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Your love, LORD,
reaches to the
heavens,
your faithfulness
to the skies.

Psalm 36:5

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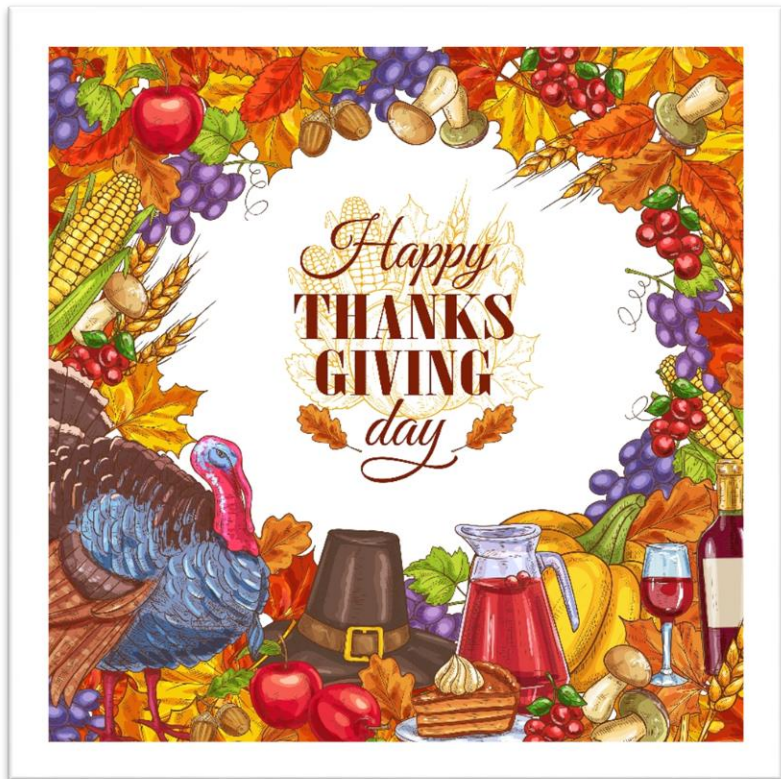
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The Bishop's Page

Preston Mathena



“FACETIME” BAPTISM

God has blessed Hillsville Pentecostal Holiness Church with many special and exciting days. August 30, 2020, will be one remembered for years to come. We had a baby dedication service where five parents dedicated their little ones to God. Twenty-four new members joined the HPHC family, with two of those from Rocky Gap and four of those from New Jersey. These two families support our church financially and they are dedicated to attending services via online and have been faithful for years. We are blessed with hard-working servants that want to be used in God's Kingdom. God's Kingdom is growing at Hillsville and God has certainly blessed us with an amazing flock of God-loving, hard-working, and dedicated servants for God.

We had one soul rededicate their heart back to God and we had two that asked Jesus into their heart for the first time. All honor, praise, and glory goes to our amazing God. He has blessed us and continues to pour out His blessings upon us and we are very grateful. We concluded our service at the river where 23 were baptized. Pastors Jeff and Tammy were so blessed and excited to be a part of an amazing “first” baptism via FaceTime. Yes! You read that correctly!! Two of the family members that joined the church from New Jersey needed to be baptized. That was an amazing first-time journey, but more than likely it won't be the last.

Pastor Jeff has ministered at the Life Center of Galax for 19 years. So, we have church services there every Sunday each month except the first Sunday. The group that ministered this particular Sunday had a room full that attended church, with 38 asking Jesus to be Lord of their life! This is an amazing ministry to offer the love of Jesus to the hurting and broken and we have seen so many lives changed through this ministry. To God be all the Glory!!!!

We are honored to be such a small part of God's Kingdom, and to be busy about our Father's business is our goal – changing lives one heart at a time. Submitted by Tammy Pickett



GIVE THANKS

During this Thanksgiving season, I pray that you take time to reflect on God's blessings to you and your family. This has been a challenging year, but God remains faithful to watch over His children and His promises to them.

We have all been praying for an increase in the number of ministerial candidates, and we are very thankful to report that this year we have had an increase. The following were presented with their credentials during our business session in the recent Fall District Rallies. We also accepted the Credentialing Committee Report and the State of the Conference Report during these meetings.

We welcome our new ministers and congratulate those who have worked to gain their ordination.

LOCAL CHURCH LICENSE

Blaine Dykes
Catherine Neel
Andrea Repass
Rickey Stone
Jennifer Wade
Misty Walker

LICENSED

Wayne Browning
Steve Campbell
Josh Collins
Curtis Cregger
Adam Cabbage
Michaela Dove
Christopher Dunlap
Timothy Garwood

Paula Hill
LaToya McClerkin
Carmen Martinez Perez
Michael Russell
Ashley Shifflett
Todd Shifflett
Randy St.Clair
Charlie Statzer

ORDAINED

Whitney Browning
Keith Repass
Gary Riffe

REINSTATED

Anthony Robertson
Odessa Shupe
Dennis Wyer

TRANSFERRED IN

Bruce Cubbedge
Michael Gentry
Tommy Vass
Keith Wingfield
Penny Wingfield



World Missions & Evangelism

Larry Meadors



MEET THE DUNLAPS



We are Christopher and Alicia Dunlap, and we were commissioned as missionaries on October 9th with World Missions Ministries. We would like to introduce ourselves to you, and tell you a little bit about the call of God on our lives.

Our mission is to touch the world for Christ by ministering to and discipling leaders and community members to foster spiritual, community, and economic growth.

Chris: I am from Athens, GA, and I grew up attending church at Grace Fellowship where I was saved in children's ministry at age 6. I graduated from Emmanuel College in 2020 with a

degree in Diversified Agriculture Missions. I enjoy photography, golf, and going on hikes with my wife, Alicia. As a high schooler, I felt God calling me to something more than an ordinary life, but it was not until 2016 at Emmanuel College that I would understand that my calling would be one of full-time missions. Through many experiences and mentors, I began to explore my calling on a deeper level and found my passion for teaching and training. Through discovering my passions, I am proud to say that my calling consists of teaching and training leaders in Biblical practices, as well as practical ministry and living.

Alicia: I am from Chuckey, TN, where I grew up attending Ashway Pentecostal Holiness Church. I graduated from Emmanuel College with a degree in Secondary Math Education. I enjoy drinking coffee, connecting with people, and taking adventures like hiking with Chris. As a young girl, a missionary prayed over the children in my church saying, "There are missionaries in this group." Tears streamed down my face; my heart raced. I did not know it then; the Holy Spirit was beginning to call me. As I matured in the Lord, this calling became more evident. My pastors, conference leaders, and teachers gave me platforms to serve and lead. I wrote notes to God, stuck them in a piggy bank, and saved for my first mission trip. In 2014, God opened the door for me to travel to Haiti, and I have yet to look back since that day. I am passionate about being with people and encouraging them in their relationship with Jesus, personal goals, passions, and calling. I am called to the nations to give hope to the hopeless, peace to the restless, and love to the broken.

During our first term we will be serving alongside Kevin and Summer Sneed in Kenya where we will be teaching classes at East Africa Bible College, ministering in local churches, and assisting with girls' and women's ministries. We are currently itinerating in Georgia, but we will be moving to Dublin, VA, before Camp Meeting in June 2021.

A CENTURY OF “SENDING”

Journey in Missions



In the summer of 2011, a two-month mission trip turned into a lifetime. Just a couple of weeks after graduation from college, I was on a flight to Budapest, Hungary, from my Virginia home.

I was practically born in the Appalachian Conference, attending churches in Pilot and Dublin, Virginia, while never missing a season at Camp Maranatha. After a previous Appalachian Conference mission trip to Hungary just two years earlier, I was on my way back to missionary legends David and Linda Fannin who had opened their home for a summer of ministry. I was eager to observe, learn and simply see what was out there. To my surprise, I was thrown directly into the thick of it: teaching English, establishing a summer English club, base upkeep, helping at Christian camps, and some excursions to Romania. I was hooked and longed for more.

Being so stirred, I sensed this was only the beginning of something for the long-term. That being said, confidence was often met with uncertainty. How? Where? With what money? Doing what? Me? The answers to these big picture questions were impossible to imagine in that humid Hungarian attic, but I often resorted to the strategy, “What can I do today?” That mindset kept my feet in motion and the objective manageable, and God has revealed the answers and solutions in his timing.

Along the way, I felt an undoubtable attraction to Europe. It was the only thing that made sense in my mind, which, in a way, made clear that it was my mission field. Additionally, having worked with youth the whole summer, I knew that my generation was my responsibility; they were the ones I wanted to reach with the love of Christ. I felt like I found my call.

I learned of Jesus Revolution, a mission training organization in Norway, and thought it could be an appropriate next step that would keep me in action while helping fill in all the training gaps. In yet another step of faith, I flew to another new country, ready for new challenges. In Jesus Revolution, I was able to grow a deeper relationship with God, gain a better understanding of scripture, and get a lifetime’s worth of missionary experiences. We traveled over the whole continent discipling youth group after youth group and preaching in public squares.

The power of God was always on display, as we saw many people instantly healed or experience the reality of Jesus in their lives. Some of the most exciting highlights for me have come from our summer missions outreaches, which involved hundreds of youth from around the world. After the customary days of teaching, we piled onto the buses and metros of cities like Napoli and Madrid and simply took over with the good news of Jesus.

Since those early years, I have been able to grow in leadership and help train countless others. Missions has looked like mentoring, teaching, prayer, travel planning, administration, cooking, preaching and more! There is certainly something for everyone. It is a huge joy to see this generation take ownership of their faith and do something about it! It is also an honor to be a piece of God's mission on this planet.

Submitted by Timothy Meadors

UPDATE ON TIMOTHY

Thank you for all who prayed for Timothy during his recent and unexpected open-heart surgery. On October 19, he had his mitral heart valve repaired. There were so many God interventions that spared our son's life and have given him strength and on the road to a full recovery. He continues his rehabilitation in Oslo, Norway, where he serves as an IPHC missionary. Thank God that He still performs miracles today!

Thank you also for your prayers for Gloria and me. We were allowed into Norway and into the hospital to be with Timothy before and after his surgery. We realize that this, too, was a miracle, as there were so many closed doors at first. Your prayers made the difference as we felt God's presence as we walked through this season.

Global Outreach Offering Update

Your offering makes a difference in reaching our nation and world for Christ! As of October 31, our conference GO offering total was \$ 125,791. More funds are needed to reach our faith goal of \$175,000. Please send your gifts into the conference office by November 23. It's all about reaching people for Christ! Thanks for your giving!





Discipleship Ministries



Ron Fredericks

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CAMP MARANATHA 1946 – 2021

Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry

Looking Ahead...Remembering the Past

(Continued from October 2020...)

"Though prior to opening some were skeptical of the success of the Youth Training School, which was conducted in the Pulaski Church July 1-7 (1946), however, their doubts were removed after approximately 88 youth were enrolled and the institute was fully in progress. This school was the first of its kind in the Virginia Conference," wrote Miss Grace Hearn (HILL), Youth Editor, in the July 1946 Messenger.

Meals were served in the basement of the Pulaski PH Church with Mrs. N. T. Selvey in charge and assisted by the ladies of the church. "The meals proved a grand time for fellowship and getting acquainted, and many voiced their opinion that the food was tops," she wrote.

Classes were held in "Song Leadership," "Visual Aid" and "Sunday School." Recreation was enjoyed in the afternoons at Jefferson School, across the street from the church.

Vesper services were held in a town park about two blocks from the church and evangelistic services were held at 8 p.m. with Rev. Byron A. Jones, of Portsmouth, speaking. Sinners were convicted, Christians inspired to fuller consecration and deeper experiences with the Lord.

"The chief aim of the training school was to impart within the hearts of young men and women the desire to let God reign supreme in their hearts and lives in these days of wickedness and apostacy. I'm sure the spirit of Christian fellowship and outpouring of God's showers of blessings has inspired many who attended to dare to be examples of Christian virtue and purity in this day when the world claims it is impossible to live above sin. May God richly bless all who attended and make you a blessing in your respective churches and youth societies," wrote Miss Hearn.

"In the early days," said Rev. B. T. Underwood, long-time leader in youth work in the P.H. Church, "the workers and youth board generally served without remuneration. The camp pastor sometimes received a small gift. The camps continued for at least a full week, including a Sunday."

At Piedmont, the only recreation was hiking and swimming in the "Green Hole" in the cold waters of the South Fork of Roanoke River. The first softball was played in 1946 at the Pulaski meeting, he said.

Rev. Underwood said a feature of the early camps was the custom of asking a youth to preach a sermon when a call to preach or to be a missionary was received. "It would be a treat to have a recording of these sermons," he said.

Attendance grew through the years so much that officials moved to six weeks of youth camp. This year, 1990, there will be five weeks, divided into age groups: 15 and up, 13-14, 11-12, 10-11 and 7-9 (Attendance in 1989 was 516 young people from our conference and other churches.)¹



DORMITORY



TABERNACLE



CANTEEN

Over the years many changes have taken place. During the last camp season, 2019, in three weeks of camp, 437 campers, ages 7-17, participated. There were 98 salvations, 41 rededications, 102 sanctifications and 160 filled with the Holy Spirit recorded. There were also 60 who expressed a call to ministry and 38 a call to missions, along with many who expressed a healing touch. It continues to be the vision and goal of Camp Maranatha to give the students of the Appalachian Conference an opportunity to experience an encounter with God through His Word and His Spirit and to disciple them in living out that life and call.



¹ Pages 97-98, An Overview of the History of the Virginia Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church 80th Anniversary 1910-1990 by J. R. Schrader JR.



Camp Maranatha has a tremendous heritage and we are so grateful for the vision that was cast 75 years ago and those who have led us to this point. Over the next months we will continue to look at the men and women who have led and the stories of lives that were changed. Many men and women are serving the kingdom today because of the investment local churches and countless camp volunteers made in their lives and an experience with Christ that they had at Camp Maranatha. May God continue to bless and use the ministry of Camp Maranatha and the boys and girls, men and women who come every year, who are the CAMP MARANATHA FAMILY. Always remember: ONE WEEK WILL CHANGE A LIFE!

If you would like to be a part of this tremendous ministry, please contact Ron Fredericks, Appalachian Conference Discipleship Ministries Director at 540-674-4131 or email: rfredericks58@aol.com.

IF YOU HAVE A CAMP MEMORY, STORY OR PICTURE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE AS WE CONTINUE LOOKING AT CAMP MARANATHA 75 YEARS, PLEASE CONTACT RON FREDERICKS, APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES DIRECTOR AT 540-674-4131 EXT. 206 OR EMAIL RFREDERICKS58@AOL.COM.

2021 YOUTH CAMP DATES

EXTREME TEEN CAMP

Ages 14 – 17 years old

JUNE 21 – 25, 2021

DESTINY JUNIOR TEEN CAMP

11 – 13 years old

JUNE 28 – JULY 2, 2021

ADVENTURE/KIDZ QUEST CAMP

7 – 10 years old

JULY 12 – 15, 2021





Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



Vision 4 Education 2020

The biggest part of 2020 has been comprised of “Live” church services, Zoom council meetings and video kids’ ministry. Pastors, young and not so young, have learned to adapt to a new way of ministering and getting information to their congregations and communities. Vision 4 Education was no exception. Both Emmanuel College and Holmes did an outstanding job holding their yearly events via Facebook Live, and both services were moving and successful. Women’s Ministries from around the denomination were diligent in reaching out to their local churches and providing the opportunity for them to be a part of donating to these extraordinary institutions.

Totals from the Appalachian Conference were as follows:

Holmes Bibles College \$1,500.00

Emmanuel College \$5,200.00

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Faith Temple, Life Changers Christian Center and Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church for your gifts to Vision 4 Education. As of October 26, 2020, Holmes has received \$31,000 and Emmanuel \$38,000 from conferences throughout the IPHC, with the donations still coming in.

Again, I would like to encourage our pastors to consider giving to Vision 4 Education in 2021. If ever our young adults need biblical, godly teaching, it is now. Any donation will be accepted and appreciated. Our future generations are worth it.

Blessings!



Christmas, to me, truly is the most wonderful time of the year. One of my favorite events to attend, as the Appalachian Conference WM Director, is the Harvest Train at Falcon Children's Home. As with all other activities this year, Harvest Train will look different to everyone.

Harvest Train 2020 will be presenting an online presentation of their 2013 production, "The Two Trees." This will be airing on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 7:00 pm. If you would like more information concerning this, please call 910-980-1065, or go to info@fchfs.org or www.harvesttrain.com.

FCH will also be presenting "All is Bright Christmas Lights." The entire campus and the Town of Falcon will be decorated with beautiful lights and Christmas decorations. Beginning November 19, 20, and 21, from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, you are invited to tour the campus from your vehicle.

I am encouraging our churches to send in monetary donations for Harvest Train to the Appalachian Conference Office by November 15, 2020. As always, I appreciate your giving to this ministry. It truly is life changing to so many children and teens and has been for over 110 years.

If you are planning to take commodities to the campus, please call Falcon Children's Home at the number listed above or visit their website for instructions on how to do so.

If you have any other questions concerning this, you may also contact me at pastortammy511@yahoo.com.

HAPPY
Thanksgiving



CHASING OUR CHILDREN

“Her children arise up, and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praises her” (Proverbs 31:28).

Truly, this is a great blessing. Children bless their mother. And the husband speaks highly of his wife! Yes, this can be a picture of your family.

FROM THE BEGINNING

The devil tries to chase our children. He uses many methods.

- *Wrong influences-----this can be friends and technology
- *Wrong choices-----many are not taught to do what is right
- *Wrong spiritual affiliations---- many have never attended church

Let's go back to the Garden of Eden. The devil had just deceived Eve. And likewise, Adam also sinned. The Lord spoke to the servant: *“And I will put enmity between you, and the woman, and between your seed and her seed, it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel” (Genesis 3:15).*

TORMENTED CHILDREN THAT JESUS HEALED

Peter, James and John had just come down from the mountain. They had seen Jesus transfigured. He was shining with a brilliant Light. As they came down the mountain with Jesus, they were greeted by a desperate parent. *“Master, I have brought unto You, my son, which has a dumb spirit” (Mark 9:17).* The parent also told Jesus that the spirit had cast his son into the fire. TAKE NOTICE: Jesus asked him. *“How long has he had this (v. 21)?”* The parent responded, *“Since he was a child” (v. 21).* The spirit did not want to leave. But at the authority of the command of Jesus, the spirit left the child. The child was healed. (v.25, 26)

CHASE YOUR CHILDREN WITH PRAYER

Pray for your children, regardless of their age. Your authority as a parent carries great weight. In the spirit realm, the enemy recognizes a greater authority. Pray in the authority of the Name of Jesus! Be like Job. He woke up early in the mornings and prayed for ALL of his children. He offered sacrifices to receive forgiveness for his children. (Job 1:4,5)

CHASE YOUR CHILDREN WITH ANGELS

“Take heed that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 18:10). Yes, angels are ready to help your children. When your prayers go up to heaven, angels begin to fulfill their duties of protection!

CHASE YOUR CHILDREN WITH THE WORD OF GOD

God's Word is quick, and powerful, and sharp as a two-edged sword. (Hebrews 4:12) Speak God's Words over your children. Text God's Words to your children. Pray God's Words over your children!



DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec 21-25	Office Closed
Dec 24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day
28	Prayer Call
30	Last Day for Reports
31	New Year's Eve (Office Closed)