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***“Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!”***

(Isaiah 43:18-19, NIV)



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FEBRUARY 18

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REV. WILLIAM HARVEY CARICO

On December 17, 2020, Rev. Carico, of Galax, Virginia, entered the joys of his Lord. He was licensed in 1984 and ordained in 1986 with the Appalachian Conference. He later pastored Mitchell Chapel for 12 years and Woodlawn P.H. Church for 8 years. He is survived by Peggy Carico, his wife of 60 years.

Brother Carico is well remembered by

all for his gentle spirit, warm smile, contagious laugh, and his continual and unending desire to see others brought to Christ. His funeral was held at the Hillsville P.H. Church on December 19 with Pastor Jeff Pickett and Pastor Ron Hill officiating.



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Preston Mathena



RENOVATION & EXPANSION AT SHENANDOAH



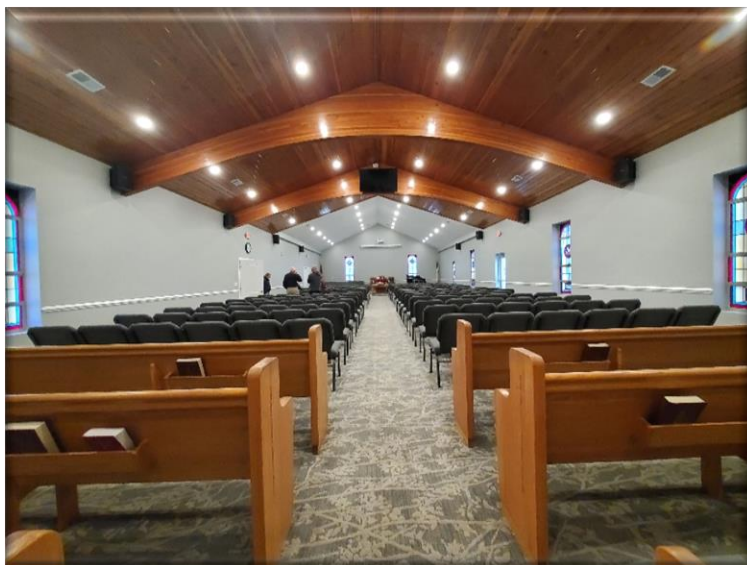
In 1997, Pastor Ralph Green proposed to the board of the Shenandoah Pentecostal Church to add on to the sanctuary. That dream became a reality in 2017. The elders of the church requested we consider building an addition to the present sanctuary to relieve our problem of being overcrowded. Our biblical mandate was based on Isaiah 54:2-5. Our mission was to renovate our present sanctuary, which was dedicated in 1965 under the leadership of Pastor Bill Robertson. Also, we wanted to add 36

feet to gain room for 2 new, modern, handicap-accessible bathrooms, large conference room and larger main entrance.

One of the elders, Billy Stanley, was in charge of the project. He is knowledgeable of the construction industry. He pursued the project with enthusiasm and led it to completion. In 2019, a contract was awarded to Evermore Construction from Harrisonburg VA. Many men and women of the church were involved in all aspects of the project design and demolition of the interior of the former sanctuary. Many Saturdays were spent working on various demolition projects! It was exciting to see the process start to evolve!

In the fall of 2019, we moved our worship services into our social hall. It has adequate space to seat the congregation. 2020 then proved to be challenging. Due to Covid-19, we moved into open-air services. This was a blessing in disguise, for the church members were able to watch the building process from week to week while seated in their cars while still worshipping together!

On the first Sunday of October 2020, we were able to have our first worship service in our newly renovated and expanded sanctuary. We praised God together for all the great things He has done, and believing for all the great things yet to come, as we carry out our mandate of Isaiah 54:2-5. Pastor Jimmy and Sandy Kite are pleased to lead the ministry of Shenandoah Pentecostal Holiness Church. ~ Submitted by Pastor Jimmy Kite



Pastor Jimmy & Sandy Kite



World Missions & Evangelism

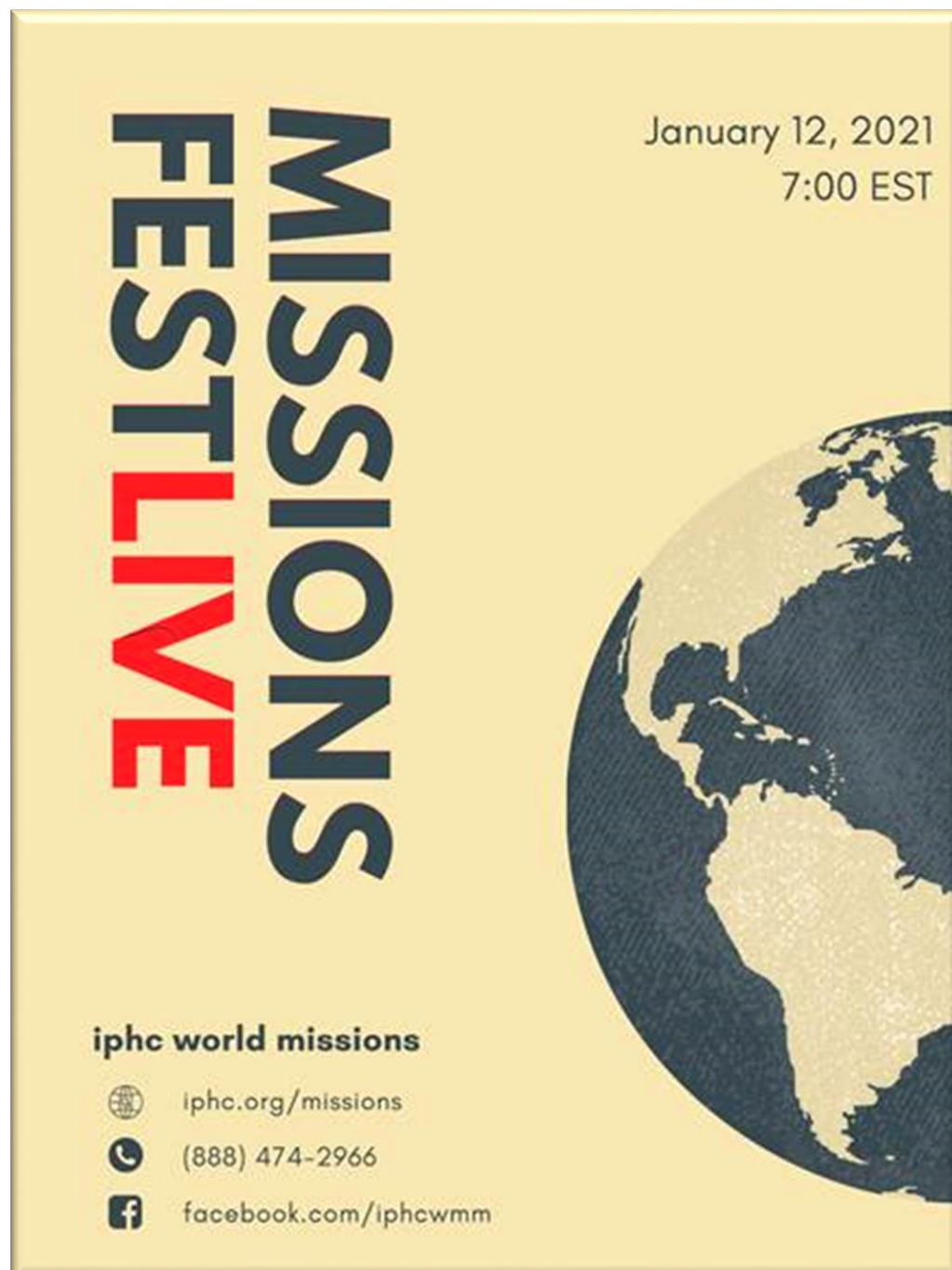
Larry Meadors



Pastors, Missions Directors, and all those that love World Missions, you are invited to register for Missions Fest Live. This online gathering of mission leaders will occur January 12 at 7:00 pm. Use the link to register for this encouraging and informative event and enter the new year up to date on the harvest around the world!

[Register](#) at the link below to receive access to join this virtual gathering.

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Appalachian Conference GREAT COMMISSION MEALS March 20 – 26, 2021



East Tennessee District – Saturday, March 20 – 11:30 am

Mama's House Buffet, 2608 N. John B. Dennis Hwy, Kingsport, TN

Bluefield/McDowell Districts – Saturday, March 20 – 5 pm

Voice of Praise PHC (N.R. Taylor, Pastor), 9952 New Hope Road, Bluefield, VA

Please **RSVP by March 5, 2021** to sherrylynnrichards@aol.com

Roanoke/Central Virginia Dists. – Monday, March 22 – 12 noon

Olde Liberty Station, 515 Bedford Avenue, Bedford, VA

Shenandoah Valley District – Monday, March 22 – 6 pm

Ray of Hope PHC (Bill Marion, Pastor), 1450 Reservoir Street, Harrisonburg, VA

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Greenbrier District – Tuesday, March 23 – 12 noon

Cucci Pizzeria, 562 E. Madison Street, Covington, VA

Central West Virginia District – Tuesday, March 23 – 6 pm

The Dream Center, 224 Pinewood Drive, Beckley, WV

New River Valley District – Thursday, March 25 – 6 pm

Conference Training Center, Dublin, VA

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Southwest Virginia District – Friday, March 26 – 6 pm

St. Paul PHC (J.C. McPeak, Pastor), 796 Ivanhoe Road, Max Meadows, VA

Please **RSVP by March 12, 2021** to sherrylynnrichards.com

While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off." Acts 13:2-3



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Five sessions will be led by Seth Robinson. These five-hour sessions will be on site in Dublin. (January, March, May, August and October)

In addition, five two-hour peer learning group sessions will be led by a conference coach: Hal Adams, Wes Galford, Todd and Tammy Porter. Each group will decide whether the sessions will be zoom or in person. (February, April, June, September and November)

Registration.

Fill out the registration information and submit with payment to the conference office by January 11. The first on-site training is in Dublin on January 18.



Greetings from the Salazars, Antwerp, Belgium

Before anything and knowing beforehand that this Christmas celebration will not be like the ones before, the fact remains that Jesus was born and that He is our Savior. So as we spend this season in very different circumstances, we must not forget the reality that Christ was born to save us. So whatever our situation may be, Jesus is still alive. He still reigns and remains King of kings. Being this so, we desire and pray that you spend this Christmas day with joy and peace knowing that He lives, He knows and is with us until the end of age. Blessed Christmas and New year!

We started 2020 like everybody around us, with hopes and great plans. Yet, as we know, it all changed all of a sudden. We ended up in lockdown in Apopka, Florida, and it lasted a longer time than what we ever expected.

After many weeks of lockdown, we received a call from IPHC-WMMD asking if we could go to Belgium to help for a few months because, due to different circumstances, Christian Centraal Community had ended up without leadership. This put a lot of stress on the team in Belgium, especially on the Schwartz family. During the lockdown, the church had lost most of its members. So due to the need, we accepted this temporary assignment and arrived in Belgium last July.

This is what has happened during our time here in Antwerp:

First, we had the honor and blessing to take care of the church, which only had ten members left from 60 and they were very discouraged. So in a tandem preaching effort with the field leader, we started preaching on Facebook live and teaching though Zoom to those at home and live to those that wanted to come to the Church/Cafe Building. Very soon we ended up with 29 in the building and a couple dozen viewers on Facebook, so we are so very pleased with the result of God's work.

Secondly, we continued Bible studies though Zoom and we have a consistent group attending the video conferences. The church is holding together and stands even during the second lockdown in which we are now.

Thirdly, we started the Logos Bible School Antwerp campus. We are very happy with the outcome we have seen in only five months. We have gone through Old Testament Survey I and New Testament Survey and the students are basically Dutch and Flemish, as well as team members.

Fourthly and very amazing. A few blocks away from CC Antwerp we can find the Red Light District where a ministry called Oasis has been working there for several years. Due to the fact that the majority of those people are Spanish speakers, they asked my wife to help in different ways. At this time the church decided to open a Hispanic Bible study in the middle of the week. As she went there a couple of days a week in the afternoon with the ministry team there, she discovered that not only it was sex workers but most of those people were gay, transvestite and transgender.

One of those people gave his life to Jesus because he had a dream in which the Lord appeared to him and also told him to go to the Oasis center. Next day we had our Hispanic Bible study, and he came to church

as he was and dressed like a woman until Jesus spoke again saying to him that he was a deceiver, a liar and that he couldn't continue doing this. Also, he insisted to be baptized, which we had the opportunity to do one month later. This man is from South America and most of the sex workers are Hispanics. He and many others like him have gone through different surgical procedures.

One night he had another dream and he saw himself preaching the gospel as a man dressed in a suit with the Bible in his hand. Without me knowing this, I had a dream as well and saw him doing exactly that with a lot of zeal. In the meetings in the Oasis Ministry building, where they give these people a meal followed by a devotional, he speaks, facing a lot of opposition from his friends. Yet he knows God has called him. His identity card is from Spain, and it is written on it that he is a female, so he decided to travel there and hire a lawyer to change his name back to José and his gender back to male. He cut his hair, bought men's clothes and he is now in the process of becoming legally a man again. As for his body, because he had undergone several operations to change his gender, nothing can be done except remove all the silicone additions, which he is also in plans of doing soon.

In all this my wife Lulu has been instrumental because of her bachelor's degree in psychology and because she is well versed in Christian counseling, so she takes time every week to disciple José. She also was giving a Bible study to these people before the lockdown and now she translates the devotions that weekly are sent to these people by YouTube.

José is so hungry for the Word of God; he preaches every day at work and to anyone he finds, and he wants to become a preacher and a pastor. Wow. In such little time so many miracles in one life. Our God is awesome, and He has a plan for all of us.

Fifthly, we participated in the launching service of "Die Brücke," the new church plant in Eupen, Belgium, with the missionaries Mark and Jeannine McClung. What a joy it was to be there and share with them this historical moment in the German-speaking community in Belgium.

All these things have been such a wake-up call for me that reminded me why I came to Belgium the first time in 1999, thrust by the support of the Appalachian Conference. In these five months, God has spoken to me saying, "*Finish what you Started*," so our vision has been shifted by God to come back to Belgium, to the Flemish community and especially to Antwerp.

Please let us come to your church in the months of February to July 2021 and share all these things and the dream that took us to Belgium in the first place. Let's finish the Great Commission and prepare the way for the coming of the Lord for His church.

Mauricio and Lulu Salazar
Missionaries to Europe
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of the Discipleship Ministries Department, we want to wish each of you, your family and congregation a Happy New Year! This is a new year filled with great possibilities! May God continually watch over, lead, guide, direct; give you peace, joy and favor!

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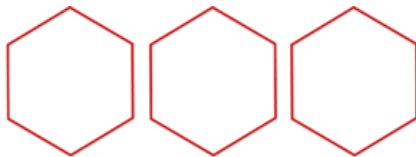
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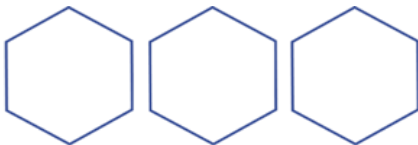
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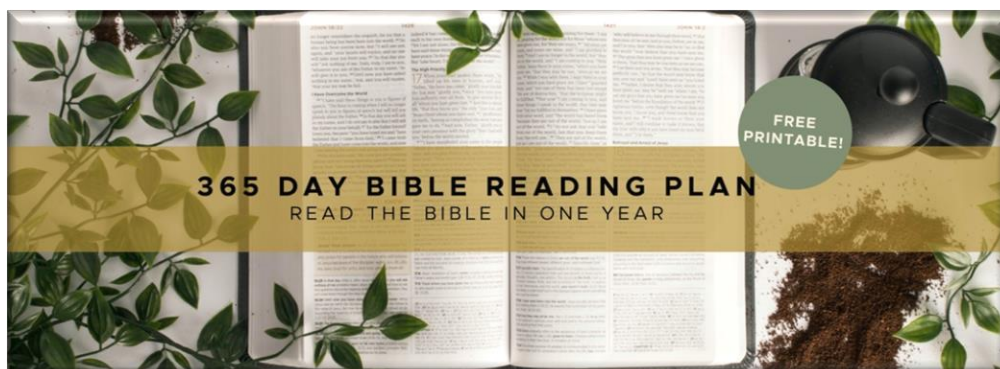


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JOIN US AS WE READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2021 (info copied from IPHC website)

Reading the Bible is vital for every believer. Discipleship Ministries has created a Bible Reading Guide to help you read the Bible in One year!

The Bible Reading Guide is a downloadable PDF that you can print and check off as you read the Bible through the entire year. Our guide will walk you through the Bible in **chronological order**, rather than in the traditional canonical order. This is beneficial for those who are interested in the historical events in the Bible and how they connect! If you have not ever read the Bible in chronological order, we encourage you to take this challenge with us.

Tips for Reading Your Bible in One Year:

1. Ask for accountability. Walk through this challenge with a friend or loved one to help keep you accountable. Consider meeting once a month to discuss what you have been reading together!
2. Be intentional. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you read your daily scripture. Write down a verse from each day that challenged you, inspired you, or you had questions about. Take time each day to write down your thoughts about that day's scripture.
3. Consider reading the scripture in different translations, or use a Bible commentary to help you dig deeper into each scripture.

When you finish your Reading Guide, mail it to Discipleship Ministries PO Box 12609 OKC, OK 73157 to receive a Reading Certificate!

You can also email discipleship@iphc.org to receive a digital certificate.



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CAMP MARANATHA 1946 – 2021

Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry

Looking Ahead...Remembering the Past

SPECIAL MEMORIES FROM YOUTH CAMP DUBLIN VA

So many special memories run thru my head from lots of summers attending youth camp. Some years – and I don't remember how their death occurred but some of us would march up to the woods and bury little critters. We always had to "go round and round the building" when we ate in the cafeteria. I remember one summer there was a debate over whether we would get a soft drink machine on site. I remember being one curious teenager seeing the drink machine appear and then disappear. It finally stayed and we could get soft drinks.

My most special memory was the summer of 1964. God called me to be a missionary to Hong Kong. I was 16 years old. I remember I was praying one night during prayer time and I saw HONG KONG written across the front of the auditorium. I heard people and saw them young and old, calling to me saying they needed help – to come to them – to come to Hong Kong. I can't tell you that I heard an audible voice and I can't tell you I didn't. I just know I knew I was called!

Life happened and 40 years went by and I never saw the fulfillment of that vision. I had gone to Emmanuel to prepare to be a medical missionary. I did not say no to God, but I ended up getting married and had a child. During the fall of 2005, God gave me the opportunity to go to Hong Kong and celebrate the dedication of the High School (College as they call it). I was included in the festivities with all of the IPHC missionaries, as if I had gone to Hong Kong. God knew my heart.

My story didn't end there. During that trip, I had the privilege of meeting Lauren Pickens, founder of Hope4Sudan. God used my trip to Hong Kong to connect me with her. I have had the great honor to go to South Sudan five times on mission trips.

Don't underestimate the importance of going to summer camp. The summer of 1964 changed my life forever.

Evelyn Smith Harlow
Camper from about 1958 - 1964

I remember growing up, I was so excited to be old enough to go to Camp Maranatha! Finally, when I was 10 years old, I was allowed to go for the first time. I fell in love with camp! As a girl, I quite literally had a countdown on my wall for the next year's camp.

What does sending your young people to Camp Maranatha do?

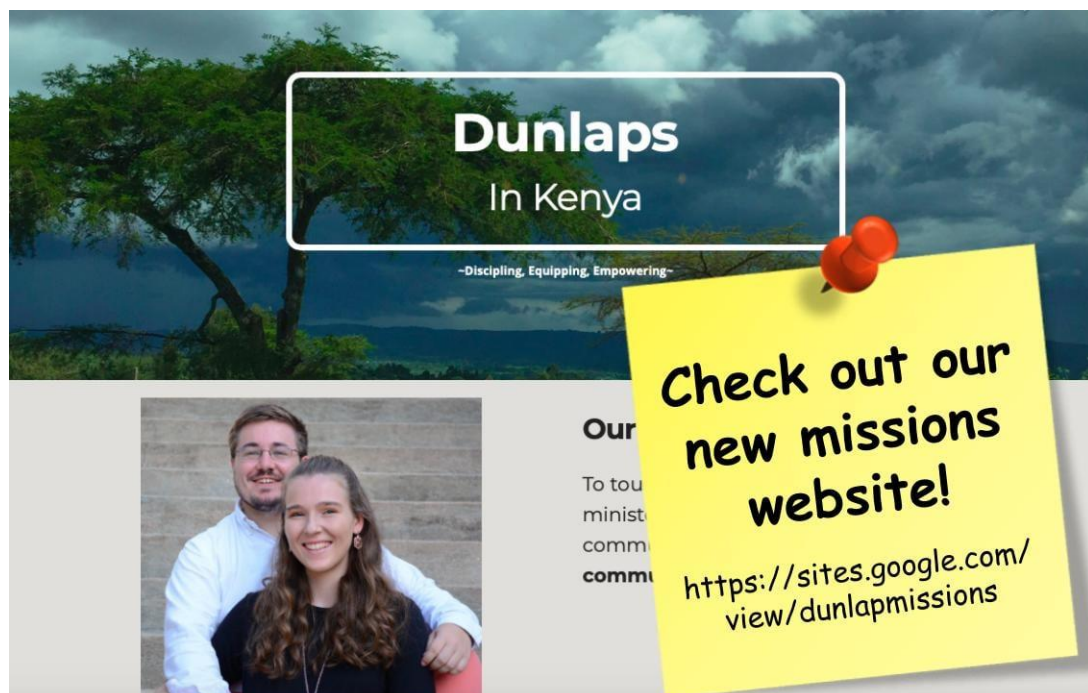
Camp Maranatha allows young people to gather in a safe, Christ-centered environment with their peers. As a middle and high schooler camp was a place that I knew I could open up to God in. I knew that my friends and the adults at camp were all there for the same reason which created an atmosphere for me to open fully to the Lord. Camp Maranatha is a place where I have made life-long friends. Although I see many of those friends a few times a year, I quickly learned that once you experience the Lord with someone, the friendship created is deep. Growing up, my biggest mentors and role models were those who served at camp. In fact, growing up, my goal was to be a pastor's wife, and my husband would one day be the Camp Director. Well, that's not what God called me to do, but the matter of the fact was that I saw true men and women live a life surrendered to Jesus year after year at camp. During my middle and high school years this was formative because my role models were the camp volunteers, and the impact they had on my life influenced the decisions I made and the life I chose to live.

My husband, Chris, and I are recently approved missionaries in the IPHC and the Appalachian Conference. Attending Camp Maranatha as a camper, and serving at camp as a teenager and adult, played a key role in God's direction, leading, and calling on my life to missions. I thank God that He allowed me to spend late nights on the camp porches, moments of prayer at the tabernacle alter, laughs of joy on the zip line, and years of gleaning wisdom from mentors and friendships at Camp Maranatha.

Pastor, parents, leaders: Send your kids to camp. One week will change their life!

Thank you to the Bishop, Discipleship Ministries board, secretaries, pastors, and volunteers who make camp happen. Your obedience to the Lord has changed my life

-Alicia Dunlap (Phillips)





Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



I will choose joy

Over the past year I have spoken to numerous Bible believing, scripture quoting, Jesus loving people who just seemed completely defeated. It was as though they had lost their excitement and zeal for life. The challenges of 2020 had taken their smile, confidence and ability to push through any situation that came their way. To be honest, the uncertainties of the year had stolen their joy. Between quarantines, layoffs, virtual school and church closings, life was becoming a daily disappointment. Anxiety, worry and fear had taken over their every thought, and depression was becoming a way of life.

Nehemiah 8:10 tells us that the joy of the Lord is our strength. If we lose our joy, we lose our strength! The enemy has taken this opportunity to steal the joy from the children of God. Every year God whispers a word in my spirit that I cling to for the months ahead. This year has been no different as I have listened with anticipation for his gentle voice that gives me peace. A few days ago I began to hear the word, restoration! 2021, the year of restoration!

Merriam-Webster's definition of restoration is: bringing back to a former position or condition. When something is restored, it becomes brand new. Therefore, 2021 will restore what was destroyed and bring it back to a new or improved condition!

1 Peter 5:6-11 says, ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This scripture is a great reminder to me that life isn't always smooth; nor is it easy. Sometimes life brings sadness, sickness, disease and even death. The enemy is always looking to catch us off guard and trip us up. His goal is to steal our joy so we are weak and cannot see clearly. Therefore, we can't afford to take our eyes off of Jesus, knowing that He is never caught off guard and that He always has a plan that is bigger than what we can see. His plan is always to redeem and restore. We will have tribulations and we may even suffer, but only for a little while. If we wait on Him, He will renew our strength and restore us! How exciting! We serve a God who is bigger than any problem we face. He doesn't live in fear of what tomorrow holds because He holds tomorrow in the palm of His hand.

Life is all about choices. So as I enter into this new year, I will choose to have joy! I will choose to rely on his strength and not my own. I am looking forward to what this new year brings. God has a plan to restore what the enemy has stolen! I declare today, "No more!" I will not let the effects of 2020 rob me of my hopes and dreams. I will choose joy, which gives me strength! What about you?



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ANGELS & ADVERSARIES AT THE FIRST ADVENT

Luke 2: 9-11

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

The Shepherds were overjoyed to receive such news from the angel of the Lord. However, they were not the only ones to hear the report. Demon spirits also heard the news and made great efforts to oppose God's plan.

I AM GABRIEL

Zechariah, the priest, was performing a sacred duty. He was offering incense in the temple. (Luke 1:9) It was such a special moment for Zechariah. According to custom, no priest could offer incense more than once in his lifetime!

Elizabeth, his wife, had been praying with her husband for a child. Indeed, this would be a miracle, for she was barren, and they were both older. The angel assured the priest that his prayers were answered. (v. 13) The angel also instructed Zechariah to name the child John. In Hebrew and Aramaic, the name JOHN means, "The Lord is Gracious."

PRINCIPALITIES IN THE REGION

"Be strong in the Lord, and the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you can be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:10-13).

A principality can be defined as the seat of authority in a region that a fallen angel has authority over. This is confirmed by a well-known passage from the Book of Daniel. (Daniel 10:13) In this scripture, an angel of the Lord visits Daniel. The angel tells Daniel that the prince (fallen angel) over Persia withstood him for 21 days. Then the angel states that the prince Michael came to his aid.

THE RAGE OF HEROD THE GREAT

The first Christmas was a troubling time for King Herod and the political powers of Jerusalem. (Matthew 2:3) When the Wise Men informed the king of the birth of Jesus, he secretly planned a time to murder the child. IN A STATE OF RAGE, the king ordered his soldiers to kill all the male babies, aged 2 and under, in the city of Bethlehem. (Matthew 2:16)

WARNED BY AN ANGEL

The plan of this enraged leader, strengthened by the principality of the region, was cruel. But the Lord had a plan! An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. Instructions were given to save the life of baby Jesus and his family.

“Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee unto Egypt, and be thou there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him” (Matthew 2:13).



STUDY QUESTION: “Rachael weeping for her children,” refers to Herod’s plan. In what book and scripture of the Bible is this found?

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 14** **Valentine's Day**
- 15** **Presidents' Day (Conference Office Closed)**
- 18 – 20** **Ministers' Summit – Pigeon Forge**
- 22** **Prayer Call**

