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TOGETHER WE CAN REACH THE WORLD!



“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” –2 Cor. 9:6

Appalachian Conference



**“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”
—Matthew 9:38**



NEWLY LICENSED

(Left to right) Bobby Singleton, Sherry Richards, Randy Miller, Joshua Graham, Zackary Cook, Anthony Burnett

NEWLY ORDAINED

(Left to right) Virginia Cornett, Angela Burroughs, Tim Clyburn, Joshua Kestner, Megan Kestner, Clayton Kipps, Steve Norris, Ronnie Saville, Yves Toussaint



NEW BOARD MEMBER ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Executive Council: (Left to right) Jim Tunnell, Wanda Myers, Frank Neff, Preston Mathena, Mike Dodson, Larry Meadors, W. A. Mills. W. A. Mills was elected as a new board member.

REV. RANDLE CREGGER PROMOTED TO HEAVEN

Rev. Randle Cregger, 65, died peacefully Monday, June 13, 2016, at his home in Pulaski, Virginia. He was ordained as a minister with the Appalachian Conference in 2004 and served the church and his community in various ways. He was active in the ministries of Family Worship Center in Pulaski, where his funeral was held on June 16, with Dr. C. R. Conner and Rev. Richard Hall officiating. He is survived by his wife Ronda, two sons and one granddaughter. Heaven alone will reveal the impact of his life on those he met.

REV. ERNEST C. KESTNER FINISHES THE RACE

Rev. Ernest C. Kestner, 82, went home to be with his Lord on July 4, 2016. He was ordained as a minister in 1960 and retired in 1998. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and spent 24 years serving the Salem Veterans Administration Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Mary Kestner, four daughters and one son. His funeral service was conducted on July 9 with Pastor Ryan Linkous and Pastor Josh Kestner officiating. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord" (Rev. 14:13).

SEPTEMBER RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

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Max Meadows, VA 24360

September 16

Rev. Irvin Corner
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Lewisburg, VA 24901

September 22

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September 30

Rev. Mrs. Margaret Rogers
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Dublin, VA 24084

September 12

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September 17

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September 30

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Don't Give To Missions if...

You are already too blessed. Missions givers agree that giving over and above their tithe and giving to see the world know Jesus has opened up the windows of heaven with so many blessings.

You are into doing your own thing. Obedience is at the heart of giving to missions because it follows Christ's command to go into all the world with the gospel. If you can't go, who can you send?

You love money. This is called the great exchange: when the love for the things of this world fades in relation to how you love God and His kingdom. Christians are 33 percent of the population with 57 percent of the world's income and spend 98 percent on themselves.

You don't trust. There is great accountability in World Missions Ministries. However, at the end of the day, when you give your gift, you release it.

You think you are going to change the world overnight. What follows high expectations is generally disappointment. Some plant, some water, but God gives the increase. It is a big job; there are 7.3 billion people on the planet.

You give out of guilt. That is a bad way to live, period. Be free and allow love to be your mojo! If you need guilt, consider this: 70,000 people in the unreached people groups of the world die **each day** without Christ.

You are afraid you might change. Money isn't the real issue here. The real issue is your heart. God knows that where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matt. 6:21). You will find your heart lining up with God's, who desires all to be saved.

You can afford it. **Christians give the same amount of money to missions as Americans spend on diet programs.** The majority of people live up to or past their financial limits. Missions giving is a faith commitment. God has asked you to prove Him in the area of giving. He is always faithful to meet your needs.

Give to missions if... You want to follow God the Father's great example. "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son" (John 3:16) is still the highest example of giving for us to see modeled. I am glad someone gave so that I could hear the gospel! So may you be blessed with a life dedicated to giving.



Give to Missions! These children in South Sudan will be happy you gave.

Your help is needed to build a church at the Hope4Sudan compound (Project #90498). Give also for medical and other supplies (Project #90499). Help us raise \$25,000 by December 31, 2016.

Current Global Outreach Offering total:

\$52,607.25

Goal: \$150,000

**Don't miss this year's Missions Fest, Sept. 16-17, in Burlington, North Carolina.
Information at iphc.org**



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BIBLE QUIZ 2016

Our conference Bible Quiz Finals were held on the conference campgrounds Saturday, May 21. We had one Junior Team and three Teen Teams representing two churches – Tree of Life Ministries in Lynchburg, Virginia, and Christian Life International, Salem, Virginia.

Our study material this year came from the book of Acts. It was a tremendous day as the Junior Team from Tree of Life Ministries exhibited their knowledge of the material in both Bible Bowl and Power Play. It was exciting to watch the challenge between the three teen teams as they competed against one another to ultimately declare Christian Life International your conference winner. All three teams were excellent in their mastery of the material, and many times it would come down to the quickness of the hand on a buzzer. Individual high scorer for the day in Teen Division: 1st – Samuel Deel; 2nd – Rebecca Lair; 3rd – Emory Singleton.

Christian Life International will not be able to make nationals, but we are proud and excited to have the two Tree of Life Ministry teams represent the Appalachian Conference at the National Fine Arts Festival in July in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The day finished great with a presentation of medals to first-, second- and third-place winners and the Silver Cup to our first-place teams. The silver cups are passed each year to the conference winners in both divisions.

It was a great day for me not only to watch their mastery of the word in memorization and understanding, but to see them exhibit Christ-like character in competition. It was a GREAT day, and I applaud all four teams! I look for greater excitement next year.



Conference Teen Bible Quiz 2016 Winners: Christian Life International: Front Row: Samuel Deel, Dominga Ortega and Annaleigh Deel. Back Row: Ron Fredericks and Coaches Collen and Ed Oliver. Not pictured: Taylor Underwood



Conference Teen Bible Quiz 2016 2nd place: Tree of Life Ministries: Front Row: Jessica Stump, Elizabeth Ancheril and Rebecca Lair. Back Row: Ron Fredericks and Coaches Bob Testerman and Sarah Testerman



Conference Teen Bible Quiz 2016 3rd Place: Tree of Life Ministries #2. Front Row: Emory Singleton, Carly A. Brooks and Jaden Jessup. Back Row: Ron Fredericks and Coaches Sarah Testerman and Bob Testerman



Conference Junior Bible Quiz Winners: Tree of Life Ministries: Front Row: Elexi Hunt, Eden Allen and Rachel Lair. Back Row: Coaches Sarah Testerman and Bob Testerman

The chosen study for 2016 – 2017 will be **Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon** and is available from LifeSprings Resources. Watch your conference calendar for fall scrimmage. dates.



Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



Raising Hope

A Conference for Women of **ALL** Ages
September 10, 2016
New Conference Center
Dublin Campground
9 a.m. – 12 noon



Raising Hope is a ministry birthed in the heart of Joyce Thomasson, a member of the W.M. Board of the Appalachian Conference. Joyce has her local church minister's license; she is the co-author of "Sisters in the Fruit Bowl" and is currently carrying out God's vision for her life through Raising Hope Ministries. She is a member of the Tree of Life Ministries in Lynchburg, Virginia, where she has previously served on staff as Outreach and Women's Pastor.

The **Raising Hope** conference will offer four sessions. You get to choose which two you attend:

- Mind Versus Heart – The Battle
- Tending the Temple – Healthy and Healed
- Into the Deep – Walking in the Anointing
- The Games People Play – Game Changers

Our W.M. Fall Retreat will be Friday, November 4, 2016, at Music Road Inn, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Our speaker is Pastor Paulette Phillips, wife of Dr. Ron Phillips from Abba's House. This is always a great time of refreshing and fellowship – so plan now to attend. Pre-registration is \$20; deadline is October 21, 2016. Room rates are \$136 plus taxes; deadline for this rate is October 5, 2016. Call 865-429-7700 to reserve your room.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all of the pastors' wives and lady ministers for attending the reception on Friday night of Camp Meeting. I am blessed to always be able to minister to you, and I pray you had a great time fellowshiping with each other.

JUST TO REMIND YOU OF THE UPCOMING SPECIAL EMPHASIS OFFERINGS AND THEIR DUE DATES:

- Christmas Missions – August 30
- Feast of Ingathering – September 10
- Harvest Train – October 30

ALL W.M. OFFERINGS, INCLUDING FALL RETREAT REGISTRATIONS, GO TO THE DUBLIN OFFICE.



WHAT IS IN YOUR POT?

2 Kings 4:1-7

Do you remember the presidential slogan “a chicken in every pot”? These promises appealed to voters by suggesting that everyone would be prosperous under such a presidency. This slogan was used for the presidential campaign of President Hoover in 1928!



THE EMPTY POTS OF A WIDOW

A certain widow, who was a wife of the sons of the prophets, cried out to the prophet Elisha. With great urgency, she told him that a creditor was going to take away her sons because she was not able to pay off her debts (2 Kings 4:1-7). The prophet Elisha asked her two questions:

*WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

*WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOUSE?

From these two questions, we learn to be specific when we pray. We also learn that we have seed to sow in faith! Elisha’s instructions for the troubled widow were to go and borrow as many empty vessels as possible. God longs to fill empty vessels who are willing to serve Him.

Three men serve as perfect examples of vessels for God.

ABRAHAM was a vessel who was not FILLED with DOUBT! This vessel was filled with FAITH. We must pray in FAITH! He was fully persuaded that what HE (God) had promised, He was able to perform (Romans 4:21).

KING DAVID was a vessel who was not FILLED with PRIDE! Instead, he was a vessel of PRAYER (Psalm 61). “Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer” (v.1).

THE PROPHET DANIEL was not FILLED with fear or INTIMIDATION! Rather, he was filled with INTERCESSION (Daniel 9).

THE WIDOW Poured OUT THE OIL

The miracle began as the widow poured oil out of her ONLY pot. As she poured, the other pots were supernaturally filled until there were no pots left to fill. The prophet Elisha told her to sell the oil in the pots and pay the debt! The debt was PAID, and money was available for the future!

SO WHAT IS IN YOUR POT? ARE YOU AN EMPTY VESSEL THAT GOD CAN FILL? ARE YOU WILLING TO POUR OUT?

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2015 RETIREES HONORED AT CAMP MEETING

On Wednesday evening of Camp Meeting, those ministers who retired in 2015 were recognized for their consistent service and honored with a monetary gift. Those ministers are (left to right) Rev. Richard Kingrea, with 48 years of service; Rev. Gary Cope, with 36 years of service; and Rev. Jerry Shepherd with 42 years of service. We pray for God's continued blessing and favor on their lives and ministries. We appreciate their faithfulness to the call of God on their lives.



2016 RETIRED MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

On Saturday, June 4, 2016, approximately 47 ministers/spouses attended the Hawaiian-themed retired ministers' luncheon held in the new conference center on the campgrounds. Rev. Ed Wood gave a devotion, including some interesting history of the campgrounds. Christine Trigg blessed everyone with her gift of singing, door prizes were given, and everyone enjoyed their steak or chicken, grilled by Bishop Preston Mathena and DM Director Ron Fredericks. It was a relaxing time of friendship and fellowship.

