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Bishop Kenneth and Juanita Kingrea

Thank you for your years of service and dedication!



Bishop's Page

KEN KINGREA

Partners in Ministry

I pen these brief comments with a deep, heartfelt appreciation to God and to many people for the opportunity to serve.

I never envisioned years ago when I was elected to serve on what was then the Virginia Conference Board that for the next twenty-three consecutive years, I would be given the privilege to serve in conference leadership. I truly thank God and you for such a wonderful experience.

The great International Pentecostal Holiness Church people across the different states that make up the Appalachian Conference have been a great blessing to my wife, Juanita, our family, and me. The gracious pastors throughout this conference have been generous with their pulpits, inviting me to minister Sunday after Sunday.

As we commemorate the 100th year celebration of the Virginia/Appalachian Conference, I am immediately reminded

of the past and the many changes we have experienced. I feel we must definitely honor and respect our history, but at the same time, we must press forward to the future with great excitement and anticipation, looking forward to what God has in store for us. We must always remember with God the best is yet to come.

There are two compelling truths that all men and women who are called by God to preach His word must always keep in mind. The first is, as long as God gives them strength, they must fulfill the call to preach. The second is, they can trust God to open doors for this to happen.

So as Juanita and I enter into our next season of ministry, we do so excited about the doors that God will be opening for us. We sincerely covet your prayers as we move forward with God.

In His service,

Conference Meetings & Evangelists

For the Appalachian Conference, June is the month of camp meeting and conference, but this was not the always the case. In 1921, it was decided that prior to conference there would be a time for spiritual renewal. This became known as the Ministers' Institute, which is still being conducted today. The official date for combining annual conference and camp meeting was in 1935, when the Camp Meeting Association was organized. Members were to pay an annual fee of \$1.00. Since there were no campgrounds, the Camp Meeting Association was responsible "for securing grounds and erecting equipment essential to conduct a camp meeting."

The first district conference was held in 1951. These conferences were conducted between October and December of each year. This was a time for reporting ministerial progress in the local churches and for connection between the conference and churches.

These meetings ceased in 1968, and were replaced by fall district meetings, which are for instruction and keeping the local churches, church councils, pastors and ministers informed and up to date.

The first state evangelist was appointed in 1918; Rev. E. R. Clower was selected. Much of his ministry was centered in the West Virginia area, especially around Princeton and Bluefield, then later into the coal mining areas of Welch, West Virginia. He and his brother, Homer Clower, were some of the first evangelists to carry the Pentecostal message into the state.



Walter and Irvin Smith

Later, others would carry the gospel message as evangelists. Three brothers from Oklahoma, Alvin, Irvin and Walter Smith, brought their tent and made a tremendous impact upon the Appalachian Conference. With their musical talent and fiery preaching, their tent meetings saw untold numbers saved and healed. Irvin and his wife, Virginia, were instrumental in planting the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Matoaka, West Virginia. Soon after, they started a "new work" in Wytheville, Virginia, which has a thriving congregation. Church planting and evangelism go hand in hand, and these are just a few examples in our history.

There were several gospel-ministering teams. One such female team was the Harvey/Paramore Evangelistic Ministry in 1947. Louise Paramore (Louise Mayhue) together with Sylvia Harvey (Sylvia Sexton) preached revivals in Christiansburg,

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Sylvia Harvey Sexton
Louise Paramore Mayhue

Virginia; Big Four, West Virginia; and Ivanhoe, Virginia, just to name a few. Harvey and Paramore were students at Holmes Ministerial Institute (Holmes College of the Bible) during this time. Other teams representing Holmes were sent to conference churches and these teams continued for many years. Students from Emmanuel College and Southwestern Christian University, as well as Holmes College of the Bible, still minister in our conference from time to time.

Possibly the longest serving evangelistic team in the Appalachian Conference was Jimmy and Carolyn Hilliard. Until his death in 2006, the Hilliards ministered for over 39 years as full-time evangelists. Carolyn still ministers at the Merrimac

Pentecostal Holiness Church as organist.

Revivals seem to be a thing of the past. One of our greatest women evangelists, Sister

Katie Campbell, was once asked, "Aunt Katie, are the days of revival gone?" Her response was, "No, Honey, the days of revival are not gone... but the days of sacrifice are!" We will have revival only when we are willing to sacrifice for it.

—By Dr. C. R. Conner



Rev. Katie Campbell

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JUNE & JULY EVENTS

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June

- 21-25 Extreme Teen Camp
- 27-30 Kidz Quest Camp

July

- 2 First Friday Fast (Conference Office Closed)
- 4 Independence Day
- 5-9 Destiny Junior Camp
- 10 Royal Rangers Kids Day
- 12-16 Adventurer Pre-Teen Camp
- 19-22 Youth Quest
- 30-Aug. 1 Royal Rangers Pow-Wow



World Missions & Evangelism

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INVASION

July 10, 2010 - MITCHELL STADIUM - BLUEFIELD, WV

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with great excitement we invite you to be part of an event to change our community. "Invasion" is an event that will take place on Saturday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Mitchell Stadium in Bluefield, West Virginia. This crusade will be a free event focused on reaching the lost, hopeless, and addicted youth and adults of our region with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is geared specifically toward those who would not typically enter the four walls of the church.

Headlining this event will be Brian "Head" Welch, former guitarist of the secular band KoRn. Brian resigned from the band in 2005 and now travels and shares his powerful testimony of being clean from drugs and alcohol, and finding faith in Christ. The event will also feature nationally renowned music bands such as DecembeRadio, This Fires Embrace, as well as up-and-coming local band Break'n Daylight. All carry positive messages through the power of music.

Statistics show that the mere desire to get and stay clean is not enough. Together we can see the numbers reverse and give hope to the hopeless. The event will host several Christian drug rehabilitation programs onsite for people to speak with, and counsel those who are interested in seeking professional help for their addiction. We need to make sure those who truly want help can be placed in the capable hands of organizations that can help them permanently break the cycle of addiction and relapse.

Amy Lambert, founder of Invasion, has said, "We cannot continue to turn our heads and hope that this problem will go away. We must unite and take a proactive approach to an ever increasing epidemic." Having once been addicted to drugs, Amy has walked where every addict has walked, and has been graced to live to tell the tale. She will be speaking at the conference and sharing her story of overcoming addiction and discovering purpose in life.

Invasion is to be much more than a one-time event, but to be an opportunity to partner together to see a lasting change in our community. Together we can see those who would otherwise die or end up in prison saved and given a hope and a future. This will be an opportunity to strengthen the Body of Christ and build up the Kingdom of God.

There is need for pastors and church leaders who will rally behind the vision and encourage church members to get involved. First and foremost, we must join together in building a foundation of prayer for this crusade. For this event to become a success, it must be built on three things: prayer, prayer and prayer! Our prayer director will contact your prayer leaders with prayer needs and to organize unified times of prayer for all churches involved.

We are asking that you choose a Sunday and make it your "Operation Invasion Sunday." This will include sharing the vision of the event, encouraging members to get involved, emphasizing the importance of personal evangelism, and passing out the "Operation Invasion" flier, which can be found on our website.

Research has shown that two out of three persons who attend crusade meetings and nearly three out of four who come forward have been personally invited. For effective evangelism there is no substitute for the committed Christian inviting and bringing friends to the meetings.

In holding an event of such magnitude, there is a great need for volunteers. One of the greatest needs is for 500 altar workers. There will be scheduled training sessions in June for those who would like to participate in counseling those who give their lives to Jesus Christ.

Finally, as this will be a free event to the public, we need pastors who will initiate special tax-deductible offerings for this crusade. The estimated budget for this event is \$50,000. There will be a detailed financial report available at the end of Invasion.

Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully consider being involved in this crusade. We pray you will consider partnering with us in seeing many lives changed for all of eternity. For more information on how you can get involved, please visit our website at www.invade2010.com, or e-mail invasioninfo@aol.com.

Serving Christ,

Amy Lambert





Discipleship Ministries

LARRY MEADORS

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Youth Service Proves Blessing To Young and Old Alike

On February 26, 2010, a grand and glorious service was held at Cornersview Pentecostal Holiness Church in Radford, Virginia. As part of a circuit of local Pentecostal churches, Cornersview has been participating in such services for over a year. The purpose of these services is solely to bring Christian youth together to worship and magnify God. These meetings saw the most diverse gathering yet as six churches were represented and over 100 people attended. Folding chairs could barely contain the overflow crowd.

After special singing from youth choirs from New Hope Church of God, Indian Valley Church of God, and Cornersview Pentecostal Holiness, Rev. Kevin Poston brought a message from God entitled "Playing Games in a War Zone," using Matthew 15:7-9 as his text. God ministered through him with a stirring message discussing those who serve God to be seen and those who serve God and are ashamed to be seen. The message was a poignant reminder of how as Christians we should never fear the world's view of our Pentecostal faith and our Holiness lifestyle.



The altar call resulted in a wonderful outpouring of old-fashioned Holy Ghost power. Many were blessed and helped, and though space was limited, people shouted and worshiped God under the unction of the Holy Ghost. One very special experience occurred as a young man who had been bound by drugs and was recently saved received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire and testified of his full deliverance from the hold of drugs. Much rejoicing was made for God's glorious power, and youth of all ages left with rekindled fires of devotion and a greater yearning to do God's work and see His soon appearing.

We pray anyone who would like to be involved in an old-fashioned youth rally would attend the next service. You may call Leslie Bishop at 633-1030 for more information, or you can find us on Facebook under "Youth Services." An upcoming service is scheduled June 25 at Cornersview PHC, service to begin at 7:00 p.m. May God richly bless you as you look for His soon coming

Submitted by Andrew Graham,
Youth Director, Cornersview PHC

Discipleship Reflection Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry

The LifeLiners Bible Quiz Program began with organization and local church competition in 1964. The following year tournaments were held on the conference level, and a grand champion was named at the General LifeLiners convention in August. The Gospel of Matthew was the subject of study for that year. The *Pentecostal Holiness Advocate* from that era names L. D. Driggers as the National Bible Quiz director. Scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$300 were awarded from Emmanuel and Southwestern Colleges to the winning teams.

Bible Quizzing has been part of the Appalachian Conference since its inception. In 1971, the team from the Christiansburg PH Church was the national winner. The entire team was rewarded with an all-expenses-paid trip to the Holy Land. "The quiz was one of the most enriching experiences of my life. The work was well worth any of our efforts" (Coach Barney Arnold, *Messenger*, February 1971). There were 30 Bible Quiz teams in our conference in the early 1970s.

Bible Quizzing is still a vital part of conference Discipleship Ministries. Today, there are more ways to involve students in the rich study of the Word of God. Kidz Quiz students, age 6-8, test their Bible knowledge in a spelling bee type of format. Juniors (age 8-12) and Teens (13-19) can be on teams and/or compete as individuals. The individual *Jeopardy* style of power play is fast paced and very exciting. You can catch them in action this July in Orlando at Youth Quest!



Women's Ministries

WANDA MYERS



PASSING THE BATON

By the time you read this article, the ladies of the Appalachian Conference will have elected a new Women's Ministries board. However, since the article for the *Messenger* needs to be in a month ahead of time, I wanted to share my appreciation in serving on the Women's Ministries board the last 14 years and as Women's Ministries director the past 10 years. It has been both an exciting and eventful time in my life. Having the privilege to meet the most wonderful ladies in the world from our local churches is a blessing I will treasure.



There is always danger in mentioning names of people who have helped me become what I am today. I think that if I were to try to highlight everyone who has made an impact on me through this ministry, this article would be entirely too long for anyone to enjoy reading. Nevertheless, if you will allow me to give some well-deserved recognition to some precious saints in my life, I would greatly appreciate it.

Let me say it has been an honor to serve under the leadership of Superintendent Edward Wood and Bishop Ken Kingrea. These men have always supported Women's Ministries and believed we are a vital part of the local church.

Undoubtedly, I have stood on the shoulders of great Women's Ministries directors who paved the way for me to be successful. Sister Ann Wood, Sister Helen Harrison and Reverend Renee Kingrea were women with a heart for the ladies of the Appalachian Conference and willingly shared their leadership skills with me. During my own time as a director, I had the privilege of having many great women of God serve alongside me on the Women's Ministries and Girls' Ministries boards, and to them I am so grateful. I would also like to thank two churches, Woodlawn and Cool Springs, where my husband and I pastored during my tenure. They gave me tremendous support in the many different capacities of my job.

A special thank you goes out to all the local churches for their faithful giving to the special emphasis offerings such as Christmas Missions, Emmanuel (Feast of Ingathering) and Falcon Children's Home (Harvest Train). It was because of you these ministries were blessed and we have completed so many conference projects. We have enjoyed our fall retreat trips to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, with some great speakers, and this was our third year going to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on our bus trip. I have also personally enjoyed coming to your churches speaking and organizing your Women's Ministries. I have some wonderful stories in my memory of how the Lord blessed the services we had together and to Him be all the Glory.

Last but not least, I truly appreciate the support of my husband, Larry, for his dedication to help with mail-outs, being a taxi driver, helping with the setup of events, and what ever else needed to be done. He was truly there to help. Honey, I love you so much for your care and support.

There are so many others I will not be able to mention, but please know how much I dearly thank and appreciate you for allowing me to serve the ladies of the Appalachian Conference. I know God has great plans for the next board. I have confidence that when the baton is handed to the next group of leaders, God has already birthed in them the vision for the next four years.



I'm sure they will continue to share my vision that all the ladies of the Appalachian Conference are a part of Women's Ministries, and I want them to share their gifts with the body of Christ. It will be exciting to see what He has planned as we work together under the Discipleship Ministries.

As I move into this next season of ministry, please know how much I love and appreciate you all for this great opportunity to serve the Body of Christ. Ladies, because God has created you in His image, you may feel ordinary, but with His help you are destined to do extraordinary things for the Kingdom of God.

Outgoing Women's Ministries Board

Connie Wohlford, board member; Kathy Mathena, asst. director; Wanda Myers, director; Martha Hall, secretary/treasurer; and Sammie Andrews, board member

Serving Him Together,
Wanda Myers



World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



PRAYER FESTIVAL

MAY 1, 2010

Turning Points was the theme of the Spring Prayer Festival. Beckie Thompson, Debbie Hutton and Donna Hankla taught about turning points for spiritual, physical, financial and national concerns. Each speaker discussed the role of prayer to bring about desired changes.

Christine Trigg ministered in music. Her songs set a pleasant atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to move in our midst. Juanita Kingrea opened the meeting with an inspiring prayer. Communion was served by Bishop Kingrea. Over 52 people attended the 2010 iWin Prayer Festival at Valley Harvest Ministries, Dublin, Virginia.

This annual spring event encourages pastors and intercessors to continue to pray and believe God for a *turning point*.

selective areas where saints have been in prayer and deep intercession for revival.” This statement should compel us to join corporate prayer movements for our nation.

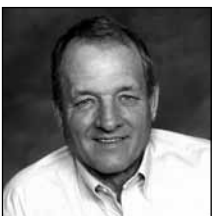
The city of Zoar is a perfect example. The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were to be destroyed. Angels hastened to assist Lot and his family in their departure from Sodom. They urged Lot to flee to the mountains. However, Lot said he could not make it to the mountains, so the angel took him and his family to the city of Zoar. This city was spared judgment because of the presence of Lot (Genesis 19).

The very presence of Jesus changed the country of the Gadarenes. A man named Legion had many demons in him, and he terrorized the entire area. One day, Jesus stepped on that shore and encountered this man. Jesus commanded the evil spirits to leave him. Legion put on clothes and received his right mind. He told the whole region about Jesus.

Who will invite Jesus to your region? Will there be people praying for His presence to cover the area? “Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me” (Revelation 3:20). Will you open the door of your region to Jesus?

WILL BLESSINGS COME TO YOUR REGION?

In his book *Nightmare Along Pennsylvania Avenue*, Perry Stone makes a strong statement: “Several years ago, the Holy Spirit impressed upon me that we would soon enter a time of selective blessing and selective judgment. The coming moves of the Holy Spirit would not sweep the entire nation as a blanket, but they would fall on



Men's Ministries

RICK BLACK



A Tribute to My Dad

BILL BLACK

Although my dad did not accept Christ as his personal Savior until I was about 16 years old, he led a life of honesty and integrity. After becoming a Christian, he held everything to a higher standard, especially me. The rod of correction he applied to my backside served as a deterrent to a rambunctious young boy.

He taught the junior boys' Sunday school class at the Montcalm Pentecostal Holiness Church for years. He took us on camping trips where he taught us outdoor skills that I use now in Royal Rangers, such as the star constellations and how to follow them home.

He had a heart for missions and always supported them any way he could. He was part of the team who moved to the Cincinnati, Ohio, area to plant a church in 1964. Dad accompanied the Royal Rangers mission team on their first trip to Alaska. It was the longest

flight he had been on at that time. He and Mom went with the Appalachian Conference team when they traveled to Costa Rica in 2003. He has a sense of adventure.



He loves to fish. He can spend hours alone out on a boat. He says he communes with the Lord there and prays for his entire family. Reminds me of the Bill Gaither song, “God Talks to Boys While They’re Fishin’.”

Dad will be 84 years old this month. He suffers from dementia and congestive heart failure. He remembers events from his past with clarity. One of the stories I love to hear is how he accepted the Lord. It was a process for him. He thought he had to clean up his act before he could ask Christ into his heart. First, he quit cursing and then smoking. He

watched one of my cousins who was a good Christian man. He wanted to be like him.

You can ask anyone who knows him, and they will say that Bill Black is a man of integrity. I am proud to call him Daddy.

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