



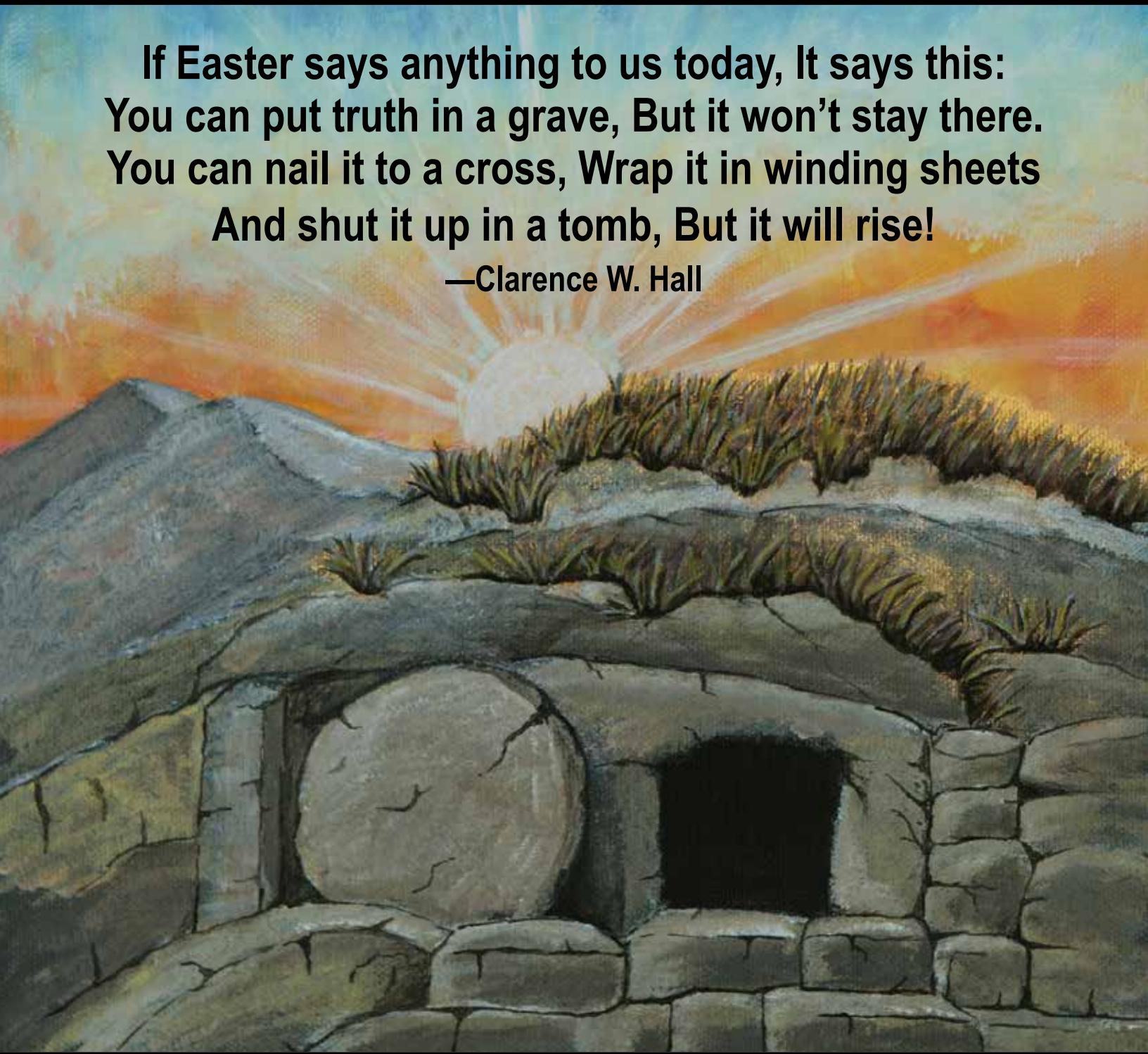
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# MESSENGER

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**If Easter says anything to us today, It says this:  
You can put truth in a grave, But it won't stay there.  
You can nail it to a cross, Wrap it in winding sheets  
And shut it up in a tomb, But it will rise!**

**—Clarence W. Hall**



**Appalachian Conference**



## HILLSVILLE BREAKS GROUND FOR OUTREACH CENTER

To God be the glory! We are so excited to share as we “look what the Lord has done”! On Sunday, February 7, 2016, we broke ground for our HPHC Outreach Center, which will serve as a fellowship hall, kitchen, weight room, youth area, gym, and emergency shelter for any state of emergency crisis times for our community.

Just two short years ago (February 9, 2014), the Hillsville Pentecostal Holiness Church broke ground on Virginia Street for the future site of

the new church. To our amazement, on the first service on October 19, we realized we needed more room to accommodate the rapid growth in our kids’ classes, and we knew we could not accommodate all of the church family for any meals in a timely fashion in the temporary fellowship hall.

We plan to start after-school programs, sports activities, and programs to reach a new group of families. We will have our facilities open to the public daily in order to reach a lot of kids that may not be able to afford to go to the local wellness center. We want to have a facility that will have something available for all kids, teens, young adults, adults, and the elderly.

We also have a ball field that will be used for softball, T-ball, football, and a soccer field for area kids/teams/leagues. The ball field is complete except for purchasing the fencing.

Our mission at the Hillsville Pentecostal Holiness Church is to continue to win the lost. We have to tell everyone we can about Jesus and make disciples! We desire to be that contagious church with the fire of the Holy Spirit allowing us to reach people, love people, and encourage and guide them to be the best that they can be for the Lord!

God continues to pour out His blessings by giving us souls for our labor and sending such rapid growth to what was a little church but is now a large church that just wants to share the love of God with everyone we can!

The plans are for the HPHC Outreach Center to be completed by August 2016. If you want to sow into this ministry, the church address is HPHC, P.O. Box 534, Hillsville VA 24343.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports this church, the fundraisers, and each of you that prays for us! You are a big part in God’s plan, God’s vision that he gave to Pastor Jeff, and we are sincerely grateful for each of you! We appreciate Bishop Preston Mathena and Kathy for joining us on this special day.



Left to right: Bishop Preston Mathena, Tammy Pickett, Pastor Jeff Pickett, Deacons Marcus Robinson, Raymond Underwood, E. G. Bolen, Doug Goad.

## APRIL RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

### April 4

Rev. Edward Wood, Sr.  
5879 Jewell Avenue  
Dublin, VA 24084

### April 15

Rev. David Bain  
P.O. Box 893  
Buena Vista, VA 24416

### April 19

Rev. Larry Snider  
305-B Pepper Street, South  
Christiansburg, VA 24073



## APRIL CALENDAR

- 2 Bible Quiz Scrimmage**
- 8-9 Maranatha College Classes**
- 12 Capitol Hill Conference Prayer Call**
- 14-16 DCPI – Church Planting Essentials – Tower of Refuge**
- 23 Junior Talent**
- 23 WIN Prayer Festival**
- 27 Administrative Professionals Day**
- 29 Master's Seed Time Golf Tournament**
- 29-30 Family Ministry Workshop – Greensboro**



It was one of those  
*March*  
days when the sun shines hot  
and the wind blows cold:  
when it is summer in the light,  
and winter in the shade.

—Charles Dickens

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LARRY MEADORS

## Missions Teams – The Hardest Work You Will Ever Love

After five days of laying blocks in the Uruguay summer sun, Rick Black summarized his feelings about this trip and all the ones that have come before it: “Missions work is the hardest work you will ever love.” It was also a great summary for the other 17 team members who served the Lord on this conference missions trip.

The team represented nine churches that came together for the purpose of building a new church facility for *Light to the Nations* IPHC. The new structure is located in Colón, a suburb of Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay. Our conference team was the first building team from the IPHC in this South American country.

The vision to reach this country for Christ began 11 years ago with the IPHC

Argentina Conference and Dan Clowers, the Continental Director for Latin American and the Caribbean for IPHC World Missions Ministries. Missionaries Juan and Claudia Fria were sent out from Argentina to pioneer the work in Uruguay. From this original vision, the country now has six IPHC churches! The building phase for this central church began when Dan and Brenda Clowers applied an Antioch

grant to buy a building lot for \$35,000. The Antioch grant money comes from the annual Global Outreach offering. Next, 13 churches from the Appalachian Conference sent \$28,000 in project money to purchase the materials to start the building. Two churches had a strong vision for this work: Winchester–Word of Life, which contributed \$12,500, and Narrows–Cornerstone, which gave \$11,500.

With the money in place, our conference team traveled in late January to construct the walls for the church and minister to the children. A winter storm delayed our travel by one day, but God helped us to make up for lost



**The Conference Team (Rick Black, Allen Bouldin, Paul Chapman, Kimberly Cook, Brenda Hammans, Kerry Helmandollar, Denise Lang, Shannon Mann, Larry Meadors, Doug Phillips, Mike Reynolds, Joshua Shephard, Roger Simmons, Bobby Singleton, Wesley Spence, Rebecca Wade and Howard White), Dan and Brenda Clowers, and the Light for the Nations Church at the new church site.**

time. The team completed the walls by laying more than 1,300 blocks, digging half the footers, and welding steel support for the roof. This central church will be strategic for all of the work in Uruguay. The team also ministered the gospel to approximately 100 children and distributed school supplies and clothing.

What makes this hard work especially rewarding is the bond of love that is formed between the team and the host church. A new link was made between our conference and our southern brothers and sisters in Christ. Special thanks to the team and the churches who made this ministry possible.

**Pastors and missions directors, please remember to attend the Great Commission Meals.**

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# Discipleship Ministries

RON FREDERICKS

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On behalf of the all the men and boys of the Appalachian Conference Royal Rangers and the Discipleship Ministries Board, we want to take this opportunity to honor and express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Steve Allen, who has faithfully served the Royal Rangers Ministries and the Appalachian Conference for the last 26 years. Steve started with Royal Rangers in the spring of 1990 while attending the Dublin Pentecostal Holiness Church. His formal training with Rangers has been ongoing since 1991. In 1992, he and his wife moved to the Radford Pentecostal Holiness Church, where Steve began to serve the local church as Adventure and Air/Sea/Trail Commander, while Cindy served as Buckaroo/Straight Arrow Commander. Steve has served as Senior Commander for Outpost 153 (Radford Worship Center) and as **CONFERENCE COMMANDER** for the past **11 YEARS!** He has participated or helped plan every Winter Campout, beginning with Rick Black to the present, and introduced Ham Radio on both the conference and national level. Steve has served his God, his family, his church and the boys of the Appalachian Conference with integrity, and he has the respect of all who serve with him.

**David Moore, National Rangers Commander, writes:**

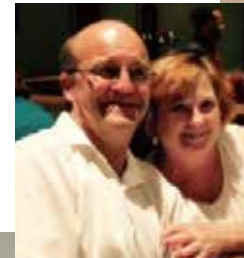
“On behalf of the IPHC National Office, I would like to express my appreciation to Steve Allen for his dedication and devotion to the Appalachian Conference Royal Rangers. Not only has Steve served his conference with distinction, but he has given invaluable service to the national ministry as well. Steve Allen is a true servant leader and a great friend. Thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do for the boys and men of the IPHC.”

**Larry Meadors, former D.M. Director, writes:** “Steve Allen has embodied the Royal Rangers motto of “Ready” throughout his RR service. He has been a commander that has kept the fun and adventure for the boys as the focal point of the ministry. As D.M. Director, I could always count on Steve to be ready for an event. On many occasions I would see him working weeks ahead on projects. He is to be commended for his years of selfless service.”

**From Richard and Regina Martin:** What can I/we say about Conference Commander Steve Allen ... I/we have had the privilege to serve as an outpost commander(s) for 16 years and as conference staff commander(s) for 10 years working with Steve. He is one of the most loyal, dedicated, hardworking people I have ever met. He gives 110% at all times to the boys/young men in Royal Rangers. Without a doubt, he understands the mission of Royal Rangers to “evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christ-like men and lifelong servant leaders,” and he works tirelessly to bring that mission to life in the Appalachian Conference. He spends countless hours preparing, planning, and working behind the scenes before an event ever occurs. I/we have been honored and humbled at the opportunity to work alongside Steve all of these years and count his friendship as a blessing from the Lord!

It has been my privilege to work with Steve and Cindy for the last five and a half years.

Steve has been diligent to keep our conference program up-to-date and has forged a great working relationship and friendship with the Assemblies of God Appalachian District Royal Rangers, which has benefited both programs. Steve will be transitioning from Conference Commander to Aide de Camp for the Appalachian Conference Royal Rangers. Steve has been a good friend



and a great asset to Discipleship Ministries and Royal Rangers. Cindy, his wife, has been faithful to assist and stand with Steve as he has led our Conference Rangers. Steve and Cindy, we thank you and honor you as we stand “READY” to continue to work with you in your new role.

**Get Ready To Be Refreshed!**

# REFRESH

Youth Rally

**May 1<sup>st</sup> | Dublin, VA**  
**5:30 PM** (Doors Open At 4:30 PM)

**Worship:** **Speaker:**

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# Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



March 6 is Women's Ministries Day. Ladies, this year our theme is Heart Vision Ignited by Love. Our theme verse is Proverbs 4:23: "Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it flow the issues of life."

How do we get the vision for our lives?

1. Seek Him.
2. Get the vision and write it down.
3. Run with the vision.

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## WIDOWS LUNCHEON HOSTED BY HARBOR OF HOPE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

In November 2015, the Women's Ministries of Harbor of Hope hosted their first "Widows Luncheon." The ladies were very excited as they shared a time of good food and fellowship. This was followed by several songs sung by Sherry Richards. Sherry and Alicia White also shared from their hearts how these Christian widows were such a blessing and witness to them and others. Not only was this a very special time for these widowed ladies, but the W.M. ladies were truly blessed by being servants of God. The luncheon ended by giving each of the ladies a mini loaf pan of homemade pumpkin bread.



The ladies present were (left to right) Esther Hart, Flo Akers, Hazel Philips, Carolyn Whitaker, Betty Burress, Evelyn Bond, and Louise Richards. We are looking forward to hosting another Widows Luncheon this year. Blessings – Alicia White, W.M. Director



## PRAY WITH A FACE LIKE A FLINT

How do you start a fire without a match? Survival classes, Boy Scouts, and Royal Rangers teach these basic survival skills.



With a few strikes, friction produces enough heat to create sparks of fire! This law of science also applies to the spiritual realm.

Prayer is communicating with God to declare His kingdom, His power, and His will to be accomplished upon the earth and in our lives!

Have you ever seen the saints of God pray with power? I remember those old-time prayer meetings! The people clung to the altar of the church and poured out promises from God's Word. The presence of God was felt by all!

The determined look upon the faces of the intercessors was the thing that I remember the most. Their eyes looked intently toward the heavens, and they cried out to God without any thought of what others might think. Boldly and unashamedly, they prayed.

*“For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed” (Isaiah 50:7, emphasis added).*

### THE BURNING BUSH

It was the flame of fire from a burning bush which captured the attention of Moses. This powerful encounter with the presence of God enabled Moses to stand boldly before the pharaoh of Egypt. With great authority, Moses requested, “Let my people go!” An entire nation was set free from slavery because Moses gazed upon this burning bush!

*“And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt” (Exodus 3:3).*

### GOODBYE TO DISTRACTIONS

One of the tools the enemy uses to hinder our prayers is distraction. Distractions can also pull us away from God's purposes. Consider the example of Lot's wife. The angel told Lot and his family to flee with haste and to not look back! *“But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt” (Genesis 19:26).*

### WHAT ABOUT YOU?

If you are facing storms, struggles and setbacks, NOW IS THE TIME TO SET YOUR FACE LIKE A FLINT and know that you will not be ashamed! (Isaiah 50:7)

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## **CROSSROADS – CHRISTMAS – CHILDREN**

For many children in our area, the Christmas story may be filled with the abandonment, loneliness and shame that come from having a mom or dad in prison. For the last three years, through Angel Tree®, a program of Prison Fellowship, Crossroads Church has reached out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. We are sharing God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners.

Every year we throw a huge party at our church for all the families. We have food, fun, lots of presents, and a chance to share the Gospel. This year, thanks to the wonderful people of our church and some generous gifts from others, we were able to expand the program and work with the Bland Ministry Center. Through this connection, we were able to serve some families in desperate financial need.

When calling one of the families and explaining what we wanted to do, the mother said it sounded wonderful, but she wondered if we would not give her five daughters all their gifts at the party. If we could sneak one gift each out to her car, then she would have something they could open on Christmas morning. Let me assure you, Christmas morning was bright in that home.

At the party, we saw parents crying and children wide-eyed with excitement. As we shared the devotion, many adults and children alike gave their lives to Christ. Praise God, from whom all blessing flow.

*Pastor Travis Lowe, Crossroads P.H. Church*

