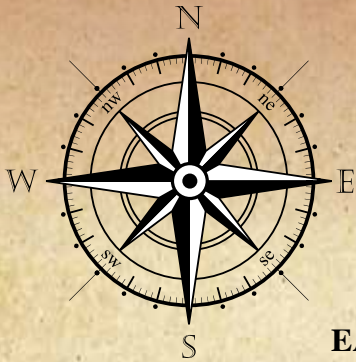




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2016 Great Commission Meals

Next Generation

EAST TENNESSEE DISTRICT – *Saturday, March 12 – 11:30 a.m.*

Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 2608 N. Roan Street, Johnson City, Tennessee

BLUEFIELD/MCDOWELL DISTRICTS – *Saturday, March 12 – 5 p.m.*

Voice of Praise, Route 20, Bluewell, West Virginia (N. R. Taylor, Pastor)

ROANOKE/CENTRAL VIRGINIA DISTRICTS – *Monday, March 14 – 12 noon*

Original Italian Pizza, 1128 E. Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike, Suite 300, Bedford, Virginia

SHENANDOAH VALLEY DISTRICT – *Monday, March 14 – 6 p.m.*

Good News Ministries, 18 Kerry Lane, Staunton, Virginia (Greg Miller, Pastor)

GREENBRIER DISTRICT – *Tuesday, March 15 – 12 noon*

Cucci Pizzeria, 566 East Madison Street, Covington, Virginia

CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT – *Tuesday, March 15 – 6 p.m.*

Mossy P.H., 790 Okey Patterson Road, Scarbro, West Virginia (Paul Basham, Pastor)

NEW RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT – *Thursday, March 17 – 6 p.m.*

Harbor of Hope, 2720 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia (Craig Reed, Pastor)

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT – *Friday, March 18 – 6 p.m.*

Wytheville Recreation Center, 333 Community Blvd., Wytheville, Virginia

“Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.”

Psalm 71:17, 18

Appalachian Conference



RON PHILLIPS AND HAROLD PRESLEY LEAD MINISTERS' SUMMIT

As we step into the New Year, one of the first things we as ministers look forward to is the annual Ministers' Summit. On February 18-20, we will again convene at the Music Road Hotel-Inn and Convention Center in Pigeon Forge.

Registration will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 18. After you have settled in, the spacious area around the fireplace becomes a comfortable place to simply hang out, relax and enjoy fellowship. Since our ministers are often separated by many miles, this is a special time to reconnect and make new friends. There is also ample time to browse the materials and displays of the various conference departments, taking advantage of giveaways and becoming familiar with the ministries of each. The evening buffet then begins at 5:30 p.m.



Ron & Paulette Phillips

In addition to the opportunity for Christian fellowship, we are privileged to sit under the ministry of anointed speakers. Dr. Ron Phillips, who is a favorite conference speaker, will minister on Thursday and Friday evenings at 7. Since 1979, Ron Phillips has been senior pastor of Central Baptist Church, now known as Abba's House, located in the Chattanooga, Tennessee, area. A dynamic encounter with the Holy Spirit in 1989 started the fires of rebirth that soon spread to the church and every aspect of ministry. Pastor Phillips began to introduce the things of the Spirit that the Lord was teaching him, and the flames of awakening began to heat up the spiritual temperature of the members and spread outward, crossing denominational lines.

We are glad that his wife Paulette will also be with us this year. Her interests and talents complement and enhance her husband's ministry. Paulette is the pastor of Adult Education at Abba's House. For the past 30 years, Paulette has also served as the director of the Women's Ministry.



Harold & Kathleen Presley

On Friday morning at 9:15, we will welcome missionaries Harold and Kathleen Presley. Harold will minister in two sessions on Friday morning. In the early years of their ministry, Harold and Kathleen planted a church and pastored in Tennessee. Presently, the Presleys are headquartered in London, where Harold serves as the regional director for the United Kingdom and Northwest Europe. Their focus is winning people to Christ, training leaders, and planting new churches. Most of the 10 countries of Northwest Europe have no more than 2 percent born-again Christians. The Presleys' focus is training more workers, and they are doing this by directing the London School of Ministry in both London and Birmingham, England. They train interns and mentor local church leaders as well. This missions work touches many different nationalities, launching outreach to many expatriate Asians and Africans. Harold and Kathleen are the parents of four children and grandparents to seven grandchildren. We welcome them this year!

Let's pray and believe for a spirit of refreshing to rest upon each of our ministers this year during this summit!



LEE RATCLIFF WILL BE MISSED

On Tuesday, January 5, 2016, Lee Ratcliff, 41, unexpectedly finished his race in this life. He was hired in August 2015 as the groundskeeper for the Appalachian Conference, a job he did with excellence. He is survived by his wife Laurie. Services were held on January 9, 2016, at Tower of Refuge Church, which he and his wife faithfully attended. He will be missed by all who knew him.

MARCH RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

March 23

Rev. Ms. Ethel Swart
513 Awaroa, RD1
Kaitaia North Island, New Zealand

March 23

Rev. James LaValley
2856 Graham Road
Draper, VA 24324

March 24

Rev. Thomas Cochran
204 Woodland Drive
Buena Vista, VA 24416



CALENDAR

- 4 Conference Talent Registration Due
- 4 Prayer & Fasting for Our Nation
- 5 Girls' Ministries Training-Campgrounds
- 6 Women's Ministries Day
- 8 Capitol Hill Phone Prayer Partners
- 12 Bible Quiz Scrimmage
- 12 Great Commission Meals
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 14-15 Great Commission Meals
- 17-18 Great Commission Meals
- 18-19 Maranatha College Classes
- 19 Pinewood Derby
- 20 Palm Sunday
- 25 Good Friday (Office closed)
- 27 Easter

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A GREAT GLOBAL OFFERING

This past year was a breakthrough year in the Global Offering (GO) giving! Please join in celebrating and thanking God for \$142,737.82 in funds that will directly affect the efforts of the Great Commission, both in the U.S. and around the world! This is the largest offering in the last five years of conference giving. Thanks to all of the 89 churches and the many individuals who participated in sowing seeds into this harvest. The great difference this year was made by those pastors and mission directors who decided to increase their pledge and give beyond their pledge. A whopping 46 churches had an increase in GO giving! Seven of these churches increased by \$1,000 or more from their previous year's giving. Ten churches were either first-time givers or reactivated their GO giving. May all the individuals who gave directly or through their churches be blessed for their giving. (The above total is a conference total. The IPHC World Mission Ministries Division figures have not been released yet.)

2016 GREAT COMMISSION MEALS – **Next Generation**

*“Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, **till I declare your power to the next generation**, your mighty acts to all who are to come.” –Psalm 71:17, 18 (NIV)*

This year's district meals will feature young missionaries who could spark new vision and passion for renewing the call to evangelism and missions for the local church. Leading the way will be Max Barroso, director of The Awakening. The Awakening is the youth and college ministry of the IPHC WMMD. Those who will be at the meetings will be Peter and Emily Fowler, a young couple who have a call to France; and Timothy Meadors, a young man in his 20s who has spent the last five years taking the gospel across Europe. There are others who may come but have not committed yet.

Pastor, to help fulfill the **Next Generation** vision, you are encouraged this year to bring with you one young person (age 16-25) who has a heart for ministry in addition to bringing your missions director. Again, the focus this year will be on passing a great commission vision on to the next generation. Check the schedule and make plans now to attend.

MISSIONS GIFT

In August of last year, Bobby and Pam Clark were promoted to heaven. At the time, they were in the process of relaunching the Floyd PH Church. Since that time, Pastor Irma Lemons has reopened the church. One of the first things she felt impressed to do was to give the total balance of \$960 in the church bank account away. So the Mt. Sinai PH Church of Floyd has given this money, in memory of the Clarks, to world missions. Specifically, the money was given to reach unreached people groups in Northwest China. This was Bobby and Pam's heart. They were missionaries to China and wanted to reach the unreached with the gospel. Missionary Ben West will use this donation to target the Tibetan Buddhist peoples. May this gift result in many souls won to Christ in China and in Floyd.



Discipleship Ministries

RON FREDERICKS

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2016 APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 4, 2016

Registration: Individual: \$25; Group: \$50

TEEN Fine Arts Festival

APRIL 16, 2016

Registration: 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

JUNIOR Fine Arts Festival

APRIL 23, 2016

Registration: 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.



Entries for Creative Writing, Video and Web Design for both the Conference Teen and Junior Talent Festival must be submitted to the Conference office no later than March 20, 2016.

Email entries to rfredericks58@aol.com

The entrant is responsible to verify entry has been received.

Application and Guidelines can be downloaded at

<http://appconf.org/ministries/discipleship-ministries/discipleship-ministries/talent-quest/>

Registration Fees and Liability Waiver must accompany registration form!

For more information, contact the Discipleship Ministries office at 540-674-4131, ext. 201 or email Ron Fredericks @ rfredericks58@aol.com

YOUTH QUEST & NATIONAL TEEN TALENT FESTIVAL

JULY 21-24, 2016

Daytona Beach, Florida

7 CORE values

Place of HOPE • People of PROMISE

In 2016, the IPHC vision of “Place of Hope, People of Promise” is highlighted by our third core value, “We Prayerfully Value Holiness.” This focus will begin with Psalm 96:9, which invites us to “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.” Like the worshippers around the throne in Revelation 4, we are asking the Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to the revelation of God’s holiness. Our approach is to consider *the Source*, to understand how God *illuminates* His holiness in us and how we *radiate*, or display, that holiness to the lost world. This year’s focus will consist of three emphases throughout the year:

1. **The Source.** We recognize that God is the source of holiness. His very nature is holy. (January-April)
2. **Illuminate.** How does God illuminate His holiness in us through the work of sanctification? (May-August)
3. **Radiate.** How do we radiate God’s holiness to a lost and hurting world? (September-December)

Various resources for personal reflection, group study and corporate worship are available at <http://iphc.org/holiness>. Throughout the year, additional videos, sermons and other resources will be added to this collection. **(KidMin and Student Materials Coming Soon!)**

Presiding Bishop Beacham invites you to join us in this important focus. “God is calling us to renew our hearts in His holy love. This is a year for us to boldly declare that the sanctified life is a reality for all of God’s people. It is a year for us to preach to the captives the liberty that is in Jesus Christ. This is a year for us to experience liberty in our minds, attitudes, actions, and relationships. This is a year for us to encounter the living God and the beauty of His holiness!”

By Janese Bennett



Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



POINT OF CONTACT MINISTRIES IN ACTION

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: "...to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27 The heartbeat of Point of Contact Ministries (formerly First Pentecostal Holiness Church in

Bluefield) is to connect with God and connect with people. Falcon Children's Home is part of that heartbeat. Each year we work to collect commodities for the children's home, and for the past several years it has grown each year. This year was no exception.....other than it quadrupled what we took down to Harvest Train last year. God has breathed on it and blessed it beyond what we ever would have imagined.

About midsummer, Jackie Ellis, who spearheads the drive, began to get discouraged. God spoke to her and said, "It will be better in the end than in the beginning." Wow, how we found that to be true! God began to rain in the blessings. People from other churches in both Mercer and McDowell counties contributed to the effort. Each time Jackie had a project that needed funding, God sent the people with the money. From buying music supplies for the choir to a pallet of pop tarts, the funds were always there! When Jackie would text and say, "Guess what," I'd say, "Tell me what God has done." We stand amazed at the blessings of God.

As we were approaching Harvest Train and beginning to think about how we were going to get everything delivered to Falcon, the realization hit -- we are going to need a tractor trailer! A phone call was made to James Linkous, and he immediately went to work calling his trucking buddies. Loads were shifted, drivers changed and much maneuvering took place to make it possible to get this load delivered to the children's home. Tim Hoss delivered the load on Sunday, November 22, to a surprised warehouse crew who were amazed that this truck, nearly filled to capacity, was coming to their warehouse. When asked how much we needed to pay for the delivery, James and Tim said, "no charge" and agreed to bless us each year by hauling the commodities to the children's home.

All glory is given to God our Heavenly Father for opening hearts to bless the children and staff of Falcon Children's Home.

Submitted by Lisa Johnson

TOP GIVERS TO HARVEST TRAIN IN 2015

Bluefield (Point of Contact Ministries) – over \$100,000 in commodities

Cornersview – \$3,084 in commodities

Rosenbaum Chapel – \$2,000 in cash



IT'S TIME TO SAY NO!



Do you want to have a good year in 2016? Of course you do! That's the reason many people make New Year's resolutions.

However, the answer to a good year is found in the Bible. If you take heed of the following scripture, good things can happen for you in the year of 2016: "SUBMIT yourselves therefore to God. RESIST the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7, emphasis added). This type of prayer will put the devil on the run.

SAY NO TO THESE ACTIONS!

SAY NO to SIN. Like Job, we are to shun evil (Job 1:1). Don't rationalize sin. Don't give sin a chance to multiply. Just say NO!

SAY NO to speaking WRONG WORDS. "A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul" (Proverbs 18:7). Pray before you speak.

SAY NO to FEAR. Irrational fear is the opposite of faith. "Fear not" is a phrase found 365 times in the Bible!

SAY NO to DISCOURAGEMENT. Be like David and encourage yourself in the Lord (1 Samuel 30:1-6).

SAY NO to DISEASE. Like the blind man, persist for your sight (Luke 18:35-43).

SAY NO to LACK. Jesus fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:10-17). Pray the promises from Psalm 34:9, 10.

SAY NO to your children when they take the wrong path. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

SAY NO to STRESS. Jesus says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Jesus provided an example of the power of saying NO. During the temptation in the wilderness, Jesus told the devil NO (Matthew 4:1-11).

JUST SAY NO, AND THE DEVIL MUST GO!

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February 26-27

LEAD 223 – Spiritual Disciplines of a Leader

Guest Instructor: Harold Presley

March 18-19

LEAD 253 – Church Health Principles

Guest Instructor: Pastor Tony Atkinson

April 8-9

LEAD 213 – Spiritual Gifts and Leadership

Guest Instructor: Dr. Garnet Pike

May 20-21

TH 243 – Christian Beliefs II

Guest Instructor: Pastor Steve Willis

“I want to encourage you to take advantage of this great training opportunity. Please let me know if I can help you in any way. Also, if you could let me know of your intention to attend, whether at the base location or one of our satellites, it would be most helpful.”

Pastor Steve Willis

President Maranatha College of Christian Ministries

“ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15 NIV