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**2017 CAMP MEETING  
JUNE 13-17**

## SPEAKERS



Evangelist Beth Stephens-Johnson  
Tuesday Evening



Rev. Mark Williams  
Wednesday Evening



Pastor Demetrius Miles  
Thursday Evening



Dr. Terry Tramel  
Friday Evening

**Inspirational  
Conference  
Saturday  
June 17  
9 a.m.**



Dr. Ryan Jackson  
Morning Classes

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## JESUS DIED FOR OUR TOTAL WELL-BEING

Several years ago when the movie *The Passion of the Christ* came out, an estimated 612 million people went to see it. The movie was rated R—not because of sexual content or language, but because of the amount of violence and physical suffering. Although all of those things did happen to Jesus, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were careful in their writings not to focus on the physical suffering of Jesus.

They each gave simple, though not detailed, statements on the crucifixion. An example of that is found in Mark 15:15 (NKJV), which says, “So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.” There are no details of the scourging. To find the details, we have to research what scourging involved.

There is a reason they don't give a lot of details on what happened to Jesus physically. What happened to Jesus physically was not unique. There were many who experienced physical pain and who were crucified during that time in history. It is hard for us to comprehend someone beaten and hanging from a cross, but it was a common occurrence for the people of that day. That's one reason the Gospel writers do not focus so much on the physical abuse. Instead, they choose to focus on the mental abuse of Jesus.

The mental abuse Jesus endured was possibly more painful than the physical abuse. Actually, Jesus was crucified mentally before He was crucified physically. And again, there is a reason for this. In that day, people would taunt those they saw as mentally deficient. As a matter of fact, it also used to happen right here in the U.S. While in Philadelphia recently, Debie and I took a tour. We saw an old hospital. Our tour guide said the hospital, back in the old days, used to raise funds by selling tickets to the public to look at the mentally ill. Sad to say, the mentally ill were seen as a curiosity or a joke.

As far as the soldiers and officials were concerned, Jesus was mentally ill. He claimed to be a king. He had twelve men who followed Him around, and they weren't the best group in the world. Jesus didn't have a home to call His own. Yet He talked about having a kingdom.

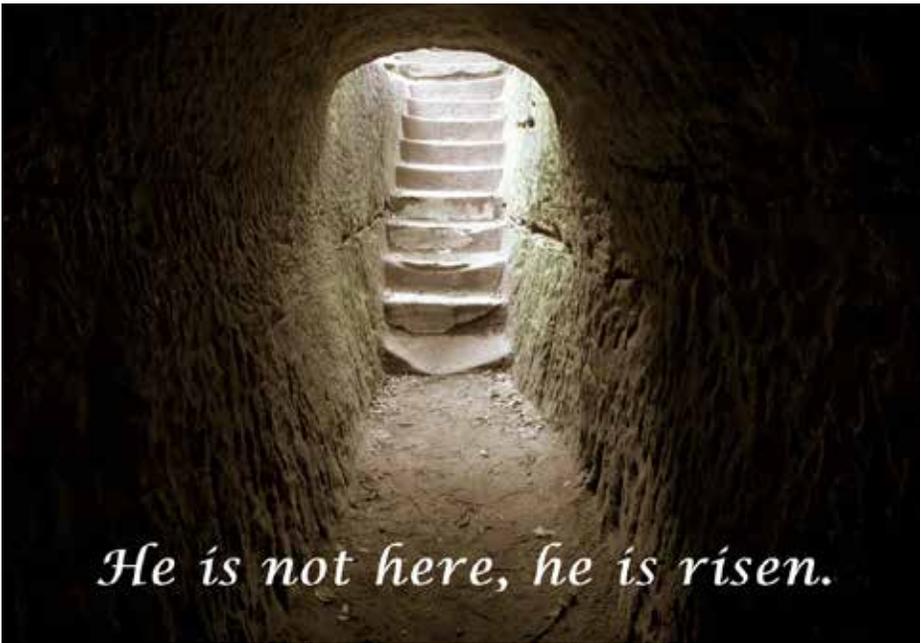
Mark 15:16 shows the fun they had with Jesus—the whole garrison. A garrison was one-tenth of a legion, and a legion consisted of 6,000 men. That means there were 600 soldiers watching the show where Jesus was the star. In verse 17, the show opened with Jesus being clothed in purple and wearing a twisted crown of thorns on His head. Purple was the color of royalty, so they were mocking His claims to be king. The crown was to replicate what Caesar would wear. In Mark 15:18, they saluted Him and said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” Matthew 27:29 says they put some kind of reed in His hand, which was intended to be a mock scepter, a symbol of a king's authority. Mark 15:19 continues, “Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshipped Him.”

Jesus suffered severe mental abuse. Personally, I think mental abuse is much worse than physical abuse. A wound on the body will heal. It is much harder, and often takes longer, for a wound to the mind to heal.

The devil always has gone straight for the mind of a person, and he always will. Then he sits back and watches as the person deals with the consequences of the mental abuse. He did it with Eve. He tried to do it with Jesus in the wilderness. And then later, at the end of His life, Jesus once again faced mental abuse.

I close by saying this: Jesus knows firsthand the pain mental abuse brings. When others laugh, He doesn't. When others don't care, He does. When others can't help, He can. To really be able to understand a person's pain, you have to experience it yourself. And He did. Jesus died for our total well-being.

—Submitted by Michael Dodson, Sr.  
Pastor, Tree of Life (Lynchburg, VA) / Assistant Superintendent



*He is not here, he is risen.*

## MAY

### RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

#### MAY 7

Rev. Jack Trigg  
908 J. Frank Taylor Rd. #908  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

#### MAY 16

Rev. Gary Cope  
830 N. 16th Street  
Wytheville, VA 24382



## MAY EVENTS

- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 5 Youth Camp Early Registration
- 5-6 Tower Training
- 14 Mother's Day
- 15 Conference Work Day
- 15-17 Encore Ministries Spring Trip
- 19-20 Maranatha College Classes
- 19-21 Young Adult Retreat
- 29 Memorial Day—Office Closed
- 30 WIN Prayer Call 8 p.m.

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## “Have a Cup of Coffee”



**Coffee...** Ahhh, the sweet aroma of freshly brewed coffee. There’s nothing quite like it; it’s a common fixture all over the world. But there’s something different about the aroma wafting out of IPHC coffeehouses. It’s the sweet aroma of the Holy Spirit as He draws passersby in for refreshment and conversation. You see, these are not your ordinary coffeehouses. Each one is hand-picked and ordained by God. Many hours of prayer and fasting have gone into selecting the just-right location. God already knows who will be passing by and will need a word of encouragement, a listening ear, or just a place to relax for a while and allow the worship music to seep into their spirit.

Harbor of Hope Church recently celebrated the Coffeehouse Ministry during the month of February with the theme “Have a Cup of Coffee.” We offered free coffee in Harbor’s Hope Café, placed “Did You Know?” facts in the bulletin each week, distributed copies of the Coffeehouse brochure to the entire congregation, shared the IPHC Coffeehouse video, decorated a bulletin board, and set up special displays on Missions Sunday.

IPHC Coffeehouse Ministry focuses on evangelism and church planting. Each coffeehouse has its own distinctive flavor, yet they all have one underlying purpose—to make a connection with lost souls for Jesus Christ. Because of these God-ordained encounters, over 50 churches have been established by the International Pentecostal Holiness Church in the last 34 years and thousands of hearts have been ministered to with compassion and love.

There is the one in Bicol, Philippines, that began last year and already has established several cell groups. They desperately need a church building. In Berlin, the Alabaster Jar Café ministers to trafficked women. A soon-to-be-established coffeehouse in Paris will also serve as an art gallery. There is so much potential for our coffeehouses.

Will you do your part to offer coffee and a pastry—and so much more—to souls who may not be interested in stepping into a church building but could be drawn into an attractive and welcoming atmosphere to view an artist’s work, listen to a concert, or for printing and internet services?

For only \$10 a month, you can become a partner, receive a special missions mug, and be a part of getting “The Word to the World Through the Marketplace.” For more information, check it out at [www.iphc.org/coffee](http://www.iphc.org/coffee).

### IPHC COFFEEHOUSES

- Alabaster Jar Café, Germany
- Bicol Coffeehouse, Philippines
- Budapest Coffee Shop & Ministry Center, Hungary
- CRcA Coffeehouse and Cultural Center, Spain
- Denzli Coffeehouse, Turkey
- Treffpunkt, Germany
- Hannah’s Café, Nepal
- Himalayan Innkeeper, Nepal
- Javanet Café Caracas, Venezuela
- Kapistorya Café, Philippines
- Le Phare Coffeehouse, Belgium
- Life Library & Coffeehouse, Philippines
- Lima Coffeehouse, Peru
- Oradea Coffeehouse, Romania
- Sintesis Coffeehouse & Cultural Center, Spain
- Living Israel Coffeehouse, Israel
- Varna Coffeehouse, Bulgaria



# Discipleship Ministries

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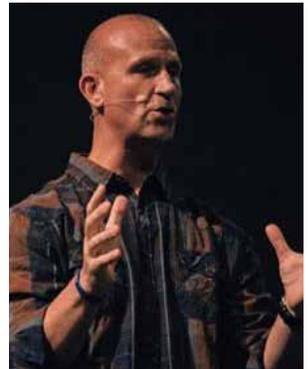
## CONNECT '17

(A Retreat for 18 – 26-year-olds)

Appalachian Conference Dublin, Virginia

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**

Pastor Ray Kingrea



**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

Pastor Ryan Linkous



### BREAKOUT SESSIONS WILL BE OFFERED ON SATURDAY:

- “DEVELOPING YOUR PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE”
- “DISCOVERING WHO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS”
- “DATING AND MARRIAGE” AND “FINANCE”

### WORSHIP WITH

Nathan Wright and the Chi Alpha Band



Registration: \$70 if paid by April 12 (\$80 after April 12); includes housing and meals  
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# Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



## NO LIGHTS, NO CAMERA, JUST ACTION

***“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead”*** (James 2:26, NIV).

We were challenged in church yesterday to go out and make a difference in this world we live in. We were encouraged to not be comfortable in our church seats but to take the church outside to the lost and hurting.

I couldn't help but think of some of the faith giants I have read about. The drama team at Bluefield College just performed “The Hiding Place.” It was a reminder of the faith Corrie ten Boom sustained through the Holocaust.

George Muller was a man who had great faith. He had a desire to prove that God is a ***“father to the fatherless”*** (Psalm 68:5, NIV). He was determined to help the orphans of Great Britain and to do it by prayer and asking **only God for the money**. During his lifetime, he built five orphanages and proved God's love to thousands of orphans. God always met his needs in wonderful and unexpected ways.

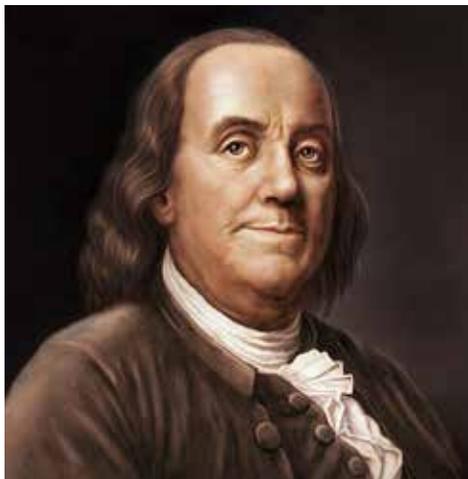
A pawnbroker by day and a preacher by night: that was William Booth. He wondered why the “urchins” of London wouldn't listen and receive the wonderful truths from the Bible. One day the answer came. The people attending the meetings were too hungry, too cold, too poor to pay attention. They needed more than to hear about the good news; they needed to see it in action. So he organized the Salvation Army to fight hunger, poverty and disease in Jesus' name.

An evidence of living, breathing faith in God is love. Jesus spent His days helping hurting people. The Bible tells us ***“...as He is, so are we in this world”*** (1 John 4:17). Jesus said it best at the age of 12, ***“I must be about my Father's business”*** (Luke 2:49).

Each of us has a God-given job to do—the job of sharing the good news about Jesus. But we must remember that He taught the people and then He healed the sick, fed the hungry, calmed the storm and raised the dead.

**WOW!** I better get busy.

***“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves”*** (James 1:22).



## PRAY HIS PLAN! PROPHESY HIS PLAN!

**“If you fail to plan, you are  
planning to fail.”**

**–Benjamin Franklin**

- **EXAMPLE BY JESUS** – A key component for successful ministry was to seek the Father’s will, His plan. Jesus stated that He could not do anything of Himself, but only what He saw the Father do (John 5:19). “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does: and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel” (John 5:20, NKJV).

Armed with God’s plan, Jesus prayed for many to be healed and to be raised from the dead. A perfect example is Lazarus (John 11). Jesus did not arrive to the home of Mary and Martha until after Lazarus had died. Many people thought that Jesus was too late. But Jesus had seen God’s plan. And He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth” (v. 43). Out of the grave came Lazarus!

- **INDIVIDUAL PLANS** – God has a plan for your life. You will be happy and blessed if you choose to follow His plan. His plan will work regardless of your circumstances. You may be in bondage or debt. But God’s Power can help you follow His plan.
- **JEREMIAH 29:11-13** – “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and PRAY unto Me ... and FIND Me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart” (caps added).
- **PLANS FOR THE NATIONS** – We can pray and prophesy God’s plans for our nation. Indeed, we are called to do so (1 Timothy 2:1-6). Our PROMISE for praying God’s plan for the nations is enjoying a quiet and peaceable life. “Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession” (Psalm 2:8).

- **PLUG IN TO GOD’S PLAN!** – Like Jesus, take time to pray and understand the Father’s plan. His peace will surround you and lead you forward!

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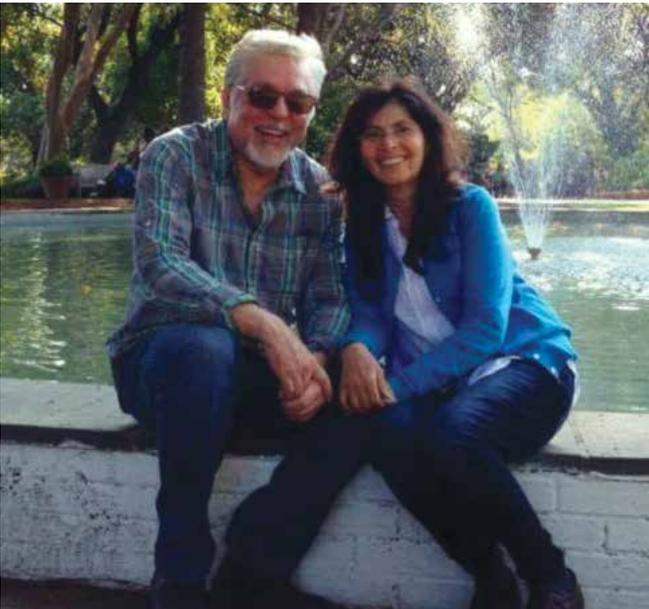
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# WIN SPRING PRAYER FESTIVAL

**Tower of Refuge Church - Dublin, Virginia**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

**6:30 p.m.**



## **SPEAKERS: Carlos & Nuria Bolaños**

After working for more than 20 years in the ministry and public education in different states, the Bolañoses know God has called them to reach out to the Hispanic population in the states of Hawaii and Alaska. In recent years, the Hispanic population has grown tremendously in these areas. The Bolañoses are a vital part of the ministry team of the PACREALM District of ACTS2DAY Ministries, working with the District Directors Greg and Joan Hood.

Carlos and Nuria have many years of experience teaching English as a second language, which they use as an evangelistic tool. They have been working with the Hispanic population in this region of the U.S.

**WIN Director Donna Hankla invites everyone to attend this special Prayer-in-Action event.**