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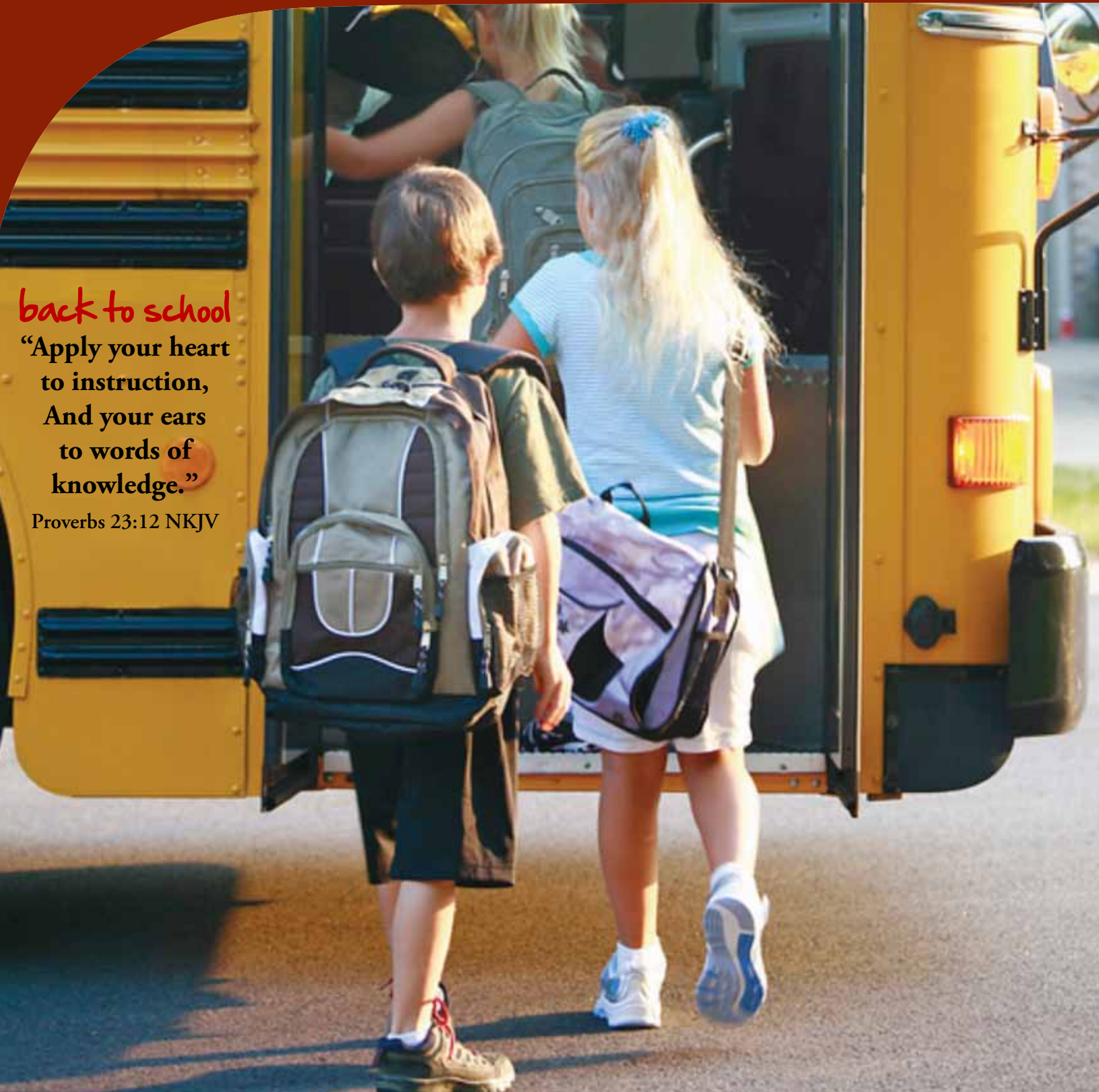
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back to school

**“Apply your heart
to instruction,
And your ears
to words of
knowledge.”**

Proverbs 23:12 NKJV





Bishop's Page

PRESTON MATHENA



Gifts – From God to You!

According to Scripture, God has given you, the local church, valuable gifts. One such gift is your pastor. Ephesians 4:11, 12 says: *“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ”* (NLT).

Sunday, October 2, has been designated Pastor Appreciation Day in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. However, the date is not as important as the fact that you express your appreciation to the one God has set in place for your spiritual growth and edification. Genuine appreciation is more than just scheduling one Sunday a year to honor your pastor and ministerial staff. Expressing appreciation is a sign of a healthy church. Biblically, honoring spiritual leaders is an important concept throughout the Bible. Practically speaking, showing appreciation serves a number of purposes. Whether you realize it or not, your community is affected by your expressions of gratitude to your pastor. They see your generosity as an outgrowth of the church itself—that it is loving and giving. Honoring the pastor and staff reveals more about a congregation than it does about the pastor.

Consider this: It is the pastor who ministers to victims of abuse, the grieving, marriages in trouble, newlyweds, the recently divorced, the unwed pregnant teenager, and the terminally ill. Your pastor prays for you, seeks God for relevant sermons week after week, yet often wonders if he is really making a difference in your life. He feels the weight of his calling and his accountability before God. His/her life is sprinkled with weddings, funerals, hospital visitations, meetings and critical comments from the congregation. But through it all, your pastor would rather be doing what he is doing than anything else in the world, because he has

experienced the joy of obedience and the satisfaction of seeing spiritual growth among those with whom he labors.

There are many ways you can show your support for your pastor. First, consistently pray for your pastor and his/her family. Verbally encourage your pastor and refuse to engage in conversations that demean him.

Build up your pastor in the community and among the unsaved; it is a reflection not only of your relationship with God, but also of the spirit of your church. Remember the pastor’s family in your planning; bless his children with small gifts and remembrances. Be generous, not only with his/her salary, but with thoughtful gestures throughout the year.



Appreciation ideas: An old-fashioned “pounding” of favorite foods, snacks, etc; a mini-vacation to a bed & breakfast; tickets to a dinner theater with an overnight stay. Coordinate a week to

fill his mailbox with cards of appreciation. Have Sunday school classes present a skit for Pastor Appreciation Day. Give the pastor’s wife a certificate for a facial or manicure or a gift card to the mall. Gift certificates to nice restaurants or tickets to a favorite sports team’s event would be enjoyed.

Don’t miss this opportunity to bless your pastor and pastoral staff. If October 2 is not a convenient day, choose a day that is convenient. In doing so, your pastor will be built up and your church will be blessed as it takes this step of obedience. *“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching”* (1 Timothy 5:17, NIV). *“Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work”* (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a, NIV).

Pastor Appreciation Day – October 2

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Fall Day of Training – Valley Harvest
- 2 Pastor Appreciation Day
- 3-7 Mission Trip to Mozambique
- 7 First Friday Fast/Feast of Ingathering
- 9 National Royal Ranger Day
- 10 Columbus Day
- 18-21 Golden Eagle Fall Fellowship Trip
- 30 WM Harvest Train offering due



October Retired Ministers' Birthdays

OCTOBER 1

Rev. Mrs. Marysue Freeman
P.O. Box 1886
Morehead City, NC 28557

OCTOBER 3

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

OCTOBER 23

Rev. William H. Carico
2453 Creekview Drive
Galax, VA 24333

OCTOBER 3

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

OCTOBER 9

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

OCTOBER 25

Rev. Otuce P. Huffman, Sr.
HC 77, Box 636
Ballard, WV 24918



**Don't
miss it!**

SEATS ARE AVAILABLE!
for the
**Golden Eagle Fall Fellowship Trip
to Orlando & St. Augustine, FL
October 18-21**

Food – Fun & Games – Friendship
**Give Dinah a call at 540-674-4131 to reserve your seat on
this fun-filled trip.**

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World Missions & Evangelism



APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

LARRY MEADORS

GO—CHANGE THE WORLD FROM WHERE YOU ARE

Consider the powerful phrase: “*Change Your World.*” Is it idealistic or possible? Change is not only possible, but it can be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Acts 17 records the disciples changing the atmosphere of an entire region. What constitutes real change? It is best measured by outcome and impact. The greatest outcome is lives eternally changed through the saving grace of God. The greatest impact is the collective result of changed lives over a period of time. This measurement of change goes beyond traditional indicators, such as activities and attendance.

The place to enact change for Christ is on your street. As an individual disciple and as the church, we are called to engage our region. Thus, an externally focused church gives its people regular opportunities to change their world. This is nothing more than servant evangelism. Jesus modeled this in John 13, as he showed the “full extent of His love” by washing the disciples’ feet.

Serving your community “without strings” creates a dialogue that answers the questions, *Who are you and why are you doing this?* Ultimately, the church deploys kingdom laborers, not community volunteers, because the goal is to have lives changed for Christ. Listen to your community; its needs are telling you how to reach the people.

Below are some ideas to get you impacting for change:

First Responders Sunday. The tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks provides an occasion for the church to show appreciation and support for those local heroes who provide safety and structure to our communities. Make plans to invite police, fire and rescue personnel for a special service honoring them in conjunction with a picnic.

Got Leaves? Have a leaf raking party in your neighborhood! Provide this free service to those in need. Give them info about the church and leave them with a great feeling.



Rock Solid Biker Church prepares a meal for the community before a Thursday evening service. Pastor Billy Powell is reaching inner city Lynchburg.

Adopt Grandparents. Use Grandparent’s Day this September to bring attention to the needs of the seniors in your area. Explore how your church can volunteer to help provide meals, transportation, etc.

Block Parties, Trunk or Treat. Fall is festival time! This provides an open door to have the community gather together around fun and build relationships.

Other. Sponsor a school/classroom, English classes, financial courses, addiction programs, skate park, transportation service, literacy/mentoring program, health screening, foster care, workforce training, etc.

What has worked for your church? Share your outreach ideas with me at Lmeadors@aol.com or through Facebook on the Appalachian Conference IPHC page. For more information or ideas, go to these websites: www.externallyfocusednetwork.com and www.vergenetwork.org

IPHC Missions and Evangelism needs your continued support to reach the harvest! (*Please plan on getting all GO 2011 funds into the conference office by November 28.*)

GIVE

- Pray for the Appalachian Conference Mozambique missions team as they travel and minister from September 25 until October 8. Team members: Donna Akers, David & Rebecca Freeman, James Frye, Kerry Helmandollar, Jessica Kitts, Larry & Gloria Meadors, Mike Reynolds, Gene Sizemore, Richard Sturgell, Robert Webb, and Howard White.
- Global Outreach Offering 2011 Total: \$91,369.94

GROW

- GROW: “We learn through input. We grow through output.” –Eric Swanson



Discipleship Ministries

RON FREDERICKS

www.ac-dm.org



Charting the Course Appalachian Conference Discipleship Ministries Fall Day of Training 2011

SCHEDULE

- 9:00 - 9:10 Welcome
- 9:10 - 9:25 Bishop Preston Mathena
- 9:30 - 10:20 Bishop Dr. Ronald Carpenter, Sr.
- 10:20 - 10:35 Break
- 10:35 - 11:25 Bishop Dr. Ronald Carpenter, Sr.

- 11:30 - 12:30 **Lunch**
[Lunch will be available onsite provided by VHM]

- 12:35 - 1:20 **Session 1**
For Pastors Only: Bishop Dr. Ronald Carpenter, Sr.
Men's Ministry: Rev. W. A. Mills
Women's Ministry: Tamé Lambert
Youth & Children: Charles Boyd, National Youth Pastor
Stewardship: Rev. Ed Wood
- 1:25 - 1:35 Break
- 1:40 - 2:30 **Session 2**
Royal Rangers: Steve Allen
Girls Ministry: Elaine Wood
Youth: Charles Boyd, IPHC National Youth Pastor
Children: Don Webb
Finance/Accounting: Rhonda Smith



Bishop Dr. Ronald Carpenter, Sr.

Saturday, October 1, 2011

9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Valley Harvest Ministries

Dublin, Virginia

FOR REGISTRATION FORM GO TO

www.appconf.org

Registration deadline—September 16

Registration fee: \$10 per person, \$100 for 10 or more!

Lunch: \$5 per person



Girls' Ministries Week

Discover more at girlz4jc@gmail.com
Elaine Wood: 540.357.5614



Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



Women's Ministries Fall Retreat

Harbor of Hope, Christiansburg, VA

November 4, 2011

Mark your calendar!

This year, our guest speaker is Dr. Shelia Isom of Danville, Va. She is a licensed and ordained Revivalist. Dr. Isom is a comical, dynamic speaker, with a preaching style that has been defined as bold, fresh and exhilarating. Her ambition is to bring unity to diverse races and denominations in the body of Christ. Dr. Isom delivers her messages with passion and strives to impart a desire for revival in those to whom she ministers. Her gifting as a Revivalist is expressed by the anointing that she carries to usher in recovery to the church body. Dr. Isom strives for high integrity, character and excellence. She believes that authenticity is the true design of a life consecrated to Christ, and that prayer is the foundation that builds a ministry of power, anointing and authority, and results in needs being met.

Before establishing her own ministry, Dr. Isom served in various leadership roles in her local church, working under the direction of her senior pastor for 25 years. She served as a praise and worship leader for 12 years and later followed the call to pastor the youth, where she served for 5 years. She has

been intricately involved with church leadership and the operation of ministry throughout her years in the church.



Dr. Isom has authored two books and released a worship CD. She was a programmer for five years with the Sky Angel Network. Her program, "Experiencing Revival," aired twice weekly and reached an estimated 12 million homes. Dr. Isom is now a programmer with *LightSource.com*, the largest Christian Broadcasting Network on the Internet. Her program, "Experiencing Revival," is available 24 hours a day, around the world. Dr. Isom has ministered in person nationally and internationally.

I know you will be blessed, encouraged and ministered to as we all come together in the unity of faith. The fall retreat is always a time of refreshing and healing. We, as a board, are praying for you to come and receive what God has in store for you.

Look for more information coming to you soon in our mail-out. Pre-registration will once again be available.



Feast of Ingathering offering is due September 10
Harvest Train offering is due October 30
*(Please mail these offerings to Martha Hall
1240 Meadowlark Dr., Wytheville, VA 24382)*

FALL DAY OF TRAINING SPEAKER

Tamé Lambert, WM Executive Director
October 1, 2011
Valley Harvest, Dublin, VA

2011 CONFERENCE W. M. PROJECT

- 🌐 Youth Camp Scholarships for 3 children
- 🌐 New backdrop on the Tabernacle stage
- 🌐 Helped with projector bracket in Tabernacle



World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



JUST SPEAK THE WORD!

“But just speak a word and my servant boy shall be healed” (Luke 7:7, AMP). These were the words of the centurion. Jesus said of him: *“I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.”* Will we be like the centurion and **speak the word**? Or will we be like Thomas, and insist upon SEEING before we BELIEVE! The power of faith is released when we speak God’s Word. *“For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith”* (Mark 11:23).

Speak to those mountains! What mountains are you facing today? Be like the centurion. JUST SPEAK THE WORD to those PROBLEMS!

SPEAK THE WORD:

- * To a loved one who needs God’s **help**. (Jesus spoke to the centurion’s servant.)
- * To yourself in times of **fear**. *“For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind”* (2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV).
- * In times of **uncertainty**. *“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You”* (Isaiah 26:3, NKJV).
- * In times of **financial distress**. *“O fear the LORD, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing”* (Psalm 34:9, 10).
- * When you need **direction**. *“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way”* (Psalm 37:23, NKJV).
- * When you need **protection**. *“The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe”* (Proverbs 18:10, NKJV).
- * Over **leaders**. *“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever he will”* (Proverbs 21:1).
- * For a **lost loved one**. *“Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear”* (Isaiah 59:1).

We are in the ARMY OF GOD! Our assignment is to **SPEAK GOD’S WORD!**



Men’s Ministries

QUENT BARIA



YOU ARE MY ROCK IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

We are all tested throughout our walk. The trials in this world come from every direction. They are emotional, financial, relational, spiritual, ethical, moral, and even addiction related. An old Gospel song summed it up best when it said: “If I never had a problem, I’d never know my God could solve them.”

Psalms 71:1-3 (NKJV) says, “In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape; incline Your ear to me, and save me. Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, for You are my rock and fortress.” John 16:33 reminds us, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Are you feeling troubled, overwhelmed or dismayed? Guess what— At some point and at many times, we all are to some degree. So what are we as believers to do? Commune with the Holy Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Build up and exhort your brother and he will do the same for you. Christianity is designed to be a team effort! So... “Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27). “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ” (1 Corinthians 12:12, ESV).

Be encouraged by being an encourager. Get together with your brothers in Christ and don’t commiserate; dominate. Walk victoriously! Be the head and not the tail! Triumph over trouble! He gave us the tools, but we must use them together! Remember, two can put ten thousand to flight (Deuteronomy 32:30).

Call your brother; Agree in faith; and Stand on the Rock!

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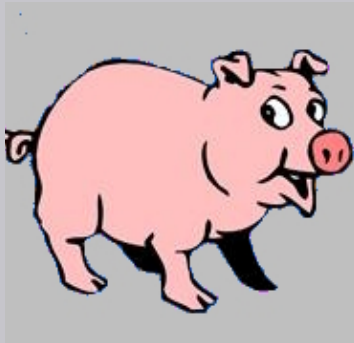
You're invited to a Pig Pickin'

Saturday, October 1

3:00 p.m.

New Day Ministries

Pulaski, VA



BBQ plates

Adults - \$5

12 and under - \$2.50

5 and under - Free

Eat in or take out

Food

Music

Games

Proceeds will go to the Building Fund
and to send our youth to Accelerant.
For more information contact Pastor Terry Romans
at 276-266-7504.