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# MESSENGER

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## 2016 FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

**Monday, October 31, 7 p.m. – Central Virginia/Shenandoah Valley Districts**  
*Buena Vista – W.A. Mills, Pastor*

**Tuesday, November 1, 7 p.m. – Roanoke/New River Valley Districts**  
*Harbor of Hope – Craig Reed, Pastor*

**Wednesday, November 2, 7 p.m. – East Tennessee District**  
*Erwin – Cas Horton, Pastor*

**Thursday, November 3, 7 p.m. – Southwest Virginia District**  
*Draper Valley – Mike Ingo, Pastor*

**Friday, November 4, 7 p.m. – Bluefield/McDowell Districts**  
*Bluefield Point of Contact – Eddie Johnson, Pastor*

**Saturday, November 5, 11 a.m. – Central West Virginia District**  
*Beckley Praise – Paul Chapman, Pastor*

**Saturday, November 5, 6 p.m. – Greenbrier District**  
*Organ Cave-Bethel – Wes Comer, Pastor*

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## “GIVE TO LIVE”

**Appalachian Conference**



## FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS WILL FEATURE DR. STAN TOLER



Dr. Stan Toler

The 2016 Fall District Meetings will begin on Monday, Oct. 31. This year, we will have the opportunity to enjoy the ministry of Dr. Stan Toler.

Dr. Toler is a dynamic international speaker, best-selling author, and compassionate teacher. His approachable and interactive leadership style fosters a high-energy, collaborative environment where growth and change occur. Stan is committed to the idea that everyone with even a small amount of leadership talent can become a good—even great—leader.

Toler is described as an engaging presenter with a terrific sense of humor and the charm of a Southern storyteller. He has spoken in 80 countries and shared the platform with Zig Ziglar, Jerry Lucas, Rick Warren, Bill Hybels and Cy Young Award-winner R. A. Dickey.

Dr. Stan Toler has served as a general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene (2009-2013), as well as a pastor in Ohio, Florida, Tennessee and Oklahoma, for more than 40 years. Most recently, he was named founding executive director of the Southern Nazarene University Resource Center for Pastoral Leadership.

A prolific writer, Dr. Toler has authored more than 100 books, including his best-sellers *God Has Never Failed Me, But He's Sure Scared Me to Death a Few Times* and *The Buzzards Are Circling, But God's Not Finished With Me Yet*. His books have sold more than 3 million copies worldwide.

In the district meetings, Dr. Toler will be speaking from his book *Give to Live, the Freedom of Being Generous With Your Life*. I encourage all of our pastors and church leadership to attend these informative and inspirational sessions. If you cannot attend the one in your district, come to the one most convenient to you and your church.

## IVANHOE DEDICATES NEW CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

On Sunday, June 26, 2016, Ivanhoe Pentecostal Holiness Church celebrated the ribbon cutting and dedication of their new church fellowship hall. The day was filled with excitement for many who had been preparing for this special day of celebration!

We were honored to have Bishop Preston Mathena and his wife Kathy join us. Bishop Mathena prayed a heartfelt prayer that moved on the hearts of everyone. The former pastor, J. C. McPeak, was also able to attend and spoke during the service. A gentleman who attended the dedication service later gave his heart to the Lord before leaving. There was also a group of Georgetown Hoyas college students visiting the community for a week of volunteering that the church was able to bless with food and fellowship.



We are thankful to God for leading and guiding us throughout the entire building process. We believe that the new church fellowship hall will be a blessing not only to us as a church, but will also be a blessing to the Ivanhoe community, as we strive to use the fellowship hall to provide ministry opportunities throughout Ivanhoe. We are now better equipped to meet the needs of our church, as well as the community. Pastor Roy delivered an inspiring, uplifting and challenging word to those in attendance, stating that as we move forward, we will continue to dream God-sized dreams. We will walk by faith and not by sight, and we will expect great things from God, as we attempt great things for God.

# NOVEMBER

## RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

### November 6

Rev. Jerry Sloss  
35 Cullen Court  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

### November 12

Rev. Delbert Belcher  
1307 Miller Drive  
Okmulgee, OK 74447

### November 18

Rev. Everette Rogers  
255 Royce Road  
Troutville, VA 24175

### November 24

Rev. R. C. Turner  
1232 Augusta Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

### November 30

Rev. Phillip Martin  
1443 Oilwell Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

### November 9

Rev. Mrs. Phyllis Jones  
2840 Horton Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

### November 12

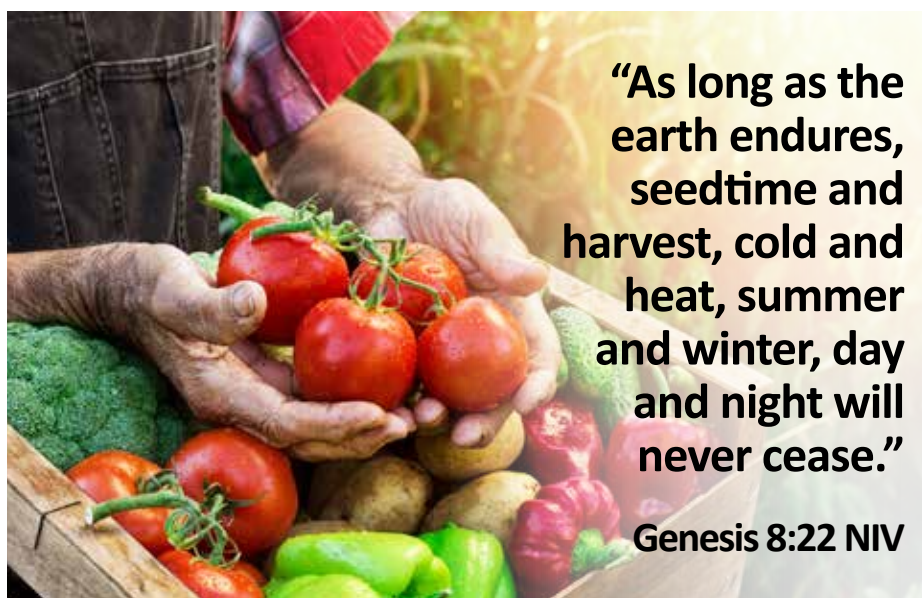
Rev. Kenneth Fogus  
4647 Newbern Heights Dr.  
Pulaski, VA 24301

### November 21

Rev. Mrs. Nina Bays  
Box 182  
Coal City, WV 25823

### November 25

Rev. Curtis Ratcliffe  
7187 Meadowview Drive  
Radford, VA 24141



**“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”**

**Genesis 8:22 NIV**

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## CONVERGENCE CHURCH CELEBRATES LAUNCH



Convergence Church Family

Sunday, Aug. 28, was an exciting day in Staunton, Virginia, for Pastors Roger and Rebecca West. A 16-year dream of planting a church became a reality, as the congregation of Convergence Church worshipped and prayed together. The launch service capped a busy week of ministry called “Convergence in the Valley.” The series of meetings was filled with God’s power, and lives were changed each night.

IPHC church planters and pastors Ray McDaniel and Tim Stalnaker were speakers and ministered in the opening week. They both were also instrumental in helping to make ready the building for the new church. Volunteers from the new church and others

worked many hours to make sure the facilities were updated and radiated excellence. The location at 438 Commerce Road is on the northeast side of the city, toward Verona.

The Wests’ philosophy of ministry is the following: “Worship – Closer to God; Community – Closer Together; and Transformation – Changing Our World.” Our heart, as pastors, is for the church body to align themselves together in God’s love to serve their community through the knowledge of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. We will create an atmosphere that is conducive to the Holy Spirit bringing wholeness and healing to the whole person – spirit, soul and body. We will utilize innovative technology as a major aspect of our worship services, along with three-dimensional worship, which is vibrant praise, music, multimedia, and drama/dance. We will adopt a small group model for a midweek teaching, also using additional subjects such as Cancer Support, Anger Management, Addiction Recovery, Family Relations, etc.”

The launch service concluded with a fellowship meal and excitement for the future. Our conference churches all have a fresh start in Staunton, as new pastors Wanda Myers at Good News Ministries and Bobby Singleton at Staunton PH begin their ministries there this summer, along with the Wests. Pray that all our churches working together will reach this community for Christ!

**Please remember to give your 2016 Global Offering by next month’s deadline of Nov. 18. Thank you for your giving that touches the U.S. and more than 100 countries in IPHC World Missions with God’s good news!**



# Discipleship Ministries

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## 2016-2017 BIBLE QUIZ



We would like to extend an invitation for all young people, 8 to 19 years of age, across the Appalachian Conference to join us for Bible Quiz. The 2016 – 2017 Study for TEENS will include Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon. For JUNIORS: Galatians 1-6 and Ephesians 1-4. Materials can be ordered through LifeSprings Resources.

### *Tentative Dates for 2016 – 2017 Scrimmages:*

**Oct. 15, 2016, Nov. 19, 2016, Jan. 7, 2017, Feb. 4, 2017, March 4, 2017**

### *Conference Finals will be April 8, 2017.*

For more information and registration, contact the Discipleship Ministries office or the Conference website.

## 2017 CONFERENCE FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Tentative dates for the 2017 Appalachian Conference Fine Arts Festival will be Friday evening, March 31, and all day Saturday, April 1, 2017. As in previous years, we will try combining Junior and Teen Talent all on the same weekend. Those traveling and needing a place to stay can reserve rooms in the dormitory on a first come, first served basis.

Conference Talent Festival registration deadline will be Feb. 20, 2017, and registration fees will remain the same: \$25 per individual entry and \$50 per group entry. Registration forms and guidelines will be available online. There will be no change in the guidelines this year, but the 2018 – 2022 guidelines will be published next summer at the National Fine Arts Festival in Orlando, Florida, July 21-24, 2017.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Discipleship Ministries office. Let us help you get YOUR young people involved in the Fine Arts Ministry!



Join us in Gattlinburg, Tennessee, for the 20th Anniversary!

**January 26-29, 2017**

**SPEAKERS:** Preston Centuolo and Reggie Dabbs  
Worship with Desperation Band

For registration forms and a complete schedule go to [www.accelerantfire.com](http://www.accelerantfire.com).

*Celebrating 20 Years!*



### **NOT MY LIFE – HIS! Acts 20:24**

- **EXTREME TEEN CAMP** (ages 14-17): JUNE 19-23 with Josh Lafferty
- **DESTINY CAMP** (ages 12 & 13): JUNE 26-30 with Brittany Galavin
- **ADVENTURE CAMP** (ages 10 & 11): JULY 2-6 with Tim Bennett
- **KIDZ QUEST CAMP** (ages 7-9): July 9-12 with Valerie Meadows and the CLI Team
- **TOWER TRAINING** will be Friday and Saturday, May 5 & 6, 2017!



# Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



## ABOVE ALL ELSE, GUARD YOUR HEART

We came together from all over the Appalachian Conference with a scripture, a theme and a purpose. That was Proverbs 4:23, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." Being virtuous, guarding our hearts, and what it means to be a lady in waiting would be our emphasis for the weekend. Our very excited group of ladies, whose ages ranged from 9 to mature women, gathered together from as near as a 10-minute drive and as far as a 3-hour trek, ready to receive what God had in store for them. Led in praise and worship by an all-girl band, anxiously awaiting the arrival of our speaker, Beth Stephens, and the start of a spirit-filled weekend designed with our young women in mind and Christ in the center, our annual Girls' Ministries weekend at the IPHC campground in Dublin, Virginia, had begun.



On Friday evening, we enjoyed an energetic, Olympic-themed message from a casually attired Beth about keeping our eyes on the finish line while running the race. After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, we enjoyed wonderful testimonies from Megan Kestner and Luisa Linkous, both from Christian Life International Church in Roanoke, Virginia. They shared their life experiences and touched on what it means to be a lady in waiting. After our guest speakers dazzled us, Maureen McClanahan taught the teen girls about internet and phone safety, and our younger girls learned dance moves to the song "Alive" by Hillsong Young and Free. We followed up with an afternoon spa, complete with nail polish, hairdos and a Mary Kay representative who taught our young women how to apply makeup to prepare for a night with our King. After an exhilarating time with our all-girl band in praise and worship, a powerful message delivered by Beth, and still dressed in our finest, we enjoyed a reception fit for our King. A table was prepared for our young ladies just as He prepared a table for us. It was a beautiful end to a beautiful day.

From the beginning to the very end, we shared a wonderful weekend and made new friends. How blessed we all were to have this time together in His presence! After some hugs and sweet goodbyes, we all headed off to our homes, wondering what will be in store for us next year.





## STAY GREEN IN 2017!

The Boy Scouts teach us to BE PREPARED. Jesus also encourages us to BE READY! WATCH & PRAY are His instructions! (Luke 21:36)

Be prepared for worldwide storms! *“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring”* (Luke 21:25).

**THE GREEN TREE** – Have you ever seen an area hit by a tornado? Often, a few buildings will be left untouched after the disaster. The owners simply thank God!

Likewise, there will be some people like the green tree of Jeremiah 17:7, 8 – *“Blessed is the man that trusts in the LORD, whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat comes, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.”*

**THE NEW YEAR IS ALMOST HERE!** Most of us consider the start of the next year to begin on Jan. 1. However, the Hebrew calendar ushers in the New Year with the Feast of Rosh Hashana on Sept. 21, 2016. On this date, the old year of 5777 ends, and the new year of 5778 begins!

**STRONG ROOTS** – If you want to STAY GREEN during this season, you must develop STRONG ROOTS. FOUR important ROOTS OF PRAYER help spiritual roots GROW!

**PRAYER ROOTS** – \*The Root of Resting in the Lord is an important practice of prayer. Learn to REST in FAITH for those ROOTS to grow! *“There remains therefore a REST to the people of God”* (Hebrews 4:9, emphasis added).

\*The Root of Residing: *“Abide in Me, and I in You. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in Me”* (John 15:4).

\*The Root of Repentance: John the Baptist prepared the way by preaching REPENTANCE! *“Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance”* (Matthew 3:8).

\*The Root of Reaching Out: Learn to sow seeds of kindness. *“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also”* (James 2:26).

### GET READY TO STAY GREEN IN THE YEAR OF 2017!

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## Baker's Chapel PHC Responds to Flood Victims



**Stephanie Arnold and Kenneth Tanner organizing the donated supplies**

As many of you are aware, on June 23, 2016, a flood hit areas of West Virginia and nearby parts of Virginia. This devastating event displaced many residents in those areas. One particular area was Clay County, West Virginia. After receiving word from our conference of various needs for the victims, our church responded in two different ways. First, we instructed our church people to send monetary donations directly to the Appalachian Conference to help out. Second, we partnered with Kenneth Tanner, Clay County Superintendent of Schools, in order to provide school supplies for the upcoming school year. Clay County residents lost over 200 homes due to the floods. As of Aug. 5, they reported families still living in tents. The superintendent said, "So many of our students had very little, and since the flood they have nothing. God has blessed us so much through folks listening and following God's lead." Mr. Tanner is also the pastor of Nebo Baptist Church in Clay County. With the coordination of local efforts, one of our own – Stephanie Arnold (1983 graduate of Clay County High) – organized a collection of over 3,000 school supplies, with a combined estimated value of over \$2,000. Her willingness to help those in need reveals what it means to be a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ! Thanks to Stephanie, local supporters and Baker's Chapel PHC family for your compassion and assistance!

## FOUR GENERATIONS BAPTIZED



On Aug. 20, 2016, the Blacksburg P.H. Church held a baptismal service at the North Fork River. This was a very special occasion, as a family of four generations committed their lives for God's service. Isaac "Junior" Saul, his wife Debbie, daughter Sheila Cabell, granddaughter Crystal Ruff, and two great-grandchildren Elijah and Olivia Ruff, were baptized.

For health reasons, Pastor Robert Smith could not perform the actual baptisms, but Chris Bean stepped in to help, as well as Kenny Cabell and Junior Saul. Everyone rejoiced at the miracle of new life in Christ.