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ONE LORD

ONE BODY

ONE MISSION

2012 Global Banquet Schedule

(RSVP Alice Crigger, 540-674-4131 x207)

Saturday, March 10, 5:00 p.m. – East Tennessee District
Erwin PHC, Johnson City Highway, Erwin, Tenn.

Monday, March 12, noon – Central Virginia District
Olde Liberty Station, 515 Bedford Avenue, Bedford, Va.

Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. – Shenandoah District
Ray of Hope PHC, 1450 Reservoir Street, Harrisonburg, Va.

Tuesday, March 13, noon – Greenbrier District
Lewisburg Community PHC, Vago Road, Lewisburg, W.Va.

Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. – Central West Virginia District
Ryan's Grill Buffet & Bakery, 1320 N. Eisenhower Drive, Beckley, W.Va.

Thursday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. – New River Valley/Roanoke Districts
Harbor of Hope, 2720 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Va.

Friday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. – Southwest Virginia District
St. Paul PHC, 796 Ivanhoe Road, Max Meadows, Va.

Saturday, March 17, noon – Bluefield/McDowell Districts
Bluewell Voice of Praise, Route 20, Bluewell, W.Va.



APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

Appalachian Conference



A Miracle in the Making



While many ministries are holding back on new building projects because of today's weak economy, God is still working financial miracles. Destiny Outreach Ministries (DOM), located on Route 460 between Bluefield and Tazewell, recently dedicated Destiny Life Center for the purpose of reaching today's young generation for Christ.

The building includes a full-size high school basketball court, a volleyball court, a kitchen, and two large classrooms. One classroom will serve Destination Station, DOM's children's ministry, and one will house The Edge, DOM's teen ministry. Both rooms have up-to-date visual, sound, and lighting systems. The beautiful, fully equipped kitchen will fulfill a need at Destiny for church fellowship, as well as offer opportunities for community outreach.

Destiny Outreach Ministries is the result of another church's outreach. A little over 14 years ago, under the leadership of Bishop Preston Mathena, Voice of Praise from Bluewell, W.Va., had a vision to reach the Tazewell-Bluefield area with the love of Jesus, so they established the original church. Bishop Mathena became that congregation's senior pastor.

About four years later, Pastor Steve Branch became senior pastor of the original congregation, and the new building, Destiny Life Center, has been built under his capable leadership. In recognition of Bishop Mathena's original vision and obedience to it, Destiny Outreach Ministries invited him to dedicate its new Life Center.

Pastor Steve Branch sees the Destiny Life Center as a means for expanding other ministries of the church, such as working



with the judicial system in our county, fighting the drug problem, and expanding the Celebrate Recovery program. He also believes it holds possibilities for new ministries, such as future conferences and seminars. He says, "We are excited to know that with this great tool comes great responsibility, and we know that the sky is the limit to what God has in store. We know that this miracle is not just for one church. I pray that other churches can be encouraged that, even in this economy, God is still Jehovah-jireh, our Provider!"

—Submitted by Pat Carter

MARANATHA COLLEGE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES Spring Schedule

Location	Class	Instructor
Bluefield (6-9 p.m.) March 19	BIBL 4123 New Testament Pastoral/Prison Epistles	Pastor Bernard McBride
Lynchburg February 17-18 March 16-17 April 20-21 May 18-19	Christian Beliefs I Foundational Prayer Principles I Theology of the Holy Spirit (Christian) Evangelism & Outreach	
Dublin February 10-11 (7-9 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday)	SLM BI New Testament Survey I SLM BI 223 New Testament Survey II	Missionary Jeff Willhoite

NOTE BURNING AT SPEEDWELL



On November 20, 2011, the Speedwell P.H. Church rejoiced as they held a note-burning ceremony to commemorate the paying off of their fellowship hall. Pictured (left to right) are Pastor Don Byrd, Bishop Preston Mathena, Paula Hairston and Gladys Mulkey.

March Retired Ministers' Birthdays

March 11

Rev. Glenn Wright
1426 Rockdale Road
Wytheville, VA 24382

March 23

Rev. Mrs. Ethel Swart
513 Awaroa Road, RD1
Kaitaia North Island, New Zealand

March 24

Rev. Thomas Cochran
204 Woodland Drive
Buena Vista, VA 24416



MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2 First Friday Fast
- 2 Deadline for Talent Quest creative writing, video, website
- 3 Bible Quiz Scrimmage – Word of Life
- 10 Pinewood Derby
- 11 National Women's Ministries Day
- 11-17 Women's Ministries Week
- 18 Retired Ministers' Day
- 24 Royal Ranger of the Year
- 30-31 Conference Talent Quest Finals – Tree of Life



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Join in the Vision for Indochina

The New River Valley, the Blue Ridge Mountains and the West Virginia Turnpike are all places easily recognized by most of us in the Appalachian Conference. These places mean something to us and are a part of who we are. If someone mentions Indochina, the Mekong



Jeff and Verna Willhoite
Indochina Regional Directors

Delta or the Golden Triangle, we might have a more difficult time relating to such places. However, these three places are a meaningful part of the lives of the more than 1.6 billion people living in the six countries. The Mekong River flows out of the mountains of Yunnan, China, and through or along the border of five other countries—Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. The Mekong River forms the extremely fertile and populated Mekong Delta. These latter five countries also make up the region that was first called Indochina by the French, Indochina meaning India and China. For centuries, these two countries have influenced the region in culture, language, religion and more. The last place mentioned is the Golden Triangle. This is a place where the borders of three countries—Thailand, Laos and Myanmar—converge at a single point on the Mekong River. In fact, the Golden Triangle is more of a euphemism for a very troubled region where economic, social and welfare issues are often left unattended, or dealt with such that the governments enrich a few while offering very little to the masses.

As IPHC/Appalachian Conference missionaries and regional directors of the Indochina region, we have lived, worked and ministered extensively throughout the region for more than 20 years. Eight years ago, the Lord put a vision in our hearts to establish a training facility near the Golden Triangle, so that we could train leaders and national missionaries from the region. For several years, we faced challenge after challenge as we pushed forward to see the vision of the Lord come to pass. After a breakthrough in 2008, the doors are wide open and the Indochina Mission Training Center is becoming a reality, with the potential to impact the entire region for Christ. The Lord has impressed on our hearts that part of this ministry is to be dedicated to women and children, and a piece of land has been provided to establish the Hands of Hope Women and Children Center—a safe, caring place where Christ’s love, mercy and compassion reign.

–Submitted by Jeff Willhoite

The Willhoites recently returned to the U.S. and are itinerating in the conference through August. They would love to share more of their ministry and this exciting work with you, your pastors and churches. You may contact them by phone through the conference office, Jeff’s cell (502-457-7550) or by email at jvwill81@gmail.com.

GO: GLOBAL OUTREACH BANQUETS

What is going on in the world of missions? Pastors and mission directors will be finding out firsthand at these annual district meetings March 10-17. Check the schedule for the meeting that you can attend, and join us for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Praise the Lord for last year’s giving of \$142,078.69 for the Global Outreach Offering! Every person and every church is needed to help reach our 2012 goal of ONE. The word “ONE” reminds us that we have one Lord, we are one Body, and we have one Mission—evangelize the world to prepare for the return of Jesus Christ.

GROW: “God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on Him.”

–Hudson Taylor



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"HELP! CAN ANYONE HELP ME?"



"Help! Can anyone help me? My credit cards are all maxed. My income is not sufficient to make the monthly payments. My wife is concerned about my ability to manage our family income and debt. The children need clothes. Is there anyone out there who will come to my aid? Hopefully, another credit card application will arrive in the mail today. I will apply and if accepted, I will use the new credit card to make payments on the other credit cards." This is a scene that takes place across America every day. It impacts all age groups. An alarming situation is the amount of credit card debt that retired people carry. So, the alarm sounds in the form of a desperate cry, **"Help; can anyone help me?"**

Television, radio, newspaper and circular ads seek to get our attention with a financial plan. For a price, they each offer a solution. However, the first step in finding a solution is to recognize that there are two basic plans: **Man's plan and God's plan.** God's plan is guaranteed to work. Man's plan only suggests that it might work.

Man's plan starts with a basic principle: "It is my stuff. I worked for it, and I don't want anyone to try to tell me what to do with it." Where did the idea that it is "my stuff" originate? Remember the story in the Bible about a man who wanted more stuff. His barns were full and he didn't need any more. A great thing for him to do would have been to share his abundance with those who were not as blessed. Did he do it? No. He built bigger barns. He wanted it all because he thought it was his (Luke 12:16-21). "It is mine" is the basic financial foundation of man's plan. God, being the owner of everything, and man, the steward or manager, is totally ignored. This concept can lead to "bad financial decisions" just to get more stuff. Instead of having abundance, the person becomes a "slave" to debt. There must be a better plan.

There is a better and guaranteed plan. It is God's plan. It is not complicated and hard to figure out. It is very precise and easy to understand. Here it is:

¹⁰ *"Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

¹¹ *"And I will rebuke the devourer [insects and plagues] for your sakes and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine drop its fruit before the time in the field, says the Lord of hosts." (Malachi 3:10, 11 Amplified Bible)*

God says, "Prove me," or "This is a test." It is the only place in the Bible that God challenges the individual to "test" Him. The plan is simple. Honor God with the tithe and use common sense in how the remaining ninety percent is used, and you will no longer be the slave to debt.

If you have not been a tither, I challenge you to give it a try. It works! It is guaranteed by God! As you read this, I know what you are thinking—"I cannot afford to pay my tithe." Wow, are you saying your financial plan is better than God's? It is the opinion of the writer that if you are not paying your tithe, you have no right to ask God to supply your needs. If you listen closely, you may hear God say, "Apparently you think your plan is better than Mine, so why ask Me to supply your needs?" Thank God for the plan that works!

— Edward W. Wood

Rev. Edward W. Wood is a former bishop of the Appalachian Conference and served eight years on the general level as the executive director of Stewardship Ministries. The Discipleship Ministries Department is glad to partner with Rev. Wood, providing leadership in the area of Stewardship Ministries. Rev. Wood has put a tremendous teaching and PowerPoint presentation together on the basic elements of stewardship. He can be reached at 540-674-4152.

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Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



Faithful God

For months, I have rested in the assurance that God is faithful. We are promised in Hebrews 13:5b (AMP): "... for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]" (emphasis added). Last May, we watched our oldest son, Ryan, board a bus en route to Afghanistan. Although my emotions were screaming not to let him go, my spirit man was at peace. Prior to his departure, I had prayed and sent God's mighty warring angels to be at the place and appointed time when Ryan would call out and need God's help. That day did come.

Facebook has been our friend during this deployment as one of the means of communication. There was a short message left by my son requesting prayer because their platoon was under intense fire and ambush from the enemy during patrols. The Taliban was no longer in another country, but they had invaded my life and my family. Psalm 68:1(KJV) gives us a visual of God when we call on Him in urgent need: "Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him." I am sure that is the action taken by God the day I sent out prayer requests and the many times that followed.

Psalm 91 has been my guarantee that God is faithful to his promise for me and my children, and my children's children, and every generation to follow. God graciously brought my son home at 11:10 p.m. on Christmas day, along with the entire 1st Battalion, 9th Marines; confirmed—all present and accounted for! Since Ryan's return home, we have learned some of the details of the months he spent in Afghanistan. He shared that during the past seven months, he had the heel of his boot shot, several comrades had their helmets shot, and his best friend had received fire in his breastplate—but there were no casualties. No harm did befall them.

What enemy is firing at you or your children today? God is faithful to deliver, whether facing a real enemy like the Taliban or other enemies that wait to ambush in secret. God will not forsake you. Just as mentioned in Hebrews 13:5, God will never fail you nor leave you without support. We cannot always see our enemy, but his shots fired can be felt. God's protection will cover us, just as wings, as we rely on him to never leave us helpless nor relax his hold on us—Assuredly not!

—Submitted by Odessa Shupe



W.M. ANNUAL BUS TRIP

April 13-14, 2012

Charleston, S.C.

- Tour of historic Charleston
- Tour of Magnolia Plantation & Gardens
- Dinner at AW Shuck's Seafood Restaurant
- Beautiful accommodations at Holiday Inn, Riverview

Registration form and deposit of \$125 are due by February 20.

If you have not received the January mail-out with details about the bus trip, please call Martha Hall (540-250-7761).



ARE YOU IN POSITION FOR A GREAT OUTPOURING IN 2012?



Could this be the year that the Holy Spirit is poured out in a manner described in Joel 2:28? Several key intercessors have experienced impressions of the Holy Spirit that heaven is ready to release an OUTPOURING! This OUTPOURING will bring forth much prayer and prophecy!

RESTED ... RELIEVED ... REFRESHED!

Be under that spout of the OUTPOURING by taking the time to COME UNTO HIM. *“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]”* (Matthew 11:28 Amplified)

WATERFALLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Have you ever taken a hike in the mountains on a hot summer day, waded in a clear, cool creek and washed under the WATERFALL? Likewise, your spiritual refreshing can happen as you spend time sitting in the PRESENCE of GOD, listening to His voice and reading His Word.

In Ezekiel 47, we read of double waters that flow from the temple. Every place they flow, they bring life (v. 9)! People will experience the RIVER at different levels: ankle deep or knee level or waist level or over the head to swim in (vs. 1-5).

In the year 2012, will you stay in His Presence long enough to receive His OUTPOURING at the level of your ankles, or knees, or waist? Or will you stay in His Presence until those waters are poured over your head? Stay long enough for your spirit, soul and body to be refreshed!

Don't miss the WATERFALLS of the SPIRIT in 2012!

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REV. A.C. ASHFORD FINISHES HIS RACE

Reverend A. C. Ashford, dedicated minister and missionary, died on Sunday, December 25, 2011, at the age of 91. After attending Holmes Bible College in Greenville, South Carolina, he joined the Appalachian Conference in 1951. He and his wife, Vera, served as missionaries in Costa Rica for 21 years. They also pastored St. Paul and Liberty Hill Pentecostal Holiness churches. Funeral services were held December 27 at Baker's Chapel P.H. Church with the Rev. Hampton Atkinson and Pastor Jim Tunnell officiating. A graveside service, including military rites, was held at the conference cemetery in Dublin. Rev. Ashford was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ and now enjoys the presence of the One he loved and served.

W1N-52 Evangelism Training Set to Begin



What would happen if each member of a church would win at least one soul to Christ every week? The average church in the United States has 75 members. With 52 weeks in a year, and every member winning one soul a week, that would equal 3,900 souls saved and added to the church that year—from a church with only 75 members! Imagine if this concept swept the nation!

On a recent trip, Amy Lambert spoke to a group of women in southern Florida. She had a two-part message: On the first day, she ministered to the women's spiritual needs and took the time to minister to many women individually at the altar. On the second day,

however, she taught the women the importance of taking what you have received from Christ out to reach the lost and dying world. Lambert said, "So many times the church waits for the lost to come to us, but the Bible says to go to the lost!"

The very next day, testimonies poured in from ladies who had attended the conference. Women reported going out on the beaches, ministering to the lost, and people being saved! One woman who attended the conference said, "In my 22 years in church, I have never been practically taught to lead someone to Christ."

God has placed this new teaching on Amy Lambert's heart called W1N-52. This would train the average church member in the simplicity of leading people to Christ. It would not become a one-time outreach, but rather a lifestyle of leading people to Christ. In Matthew 10:8, Jesus says, "Freely you have received, freely give." As the church, we are not called to wait for sinners to realize their great need. Rather, we are called to compel the lost to come in! As believers, our calling is two-fold. First, we are to follow Jesus Christ, and second, we are to become fishers of men by helping others become followers of Christ.

This new teaching has three main goals: Church growth and discipleship, mobilizing and sending out the local church, and invading communities with the Gospel.

For more information or to schedule a W1N-52 seminar in your church, please visit www.amylambertglobal.org or call us at 1-866-356-7759 x700.



—Written by Nicole Branch