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## SPRING PRAYER FESTIVAL MAY 12, 2012

“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer,  
believing, ye shall receive.”

Matthew 21:22

**Draper Valley P.H. Church**  
**9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**



Rev. P. Douglas Small is president and founder of Alive Ministries: Project Pray Southeast USA. An ordained bishop with the Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., Rev. Small is a conference speaker, as well as author of several new books, including Prayer—the Heartbeat of the Church. He serves 12 states as a consultant to prayer-based projects and will challenge and inspire you to pray more effectively.



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## VICTORY RESTORATION CHURCH: NEW LOCATION, SAME VISION



On Sunday, January 8, 2012, Victory Restoration Church dedicated their new 425-seat facility at 190 Bishops Gate Road in Christiansburg, Virginia. Special guests included Bishop Preston Mathena, who gave the dedication sermon, followed by a dedicatory prayer by former bishop Ken Kingrea, Pastor Ray's

He led them by example, through prayer and fasting, a passion for the Word and a love for people. From humble beginnings, the church has grown to well over 400, experiencing vibrant worship and seeing lives changed.

“There is so much brokenness and disillusionment among youth today. We try to create an environment of love, acceptance and God’s presence,” said Pastor Ray. “As a church we believe we are called to do two things: proclaim victory through the Word of God to all who believe and to restore broken lives through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

*–Submitted by Candice Taylor*

father. Thirteen years earlier, Ray and Sandy Kingrea began pastoring Victory Restoration Church, then a small congregation. The church outgrew its initial location, and in September 2009, VRC moved into Christiansburg High School for two years, where they would set up and take down sound equipment, classrooms and a nursery.

As this facility became too small, they began looking for property that would not only facilitate a new church, but support expansion as well. The church continued to experience the move of the Holy Spirit, as Pastor Ray poured into his leadership team and congregation a confident faith that the Lord was guiding and leading VRC into the future. Rather than becoming distracted by a building program, Pastor Ray maintained his focus on the people that God had brought to VRC.



### **MARANATHA COLLEGE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

**Dublin Location**

March 16-17

**Class**

TH 233 Christian Beliefs I

**Instructor**

Pastor David Wood

(Friday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

**DWIGHT (RICK) HARLESS**  
**1953-2012**



Dwight (Rick) Harless went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 5, 2012, after a long illness. He was the former pastor of Rose of Sharon Pentecostal Holiness Church in Charleston, W.Va. He received his Local Church Minister's Certificate with the Appalachian Conference in 2008, and he pastored and evangelized in the surrounding area for more than 35 years. Evangelist David Bragg officiated at his funeral in Alum Creek, W.Va., on January 8. He is survived by his wife, Carol, two daughters, one stepdaughter, and two sons, as well as brothers and sisters. His faithfulness and dedication will long be remembered by those whose lives he touched.



**April Retired Ministers' Birthdays**

**April 1**

Rev. Larry Snider  
 685 N. High St., Apt. H  
 Christiansburg, VA 24073

**April 2**

Rev. Charles Pfaff  
 2101 10th Street  
 Radford, VA 2414

**April 4**

Rev. Edward Wood, Sr.  
 5879 Jewell Avenue  
 Dublin, VA 24084

**April 15**

Rev. David Bain  
 P.O. Box 27  
 Natural Bridge, VA 24578

**APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 1 Palm Sunday
- 6 Good Friday/First Friday Fast
- 7 Bible Quiz Scrimmage – St. Paul
- 8 Easter
- 13-14 Women's Ministries Bus Trip
- 18-21 Dynamic Church Planting Int'l Training – Falcon
- 20-21 Tower Training
- 25 Administrative Assistant's Day



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## Mission: Appalachian Conference Vision 2020

What will your church look like in eight more years? With faith-filled eyes of vision, can you see more people in your church? Can you even see twice as many people? The IPHC leaders can see your church and countless others of our denomination doubling by the year 2020. Presiding Bishop Ron Carpenter, Sr., is leading us into the harvest field to take what has the IPHC's name on it. Here in our beautiful part of the world, we want to lead the way. What will it take to add 20,000 more members to our churches? For one thing, it will take many new and/or affiliate churches each year. Statistics show us that most new growth comes from planting new churches. Working together, we can make it happen!



Meet a church planter:  
The Miguel Arellano family

What will it take to fulfill this vision? It will take church planters. Maranatha College is poised to make a significant impact in producing new leadership. Church planters will be raised up here and mentored in your church. We must reach our Latino neighbors by planting new churches. This growth will correspond to new Latino leadership on the conference level. It will take churches birthing churches. The value of mothering churches is to be embraced. District mentoring and support will be critical to new works. Funding will need to be increased to reach our part of America. Are we at the point to sacrificially give and go, as though this is the last great mission field in the world? Above all, prayer! A new conference prayer center

will strategically open up the windows of heaven for the move of God.

Can you see it yet? Look, it is happening now! In Morristown, Tenn., Pastors Miguel and Fabiola Arellano are preparing to plant a Latino church in partnership with Pastor Kip Worrell. This promising young couple has been trained and mentored by Pastor Edgar Sorto. They will reach out to a Latino population of over 25,000.

Look over at Charlottesville, Va. The existing church shut its doors last fall. However, God is resurrecting this church under the direction of Pastors Rocky and Debbie Nicely. New vision has attracted a core group that wants to reach out to this region that has a population near 200,000.

Borders or relationships? That often is the debate in church planting. Certainly that could be true concerning the new church plant in Fort Mill, S.C. It is outside the traditional borders of our conference. However, the three young men who have started Water's Edge Fellowship have a relationship with our conference. They are from the NRV District, more specifically Valley Harvest Church. Joshua Bowling is the pastor, David Littlejohn is the associate pastor, and Nick Livingstone is heading up technical and design duties.

The first official new church of 2012 is Higher Ground Ministries. This independent church in Bedford, Va., will be a member church. Special thanks to Pastor Glenn Dawson, whose pastoral leadership led them to the IPHC. Welcome to the Appalachian Conference family!

The potential for growth is all around us. "... Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are **white** already **to harvest**" (John 4:35).

**GROW** – “Even though you’re going backwards, you’re making progress. When climbing Everest, you don’t go straight up, but rather up and down. Though this is frustrating, your body has to get used to the altitude. Church leaders, if your attendance keeps going up and down or has plateaued, don’t get frustrated. God may be conditioning you for the next level.” – Alison Levine has scaled the highest peak on every continent and also skied to both the North and South Poles.

**GIVE** – See you at the Global Banquets March 10-17! Every church, every person, every gift is important and vital to reach our Global Offering goal of \$150,000. View the schedule at [appconf.org](http://appconf.org).



# Discipleship Ministries

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LITTLE VINE COMMUNITY

AMAZING! This is the word one youth leader from the Appalachian Conference used to describe the sight of several thousand young people with hands, hearts and voices raised in worship to God. *ACCELERANT 2012* convened in Gatlinburg, Tenn., January 26-29. The speaker for the morning service was Pastor Tavner Smith. While some opted for



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the ski experience following the message, all finished the day with an evening concert by The Afters and Leeland. The WORD was strong and relevant, and both bands allowed God to use them to give much more than a concert – a time of celebration and worship. The two days that followed brought a powerful greeting by Presiding Bishop Ron Carpenter, Sr., worship led by Chasen and tremendous teaching by both Pastor Tavner Smith and Pastor Mike Hamen. Young people and adults alike were challenged, encouraged and moved to follow Christ in radical faith and obedience, knowing that their decision for Christ could and would change their lives and their world. With some 400-plus young people and leaders from the Appalachian Conference, we were well represented. [The above pictures show just a few of those attending.] It was my pleasure and privilege to watch as they made and renewed friendships and responded to the call of God and the move of the Holy Spirit. The reports coming in from young people and adults from across the conference have been tremendous, and many are already making plans for next year with the expectation that more will come. Cheers to our young people! Reports from vendors and businesses say they were some of the best young people they have seen this season. *ACCELERANT* is a national youth event sponsored by the IPHC. The dates for 2013 are Jan. 31-Feb. 3. For more info, contact the Appalachian Conference Discipleship Ministries Dept. at 540-674-4131 ext. 206, or go to [accelerantfire.com](http://accelerantfire.com).



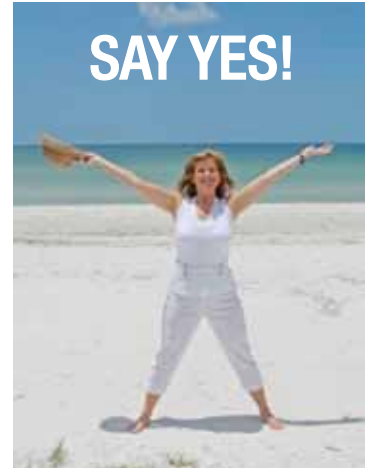
# Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



## Women's Ministries Day

This year's WM Day is officially scheduled for March 11, 2012, the second Sunday in March. However, you and your pastor are free to choose a date that will best suit your needs. Whether you choose to have your women take the entire service, or a small portion of it, the important thing is to make it a special day that focuses on the importance of the contributions that women make in our churches every week. On this special day, we ask that you receive a special offering for the ongoing support of Women's Ministries. Half the offering will stay with your local WM, and half should be sent on to your conference WM. This will greatly benefit our local and conference WM programs. Without the prayer and support of our local churches, Women's Ministries would be unable to accomplish all the wonderful things that it has accomplished over the years. In light of this, we encourage people to give generously and with a joyful heart to help make it happen.



This year's theme is **Say Yes!** It is based on the book *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God* by Lysa TerKeurst, which is our WM suggested study book for 2012. It struck a chord in the hearts of National WM Director Tamé Lambert, the entire WM Board, and me as we reviewed books this past year. As I finished the book and began to read through the Word with this year's theme in my spirit, it was overwhelming. The results when godly women dare to **say yes** to God are ever amazing and always inspiring. Even now, as we all look around us, it's easy to see that despite the darkness of the times in which we live, there are always women of God who will step up to the plate, be a light, and **say yes** when the Holy spirit calls them.

Celebrate this year's theme in two ways. First, celebrate the women of your church who have **said yes** to God and are making a difference in the lives of those around them. Second, challenge the women and the congregation as a whole to **say yes** to God when He calls upon us to act. Just as every journey begins with one step, the amazing ministry done by women every day begins with a simple "Yes!"

*-Submitted by Tammy Fountain, General WM Board Member*

## Upcoming Events



**April 13 & 14**

**BUS TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SC**

Magnolia Tour/Carriage Ride, etc.

(Final payment is due March 9. Contact Martha Hall at 540-250-7761 for more information.)



**May 19**

**TEA PARTY BRAMWELL, WV CORNER SHOP**

**\$15 PER PERSON**

Join us at noon in the beautiful Victorian Tea Room for tasty treats, followed by a walking tour of historic Bramwell. Only 50 seats available; first come, first served. Pre-register with Martha Hall by May 1.



# World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



## He is Able! He is Willing!

All we have to do is look around us to see a world and a nation facing loss. *Lack* has become a common word. The Lord Himself warned us that in the end times these conditions would occur. Luke 21:25 (AMP) states: *“And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth [there will be] distress (trouble and anguish) of nations in bewilderment and perplexity [without resources, left wanting, embarrassed, in doubt, not knowing which way to turn] at the roaring (the echo) of the tossing of the sea.”*

Praise God, we are in the world, but not of the world. We have His PRECIOUS PROMISES! HE WILL keep us, help us and protect us.

In the midst of suffering, the Apostle Paul assures himself and the church that God is ABLE to GUARD and KEEP that which is committed to Him. This a prayer and a promise of the Father for those who are concerned about loss: *“And this is why I am suffering as I do. Still I am not ashamed, for I know (perceive, have knowledge of, and am acquainted with) Him Whom I have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on), and I am [POSITIVELY] PERSUADED that He is able to guard and keep that which has been entrusted to me and which I have committed [to Him] until that day” (2 Timothy 1:12, AMP, emphasis added).*

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO COMMIT UNTO THE LORD?

Are you also facing a difficult situation? Is it your job? Is it your children? Whatever it is, commit and entrust it to the Lord in Prayer!

### ARE YOU FACING IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS?

Once there was a leper facing certain death. He came to Jesus and worshiped Him. He cried out, “LORD, if You are WILLING, You will cleanse and cure me. Jesus said, I am WILLING! As Jesus touched the man, he was healed and cleansed” (Matthew 8:1-4, emphasis added).

Be like this leper. COME to Jesus! WORSHIP Him! ASK Him to help!



# Men's Ministries

QUENT BARIA



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

We are looking forward to an exciting new year full of events within the Men's Ministries division of the Appalachian Conference. The charge from our leader keeps us continually striving to reach men within our church and beyond by being dynamic and relevant to the needs of men today.

As always, many Resurrection Breakfast meetings are planned throughout the conference. Your local pastor can likely give you the details of one near you. We have two conference golf events planned for the year as well. The first golf outing, the Master's Seed Time Tournament, will be held on May 11 at Wolf Creek Golf and Country Club in Bastian, Va. The second event will be our fundraiser for Alternative to Abortion Ministries. It will be held at Draper Valley Golf Club in Draper, Va., on August 10, 2012. Both events will be 10 a.m. shotgun starts. We look forward to seeing you there.

Stay tuned for more announcements about Men's Ministries' events and activities throughout the year. We hope you can be involved with this ministry in as many ways as your schedule permits. You will be blessed by your involvement, as will we.

Your brother in Christ,

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## **MEN'S CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT BLUEFIELD PHC**

The First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1225 Lyndale Avenue, Bluefield, W.Va., will host their first annual Men's Conference on March 22-24. Pastor Tony Atkinson of New Life Christian Ministries will be the special speaker each evening at 7. Classes on Friday, 9 a.m. – noon, include "Men in the Marriage" with Dr. Eddie W. Johnson and "Men in the Workplace" with Jim Morrison. On Saturday, three separate one-hour classes will be provided by Keith Linkous from Victory Restoration Church and the Appalachian Teen Challenge Men's Choir. Other events will also take place throughout the conference. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend and bring a friend. For more information, contact Jim Morrison at 304-921-0796 or Pastor Eddie Johnson at 304-921-2655.

## **"Monday Power Nights" at Welch Trinity Temple**

Trinity Temple P.H. Church in Welch, West Virginia, is experiencing a tremendous move of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Dan Pruitt believes that God is blessing the church because of participation in what he calls "Monday Power Nights." On Monday evenings, many in the church gather to pray specifically for the needs and ministry opportunities of the church. Last year, after prayer, many gathered to participate in the "Journey into Purpose" Bible Study, where certificates of perfect attendance were awarded. This format proved valuable in 2011, as the church was able to lead 36 to Christ! Trinity Temple is also actively engaged in outreach street ministry.

Over a thousand sandwiches were distributed during our "Gospel Outreach" meetings. Trinity Temple was also privileged to provide over thirty turkey dinners with "fixin's" for families who have fallen on hard times.

The church is preparing to initiate "Food For Thought McDowell County" in an attempt to feed school age children who don't get adequate nutrition in the evenings after school, as well as senior citizens who struggle to purchase either food or medicine. Trinity Temple is effectively working with ministry groups from other counties and agencies to develop mentorship programs and resources for disadvantaged youth in southern West Virginia. The Lord has blessed us tremendously.



(Those who participated in the Bible Study led by Carolyn Bishop were: (front row) Michelle LaNeave and Lavetta Hutchinson; (back row) Carolyn Bishop, Sue McCall, Robin Pruitt, Betty Sparks, and Dorothy Hamilton. Others who were not present for the photo are: Betty Jones, Pat Reinhardt, Martha Carter, Linda Bishop, Lynn Pruitt, Janet Sparks, and others.)



(Those in the Women's Ministry who packed complete turkey dinners for 30 families are: (left to right) Linda Bishop, Martha Carter, Lynn Pruitt, Sue McCall, and Betty Jones.)

**COLLEGE AGE & YOUNG ADULTS 18-25 – NEW JUST FOR YOU!**

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: MAY 17-20, 2012, CAMP MARANATHA CAMPUS**

**SPEAKER: REV. TRAVIS LOWE, FORMER APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE YOUTH PASTOR**

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