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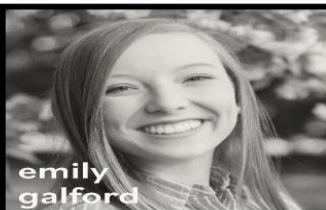
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Bluefield, WV 24701

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134 Hurricane Ridge Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Rev. Billy Griffin  
200 Fauber Road  
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773 Governors Way  
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Rev. James Hopkins  
110 Linkous Ave., Apt. E-103  
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Rev. Walter Wood  
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### August 30

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P.O. Box 1467  
Dublin, VA 24084



## BUNNIE WATKINS

1931 - 2023

Rev. Bunnie Watkins, Sr., 92, of Bluefield, WV, died peacefully on April 12, 2023. He was ordained in 1974 with the Appalachian Conference and subsequently pastored Yukon, Big Four, Premier, Eckman and Boissevain PHC. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Ruby Watkins. Pastor Charles Scruggs officiated at his funeral on April 15. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

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# The Bishop's Page

Preston Mathena



## **“How Beautiful are the Feet of my Father”**

by Pastor & Executive Council Member Rev. Stacy C. Cope

*How beautiful upon the mountains  
Are the feet of him who brings good news,  
Who proclaims peace,  
Who brings glad tidings of good things,  
Who proclaims salvation,  
Who says to Zion,  
“Your God reigns!”  
Isaiah 52:7 (NKJV)*

FATHER'S DAY — we think of celebrating this special day with our fathers and families. At times we think of a gift to purchase for our fathers. We ask ourselves these questions time to time: Which hat, pants, shirt, or tie will Dad like? I, personally, can be very difficult to purchase for. What about your father? Is he? What about you? You don't have to be a father to be difficult to purchase for. One of the hardest things for anyone to purchase for me, or my father, is a pair of shoes, but for very different reasons.

For me, I used to be a shoe salesman for 5 to 6 years in the late nineties, soon after being licensed in the ministry. In saying that, I learned a lot about shoes - what shoes to buy and wear and what shoes not to buy and wear. So, I am very difficult to purchase shoes for ever since.

For my father Rev. Gary C. Cope, back on April 1, 1974, (*Yes, April Fool's Day*) when me and my twin sister Tracy were only 2 months old and my oldest sibling Melissa was 2 years old, our father was in a very bad motorcycle accident while being a Virginia State Trooper. This was before his and mom's (Carolyn Elaine Cope 4/14/51 – 3-27-22) 36 years in ministry. The accident nearly took Dad's foot off. With much prayer, help from God, mom, doctors, and two of his best friends from the VSP, the doctors were able to surgically keep his foot on. Now you can see why it is very difficult to purchase shoes for my father. He has to go to a specialist to fit his shoe with a brace. Not every shoe can fit the brace, and that's why it's so difficult to purchase dad a pair of shoes. I'm sure my father would love to have my reason rather than his.

This year made my father's 49th year of walking on a crippled foot and leg. Thirty-six of those 49 years my father was a full-time minister here in this Appalachian Conference. He started his ministry in the late 70's at Salem Pentecostal Holiness Church in Salem, VA, with Rev. Roy Glennard Quesenberry being



the pastor. In the early 80's, Dad moved on to his first pastorate at Coalwood IPHC, in Coalwood, WV. Through the mid 80's and early 90's, Dad pastored Austinville IPHC, in Austinville, VA. In 1994, Dad was elected by the leadership of the Appalachian Conference to become the Appalachian Conference Christian Education Director, now known as the Discipleship Ministries Director. He served on many boards here in the Appalachian Conference and on the national level, as well as being involved in Royal Rangers and being one of the **FOUNDING FATHERS** of FIRE & ICE, now known as Accelerant. In the year of 2002, my father became the pastor of Word of Life Ministries in Wytheville, VA, now known as Life Changers Christian Center. During those years he served as the Appalachian Conference Treasurer as well. Dad served 29 of his 36 years in ministry in Conference leadership. Dad is retired from pastoring, yet still works today in security at one of the Volvo plants in Dublin, VA. He also became a pilot in the early 1990's.

How is this possible, a crippled man with a bad foot and leg, accomplishing so many things and so many more to even mention? Two of my favorite words throughout the Bible are "BUT, GOD!" These two little words can change a life, a marriage, a child, children, home, work, ministry, and much more. Most importantly for those reading this right now, those two little words can change and help you. If you allow them to! In honor of Father's Day, I wanted to honor my father Rev. Gary C. Cope with these scriptures (Isaiah 52:7 and Romans 10:15) and from my own words as well. *"How Beautiful are the feet of my father!"* Dad, when you could have said no and given up on life, mom, us children, and work when your tragedy struck, BUT GOD, you answered the Call to Ministry! With a bad foot and crippled leg, you chose to **RUN TO GOD!!!!** Praise the Lord! I Love and Honor you, Dad! Happy Father's Day!

Love, your only begotten son,  
Stacy Coy Cope



*And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:*

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

Romans 10:15 (NKJV)

**QUADRENNIAL  
CONFERENCE  
September 23  
9:00 a.m.**

**Delegate  
Registration  
forms due  
by July 15**

# Camp Meeting is Here!

*Next week we will be gathering on the Dublin campgrounds for our annual Camp Meeting! We are looking for a time of refreshing in the presence of the Lord, and we hope you will invite your friends to join you as we meet together.*

*Our guest speakers are preparing to be used by the Lord to bring a relevant, challenging word to us.*



**Pastor Sharo Ramkhelawan** was born on the island of Trinidad and raised in very humble conditions. She has been in ministry for 30 years with women who are called to preach. Pastor Sharo is currently the Senior Pastor (preacher girl) and entrepreneur of a beautiful tribe of people from 28 nations in the city of New York. She is dedicated to helping her fellow preacher girls succeed in their ministry assignment and in life. Pastor Sharo will be sharing in the Tuesday evening service.

[info@preachergirltv.com](mailto:info@preachergirltv.com)



**Pastor Tony Suarez** is the founder of Revivalmakers, a Spirit-filled evangelistic ministry that hosts events around the world. He is a regular host and guest on TBN and the Victory Chanel. Through his role as Chief Operating Officer of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC), Pastor Tony regularly meets with members of Congress, the White House, and speaks at events to advance the cause of righteousness, life, and religious liberty. Pastor Suarez will be ministering Wednesday-Friday evenings of Camp Meeting.

[www.tonysuarez.com](http://www.tonysuarez.com)



**Dr. Terry Tramel**, a minister in the IPHC for over 35 years, has ministered extensively in local church revivals, Bible conferences and camp meetings across America. Prior to 2017, he was a professor of Bible and Theology at Southwestern Christian university in Oklahoma. Dr. Tramel will be teaching the morning sessions Wednesday-Friday.



# World Missions & Evangelism

## Larry Meadors



## Hope Restoration Ministries Johnson City Church Plant



Pastors Loran and Melissa McDaniel are ministers in the (IPHC) International Pentecostal Holiness Church and are a part of the Appalachian Conference of the IPHC. Over the years they have worked in every aspect of ministry within the churches they have attended. They both enjoy teaching and serving others. They are passionate about finding relevant ways to reach the lost in the current cultural climate and they are both people who want to pour their hearts into others.

In January of 2022, Loran was struggling with the fact that he knew his family was brought to the Tri-Cities for a great purpose. In this prayer struggle, God began to shed light through the story of Nehemiah. When Loran saw the community, he saw that there were walls in rubble, spiritually speaking, and that many gates were torn down as well. The Lord's command was for Loran and Melissa to set forth rebuilding those spiritual walls and replacing those gates. At first, they felt like there were already churches filling this purpose, but God had always used this couple differently than the traditional church would approach things. Their non-traditional approach was exactly what they were being called to do. Thus, a church plant was born and that is where Hope Restoration Ministries was birthed.

Our Vision is to bring the truth and hope found in Jesus to a world that needs restoration. We believe God is actively pursuing every person, and our mission is to create an unconventional atmosphere where faith and hope are cultivated as we lead people to become deeply rooted and devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Hope Restoration Ministries seeks to reach the unchurched of Tri-Cities, TN, and specifically those in Johnson City, TN. This area has a population of 133,001, with 69,305 being churchied. That is only 52 percent of the population believing in any religion and not just Christianity. Johnson City is a metro area. The zip codes are 37604, 37614, 37601, 37615, 37694, 37659, 37643, and 37663. It is not uncommon for people to drive up to 25 to 35 miles to attend church in our area. This would include a circle touching 9 counties. The population of the tri-cities, as a whole, includes the cities of Blountville, Bluff City, Elizabethton, Fall Branch, Hampton, Johnson City, Jonesborough, Kingsport, Piney Flats, Telford, and Watauga, TN, as well as Bristol, TN, and VA. Those 9 counties are Washington County, Carter County, Unicoi County, Greene County, Sullivan County, Hawkins County, Johnson County, Hancock County, and Bristol, VA. With a total population of 534,150++ people, only 297,252 people identify as churchied. That leaves 44.3 percent identifying as unchurched. This area is also home to East Tennessee State University, Milligan University, Northeast State Community College, Tusculum University,

and King University. There is a large group of foreign exchange students in the area and it is also a haven for refugees. The community is currently being hit hard by the progressive Christianity movement. It is lacking in real truth teaching churches and in Pentecostal churches. The area is a melting pot with an influx of people from all over the country and from around the world. People are seeking truth here, though.

After living in the area for the last six years, we are witnesses to how thirsty the area is and to the outpouring of His Spirit to release people from addictions, the New Age movement, and from spiritual manifestations of demon possession. God is already working here and we want to be used by Him to help restore the walls and gates of this city by leading people to the truth found only in Jesus. \_Information gathered from thearda.com

Hope Restoration is currently seeking a Mother Church to adopt them or for multiple sister churches to add their support. Intercessors are greatly valued and appreciated. Would you consider sowing financially into the harvest of this East Tennessee area? For more information you may contact:

Hope Restoration Ministries  
P.O. Box 1611  
Johnson City, TN 37605

Email: [Pastor@hoperestorationtn.org](mailto:Pastor@hoperestorationtn.org)

The proposed launch window for Hope Restoration Ministries will be spring 2024.



**"The Blessed Generation IPHC" in Rome, Italy**

Recently, Gloria and I were blessed to be able to worship with our IPHC family in Rome, Italy. What a joy it was as our hearts were quickly knit together in the Holy Spirit. After I ministered from God's Word, there was a great time of ministry with the people who responded to be set free in Christ! This is a vibrant congregation that have plans and the vision to reach their community for Christ.

## The Global Outreach Offering is Producing Results!

World Missions Ministries has awarded six Antioch Grants for 2023, totaling a record-setting amount of \$350,000. The six awards are being allocated as follows: • Seville, Spain: \$75,000 was awarded to finalize the purchase of Seville property. • Nitza City, Japan: \$100,000 was awarded to purchase a building for Christian Life Center. • Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: \$41,000 was awarded to complete the construction of the Conference Ministry Center. • **Puerto Maidonado, Peru: \$48,500 was awarded to purchase four hectares for a Training Center/Church.** • Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: \$45,500 was awarded to complete the construction of Worship Centre. • Mexicali, Mexico: \$40,000 was awarded to complete the construction of Berea Church/Holmes Bible College Annex. Beginning in 2014, WMM strategically emphasized the priority of Antioch Grants as part of its departmental budget and Global Outreach (GO) emphasis. Executive Director Bishop J. Talmadge Gardner wrote of the grants' impact to this year's recipients saying, "To date, the response from our donors has been positive in that they are able to see their ministry resources leaving an indelible imprint on the fabric of a country." This year, that indelible imprint is being left on six different countries, thanks to the generous hearts of all who partnered with WMM and the Global Outreach Offering in 2022

Director of Global Outreach, Dr. Terry Tramel, said, "For most of the past several years, \$200,000 has been designated for Antioch Projects/Grants. However, this year, because of the generosity of the IPHC family and others, a total of \$1,935,000 was given in the Global Outreach Offering. This far eclipsed the previous record total by over \$320,000. Because of this response, WMM was able to award \$350,000 for Antioch Grants for this year to projects in six different locations around the globe. We say, 'To God be the glory – great things He has done.'"

Missionaries to Peru, David and Ceci Hodges, will be using the Antioch Grant to purchase four hectares of land in the Amazon Rainforest. As the Hodges have recognized a desire within the nationals for stronger education for their leadership and to establish a permanent ministry presence, the property will provide the opportunity for a church and for a ministry and missions training center. Incredibly, the Appalachian Conference Missions Department, under the leadership of Larry Meadors, has raised over \$30,000 to build a church on the property, and is in an effort to raise a total of \$50,000, with the remainder to go toward the construction of a training center. **UPDATE: ONLY \$15,200 IS NEEDED FOR THIS SPECIAL PROJECT. PLEASE GIVE TO # 61000P.** The Appalachian Conference has scheduled a construction and children's ministry team to help see the project through in August 2023. According to the Hodges, the fields along the Amazon River are ripe for harvest, and they are ready to establish a permanent ministry presence.

**Global Outreach (GO) Service \* June 16 \* 7:00 PM**

**Camp Meeting in Dublin**

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**2023 Goal: \$250,000**



# Discipleship Ministries

Ron Fredericks

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## **Fine Arts Junior Division (7 - 12 years old)**

### **SUPERIOR RATING**

#### Vocal Solo

Olivia Martin, Mossy Living Word	Abel Williams, Buena Vista
Hannah Graham, Liberty Hill	Elisha Carpenter, Mossy Living Word
Josiah Graham, Liberty Hill	Savannah Hughes, Liberty Hill
Grace Burton, Valley Harvest	Alicia Garmon, Valley Harvest
Kayleigh, Burton, Valley Harvest	

#### Instrumental Solo

Asher Williams, Buena Vista  
Ethan McClerkin, Missions  
Abel Williams, Buena Vista

#### Creative Writing: Poetry

Jax Hutton, Victory Restoration

#### Worship Dance: Individual

Eden Camden, Valley Harvest  
Grace Burton, Valley Harvest  
Kayleigh Burton, Valley Harvest

#### Inaudible Drama: Individual

Hannah Graham, Liberty Hill

#### Expressive Worship: Group

Kingdom Krew: Hillsville  
(Sadie Mabry, Madyson Lasher, Lily Spencer, Mahala Holderfield,  
Laynee Burnette & Bella Phipps)

#### Visual Arts: Drawing

Grayson Garmon, Valley Harvest  
Kayleigh Burton, Valley Harvest  
Grace Burton, Valley Harvest

#### Visual Arts: Painting

Toby Collins, Harbor of Hope  
Elisha Carpenter, Mossy Living Word

#### Photography

Josiah Graham, Liberty Hill

### **FAIR RATING**

#### Photography

Elisha Carpenter, Mossy living Word

## Fine Arts Teen Division (13 - 19 years old)

### **SUPERIOR RATING**

#### Vocal Solo: Alpha

Abigail Hillenberg, St. Paul  
Laura Garmon, Valley Harvest

#### Vocal Solo: Omega

Colin Hall, Valley Harvest  
Claire Dunnigan, Valley Harvest  
Sophia O'Mahony, Buena Vista  
Tyler Shiflet, Good News Ministry  
Sarah Light, Mossy Living Word  
Graci Green, Liberty Hill

#### Vocal Ensemble

Unleashed Youth Ensemble, Valley Harvest  
(Claire Dunnigan & Colin Hall)

#### Instrumental Solo : Omega

Ben Moles, Valley Harvest  
Isaac Carpenter, Mossy Living Word

#### Worship Band

Unleashed Youth Ensemble, Valley Harvest  
(Claire Dunnigan, Colin Hall, Laura Garmon,  
James Paine, Kendra Jackson, Ben Moles &  
Elise Kirtner)

#### Short Sermon: Omega

Jeremiah Light, Mossy Living Word  
Evan Carpenter, Mossy Living Word  
Sarah Light, Mossy Living Word

#### Creative Writing: Omega

Lainey Carpenter, Mossy Living Word  
Sarah Light, Living Word

#### Song Writing: Omega

Isaac Carpenter, Mossy Living Word

#### Worship Dance: Individual: Alpha

Elise Kirtner, Valley Harvest

#### Worship Dance: Group

Awaken Dance Team, Buena Vista  
(Kadence Zollman, Peyton Chittum, Braelyn  
Polly, Janie Ramsey & Allie Cullen)

#### Inaudible Drama Individual: Alpha

Hope Marcum, Good News Ministry

#### Expressive Worship: Individual: Alpha

Jordan Willis, Hillsville  
Peyton Chittum, Buena Vista

#### Expressive Worship: Group

Out Break Youth, Hillsville  
(Jordan Willis & Maggie Carico)

#### Visual Art: Drawing: Alpha

Jordan Willis, Hillsville

#### Visual Art: Painting: Alpha

Emmy Collins, Harbor of Hope

#### Visual Arts: Drawing: Omega

Olivia Simone, Hillsville

#### Visual Arts: Painting: Omega

Lainey Carpenter, Mossy Living Word  
Olivia Simone, Hillsville  
Sarah Light, Mossy Living Word  
Amaya Lawson, Natural Bridge

#### Photography: Alpha

Kamaury McCulley, Mossy Living Word

#### Photography: Omega

Sarah Light, Mossy Living Word

### **GOOD RATING**

#### Short Sermon: Omega

Wyatt Brown, Good News Ministry

**Jax Hutton**

**Age 10**

**Christiansburg, VA 24073**

**Victory Restoration Church**

**Junior – Creative Writing Poetry**

### **Night and Day**

In the beginning God made light

To separate the day and night.

Sometimes we think the world is dim

That the sun will never shine again.

Now children come and listen in

To a told as old as time.

You think the sun has fallen and the moon shall ever rise.

You think the world is out to get you and plan your own demise.

But listen in my friend.

The sun always comes up in the end.

**Sarah Light**

**Age 18**

**Mossy, WV**

**Mossy Living Word Church**

**Omega Teen – Creative Writing Poetry**

Raised in private school, I was bereded with the teaching that

My body is a rose.

Anything that happened to it decreased its value,

And it was always my fault.

My clothes, my posture, too welcoming, too quiet.

They failed to mention that what the enemy intends for evil, God intricately wields for my benefit.

Like many other little girls paralyzed by purity culture,

I became angry with God

And attempted to shield my brokenness.

Because, “who would possibly want this wilted rose?”

It took me too long to realize that God knew my mistakes long before my birth

And yet still chose to call me His.

So to anyone who would look upon the homeless,

The unruly and vile,

Their country, their home, their kids,

and even themselves and ask,

“Who could possibly want this trampled rose?”

I point you to the One who endured the shame, betrayal, and absence from the Father

So we could experience His freedom.

I point you to the One who conquered hell and now prays in heaven on our behalf.

I point you to the one who sacrificed everything so

nothing in the past or future,

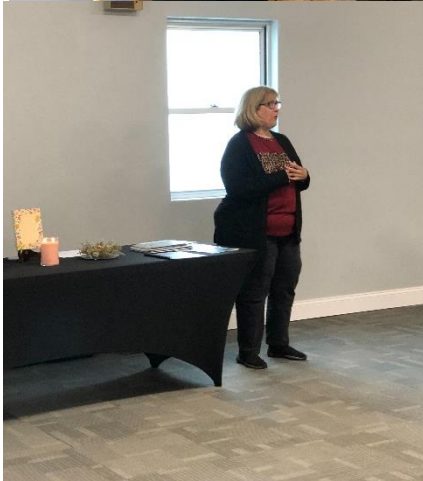
no circumstance or power,

could separate us from His love.

I point you to the one who sympathizes and is drawn to the wilted.

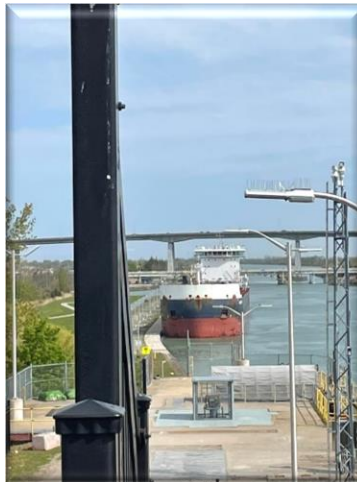
I point you to Jesus.

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# Men's Ministries

Steve Winesett



## Men's Ministries 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seed Time Golf Tournament

Friday, May 19, 2023, eleven teams of four, along with Steve Winesett, Appalachian Conference Men's Ministries Director, W. A. Mills, IPHC Director of Men's Ministries and Ron Fredericks, Appalachian Conference Discipleship Ministries Director, met in Galax, VA, at the Blue Ridge Golf Course for a day of fun and fellowship. We are thankful for each man and lady who participated, as the proceeds from this tournament go to help fund scholarships for Youth Camp. Those churches participating this year were: Hillsville PHC, Little Vine PHC, Bethel PHC, Natural Bridge PHC, Voice of Praise PHC, Speedwell PHC, Fries PHC, Cross Point Ministries and the Rock Church, Galax. Also, a special thank you to those who sponsored holes to fund camp scholarships: Rural Retreat, Jane Dove, Scentsy by Tammy Pickett, Mercy Drop Ministries Pastor Jeff Pickett, Hillsville PHC, Girls Ministries Appalachian Conference, Discipleship Ministries Appalachian Conference, W. A., Mills and Ron and Pam Fredericks.



Join us Friday, August 25, 2023, at Draper Valley Golf Course for the Men's Ministries ATAM (Alternative to Abortion Ministries) Golf Tournament. For more information on registering a team or sponsoring a hole, contact the Conference Office at 540-674-4131 ext. 201 or Steve Winesett at 336-408-2008.

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# Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



## ***“A Proud Daughter”***

**Proverbs 17:6 says,** “Children’s children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.”



As I have said before, I have truly been blessed with the best parents. I’m sure they could share their many flaws they see but to me, I don’t see the flaws.

We have just gone through the month of May and celebrated our mothers. What an honor and blessing it is to still have my mother with me. She is truly a treasure in my life.

As we enter the month of June, we have an opportunity to focus on our dads and what they mean to us.

So, let me tell you about my dad.

As a child, my dad worked as a coal miner. He worked nights so he was always at home during the day. In the summer months, when my sister and I were out of school, Dad would take us wherever he went. The

barber shop on Main Street, Lloyd’s Bakery in Princeton for a pepperoni roll or to the market to sell some cows. Whatever it was, he toted us along, never complaining that he had two girls to take care of. I’ve never forgotten that. He wasn’t your typical dad that you see these days. He loved being a dad who shared the responsibilities of child care with my Mom, who had her own career to navigate.

I often sit back and reflect on those days and how Dad took us to church, loved our mom, provided for us, left special snacks in his lunch box for us to find and how he spoiled us in the best way.

Fast forward many years. He is the best granddaddy, great “granny daddy,” husband, dad and father-in-law to us all. His health is failing and he is frail. I am not sure how many more Father’s Days I will have with my sweet dad but I will forever be thankful that God allowed me to be his daughter.

As I reflect on Proverbs 17:6, I can honestly say that I am proud of my dad. Not that he has always been perfect, but he is perfect for me.

# "GATHER" WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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SPEAKER  
**BETH STEPHENS-JOHNSON**



*I Love you, dad...*



## STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE DEVIL

*"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11).*

Elisha was a famous prophet who succeeded Elijah, the prophet. Elisha knew how to stay ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE ENEMY. He was able to detect every ambush that the king of Syria planned against the army of Israel. And he warned the king of Israel about the war plans of Syria. Therefore, the king of Israel kept his army away from all possible ambush areas!

*"The man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou not pass such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down" (II Kings 6:9).*

### THE DEVIL IS A MASTER AT PLANNING AMBUSHES

The devil is a master-mind in spiritual warfare. However, we have greater weapons, which include the Name of Jesus, the Word of God, and the Power of the Holy Spirit. In addition, we have a church family that will stand in prayer with us.

Then why do so many Christians walk right into an ambush of the devil? They have the ability to steer clear of these traps. And when they fall into an ambush, they bring distress not only upon themselves, but also their families! We will discover the answer, as we look at the actions of Elisha!

### STAY TUNED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

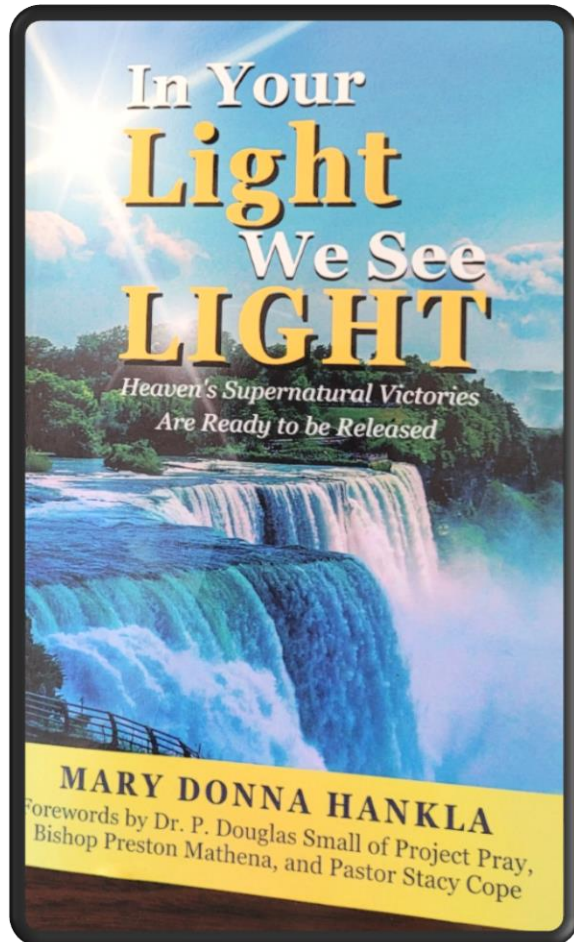
The king of Syria was very angry when he discovered that the army of Israel consistently AVOIDED his ambushes. He checked with his military generals to see if a spy was in his army. He was told that there were no spies! Instead, Elisha exposed the ambush strategies of Syria. *"And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that thou speak in your bedchamber" (II Kings 6:12).* Elisha was able to HEAR from the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us that his sheep hear his voice. (John 10:1-5) These sheep will not follow a stranger. To stay one step ahead of the devil, we must be able to HEAR from the Holy Spirit. He speaks to us primarily through THE WORD OF GOD. When we sense a leading of the Holy Spirit, we should ask for confirmation from God's Word!

### TO SEE

Elisha was also able to SEE in the spirit realm. When the Syrian army came after him, both Elisha and his servant were in the city of Dothan. The servant looked out the window and saw that they were surrounded by the Syrian army. In fear, he cried out and asked Elisha what they should do. Elisha told him that there were more with them, than against them. (II Kings 6:16) He prayed for the eyes of the servant to be opened. Then the servant saw the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire surrounding Elisha.

We can pray for God to open our eyes so we can SEE when necessary!

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**AUGUST** 4 – 6    Girls' Ministries Retreat

                    25    Men's Ministries ATAM Golf Tournament

                    26    Senior Picnic – Claytor Lake

                  20 – 29    Mission One Trip - Peru