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## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

*“Behold, children are a gift of the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb is a reward.”*

Psalm 127:3 (NASB)



*“For I know the plans I  
have for you,” declares  
the LORD,*



*“plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you,*



*plans to give you hope  
and a future.”  
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

Alternative to Abortion Ministries  
Salemberg, N.C.  
[www.theroyalhome.org](http://www.theroyalhome.org)

NewLife Christian Adoptions  
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January 22, 2012

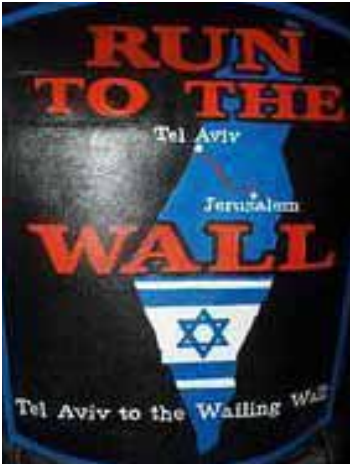


# Bishop's Page

PRESTON MATHENA



## The First Historic Run to the Wall-Israel



In early November, a group of 71, many of them motorcyclists, arrived in Tel Aviv, Israel, for a historic "Run to the Wall Israel," led by Rev. Gary Burd, director of Mission: M25. In the U.S., Run to the Wall honors the veterans of America. However, M25 was asked to do a similar run in Israel, from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem's Wailing Wall, to honor the soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces.

With this M25 trip, we wanted to say to the nation of Israel, "We support you!" As we rode through the streets of various towns and cities, American and Israeli flags flying from our bikes, literally thousands of people lined the roads throughout the week to observe our run. Israel is accustomed to having religious tour groups visit, but this was the first time a group of bikers from the United States had come to show their support and to provide humanitarian relief.

We rode up into the hills of Nazareth, along the Sea of Galilee, along the border of Israel and Jordan, separated only by a large, electric, mine-filled fence about 20 feet from our group of riders. We rode through the Plains of Megiddo, up to the "Gates of Hell" at Caesarea Philippi near Mt. Herman, then along the beautiful Mediterranean Sea near Caesarea, over to the Dead Sea, to the famous rocky plateau of Masada, where all the military forces of Israel take their recruits and pledge, "NEVER AGAIN!" We took communion at the Garden Tomb and Golgotha. Sunday, November 4, was special for me. As our group rode into the old city of Jerusalem, we were joined by approximately 100 Israeli bikers. Escorted by the

Israeli Police Department, we were welcomed by television stations, newspaper reporters, and many citizens. My GL 1800 Honda motorcycle with Cobra CSC Trike kit was, as far as I know, the only 3-wheel trike in Israel. Many Israelis, literally from brides to babies, wanted to have their photograph taken on the "Blue Goose."

While at the Wailing Wall, or Eastern Wall, many Jewish onlookers inquired what our mission was, and many broke down in tears to thank our team for making this unique trip to Israel to show support for their country. Everyone, from rabbis to general religious observers, welcomed us with open arms, hugs and tears. Our team had a Holy Communion service there, and a television station reported it as "a wonderful group of Christian, evangelistic ministry motorcycle riders, expressing their worship of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, and praying for His soon return."

During the trip, we visited 10 war memorial sites and planted a tree at each in memory of Israel's fallen soldiers. To every soldier we came in contact with we gave an olive green bandanna with Psalm 91 printed on it in both Hebrew and English. At every stop on the tour, Israeli soldiers graciously received us, especially at Laturne, where the National Wall of Freedom exists, similar to our Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

We joined together with Hope for Israel, Richmond, Virginia, to provide over \$630,000 in medicines and medical supplies to the Israeli people. This gift was received with great appreciation, as they live in a constant state of military conflict.

On the last day of riding, just before we rode back to the Ashdod Port to turn our bikes in to customs, we stopped in Negev in the southern tip near the Gaza Strip, and toured a school that is literally a "bomb shelter." Some 8,000 mortar attacks have recently hit this area, taking the lives of both students and teachers. Today new schools in Israel are built as literal bomb shelters, having protective walls against missile and mortar attacks. Seeing the pictures of small children who had been killed, and knowing what a dangerous area this was for students and teachers helped me understand, in part, what the daily life of an Israeli man, woman, and child consists of. This is a side of Israel that so many tour groups never experience while visiting this beautiful country. My prayer is that Americans will never forget Israel, and that we will continue to obey the scriptural word to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

As the only representative of the Appalachian Conference, I want to thank everyone who contributed to this M25 trip. The official site [www.missionm25.org](http://www.missionm25.org) has links posted for those interested in seeing the event live.



Gary Cope (left front) and bikers at the Wailing Wall (far right)

—Submitted by Gary C. Cope

Pastor of Word of Life Ministries, Wytheville, Va.; Virginia point man for Mission: M25

**CORRECTION:** Bruce Gregory's correct cell number is 540-616-6232. He is available for services and revivals and will bless your church.

## THE COATESES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SERVICES



**REV. CECIL COATES AND CAROLYN HILLIARD-COATES** are available for revivals, Sunday services, music ministry, and filling in for pastors as needed. They have recently retired from pastoring Westover Hills P.H. Church in North Carolina. They can be contacted at P.O. Box 733, Stoneville, NC 27048 or reached by phone at 434-250-3813 (Cecil) or 540-309-6577 (Carolyn).

## February Retired Ministers' Birthdays

### February 7

Rev. John Hash  
4130 Little Creek Road  
Dublin, VA 24084

### February 11

Rev. Tony Brescia  
175 Windsong Lane  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

### February 28

Rev. R.G. Quesenberry  
1725 Merrimac Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24060



## FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3 First Friday Fast
- 4 Bible Quiz Scrimmage  
Royal Rangers Commander Banquet
- 6 W.M. Day of Prayer
- 16-17 Emmanuel College Spring Preview
- 16-18 Ministers' Summit
- 17-19 Royal Rangers Winter Campout
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 24 Talent Quest Registration Deadline
- 23-Mar. 1 Conference Missions Trip to Haiti



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# World Missions & Evangelism



APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

LARRY MEADORS



## What will you do with your minutes in 2012?

Did you know that 30 billion dollars of gift card sales annually go unused? Perhaps you have some gift cards lying around still unused. What if someone gave you a gift card that had minutes on it? God, in effect, gives that to each of us. Of course, it is understood that these are provisional minutes ... given by God. He gives them and he can end them! In reality, it makes them all the more valuable. All the minutes of this year will be used, but the question is will they be used in an eternally productive way? How they are used is up to you. The holidays are behind us, but the gift giving can continue! The year 2012 is an open book before each of you. How will you spend the 525,600 minutes that await you? Here are some ideas on how to “gift” your minutes in Great Commission ministry.

**Prayer** would be the number one expenditure. Valuable minutes in prayer can reap a harvest around the world.

**Money** represents time. When you give your finances, you are,

in effect, giving your time. Each minute that you work has a value assigned to it. Based on your annual salary, how much time did your giving amount to? A day’s wage is a great example—giving your earnings for one entire day for the Great Commission. Most of us have to work many months to pay our taxes. How appropriate it would be to work one day for missions!

How about time given in **service**? I want to introduce a way that believers from all over the conference can become involved in evangelism. Be a part of G-force! This name is derived from the three-fold vision of the ministry logo: GO–GIVE–GROW. Together in God, we can be a force for positive change. Simply put, G-force is a team of people giving their talents and time for others. Practically, what it means is going to the site of one of our conference church plants to do ministry. The following are the first areas of need: prayer, building, remodeling/cleaning, and children’s ministry. As needs become known from church planters, the conference office will coordinate ministry and contact those who match the need from the G-force team. To become a member, fill out an application found on our website or call the office for more information.

What are you waiting for? The clock is ticking!



PHC People to People students in Tapio, Haiti, have to use an outside classroom (under the tarp) due to lack of facilities. A building and medical team from the conference will arrive to help this situation February 23–March 1. Thanks for your prayers!

**GIVE:** The 2012 conference missions project is the church in Maputo, Mozambique. As you may recall, the conference has sponsored the building of a medical clinic at this site. However, the vision still is not complete. The church here is meeting in a tent, but a recent storm severely damaged the tent. A church building is needed. The total cost of the project is \$30,000. A donor has issued a matching grant for gifts to this project. Please consider donating. Mark your donations for Church Construction Project #16501.

Missionaries Jeff and Verna Wilhoite, regional directors for Indochina, are home on furlough and would love to come to your church to share their vision. Contact them at [jvwill81@gmail.com](mailto:jvwill81@gmail.com).

**Great Commission Meals are coming March 10-17, 2012! Check the website for your district location.**

**GROW:** “The church that does not evangelize will fossilize.” –*Oswald J. Smith*



# Discipleship Ministries

RON FREDERICKS

www.ac-dm.org



## APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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### 2012 BIBLE QUIZ:

**SCRIMMAGES:**

JANUARY 7, 2012  
FEBRUARY 4, 2012  
MARCH 3, 2012  
APRIL 7, 2012

STUDY MATERIAL

TEENS: HEBREWS AND 1 & 2 PETER

JUNIORS: HEBREWS CHAPTERS 1-10

KIDZ QUIZ: BIBLE FACT PAK

CHRISTIAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL

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CONFERENCE FINALS: **MAY 5, 2012 [LOCATION TBA]**



### 2012 CONFERENCE TALENT

TREE OF LIFE MINISTRIES, LYNCHBURG VA

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY: MARCH 30-31, 2012

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 2, 2012

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 INDIVIDUAL; \$50 GROUP

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT [appconf.org](http://appconf.org)

## CAMP MARANATHA 2012

**SOMETHING NEW! COLLEGE RETREAT [AGES 18 - 25] MAY 17-20, 2012**

EXTREME TEEN CAMP: JUNE 18-22, 2012 [CAMP PASTOR: STEVE ELY]

DESTINY JUNIOR TEEN CAMP: JUNE 25-29, 2012 [CAMP PASTOR: WOODY BURPO]

KIDZ QUEST CAMP: JULY 2-5, 2012 [CAMP PASTOR: HEATHER REYNOLDS "THE FILLING STATION" TOLM]

ADVENTURER PRE-TEEN CAMP: JULY 9-13, 2012 [CAMP PASTOR: ANGIE BURROUGHS]

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: [appconf.org](http://appconf.org) – click on 'CAMP MARANATHA' banner

**TOWER TRAINING**

APRIL 20-21, 2012

### ROYAL RANGERS

Bridging Our Ministries: Jan. 19 - 21, 2012

Winter Campout: Feb. 17 - 19, 2012

Pinewood Derby: March 10, 2012

Ranger of the Year: March 24, 2012

Ranger Kids Field Day: July 14, 2012

POW-WOW: August 2 - 5, 2012

Royal Ranger Week: Oct. 8 - 14, 2012



### GIRLS' MINISTRIES

GIRLS' MINISTRIES SUNDAY: SEPT. 9, 2012

GIRLS' MINISTRIES WEEKEND: SEPT. 14 - 16, 2012



**Senior Ministry Picnic: Saturday, May 26, 2012, at Claytor Lake State Park!**

**National Senior Trip: Williamsburg, Va. - October 22-26, 2012**





# Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



## A New Start



What is this year really going to be like for you? God's Word tells us to leave the past behind and press on to a brighter tomorrow. Philippians 3:13, 14 says, *"But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

Last year may have left you with failures, defeats and worries. Oftentimes we dwell on them until they become more real to us than the promises of God. We allow the fears to become so prominent in our thinking that we don't move forward for fear we will only fail again. But God always makes a way of escape. We need to get our eyes off the past and onto our future. We are guaranteed a great future by Jesus Christ through His great and precious promises. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

So don't give fear any slack; keep the reins tight. Purposely meditate on the Word of God. Replace thoughts of defeat and regret with God's promises about your future. Be diligent about it. Then, instead of being a wounded soldier, you will become the conquering warrior God made you to be.

## Thanks!

I want to thank all of you who attended the Fall Retreat at Harbor of Hope in Christiansburg in November. We had a great attendance. Dr. Shelia Isom delivered a powerful message, which resulted in several salvations, healings, and deliverances. If you were unable to attend, I hope you will mark your calendar for November 2, 2012, and plan to come to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.



## Mark Your Calendar

**April** – Annual Bus Trip – more information coming

**May 19, 2012** – Tea Party in Bramwell, W.Va.

**Have a blessed and prosperous New Year!**



## HEAVEN IS LOOKING FOR PRAYERS, NOT PROTESTS!

We are not the only ones who watch the news at night to see major events unfold upon the earth. HEAVEN looks down upon the earth.

In the night, Zechariah saw a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees. Behind him were three red horses, speckled and white. Zechariah asked, “O, my LORD, what are these?”

*“And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, ‘These are they whom the LORD has sent to walk to and fro through the earth.’ And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, ‘We have walked to and fro through the earth, and behold, all the earth sits still, and is at rest.’” (Zechariah 1:10, 11 KJV)*

### UNREST IN THE EARTH TODAY

The earth is NOT AT REST today! Protests by multitudes of people are being held in city after city and in country after country. There are protests against greed, against unjust rulers, and against other issues.

But where are the PRAYERS? Jesus urges the disciples to PRAY! He tells them: *“Hitherto have you asked nothing in My Name: ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full.”* (John 16: 24 KJV)

HEAVEN is looking for PRAYER and INTERCESSION! The Lord says, *“I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.”* (Ezekiel 22: 30 KJV)

### HEAVEN IS LOOKING UPON AMERICA

Will Heaven see us on our knees pouring out PRAYERS and INTERCESSIONS for our city and our nation? It is time to take our places upon the WALL OF PRAYER!

**“The church has not yet touched the fringe of the possibilities of intercessory prayer. Her largest victories will be witnessed when individual Christians everywhere come to recognize their priesthood unto God and day by day give themselves unto prayer.”**

**—John R. Mott**

**“Always respond to every impulse to pray. The impulse to pray may come when you are reading or when you are battling with a text. I would make an absolute law of this—always obey such an impulse.”**

**—Martin Lloyd-Jones**

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## REV. GRAY LEE MOORE FINISHES THE COURSE

Rev. Gray Lee Moore was licensed with the Appalachian Conference in 2008. He was a member of Faith Pentecostal Holiness Church in Lebanon, Virginia, at the time of his death on November 22, 2011. He will be missed by his pastor, his wife Dorinda and daughter Leeanna, his brothers and sisters, and all of his friends here at the church. We loved him very much. He always showed concern and prayed for his family and friends here at Faith Tabernacle. We will miss his singing and preaching. He always loved the hymns, and when he sang, that was his choice. But today he is singing in heaven. We will see him soon in a new home, without pain and sorrow and tears. But for now we must say good-bye to not only a member of my church, but a dear and loved friend.

*–Submitted by Rev. Don Mullins*



## "I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR MY CHURCH!"

Richard Roseberry, a veteran who served in the U.S. Army, loved Allisionia Church. He once said, "I was out driving one Sunday morning and asked the Lord to find me a church." He ended up in Allisionia and the rest is history. He was always so faithful to tithe and attend "his" church, until his health required that he be admitted to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salem, Virginia. We would go there and have service with him. He enjoyed that so much. As his health grew worse, he said he wanted to do something for his church. He actually gave the church his house. We sold the house to a newlywed couple in the church and put the money in the church building fund.

Allisionia Church had wanted to buy land and build a bigger church for some time. I had found a piece of land about a mile from the church. It was beautiful and already had a well. I really felt God wanted us to have it and I was believing Him for it. But it cost more money than I could even imagine.

A couple of months after Richard went home to be with the Lord, his niece called and said she wanted to talk to the church administrative council and me. When we met with her and her husband, she said, "Uncle Richard wanted to leave you guys something." I wondered what else he could give someone in addition to his house. She handed me a letter. As I opened the envelope, I held my breath. When I looked at the check inside, I could sense the spirit of the Lord. I handed the envelope to the council. There were no words to express what we felt. It was as if God and Richard just dropped it from heaven. The house he had given us and that check were exactly the amount for us to purchase that 5.3 acres of land. As pastor, I join the congregation of Allisionia Pentecostal Holiness Church in saying, "Thank you, Lord, and thank you, Richard!"

*–Submitted by Pastor Mike Hall*