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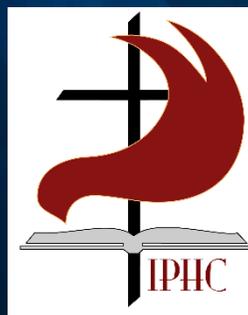
2021 Inspirational Conference

SATURDAY
AUGUST 14 -- 9:00 AM

Ordination Service

Church Growth Awards

Bishop Tommy McGhee, Presiding Officer



Appalachian Conference
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SEPTEMBER 1

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SEPTEMBER 22

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SEPTEMBER 30

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SEPTEMBER 12

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SEPTEMBER 30

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The Bishop's Page

Preston Mathena



FIVE MINISTERS RETIRE IN 2020

We congratulate the five ministers who retired in the Appalachian Conference in 2020. Together, they represent 210 years of ministry. All of our retired ministers are valuable to the conference. Many of them have become pastors again. Some are filling the pulpit in a pastor's absence. All of them have a wealth of information, wisdom and friendship to share with our younger ministers.

On Wednesday evening of Camp Meeting, we honored the five who retired in 2020 with a plaque showing their years of service, a rose for their wife, and a check from the conference, which our ministers and churches had a part in providing. We were sorry that Rev. Ms. Nora Bishop was unable to attend, due to health concerns.



(L-R) **Rev. Jerry Blevins** -- 14 years in the Appalachian Conference and a total of 37 years of ministry; **Rev. Ms. Sharon Hartman** -- 48 years of ministry; **Rev. Billy Griffin** -- 31 years of ministry; and **Rev. Gene Sizemore** -- 42 years in the Appalachian Conference and a total of 50 years of ministry. (Since retiring, Rev. Gene Sizemore has returned to pastoring the White Sulphur Springs P.H. Church.) **Rev. Ms. Nora Bishop** has 44 years of ministry in the Conference.

I look forward to seeing you at our Inspirational Conference and Business Session on Saturday, August 14. We will begin promptly at 9 a.m. All ministers are encouraged to be present.



World Missions & Evangelism

Larry Meadors



ARISE 2033 BANQUET

“Arise,” is used in the Bible in many ways. On some occasions it is a call to awaken from sleep. It can also be used to mean to take a stand. I believe both meanings are key in our time and setting.

Church planting in America has to Arise, in the sense of awaken. On average, 3,000 churches are closing in America each year. With the growth rate of our country over 10 percent, there is a deficit of churches. Who will reach the projected population of 520 million of our countrymen by 2050?

Church planting in America needs to Arise, in the sense to take a stand. Are you ready to contend for the souls of your neighbors? The Arise region of the Appalachian Conference is our neighborhood of contention. Each new church is an outpost for God’s kingdom.

God directed Abraham to Arise and walk the length and breadth of the land that he had promised him and his descendants. This was after he looked to the four directions of the compass. These actions were “staking a claim” to the promise of God. Has God promised us a harvest? As a conference family of churches, we do have a spiritual responsibility to reach our assigned region.

A spiritual shift needs to take place. First, a revived priority on church planting. Wake up! Our country is at stake! Arise to intentional prayer, asking for the souls of people in specific geographic areas with churches to disciple them. Second, stake a claim in areas where there are no Pentecostal Holiness churches. Arise to the intentional calling and training of leaders, who will go where they are needed.

Will you act on this call to Arise? The training is in place, the funding is available and we are without excuse. Pastors and church leaders and all interested in church planting are invited to the **Arise 2033 banquet on Tuesday, October 11**. The meal will start at 6:00 PM and will be catered by Christian Grilling. This event will be held in the Training Center on the campgrounds. Josh Hannah will be challenging and informing us on our mission.

Also, part of this exciting day is the Healthy, Growing, Multiplying (HGM) class. You are invited to this afternoon of training with Pastor Bill Rose. Bill Rose is the Lead Pastor of The First Church in Goldsboro, NC, the mother church of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. He is a consultant with the Healthy, Growing, Multiplying churches division of Evangelism USA. He serves the Appalachian Conference as HGM consultant. Bill is married to Lynne Twiggs Rose and has four children and 3 grandchildren.

Register for this free banquet by using the Appalachian Conference app or website.



JOSH HANNAH
ARISE 2033
BANQUET SPEAKER

Josh Hannah is serving as the National Consultant for Revitalization and Multiplication for EVUSA. He and his wife Jessica have been married for nearly 21 years and have five children—Kara, Rylee, Jordan, Finn and Wyatt. In 2001, Josh became the pastor of a 60-person rural church, in a city of less than 4,000 people. During his time as Lead Pastor, the church grew to 800 people on any given weekend. Over the next few

years, feeling that God wanted to reach more people, Josh pressed forward with a new vision and began adding multiple sites, becoming a multi-site congregation of 2,000+ people in five locations. All of this progress would come to his ultimate vision in August 2016, when he would step down as Lead Pastor of Compassion Church in order to establish the Compassion Network. Through Compassion, Josh began consulting and coaching local pastors on how to produce healthy, growing, multiplying churches.

While pastoring a growing church, Josh recognized a need within his community for a drug and alcohol treatment center, a place where addicts could find hope. In 2007, as the president and founder, Hope Center Ministries (HCM) was established. HCM is an 8-12 month “in-house” recovery program for men and women who struggle with alcohol and drug addiction. To date, HCM has 27 locations in the U.S. and U.K., housing over 500 individuals. In addition, he is the founder of Mission 615 (M615), a ministry that ministers weekly to hundreds of inner-city kids and homeless within Nashville, TN.



ELLETT VALLEY SHARES JESUS VIA "PRAYER BLANKETS"



We have been privileged over the past three years to participate in an outreach to our community in the form of our "Prayer Blankets." We started off with blankets that were hand knitted by Ann Webster, one of our many precious elevated people in our church family. One of the first blankets was for her husband Ron as he was walking through cancer. When she was no longer able to knit them because of health reasons, we started purchasing them, and now our youth group and others participate by making the tied edge blankets from flannel.

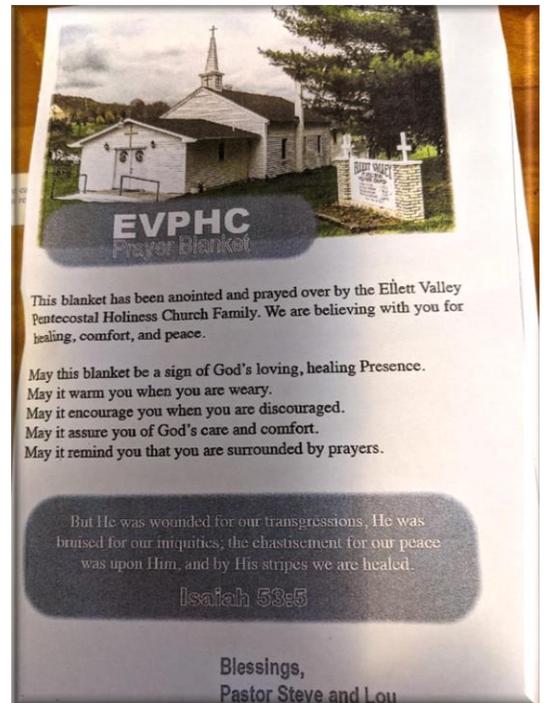
We start our service every Sunday by anointing and praying over blankets for the many needs in peoples' lives. Some are for healing of the body, sickness, addictions. Healing of the mind, depression, and anxiety. Still others are for healing of the heart, a comfort for those walking through grief and loss. We have received several notes from

those receiving blankets (almost 200 notes so far) with testimonies of how God has used these as a point of contact, a reminder of the power of prayer and a comfort to know someone cares about what they are walking through and they are not alone.

What a great blessing it is to be a part of this as a church family. The door of opportunity is wide open!!! People are hurting and they need to know someone cares, and especially to know that JESUS cares and he will be there in the worst of times to see us through! We believe this is just one of the many ways we can lead people to HIM.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve and Lou
and the Ellett Valley P.H. Church Family

This insert is enclosed with each blanket that is distributed.



BECKLEY PRAISE SAYS WATER = LIFE



On June 22, 2021, a team from Beckley Praise Church, consisting of Pastor Paul Chapman, Kurt Gillispie, Jamie Alderman and Shannon Mann, set out on another Missions Trip to provide fresh, clean water to another community in Nairobi, Kenya.



Beckley Praise has come to realize that Water = Life. After providing a well in 2019 at the Ruia IPHC, the Lord began to speak to Pastor Cecilia Chapman to provide another

well. We contacted our Missionaries Ron and Sharon Wooten and Mike and Tammy McRae. A place was decided on and we began to raise money for another well.

While we were there, we were able to witness the completion of our 2nd well project. What a blessing it was to see the look of joy and excitement on the peoples' faces. While the bore hole was being drilled, light construction was being completed on the local church (Paranay International Pentecostal Holiness Church).

The closest stream/creek that this community was able to get water from was approximately 3 ½ miles away, meaning the women and children were carrying their jeri jugs a minimum of 7 miles. The water from that stream was used for washing their clothes and bathing, and was used by animals, as well. Therefore, this water was contaminated and unhealthy for drinking and cooking. Some of the water holes are dangerous due wild predators.



As you can see from the picture, the day the bore hole was being tested, people were coming with many jugs to carry water back to their homes. This well will produce 48-50 gallons per minute. Praise God for a clean, safe, drinking water source. As we know, these wells will bless the communities, our churches and schools in many ways. On this trip we were able to return to RUIA for a visit, where we provided a well in 2019. Because of this well, the number of children attending school increased from 75 to 236. The church has also grown in number. This well was a direct cause of a Muslim family being converted.

Due to the rising costs, we still need to provide some additional monies for the solar pump for the well at Paranay IPHC. If you would like to donate toward the cost of the solar pump Paranay IPH Church, this would enable us to complete the project and the community to have access to clean water.

This is how you can make your donation -- East Africa Water for Nations Project #11420Px. In the message line just simply put Beckley Praise Water Project. You can also send money by way of PayPal -- [paypal.Me/JamesPaulChapman](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/JamesPaulChapman) and it will go straight to the Water Well Projects. If you would like to participate in a 2022 Water Well Project, contact Pastor Paul Chapman at 304-573-4009 or jamespaulchapman1967@gmail.com



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CAMP MARANATHA CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF MINISTRY....ONE WEEK WILL CHANGE A LIFE...

from beginning discussions in 1945, to a vision becoming reality, as the Pulaski Church hosted that first Youth Training School with female students staying with families in the community and boys sleeping in the church. The original vision was to provide young people an opportunity to be discipled in the Word of God

"Youth camp. Those two words bring to mind fond memories of new acquaintances, worship and praise, singing, boy meets girl, and fun. For many, it reminds them of sleeping on the floor, sleepless nights, hot weather, meeting under a tent, swimming in cold creeks and many other good times.

The first such session in the Virginia Conference, according to the July 1946 issue of The Virginia Conference Messenger, was held in Pulaski, Virginia, where the boys were provided bedding accommodations in the church and the girls were placed in the homes of church members and friends.

Youth camps were born in the Virginia Conference as Youth Training Schools when the Committee of the PHYS (Pentecostal Holiness Youth Society) reported at the August 25- 27, 1945, Annual Session (the 35th of the Conference) at Radford. This report stated, 'That a Youth Training School be established in our Conference to begin in 1946 with the program to be worked out by the Convention Officials along with the Official Board of the Conference.'

A similar statement was made the next year, during the 36th Annual Session of the Virginia Conference, which met August 24, 1946, in Bluefield, West Virginia"

"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.

During 1947 and 1948, Youth Training Institutes were held at the Piedmont Camp Meeting Facilities.

During the Conference Board meeting of May 24, 1949, at Radford, Virginia, the PHYS President met with the Board to set the date and place for the Annual PHYS Convention that year: July 15-16 at Piedmont. At this same meeting, the Conference Board agreed to purchase the Cecil Farm near Dublin for Conference headquarters."

PHYS and Sunday School officials were notified after the February 7, 1949, Conference Board meeting that the building at the headquarters would be ready for use with cots, mattresses, and pillows for Training School set for June 27, 1950. During these years, a great difference took place.

The italicized information was copied from An Overview of the History of the Virginia Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church 80th Anniversary 1910-1990 by J. R. Schrader Jr.





2021 CAMP MARANATHA - EXTREME TEEN "ROOTED IN TRUTH"



2021 CAMP MARANATHA - ADVENTURE/KIDZ QUEST "ROOTED IN TRUTH"



While many things over the years have changed, the vision of Camp Maranatha remains the same: **to give young people an opportunity to be discipled in the Word of God.** They come and enjoy the pool, climbing wall, recreation, go-carts and activities. They renew old friendship and make new ones, but the heart of Camp Maranatha remains in the presentation of the Word of God. Through morning discipleship classes and evening services with God-centered worship and powerful preaching, young people experience the move of God's Spirit. As they seek God and pray for one another, lives continue to be changed and transformed by the power of God. This year, after missing 2020, more than 240 students gathered on the Camp Maranatha campus to experience God and be a part of the Camp Maranatha Family. God did not disappoint!! **ONE WEEK STILL CHANGES A LIFE!** We encourage you, whether as a camper or a volunteer staff member, to make your plans to join us the summer of 2022 for the CAMP MARANATHA experience!

Embrace



2021 Girls' Ministries Conference

August 6 - 8

Ages: 10-17

**Register before August 1 for \$70
After August 1 registration is \$80**

Register and pay at

<https://www.appconf.org/girls-ministry>

**Let your heart fully embrace what I have to say.
Proverbs 4:4**

***Guest Speaker: Mrs. Sunshine Cope
All - Girl Praise & Worship Band***



**For more information contact
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Girls' Ministries Director
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ENCORE MINISTRIES

Appalachian Conference Senior Ministries



**Bring a dessert and stay all day!
Music, devotions, pontoon boat rides and more!
Fun begins at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12 noon!**

*RSVP by August 18, 2021 if you plan on attending!
dmsecretary1@aol.com or call 540-674-4131, ext. 201*

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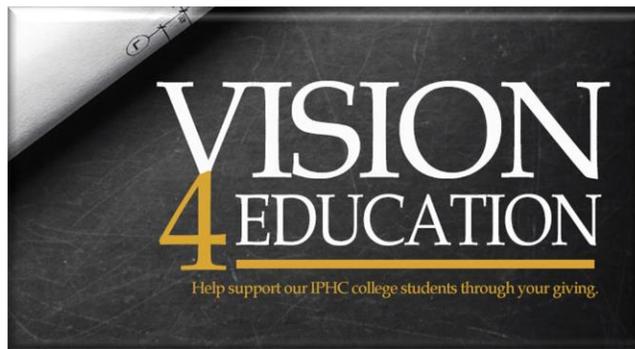
Tammy Porter



***“Are you willing
to be used?”***

Think about King David in the Bible. Wow! What a mighty warrior and awesome king! He had the favor of God and was protected by God throughout his life. On the other hand, he was the least likely of his brothers to be chosen. He didn't get "Most Likely To Succeed" in his senior year. The man was a liar, a conspirator, an adulterer and a murderer, for goodness sake. Oh, did I forget to say that God called and chose him anyway? God knew what David was going to do and still chose him as king. Why? I believe it was because David was willing to be used.

Keeping the story of King David in mind is a great reminder to me that even with all of my imperfections, God can still use me. Let this encourage you today. God can work with your imperfections. Those can be fixed. All He needs is a willing vessel.



As fall is quickly approaching, I would like to remind you that Vision 4 Education is just around the corner. I will be traveling to Holmes Bible College and Emmanuel College to present your offerings for the 2021/2022 school year in October. Your donations are much appreciated and vital in keeping these institutions moving forward. I would like to challenge you to take up a special offering for V4E. Let's make this the best year of giving yet! **Please have all offerings into the conference office by September 24, 2021.**



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**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
with Amanda Crabb**

November 5, 2021

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The righteous are BOLD as a lion! (Proverbs 28:1)

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HE RESTORES MY SOUL - Psalm 23

"He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (Psalm 23:3).

The word "restoreth" in Hebrew is "shoob." This word means to turn back, to recover, to rescue, and to retrieve. The word "soul" in Hebrew is "nephesh." This refers to a breathing creature with a heart, a mind, and emotions. This famous verse suggests that the Lord will rescue us and bring us back to Himself. Also, He will restore our heart, mind, and thought life.

JEALOUSY - FIERY ARROWS

Jealousy is one weapon that the enemy uses to attack the soul. From the book of the Song of Solomon, jealousy is described as a very cruel force. *"Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm, for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave; the coals thereof are coals of fire, which has a most vehement flame" (Ch. 8: 6).*

King Saul became extremely jealous of David after he killed Goliath. Jealousy took hold of the king when he threw a javelin at David. David had been playing the harp for the king to soothe his troubled soul. But the king could not contain himself. He tried to kill David, even as David was ministering to him! (1 Samuel 18:7-16)

RESTORE THE SOUL OF DAVID

God sent a friend to restore the soul of David. The king's own son, Jonathan, became a great friend to David. He encouraged David. *"And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul" (1 Samuel 18: 1).*

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Spiritual warfare is another tool of the enemy to attack the soul of God's people. Such warfare wearies the soul and opens the door for discouragement! Consider the battle between Jesus and the devil in the wilderness. Jesus had just fasted for 40 days and nights. His body was weak. And the devil chose a moment of weakness to attack Jesus. After each temptation, Jesus repeated the Word of God.

Finally, the devil left. God's Word was the winning weapon! THE SOUL OF JESUS needed to be restored. He was weary in His body and soul. Angels came and ministered unto Him. (Matthew 4:11) There are several episodes in the Scriptures where angels appear to restore the souls of those who are weary.

YOUR SOUL

God's Word and His angels are ready to restore your soul. All that is needed is a prayer for His restoration!

LAUGHTER - RESTORED SOULS CAN LAUGH

"A merry heart does good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

Research reveals that 4-year-old children laugh about 400 times a day. However, adults laugh only about four times a day. Let God restore our souls. Let joy return.

September calendar

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| 6 | Labor Day (Office closed) |
| 18 | Boys' Ministries Event |
| 27 | Prayer Call 8 pm |