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Camp Maranatha - Celebrating 75 Years



Appalachian Conference
INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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July 3

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Vinton, VA 24179-2609

July 9

Rev. James Moran
908 Sheffey School Rd.
Wytheville, VA 24382

July 17

Rev. Ms. Aleen Aker
624 Ft. Chiswell Rd.
Max Meadows, VA 24360

July 19

Rev. Ms. Nora Bishop
P.O. Box 3681
Bluefield, WV 24701

July 23

Rev. Harry Kines
4265 Suggs St Apt 112
Loris, SC 29569-3185

August 3

Rev. Ms. Connie Black
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Bluefield, WV 24701

August 5

Rev. Billy Griffin
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Xenia, Ohio 45385

August 6

Rev. Ron Neff
3133 Linville Court
Lenoir, NC 28645

August 10

Rev. Frank Neff
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Hot Springs, VA 24445

August 12

Rev. Billy Boggs
841 Duckview Court
Winston Salem, NC 27106

August 17

Rev. Larry Myers
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Waynesboro, VA 22980

August 20

Rev. James Hopkins
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August 21

Rev. Walter Wood
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August 29

Rev. Ms. Betty Atkinson
157 Lonesome Dove Lane
Max Meadows, VA 24360

August 30

Rev. John Talmage
P.O. Box 1467
Dublin, VA 24084

CURTIS A. RATCLIFFE ENTERS HEAVEN

Curtis Ratcliffe, 80, of Fairlawn, passed away on May 19, 2021. He joined the Appalachian Conference in 1963 and was ordained in 1965. During his ministry he pastored a number of churches in Virginia and West Virginia, as well as Texas. He was also involved in nursing home, hospital and jail visitation. He is survived by his wife Sherian, a daughter and a brother. A graveside service was held on May 26 at the Appalachian Conference cemetery in Dublin. A crown of righteousness is laid up for Brother Ratcliffe and his testimony remains to encourage all believers.

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The Bishop's Page

Preston Mathena



Excitement builds as Camp Meeting nears!

After missing Camp Meeting last year due to Covid, anticipation is growing among our people as we make plans to gather June 15-18 for Camp Meeting. Not only do we look forward to lifting our voices in song and our hands in worship, we anticipate a mighty move of God as we come together, after being separated for months.

The music is a large part of our Camp Meeting services, and this year, we will have a different worship team leading us in song each evening. We look forward, after 15 years, to the return of Reggie Dabbs to the Appalachian Conference. He, as well as Beth Stephens-Johnson, will bring a fresh word from God for this hour and our hearts. You don't want to miss a single night! You will be doubly blessed if you attend the morning teaching sessions by Dr. Dan Woods, beginning Wednesday morning at 9:15 in the Tabernacle.

The fellowship will continue after service as we gather in the Lodge for refreshments. Hillsville P.H. Church will be manning the grill and serving the burgers, hot dogs, etc., that we all enjoy, as well as the time catching up with friends.

SEE YOU AT CAMP MEETING!

ATTENTION

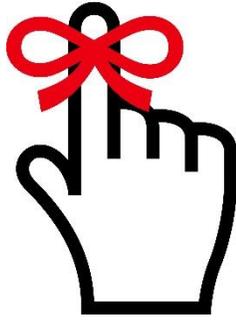
EMMANUEL ALUMNI

There will be a meeting at 5 pm on Wednesday of Camp Meeting in the cafeteria. We will all eat together in one of the side rooms. Brian James will have news and greetings from Emmanuel! Mark your calendar!

ATTENTION

HOLMES ALUMNI

The alumni of Holmes Bible College will meet on Friday of Camp Meeting at 5 pm in the cafeteria on the campgrounds. Bruce Hagee will join us and share the happenings from Holmes Bible College.



INSPIRATIONAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

9:30 A.M.

BISHOP TOMMY MCGHEE,
PRESIDING OFFICER



TO EVERYONE WHO CAME FOR WORK
DAY ON THE CAMPGROUNDS. YOU
DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB GETTING
THE GROUNDS READY FOR CAMP
MEETING AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES!
THANKS!



Welcome aboard!

We welcome **Vanessa Scruggs** to the Conference Office staff. Vanessa is the World Missions & Evangelism Ministries secretary, as well as the Events Coordinator.

Vanessa has many years' experience and will be an asset to our already excellent office staff.



FREEDOM MINISTRIES ORGANIZED IN LEWISBURG, WV

Freedom Ministries began in November 2020 with 14 people who had come together with the vision of changing our area, Greenbrier County, West Virginia. God placed it in our hearts that our community needed to see love and service of God and people firsthand. Galatians 5:13, 14 were the first scriptures that God placed in our hearts. Galatians 5:13, 14 (NKJV) ¹³ *“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

We began meeting at the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging in Fairlea. It was not long before we had to move. We found a new temporary location at the Quality Inn in Lewisburg. It was while at this location that God continued to expand the vision He had given Freedom Ministries. God showed us that Freedom Ministries was to be a place where the unloved could find Love, a place for the restoration of Hope, a place where the hurting could Heal, and a place of Teaching.

Our Mission is to be A place of Love, Hope, Healing and Teaching. It by fulling this mission that we will see our community changed. It is by fulling this mission that we will see people set free from bondage and enslavement and receive Freedom in Christ.

John 8:32 (NKJV) *“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

John 8:34–36 (NKJV) ³⁴ *Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. “*

We have seen God’s hand in our ministry from the very beginning. It was one week before the national shutdown that we signed our current lease. We had one service in the building and then had to close our doors. But God was there and allowed us to go live on Facebook and YouTube the very next Sunday. God showed us all that even if the doors of the church are closed and people are locking themselves in their homes, ministry doesn’t stop.

Through the uncertainty of 2020 and Covid, we have seen ups and downs. But God has never wavered. On Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May 2021, we were blessed to have our official Organizational Service. It was an honor to have 34 that morning, our highest attendance so far.

Freedom Ministries is truly a place of Freedom!

Pastor Bobby Singleton



Bishop Preston Mathena and wife Kathy were present, as well as World Missions & Evangelism Director Larry Meadors and wife Gloria.



Director Larry Meadors presented Pastor Bobby and Tanya Singleton a Church Planter's Achievement Award from the Appalachian Conference.



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CAMP MARANATHA CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF MINISTRY THIS SUMMER!

“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.”¹

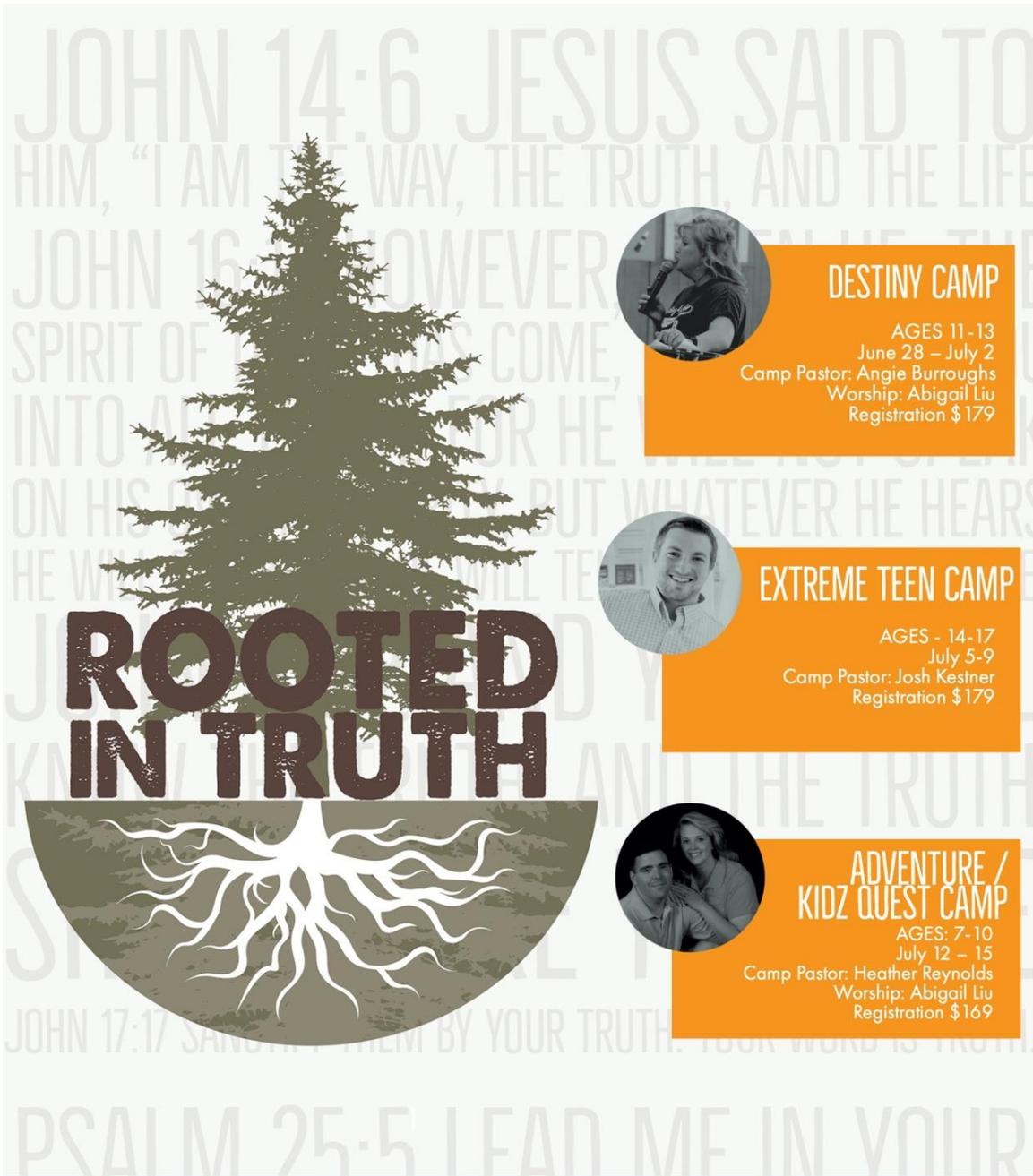
CAMP MARANATHA FOR THE LAST 75 YEARS HAS CONTINUED TO WORK TO FULFILL THE VISION OF TRAINING, DEVELOPING, DISCIPLING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS!

**AFTER HAVING TO CLOSE LAST SUMMER DUE TO THE PANDEMIC,
CAMP MARANATHA IS WORKING TO REOPEN THIS SUMMER.
IN ORDER TO REOPEN**

CAMP WORKERS ARE NEEDED!!

**CAMP WORKER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT: appconf.org
(Applications can be filled out and signed online and submitted via email to dmsecretary1@aol.com. Worker App’s must be received by June 10, 2021.**

Camper Registrations forms are available online as well and should be submitted as soon as possible!



ROOTED IN TRUTH



DESTINY CAMP

AGES 11-13
June 28 - July 2
Camp Pastor: Angie Burroughs
Worship: Abigail Liu
Registration \$179



EXTREME TEEN CAMP

AGES - 14-17
July 5-9
Camp Pastor: Josh Kestner
Registration \$179



ADVENTURE / KIDZ QUEST CAMP

AGES: 7-10
July 12 - 15
Camp Pastor: Heather Reynolds
Worship: Abigail Liu
Registration \$169

EARLY REGISTRATION
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\$10 DISCOUNT



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YOUTHQUEST EAST

We are excited to announce that our YouthQuest 2021 EAST event website is live, and so is registration!

YouthQuest is back, and we are ready to see you!
We are super excited about gathering together again this year.

The global pandemic gave us the opportunity to reimagine YouthQuest, and for 2021, we've chosen to offer TWO events;
one in Browns Summit, NC,
and one in Oklahoma City, OK.

These events will take place at IPHC campgrounds,
and we are inviting you to be a part of it!

It's a shortened version of the YouthQuest you know and love.
We will have morning sessions and evening services
and lots of opportunities to grow in your faith.
We will also feature labs and mentoring opportunities for students
to discover and deploy their ministry gifts in the local church.



For more information, registration and guidelines, go to:

<https://iphc.org/youthquest/>

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*

**Sponsored by the Appalachian Conference
Discipleship Ministries Department
Ron Fredericks, Director**



COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE FOLLOWED

Embrace



2021 Girls' Ministries Conference

August 6 - 8

Register before August 1 for \$70,
after August 1 registration is \$80.

Register & pay here: <https://appconf.org/girls-ministry>

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Sunshine Cope

All - Girl Praise & Worship Band

Let your heart fully embrace what I have to say.

Proverbs 4:4



For more information contact

Elaine Wood

Girls' Ministries Director

540-357-5614



Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



“Position Yourself and Get Ready”

There is no doubt in my mind that we, as the church, are in a position like never before. It's a perfect time to stand and be an example for lost souls, the hurting and broken. I believe that Jesus is coming soon and we are closer to that day than we have ever been.

During this crazy time we have gone through, I have sought the Lord and at times believed His coming could be the next step to look for, and although I believe His coming is so near we can almost touch it, I feel God is calling the church to arise and get ready! Get ready for an outpouring of His Spirit like we have never seen before!

As I have been in prayer concerning this, I continue to hear God say, “Before I can pour down My Spirit on you, you have to position yourself to receive!”

2 Chronicles 7:13-14 says, 13 “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

This scripture is fitting for the times we are living in. There have been droughts, locusts and plagues that have threatened to destroy this land over the past year.

Obviously, God is talking to King Solomon regarding the Israelites. Many people believe to use this scripture for today is taking it out of context. But 2 Timothy 3:16 says, “*All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*” The Apostle Paul talked about Old Testament examples of rebellion and how it would prompt God's correction and rebuke. 1 Corinthians 10:11-12 says, “*These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!*” I think these are perfect examples that show we can easily take these scriptures and apply them to today.

2 Chronicles 7:13-14 may be the key to seeing the Great Awakening that so many have been praying and believing for. Now is the time to search our hearts, cry out to Him, get ready and position ourselves for the outpouring of His Spirit! The best is yet to come!





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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES PRESENTS

BOLD

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

WITH AMANDA CRABB

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

NOVEMBER 5, 2021 | 7 P.M
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September 15th for this special rate

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SWEET DESIRE

“The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil” (Proverbs 13:19).

The past year of pandemic trials has darkened the desires of many! The great preacher known as Spurgeon had this to say in reference to restoring hopes and desires:

“Perhaps you feel that you cannot pray because you are under so dense a gloom, but then it is the time to double your desires and your pleadings.” (www.spurgeon.org-library)

Take heart, it is a new day! It is time to desire and to dream again! Let the flame of hope arise! Let prayers be offered in confidence! (Hebrews 4:16)

Maybe you can name several desires of your heart right now. That is a good start. And these desires can be fulfilled if we align our desires with God’s Word!

SEE THE GOOD REPORT

Moses sent 12 spies to scope out the Promised Land. All of the spies saw the same things. Yet, 10 spies brought back an evil report. These spies said that they were not able to take the land.

However, two spies, Joshua and Caleb, saw a different picture. They reminded the people of God’s past victories. And they said we should go up at once and take possession of it. (Numbers 13:31-33)

Yes, there are TWO types of people. There are those who can SEE their desires coming to pass. And there are those who cannot or will not SEE their desires being fulfilled.

STAY ON GUARD

Adam and Eve enjoyed God’s goodness displayed in the Garden of Eden. Yet, the devil found a weakness. He appealed to the desire of the woman.

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be DESIRED to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her: and he did eat” (Genesis 3:6).

Make sure that your desires and prayers agree with God’s Word. (I John 5:14, 15)

SATAN'S DESIRES

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has DESIRED to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not; and when you are converted, strengthen your brethren" (Luke 22 31, 32).

Two important points are seen in this text. Yes, Satan was trying to pull Simon away from God and from God's plans for his life. However, Satan's desire could not come to pass, because PRAYER was being poured out. Your prayers can stop the evil plans of the enemy!

PERSEVERE IN FAITH

"Through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Hebrews 6:12).

After you have made known your desires to God, and after you have aligned these desires with God's Word, there is more. YOU SIMPLY WAIT! You do not wait in a passive way. You wait in an active manner. While you wait, you hold onto God's promises, and continue to pray His Word!

FINAL THOUGHTS

"And let us not grow weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6: 9).

STUDY QUESTION—NAME THE AUTHOR?

"Being confident of this very thing, He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."



HAPPY
Father's Day

20
JUNE



July-August calendar

July	1 - 2	Destiny Camp continues
	4	Independence Day
	5	Office Closed
	5 - 9	Extreme Teen Camp
	12 - 15	Adventure/Kidz Quest Camp
	26	Prayer Call 8 pm
August	3	New Minister Orientation
	6 - 8	Girls' Ministries Retreat
	14	Inspirational Conference
	20	ATAM Golf Tournament
	21	Pinewood Derby
	28	Encore Ministries-Claytor Lake Picnic
	30	Prayer Call 8 pm