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WORLD MISSIONS MINISTRIES 2010 Great Commission Meals

Annual IPHC Offering to Reach the Nations

S C H E D U L E

Friday, March 12 – East Tennessee District 6:30 PM
Ryan Family Steakhouse, 2645 E Andrew Jackson Hwy, Greeneville, TN

**** Saturday, March 13 – Central Virginia District 12:00 Noon**
Tree of Life Ministries, 371 Oakdale Circle, Lynchburg, VA

Monday, March 15 – Shenandoah District. 6:30 PM
Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant, 74 Rowe Rd, Staunton, VA

Tuesday, March 16 – Greenbrier District 12:00 Noon
Shoney's, Hwy 219, Lewisburg, WV

Tuesday, March 16 – Central West Virginia District 6:30 PM
Ryan's Grill Buffet & Bakery, 1320 N Eisenhower Dr, Beckley, WV

**** Thursday, March 18, New River Valley & Roanoke Districts. . 6:30 PM**
Harbor of Hope Church – 2720 Roanoke St, Christiansburg, VA

**** Friday, March 19, Southwest Virginia District 6:30 PM**
Draper Valley PH Church – Draper Valley, VA

**** Saturday, March 20, Bluefield/McDowell Districts 12:00 Noon**
South View Church – Kroger Shopping Center, Bluewell, WV

**** RSVP to 540-674-4131 ext. 207 or latrissia@aol.com**



Bishop's Page

KEN KINGREA



Story and photo courtesy *The Southwest Times*, Pulaski, Virginia

Paddling Parishioner

Since 1948, come rain or shine, Bill Wendell of Draper, Virginia, has been paddling his boat across the New River to go to church – even in the winter months. “Unless the water is frozen,” he said emphatically.

Brother Wendell, 78, said it was his future in-laws who got him thinking about getting his own boat to paddle across the river to attend services at the Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church. So it was no surprise when he got his own wooden boat, complete with paddles and would ask his future bride, Ann Marie Goad, to take a little trip on the river.

In 1949, Bill and Ann Marie were married. They continued their routine of crossing the river to go to church. Even after having five children, they all loaded in the little wooden boat to go to church. “Oh, the kids didn’t mind,” Bill said gleefully. “Fact, they loved it.”

Brother Wendell, a truck driver for 23 years, says it is more practical to cross the half-mile stretch of water than to drive around a circuitous route in a vehicle to get to the other side.

Brother Wendell keeps his boat on the riverbank, a scant few feet from his porch. Pointing to a small

aluminum johnboat tied to a post, bobbing in the water with a tiny trolling motor hanging off the back, he said, “My wooden boat was falling apart, so I got this one a couple of years ago.” He keeps two long poles (2 inches by 2 inches by 7 feet) on either side of the boat.

Bill untied the boat, pulled up the anchor and grabbed one of the poles. He quickly dug into the murky water; with one mighty shove we sailed into deeper water. “We’ll pole to the other side. This is what I do to save on gas.” Nearing the other bank, the water got deeper, and he had to use the poles as paddles.

After looking at the church and posing for pictures, we headed back to the boat. It began to drizzle, so he tried to fire up the motor. “We better crank ’er up or we’ll get wet,” he said as he yanked on the rope. The little motor pouted and remained silent. Even after pumping more gasoline, spraying with carburetor cleaner and pulling on the rope over and over again, the motor would only sputter and die.

The rain came down harder. We began to drift downstream as Bill continued to work on the motor. We were halfway back across the river before the motor finally came to life. We arrived safely but soaking wet. After tying up the boat, Bill invited me in to dry off and warm up.

Ann Marie passed away a couple of years ago. Now Bill lives alone except for three dogs and six cats. He has 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, all living out of state.

To keep active, he does “a little bit here and a little bit there.” Recently, he dug potatoes out of his garden and canned several jars of red beets. He admits he gets lonely at times and feels like the walls are closing in on him. When this happens, he just makes a trip to Wal-Mart or Magic Mart “just to look around or maybe buy something.”

Wendell emphasizes that he finds great solace and strength in rowing his boat to the other side of the river and attending services at the Allisonia church. “I feel blessed,” he says. “Got nothin’ to worry about.”

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

February 22–	Men's Ministries Hawaiian Mission Trip
March 2	
5	First Friday Fast
6	Bible Quiz Scrimmage Galax, Virginia
7	World Missions Faith Commitment Sunday
8	Registration Deadline Talent and Bible Quiz
9	Women's Ministries Day of Prayer
13	Royal Rangers Pinewood Derby
13-20	World Missions Great Commission Meals
14	Daylight Savings Time Begins
14-20	Women's Ministries Week
17	St. Patrick's Day
20	Spring Begins
27	Royal Rangers Basics Training
28	Palm Sunday

RETIRED MINISTERS' MARCH BIRTHDAYS



March 11
Rev. Glen Wright
1426 Rockdale Rd
Wytheville, VA 24382

March 23
Ethel Swart
513 Awaroa, RD1
Kaitaia North Island,
New Zealand

God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.
His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.
He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true—
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior too.
So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs

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World Missions & Evangelism

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Introducing Amy Lambert



Evangelist Amy Lambert was not always a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From an early age she lived a life of drugs, alcohol, and deep sin. At the age of nineteen Amy found herself lying in a hospital bed close to death, completely hopeless and broken. It was during this dark hour that Jesus Christ became real to her, as

He extended His hand of love and mercy. She made a decision that would forever change her life, as she finally surrendered her will and life to Christ.

This was the beginning of her life transformation, as the Lord began to break every chain of bondage and sin off her life. The Lord replaced her needle and spoon with a Bible and an unquenchable fire to tell others about the salvation and deliverance which can come only through Jesus Christ.

Amy is a graduate of Mercy Ministries of America. Her testimony has been featured by Mercy Ministries, Joyce Meyer's *Enjoying Everyday Life* broadcast, the national magazine *Today's Christian*, as well as many other web, radio, and television broadcasts. She believes her story can bring hope to countless other broken and hurting people.

Amy evangelized for three years in the inner city at the St. Louis Dream Center, which is an outreach of Joyce Meyer Ministries. During her time in St. Louis she also graduated in May 2009 with an Associate of Ministry in Applied Christianity from Pillsbury College and Seminary. Amy has been privileged to receive evangelism training, as well as impartation, from evangelist Reinhard Bonnke.

She also traveled to Nigeria with Christ for All Nations to one of their tremendous Gospel crusades. It was soon after the Lord opened a door for evangelist Amy to preach the first Amazing

Gospel Crusade in Kibera, Kenya. Jesus moved miraculously as thousands were saved, miraculously healed, and set free.

Most recently, Amy joined the IPHC World Missions Ministries as an international evangelist. She holds credentials and bases out of the Appalachian Conference. She will be doing her first evangelistic mission with the IPHC this February 18–March 16, holding a Gospel crusade in Kenya, street evangelism at the Red Light District in Amsterdam, and ministry and evangelism in Germany. Plans are also under way for an upcoming local Gospel crusade in Bluefield, Virginia.

Amy's heart and passion are to see the lost saved, healed, and delivered, and to see revival and the fire of the Holy Spirit come to the church of Jesus Christ. If you would like to have Amy come and minister in your church, please contact her at 540-650-1962. Also, if you would like to support her ministry financially, you can send checks payable to World Missions Ministries. When making out your check, please include the following in the memo line: Amy Lambert #70151. Checks can be mailed to Appalachian Conference IPHC, P.O. Box 1086, Dublin, VA 24084.



Amy is a gifted young evangelist who is seeing amazing results everywhere she ministers. Over 90 souls have been saved in the past two months. I believe she will be a blessing to you and your church. I find it easy to recommend her.

– Preston Mathena



Discipleship Ministries Division

LARRY MEADORS

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Crazy Love

Looking for a solid discipleship study for your life or small group? Consider DM's recommended resource for 2010. *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*, is a book by author and Pastor Francis Chan. It and the companion DVD are great basic discipleship materials. The book is straightforward and challenging in style. Pastor Chan shares the scriptures we all know but does so in a manner that is fresh. It is really crazy to think how

the God of the universe, who created everything, loves us with such a powerful love. The response to that love is the key to living the life that God has called us to live. This message feeds the hunger a believer has for an authentic faith in today's world.

Chan confronts the sorry state of lukewarm Christians who want only the blessings of a believer and none of the sacrifices. In one telling quote from Tim Kizziar he relates, "Our greatest fear as individuals and as a church should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter."

The small group DVD would be an excellent addition along with the book. This can be used as a 10-week study. It follows a day in the life of Pastor Francis, weaving in the teaching segments that correspond to each chapter of *Crazy Love*. The segments are approximately eight minutes long with discussion questions at the end. The video is shot in a casual and engaging style that pulls the viewer in.

Francis Chan is pastor of Cornerstone Church in Simi Valley, California. Under his leadership this growing church is committed to be a

giving church. The church is giving away 55 per cent of what it receives. Pastor Chan is also the founder of Eternity Bible College. He is a popular speaker at student events like the Passion conferences and other national events. His passion is to see the church display a much deeper love for Jesus. Pastor Chan lives in California with his wife Lisa and their four children.

Using this material is about more than just picking up 50 points on World Changing Discipleship Awards Program for the year; it is about making disciples that make a difference for eternity.

Discipleship Reflections - Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry

In the mid-1970's churches in America were experiencing tremendous Sunday school growth by using buses. Churches in the Appalachian Conference became involved in this outreach ministry. An article in the December 1976 *Messenger* reported that approximately 30 churches had a busing program. It was estimated that on any given Sunday, 60-70 buses were on the road bringing people to church across the conference.

"Pastor Donald Elliot of Bluewell, WV, has a vision for souls. The church is sending out eight buses in a 5-mile radius of the church. Pastor Elliot believes that if you want people to attend church you must go out to where they are and a soul winning church will be a growing church. The Bluewell church is averaging 415 in Sunday School attendance" (*The Messenger*, January 1977).

According to the CEM statistics of 1976-1977, 2,000 people had been saved through the bus ministry. The Roanoke, Virginia, church was recognized with the highest Sunday school attendance on Easter Sunday of 1976 with 642.

Plan Ahead for Discipleship

Camp Maranatha 2010 – "Live Free"

Parents, plan now to give your kids a summer of radical fun and Christian growth. Register them for youth camp. **Register Early** – there were over 600 campers last year! **Early registration is at a reduced price and includes a free camp shirt. Early registration deadline is May 14.**

Extreme Teen Camp – Grades 9-12, June 21-25 – Tony Cruz, Camp Pastor

Kidz Quest Camp – Grades 2-4, June 27-30 – Joey and Erin Hartman, Camp Pastors

Destiny Junior Camp – Grades 7-8, July 5-9 – Tony Bennett, Camp Pastor

Adventurer Pre-Teen Camp – Grades 5-6 – Brandon Goff, Camp Pastor

Download registration information and see this year's video at www.appconfcem.org.

- **Camp workers have the most fun!** Do you want to be one of the 200 volunteers making a difference in the lives of students this summer? Fill out an application and send it in as soon as possible.
- **Conference Talent and Bible Quiz Finals** registration deadline is **March 8. Talent Finals April 10** at Ft. Chiswell H.S. and **Bible Quiz Finals April 17** at St. Paul PH Church.
- **Royal Rangers Pinewood Derby** – March 13 on the Campgrounds.



Women's Ministries

WANDA MYERS



MARCH IS WOMEN'S MINISTRIES MONTH

March 14, 2010 *(or a date of your choosing)*

One of the first steps in preparing for Women's Ministries Day is to coordinate the date with your pastor. Determine your plan of action by reviewing the program materials available through the links below. This year's theme, "Woman to Woman...Flourishing Together," can be developed by using these program and outreach ideas.

The offering you receive on your WM Day is very important to the general Women's Ministries program. Thank you in advance for participating and making this a great day and helping us **reach our goal of \$15,000!**

The materials for the **2010 WM Day** (set for the second Sunday in March) are available now for download through the links below.

My prayer for your WM Day and Bible study time is that you will connect with women of ALL ages, recognizing their gifts and talents and encouraging each one to use them for the Glory of God. Remember, we are not truly flourishing until we are helping others to flourish as well.

nurture
give and get what you need to flourish

**Find your voice,
discover your strength
& make God connections**

In addition to 7 sessions with Lisa,
experience encouragement from
17 International leaders.

Multimedia Curriculum
by **lisa bevere**
www.MessengerInternational.org

If you want to order a book and workbook to participate in our group study, please contact our local WM Director.

General WM Director Tamé Lambert is anticipating powerful results as IPHC women around the world begin to use this study at the same time. When we are all speaking the same truth from God, united in understanding and anointing, our families, churches, and cities will never be the same. We will be connected for strength and purpose...
Flourishing Together!.



World Intercession Network

DONNA HANKLA



TURNING POINTS

Today, the cry of many people is for a *turning point*. People are longing and searching for change. It is time for opportunities and breakthrough.

The nature of Christianity is *change*. God longs for His people to experience His goodness. Even from the very beginning God created a beautiful garden for mankind. It was a land of opportunity and was filled with the good things of God. *Turning points* are seen again as God used Moses to take His people out of the bondage of Egypt and lead them to the Promised Land.

Turning point has two key definitions:

1. It is a point at which something changes direction.
2. It is a point in time when a decisive change occurs.

Prayer, bathed in faith, can be the dynamic force to bring forth those desired *turning points*.

In order for things to change, the restraining forces must be removed. Prayer from Psalm 107:16 can bring wonderful answers and opportunities. "For He has broken the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron apart."

Three important *turning points* can happen this year with prayer and fasting:

- **SPIRITUAL:** It's time to have a stronger love for God. It's time to return to the First Love. This was the message for the Church of Ephesus. (Revelation 2: 1-7)
- **PHYSICAL:** Your body is the temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Turn your health around. Exercise. Rest. Lose weight. Keep your doctor appointments.

- **FAMILY:** Many families suffer from conflict, struggle, abuse, neglect, anger and strife. Healing of relationships can happen.

Turning points can happen! Things can change.

FINANCIAL TURNING POINTS

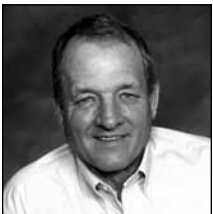
Many people have experienced loss in the last year. Even today, unemployment remains high, despite governmental efforts to treat the problem.

The story of Job shows just how suddenly God can turn the situation. In one day, Job lost all his possessions and much of his family. His servants brought one bad news story after another.

Maybe you have experienced sudden loss. Your employer schedules a personal appointment and there are rumors of layoffs. The doctor wants to see you in the office to discuss the results of a recent biopsy. Whatever the loss, prayer can bring a *turning point!*

"And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends; also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before." (Job 42: 10)

TURN back to God. Pray. Repent. Fast. He can turn your situation.



Men's Ministries

RICK BLACK



FEBRUARY IS PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY MONTH

The Pastor's Prayer Partners program is designed to give interceding prayer support for the pastor and the ministries of the church.

This ministry functions under the primary oversight of the pastor. A Prayer Partners coordinator should be appointed to assist the pastor. The coordinator's responsibilities could include the preparation of a monthly newsletter, periodic prayer breakfasts and the annual Prayer Partners Retreat. Also, a prayer leader is appointed for each week to direct the prayer time in the pastor's office.

Prayer Partners commit to the following schedule of prayer:

1. Consistent personal prayer.
2. One Sunday each month partners gather in the pastor's office for prayer.

3. One week of intense prayer for the church each month (the week prior to their scheduled Sunday prayer time).
4. One day a month each prayer partner prays especially for the pastor (this is the same day each month throughout the year).

During the Sunday prayer time, Prayer Partners gather in the pastor's office at a set time. The pastor shares about the direction of ministry for the day and any special concerns needing prayer. They lay hands on him and ask for God's anointing and continue to intercede throughout the worship service. Prayer Partners who are praying during the service may receive a tape of the service from the tape ministry desk.

The Pastor's Prayer Partners ministry is open to any man in the church. The pastor invites men to participate who have expressed interest in the prayer ministry. When the men come together for the meeting, the pastor, Men's Ministries president, and Prayer Partners coordinator should each share their personal vision/mission for the prayer ministry with the group.

Address Service Requested

Financial Miracle at Cornerstone Church

Narrows, Virginia



“Individually we are a stream, but together we are a river.” With those words, Cornerstone PH Church member Garry Conley challenged the body of believers in Narrows, Virginia, not to

reduce the church debt in 2009, but to eliminate it. Realizing the inspiration in these words and the remainder of his message, in January Cornerstone Church accepted that challenge, united in our belief that God Himself had ordained it. The church set out to eliminate its \$96,000 debt in one year.

Naturally, the first step would be to ask the question, “How?” The church decided that no suggestion would be overlooked, and every effort would be made to do whatever it took and whatever God laid before us in which to exert our efforts.

Great strides had already been made in reducing the debt from its balance in February 2007 when Pastors John

and Millie Jenkins arrived at Cornerstone. The balance then stood at \$145,000. The monthly mortgage payments of \$2,500 greatly hampered the church’s ability to perform ministry.

Time had come to face our giant and watch God slay him! Fund-raisers, pledges and donations would be our part, but God made it happen. Once the effort began, strangers who had no connection with Cornerstone would write checks as the Lord laid it upon their hearts. Appalachian Christian Center in Peterstown, West Virginia, made a monthly payment for us.

Everywhere we turned God would do something totally unexpected, and money would come in. Even in the midst of a recession in our economy, God showed us He is not affected by our lack. We were reminded of when the Lord told Moses to “stand back and see the salvation of the Lord.” That is exactly what we did; we watched in amazement as God performed His word.

On October 5, 2009, just nine months into our effort, Pastor John Jenkins took the final payment to the bank. A celebration was planned for November 1. We burned the note and released dozens of balloons with scripture messages attached, glorifying our great God! Even now, we could not tell you all that happened to bring this miracle to Cornerstone. There were no big checks, no inheritances, nothing to glorify man. God did it His way, two mites at a time. Bless His Holy name!

By Pastor John Jenkins

Counsel of a Friend

“...Oil and perfume rejoice the heart; so does the sweetness of a friend’s counsel that comes from the heart...” —Proverbs 27:9

A true friend will always speak the truth in love. They will not say what you want to hear if it is not the truth and beneficial to you. To have that level of friendship is something special. Some of us may have a friend or two like that in our lives. Someone we can relate to on that level. Someone close enough to confide in and share our deepest thoughts and longings. Friends that we can share with on this level are a jewel to find and a treasure. It doesn’t matter how many friends we have in our lives, as long as we have someone we can share with more intimately. For even if we have many friends we can still feel lonely when we have no one to share with on that deeper level.

Counsel from a trusted friend has much value – for we have relationship with them. We can take advice from a friend when we are in “relationship” with them for we know they care about us and want the best for us. Their counsel is sweet to the soul.

Counsel from a trusted friend has much value and is heaven sent.

