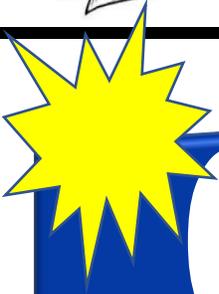




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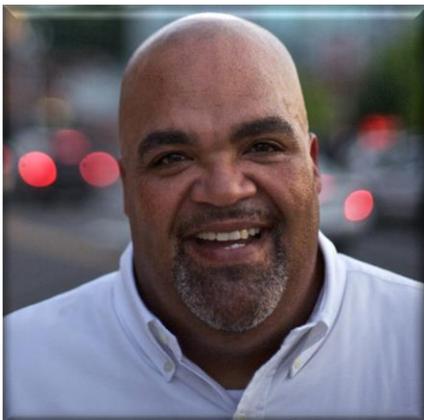
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# CAMP MEETING

## June 15-18, 2021 7 pm



**Reggie Dabbs**  
(Tuesday evening)

### GUEST SPEAKERS



**Dr. Dan Woods**  
9:30 am sessions



**Beth Stephens-Johnson**  
(Wed-Fri evenings)

**Inspirational Conference**  
August 14  
9:30 am



## **Appalachian Conference**

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**Mother** is a verb.  
 It's something you **do**  
 Not just **who** you are

## June Retired Ministers' Birthdays

<p><b>June 6</b>          Rev. Ron Neff          3133 Linville Court          Lenoir, NC 28645</p>	<p><b>June 7</b>          Rev. Patrick Wheeler          160 Foxridge Road          Narrows, VA 24124</p>
<p><b>June 9</b>          Rev. Mrs. June Canavesio          8152 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Street          Bethany, OK 73008</p>	<p><b>June 10</b>          Rev. Frank Neff          499 Peery Hollow Road          Hot Springs, VA 24445</p>
<p><b>June 17</b>          Rev. D.L. Board          2243 Pilot Road          Christiansburg, VA 24382</p>	<p><b>June 24</b>          Rev. Larry Roberts          259 Snow Vista Street          Bluefield, WV 24701</p>

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# The Bishop's Page

Preston Mathena



## ***Good Grief!***

I am sure you have heard, or even said, the words, "Good grief." These words are generally used as an exclamation of surprise, shock, or bewilderment. So often in life we are subject to surprises, shocks, and bewildering things that cause us to grieve. In the past year, many things have caused grief. Entrepreneurs and business owners that invested life savings had to close their doors; employees of closed businesses lost their jobs; finances were lost. Marriages suffered, some even to the point of divorce. Pastors that worked tirelessly to build congregations have watched as the pews they sought to fill sat empty. Worst of all, loved ones lost their life to an unseen enemy called Covid. That makes us say, "Good grief." Grief is the forced redefinition of self, a response to events that often seem out of control, without purpose, and so many times totally unexpected. Grief is never optional or abnormal when we encounter loss of any kind. Grief is normal, natural, and necessary. Grief has no rules, and it manifests itself in us behaviorally, physically, mentally, and even spiritually.

As I stood in the pulpit, by the door, and by the side of people in the last year, I witnessed grief in a whole new way. People are grieving over losses of all kinds, more so than I have ever seen before. God put it into my heart to do a class called Good Grief. I thought maybe a few people would come but to my surprise the class was almost full.

The first night of class, I asked those in the class to tell me their loss. To clarify, loss refers to the state or feeling of grief when deprived of someone or something of value. In the class were mothers who suffered the loss of babies before they were born, mothers and fathers who suffered the loss of a child, children grieving over the loss of parents, and siblings grieving over the loss of another sibling. There were people grieving over divorce and loss of jobs, and people who were hurting, many of whom had been hiding the hurt.

Some were afraid to grieve because they didn't want to be seen as weak, others simply couldn't hide it. Some were mad at God, like Martha when Jesus didn't do what she thought He should have done when Lazarus was sick.

The world is in a state of grief and so are people sitting in the pews, as well as those standing in the pulpit every week.

This class will last for six weeks, and there are already people waiting for the next class to begin. Pastors, people need our attention and need help not only spiritually but emotionally and mentally. This is important because a person who has good mental health will also have and enjoy good spiritual health. As pastors and fellow believers, we must take the time to hear people's hurts and then minister to them, not just pray for them.

The ability to grieve is a gift from God to help us deal with mental and emotional pain.

To all who are grieving, take the time, make the investment so your grief can be good grief.

Pastor Mike Dodson, Tree of Life

**CAMP MEETING MORNING SESSIONS:** The morning sessions this year will be taught by Dr. Dan Woods. These four sessions may be taken for credit with Maranatha School of Christian Ministries. Don't miss this chance to be instructed, inspired and challenged! Ministers, ministerial students, as well as laymen, are invited to attend.

***Approved and Unashamed: Preparing Integrated Sermons***  
**Appalachian Conference Camp Meeting – June 16-19, 2021 – Dublin VA – Dan Woods**

***“Study to show yourself approved by God, a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15 Modern English Translation).***

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

- In an integrated sermon, the preacher begins in the Word and ends in the world surrounding those who are listening. Along the way, he or she will draw on tradition (history), on personal experiences (in ministry and beyond), and on reason (analysis of our contemporary situation). The Bible is always the central source of light and life, but Tradition, Experience, and Reason help bridge the gulf between the eternal wisdom of God's Word and the pain, confusion, and empty lies of a lost and dying world. Such diligent preaching is nothing less than speaking the truth in love. Simultaneously pastoral and evangelistic, it heals and disciples, delivers sinners and matures saints. And while the anointing indeed breaks the yoke, that anointing is most likely to fall on the words of those preachers whose work in preparation has been “approved of God.” Employing both lecture presentations and sample sermons, this class will focus on making this work of preparing integrated sermons more intentional and fruitful.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- Wednesday Morning, June 16
  - Session One – Preaching on Pardon (lesson)
  - Session Two – Cut Out of the Bible (sermon)
- Thursday Morning, June 17
  - Session Three – Preaching on Purity (lesson)
  - Session Four - Malchus's Ear (sermon)
- Friday Morning, June 18
  - Session Five – Preaching on Power (lesson)
  - Session Six – The Full Power of Pentecost (sermon)
- Saturday, June 19
  - Session Seven – Reflecting on Sermon Construction (testimonies and reflection)
  - Session Eight – Building an Integrated Sermon (writing workshop)

**COURSE ASSIGNMENT**

- Those seeking course credit will attend all sessions and then submit a written assignment to the instructor.
- The assignment will include an original sermon written by the student, accompanied by a reflection paper on the history of that sermon from first conception to full maturity.
- The full assignment should not exceed ten (10) typed pages.
- E-mail the assignment as a Word document attachment to the instructor at [pastordanwoods@gmail.com](mailto:pastordanwoods@gmail.com) no later than June 29<sup>th</sup>, or you may mail a print-out of the assignment postmarked no later than June 26<sup>th</sup> to Dan Woods, 241 Mebane Street, Eden NC 27288. (If you choose to mail your assignment, please use an envelope large enough so that you do not have to fold your paper.)



## New Church Needed

Each week, our IPHC family gathers in many different locations around the world. The places they meet are very diverse, as well. From huge modern sanctuaries to a plastic tarp tied between trees, God's people gather to worship. What I have noticed is that even if they are under a simple tarp or makeshift wood frame, they are excited to gather, and work hard at making it nice. For some, this consists of sweeping the bare ground on which the people will sit. They take up offerings and give joyfully out of their poverty to buy a bag of cement in the hope of one day having a nice church building to gather in.

This is where you and I come in. It is a huge blessing to come along side these needy saints with a helping hand. For \$25,000 a new church can be constructed in Central America. This is our 2021 Conference Mission Project -- Project #50011P. In early 2022, a Conference mission team will travel to minister in the area and help build the church.

Currently, Regional Missionary Director Jeff Oeder is visiting the 5 countries under his care -- Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama, to assess the needs. At this time, it appears that Panama has the greatest need of a new church. This will be confirmed in May.

Already, Liberty Hill PHC has given \$3,000 to this new church project! The photo shows typical church construction in this region.

**Thanks for sowing seed for the harvest!**

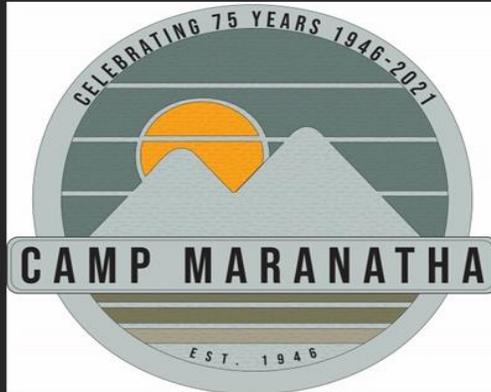




# Discipleship Ministries

Ron Fredericks

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## 2021 Camp Maranatha

*Celebrating 75 Years!*

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADULT WORKERS (18+) WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A PART OF OUR CAMP MINISTRY THIS SUMMER. WE ARE PRESENTLY WORKING WITH THE STATE ON COVID GUIDELINES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK CAMP, PLEASE CALL THE CONFERENCE OFFICE AT 540-674-4131 EXT. 201. I WOULD LOVE TO TALK WITH YOU!**

**Ron Fredericks  
Discipleship Ministries**

**WE ARE PRESENTLY WORKING THROUGH  
GUIDELINES FOR CAMPERS!**

**Please contact the office for more  
information and plans as we move forward.**

**540-674-4131 ext. 201**



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

YouthQuest is back, and we're ready to see you!  
We're 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.

Those events will take place at IPHC campgrounds,  
and we're 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/>**



# Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating the second Sunday in May as a legal holiday to be called "Mother's Day"—dedicated "to the best mother in the world, your mother."

Proverbs 31:10-31 says,

*"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."*

This is the perfect example God gave us of the kind of lady, wife and mother all of us women should strive for. We know that this lady in Proverbs probably saw herself much different. She saw her flaws, failures and mistakes, but her family saw grace, love and determination to be all God created her to be.

I have been blessed with a godly mother who has always set the best example for me. Growing up, I thought every mom was like her. She worked hard and never complained. Taking care of her family seemed to be an honor. Sleep was never an option if her girls were sick. She loved Jesus and set a high standard for a godly home. I'm sure she sees her flaws and shortcomings, but in my eyes she is perfect. The perfect example of the Proverbs 31 lady. She is the reason I am who I am today.

Sunday, May 9, we will celebrate mothers around this nation. If you still have your mother with you, let her know how much you love and appreciate her. If your mother has gone home to be with the Lord, reflect on all the memories that were made and how blessed you were to have her in your life.

**Happy Mother's Day** to all our moms! We truly love you and appreciate all the sacrifices you made to make us who we are!



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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES PRESENTS

# **BOLD**

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**WITH AMANDA CRABB**

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

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## DIP IN THE RIVER OF JORDON 7 TIMES!

### ***WHY?***

II Kings 5

Naaman was a mighty man of war, the captain of the host of the king of Syria! Yet, one thing threatened his well-being and his very life! It was leprosy!

Like many today who have suffered from the Covid-19 pandemic, the question to ask is, WHY?

Seven WHY'S will be explored in this famous Bible story.

### **LEPROSY - *WHY?***

How did Naaman obtain leprosy? Research does not reveal the source of his leprosy. Likewise, with the Covid-19 virus, many do not know WHY they contracted the disease. And even now, the root cause of Covid-19 is still being sought. But Naaman would soon find out that God had HIS WAYS to overcome the WHY? (Isaiah 55:8 -12)

### **A LITTLE MAID - *WHY?***

The COMPASSION of God was poured out from a little maid, who had been brought from her country as a captive. For Naaman to receive a miracle, God's Word spoken in FAITH would be required. (Hebrews 11:6)

### **ELISHA - *WHY?***

Elisha was a proven prophet of God. When he prophesied, the thing which he spoke, came to pass. (Deuteronomy 18:21,22) The prophets in Syria, worshipped the god Rimmon. In comparison to the past year of the pandemic, many false prophets have been exposed. The things that they spoke did not come to pass. It is time to exercise the gift of discernment! False prophets bring dangerous judgments from heaven!

### **NO LAYING ON OF HANDS - *WHY?***

Naaman expected Elisha to come out of the house and strike his hand over the place. (II Kings 5:11) Instead, Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman with instructions to wash 7 times in the Jordon River.

Do we insist that God answer the Covid-19 crisis the way that we demand? Or can we trust Him to release His Higher Ways?

## **THE RIVER JORDON - WHY?**

In anger, Naaman asked if the rivers of Abana and Pharpar were not better than the Jordan. But it was in the Jordan River that Jesus would be baptized by John. (Matthew 3:13-17)

## **SEVEN TIMES - WHY?**

In God's eyes, "obedience is better than sacrifice"! (I Samuel 15:22, 23) Naaman obeyed. And after the 7th dip In Jordan, his flesh was like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. ( II Kings 5:14)

## **DECLINES NAAMAN'S GIFTS - WHY?**

Naaman's gifts were estimated to be about the value of \$77,370 in gold and silver, as well as 10 changes of clothes. *"Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, ..."* (II Kings 5: 26). This was the answer of Elisha to his servant, Gehazi.

## **FAITH LIKE THE LITTLE MAID**

Both the faith and the humility of this little maid touched the hearts of kings of two nations and brought a true miracle. Yes, this is a prime example of NATION-MOVING FAITH!

## **PRAYER LESSONS FROM DWIGHT L. MOODY**

"Be humble or you will stumble." Is there a tone of humility in your prayers?

## **STUDY QUESTION**

What happened to Gehazi after he ran back to Naaman to receive gifts?

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# June calendar

15-18	Camp Meeting
20	Father's Day
28-July 2	Destiny Youth Camp
28	Prayer Call

