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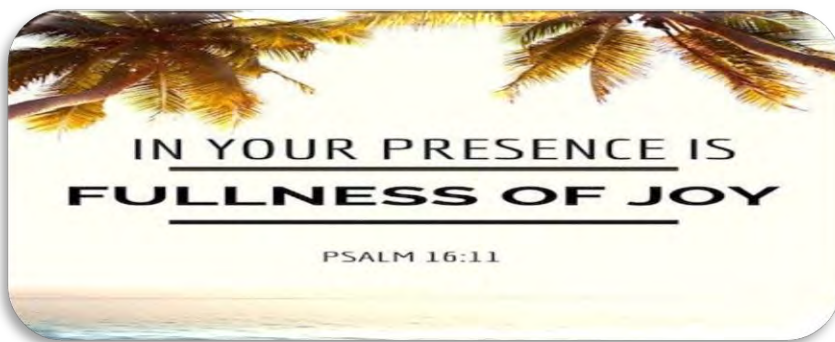
April 22, 2023



Dr. Doug Small, Guest Speaker

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16 KJV

**9:00 am - 12 pm
Conference Training Center**



Rev. Larry Boyd Roberts, 79, died on February 3, 2023, at his home. Ordained with the IPHC in 1981, he pastored churches in Welch, Bluefield, and Montcalm, WV. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judy Roberts, as well as three children, seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. His passion of winning souls for Jesus lives on in the lives of those who knew him.



Rev. Thomas D. Cochran, 82, of Buena Vista, passed away on February 7, 2023. He was ordained with the Appalachian Conference in 1967, after which he pastored six churches – New Village, Christiansburg, Cornersview, Irish Creek, Mt. View, and Sharon, PA. A man of the Word, he had read the Bible through 115 times. His faithfulness is an example that will continue in the lives of those he pastored and influenced.



Rev. Arthur H. Collins, 81, of Fall Branch, TN, died on February 20, 2023. He joined the Appalachian Conference in 1989 and was ordained in 2007. During his ministry, he pastored in Church Hill and First Trinity-Blountville. He is survived by his wife, Joan, one son, three grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. His fervent love for Jesus will never be forgotten.

APRIL RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

April 15

Rev. David Bain
521 Linden Avenue
Buena Vista, VA 24416

April 19

Rev. Larry Snider
244 E. Cawson St., Apt. 12
Hopewell, VA 23860

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How To Lead The 5 Most Difficult People

By Dan Reiland

As a church leader, I'm confident you love and care about people, but if you have been leading for more than one week, you have encountered a difficult person or two.

A wonderful volunteer on the hospitality team told me that someone just left because of the coffee. The unhappy attendee said, "This coffee tastes like dirt." He said it was weak and insisted that we do something about it. It didn't matter that it was free. (Free is not an excuse for lousy coffee, but thousands of people seem to like it.) The volunteer offered our "name" brand, but the attendee was upset that it wasn't free.

We all can be difficult or have a bad day, but there are chronic personalities that require intentional effort, maturity, and specific skill to lead.

As leaders we are called to love everyone, Jesus made that clear in [John 13:34-35](#), but that does not mean we are to consistently tolerate behavior that harms the people and mission of the church.

Our coffee story is not a big deal, but it illustrates the picture in a simple and quick way. Difficult is difficult.

In the context of this article, the tension in leadership is how to love and extend grace to people who are difficult and lead them in a way that serves them well, and advances the mission of the church.

The 5 most difficult people to lead:

Notes: This does not assume adversarial relationships, but acknowledges the reality of leading difficult people. This is not a comprehensive treatment of the subject. It is not my intent to place anyone in a box, lower the responsibility of a leader, or reduce the transforming ability of Christ, but only to provide a few helpful insights to leaders can love and lead better.

1) The Discontent Person

The discontent personality always wants something more than. Learning to lead this person with truth and grace is an art because they seem never to be satisfied.

Whatever it may be, from a certain ministry to a training program, or from the amount of bible content in a sermon to time with a pastor, it's just never enough.

An ungrateful or critical spirit typically characterizes the discontent person.

Lead by helping the person to consider and adopt a different perspective. Start by asking them what they are content with (in context with the specific issue) and insist that they articulate precisely what they want.

Lead without promising you or anyone, can or will deliver all they want. You can't. But the place to begin is establishing realistic expectations and a more grateful disposition.

Leading a discontent person begins with establishing realistic expectations.

2) The Negative Person

The negative personality appears to be unhappy by choice and is often the wet blanket to any group gathering or meeting. It's not just the difference between a glass half empty or a glass half full, but this person seems to have poured out half of a full glass on purpose.

The negative person is typically characterized as one who sees only problems and not solutions. Lead by acknowledging the problem but focus on the positive and insist on moving toward solutions.

3) The Argumentative Person

The argumentative personality needs to win. It often doesn't matter what the topic is, and with this person, you usually feel more like you are in a courtroom debate rather than a conversation. The need to be right and win is greater than the goals of the ministry.

The argumentative person is usually a strong personality and articulate, characterized by a very aggressive approach and must win at all cost.

Lead an argumentative person by establishing boundaries for a healthy and productive conversation. Continually keep the big picture in the forefront and agree on the end goal before starting the conversation.

4) The Duplicitous Person

The duplicitous person has a political bent and can be two-faced. They are not loyal to relationships and may be passive-aggressive. That is, kind one moment and turn on you the next.

Thankfully, this personality is the rarest of the five, but can also do the most damage.

The duplicitous person is known for gossip, changing opinions, and rarely taking a stand that does not benefit them personally.

Don't lead by fear or from a distance, but straight on with bold confidence and direct language. Don't put them in charge of anything until you see change.

Duplicitous people have to be led on straight on with bold confidence and direct language.

5) The Apathetic Person

Essentially, the apathetic personality just doesn't care. They don't necessarily hurt anything, but neither do they help anything. This person isn't as aggressive as the first four personalities but can be just as difficult because they are simply unmotivated.

The apathetic person is characterized as pleasant but unhelpful, without an opinion, and lacking passion. Always love this person, as with all five personalities, but don't invest too much time. Lead by letting them know you would love to see them grow and be part of something great, but they have to show some initiative.

5 practical steps to lead difficult people:

1) Assess what's going on under the surface.

Very few people want to be difficult. Some don't know they are perceived that way. Take a little time to dig deeper than the issue at hand to see if you can discover what might be troubling them at a heart level.

2) Establish a reasonable and honest conversation.

Any reasonable conversation includes two people who are willing to listen, understand both sides, and move toward the greater good. This always requires personal authenticity and full honesty.

3) Discover what they really want.

Expectations are often at the core of someone who appears to be difficult or is genuinely a difficult person. Ask this direct question, “What do you want?” It is a liberating question because there is freedom in the answer.

You may discover they don’t know what they want. That is not only a problematic person but a dangerous one. Proceed with caution until they can verbalize what they want.

4) Set limits and boundaries.

The person can disagree with you, but it must be done with respect. Their tone and demeanor matter.

Agreement on the overall mission over anyone’s personal agenda must be agreed upon.

Progress is essential. You may get stuck for a brief time, but moving forward both relationally and according to the purpose of the ministry is mandatory.

5) Lead them to adapt a different perspective.

The purpose here is not to make someone think like you do, but to help them become a healthy and happy part of the body of Christ. We never want to see someone leave the church, but sometimes that’s OK.

I trust that this brief article is helpful and that the Holy Spirit brought it to you at just the right time either for you or someone on your team.

Increasing your ability to lead a difficult person not only allows you to appreciate them in a more meaningful way, but helps the greater mission move forward.

CHURCH PLANTERS INTENSIVE SCHEDULED

Pastors, mark your calendars -- March 29-31!

New Life Christian Ministries and Christian Life International are hosting the CHURCH PLANTERS INTENSIVE, sponsored by HGM (Health, Growth and Multiplication) from the IPHC. The meetings will take place on the campus of CLI in Salem.

This will be 3 days of valuable information for church planters and pastors. I encourage every pastor to attend, as well as bring any future church planters. The information will help existing churches and church planters, as well.

Register now! Call the Conference Office for more info!

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES TO LAUNCH THE HOPE CENTER

New Life Christian Ministries has partnered with The HOPE CENTER Ministry. The Hope Center is a Christ-centered addiction recovery ministry. Our goal is to have The Hope Center up and running in Roanoke by this summer. We are currently seeking property on which to establish the Center.

Drug addiction is a real problem for our society and we believe that Jesus is the answer. Pray with us as we launch The Hope Center. There are 38 Hope Centers in operation today spread out over America. We are honored and excited to partner with The Hope Center to provide the Roanoke area with a recovery program.

Pastor Tony Atkinson



VISION DAY Greensboro

March 18, 2023
9:30am - 3:30pm

CORNERSTONE CONFERENCE MINISTRY AND RETREAT CENTER

7545 US-29
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REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION:

FreshExpressions.com/event/GreensboroVisionDay

\$35/Person for IPHC

\$45/Person for General Admission



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THE GOOD MINISTER: DEVELOPING PRACTICAL MINISTRY SKILLS TOGETHER



By Dr. Dan Woods

To what are we called? What makes a good pastor? A good minister? A good leader? What happens when we're not so good? **Don't miss the third session!**

Saturday, March 11
Conference Training Center
Dublin, Virginia
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The cost will be \$25 per person, which includes lunch.

This class counts towards any level of ministerial credentials,
and you get C.E.U. credits.



World Missions & Evangelism

Larry Meadors



Seeds Sown in Senegal

Recently, a Mission One Team, of eight folks from across the Appalachian Conference, had the opportunity to go to Senegal, Africa. Our team ranged from seasoned short-term missionaries to those who were experiencing their first international mission trip. God clearly ordained and orchestrated the building of our team, as I believe that we all shared the same mission and vision of heart going into the trip and that we all came away with a deeper understanding of Romans 12:1.

As we arrived in Senegal, we were met with smiles from David & Michelle Riley (*IPHC Missionaries - Senegal*), along with Ernest & Cheryl Turner (*IPHC Regional Directors - West Africa*), and another independent missionary friend of the Riley's. It was a long journey from the States to Africa, with a few hiccups along the way. However, when seeing their smiling faces and experiencing their warm greetings, all of that immediately vanished. The Riley's and Turner's were very gracious, taking our team into their homes. The love and hospitality shown from each of them was truly an expression of God's love.

God has done amazing things and opened doors for the Riley's and Turner's in the region, making divine connections with a Senegalese Medical Clinic Director and his staff, also their two language teachers (*who are both Christians with amazing testimonies*), and various people in their community. From our perspective, they have mastered the language, the culture, and I must add that they have also mastered the Senegalese driving rules, or rather the lack thereof. More than those accomplishments, they are truly operating in God's love and calling for the Senegalese people.

We headed out to experience the culture of Senegal and actively participate in missional projects. One project was held at the Medical Clinic, where we provided approximately 100-150 people with reading glasses, prayed for them, and offered the gospel, as the doors opened. Something as simple as providing reading glasses, in the physical, had the opportunity for the planting of seeds in hearts for a future harvest in Senegal. For each physical eye opened that day, I trust that many more spiritual eyes will be opened to see and find true salvation through Messiah Jesus.

We also painted a local Senegalese school, and while this was a time intensive and laborious project, it was yet another "seed" being planted for what I believe to be a future harvest in this region. In addition, we were all learning Romans 12:1 all over again! The Director seemed so happy, even though her beliefs differed from ours, she accepted us with open arms. The kids, mostly teens, jumped in and wanted to help us with the washing of walls and sweeping out the rooms prior to painting. Even though there was a language barrier, love seemed to translate and we were able to communicate without words, showing the true love of Jesus in every action (*I Corinthians 13*).

Each night our team would gather in the Riley's family room, share a meal, a time of devotion, personal testimonies, and actively engage in corporate worship and prayer. The Holy Spirit moved in amazing ways during these moments and I believe hearts were changed, mended, renewed, and prepared for what is to come not only in Senegal, but also in each congregation represented in the room. I know that my heart was changed in various ways and I was reminded that in our moments of struggle, in our moments of lack, and in our moments of perceived weakness and defeat, that we are being perfected in Jesus our Lord and Savior, because His grace is sufficient for us (*II Corinthians 12:9*).

We spent our last day in Africa enjoying a day of rest at a local beach. There we were able to process the events of the week and lessons learned, to rest up for our journey home, and simply enjoy one another's fellowship. This was a great day, with lots of laughter and joy. Sadly, it all had to come to an end and we made our way back to the States – although not without a Heavenly imprint upon our souls that will forever be with us.

I am expecting great testimonies to come out of Senegal in the weeks, months, and years ahead. I truly believe that the Seeds Sown in Senegal over the last two and a half years, and even during this very short mission trip, will bring an abundant harvest and salvation of

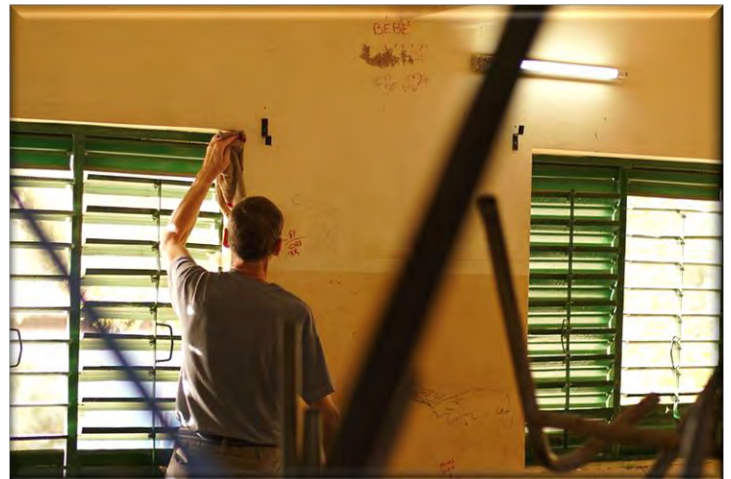
souls. I am also expecting testimonies, from each member of our USA Team, of how God is using this experience as a catalyst for His work in our own congregations and communities.

I encourage all to join in active prayer for the Riley's and the Turner's, as they continue to press toward the mark of God's high calling in Senegal, Africa.

Andrea Repass
Word of Truth Ministries, Bristol VA



A large number of people received prayer as they came for a pair of reading glasses.



The team painted a Muslim school, demonstrating to the community that Christ followers are interested in showing the love of Christ in many ways.





SMALL CHURCHES CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

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The Foundry
Appalachian Conference Training Center
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
9:30 a.m.

*Registration is free! Please register to ensure that you receive the training booklet.
You may do so on the app, online or by communicating with Vanessa Scruggs.*

NEW TRAINING OFFERED:

“SMALL CHURCHES CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE”

Oftentimes, as pastors, we deal with ministry frustrations that keep the church from fulfilling God's destiny. This day of training will introduce you to the 5 habits that will help any size church make a big difference. Bill Rose introduces the study by video and then our Foundry/HGM coaches will share from the Word and their experience to move you as a leader and the church in positive growth patterns. The bios of the speakers reveal God's grace that has enabled each one to achieve ministry results for the kingdom.

- Pastor Bill Rose is pastor of The First Church of Goldsboro, NC. He is a graduate of Holmes Bible College and has served at The First Church for 29 years. He and his wife, Lynne, have two sons, Bill, Jr. and Paul, as well as two daughters, Summer and Sophia Grace. Bill is director of HGM for EVUSA.
- Larry Meadors has served as a pastoral staff member, senior pastor, conference discipleship director and missions and evangelism director in almost 40 years of ministry. These roles have given him the heart of a servant to serve the local church in restoration and growth.
- Pastor Wes Comer - From nine rock-solid saints, with the average age of 68, to a multi-generational church of all ages, may God be glorified for the increase that has **come to Bethel. Growth hasn't come in an exponential manner. Rebuilding, revitalization, and increase have been realized over a twelve-year period of steady moderate gain. From day one, the Lord of the harvest has been faithful to send laborers into the harvest work He has ordained for this body. Through God's enabling grace and by His leading, we are diligently attempting to disciple and mentor the top-notch leadership He has assembled together for this ministry. God's plan is for the local church to thrive and prosper. We see this truth in the recorded history of the early church in the book of Acts. Our prayer is that our stakes continue to be strengthened, that the place of our tent be enlarged, and the curtains be stretched. May nothing be spared at Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church for the cause of Christ and the expansion of His Kingdom!**

- Pastor Wes Galford – Kim and I have had the privilege of serving in ministry for the past 20 years. We have served two churches as pastor and continue to evangelize, as God opens the doors. We started pastoring in Peterstown, WV, with 16 people. During our time there, we faced many challenges, but were able to see the church grow to 120 in attendance. We currently have served as lead pastor at Natural Bridge Christian Fellowship for the past nine years. We started with about 35 in attendance and it has grown to 250-300 Sunday morning attendance. We are continuing to see new families each week, as the excitement grows. We give God the glory for what He has done, and we are passionate to share what we have learned with others.
- Todd and Tammy Porter are co-pastors at Life Changers Christian Center in Wytheville, VA. They began their ministry in 2010 with 10 people in attendance. Through much prayer, the direction of the Holy Spirit, and a willingness to learn, God has helped them to grow over 400 people. This was also a product of learning to implement systems and models into their ministry, which brought structure. With structure, the Holy Spirit can be heard more clearly.

Please join one of the Pastor Peer Gatherings, The Foundry, and/or the training made available through Healthy, Growing, Multiplying (HGM) Churches.



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Practical Ministerial Training Opportunities with Dr. Dan Woods
Registration \$25 (includes lunch) Contact Rhonda Smith at 540-674-4131 to register

RESTORATION WOMEN'S CONFERENCE : MARCH 31, 2023 – 7:00 PM

SPEAKER: REV. VERONICA MCGLOTHLIN

Harbor of Hope – Christiansburg, VA

Sponsored by Women's Ministries: Contact Rev. Tammy Porter, W. M. Director for more information

BOYS' MINISTRIES PINEWOOD DERBY: APRIL 1, 2023

For Information contact Freddie Sweet at 276-233-8983

THE FOUNDRY: April 4, 2023 – 9:30 AM

A Conference Ministry of Mission & Evangelism, Rev. Larry Meadors

Contact Vanessa Scruggs for registration at 540-674-4131

For Peer Group information contact Todd & Tammy Porter, Wes Galford, Wes Comer

CONFERENCE MEN'S RALLY: APRIL 15, 2023 – 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

\$15 registration includes lunch; Speaker, Bishop Hans Hess

Pre-register by calling Mrs. Alice, DM Secretary at 540-674-4131 ext. 201

SPRING PRAYER TEACHING AND PRAYER: APRIL 22, 2023 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

SPEAKER: DR. DOUG SMALL

Appalachian Conference Campgrounds

For more information contact Rev. Donna Hankla, Conference WIN Director

CONFERENCE FINE ARTS & BIBLE QUIZ FESTIVAL: APRIL 28 – 29, 2023

Registration Deadline: March 17, 2023

Guidelines and Registration Forms are available online at <https://appconf.org/junior-teem-fine-arts>

Call Mrs. Alice at 540-674-4131 ext. 206 for more information

MEN'S MINISTRIES SEED TIME GOLF TOURNAMENT: MAY 19, 2023

Blue Ridge Golf Course – Galax, Virginia

\$70 per person / \$280 per team. Proceeds fund Men's Ministries & Youth Camp Scholarships

Contact the Conference Office to Pre-Register or Steve Winesett at 336-408-2008

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT: MAY 19 & 20, 2023

SPEAKER: BISHOP TOMMY MCGHEE

Registration \$15 (includes lunch) – Appalachian Conference Campgrounds

Friday, May 19, 2023 – 6:30 PM

Youth & Children's Leaders Round Table with Bishop McGhee

Saturday, May 20, 2023 – 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Morning Session with Bishop Tommy McGhee for everyone

Afternoon Sessions: Q & A with Bishop Tommy McGhee for Pastors only

Breakout Sessions for Girls' & Boys' Ministry Leaders, Women's & Men's Ministry Leaders

CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING: JUNE 13 – 16, 2023

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JUNE 16 – 23, 2023 EXTREME TEEN WEEK: CAMP PASTOR: C. J. COLE

JUNE 26 – 30, 2023: DESTINY WEEK: CAMP PASTORS: AARON TUNNELL & EMILY GALFORD

JULY 3 – 6, 2023: ADVENTURE QUEST WEEK: CAMP PASTOR: MISSY AILSTOCK

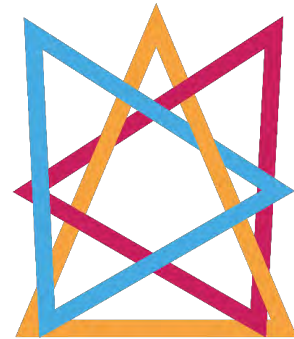
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

April 28 & 29, 2023

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2023

BIBLE QUIZ

**Studying the Book
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Colt Barker Memorial Derby



Hello All!

April 1, 2023

We are very excited to invite you to the Colt Barker Memorial Derby Day hosted by Boys' Ministries. This will be held at the Appalachian Conference grounds in Dublin, VA.

Everyone is welcome; it's an exciting time for kids and adults of all ages! This will be a great time exploring one of Boys' Ministries' favorite events.

Check-in, pit time, and weigh-in will be from 8:00 – 9:30 am. Racing will begin at 10:00 am. The fee is \$10.00 registration for each participant for the first car. There will be a fee of \$2.00 for a second car.

We will race five divisions for the boys who have built a new car: **Pre-K, K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade.** We will have a division for the **Girls, Adults** (new cars only) and an **Open** Division, which will include anyone with an additional car, new or old. As always, there will be a Best-of-Show award. And we are happy to be able to include the **Modified Division** (open to all racers). Refer to the accompanying documents for guidelines regarding requirements/rules for the cars.

Supplies can be ordered through:

Life Spring Resources: 1-800-541-1376 Item Number 4710040

Healthy Church online store: <http://royalrangers.com/gear/rangerderby/kits/>

***** For this year's race, kits purchased from Hobby Lobby, Lowes, Michaels Craft Store (or anywhere kits are sold) will be allowed to race.**

Each racer will receive a patch.

Food and refreshments may be available for sale, as a fund-raiser for the group providing refreshments.

Once again, we are going to raise money for missions by having an offering. Jesus gave us The Great Commission, so we need to do our part! Please come join us for this fun-filled day! If there are any questions, please call us!

Sincerely,

Freddie Sweet

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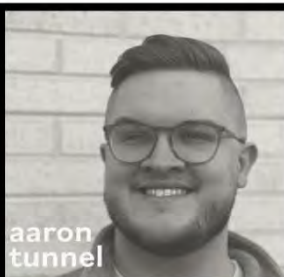
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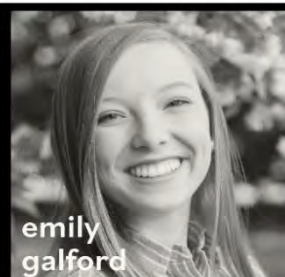
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MEN'S RALLY



Hans Hess, Guest Speaker

Saturday, April 15, 2023

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Lunch 12 - 1:00 pm

Guest Speaker 1:00 - 2:30 pm

\$15 (lunch included)

To pre-register: Call 540-674-4131, ext. 201

or email dmsecretary1@aol.com

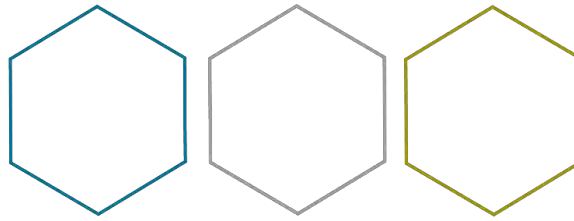
Hans is the Senior Pastor of Fountain of Life, a multi-campus church. Hans regularly conducts evangelistic services overseas and speaks at churches, conferences and various events every year across the United States. Hans currently serves as Bishop of Redemption Ministries. Hans has two children, three grandchildren, and was recently married to Dana. They make their home in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.



For questions and inquiries, you may contact:

**Ron Fredericks
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IPHC MEN'S MINISTRIES 2023 THEME is "Useful To God," from **2 Timothy 2:21**, where the Apostle Paul encourages us to be "a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, *useful to the master*, ready for every good work." D. L. Moody was described by his contemporary, R. A. Torrey, as a man "useful to God." Torrey outlines characteristics in Moody's life that made him useful to God. We will utilize a Bible Plan in the You Version Bible App with the same name, "Useful To God," providing biblical reflections inspired by Moody's life and ministry. Please start promoting now.





Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



ABIDE *in Christ*



We will celebrate Women's Ministries Day on March 12, 2023. Women's Ministries exists to advance Christ's mission in the local church. We partner with conference and local church leaders to inspire, equip, and support women on their journey to become more like Jesus. This special day is an opportune time to remember the rich history of Women's Ministries in our church. If your local congregation is unable to celebrate on this day, work with your pastor and choose another time to recognize this special day. The General Women's Ministries department provides a program or resource that can be used that day.

We also encourage churches to take up an offering on this day to help support the local and conference Women's Ministries. Forward half of the offering to your conference office. The local church Women's Ministries will keep the other half to help with their ministry expenses. Any leader may contact women@iphc.org for any questions or assistance with organizing Women's Ministries Day.



Whether in the comfort of your own home or in your church sanctuary, get your ladies together for a night of fellowship and join the IPHC Women's Ministries for this virtual event.



Restoration



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sponsored by Appalachian Conference Women's Ministries

FREE EVENT

Friday, March 31, 2023
7:00 PM

Harbor of Hope
2720 Roanoke Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073



Keynote Speaker
Rev Veronica McGlothlin



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PRAYER + PEACE = **POWER**

Maybe you know someone that seems to experience numerous answers to prayer. This is the person to whom you send your prayer requests! The disciples noticed the Prayer Life of Jesus. And they were eager to learn how to pray like him. This is why they asked Jesus to teach us to pray. (Luke 11:1) Jesus responded by reciting The Lord's Prayer. "Our Father Who Art In Heaven," were the first words. The APPROACH to the Father is the first step!

HOW DO YOU APPROACH THE FATHER IN PRAYER?

The RIGHT APPROACH leads to RIGHT RESULTS. Our approach should first acknowledge that He is our Father. Then, we should show respect, honor, and repentance. Consider the parable of the Pharisee and the publican. Both men went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee prayed in a manner to draw attention to himself. He prayed, *"God, I thank you, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican"* (Luke 18:11).

The publican prayed differently. He stood far off. He did not want to draw attention to himself. Then, in humility, he did not lift his eyes towards heaven. He prayed, *"God be merciful to me a sinner."* (Luke 18:13). Jesus was impressed with the prayer of the publican. *"This man went down to his house, justified rather than the other..."* (Luke 18:14)

One person left with his prayer answered! Another person left with his prayer not answered!

THEIR PEACE SAVED HIS LIFE

There was a man who had palsy. His only chance to recover was to encounter Jesus. But he could not walk. He was bedridden. However, he had some friends that cared about him. (Mark 2:1-12) These friends carried him on a bed to a house where Jesus was speaking. But when they arrived, the crowd was so large that they could not even get close to Jesus! But they KEPT THEIR PEACE. They did not give in to fear or distress. Fear is an open door for the devil to respond. Faith is an open door for Jesus to respond.

They took their EYES off the crowd, and looked towards the roof of the house. PEACE of mind gave them the ability to see the answer! They uncovered the roof and lowered the man in front of Jesus! When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, *"Son, thy sins be forgiven thee"* (Mark 2:5). *"I say unto you, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thy house"* (Mark 2:11). Immediately the man was healed! The ability of his friends to remain in PEACE, regardless of the circumstances literally saved his life!



APRIL CALENDAR

- 1 Boys' Ministries Pinewood Derby**
- 4 The Foundry**
- 7 Good Friday (Office closed)**
- 9 Easter**
- 15 Conference Men's Rally**
- 22 WIN Spring Prayer Teaching & Prayer**
- 26 Administrative Professionals Day**
- 28-29 Conference Fine Arts Festival**