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Thanks, Mom!

Who ran to help me when I fell,
And would some pretty story tell,
Or kiss the place to make it well?
My Mother.

-Ann Taylor



Bishop's Page

PRESTON MATHENA



Inspiring Music + Anointed Preaching + Christian Fellowship = Camp Meeting



Camp Meeting is a combination of all of the above, and our 2011 Camp Meeting will commence June 14 with special speaker Dr. Ron Phillips. I know you enjoyed his ministry last year, but some of you may not be aware of his background and international ministry.

In 1979, Ron Phillips was called as pastor of Abba's House (Central Baptist Church) located in the Chattanooga, Tennessee area, where he serves today. Under his leadership, this Southern Baptist church has experienced the birth and growth of many ministries, broken records in church giving and attendance, and completed several building projects. More importantly, the church has exploded into new realms of renewal and spiritual awakening.

While joy seems to flow from every aspect of Pastor Phillips' ministry today, God had to take him through a painful growing process. Throughout his years of service, Pastor Phillips has served on many boards and committees. Having earned a bachelor's degree from Samford University, as well as a Master of

Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, his successes were many.

But in 1989, he felt in his spirit that the joy in serving had left him. He was burned out in ministry and ready to resign when he had an encounter with the Holy Spirit that changed his life forever. The voice of God literally interrupted his sleep and spoke peace and transformation to his soul. This dynamic encounter started the fires of rebirth that soon spread to the church and to every aspect of this ministry. Pastor Phillips began to introduce the things of the Spirit that the Lord was teaching him, and the flames of awakening began to heat up the spiritual temperature of the members and spread outward, crossing denominational lines.

With Pastor Phillips' new anointing came a deeper passion to reach across America, and eventually around the world, with the powerful message of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. He is a much sought-after conference and crusade speaker, taking engagements as far away as Iceland and Nigeria, Africa. The weekly television broadcast "Ron Phillips from Abba's House," featuring Dr. Phillips' preaching ministry, is seen all around the world on a number of satellite outlets, and it can be viewed in the U.S. on INSP and Daystar. In addition, he hosts the daily 15-minute radio program, "CenterPoint," across the nation, and throughout the world via the Internet.

Along with the demand for the broadcast ministry, has grown the need for Pastor Phillips' teaching to be put into print. He is the author of 16 books and a variety of articles and booklets.

Serving beside Dr. Phillips is his wife, Paulette. Their three children and six grandchildren are a constant source of joy to Ron and Paulette. This unceasing commitment to preach the word of God, in its entirety and without compromise, has not come without a price. Ron and Paulette Phillips have laid their lives, reputations and ambitions at the feet of Christ, bearing the weight of their calling, but yoked together with Christ.

Special Events that Involve YOU

- **Work Day** - Tuesday, May 31, 9:00 a.m. We need YOUR help to prepare the grounds for Camp Meeting and other summer activities. Use your gifts and enjoy the fellowship of other workers! Lunch will be provided.
- **Retired Ministers' Banquet** – Saturday, June 4, 12:00 noon in the Campground cafeteria. You will enjoy a catered meal, door prizes, and lots of fun. In addition, all 2010 retired ministers will be recognized Wednesday night of Camp Meeting.
- **Classes taught by Dr. Phillips** - Wednesday-Friday, June 15-17, 9:15-12:00 noon for ministers and laymen. These classes are held in the Tabernacle and CEUs are given for attendance.
- **Ministers' Wives Fellowship** – Friday, June 17. Ministers' wives will be honored in the pre-service and will be given a reception after service.

June Retired Ministers' Birthdays

June 7

Rev. Patrick Wheeler
160 Foxridge Road
Narrows, VA 24124

June 12

Rev. Mrs. June Canavesio
252 Lambert Road
Andrews, SC 29510-6820

June 18

Rev. Albert Jarvis
4450 Sherwood Drive
Titusville, FL 32796

June 9

Rev. James Newton
Apa 204 Apa Way
Lenhardt Village
Greenville, SC 29611



June 21

Rev. Ballard Shepherd
324 Fairfax Street
Radford, VA 24141

June 9

Rev. Edward Richardson
1005 West Madison St.
Wytheville, VA 24382

June 17

Rev. D. L. Board
2243 Pilot Road
Christiansburg, VA 24073

June 24

Rev. Larry Roberts
Rt. 1, Box 339
Bluefield, WV 24701

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JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

3	First Friday Fast
4	Retired Ministers' Banquet
7	Board of Examiners
12	Pentecost Sunday
12	Global Day of Prayer
16	Youth Quest Deadline
14-18	Inspirational Conference & Camp Meeting
19	Father's Day
20-24	Extreme TeenWeek (Grades 9-12)
27-July 1	Destiny Jr. Teen (Grades 7-8)



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World Missions & Evangelism

LARRY MEADORS



APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

There is MO in the GO!

No doubt most everyone has felt the effects of a bad economy the last two years in our country. Fewer jobs have meant less income to support families. Lower income means reduced tithe and freewill offerings for churches. These reductions in giving trickle down to World Missions ministries, such as missionary support and the annual Global Outreach Offering (GO). In summary, momentum (MO) is drained away from missions giving.

However, a different mood and atmosphere has replaced this negative one! As pastors and missions directors began to assemble for the annual Appalachian Conference Great Commission Meals, you could sense the tide was turning – a new excitement to join the cause of missions was enjoyed.

Adding to this sense of anticipation of a new season was the record attendance in most of the districts. Seventy-one churches were represented in the meetings. Each church was asked to set a goal for this year's offering. When they were all totaled, \$118,650 had been pledged for the 2011 Global Offering! This is a great start that moves us closer to our Conference goal of \$150,000.

I am impressed by how our pastors are responding. One pastor, whose church had given \$100 last year, made a faith pledge of \$3,000! Another pastor increased his pledge by \$500 before the meeting was over. I also want to celebrate that two of our

Latino pastors were present for the first time in these meetings and made a pledge. This kind of leadership communicates to our church families that this offering represents more than just dollars and cents. Your generosity gives hands and feet to the Great Commission here in the U.S. and around the world!

If you, as an individual or a church, have not yet set a goal, do so by faith and then make it known and believe God! Young David rallied a nation when he asked, "Is there not a cause?" (I Samuel 17:29) His subsequent actions defeated the enemy and restored faith in the hearts of God's people. We, too, have a cause – fulfilling the Great Commission.

Come prepared to worship with your GO offering at the Global Service of Camp Meeting on June 17. In a four-quarter game, think of the Global Service as half-time – give what you have and continue to press on through the rest of the year. The GO can be received into December of this year.

Thank you to all who made these meetings a success and to Steve Cofer who shared a passionate call to world evangelization. Let's continue to add more MO in the GO in 2011!



Steve Cofer shares in the Great Commission Meals

GROW: "We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving." –Alexander Duff

~ Stetzer has Spoken ~

Ed Stetzer is the president of LifeWay Research and a leader in the missional church movement. Stetzer consults with many denominations, including the IPHC. Recently he spoke at an EVUSA event in Nashville, and the following are interesting snippets from that meeting:

- ◆ "Don't become a cul-de-sac on the Great Commission highway."
- ◆ "I have learned that the IPHC is, right now, in some of its best times."
- ◆ "What year is it in your church?"
- ◆ "The church has left the building."
- ◆ "The mission has a church, not the church has a mission."
- ◆ "Churches that are declining are the ones that don't demand too much."
- ◆ "How can this church be God's missionary to this community?"

GO: Global Outreach Service – June 17 – Exciting, Compelling, and Ministry Focused!



Discipleship Ministries

RON FREDERICKS

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BOM V: BRIDGING OUR MINISTRIES

In January, Steve Allen received the Silver Eagle award for the sixth year. This award is presented only to Conference Commanders who go above and beyond what is expected of them in performing their duties and responsibilities in the Conference.



Conference Commander Steve Allen, National Commander, David Moore

There is a form that the commander completes each year, in which he is evaluated on his job performance in the Conference Royal Rangers. Points are awarded for activities, training, personal involvement, etc. Only those commanders who receive a certain point value or higher are awarded the Silver Eagle. The Silver Eagle award was presented to Conference Commander Allen at the Bridging V Summit at Ridgecrest in January. Representing the Appalachian Conference were: Commanders Richard Martin, Steve Dixon, Leon Reeves and wife, Shirley, and Rick and LaTrissa Black. Also attending were Bishop Preston Mathena, Men's Ministry Director Quent Baria and Ron Fredericks.

WINTER CAMP-OUT 2011

Eleven Outposts and approximately 124 Rangers and Commanders from four states gathered at Pipestem State Park in Pipestem, WV, for the 2011 Winter Camp-Out. A series of devotions was led by Commander Michael Haas from CLI. Rick Black was honored for the ministry and leadership he and his wife, LaTrissa, have given to Rangers over the past 25 years. Rick and LaTrissa are preparing to return to Costa Rica as missionaries.



A quilt made by LaTrissa Black was presented to Steve Allen, Conference Commander; it displays patches developed by the Royal Rangers ministry over the past 25 years.

We take this time to salute all of our Outposts and honor our Conference Royal Ranger Team:

- Steve Allen, Conference Commander
- Steve Dixon, FCF President
- Regina Martin, Ranger Kids Coordinator
- Gary Barker, Pinewood Derby Coordinator



COLT BARKER MEMORIAL PINWOOD DERBY

Gathered on March 12, 2011, were Royal Rangers, sisters, brothers, parents, grandparents, friends and commanders. The Event: the 9th Annual Colt Barker Memorial Pinewood Derby Day. The preparation of the cars takes weeks: design, formation, paint, decoration and decisions on the distribution of the weights to get as much speed as possible. The setting was the tabernacle of Camp Maranatha. The excitement built as racers were registered, and cars were inspected and weighed.

The first group was called to race. Cars were aligned on the track by each participant, and each participant raced his car on a different lane of the six-lane track. Speeds up to 198.7 miles per hour were clocked. In this year's race, 79 cars competed. Every chartered outpost was represented — Christian Life International, Faith Temple, Galax, Harbor of Hope, New Life Temple and Radford Worship Center.

Ethan Barker (Radford Worship Center) won the Expedition Ranger group. The Adventure Ranger champion was Hunter Shaffner (Galax). In the Discovery Ranger category, the victor was Isaac Moore (Galax). Ranger Kids' fastest car was operated by Philip Sweet (Galax). Then Philip, Isaac, Hunter and Ethan raced for the Grand Finals and the winner was Hunter Shaffner (Galax). Commander Richard Callison (Christian Life International) smoked the rest of the commanders by 0.8 seconds. In the Open-Junior Category, the winner was Isaac Moore (Galax) — who raced a second winning car that day. In the Open Class-Senior Category, the winner was Cody Fulton (Galax). Best in Show winner was Cortney Cochran from Harbor of Hope. Awards were presented by Gary, Ruth and Ethan Barker of Radford, Virginia.

Royal Ranger memorabilia was available for viewing at the race. This collection of memories is a result of the dedication and hard work of Marilyn Overstreet, of Bedford. Many thanks to all of those who assisted with the race — from registration, to food, to computer operation and breaking down.

[Article submitted by Cindy Allen]

If your church would like to be a part of this annual event, Conference Commander Steve Allen would love to visit your church and talk with you about establishing a Royal Ranger Outpost. Commander Allen can be contacted at royalrangers1@comcast.net.

REMEMBER:
Camp Maranatha Registration Deadline is May 13.



Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



Mother's Day

A mother's heart is always thinking about her children. Throughout the Bible, God tells us what to do when we are anxious, worried or distressed, whether it's about our children or any other issue of life. He says, "Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

(Jeremiah 33:3, NASB) "Let Him have all your worries and cares for He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you" (I Peter 5:7). "Arise, cry aloud in the night...Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord; lift up your hands to Him for the life of your little ones..." (Lamentations 2:19, NASB)

Our children bring us joy beyond measure, but there are also times of heartache. These are the times when we stand on God's Word, knowing nothing is impossible and the joy far exceeds the heartache. The Bible tells us to think on good things. My prayer is that you enjoy your Mother's Day and draw from the good things in life.

"I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth."

3 John 1:4 (NASB)



CHURCHES OBSERVE WOMEN'S MINISTRY DAY

W.M. DAY AT BLUEFIELD FIRST P.H.

Our Women's Ministry weekend began on Wednesday. Susan White brought a message from the Scriptures on the value of women. We ended our meeting in unity and prayer, one for another.

On Saturday morning, I planned a breakfast for our ladies. I was reminded of the value I see in our women as I placed a white lace tablecloth overlaid with a gold satin cloth, gold plates and white roses with crystals – some of our most valuable items. The white roses represent purity; I believe we are to be pure in His sight. My ladies are valuable to me. They each hold a special place in my heart. We ended our meeting by singing our theme song, "Touch Through Me."

On Sunday morning, several ladies took part in the service – ushers, singing, and the message was brought by our pastor's wife and First Lady, Lisa Johnson. Sunday night we performed a skit. Our senior mother, Phyllis Jones, brought us the Word.

I thank God for putting this ministry in my life. I feel it has given me a place of value in serving my Lord.

Submitted by Debbie Y. Morrison, W.M. President

"WE WERE BLESSED BY SISTER KATHY"

Women are truly very valuable to the ministry of the church. This truth was strongly emphasized to the congregation at Rosenbaum Chapel on Women's Ministry Day, March 13. Kathy Mathena, Conference Women's Ministry Director, reminded us of the importance of Spirit-empowered women working in the church to advance the Kingdom of God.

She mentioned several women of the Bible who allowed themselves to be used by God to help others. Hannah and Mary are good examples of women who allowed their gifts to be used by God in personal ministry.

We were challenged to follow these examples while working to increase the body of Christ. We were blessed by Sister Kathy's message, and we know it will bear fruit in due season.

Submitted by Joyce Stroup





World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



Restoration!

It certainly seems like we are living in the time when Jesus could return! This year alone, we have seen many of the signs mentioned in Matthew 24. There have been wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes. Yet, there is ONE SIGN that we have overlooked! The book of Joel tells us that RESTORATION will be given to the church, if the church will fast and pray (Joel 2:12-27). Also, many souls will be saved!

The Hebrew word for RESTORE, found in Joel 2:25, means to enter a state of wholeness and completion. The word is “shalam.” It also means peace. God will RESTORE the years that the locust has eaten, the cankerworm, the caterpillar and the palmerworm.

**“And I will restore to you...”
Joel 2:25**

Jesus proved that He could RESTORE. In Matthew 12:13, Jesus RESTORED the man with a withered hand. This man had lost his career, his ability to make a living, and possibly relationships because of this withered hand. But Jesus came to town. The Bible states that the hand was RESTORED whole, like the other. Jesus RESTORED Peter with a breakfast on the beach. Peter had denied Christ three times and wept bitterly (Luke 22:62). Peter felt like he had really blown it. So he left the ministry and went back to his career – fishing. But that breakfast on the beach with Jesus changed everything. Three times Jesus asked Peter the question, “Do you love Me?” Three times Peter said, “Yes!” Peter was RESTORED! Will you be RESTORED? Joel 2:12-17 clearly explains that we must fast and pray. We must repent and turn to God.

WHAT DO YOU NEED RESTORED?

- * Ministry * Relationships * Finances
- * Health * Hopes and dreams * Career

RESTORATION TIME is here!

RESTORATION FOLLOWS REPENTANCE!



Men's Ministries

QUENT BARIA



YOU ARE THE MISSING RESOURCE!

As we continue to pray for the people of Japan through their terrific loss and season of extreme hardship, do you stop to think about what we (the IPHC) would do in such circumstances on our soil? Do you know about DRUSA?

DRUSA stands for “Disaster Relief USA,” and it is the arm of the IPHC to help out in just such a disaster. Through our denomination and conference, we have great resources to help people in the event of a natural disaster on U.S. soil. The primary presence and focus of this ministry is our Mobile Feeding Kitchen, which can feed upwards of 6,000 hot meals a day! This 18-wheel unit is housed and initially deployed out of the South Carolina Conference. The Appalachian

Conference plays a huge role in supporting this ministry. We provide a tow-behind trailer with a fully-functioning, mobile



“walk-in freezer.” This unit is filled with up to five tons of fresh water for use upon arrival to the disaster location.

Many other conferences contribute in other ways, such as debris removal

equipment and teams, etc. Learn more about DRUSA at <http://www.iphc.org/disaster>.

The only resource missing is you! Contact Jackson Overstreet, the Appalachian Conference DRUSA coordinator, today and get involved in this “on-time, on-target” ministry. Jackson Overstreet, 1708 Oakwood Street, Bedford, VA 24523 (540) 586-2501 Jovers2501@verizon.net.

It does not take long for people in the Kingdom to realize that they are to be an integral part of something much larger than themselves. Give us your greatest resource – your time – to add to our resources in this ministry. We can use your help, and hurting people need God’s touch!

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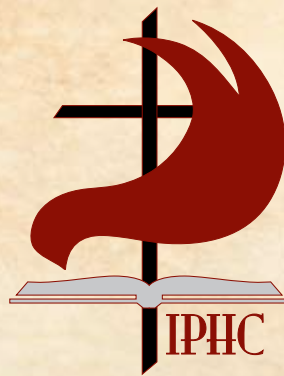
2011 Inspirational Conference & Camp Meeting

Appalachian Conference Campgrounds
(Camp Maranatha)

June 14-18, 2011



*Bishop Ron Carpenter, Sr.
Presiding Officer*



*Dr. Ron Phillips
Evening & Morning Speaker*

June 14-17

Evening Speaker

Dr. Ron Phillips

June 15-17

Morning Speaker

Dr. Ron Phillips

June 17

Global Outreach Service - Friday PM

Dr. Ron Phillips

June 18

Inspirational Conference & Ordination Service

Dr. Ron Carpenter

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