



MESSENGER

Vol. 87, No. 1 – January 2026

PASTORS' HUDDLES

January 12

PRINCETON, WV

The Rock

February 5

BUENA VISTA, VA

Buena Vista PHC

January 26

GREENEVILLE, TN

Ashway PHC

February 9

CHRISTIANSBURG, VA

Victory Restoration

2026

THE YEAR OF THE PASTOR

“I will give you shepherds according to my heart.”

Jeremiah 3:15





FEBRUARY RETIRED MINISTERS' BIRTHDAYS

February 6

Rev. Roger Crigger
4024 Black Lick Road
Rural Retreat, VA 24368

February 10

Rev. Ronald Burke
205 Wades Lane
Christiansburg, VA 24073

**IPHC**

30TH GENERAL CONFERENCE MOBILE CONFERENCE CENTER



Make your plans to attend General Conference and participate in the worship, fellowship, legislation and training. Pastors, send the names of your church delegates to the Conference Office as soon as possible.

Appalachian Conference Messenger

Vol. 87—January 2026—No. 1

Executive Editor – Larry Meadors

Staff

Phone (540) 674-4131
5847 Oak Grove Avenue
Dublin, VA 24084

Evangelism & World Missions Ministries

Wes Galford
5847 Oak Grove Avenue
Dublin, VA 24084

Discipleship Ministries

Ron Fredericks
5847 Oak Grove Avenue
Dublin, VA 24084

Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter
2473 Ivanhoe Road
Max Meadows, VA 24360
Phone (276) 620-7549

WIN

Donna Hankla
139 Ridgeway Drive
Bland, VA 24315
Phone (304) 922-2808

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Steve Winesett
3414 Water Plant Road
Hillsville, VA 24343
Phone (336) 408-2008

Conference Board

Superintendent – Larry Meadors
Asst. Superintendent – Ron Fredericks
Secretary/Treasurer – Frank Neff
Board Member – C.J. Cole
Board Member – Wes Galford
Board Member – Wanda Myers
Board Member – Todd Porter

Deadline for all script to reach the office:

First of each month for the next month's issue
Email to Sandy Wood at woodsh12@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.appconf.org



The Bishop's Page

Larry Meadors



2026 – YEAR OF THE PASTOR

The Appalachian Conference focus is on our ministers! Our priority is resourcing, encouraging and training those that are called to ministry. It is our belief that healthy pastors will lead healthy churches. Some of the initiatives to help bring this vision into reality:

- Prayer and Praise Huddles for ministers and spouses
- Pastor-to-Pastor monthly video series
- Specific ministry topics at the Ministers' Summit and Camp Meeting mornings
- Clergy development classes
- Continued improvements in communication
- Additional minister's spouse events

Furthermore, all will benefit as we collectively foster and kindle **REVIVAL** in our personal lives and our churches. We continue to be committed to **THE CALL** of raising up our sons and daughters for ministry. **COMMUNITY** is intentionally being created as we do life and ministry together. The Conference is here to serve our pastors and churches.

Watch How You Are Building

On my morning runs over the last 24 years, I have observed the slow decay of a small house. I don't know its history, only that it appears to have been neglected for quite some time. Every heavy snow or strong storm has seemed to push the house further down towards the ground.

What is the problem? It honestly doesn't look like the foundation has given way. It looks like an inadequate sized board was used to carry the weight of the roof structure.



Picture your life as a building right now. Is it level and square? Or is the structure of your life straining under the weight of poor choices and neglect? You are the builder. Paul instructs us in 1 Cor. 3:10, *"to build with care."* The choice of materials is critical in building a life that will withstand the day where all is to be revealed.

This begs the question what are you building on the foundation of Jesus Christ? It is your choice. Choose what lasts. Choose what is valued. In scripture, this is compared to gold, silver and precious stones. When we allow God's Word to change our character, prayer to challenge our limitations and time invested in people's needs, then we have made a start at using proper building materials. Take time here at the first of the year to step back from your life and consider how can I build with God's priorities in 2026.

Pastors' Huddles

The Huddles are back for 2026! This is the year of the pastor. First and foremost, we want to encourage and build up our ministers. These meetings are for all Appalachian Conference ministers and spouses only.

These Huddles will be built around praise and prayer. This is not a church service. These are informal times of ministering to God and one another as peers serving together.

There are four locations across the conference.



January 12

Princeton, WV
The Rock
109 Highland Ave.



February 5

Buena Vista, VA
Buena Vista PH Church
1702 Chestnut Ave.



January 26

Greeneville, TN
Ashway PH Church
818 Asheville Highway



February 9

Christiansburg, VA
Victory Restoration
190 Bishops Gate Road



Random quotes from my personal 2025 book reading:

"We leaders of the church are simply servants who escort the bride to the heavenly groom." *Gaining By Losing*, J.D. Greear, page 44

"Prayer is about presence before it's about anything else. Prayer doesn't begin with outcomes. Prayer is the free choice to be with the Father, to prefer his company." *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools*, Tyler Staton, page 26.

"Remember, there is only one Savior of the world; and it's not you, and it's not me." *Zeal Without Burnout*, Christopher Ash, page 62.

"And so, we have simplified the complicated personality process by creating the 5 voices – the Pioneer, Connector, Guardian, Creative, and Nurturer – to help you understand who you are and what it sounds like to be on the other side of your voice." *The 5 Voices*, Kubicek & Cockram, page 9.

"It is entirely consistent with David's story to see in his unashamed celebration an expression of a robust intimacy with God that was at the center of his leadership." Ducking Spears, Dancing Madly, Parks & Birch, page 110.

"To wait is to journey in faith toward the things God has promised." *Waiting Isn't a Waste*, Mark Vroegop, page 11.

"We don't preach great things, we live them." *The Resilient Pastor*, Glenn Packiam, page 154.

"This day. I don't have to worry about tomorrow or even pray about tomorrow for that matter. God is the God of today. He will not change. Lord, I trust you today." *21 Seconds to Change Your World*, Mark Rutland, page 109.

"The power twins of the kingdom are the fear of the Lord and humility." *Drawing Near*, John Bevere, page 124.

"Whilst the priest lived and moved the bells rang, and while the bells rang the people knew the priest was alive. We can know that Jesus lives and that He is making intercession for us, too, can hear the bells. Child of God, can you hear the bells now ringing?" *These Are the Garments*, C.W. Slemming, page 45.

"We play until we win. God has given us our cities, even though it may not yet look like it." *Watchman Prayer*, Dutch Sheets, page 89.

**New email address to use for the Superintendent:
Lmeadors@appconf.org**

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Ministerial Credentialing Program

JANUARY 1ST

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ENROLL

Contact Dr. Derick Burton



schoolofministryac@gmail.com



www.appconf.org/clergy-development





World Missions & Evangelism

Wes Galford



Welcome to 2026!

January 1st of each year marks the beginning of some form of newness for most of humanity. We desire something different in our lives, and what better time to start than the beginning of a new year? This is the season when we resolve to eat better, lose weight, exercise more, and stress less, to enhance our physical lives. A new year invites fresh starts and renewed focus.

As pastors and leaders, we also begin to cast vision for the New Year, believing God will enrich our spiritual lives and the spiritual lives of others. As God speaks to our hearts, we passionately share with others, trusting that their hearts will be moved by what has first moved ours. We have experienced the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As I reflect on a statement Luke records Jesus making to Zacchaeus, my heart is filled with deep passion. Luke writes, *"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."* When I consider this declaration, three words capture my attention, ignite a fire of passion, and deserve closer examination.

The first word: **"Seek."**

Jesus confirms that one of His roles on earth is to seek. Imagine for a moment a group of children playing hide-and-seek on a warm summer evening. One child counts while the others search for the perfect hiding place. Suddenly, you hear the words, *"Ready or not, here I come!"* With excitement and anticipation, the seeker begins the search.

Jesus' seeking is filled with even greater purpose and passion. He does not wander aimlessly or casually glance around. He seeks intentionally, persistently, and lovingly. Jesus came actively looking for people, those pushed to the margins, overlooked, and forgotten. His seeking is deliberate and fueled by compassion.

The second word: **"Save."**

Jesus confirms that another part of His mission on earth is to save. Saving implies rescue, delivering someone from danger, hopelessness, or destruction. Humanity was not merely misplaced; we were broken and separated from God. Jesus did not come simply to locate us but to redeem us.

Salvation is not an abstract idea or religious language; it is transformation. Jesus saves completely: restoring identity, healing wounds, and offering eternal life. His saving work continues today through the power of the gospel and the obedience of those who carry it to the world.

The third word: **"Lost."**

Those Jesus came to seek and save were lost, not hidden, not forgotten, but disconnected from God. Lostness describes spiritual separation, regardless of social status, success, or appearance. Zacchaeus was wealthy and influential, yet still lost. Many today appear secure and fulfilled, yet remain spiritually disconnected.

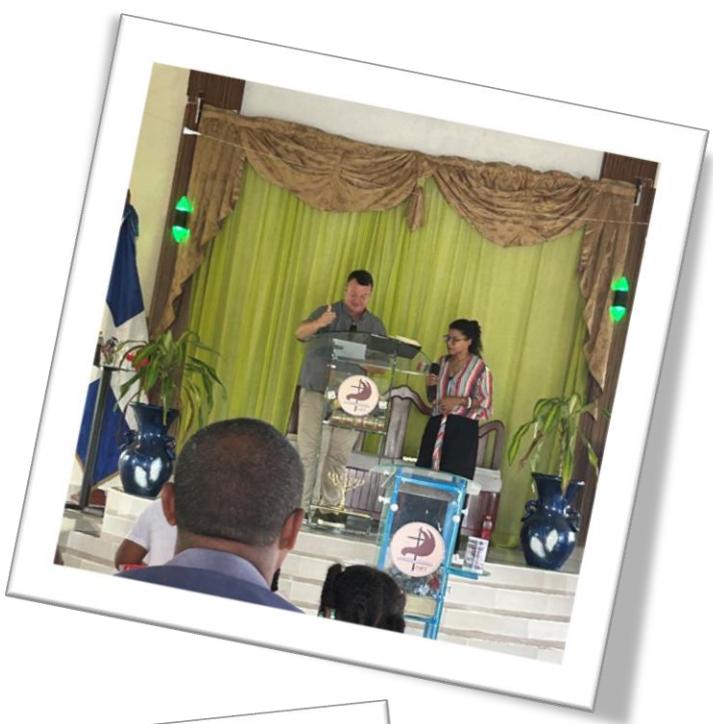
This is where the heart of missions beats strongest. The lost might be found in our own homes, workplaces, marketplaces, and even within our churches. The lost could include family members, co-workers, and all whom we love. The lost are everywhere, across the street and across the globe. They are not projects to be completed but people deeply loved by God. Jesus' declaration reminds us that the mission is not finished. God invites us to partner with him to fulfill His mission.

We must allow the Holy Spirit to reignite the passion for the lost, inspiring us to be invested through our prayer, service, and giving. We must pray for those who do not know Jesus at an intimate level, believing they will have a transformative relationship with Him.

We must serve through our speaking, our engagement with the community, and our everyday lives so that others can encounter Jesus. We must continue to give so others can take the gospel to the locations where we do not have the means to travel.

As we step into 2026, may we recommit ourselves to Christ's mission. Let us seek with purpose, serve with compassion, and proclaim salvation with boldness. Whether through prayer, giving, or going, we are all called to participate in God's redemptive work.

The mission of Jesus is our mission. May this be the year we pursue it with renewed passion and unwavering faith. May we continue knowing we are called to serve, designed to build, until the last one hears.





Discipleship Ministries

Ron Fredericks

www.appconf.org



Update from Discipleship Ministries:

Discipleship Ministries congratulates **Rev. Wes Galford** on his appointment as Appalachian Conference Missions and Evangelism Director effective September 1, 2025. Rev. Wes Galford served

Discipleship Ministries as:
Assistant Director: 2023 - 2025
Secretary/Treasurer: 2018 - 2023
Board Member: 2014 - 2018

He and his family have been a valuable asset to Discipleship Ministries and we know that he will excel in his new ministry position.



On November 18, 2025, the following appointments were made to the Discipleship Ministries Board:



We are glad to welcome to the Discipleship Ministries Board, **Heather Reynolds**, Board Member. Heather has served as Children's Pastor for Tree of Life Ministries since 2013. Heather has tremendous experience in Children's Ministries on the Conference and National level. **She will serve as a Board Member and also as Conference Children's Pastor.**



Assistant Director: Rev. Wes Comer. Rev. Comer, Senior Pastor at Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church, has served on the Discipleship Ministries Board since 2018. **He will also serve as Conference Fine Arts Director.**
2023 – 2025: Secretary/Treasurer
2018 – 2023: Board Member



Secretary/Treasurer: Rev. Zach Royer.

Rev. Royer, Senior Pastor at Life Line Ministries, has served on the Discipleship Ministries Board since 2014.

He will also serve as Purchasing Agent and Conference Bible Quiz Director.

2023 – 2025: Board Member
2018 – 2023: Board Member
2014 – 2018: Board Member

SAVE THE DATES – REGISTER TODAY:



REACH

TEACH

RELEASE

**"Therefore go and make disciples ...and
surely I am with you always..."**

Matthew 28:19-20



**For more information contact the
Discipleship Ministries Director:**

**Ron Fredericks
540.674.4131. ext. 206**

January 11:

BIBLE QUIZ SCRIMMAGE
CLI – 3:00 p.m.

January 16 – 18:

**Bridging Our Ministries
MEN of TRUTH**

A discipleship conference for leaders of men and boys, hosted by IPHC Men's and Boys' Ministries at The Refuge in Conway, SC.
<https://brushfire.com/iphc/bom2025/611463>

January 29 – February 1:

ACCELERANT
Gatlinburg, TN
Accelerantfire.com

February 15:

BIBLE QUIZ SCRIMMAGE
CLI – 3:00 p.m.

February 21:

CONNECT
Girl's Ministries Leadership Day
Training Center Appalachian Conference
<https://www.appconf.org/girls-ministry>

February 26 – 28:

THE HUDDLE
Greenville, SC
<https://brushfire.com/iphc/events/610319>

March 5:

Fine Arts Registrations Due

March 6 & 7:

SINGING with the SAINTS
<https://iphc.org/discipleship/>

MARK the DATE and MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!!

ACCEL ERANT

JAN. 29-FEB. 1, 2026

GATLINBURG, TN

ACCELERANTFIRE.COM

RUSH
OF
FOOLS
In Worship

JORDAN
FELIZ

SUSIE
BEEMER
DE KLERK

MARKUS
MCFOLLING

*SPEAKERS/ARTISTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CHECK US OUT AT ACCELERANTFIRE.COM



CAMP mARANATHA

ONE WEEK WILL CHANGE A LIFE

Matt. 20:28 "Jesus did not come to be served,, but to serve "

SERVE

CAMP MARANATHA '26

Save the Date

**High School Week
(Grades 9 - and up):
June 14 - 19, 2026**

**Middle School Week
(Grades 6-8):
June 21 - 26, 2026**

**Elementary Week
(Grades 1-5):
June 28 - July 2, 2026**

More Information to follow.



Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



HARVEST TRAIN

It was a beautiful, unseasonably warm day in November for the annual Falcon Children's Home Harvest Train. The children lined the roadways and welcomed those in the parade, as they proudly displayed their decorated homes. The excitement moved into the tabernacle as the children performed their Christmas program with excellence, displaying gifts and talents that were above and beyond expectation.

This is an extraordinary ministry that has been a blessing to thousands of children for decades.

I would like to thank all those churches who financially gave to Harvest Train this year. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help to further this ministry. The Appalachian Conference donated gifts in cash and commodities in the amount of \$31,338.59.

A special thanks goes to Cornersview Pentecostal Holiness, who was our highest giver, with a grand total of \$18,138.59. They were listed as one of the top 10 largest givers in 2024 to Harvest Train.

It was an honor to attend Harvest Train with some of our Appalachian Conference officials, local church pastors and church members.





**Laura Parnell, Cheryl Morgan,
Janice Wright, Jill Buck & Katy Brewer**



**Gloria Meadors, Tammy Porter &
Kim Galford**

“UNSHAKEABLE”

The “Unshakeable” conference in Pigeon Forge, TN, was nothing more than unexplainable. The Black Fox Inn was buzzing with excitement as hundreds of ladies, from all ages, traveled hours to worship our Lord and Savior in one mind and one accord.

Pastor Candy Christmas from Regeneration Nashville was our keynote speaker and brought a powerful, on-time word to the women of the Appalachian Conference. The room was filled with the anointing of the Holy Spirit that broke chains, set captives free and rested on those who were weary. Many ladies received personal words of encouragement, prayer and life-changing moments with the Lord.

Overall, Unshakeable was a night to remember, and it was a privilege to be a part of this amazing event.





Worship Pastor Jasmine Brady

Pastor Candy Christmas





PRAISE! PEACE! AND POWER!

Have you heard the commercial that highlights the THREE P's? It is a catchy phrase that grabs your attention. Then you discover that it is an insurance ad which states the THREE P's are PRICE, PRICE and PRICE!

The topic today is about THREE P's. However, these P's are proven spiritual responses that bring forth great victories! It all begins with PRAISE. Heaven responds to those who offer sincere PRAISES! The Lord inhabits the praises of His followers. This means that He dwells with them. He is present with them.

"But thou art holy, O thou that inhabits the praises of Israel" (Psalm 22:3).

Jesus confirmed the significance of PRAISE when He talked with the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well. Praise is a force that penetrates the spiritual realm, and it attracts the attention of the heavenly Father. Praise is so valued that the Father seeks those who worship in spirit and in truth.

"But the hour comes, and now is, when true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him" (John 4:23).

HIGH PRAISES

HIGH PRAISES OF GOD are viewed as a spiritual weapon in Psalm 149:6.

*"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;
To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;
To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all His saints.
Praise you the Lord" (Psalm 149:6-9).*

HIGH PRAISES OF GOD can be understood as those which establish the Kingdom of God by defeating the enemy.

The Lord's Prayer includes a prayer for God's Kingdom to come.

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

Our efforts should focus on bringing forth God's Kingdom into all realms of earth!

PRAISE THAT OPENS PRISON DOORS

Paul and Silas brought God's Kingdom into an oppressive prison. They were beaten and bruised and cast into prison by evil men who falsely accused them. Paul and Silas had been teaching God's Word in the city of Thyatira. They were welcomed and supported by a leading woman of the city named Lydia. During their teaching sessions, they were rudely interrupted by a damsel possessed by a spirit of divination. (Acts 16:11-24)

The damsel followed them and shouted, *"These men are the servants of the Most High God, which show unto us the way of salvation" (Acts 16:17).*

She followed them for many days and Paul was distressed and grieved by her actions. (Acts 16: 17) One day Paul commanded the evil spirit to leave her. That very same hour she was delivered from the spirit of divination. Unfortunately, her masters were not pleased about her deliverance. She had brought them much money with her evil gifts. Now she was no longer able to bring profit. For this reason, these evil masters had charges brought against Paul and Silas.

But Paul and Silas demonstrated great faith in the prison. They praised God while their feet were bound in stocks. Their praises were loud and the other prisoners heard them. (Acts 16:25) Heaven also heard their praises and saw their faith.

Suddenly a great earthquake erupted and shook the prison doors open! When the keeper of the prison saw that the doors were opened and the prisoners could escape, he took a sword and started to thrust it into his body, because he knew the Romans would kill him. However, Paul stopped him and told him that everyone was there. Nobody tried to escape. This news brought the jailer to his knees, and he asked Paul what he should do to be saved. (Acts 16:26-34)

PEACE AND POWER

The praises of Paul and Silas brought peace into a troubled place. Likewise, our praises can bring peace into places of conflict and tension. Our praises can bring light into areas of darkness. And our praises can bring POWER from heaven into the situation!

QUESTION? What can you praise God for today?



- 1 Accelerant
- 15 Bible Quiz Scrimmage – CLI
- 16 Presidents Day – *Office Closed*
- 21 CONNECT – GM Leadership Day
- 26-28 The Huddle – Greenville, SC
- 28 Educational Fellowship