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“I have come
as a light into
the world, that
whoever believes
in Me should not
abide in darkness.”

John 12:46 NKJV





VETERAN MISSIONARY GRADUATES TO HEAVEN



1948 - 2011

David Paul Fannin, Sr., missionary for 37 years, died unexpectedly in his sleep on Monday, October 10, near Kiev, Ukraine. He and his wife Linda, along with Continental Director Bob Cave and other missionaries, had just completed weekend services in Xmelnitsky, Ukraine.

As a young man, David attended Ambassador Bible Institute in London, Ohio, where he and Linda met and subsequently married. In August 1974, they were ordained as missionaries in Franklin Springs, Georgia, and went first to Malawi, Central Africa, to help the Guthries. He was elected as Conference Superintendent for Malawi that first term. He and Linda remained and ministered in Malawi for 26 years, where their leadership helped produce phenomenon church growth. In 2000 they moved to Eastern Europe, where they worked with post-Communist, atheistic countries and the Middle East. At his death, he was the regional director for Eastern Europe/Middle East.

David joined the Appalachian Conference in 1984. All who knew David will remember well his joyful personality. He was a missionary with a passionate heart for his work in the kingdom, wherever God led him. His big smile and funny stories will be missed, but his rich legacy lives on.

The celebration of David's life and ministry was held at New Life Christian Ministries in Roanoke, Virginia, on October 17.

Among those who eulogized David's life were Dr. Doug Beacham, executive director of World Missions Ministries; Dr. Harold Dalton, assistant director of World Missions Ministries; and continental director, Rev. Bob Cave. Rev. Walter Lee Wood delivered an outstanding funeral message. Please continue to remember Linda and their three children in your prayers. After Thanksgiving Linda plans to return to the area of ministry she shared with David in Eastern Europe.



*May love, joy,
hope and peace
fill your home
as you celebrate
Christ's birth.*

Preston & Kathy

Merry Christmas!

BRUCE GREGORY AVAILABLE FOR REVIVALS

Rev. Bruce Gregory, a licensed minister in the Appalachian Conference, is available for revivals and to fill in for pastors. Bruce has an anointed ministry in song and will be an inspiration to your congregation through the ministry of the Word as well. You may contact him at 540-616-3232.



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January 3

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January 6

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January 17

Rev. William H. Leggett
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JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6 First Friday Fast
- 7 Bible Quiz Scrimmage
- 16 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 19-21 Men's Ministries & Royal Rangers – Ridgecrest, NC
- 26-29 Accelerant – Gatlinburg, TN





Mozambique Clinic Near Completion



Conference Missions Team with the Maputo Team

“Vision” is the best term to describe the sandy piece of ground that the IPHC owns in the capital city of Mozambique. Rising from that walled compound is a medical clinic that will serve the physical needs of the region. Just a few feet away, the earth has been prepared to accept the footers for a new church that will meet the spiritual needs of the people. Who saw all this before it was there? Our missionaries, Joe and Maggie Delport. Our conference missions team was honored to work alongside them for 13 days last month.

As a result of our giving as a conference, the team was able to put a bright red roof on the building. In addition, a children’s crusade ministered to more than 200 in the community. The team also travelled to local IPHC churches and conducted services. Donna Akers, David and Rebecca Freeman, James Frye, Kerry Helmandollar, Jessica Kitts, Larry and Gloria Meadors, Mike

Reynolds, Gene Sizemore, Richard Sturgell, Robert Webb, and Howard White made up the team and they did a tremendous job.

A green-and-white tent is now serving as the meeting place for this church on the property. However, if you look by faith, a church building will be rising up from this soil in the coming year. This property has great potential to have a unique role in ministry for the IPHC in Mozambique. You can help fulfill this vision. The 2012 special project for conference missions will be to raise the \$25,000 to construct the Maputo IPHC church. As with the medical clinic, a donor has pledged a matching grant for up to half the cost! In other words, your \$1,000 will become \$2,000. Mark your gifts “SP Maputo Church.”



Spread the Cheer! Drop a Christmas greeting to our Appalachian Conference missionaries



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“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” John 1:14



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Pam and I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you across the Conference a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.



From our heart to your home: may the joy and warmth of this season fill your lives each and every day. May His peace envelop you and may you walk throughout the coming year in the hope that was born in a manger so many years ago.



"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

As your family gathers this "Christ" season, our prayer is that each one of you will again sense and experience the comfort of a Savior and the hope of a King!

*Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!
Ron, Pam, Russell and Lauren*



May the song the angels sang that night echo in your hearts and home this Christmas Season: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." May God bless you! Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Stacy, Sunshine, Michael, Joe, Wes and Will

May the blessings of this season be yours!
Jim, Kitten, Aaron and Brandon Tunnell

Sarah and I would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas season and a blessed New Year in 2012.

N. R. and Sarah Taylor

From Bruce and Dinah: Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Hear the angel's announcement! "...Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." (Luke 2:10). The two adjectives spoken by the angel—"good" and "great"—describe God. He is both a GOOD God and a GREAT God, and He is for ALL people! May His goodness and greatness fill your Christmas and all of your coming days!

Don and Dale Webb

Love came down at Christmas; Love all lovely, love divine; Love truly was born at Christmas, Stars and angels gave the sign. Wishing you and yours the most wonderful Christmas blessings!

Miss Elaine

Merry Christmas



Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



Seek and You Will Find



Most of you have probably already started (and some may have finished) your Christmas shopping by now. You've searched for the perfect gift, the bargains, and the decorations. You've planned your menus and your parties. You've asked everyone on your list, "What do you want for Christmas?" The answer could have come in a hundred different ways, from toys, to clothes, jewelry, appliances and some may have simply replied "to have my health back" or "to have my son home from the military." Everyone is seeking something different.

The shepherds were looking for a manger (Luke 2:12). The wise men were looking for a baby to worship (Matt. 2:1, 2). Let me ask you, "What are you going to find this Christmas?" The answer is you'll find what you're looking for. The Bible tells us in Matthew 7:7, "Seek and you will find."

I've noticed in the media today that the world seems to be curious about life after death. Television shows have interviewed people who have died and come back. Books have been written, movies have been made, and stories are being told everywhere about the hereafter.

The bottom line is that people are asking: "Is there any meaning to my life? Does my life count? Is there a God? If there is a God, can I get to know Him? Is there life after death?" As Christians, we have the answer to each of these questions. The first time Jesus came to this world, He came as a little baby boy born in Bethlehem. But the next time Jesus comes, He will come as King of kings and Lord of lords.

This Christmas, as you celebrate with family and friends, take a few minutes to remind everyone that Jesus is coming again just as surely as He came the first time. Let them know He came to give life and that more abundantly. He came to give hope and a reason for our being.

I want to close by saying Merry Christmas, and I pray that this will be one of the most wonderful Christmases you have ever known in your entire life because you are seeking first His kingdom.



Top Three Churches in 2010 Special Emphasis Offerings



CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

Family Worship Center, Pulaski – \$786.08
Shenandoah – \$700
Merrimac – \$500

FEAST OF INGATHERING

Shenandoah – \$700
Merrimac – \$500
Cool Spring – \$500

HARVEST TRAIN

To be announced next month



LORD, REMEMBER ME WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM!

(Luke 23:42)

REMEMBER me! This was the cry of the thief on the cross. This was the final prayer of the thief on the cross. Death was quickly approaching! Final words were being uttered. One thief chose to REPENT; the other thief chose to RAIL on Jesus.

This simple prayer is a powerful prayer. Quickly Jesus responded, “Truly, I tell you, today you shall be with me in Paradise.” This prayer is also a scriptural prayer. Yes—we can approach the Father with this prayer and expect His response!

“I, even I, am He Who blots out and cancels your transgressions, for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Put Me in REMEMBRANCE; let us plead and argue together. Set forth your case, that you may be justified.” (Isaiah 43:25, 26, AMP emphasis added)

This thief knew that he had no case of his own. However, he heard the most precious words that penetrated his aching heart: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). The other thief heard these words also. But he rejected the offering of Jesus upon the cross and missed the trip to Paradise!

THE SEASON TO REMEMBER!

The holiday season is a special time to REMEMBER JESUS! Not only can we spend priceless moments in His presence, but we also can do just as Jesus did on that cross. Jesus ministered to a desperate man! We can feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, care for the stranger, visit those in prison, and provide clothes for the needy.

“And the King will reply to them, Truly I tell you, in so far as you did it for one of the least of these My brethren, you did it for ME.” (Matthew 25:40, AMP)

Be blessed – this Christmas and always!

“The spirit of Christmas needs to be superseded by the Spirit of Christ. The spirit of Christmas is annual; the Spirit of Christ is eternal. The spirit of Christmas is sentimental; the Spirit of Christ is supernatural. The spirit of Christmas is a human product; the Spirit of Christ is a divine person. That makes all the difference in the world.”

– Stuart Briscoe

Merry Christmas from Men’s Ministries,

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David can be contacted at 304-561-8415 or 304-561-8360. His ministry will be a blessing to your church.

AVAILABLE FOR REVIVALS AND SUNDAY SERVICES



MARANATHA COLLEGE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Class Schedule

LOCATION	CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
Dublin (Valley Harvest Ministries) December 16-17 (Friday 7-9 p.m./Saturday 8:30a.m.-4:30 p.m.)	EM 253 Foundations of Prayer I	Rev. Donna Hankla/Rev. Debbie Hutton
Bluefield (South View Church) January 2 (6:00-9:00 p.m.)	ENGL 1113 English Composition	Pastor Bernard McBride
Lynchburg (Tree of Life) January 20-21 (Friday 7-10 p.m./Saturday 8:30a.m.-3:00 p.m.)	Christian Beliefs – Basic Bible Doctrine	Ms. Alease Braxton