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Bishop's Page

PRESTON MATHENA

A LIFE WELL SPENT

Joy Bausum — 1984 - 2010

Written by Daniel Bausum (Joy's dad) and Charity Martin (Joy's sister)



"I want to be a world changer, Mom." Joy Bausum was 14 years old when she said those words. She didn't really seem like the type who would change the world in her lifetime. She was a thin little girl, shy and unassuming, quiet and kind. She liked to be at home; she liked order in her life, and she dreaded change. How could such a sweet, innocent little girl become the "world changer" she wanted to be? While some may have questioned the possibility then, no one who sat at her memorial service 12 years later would doubt that she had accomplished her heart's desire.

On August 5, 2010, at the age of 26, Joy left the United States for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She was going to work in a refugee home for several months and then travel to Bangladesh to serve in a school for two years. She had been in Malaysia for a little over a week when she collapsed and was taken to the hospital. She had a blood clot in her brain. Two days later, on August 18, she went to be with the Lord.

In her life, Joy visited 20 countries and did missions work on five continents. She served in orphanages every chance she got, touching countless children overseas and in her home state of South Carolina. She sent cards and letters too numerous to count, encouraging and edifying those she knew. She never missed an opportunity to serve, even among her peers. She never backed down from a chance to share the message of Jesus with a stranger. She started out as the most introverted member of her family, but she became the most fearless of all.

Joy sought the Lord wholeheartedly from the time she was a girl. At the age of 14 she began reading her Bible and spending time in prayer daily. The Lord's presence in her life was evident, her love for Him growing. At 15 she went to Poland and the Czech Republic with Global Expeditions. She had found her calling. She worked during the year and saved every cent so she could continue to take God's love to other nations. She loved having a new stamp to show in her passport and often said her goal was to fill it completely. One prayer, one scripture, one trip at a time, an evangelist emerged. She asked the Lord daily to use her for His glory, to prepare her to do His work. He answered her prayers by giving her boldness, confidence, and the opportunity to put them into practice.

When Joy was 19, she was snowed in at the Chicago airport. Knowing she would be spending the night on the cold, hard, uninviting floor should have made her a little grumpy. But instead of wasting her time wishing she were somewhere else, Joy initiated conversations with pilots, witnessing to every one of them who would listen. A few weeks before her death, she led a man to Jesus in Wal-Mart. On her last trip to buy supplies before leaving for Malaysia, she asked her cashier if she knew Jesus as her Savior. "Don't blink," she said, "because the days go by so fast. So much love God has given us! Get out there and share it."

Joy pursued people. She kept in touch with people from every mission trip she ever took. She refused to lose touch with someone even if that person wasn't as excited about maintaining the relationship. She often said, "I'm not giving up on them. God's not giving up, and so neither am I." She never forgot birthdays, sending homemade cards to people for many years after she had last seen them. She attended every wedding she could squeeze in amidst her travels, using the chance to reconnect and swap stories with old friends, as well as make new ones.

No matter where she was, Joy was serving. She ministered in a nursing home when she was a teenager, giving manicures and pedicures and listening to long stories of days gone by, praying for those who were sick and smiling "joyfully" at everyone. Whoever's home she was in, she was always looking for a chance to lend a hand. If there were dishes to be washed or laundry to be folded, she was there. Helping with children gave her more pleasure than anything else. She was quick to play a game, go for a walk, or read a book with any child who needed attention. She was the one most likely to wrestle with a rowdy boy or play babies with a little girl. She gave of herself unreservedly, showering the love of Christ on as many forgotten children as she could.



"Unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone, but its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives." (John 12:24 NLT) Joy's life touched everyone she knew, but since her death, the story of her life has touched countless people she never met. The way she pressed into the Lord and allowed Him to change her, the zeal with which she pursued relationships, and the joyful way she modeled Christ's love by serving others have been a common theme when spreading her story. She discovered her true calling; she never wavered from it, and she has become "an example to all believers" (1 Timothy 4:12). She will be greatly missed here, but her work for the glory of her Savior will continue as the seeds she planted begin to sprout and grow.

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October 1
Rev. Mrs. Marysue Freeman
PO Box 1886
Morehead City, NC 29557

October 3
Rev. Clarence Aker
324 Apache Run
Max Meadows, VA 24360

October 3
Rev. Mrs. Vera Ashford
532 Austinville Road
Wytheville, VA 24382



October 9
Rev. Ms. Jeanette Bishop
4092 Indian Valley Road
Radford, VA 24141

October 25
Rev. Otuce P. Huffman, Sr.
PO Box 177
Ballard, WV 24918

Montcalm Church Celebrates 100 years

By Larry Roberts, Interim Pastor



On October 10, 2010, the Montcalm Pentecostal Holiness Church will celebrate 100 years of service in the Lord's vineyard. Brother C. R. Conner, conference historian, will be the guest speaker in the morning worship service. Lunch will be served in the church fellowship hall, and afterwards there will be an afternoon of special singing and worshipping the Lord in the sanctuary. We

invite anyone and everyone who has ever been affiliated with the Montcalm Church to come and celebrate with us. We have overcome some hurdles to get where we are today.

Timeline:

- 1910: the church started in the "Tabernacle on the Hill," which was constructed by church members.
- 1938: the church relocated to a new brick building just down the hill on the main road.
- 1955: the brick church burned when the adjacent doctor's office caught fire. It was a total loss.
- 1959: church members once again occupied a new facility.
- 1998: lightning struck this structure and it, too, was destroyed by fire.
- 2000: the present sanctuary was completed and dedicated.

These difficulties have only served to strengthen our faith in the God we serve. Our mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet, to see many souls come to know Him as their personal Savior, to see the sick be healed and the captive set free. Through the power invested in us by the Holy Ghost, we aim to fulfill this mission.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 5 | Women's Ministries Fall Retreat, Pigeon Forge, TN |
| 5 | First Friday Fast |
| 6 | Royal Rangers Commanders' Banquet |
| 7 | Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| 8 – 18 | Fall District Meetings |
| 11 | Veteran's Day |
| 23 | Harvest Train, Falcon, NC |
| 25 | THANKSGIVING DAY |
| 25 – 26 | Conference Ministry Center CLOSED |



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WORLD MISSIONS
MINISTRIES

WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE FAMILY!

As a conference of churches, we are made up of many diverse and different congregations. Our recent additions to the conference family of churches serve to underscore our growing diversity. The exciting fact is that we are all serving God where He has planted us! Hopefully, this article will help you get to know our newest family members. I would like to introduce to you the three churches that have just joined with us.

Dominion Now Word Ministries, an affiliate church located in the Rivermont section of Lynchburg, Virginia, is pastored by Daryl and Shirley Conner. This couple has an exciting ministry vision for their region. They are believing God for an entire city block dedicated for the purpose of serving God! Already, they are working out of two buildings in this block. One is the functional church building where they have been meeting since March 2009. Two doors down they have opened Papa Joe's Fishes and Loaves, a restaurant offering delicious hamburgers, fish, etc. The restaurant, combined with a hot dog cart, gives Pastor Daryl a great platform from which to meet and evangelize the community.

Pastor Daryl desires to start a vocational opportunity center. This center would assist people in gaining their GED and finding employment. Above that space would be apartments for emergency lodging situations. A future laundromat would fill a need in the community and offer employment. What is outstanding is the focus



Rev. Daryl & Shirley Conner

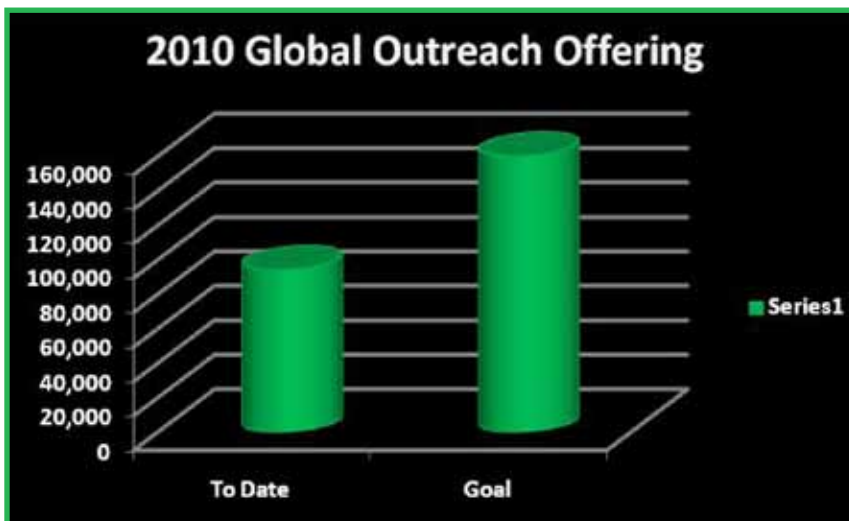
on the community and its residents. Pastor Shirley has a heart for this neighborhood because she is originally from the Rivermont area.

Pastor Edgar Sorto is pastor of Misión Cristiana Ciudad Deseed, a thriving Hispanic congregation in Berryville, Virginia, which is located in the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley. The church started in 1992 and has grown to its current attendance of 400. They have recently affiliated with our conference, and Rev. Miguel Escobar, our conference director of Hispanic ministries, played a key role in this agreement. Brother Escobar is available for services and consultation for our pastors who are interested in beginning Hispanic ministries in their region.

Finally, Grace Fellowship is our southern outpost in Lucedale, Mississippi, located only 25 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. This church is pastored by Robert Pruitt. It is a full member church that chartered this past July with 26 members and has already doubled in attendance by conducting different outreach projects in the city. Thirty-one outreaches so far this year! The church partners with community organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Red Cross and others. This has caught the attention of local leaders, who asked the

pastor to lead a prayer service for the schools in a town park on September 11.

Welcome to the Appalachian Conference, Dominion Now Word, Misión Cristiana Ciudad Deseada and Grace Fellowship! You bring a contagious spirit of outreach to our existing church family. Let us all continue to look at our communities through the eyes of Christ and discover new ways in which we can serve them and lead them to Christ.



Plan Ahead for Missions!

A team from the Appalachian Conference will travel to

Mozambique
June 27-July 8, 2011.

This will be a construction team to help missionaries Joe & Maggie Delpert in the continued construction of a clinic in the capital city of Maputo.

More information will be released soon.



Discipleship Ministries

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Dream BIG

Children's Pastors/Workers Conference

Work with children in your local church? Running out of fresh ideas? Feel as if you're alone in your endeavors and nobody's listening to your cries for volunteers? On the verge of giving up and wondering why you got into children's ministry in the first place? Then this Children's Ministry Conference could be just what the doctor ordered for you.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 11-13, The Filling Station (the Children's Ministry Department of Tree of Life Ministries in Lynchburg, VA) will host a conference designed to challenge you and give you fresh insight into working with and reaching children for Jesus. Children's Pastor Don Webb (the 2008 recipient of the Appalachian Conference Children's Pastor of the Year award) and his team are opening their doors and hearts to share with you the vision God has given them... and the tools required to "make it happen" for you!

Dream BIG will feature dynamic break-out sessions by The Filling Station team such as these: "Visioning & Building a Ministry to Children," "From a Circus to a Service," "Bright Ideas and Basic Set Design," "Altering Relationships: Targeting a Child's Heart," "Discipline Is Not a Four-Letter Word!" and many other topics from which to choose.

Two powerful *Ignite!* rallies (not factored in the price of the conference) will be held Thursday and Friday night. These will be open to the public and feature The Filling Station kids and team. Keynote speakers will be Appalachian Conference Assistant Superintendent and TOLM Senior Pastor Mike Dodson and the Assistant General Overseer of the Church of God, Dr. Tim Hill.

For a full schedule of the conference, including times, please go to www.tolm.net. To register (\$55.00 per person), please call the church office at 434-237-1572, or for further information you may e-mail don@tolm.net.

For Registration and Further Information, Please Call Don Webb, Children's Pastor, Tree of Life Ministries At 434-237-1572 or Email At don@tolm.net

The Filling Station
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Keynote Speaker for Thursday Evening 7 o'clock

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
NOVEMBER 11th, 12th & 13th

DR. TIM HILL
Assistant General Overseer, Church of God, Singer/Songwriter
Keynote Speaker for Friday Evening 7 o'clock

Tree of Life Ministries 2812 Greenview Drive, Lynchburg, VA,



Rev. Larry Meadors Appointed as Missions and Evangelism Director

After 23 official years with the Discipleship Ministries Department, Rev. Larry Meadors has transitioned to a new place of ministry in the Appalachian Conference. Larry has been a part of Discipleship Ministries (formerly CEM) since his early teens, participating in Bible Quiz, Teen Talent and Youth Camp. After graduation from ORU, he became youth pastor at New Life Temple in Roanoke, VA, and continued his involvement by teaching Sunday school and children's church, as a Royal Rangers commander, and as activities director for Camp Maranatha.

Larry was appointed to the conference CE board in 1987 as a board member and later served as assistant director until being appointed director in 2002. Over the years, Larry has worked hard not only to maintain and improve the physical grounds of Camp Maranatha but also to continually raise the level of excellence and expectation in the programs and spiritual atmosphere of Discipleship Ministries, honoring its past and his predecessors while always endeavoring to stay in tune with where God was leading.

Discipleship Ministries became a family affair over the years, as you would always find his wife, Gloria, and their three children, Jacob [and his wife, Jessica], Maria and Timothy working by his side.

We honor Larry and his family, and we thank him for his valuable contribution to Discipleship Ministries. We wish him God's best and favor as he and his family begin this new season of ministry.





Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



Entering Into His Presence

By Joyce Thomasson

When God gives you a vision, plants a passion in your heart, swings the door of opportunity open and lays out the plan of how the vision will be carried out, you don't have to worry or second-guess. In

the fall of 2008, a vision for the Tree of Life Women's Ministries was planted in the heart of Joyce Thomasson, the TOL women's pastor. Today, two years later, this ministry has grown from a handful to over 100 women volunteering their time and talents to serve the Lord at Tree of Life through the Women's Ministries.

God spoke that there would be 12 teams that would be built to minister to the 1,000-plus ladies in the church. The leaders of these teams went through a leadership-training seminar on learning to "Lead Like Jesus." The goals for the Women's Ministries are:

- To preach and teach the Word.
- To reach the lost and lead them into a personal relationship with God.
- To see women delivered and healed from past hurts, disappointments, abuse, sickness and sins.
- To encourage women to seek out God's plan and purpose for their lives.
- To lead women into a deeper, more intimate relationship with the Lord.
- To provide leadership training for women and to help place them in areas of ministry according to their calling and passion.
- To encourage women to seek out and acknowledge their gifts from God and to use them in His service to bless others.
- To create an opportunity for women to come together and grow through times of fellowship and fun.

We can carry out these purposes through our teams: Evangelism, Training for Leadership, Tending the Temple (Health), Night Light Team, Missions and Outreach, Women's Intercessory Prayer, Hospitality and Meal Ministry, Healing the Heart, Friday Morning and Tuesday Evening Bible Studies, Authors and Writers (Web page devotions) and our newest ministry, Love at All Cost (for the family).

On the second Saturday of each month, we have W.O.W. The letters stand for something different each month; for example: "Women of the World," when the ladies came representing their native countries in dress, bringing food to sample as well as giving their testimonies.

This spring God started opening up churches in the Appalachian Conference area for our Evangelism team to hold Women's Conferences. Our goal is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through praise and worship, personal testimonies, drama and the spoken Word.

The women here love to serve, but they also love to worship. When you put your intimate time with the Lord first, praising Him, worshiping Him, talking to Him and listening, then you're ready to serve Him by serving others. There needs to be balance.



Women's Ministries at Tree of Life isn't about us and what we're doing; it's about Jesus and what He's doing through us. We're just women who love God, and we're called to minister to other women through all the seasons of their lives. God always gets all the praise, honor and glory.

Please check out our website at www.tolm.net/ministries/womensministries.



Meet Elaine Wood

New Girls' Ministries Director

Elaine has a long history with Girls' Ministries in the Appalachian Conference. Born and raised in this area, she has experienced firsthand the importance of a ministry dedicated to girls. By being ministered to through Girls' Auxiliary and GEMS (Girls Entering the Master's Service), Elaine can trace her roots to these early years and the truths she learned. Through the Missionettes program, Elaine came to see the life-changing effects of ministering to girls as she became a teacher, mentor and friend. When she followed God's calling into children's ministry, Elaine continued being a teacher in Missionettes because she saw the importance of being able to focus the Word of God into girls' lives and the issues they battle. As national children's pastor, Elaine supported Girls' Ministries by speaking at national conferences and providing support to anyone who needed it. Elaine is excited to see what God has in store for the leaders and girls in the Appalachian Conference in the days ahead. Her heart is to see young girls grasp the revelation that there is a Father who loves them and sees them as His daughters. For more information on starting Girls' Ministries in your church, e-mail Elaine at girlz4jc@gmail.com or call 540-674-4131 x 201 (Dinah Gregory).



World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



CURE FOR FEAR!

Fear is like a huge wave that sweeps over us! But God's peace is more powerful than a wave of fear. Waves of fear begin to fade when God's peace takes over. This powerful cure brings healing to our minds as we speak God's promises. Here are some Peace Promises that you can decree for your own mind.

- ♥ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27)
- ♥ For God has not given me the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- ♥ Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you: because he trusts in you. (Isaiah 26:3)

When the Lord called Jeremiah into the ministry, twice He told Jeremiah: *Do not be afraid of their faces!* (Jeremiah 1:4-17) "Be not afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you." Then again, God tells Jeremiah, "Gird up your lions, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command you; be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound you before them."

Fear can bring harm to all realms of the human body: spirit, soul and body. Research shows that fear can cause effects such as arrhythmias of the heart, asthma, allergies, high blood pressure, irritable bowel syndrome, headaches, insomnia, diabetes and even eczema.

On the other hand, God's peace can bring health to all realms of the human body. Scripture tells us, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Be like Jehoshaphat! When surrounded by an army of problems, take your eyes off the fear. Pray like Jehoshaphat! "O our God, will you not exercise judgment upon them? For we have no might to stand against this great company. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you!" (2 Chronicles 20)

JUST ONE MORE PRAYER!

Prayer brings God's kingdom to earth. Consider the Lord's Prayer! "Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven." Keep praying; don't give up. Your prayers are being received in heaven. Angels stand in heaven and mix our prayers with incense.

"And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne." (Revelation 8:5)

Consider Saul, who became Apostle Paul. He was very far away from God. Yet, disciples were praying for him. Then one day, God shone His Great Light in Saul's path and into his heart.

Keep praying; God can shine the same Light for your lost loved one!



Men's Ministries

RICK BLACK



Sheepdogs

In London, England, a man came home one evening to find a strange but friendly, tail-wagging sheepdog on the front mat. After petting the dog, he opened the door. Before his astonished gaze was a room ransacked by robbers. They had brought the sheepdog along to keep the owner's two watchdogs quiet while they burglarized his home.

And that reminds me of Joe Christian, who had a watchdog named Conscience. Conscience had always been faithful, and the robber had never been able to break into Joe Christian's home.

But one day the robber came, and he had an old sheepdog along named "I don't see any harm in it." That old dog had a long name; he had a long tale too, and Conscience got so friendly with him that the robber broke into Joe's home unnoticed. When it was all over, Conscience felt sorry and felt he had learned his lesson.



Then sometime later, the robber sent another old sheepdog ahead. His name was "Everybody's doing it." And before long Conscience was so interested that he never realized that the robber got in. But when he found out, he vowed never to make the same mistake again.

Finally, the robber determined to break into Joe Christian's home again. He sent "What I do is my business," and Conscience was friendly with that old sheepdog immediately. When the robber broke in, he stole everything Joe had. But this time it was different: Conscience was playing with a wolf that looked like a sheepdog. When the robber was done, he sicced the wolf on Conscience, and Conscience was killed.

Joe Christian could be you or me; the robber is the devil; and the old sheepdogs are the suggestions of the flesh and the devil. If we depend too much upon Conscience, we may lose our soul, our all. Our house must be garrisoned with the Word of God and locked with prayer every day. Then no robber can break in "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy," and we will have life and "have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

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Geneva Fogus 1933-2010

Geneva Barnwell Fogus, 77, beloved wife of Rev. Conald Fogus, went to her heavenly home Friday, July 23, 2010, in Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born April 6, 1933, in White Sulfur Springs, West Virginia, she was a daughter of Hugh Dillard Barnwell Jr. and Carmen Elizabeth Hylton Barnwell.

Sister Geneva was a retired teller at Central Fidelity Bank and worked part-time at the Natural Bridge Wax Museum. She was a former treasurer of the Women's Ministries of the Appalachian Conference and served in the Women's Ministries of several churches.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Conald W. Fogus; a son, Vaughn A. Fogus of Lynchburg; a daughter, Joanna F. Irby of Natural Bridge Station; three brothers, Thomas Lee Barnwell, Hugh Dillard Barnwell and Miles Amory Barnwell.

Her funeral was conducted Sunday, July 25, at the Buena Vista Pentecostal Holiness Church by Rev. W. David Bain and Rev. W. A. Mills. She was laid to rest in the Appalachian Conference Pentecostal Holiness Church cemetery in Dublin, Virginia.



New members recently added to the fellowship in the Speedwell Church. The three men were baptized. Pictured left to right are the pastor's wife, Susan Byrd; Ruth Hall; Effie Osborne; Bennie Osborne; J. D. Philippi; Kenneth Snow; and Pastor Don Byrd. We are experiencing a wonderful move of God and are excited to be in the middle of what He is doing!

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