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2011 Fall District Training Sessions **November 10-12 and 14-18**

Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m. – Shenandoah District
Staunton – Lifeflow Church – Barbara Hensley, Pastor

Friday, November 11, 7 p.m. – Greenbrier District
Caldwell – Word of Life – Richard Hutchinson, Pastor

Saturday, November 12, noon – Bluefield/McDowell Districts
Bluewell – Voice of Praise – Jason Queen, Pastor

Monday, November 14, 7 p.m. – Central Virginia District
Lynchburg – Tree of Life – Mike Dodson, Pastor

Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m. – Southwest Virginia District
St. Paul – Chris Stansell, Pastor

Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m. – Central West Virginia District
Beckley Praise – Paul Chapman, Pastor

Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m. – New River Valley/Roanoke Districts
Christiansburg – Harbor of Hope – Richard Kingrea, Pastor

Friday, November 18, 7 p.m. – East Tennessee District
Greeneville – Thrive – Rick Becker, Pastor



FALL DISTRICT TRAINING SESSIONS:

Missional Revitalization for the Established Church— Healthy Church Characteristics/Harvest Mindset

I am excited about the opportunity to bring in members of our Evangelism USA team, Rev. Chris Thompson and Rev. Garry Bryant, for our Fall District Training Sessions. Make plans to attend the session that is nearest you this year. This is an opportunity for both ministers and laymen to be refreshed and inspired, as our special guests share from their hearts what God is saying to them.



Rev. Chris Thompson

Rev. Chris Thompson holds a Th.B. from Holmes Bible College, a B.A. from Campbell University and an M.A. from Southwestern Christian University. Rev. Thompson was elected executive director of Evangelism USA at the last general conference, and he also serves as the corporate secretary of the IPHC. Prior to this election, Rev. Thompson served the North Carolina Conference as evangelism director for four years, as Evangelism/World Missions director for eleven years, as assistant superintendent for seven years, and as the conference bishop for over eight years. He has served in numerous other leadership roles, among them pastoring for a period of twelve years. He has a heart and passion for church planting, as is evident in his efforts to introduce new cultures and uncharted demographic areas into our denomination. Rev. Chris Thompson is a native of Wayne County, N.C. He is married to Betty Thompson of Virginia, and they have three sons and two granddaughters. His topic for the training sessions will be “Missional Revitalization for the Established Church.”

Rev. Garry Bryant, assistant director of Evangelism USA and National Field Director of ACTS2DAY Ministries, will be one of our guest speakers. Garry is an ordained minister with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. He is a native Virginian and the son of a Pentecostal Holiness minister. Garry was licensed at age 17 and has been in ministry for over 30 years. He has served as a senior pastor, Conference Christian Education Director, and as Bishop of Redemption Ministries. Rev. Bryant earned a Th.B. from Advantage College and a Master of Ministry degree from Southwestern College of Christian Ministries. His goal is to raise up the body of Christ in effective ministry to carry out the Great Commission. Garry and his wife, LaDawn, have two children, Dreama and Garry. They reside in Oklahoma City, Okla. Garry will be teaching on “Healthy Church Characteristics/Harvest Mindset.”



Rev. Garry Bryant

(Note: Rev. Bryant will be teaching EM233 Evangelism & Outreach at 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 18, and 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Saturday, November 19, at Valley Harvest Ministries in Dublin, Va. This class is a part of Maranatha College of Christian Ministries.)

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4 First Friday Fast
W.M. Fall Retreat
- 5 Royal Rangers Commanders' Banquet
- 11 Veterans Day
- 10-12 Fall District Meetings
- 14-18 Fall District Meetings
- 22 Harvest Train – Falcon, N.C.
- 24 Thanksgiving Day – Ministry Center Closed
- 27 First Sunday of Advent



Terry Wyatt

Rev. Terry Wyatt is one of our ordained ministers who is available for revivals and to fill in for pastors. You may contact him at 304-920-2794. He will certainly be a blessing to your church.

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Coal City, WV 25823

November 6

Rev. Jerry Sloss
35 Cullen Court
Christiansburg, VA 24073

November 7

Rev. Mrs. Ernestine Martin
P.O. Box 356
Coal City, WV 25823

November 9

Rev. Mrs. Phyllis Jones
2840 Horton Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

November 12

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7500 E. 151 St. S. 170
Bixby, OK 74008

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Rev. Kenneth Fogus
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November 15

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November 24

Rev. Mrs. Nina Bays
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November 24

Rev. R.C. Turner
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November 25

Rev. Curtis Ratcliffe
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November 26

Rev. Daniel Cornwell
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APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

LARRY MEADORS

WHEN GOD SAYS GO AND DO

Life is unpredictable, and that's the way I like it; it allows God to do what He has planned rather than having my plans getting in the way. Two years ago, I thought I'd have a job in D.C.; however, I ended up in Hungary interning with IPHC missionaries David and Linda Fannin. Three months ago, I thought I would still be in Hungary, but that is not so either. I am in Oslo, Norway, pursuing my next step in a missions-centered life.



Timothy builds relationships with his English Club friends while in Hungary.

My time in Hungary was an incredible experience that taught me many valuable lessons. Within three days of arrival, I was placed in front of eight high school classes to lecture—they simply wanted to hear a native English speaker speak. This was contrary to the person I envisioned myself to be in my pre-Hungary days. I was opposed to crowds and being in front of them, but when God says, "Do," who am I to say no? That has been the prevailing mindset here, which translates into a new confidence to go and do—a God confidence.

From these few encounters in the high school, I was able to publicize the conversational English Club that I was hoping

to establish in the coffee shop attached to our home. It grew to incorporate a fluid group of about ten fifteen- and sixteen-year-olds. The point was not to shove God on them; the point was to share the love of God with them. We did this through giving our time, our home, and our Coca-Cola.

English Club grew to incorporate the whole community at our monthly cookouts, which were a fantastic way for Christians and non-Christians alike to mingle and form real relationships. I realized that people are not dying to get into church; it's having a relationship with a friend or other person who gives an invitation or offers a ride, which brings people to church.

During my stay, I also got to visit Romania for two weeks. I participated in a few youth camps, where I learned how to function in large groups of perfect strangers who all know each other and who do not speak English. It was a daunting task at first, but I discovered they were just as unsure of me as I was of them. I feel that I made some lifelong friends that week. I left having discovered that good people are everywhere!

Another thing I learned: Missions is not just for the unreached, but also for the unaffected. So many in Eastern Europe have certainly heard God's name, but they remain indifferent. They lack the knowledge of what a caring, personal and living God looks like. I believe that being unaffected by the Word of God is just as deadly as being unreached by it. This renews the vision I have for Europe, a continent plagued by this mindset.

So now I am in Norway, where I am taking part in a missions program, Jesus Revolution. It combines interning, education and ministry, while the last three months of this yearlong term are spent traveling through Europe to further use our training. I am confident that this is the next step to prepare me for a life in ministry, a life of just serving God. Hungary helped confirm that this is what God has for me. Who knows what is after Norway ... life is unpredictable.

-Submitted by Timothy Meadors

Timothy is my son, born on Homecoming Day 1990, while I pastored Abundant Life Fellowship, Pilot, Va. Timothy is a member of Valley Harvest Ministries, Dublin, Va. He is a recent graduate of the College of William and Mary. Gloria and I are proud of his answering the call to ministry. We appreciate your prayers and support. Keep up with Timothy on his blog:<http://thehungarystep.tumblr.com>.

GROW

• "If God calls you to be a missionary, don't stoop to be a king." – Charles H. Spurgeon

GIVE

- You are needed on our next Conference missions team trip!
- Haiti – February 23-March 1, 2012. Construction and Medical Team, \$1275.
- Download an application at appconf.org

All 2011 Global Outreach offerings are to be in the Conference Office by November 28.



Discipleship Ministries

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SUMMER REVIEW



CAMP MARANATHA: This summer 573 young people, along with staff and volunteers, gathered at Camp Maranatha for an exciting four weeks of youth camp filled with activities, worship and the Word. New friendships were formed, old friendships renewed, challenges met and conquered; the only thing we seemed short on was time. Before we knew it, the weeks were gone, but the results of those weeks will last for eternity. The same truth from God's Word was declared and received each week: God is calling us to make a personal decision for him. If we will

say yes, as one individual we can, and do, make a difference. We finally learned that an Army of One can become an army of many ... to serve one God with one plan and one purpose ... to change our world! The following results were recorded:

First-time salvation experiences: 83

Baptism in the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues: 170

Rededications: 245

Healing: 139

Sanctified: 114

Called to ministry: 105

We thank God for everything that was accomplished this summer at Camp Maranatha, and we declare that what God has begun in the lives of the young people, He will bring to completion. We declare that God is raising up a mighty army of young men and women who will serve Him! A special thank you to our staff, camp pastors, worship teams and volunteers who made this a tremendous year at Camp Maranatha!



RANGER OF THE YEAR: We honor the following for earning Conference Ranger of the Year:

- Ranger Kids: **Charlie Mills and Levi Meadows**
- Discovery Rangers: **Dylan Taylor and Jonathan Snuffer**
- Adventure Ranger: **Clayton Taylor and Sean Machovoe**
- Expedition Ranger: **Ryan Martin**

We congratulate and honor each of these outstanding young men, all of whom are part of Outpost #163 Christian Life International, Salem, Virginia.

CAMPORAMA UPDATE: Gathering at Browns Summit, July 13-16, on the Cornerstone Conference grounds, were some 850 young men and adults "ready." Representing the Appalachian Conference were 38 boys and 9 leaders. In the midst of all the fun, activities, worship and the Word, the National Ranger of the Year finals were held. Representing the Appalachian Conference were **Ryan Martin**, Expedition Ranger, and **Clayton Taylor**, Adventure Ranger. We are very proud of these two young men from Outpost #163 Christian Life International, Salem, Virginia. **Ryan Martin placed 2nd** and **Clayton Taylor placed 3rd**. Clayton Taylor also earned his bronze Medal of Achievement. He is only the 84th young man in the IPHC to earn this prestigious Royal Ranger award. Royal Rangers is committed to establishing godly character, conduct and a love for God and country in young men, as they serve God through their family, church and community.



NATIONAL FINE ARTS CONVENTION: We would like to honor the following individuals and groups who placed at the National Fine Arts Convention at Youth Quest in Atlanta. We salute the young people, parents and families, coaches and churches who worked so hard to make this reality possible. You all have done well and honored God, your church and the Appalachian Conference!

- Instrumental Solo – Wind Alpha: **3rd place: Tiffany Smith, French's Chapel**
- Instrumental Solo – Wind Omega: **2nd place: Josie O'Dell, French's Chapel**
- Instrumental Solo – Indefinite Pitch Percussion Alpha: **1st place: Zachary Carter, Cool Springs**
- Communication Arts – Short Sermon Alpha: **2nd place: Zach Kingrea, Victory Restoration Center**
- Comm. Arts – Drama Audible Indv. Omega: **2nd place: Tyler Pastrana, Crosswalk**
- Comm. Arts – Drama Inaudible Pantomime Indv. Alpha: **3rd place: Kasie Conner, Harbor of Hope**
- Comm. Arts – Drama Inaudible Pantomime Indv. Omega: **3rd place: Jason Conner, Harbor of Hope**
- Comm. Arts – Interpretive Dance Classical Indv. Alpha: **2nd place: Lexie Lawson, Harbor of Hope**
- Comm. Arts – Interpretive Dance Classical Group: **3rd place: HOH Dance Team, Harbor of Hope**
- Comm. Arts – Interpretive Dance Contemporary Indv.: **3rd place: Taylor Edwards, Galax**
- Comm. Arts – Interpretive Dance Contemporary Group: **3rd place: HOH Hip Hop, Harbor of Hope**
- Creative Arts – Graphics Alpha: **3rd place: Nicholas Thomas, St. Paul**
- Creative Arts – Three Dimensional Alpha: **1st place: Cole Lam, Shenandoah**
- Creative Arts – Three Dimensional Omega: **2nd place: Tyler Vest, Harbor of Hope**
- Creative Arts – Enhanced Photography Alpha: **1st place: Joanie Conner, Harbor of Hope**
- Creative Writing – Fiction Alpha: **2nd place: Bethany Williams, Shenandoah**
- Video: **2nd place: Haley Simpkins and Sierra Queen, Harbor of Hope**
- Rap: Omega: **1st place: Briar Lam, Shenandoah**
- Rap: Group: **3rd place: Lam Boys, Shenandoah**

Excel: Vocal: **2nd place: Thomas Barnette, Faith Central**
Creative Arts: **3rd place: Jessica Thomas, Draper Valley**

Bible Quiz: Bible Bowl Challenge: **2nd place: T-4:12, Harbor of Hope**



Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



"IT'S A GIRL THING!"

A record 530 girls and leaders from 47 churches within 18 IPHC conferences gathered together July 29-August 1 at the Lifeway Ridgecrest Conference Center in Ridgecrest, N.C., for Power Chicks 2011, an event designed for girls in grades 3-12 and sponsored by IPHC Girls' Ministries.

According to national Girls' Ministries Director Irvina Parker, these numbers are a 66 % increase from the first Power Chicks event, which took place in 2007. "Power Chicks '07 was our very first national girls' event, and we have grown phenomenally," says Parker. "I am so thrilled that these girls and their leaders are catching on to this."

The theme for Power Chicks 2011 was "It's a Girl Thing," and the topics covered included modesty, beauty, and walking in power. The four-day conference featured a variety of speakers and devotionals, along with group activities, prayer, and worship.

"Power Chicks." These words took on new meaning for a group of adults and girls from Galax Pentecostal Holiness Church who attended the conference. They expressed it this way: "How were we empowered? We received knowledge regarding our relationships, our attire, and our future ministries. We were lifted up as we praised along with the Praise Team, and we grew closer to each other as we spent our time together. But the greatest testimony of the power of the 'Power Chicks' conference came when one of our girls received the personal empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Our thanks to God and all who labored in his service to bring this event to us."

Submitted by Elaine Wood



"Power Chicks" with Girls' Ministries Director Elaine Wood and Secretary/Treasurer Pam Fredericks

FALL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 4, 7:00 P.M. • HARBOR OF HOPE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA.

SPEAKER: DR. SHEILA ISOM

Ladies, you don't want to miss this year's Fall Retreat. Sheila is a comical, dynamic speaker. She believes that prayer is the foundation that builds a ministry of power, anointing and authority and results in needs being met. We desire you to come and allow the anointing of God to meet your needs through this powerful ministry.

Pre-register with Martha Hall, 1240 Meadowlark Dr., Wytheville, VA 24382. Registration fee is \$15.

Our Memoirs Report will be read at this time, so please send us the names of any of your ladies who have passed away this year.



TO YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN

Acts 2:38, 39

As parents, we desire the very best for our children. We long to see them grow strong and be successful. It is amazing how much we actually give to our children. We give of ourselves, often sacrificing our own needs and wants. We give our prayers and fasting. We give emotional support. We give financially. But are we really giving them the most effective GIFT? The Heavenly Father knows exactly what these children need. He wants them to have the very best GIFT, so that they can be successful. These truths are found in Luke 11:11-13 (AMP):

“What father among you, if his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone; or if he asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask and continue to ask Him!”

Many of our children don't really know about the Holy Spirit. They are like the disciples that Apollos and Paul found in Ephesus. They asked these disciples the following question: “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed (on Jesus Christ)?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit!”

Let's look at some ways the Holy Spirit will help our children. This knowledge will encourage us to pray more fervently for this GIFT!

- * **HELP:** Yes, the Holy Spirit can provide supernatural HELP! This HELP far exceeds our efforts. “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you ...” (Acts 1:8, NKJV)
- * **OBEDIENCE:** The Holy Spirit helps our children become obedient. “... the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” (Acts 5:32, NKJV)
- * **CONVICTION OF SIN:** Often we cannot see our own faults. What a true blessing it is when the Holy Spirit shows us! Then we can repent and turn to God. “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.” (John 16:8)
- * **PROTECTION:** The Holy Spirit will alert us to times of danger. He will guide us, just as He led the Apostles to the right place to minister. (Acts 16:6-10)
- * **PEACE:** Our children need PEACE! “Peace, I leave with you ...” (John 14:27)
- * **PRAYER:** The Holy Spirit will help our children pray! “The Spirit himself intercedes for us ... according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26, 27, ESV)

Pass on this most precious GIFT to your children! PRAY!

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DOTTIE SHELTON A Very Special Friend 1943 – 2011

In memory of Dorothy "Dottie" Malone Shelton, for her many years of service to Women's Ministries, Word of Life Ministries PHC, Wytheville, Va., and her invaluable contributions to Bible Quiz on the local, conference and national levels. She will be greatly missed. The following is submitted by Sheila Bedwell, Word of Life Ministries, Wytheville, Va.

Dorothy "Dottie" Malone Shelton was born August 30, 1943, and went to be with the Master on July 18, 2011. She was the daughter of the late James and Mozell Crigger Malone. She was preceded in death by her son, Early James Shelton, Jr., and a brother, Billy Malone. She was married to Early James Shelton for 49 years. Together they had two daughters and sons-in-law: Dianna and Eddie Etheridge of Roanoke, Va., and Vicki and Jeff Zimmer of Stokesdale, N.C.

They had three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dorothy talked of her husband Early often. Early was her rock here on this earth; she really did love him so. I know what a prayer warrior he is. I also know he is a true child of God. It's no wonder he meant so much to her! They shared the same values and they shared their hearts with God and each other.

She truly loved her children and grandchildren, as well. I would get lots of stories of Eli and Cierra—the cute things they had said or their latest accomplishments. She would tell me how Dianna was doing and how brave she was during her illness. She would tell me about the trips to visit Vickie and the fun and excitement she had while there. We would share tears when something was wrong with one of them and laughter when all was going well.

Dottie was loved by everyone. She was an active member of Word of Life Ministries. There she held several positions, some of which included Bible Quiz coach, church board member, treasurer, C.E. board member, W.M. president and choir member. The kids were a special part of her life. She could teach the hardest subjects with the greatest understanding, which kept them interested and coming back for more.

Dottie loved lying out in the sun. Pastor Cope told us this story from her husband Early: The last week of her life, while lying in the sun, a little bird would come and rest beside her. She and the little bird formed a little relationship. Every day, the little bird would come. When Dottie passed away, the little bird came back no more. (I would like to believe that little bird was somehow her guardian angel, preparing her for the streets of Heaven.)

Everyone called her "Dottie," but I called her "My Dottie." I came to know her when I was married 21 years ago; what a friend she became! She was always there to listen, and no matter what I had to talk about, she would always listen with open heart and ears. I loved to call her and say, "I have another blessing to share." She would always reply, "What, honey?" How I love and miss her. She was my very special friend. We could always "agree to disagree" if we didn't see eye-to-eye on a subject, and we just kept on loving each other. Our favorite saying was "This, too, shall pass."

Dottie left behind a hole in many hearts, but she also left behind a beautiful legacy—one of love, peace and understanding. She was a natural-born leader and did so quite well. This is how I remember my friend best: beautiful, happy, hobby, kind, loving, caring, mother, Nana and friend. I will end this the way she and I always ended our phone calls: "See ya', love ya', bye." I love you, Dottie, and I will see you again in Heaven.