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## HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2016



**“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”**

**—Joshua 1:9 (NIV)**

**Appalachian Conference**



## HONORING A GOOD FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

In October 2015, Gary Cope, Conference Executive Treasurer, began the next season of his life, as he tendered his resignation and entered into full retirement. Gary had formally resigned his last pastorate, Word of Life Wytheville, in March of 2015. We wish to take this time to honor him and his wife Carolyn for their service to the Appalachian Conference IPHC and to share a few thoughts from a close friend.

The first time I encountered Gary was near the back of the tabernacle in Dublin. He was sitting in a folding chair in the grass near the spot where I was parking. When I got out of my minivan, I retrieved something from the rear hatch. Gary was watching. His eye for details picked up on a small dent on the side of the pillar next to the rear hatch. As I closed the hatch and walked toward him, Gary pointed toward the dent, and said, "What were you mad about?" I had to admit, he was right, and thus began our friendship. Maybe it was his State Trooper training, but he would catch details that otherwise would go unnoticed.

As time went by, Gary and I found ourselves serving together on the Conference Christian Education Board. He had a love for Royal Rangers, spending literally hours and hours poring over the various Royal Rangers manuals from the Assemblies of God and translating large amounts of denomination-specific terminologies into "IPHC speak." It was a labor of love for him. Gary was so dedicated to the Ranger ministry that he was willing to put himself at risk for it. He got his pilot's license in order to be ready to work with the Air Rangers division of the ministry!

Gary worked hard at his portfolio on the CE Board. He labored with a heart of love at youth camp. His dedication to the tasks given him is, I am sure, at least part of the reason he was selected to become the Conference Christian Education Director when my term was finished. Across the years, Gary's friendship has been a blessing to me. I honor him for his dedication and years of service to our conference, and I pray that the coming years of retirement will be as genuinely blessed as all the years that have gone before! I love you, my brother!

*—Submitted by David Wood*



Many of us, too, share great memories and have had joyous seasons working with Gary, as well as Carolyn. She is the love of his life and has been a faithful helpmeet, always complementing Gary's ministry. I believe Gary's greatest trait is his ability to connect personally with people and build strong, personal and lasting friendships that continue for life.

Gary and I were licensed together in 1979 and ordained in 1981. Gary has served more than 37 years in ministry, 29 of those years in conference leadership. He pastored three years at Coalwood, 10 years at Austinville and 13 years at Wytheville Word of Life. He was elected to the Conference Christian Education Board in 1986 and subsequently served as C.E. Director from 1994 to 2002. I personally want to honor Gary for his most recent service of 13 years on the Conference Executive Council; four as a board member and nine as executive treasurer.

Most of our service, as ministers of the Gospel, is not measurable. Only time and eternity will ultimately reveal the effectiveness of our obedience to the Great Commission and our diligent service to the kingdom of God. Gary and Carolyn continue to be choice servants of the Lord and Kathy and my personal friends! We bless the two of you and pray that our Heavenly Father will grace your lives, your family and ministry in this new season of life that lies before you.

On behalf of the Appalachian Conference, we honor and thank you for your service to the Lord, His church and His people.

*—Submitted by K. Preston Mathena, Superintendent*

# GLENN WRIGHT, FAITHFUL TO THE END

Reverend Glenn Wright, 89, of Wytheville, Virginia, passed away on Thursday, December 10, 2015. He was licensed with the Appalachian Conference in 1972 and ordained in 1974. He then pastored Sylvatus, Irish Creek and Mitchell's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness churches. His funeral was held on Saturday, December 12 at the Barnett Funeral Home, with interment at the conference cemetery in Dublin, Virginia. Leaving behind a great legacy, he is now rewarded with the presence of the One he served so faithfully.

## FEBRUARY RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

### February 10

Rev. Ronald Burke  
205 Wades Lane  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

### February 17

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

### February 28

Rev. R. G. Quesenberry  
1725 Merrimac Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

### February 11

Rev. Tony Brescia  
52 Underwood Lane  
Forest, VA 24551

### February 18

Rev. Arthur Collins  
117 Austin Lane  
Fall Branch, TN 37656



## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 5 Prayer & Fasting for Our Nation
- 5-7 Royal Rangers Winter Camp-Out
- 9 Capitol Hill Phone Prayer Partners
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day – Office Closed
- 18-20 Ministers' Summit – Pigeon Forge, TN
- 27 Bible Quiz Scrimmage

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LARRY MEADORS

## The Christmas Season Began With **Red Sunday!**



On November 29, 2015, Tower of Refuge Church in Dublin, Virginia, celebrated their third **Red Sunday**. Pastor Stacy Cope initiated this in 2013, to take the Sunday following Black Friday to celebrate the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for all mankind. This also falls on the first Sunday of Advent and is a fitting way to begin the Christmas season.

“This year, with the help of Bishop Doug Beacham spreading the news about **Red Sunday** worldwide, there were many churches all over the world celebrating Red Sunday with us. I would like to thank God first and foremost for this God-given idea. As you can see in the picture, Tower of Refuge wore red that day to honor Christ for the blood He shed. We also had four people accept Christ as Lord and Savior that day! To God be the glory!”

—Pastor Stacy C. Cope

### 2016 EVENTS

- January 22-31 Pray for the Conference Missions Team Trip to Uruguay.
- March 12-18 Great Commission meals in your district
- April 14-16 Dynamic Church Planting International Seminar “Church Planting Essentials” (Dublin)
- June 17 Global Missions service of Camp Meeting
- September 16-17 World Missions Ministries Missions Fest in Burlington, North Carolina



### PRAY IN THE NEW YEAR WITH AGREEMENT OVER THESE FOUR PRAYER POINTS

**Laborers** – Matthew 9:35-38

**Supernatural Resources** – John 14:11-14

**Open Doors** – 2 Corinthians 2:12

**Lasting Fruit** – John 15:12-17

*See [iphc.org/evangelism/prayer-points/](http://iphc.org/evangelism/prayer-points/) for more information*



# Discipleship Ministries

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## RANGER of the YEAR 2015

On Saturday, November 7, 2015, Rangers and Commanders convened on the Appalachian Conference campgrounds for the 2015 Royal Rangers Competition. Those boys and Outposts competing included the following: Ranger Kids: Thomas Millard, D. J. Maynard, Outpost 163 – CLI, and Eli Sweet, Outpost 97 – Galax; Discovery Rangers: J. J. Maynard, Outpost 93 – CLI, and Phillip Sweet, Outpost 97 – Galax; Adventure Rangers: Charlie Mills and Daniel Kehr, Outpost 163 – CLI; Expedition Rangers: Dylan Taylor, Outpost 163 – CLI.



Rangers taking top honors were Thomas Millard (Ranger Kids), J. J. Maynard (Discovery Rangers), Charlie Mills (Adventure Rangers) and Dylan Taylor (Expedition Rangers). We want to express our thanks and appreciation to Conference Ranger Commander Steve Allen and his team for a job well done.

Representing the Appalachian Conference at the National Ranger of the Year competition will be Dylan Taylor, Expedition Rangers, and Charlie Mills, Adventure Rangers. The National Ranger of the Year competition will be held at the Bridging our Ministries Summit at Ridgecrest Conference Center in January.

## Appalachian Conference Encore Ministries

Join us May 10-11, 2016, for our annual Senior Ministries bus trip to “SAMSON” at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and at the Bird-n-Hand Dinner Theater for ‘THE CONFESSION’.

Limited seats are available. For more information on registration, contact the Discipleship Ministries office at 540-674-4131 ext. 201.

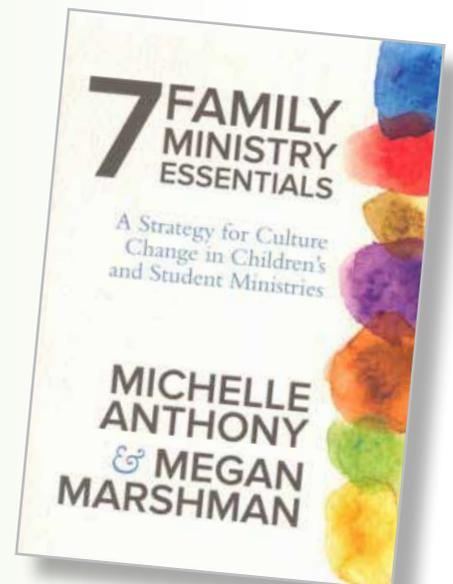
Also watch for upcoming news on Summer Picnic (August 27 at Claytor Lake) and our fall trip to New York City.

*We would love to have YOU join us for these great events filled with fun, laughter and fellowship!*

## Recommended reading for 2016!

### 7 Family Ministry Essentials

by Michelle Anthony & Megan Marshman





# Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



## Miracles at the Appalachian Conference Women's Ministries Fall Retreat 2015

Women of the Appalachian Conference gathered at Harbor of Hope in Christiansburg, Virginia, on November 6 for the Women's Ministries Fall Retreat expecting God to move in an extraordinary way. The retreat speakers were Amy Lambert-Frowine and her mother Donna Husband.

Amy Lambert-Frowine is an ordained minister of the IPHC, as well as an evangelist, revivalist and founder of Hope Uprising and City Invasions. Her passion for God and His life-changing word is powerful and contagious. Thousands of lives are changed annually by the power of God through her ministry and testimony.

Donna Husband shared with the women the journey that God brought her through in the early years of her life and marriage. She encouraged and lifted spirits as she shared the faithfulness of God during times of uncertainty and trials.

Amy's message was from Matthew 5:3 (MSG) – "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you, there is more of God and his rule" – set an atmosphere of expectancy for the evening and an excitement for miracles. God definitely showed up in a mighty way as Amy and Donna ministered to the women around the altar. We rejoiced with two ladies who gave their hearts to the Lord. Many women received inner healing, deliverance, and physical healing, including a painful knot on an ankle healed.

The Fall Retreat was an amazing night with approximately 200 in attendance. We appreciate all the women who attended. It truly was an exceptional night.

*–Submitted by Odessa Shupe*

## Annual Bus Trip

**April 15 and 16, 2016 – Lancaster, Pennsylvania.** Our evening meal will be at Good and Plenty. After dinner, we will go to Sight and Sound to see Samson. The next day we will take a ride on the Strasburg Railroad. We will travel through Pennsylvania Dutch country on an authentic steam locomotive. It will pull us past working farms, our Amish neighbors, and beauty as far as the eye can see. What would a bus trip be without SHOPPING!

### Payment information

Single room – \$339 per person

Double room – \$269 per person

Triple room – \$249 per person

Quad room – \$235 per person

Deposit of \$150 each is due by January 20. The balance is due February 20; \$100 is non-refundable.

Due to contractual obligations, no refunds can be given after February 10. The bus holds a maximum of 50 people; first come, first served. Price includes one night's lodging, one breakfast, show at Sight and Sound, one evening meal, and the train ride.

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**REMINDER: WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DAY IS SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016**



## THREE WORDS for 2016!

First, a vision was seen during the early morning hours of prayer on November 28, 2015. Then, the words followed with a common theme. Rays of light were provided with direct references to the Holy Scriptures.

A mist slowly arose from the earth. The mist covered rocks, trees, and mountains. Then, rays of light poured from the heavens. Up from the earth went the mist, and down from the heavens came the light! In a background of light, the **three words** flashed forth.

### POWER

Indeed, power struggles are seen even before the year of 2016. It is very clear that the child of God will need God's power to overcome. Also needed is the light of God. *"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not"* (John 1:5).

*"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"* (John 1:12). Dark atmospheres during 2016 will be defeated by God's power and light.

### PECULIAR

A *"peculiar people"* will *"show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light"* (1 Peter 2:9). These people are also called *"a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, [and] a holy nation."* Prayer and fasting will be sacrifices offered up to God. Peculiar events will be seen in the year of 2016. Blood moons occurred on Jewish feast says in the year of 2015. Likewise, look for unusual events this year! Also, keep your eyes upon the nation of Israel. *"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem"* (Psalm 122:6).

### PROPHECY

During dark times of history, prophecy shone brightly. Consider great prophets who rose up and prophesied during difficult and dangerous times: Ezekiel, Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Amos. These are just a few well-known names.

*"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts"* (2 Peter 1:19).

Expect prophecies to be uttered during this prophetic year – the year of 2016 – **POWER! PECULIAR! PROPHECY!**

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## **CHURCH REPORTING**

I always want to pass any helpful hints along to my secretary/treasurers that I believe could be beneficial to the precision and accuracy of reporting practices, while being beneficial to our churches as well. Good church reporting begins with attention to detail and good paper trails. Proper documentation is a great tool to cut down on human errors and bad communication.

Assuring that proper checks and balances are in place, a church secretary/treasurer's job can be less stressful and more fulfilling in ways to communicate with the church pastor and church boards, as well as a great tool for other church leaders, volunteers and donors. When we put all the bookkeeping tools in place and use them correctly, we are wonderful communicators on how well our organization has done over the past year. The church's annual report is a great example. When done correctly, it can be used to show the Statement of Financial Position and also give insight to ministry outreaches. It can also act as a guide to financial well-being if a financial institution requests a Statement of Financial Position. When done poorly, it can often create confusion and raise questions about the net worth of an organization.

There are many resources secretary/treasurers can access, but when doing so, be sure you communicate your questions correctly. Document, document, document! I can't say enough that you should document every transaction that goes in and out of the church's books. Never pay anyone in cash, and never take money out of the offering or fundraising projects to purchase items. Run everything through your church's banking account, and make sure you have proper receipts for ministry items being reimbursed and purchased.

Just a few reminders for the upcoming year: All donor statements need to be postmarked no later than January 31, 2016. Also, all summaries need to have a statement on the forms stating that no goods or services were rendered for the donations. If there were any goods or services rendered, then it cannot go on the contribution summary. Please make a copy of what you mail out for your church's records and sign the forms.

Our church reporting online has increased abundantly, and we have gotten great reports once secretary/treasurers become familiar with the system. The online Martus system is a great tool to use if you do not have a non-profit computerized accounting program.

I trust the New Year will bring many blessings and your days will be happy ones!

*–Submitted by Rhonda Smith  
Business Administrator/Accounting Director*