



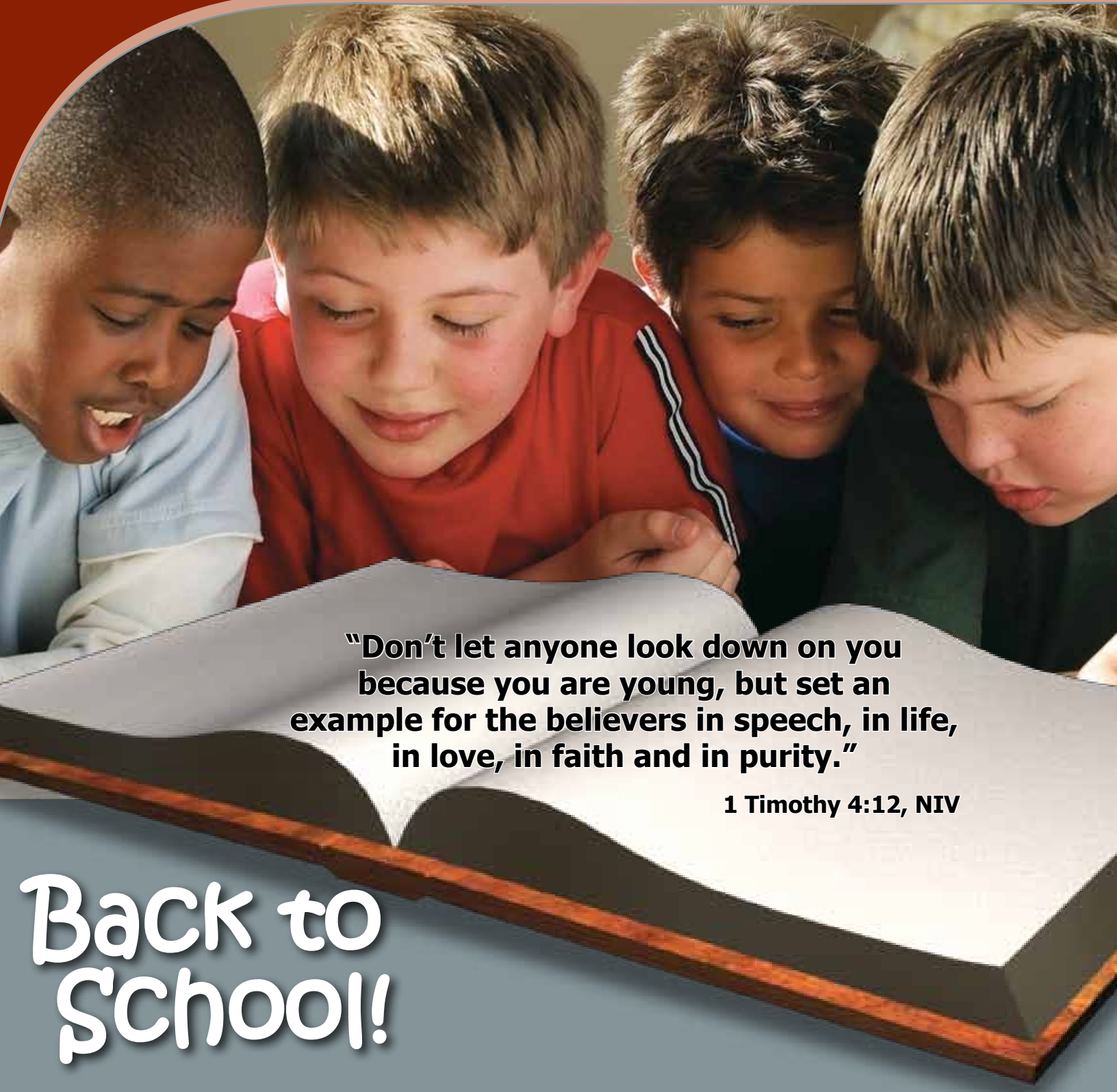
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**“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”**

**1 Timothy 4:12, NIV**

# Back to School!



# Bishop's Page

PRESTON MATHENA

## CHRISTIAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL *Salem, Virginia* *Pastors – David & Jill Tuell*



Ten years ago, an ongoing miracle of the Lord began. In 2000, Christian Life International outbid a city for one of its last large parcels of property within the city limits. Thirty-eight

acres were purchased directly across from the VA Hospital in Salem. Two years later, seven more adjoining acres were purchased, making a total of 45 acres.

This spring, right after Easter, Christian Life realized its vision and entered a brand new state-of-the-art facility to worship. The 50,000-square-foot complex includes a multimedia 850-theater-seat sanctuary, a prayer chapel, 11 large rooms for children's ministry and day care, a youth suite, fully functional commercial kitchen, and administrative wing.

The first service was held April 25. The service honored the past with a video history of the church and the senior choir singing the great old hymns. The children's choir then sang, and the youth church ended the praise medley with a modern choreographed musical presentation. Pastor David Tuell then preached on the subject of "Where Do We Go From Here?" The church was honored by the presence of two past Conference Bishops, Ed Wood, Sr. and Kenneth Kingrea.

The Lord spoke to Pastor David during the building campaign and simply said, "I want Christian Life to be a bridge which brings all peoples to Me." The staff and elders quickly bore witness to the word, and a simple new vision statement was drafted, "Bridging Heaven and Earth."

Since this new vision statement has been adopted, Christian Life International has experienced tremendous growth from a broader spectrum of people groups. African American, American Indian, Hispanic, Filipino, Portuguese, Jamaican and other multiethnic people are finding their way to Christian Life International. Socioeconomic divisions are being broken down, and people from various other denominational backgrounds are finding a home.

Pastors David and Jill believe this is a seed picture of what the greater Kingdom of God is to look like. The presence of the Lord is increasing, people are being saved in virtually every service, and tremendous miracles are taking place. A lady who had lost her ability to speak due to an illness was completely healed and now heads up our information desk before and after services. The church's Vacation Bible School held in July averaged 225 children per night and had 30 children give their hearts to the Lord.

Christian Life now has an active membership of 1,000 people. The pastors, staff, elders and church body are deeply humbled by the Lord's blessings and realize the greater responsibility before them. They are fully aware of the biblical truth that says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, he who labors, labors in vain..."

The church now enters her 96th year of existence, but we realize a fresh journey has just begun. We give glory solely to God and His grace and mercy to us.

... And the ongoing miracle continues.



# Thank You, Dr. C. R. Conner

## Appalachian Conference Centennial Celebration



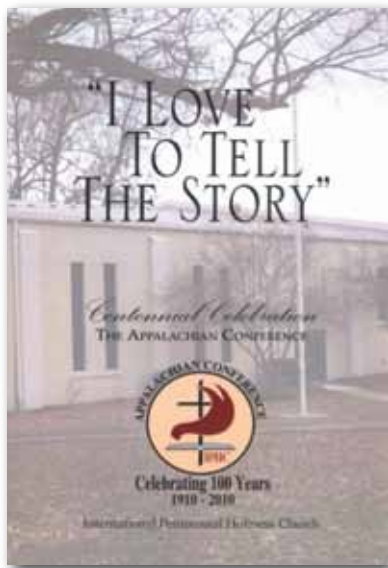
We want to say a special thank you to Dr. C. R. Conner for the hard work, long hours and dedication he put into making the 100-year celebration of the Appalachian Conference, June 15-19, 2010, an astounding success. Months of Internet research, telephone calls, e-mails, personal contacts and letters went into the creation of *I Love to Tell the Story*, the centennial book that details the history of our conference.

As you read the stories, you know he was enjoying the task at hand. One feels as though one has stepped back in time and is attending some of the conference events.

The videos shown during camp meeting brought to life how the pioneering ministers and missionaries endeavored to plant churches and to spread the gospel around the world. These will preserve our history for our children and grandchildren to look back in time and remember how they are blessed by the efforts of others.

Thank you, Dr. Conner, for keeping our history alive on the written page and in electronic media.

Preston Mathena, Conference Superintendent



Centennial books are for sale through the Appalachian Conference Office, with all proceeds going into the B. E. Underwood Scholarship Fund.

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- 1 First Friday Fast
- 3 Pastor Appreciation Day
- 3-9 National Royal Rangers Week
- 10 National Royal Rangers Day
- 11 Columbus Day
- 15 National Boss's Day
- 14-17 Royal Rangers  
National Training Trails
- 19-21 Golden Eagles Fall Fellowship Trip



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# World Missions & Evangelism

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## NO LIMITS AND NO BOUNDARIES

You may be asking, “How did you get on this side of the page in the *Messenger*?” Well, it has been a journey of a lifetime! What a great honor and privilege it has been to serve Christ and our conference as the Discipleship Ministries director (the other side of the page!) for the past eight years. I thank God for the favor and grace that He has shown to the DM Department, and I thank the team of leaders who have worked well together in the advancement of Discipleship Ministries. My full support goes to the new director, Rev. Ron Fredericks. He will do an outstanding job. He has the experience and passion for this area of ministry.

This new season of ministry is going to be challenging and fulfilling. Bishop Preston Mathena has done a superior job as World Missions and Evangelism director. You responded to his leadership over these past years, and the GO offering increased, mission teams went around the world, and churches have been planted. God receives all the glory!

Back to the journey to this side of the page: when I was 12 years old, I made my first faith commitment to missions. I remember that \$1 a month was a big deal to my piggy bank! However, I gave because I heard missionaries who came to my church share exciting stories of people around the world responding to Christ. Missionaries and church planters are real heroes because of their sacrifice and commitment to reach those who desperately need Jesus Christ.

The Great Commission call that started in me when I was a child has been reflected in ministry assignments where I have served over the years. It is very exciting for Gloria and me to answer this call to be part of the IPHC Missions and Evangelism team. My desire is to serve Christ and this conference with excellence and to continue to build on the solid foundation that Bishop Mathena has laid for this ministry.

*What is ahead for the Appalachian Conference?* I believe God is saying, “No limits and no boundaries,” as we trust Him to reach our region and beyond with the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Now is the time to launch out into the deep and expect an incredible harvest!

What is the vision?

- Utilize technology to promote World Missions and Evangelism needs and information.
- Focus on igniting our people as “world class” Christians by getting them involved in cross-cultural ministry, both here and around the world. This is a missional mind-set.
- Expand the missional church model, incorporated into church planting.

- Provide training and assistance for church revitalization.
- Continue to develop the “Timothy Ministry” that will track our conference students toward serving as our church planters, missionaries, pastors, etc.
- Aggressively pursue ethnic diversity for our conference. Continue to move forward in the Hispanic and African-American communities.
- Target Metro Conference areas for church plants.
- Build a team of pastors, mission directors, district directors and whosoever will to accomplish the vision!

Recently, Gloria and I attended the annual School of Missions. We were humbled to meet missionaries from around the world who are serving so admirably. We have such worthy role models to follow. I was really inspired by hearing the story of Vijay Balla. His family came to Christ in India through the efforts of missionary Frances Carter many years ago. He was helped as a child by People to People Ministries. Support given by people like you enabled him to receive a good education. Vijay went on to earn a Ph.D. and secured a very good job. Hearing the call of God, he left all that to go to Bangladesh and serve as a missionary. In this impoverished nation he has, incredibly, already planted 30 churches and started a school for children. He has been approved for career missionary status and is currently itinerating to raise his support.

*What part do you want to play in reaching our world and being a Great Commission Christian?* I invite you to become part of this team to impact our world for Christ. I believe that God is speaking no limits, no boundaries over the Appalachian Conference. It is time for a new season of expectancy!

## RETURNING TO COSTA RICA

Richard and LaTrissia Black are returning to the mission field of Coast Rica. They are excited about this new chapter in their lives.



They will be working with teams coming to Latin America and with People to People Ministries in Costa Rica, Panama and Nicaragua. Rick will also be launching “Men of Action” teams in the Costa Rican churches. LaTrissia will be the financial secretary for funds flowing into Costa Rica from the states, as well as serving as hospitality hostess to all visitors.

They are itinerating and are scheduling services and would love to share their stories with you. Call 540-250-7833 to schedule a service or e-mail them at ricktrish65@hotmail.com.



# Discipleship Ministries

RON FREDERICKS

[www.ac-dm.org](http://www.ac-dm.org)



## Extreme Teen Week



## Kids Quest

### NUMBERS TELL A STORY

We thank God for what He continues to do through the ministry of Camp Maranatha. We honor each of the staff who come year after year, as well as our first timers who give of their time, talent and energy. We couldn't do what we do without churches, pastors, youth pastors, youth workers, parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends who invest, pray and work to make sure kids get to camp each summer!

We are excited to see and be part of what God is doing in the lives of young people who gather each summer on the Conference grounds at Camp Maranatha, renewing old friendships and making new ones, laughing, playing, growing, learning and, most importantly, experiencing God in a real and dynamic way!

This summer **167** young men and young women received Jesus Christ as their Savior during the four weeks of Camp Maranatha "Live Free" camps. Finding greater freedom, there were **250** rededications, **102** sanctified and **68** filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We praise God for **127** who said that God ministered to them in some special way during their time at camp, and of the **625** total campers, **45** acknowledged that they felt God was calling them to full-time ministry. ***Praise God!***

Numbers are never the final word to the story, but they do help us see and understand the possibilities and potential that lie ahead. They help us prepare and plan for future events and give us reason to rejoice and celebrate today.

Again, we thank God for the power, provision and presence of the Holy Spirit that drew young men and women at an appointed time into relationship with Him to ***Live Free!***



## Destiny Junior Teen Camp



## Adventurer Pre-Teen Camp

### APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE WELL REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL FINE ARTS and BIBLE QUEST

Congratulation to representatives of the Appalachian Conference at 2010 National Talent Finals: Emily Arnold, Sharon Hay, Andrew Kingrea, Thomas Barnette, Chris Elkins, PG-13 Youth [Victory Restoration Center], Nicholas Thomas, Cody Kenny, Cassidy Linkous, Micaela Frye, Jam'n 4 Jesus [French's Chapel], Zachary Kingrea, Briar Lam, Dylan Swecker, RUA [Galax PHC], Harbor of Hope Drama Team, Crosswalk Drama Team, Kasie Conner, Jason Conner, Taylor Edwards, Jessica Thomas, Cole Lam, Josh Blevins, Sierra Queen, Joanie Conner, Nicholas Gilmore and Cody Fulton. You have represented God, your family, your church and your conference well. **Bible Quest:** Go Ye Teens [Harbor of Hope]. [For final results go to [iphc.org](http://iphc.org)]



# Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



## Appalachian Conference

### IPHC Women's Ministries

# Fall Retreat

With

## Amy Lambert



*A special evening planned just for you...*

Amy Lambert is a national and international evangelist who travels the world sharing her story of how God saved, healed and delivered her from a life of drug addictions. It was just a few short years ago that Amy lay in a local hospital bed, and doctors told her mother there wasn't anything else they could do. The drugs had taken over her life and destroyed her body. God had a different plan for Amy. Her story has been featured in *Today's Christian* magazine and Joyce Meyer's *Enjoying Everyday Life* broadcast. Twice she has led a Gospel crusade in Kenya with over 2,000 recorded decisions for Jesus Christ!

# November 5, 2010 ♦ 7:00 p.m.

## Music Road Hotel, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

Registration – \$20 per person • Room Reservations – 800-429-7700

Mail registrations to:  
Mrs. Martha J. Hall  
WM Conference Secretary/Treasurer  
1240 Meadowlark Drive  
Wytheville, VA 24382.

## *That you may know and experience the power of God!*



# World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



## PSALM 91 POWER PROMISES

When we get tired and weary in our physical bodies, we eat a power snack or take a drink from a vitamin drink! What can we do when we get weary in our spirits? We can do as Psalm 34:8 suggests: "O, taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trusts in Him."

Praying Psalm 91 invites 21 promises of God coming to your aid!

- We will be delivered from the snare of the fowler. Daniel was delivered from the lions' den.
- We will be delivered from the noisome pestilence.
- God will cover us. We can hide under His wings. Baby Moses was hidden in a basket.
- His truth shall be your shield and buckler. God will shield us from the fiery darts of the wicked.
- We will not be afraid of terror at night.
- We will not be afraid of the enemy's arrow that flies by day.
- We will be protected from the pestilence that walks in darkness. This is twice we are provided protection from pestilence.
- We are protected from sudden death and destruction that occurs at noonday.
- A thousand will fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. (Examples could include hurricanes and bombs.)
- No evil will befall you.
- Neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

- God will give His angels special charge over you to keep you in all of your ways.
- You will trample on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the dragon.
- Because you set your love upon Me, I will deliver you.
- I will set you on high because you have known My name.
- You will call upon Me, and I will answer you.
- God will be with you in trouble.
- God will deliver you.
- God will honor you.
- God will give you long life. God will show you His salvation.

**Powerful promises! Pray them!**

## IMPORTANT DATES JUST AHEAD!

Intercessors, remember these important Jewish days coming soon. Pray! Repent! Seek the Lord!

- Rosh Hashanah: The Jewish New Year observed September 9-10, is also known as the Day of Judgment.
- Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement, Saturday, September 18.
- Sukkot: The Festival of Booths, Thursday, September 23.
- The Festival Rejoicing the Torah: Thursday, September 30.
- Chanukah: The Festival of Lights. First candle lighting Wednesday evening, December 1. Candle lighting is each evening following until the evening of Wednesday, December 8. The last full day of Chanukah is on Thursday, December 9.

**Honor God on these holy days!**



# Men's Ministries

RICK BLACK



## The Star That Would Not Shine

There is an ancient story about a star that wouldn't shine. The star's name was Ormand. According to the legend, Ormand was an ordinary star in the sky and had been in his proper place for many years; but one day Ormand decided to stop shining.

After some investigation, it was discovered that this particular star had begun to realize that he wasn't the brightest star in the sky; there were several other stars that twinkled a bit brighter and could be seen a bit further. So Ormand turned off his light – he would show them. Soon he would be begged to shine again. He would be missed so badly that he would be given the most important place in the sky.



At first Ormand sulked and waited with his turned-off light, but nobody came to him. Nobody even seemed to miss him! In fact, one day he found that he had been moved to the farthest corner of the sky, where lesser things of the sky were kept.

At first Ormand was very angry, but gradually he began to realize something he had never noticed before. He discovered that each star had

its own place to shine, and that although some were brighter, it did not make any difference because each one had its own job to do.

For the first time, too, this brooding star realized there were other stars that had less light than he did. Maybe he had been too busy thinking about what he didn't have instead of realizing what he did have.

The more Ormand thought about it and how important it was to do his best, the more the light inside him began to glow. Suddenly, Ormand began to shine again! Soon he was back in his regular place, but this time he shone even more brightly than before, because he was happy to be able to do his best, regardless of what others around him were doing.

This is just a story, but sometimes there are real Ormands. There are people who won't do their best because they feel that somebody else is a bigger "star." Or maybe they don't feel good enough to do the job.

Don't let your light go out! Remember that your job, your testimony and your life are important. Keep doing your best, and don't worry about comparing your job with those of others. You'll not only find yourself having a good time, but you will see your light will glow brightly as well.

"Let your light so let your light shine before men..." Matthew 5:16.

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## Rev. Dennie "Ray" Humphries



The Rev. Ray Humphries, 79, of Danville, Va., obtained his heavenly home on Monday, August 2, 2010. Dennie Ray Humphries was born in Buena Vista, Va., on January 26, 1931, the son of the late Dennie A. Humphries and

Minnie Fitzgerald Humphries. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Nancy Harvey Humphries; a daughter, Kathy Humphries Johnson; a grandson, Adam Michael Johnson; and a granddaughter, Lindsey Sheree Johnson.

Rev. Humphries is a graduate of Holmes Bible College and Southwestern Church and Family Bible Institute.

He began his ministry as a teenager in his hometown of Buena Vista, Va. After obtaining his ministerial degree, he served as an evangelist and/or church pastor for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, shepherding several congregations: Welch and Mullens, W.Va.; Mt. Herman, Schoolfield, Danville, Baker's Chapel, Salem, Draper Valley and St. Paul PH churches, all in Virginia. Rev. Humphries retired in December 1999.

Rev. Humphries was a lifetime student of God's Word, studying the Bible passionately. His deepest passion was sharing God's love with anyone who would hear. He was an evangelist at heart, a soul winner who led many in his lifetime to the love of Jesus and His saving grace.

In addition to his love of studying God's Word, Rev. Humphries loved music and good gospel singing. He played the guitar and loved hearing stringed instruments. He loved his family, and they

were his pride and joy. He will be remembered for his faithfulness to Christ, his wife, his daughter and grandchildren.

Ray was known for loving people and having a humble spirit. He loved to laugh, tease and joke around. When he accepted Christ as his Savior as a teen, he invested himself fully in living a life that was pleasing to God and being a godly example to those with whom he came in contact. He loved to help and encourage people, always seeing the good in them. His sermons were Word based and full of scripture, delivered with a humble and sweet spirit, touching hearts and helping them to recognize their need of Christ. He loved life, and it showed in his joyfulness. He always awoke in the morning singing or whistling, and the joy continued throughout the day. To supplement his pastoral income, Rev. Humphries drove a school bus for over 30 years. His bus kids loved him. He would sing to them, making up songs with their names in the song! He impacted their lives; many have kept in touch by sending cards over the years.

Ray Humphries was a Korean War veteran, serving in both the Army and Air Force.

A celebration of the life of Rev. Ray Humphries was conducted on Friday, August 6, 2010, at the Norris Funeral Services Chapel, Danville, Va., with Rev. Odell Humphries, Rev. Bobby Lewis and Pastor Bill Motley officiating. Interment followed at Highland Burial Park in Danville. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to their church to a fund established in his memory to assist in the medical needs of his granddaughter. Please make donations payable to "ALWOC" and note "in memory of Rev. Ray Humphries." Donations may be sent to ALWOC, 955 Mt. Cross Road, Danville, VA 24540.

### RETIRED MINISTERS - OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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October 3

Rev. Clarence Aker  
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Max Meadows, VA 24360

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Rev. Mrs. Vera Ashford  
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Wytheville, VA 24382



October 9

Rev. Ms. Jeanette Bishop  
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October 25

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