



MESSENGER

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FALL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

November 4-11, 2019



We are excited to have Garry Bryant, Executive Director EVUSA, as the guest speaker for our Fall Leadership Training. He will be emphasizing ARISE 2033, the vision of the IPHC to reach America and the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. Your local church will be challenged to get involved. Both pastor and individual laymen have a role to play in accomplishing this vision. We urge you to attend the meeting in your district.

- **Monday, Nov. 4, 7 pm – Shenandoah Valley**
Good News Ministries-Staunton – Wanda Myers, pastor
- **Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7 pm – Bluefield/McDowell Districts**
Destiny Outreach-Springville – Steve Branch, pastor
- **Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7 pm – Central Virginia District**
Tree of Life-Lynchburg – Mike Dodson, pastor
- **Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 pm – Southwest Virginia/East Tenn.**
Life Changers Christian Center-Wytheville – Todd Porter, pastor
- **Friday, Nov. 8, 7 pm – Central West Virginia District**
Garten – John Pittman, pastor
- **Saturday, Nov. 9, noon – Greenbrier District**
Solid Rock Ministries-Covington – Pam Irvine, pastor
- **Monday, Nov. 11, 7 pm – New River Valley/Roanoke Valley**
Harbor of Hope-Christiansburg – Craig Reed, pastor



The Bishop's Page

Preston Mathena



Merrimac's 100th Year Homecoming



TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

"Praise the Lord! For the Lord is good; sing praises to His name, for He is gracious and lovely (Ps 135:3 AMP)!"

What an amazing day as we celebrated Merrimac's 100th Year Homecoming on September 15, 2019.

The 100th Year Homecoming Committee began plans early in order to have everything ready. Months before September 15, the cleaning crew started working to get the buildings in tip-top shape. Long hours of

preparations for this tremendous day, and what an exciting day we had.

The day had come to celebrate the 100 years that God had been blessing the Merrimac Church. Excitement kept building as we watched individuals and families walking from their parking spaces to the church building. We were thrilled not only for previous pastors and their families and charter members' families attending, but there were so many attendees from all the years past and present that were walking in Merrimac's doors that Sunday morning.

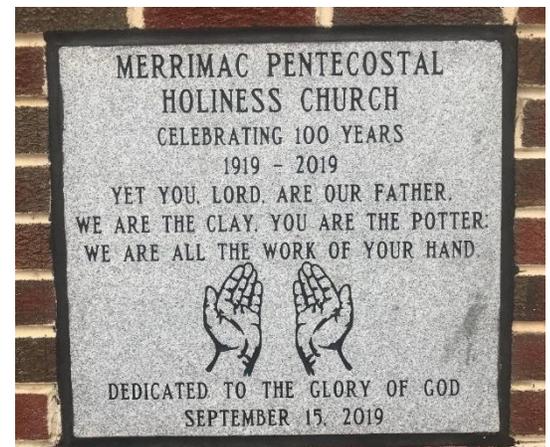
The music was led by Judy Perdue and Leah Tate, as the choir gave thanks and praise to the Lord. James Richardson did outstanding ministry on the piano, as well as our other soloists: Kevin Woolwine, Doris Shelor and Pastor Richard Hall.

We were wonderfully blessed by the message that Bishop Doug Beacham spoke to us. So many comments have been made as to his anointed message and how much it has enriched lives. His lovely wife, Susan, was able to join him and we made a special presentation to her. She can now be a "Hokie" with her Virginia Tech scarf.

The dedication of the addition of our Centennial Cornerstone was made after the sermon. God gave us favor with contractors, businesses and the news media.

Not only were we fed marvelously by God's Word, but our meal in the Fellowship Hall was abundant and overflowing. Several times I heard the comment: "If you go away hungry, it's your own fault." The workers did outstandingly on the decorations, as well as the cooks on food preparation.

September 15 was truly a day blessed and anointed by God! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!! Merrimac Church not only has much to praise and thank God for in the past 100 years but has much to look forward to in the next 100 years. Truly the psalmist says it well in 148:13, *"Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven."* – Written by Martha J. Hall



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RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 6

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NOVEMBER 12

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Rev. Curtis Ratcliffe
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World Missions & Evangelism

Larry Meadors



It's GO Time

Each year you have the wonderful opportunity to give a gift that literally goes around the world for the work of the kingdom...that is the **Global Outreach** Offering. This mission offering plants churches around the world and here in the USA, plus so many other things.

Goals for this year:

- \$175,000
- 75% of our churches giving

Direct your gift to the conference office by November 18. Promotional materials are available by request and use the videos at iphc.org/missions/go/

Arise '33

It's "buy-in time" for the vision for this generation that will shape the next generation! Make it your vision. Ask yourself, will I be able to celebrate the future victories because I have become a partner right now? It is all about seeing the harvest of people come into the kingdom through the ministries of the IPHC. Arise 2033 needs your prayer, your sharing the vision and your answer to this churchwide call. Have you seen the videos at iphc.org/arise/? It's time to arise in 2020 with plans to reach our region for Christ!

What is CRM?

CRM stands for **Church Revitalization & Multiplication**. This is a ministry of EVUSA that has appointed Josh Hannah as a consultant. It was formerly known as "church systems." Over twenty of our pastors and church leaders have been learning how to optimize the ministry of the local church so that it reaches its community in a relevant and powerful way.

Let's make a deal! Come to the last on-site class of 2019 free and with no obligation to see if these principals can help your ministry in 2020. The classes will continue under the EVUSA leadership. New for next year will be our very own trained conference coaches. Please take advantage of this monthly time to interact with other pastors and learn new ways to reach the harvest.

Next class: Tuesday, October 15 from 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM at the Conference Training Center in Dublin, Va.

Our Cambodian IPHC family needs our help! Let's build a church together. Give to special project #76017P.



Discipleship Ministries



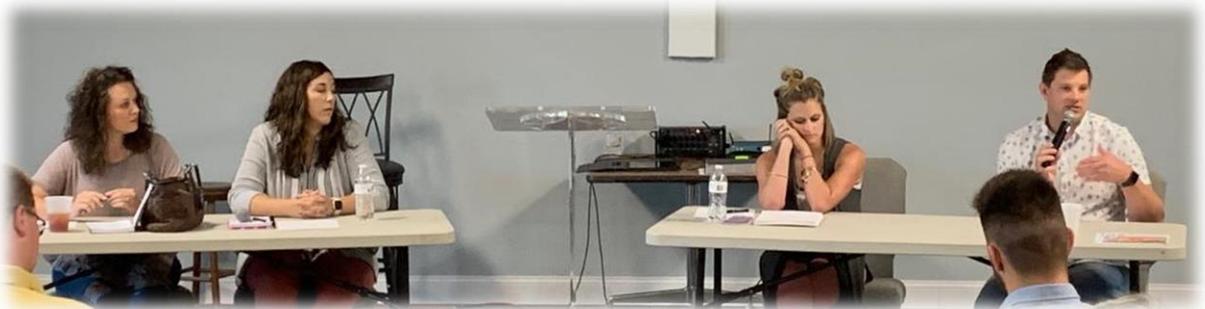
Ron Fredericks

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Discipleship Development 2019 - I want to express my thanks and appreciation to our churches and leaders who came to be a part of our Discipleship Day of Training. It truly was a great day presented by our Executive Director of Discipleship Ministries, Bishop Tommy McGhee; Director of Women's Ministries, Whitney Davis and Director of Men's Ministries, Rev. W. A. Mills. Joining us for the day were Jessica Justus and Carey Rocha, counselors with Wythe County Public School System; Lacy Williams, Lead Behavior Technician Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center and Rev. Seth Campbell, Prevention Facilitator for the Rockbridge Area Prevention Coalition, who led in an afternoon of discussion on ministry to at-risk and special needs students. Discipleship Ministries will continue to strive to serve the churches of the Appalachian Conference.

For more information contact the D. M. Director, Ron Fredericks.



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Sunday, November 3, 2019

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PRESENTED BY:

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Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



OUT-OF-THE-BOX MINISTRIES

One thing I have found being in ministry, there are enough ministries for everyone to fulfill in our churches. No one should find themselves being a spectator in God's house. There are many ways to serve God and do what He has called each and every one of us to do.

Sometimes when people visit a church they look around and feel that all the positions that are needed, are filled. Maybe there would be nowhere for them to serve if they made that church their home.

We decided to highlight a ministry in one of our local churches that is a good example of how anyone can fulfill the Great Commission, even if they aren't called to sing, teach or pastor.

Rachel Blankenship, one of our local church ministers, created a very unique ministry that could work in any church, no matter the size.

"Life Changers Courtesy Care originally began as a hospice ministry. After experiencing firsthand what it is like caring for a loved one placed on hospice care, with both of my grandmothers, I saw an opportunity to minister to others as they walked through the final stage of life with their loved ones. We later expanded to also offer emotional, spiritual, and practical support for those who are sick, undergoing surgical procedures, or have lost a loved one. Our mission is to support, comfort, and encourage all of those in need, as well as their families. We accomplish this by calling or visiting, preparing/delivering meals, delivering care baskets, sending cards, care provider relief, having prayer, reading, and Bible studies with those we are assisting. We believe through these simple acts of kindness and support that we can show Jesus to others in a way that makes a lasting impact!"

Even though this ministry includes men as well as women, we would love to highlight out-of-the-box ministries that are directed by some of our amazing Appalachian Conference ladies! Please feel free to share how your women are taking Women's Ministries to another level.

Send your information to pastortammy511@yahoo.com.



| 2019 |
Breaking Free
Women's Conference



November 1 | 7pm
November 2 | 9am

Doors open at 6pm
Cost: \$35 per person

Registration Deadline
Oct 15

Featuring
Amanda Crabb

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Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____
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NEVER-THE-LESS

“And Simon answering said unto Him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: NEVER-THE-LESS at your WORD I will let down the net” (Luke 5:5).

Simon fished all night. But he did not catch anything. Not even a bite! No fish = no money. But a WORD from Jesus would change everything!

Jesus told Simon: *“Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch” (v. 4).*

Simon had faith in the Word of Jesus. His own mother had been sick with a great fever. Jesus stood over her, (in a position of authority), and rebuked the fever. She arose in health and ministered to them (Luke 4:38-40).

LIKE A HAMMER

Keep speaking God’s Word over your situation. The Word is working, even when you can’t see the answer. *“Is not My Word like as a fire? Saith the Lord; and like a HAMMER that breaks the rock in pieces” (Jeremiah 23:29).*

STUBBORN MINDS CAN CHANGE

Have you ever met a stubborn person? Seems like they were determined to go in the wrong direction. Indeed, the stubborn will is difficult to turn. For example, when such a miracle happens, even the angels rejoice.

“Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents” (Luke 15:10).

SHE KEPT COMING

Jesus told the parable of a widow that brought her case before an unjust judge. The judge would not hear her or avenge her. But she kept coming. Finally, the judge said, *“I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me” (Luke 18:5).*

KEEP ON MARCHING

The City of Jericho stood in the way of the conquest of the Promised Land. The POWERFUL WALLS of Jericho finally fell flat, as the children of Israel marched around it day after day. (Joshua 6:20)

When they marched around there was no evidence that the walls would fall. Yet, with each March of Faith and with the final Shout, the walls fell. Victory burst forth!



Men's Ministries

Steve Winesett



AUTUMN OFFERS BEAUTY AND OPPORTUNITY

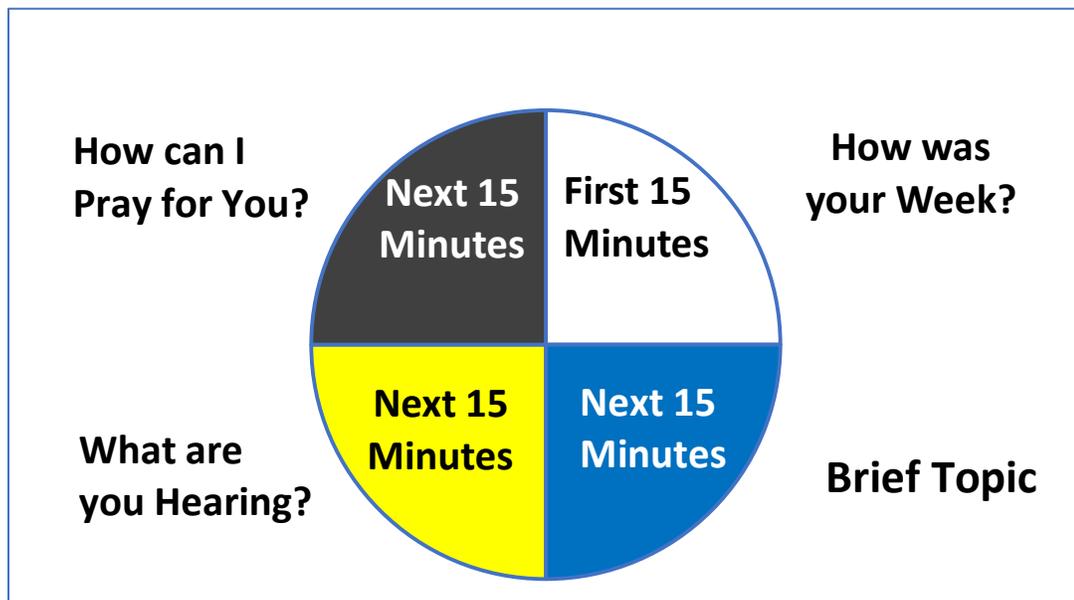
Fall is here! Appalachia is famous for our fall landscape and all of the activities and events of the fall season. I especially enjoy my time outdoors this time of year. Even if I'm taking care of the ever present "honey do" list, working around the farm, or taking time to relax in the mountains, this weather makes everything outdoors more enjoyable.

With fall come shorter days, and we often spend more time indoors during the evenings. This is a great season to start a new one-on-one mentoring adventure. If you are a young Christian and would appreciate the growth from an experienced follower of Christ, or if you have been a Christian for many grey-headed years and would be willing to share your experience and life lessons with someone younger, I encourage each of you to find ways to spend 1 hour together each week. This face to face hour can be fishing, shooting sports, or over a warm pot of coffee.

I have attached some simple instruction from a presentation by W.A. Mills entitled Discipleship 101. I am confident that if you can follow this outline in your 1 hour per week together, you will both grow to become more mature Christian men.

Get out there and take full advantage of our wonderful mountains this fall.

Steve



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

October 13, 2019

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." 1 Timothy 5:17, NIV

WHY SHOULD WE HONOR PASTORS?

Why is it appropriate to set aside a special time each year to give recognition and affirmation to our clergy and their families? How are their needs and circumstances different from those of any other job or profession?

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

One distinction lies in the nature of the service these leaders provide. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments—the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes weary, the very souls of his or her church community are endangered.

EXPECTATIONS

Numerous surveys have found that a very high percentage of pastors feel pressure to be the ideal role model of a Christian family—which is impossible, of course. As a result, four out of five pastors feel their families are negatively impacted by unrealistic expectations—whether self-imposed or congregation-imposed—and that ministry is an outright hazard to the health of their families. Indeed, the "pedestal" is not all it's cracked up to be. As pastors and their families try to please the God who called them to ministry while also trying to meet the expectations of their congregations, one result is dangerous stress. In fact, 75 percent of those surveyed reported experiencing a significant stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry.

FINANCES

Pastors typically make substantially less each year than their own board members and deacons. Nearly 70 percent of pastoral spouses work outside the home, most often due to financial need.

Excerpt from Guide to Clergy Appreciation Month

For planning suggestions and celebration ideas for your pastoral staff, go to iphc.org.

NOVEMBER



CONFERENCE CALENDAR

- 1-2 W.M. Fall Retreat-Dublin
- 3 Fall Youth Explosion
- 4-11 Fall Leadership Training
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 CRM Online Class
- 25 Prayer Call 8 pm
- 26 Harvest Train
- 28 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- 29 Office Closed