you." It was satisfying to see that God was becoming what I had prayed He would be in their lives, "the center of everything."

The girls have gone their separate ways. They are now college graduates and wives, and some are mothers, teaching other children those same lessons that were taught to them. I will always remember that special Valentine's Day and the example of the power of words. Words live on and influence people's lives. Words have the potential of eternity in them. Take time this Valentine's Day to say a word of cheer to someone. You've been given a moment, but your words will last a lifetime.

Written by Elaine Wood, Girls' Ministries Director

Get Ready!
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second quadrennial
national girls event!

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IPHC National Girls Event

girls.iphc.org/powerchicks.html



World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



HIS PRICELESS VOICE!

One major goal of the Appalachian Conference WIN is to provide teaching about listening to the Holy Spirit. *“His voice and speech are exceedingly sweet; yes, He is altogether lovely”* (Song of Solomon 5:16). Taking time to listen to the Holy Spirit will be an important aspect of the Appalachian Conference Prayer Room. Efforts to build the prayer room will begin in the spring.

Church prayer coordinators should teach about this important topic and encourage corporate times of “listening to the Holy Spirit.” God’s instructions this year will be very important for the church. We must be like young Samuel and say, *“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening”* (1 Samuel 3: 10).

PROMISES! PROMISES! PROMISES! 2011

We must be prepared to enter the year 2011. Already, many have been instructed by the Holy Spirit that difficult times for the world could be ahead. One prominent intercessor for the Capitol Hill Prayer Watch speaks strongly with these words: *“As we go into 2011, the Lord said no more business as usual—He has drawn a line of demarcation, and there shall be sudden change—sweeping change—and the Lord will begin to release His judgments, His power, and His glory upon the land for change, for transformation, and for repentance. Some very sobering events will take place even upon the first month and upon the first days, saith the Lord.”*

Consistently, I have sensed the Holy Spirit warning of difficult times ahead for the world. However, I also have been encouraged by the word of the Holy Spirit regarding the promises of God.

2 Peter 1: 3 – *“For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that are suited to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by and to His glory and excellence. By means of these He has bestowed on us his precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape from the moral decay that is in the world because of covetousness, and become sharers of the divine nature.”* (Amplified)

There are over 30,000 promises in the Bible. Armed with these promises, we will conquer whatever comes! God is indeed very faithful to keep His Word for His children. Some precious promises to pray are: Psalm 86:7, Psalm 94:22, Psalm 84:11-12, Psalm 37:25, Psalm 46:1-3, Psalm 50:15, Psalm 56:3-4, Psalm 118:6.

The safest place to be this year is in the secret place of Psalm 91!



Men's Ministries

QUENT BARIA



What's Holding You Back?

One of John Ortberg’s popular books is titled *If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat*. Although the title alludes to the time Peter tried to walk on water (and succeeded, albeit briefly: Matthew 14:22-33), this quote also applies to the apostles just after Jesus ascended to heaven.

As Jesus *“was taken up before their very eyes,”* the apostles *“were looking intently up into the sky”* (Acts 1:9-10). Just before this, Jesus told them, *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”* (v. 8). Yet after Jesus ascends, the apostles just stand there. How often do we do the same? God’s instructions are clear to us, but we just can’t seem to get going.

I know the apostles were worried when Jesus left them. How would they survive without Him? They left their homes, jobs, and everything else behind to follow Him. And now He was leaving? But this is no excuse, and their lack of action prompts two angels to appear to them, who say, *“Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This*

same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven” (v. 11).

The angels gave them the reason not to worry: Just as Jesus was taken away, He will return. Luke’s Gospel tells us how the apostles responded to the angels: *“They worshiped [Jesus] and returned to Jerusalem with great joy”* (Luke 24:52). Their confidence was restored by God’s promise, which is trustworthy and true. And this confidence prompted them into action!



The question for us today is: Am I standing around, staring up at the sky? Or am I actively living out Jesus’ command to be witnesses to the ends of the earth?

What’s holding you back from being an active witness? If you want to witness, you have to start witnessing! If your spiritual life lately has felt more like stargazing than navigating, it may be time to reread the book of Acts and be inspired by the lives of some of the earliest Christian servants. I assure you that you are more ready than you realize, *“for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say”* (Luke 12:12).

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Ed's primary role is President of LifeWay Research and LifeWay's Missiologist in Residence.

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