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FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

Monday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m. – Southwest Virginia District

Life Changers Christian Center-Wytheville – Todd Porter, pastor

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m. – Roanoke/New River Valley Districts

Victory Restoration Church – Jamey Hutton, pastor

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m. – Central West Virginia District

Beckley Praise – Paul Chapman, pastor

Thursday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. – Central VA/Shenandoah Valley

Good News Ministries-Staunton – Wanda Myers, pastor

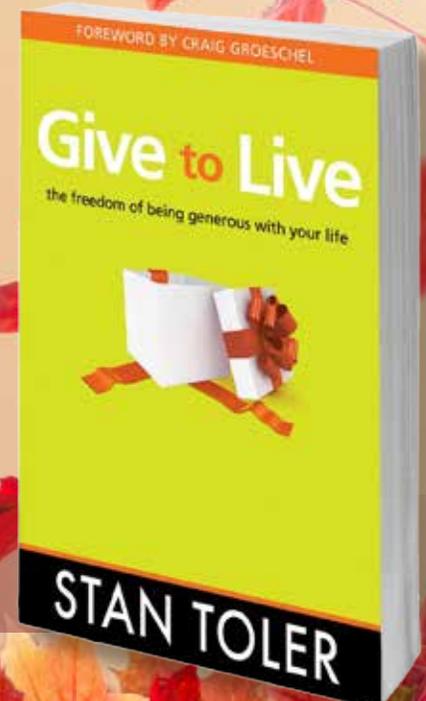
Friday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m. – Bluefield/McDowell Districts

Destiny Outreach Ministries-Tazewell – Steve Branch, pastor

***Saturday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. – Greenbriar District**

Solid Rock Ministries-Covington – Pam Irvine, pastor

Each pastor attending will receive a gift of Stan Toler's book *Give to Live* and study guide.



Appalachian Conference



FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS WILL FEATURE

Dr. Stan Toler

The 2017 Fall District Meetings will begin on Monday, Oct. 30. This year, we will have the opportunity to enjoy the ministry of Dr. Stan Toler, who 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, he 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 leaders to attend these informative and inspirational sessions. All attending pastors will receive a free copy of Dr. Toler's book *Give to Live*, as well as the study guide. If you cannot attend the session in your district, come to the one most convenient for you and your church.



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY – OCT. 8

1 Timothy 5:17 (NIV) says, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." As we approach Pastor Appreciation Day, I want you to consider the following acrostic for the word pastor.

- P** – Preacher – The preacher is to **"Exalt the Savior."** Jesus said when we lift Him up, He will draw all men unto Him. Preaching is not about us but about Him. He has been exalted and given a name that is above every name.
- A** – Administrator – An administrator has the responsibility to **"Establish the Structure."** Paul told Titus, "The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished" (1:5). A faithful pastor seeks to create a biblical structure, so the church can stay on mission and be obedient to our Lord.
- S** – Shepherd – The shepherd should **"Encourage the Sheep."** A loving shepherd will be faithful to feed and lead, to guard and guide the sheep under his care.
- T** – Teacher – As a teacher, the pastor must **"Equip the Saints."** Ephesians 4 challenges the pastors and teachers to "equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (v. 12).
- O** – Overseer – The overseer must diligently and continually **"Examine the Spirits."** Paul warned Timothy that in later times there would be "deceiving spirits" (1 Timothy 4:1). John the beloved also reminded the church, "Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1).
- R** – Restorer – The restorer should **"Extend the Staff."** Pastors are always looking for lost sheep. In Luke 15, Jesus shares how the shepherd is not satisfied to have most of the sheep at the end of the day. A faithful shepherd is like his master, who came to seek and to save the lost. Our Shepherd loves His sheep and wants us to find them.

–Excerpt from article by Bishop Tommy McGhee
Discipleship Ministries Executive Director, IPHC Vice-Chairman
(See www.iphc.org for complete article.)

NOVEMBER

RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

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NOVEMBER 12

Rev. Delbert Belcher
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NOVEMBER 12

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NOVEMBER 21

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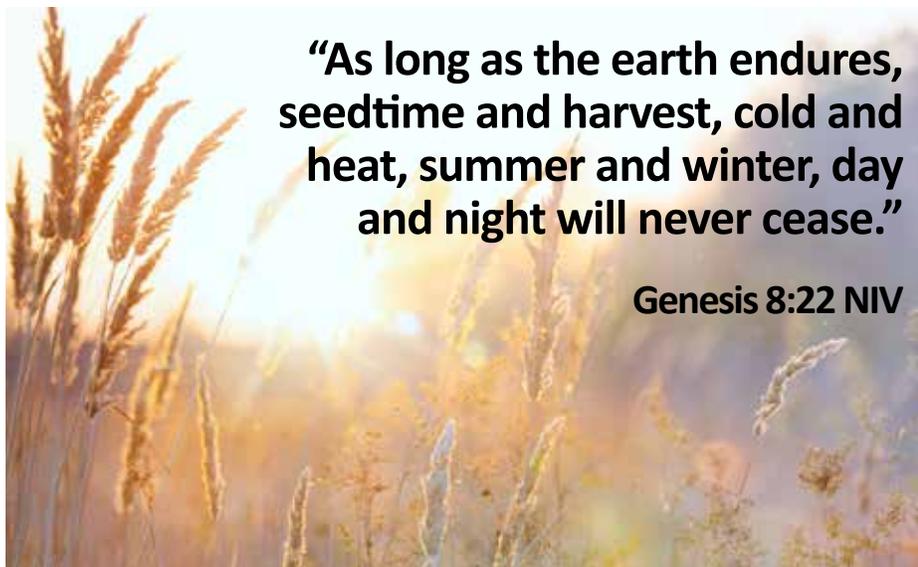
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NOVEMBER 25

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NOVEMBER 30

Rev. Phillip Martin
1443 Oilwell Road
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**“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

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Oct. 30-
Nov. 4** Fall District Meetings
- 3** Women's Ministries Fall Rally
 - 4** Ranger of the Year
 - 5** Daylight Saving Time Ends
 - 11** Veterans Day
 - 17** Global Offering Deadline
 - 17-18** Maranatha College Classes
 - 21** Harvest Train
 - 23** Thanksgiving – Office Closed
 - 28** WIN Prayer Call 8 p.m.

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LARRY MEADORS

LIFE CHURCH IN NICARAGUA

We arrived in Managua, Nicaragua, on Aug. 3, 2017, and then traveled to Limón II, Nicaragua, on Aug. 4, where we would begin the missions projects.

The two primary projects were the construction of Sunday school rooms and a VBS for the children in the local area. During our time there, we built relationships with the local church, enjoyed a church service together, and served where we could help.

The team contributions consisted of Life Church, Destiny Outreach and Crossroads Church.

–Submitted by Pastor Brandon Hay



This was our transportation while in Limón II, Nicaragua.

VOICE OF PRAISE “HOPE FOR HONDURAS” PROJECT

On the morning of Aug. 15, 2017, a team of 14 people from the Appalachian Conference and IPHC missionaries Dan and Brenda Clowers, accompanied by Daniel Pitti, made our arrival on the Suntular Suvirana, Honduras, church property. The first words from Pastor Chano’s lips were, “This is a dream come true!”

Chano went on to share that for years many people had passed by, only to laugh at him and his congregation and the 15-by-15-foot mud building that served as their church. Reportedly, many of those scoffers would say to Chano, “Your God must not be very big, if that’s all that he can give you!” But praise the Lord, after 8 days of intense labor, a 30-by-50-foot cinderblock building now stands on the property!



VOPWC Hope For Honduras 2017 Project

Voice of Praise Worship Center birthed the \$15,000 project, but it was with the help and support of the Rural Retreat, Cool Spring, Natural Bridge Christian Fellowship and New Vision churches, the Appalachian Conference WMM, and most importantly, God’s favor that Pastor Chano’s dream became reality!

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the team members, financial supporters and, of course, my VOPWC congregation and their heart for missions!

–Submitted by Pastor N. R. Taylor

- **GLOBAL OUTREACH** – Thanks to the 54 churches that have already given to the Global Outreach offering this year! The deadline for over 100 more churches to give is coming up Nov. 17. Please give your Day’s Wage offering to your pastor this month for the Great Commission to be carried out through the ministries of Evangelism USA and World Missions Ministries. Your giving is very much needed and appreciated!
- **ROMANIA 2018** – Please turn in your applications for the 2018 Romania missions trip to the conference office by Nov. 1. See appconf.org for information regarding this conference missions trip.



Discipleship Ministries

RON FREDERICKS

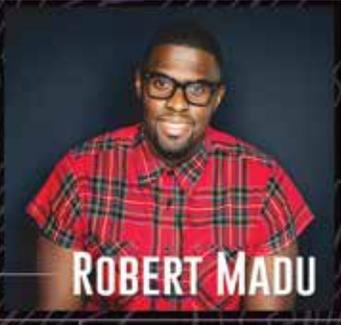
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HEART

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— JEREMIAH 29:13

3K Teens. 3 Days. 1 God. (And Tons of Fun)
Join young people from across the IPHC at Accelerant, Gatlinburg, TN. January 25 – 28, 2018!
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BOYS' MINISTRIES WEEK

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Oct. 1 - 7, 2017

Let me take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for your thoughts, prayers, calls, emails and texts during my father's illness and passing. Each one made a difference and served to strengthen and encourage.

—Ron Fredericks and family



Women's Ministries

KATHY MATHENA



2 Stories – 2 Different Outcomes

I would like for us to look at two different stories in the Bible and why the outcomes were different. Paul says in Ephesians 6:12 (NIV), “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” We are in a spiritual battle. If you are a Christian, God lives in you. You carry the life of God, the light of God, the power of God, and the love of God inside you.

You're not going to win a spiritual battle using natural weapons. We are to use spiritual knowledge and spiritual weapons. Satan wants you to stay quiet and stay stuck where you are. Paul continues in verse 13, “Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that **when the day of evil comes**, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand” (emphasis added).

When the facts come at you and hit you hard (notice I said *when*, not *if*, because hard times come to everyone) you need to know how to stand against them. Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 18:18). Satan is the god of this world. Adam bowed his knee and gave his authority in the earth to Satan. As a believer, you represent the government of God, the authority of God. Unless you bind the enemy, he's not going to be bound. Unless you loose heaven's authority, it won't be loosed.

Mark 6 tells the story of when Jesus went to His own country, began to teach, but was seen as just the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and they were offended by Him. Verses 4-6 (KJV) say, “But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.” A lot of believers believe that if Jesus were here in the flesh, He could fix their problems. In this story, Jesus had all the anointing He needed, right? So why couldn't He do anything here? Whatever hindered Him here might be what's hindering you.

Luke 8 includes the story of the woman with the issue of blood. She touched Jesus, and the anointing flowed out of Jesus and she was healed. Why is this story different from the one in Mark 6? Verse 48 says, “And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.” The common denominator of these two stories is FAITH. Faith gives heaven legal jurisdiction in the earthly realm today. When you engage in the conflict based on the knowledge of God, that's when the anointing shows up.

My point is summed up in the following Scriptures: “The just shall live by faith” (Hebrews 10:38). “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). “The prayer of faith shall save the sick” (James 5:15). Faith “is the victory that overcometh the world” (1 John 5:4). “Consequently, **faith comes** from **hearing** the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ” (Romans 10:17, NIV, emphasis added).

I encourage you to get into the Word of God. Begin to live the abundant life Jesus has provided for you.

HARVEST TRAIN 2017

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Please turn in your gifts for
Falcon Children's Home
by **October 30.**

Women's Ministries Fall Retreat

Date: November 3, 2017, 7 p.m.

Place: Dublin Campground
Tabernacle

Speaker: Beth Stephens-Johnson

Registration: \$15.00



World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



A VISION *Heart* OF THE HEAVENS



I was waiting upon the Lord on Aug. 22, 2017. Suddenly, a loud, heartbeat-like noise broke the silent atmosphere. Louder and louder the heart sounded. Then I saw clouds partially covering a large, RED HEART.

"What is this?" I asked the Lord.

The Holy Spirit responded with the following: "This is HEART OF THE HEAVENS."

I saw the clouds move when intense prayer was offered. The heart was clearly seen. The heart was beating LIFE to the intercessors for the nation. Those who have held their WATCHES for the nation received a surge of strength. They were encouraged and rejoiced!

THE EYES OF THE LORD "For the EYES of THE LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show HIMSELF STRONG in the behalf of them whose HEART is perfect toward HIM..." (2 Chronicles 16:9, KJV, caps added). This is a SEASON to be STRONG and to pray earnestly for the nation!

MOUNTAINS AND TREES The HEART OF THE HEAVENS was directly over the mountains and trees. Mountains represent places of worship and spiritual enlightenment. Remember the Mount of Transfiguration? Three disciples were inspired as they saw Jesus SHINE AS THE SUN (Matthew 17:2). Intercessors will be inspired by the Holy Spirit and the LIGHT OF HIS PRESENCE in the coming days. Trees represent strength. The Spirit of the Lord will send His Anointing. The spirit of heaviness will leave, that they "might be called TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, the planting of the Lord..." (Isaiah 61:3, caps added).

THIS IS THE SEASON This is the season to pray like Elijah, for "...the earnest, HEARTFELT prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available..." (James 5:16, AMP, caps added).

Notice that great POWER flows from the HEARTFELT PRAYERS!



STEVE WINESETT
MEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



FEED YOUR FAITH STARVE YOUR FEAR

Reading and prayer will feed your faith and starve your fear. Neglecting to read and pray will feed your fear and starve your faith.

When life gets tough and daily battles seem to consume all of my time, I often choose to put away time spent reading and praying in favor of fighting my battles and trying to solve problems on my own. However, the problems and battles frequently seem to get stronger and harder to handle, and they continue to consume even more of my time and thoughts.

Psalm 46:1-2 teaches that God is my true source of strength and shelter in times of trouble. Regardless of the situation, a true relationship with Him yields courage to take on whatever life throws my way. I encourage you to be steadfast in your time with God's word and prayer. Your faith will increase, and life's struggles will become second to your relationship with our Father.

LEWISBURG COMMUNITY APPRECIATES THE DEFIBAUGHS' 25 YEARS OF COMMITMENT

In 1992, when the doors of Community P.H. Church opened for service, often there were only four or five people in attendance. They were without a preacher, and there were rumors of closing the church. In August, the church had two bank accounts, with a combined total balance of \$0.13. Who would want to be called the preacher of this church? In the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:8, KJV).

A young man named Everette Defibaugh, licensed as a mission worker in the denomination, and his wife Sandra from the Caldwell P.H. Church, answered the call. He came and preached. In August 1992, when the vote was taken for Brother Everette, there were only six in attendance eligible to vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Although Pastor Everette had a family and a full-time job, he was committed to the responsibilities of his calling. He rolled up his sleeves, gassed his vehicle and started praying, visiting and making intercession for those in the community. He could be found visiting nursing homes and hospitals as far away as Charleston, West Virginia, and Charlottesville, Virginia, and comforting families of strangers at the bedsides of loved ones. He would answer the call of anyone who needed him, always sharing the gospel and love of Christ. Slowly, the church started to grow, and so did Brother Everette.

In April 2011, ground was broken for a new church building. Pastor Everette stated that due to finances, it would be six or seven years before services could be held in the new church. Fourteen months later, the first



service was held and all bills were paid. The church was debt-free.

Pastor Everette made the decision early in his ministry to obey the Great Commission. For about the last 10 years, the Community P.H. Church, under his leadership, has given \$10,000 a year to missions. The ministry of Community P.H. Church and Pastor Everette Defibaugh has been blessed and has grown because of the commitment to spreading the salvation message of Jesus Christ.

Everette is no longer the youngest in the church; his hair is now turning white, as he takes his place among the senior group as an ordained minister in the IPHC. Whether we call him Hat, Pastor, Preacher or Brother Everette, we want to thank him for his 25 years of dedicated service to Christ in extending the gospel message—not just to our church, but to the community and world.

—Submitted by Joyce Spence