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The ground began to shake

The stone was rolled away

His perfect love could not be
overcome

Now death, where is your sting

Our resurrected King

Has rendered you defeated

Forever, He is glorified

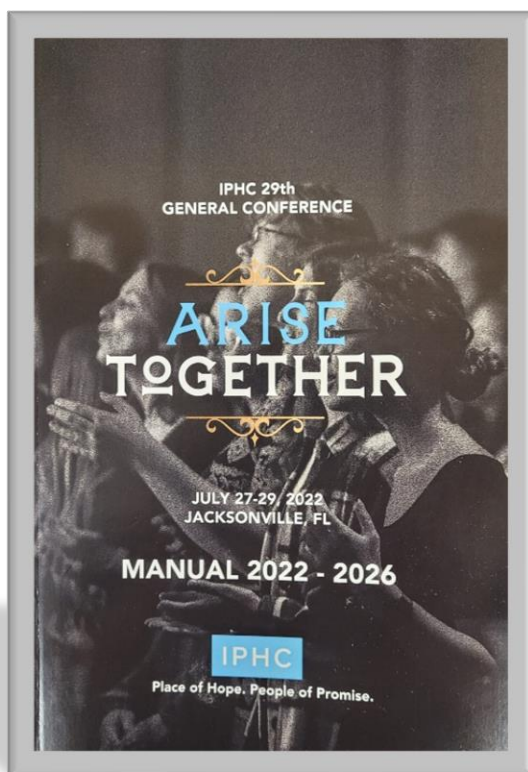
Forever, He is lifted high

Forever, He is risen

He is alive

He is alive





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The Bishop's Page

Preston Mathena



HOW DO WE KNOW IF THE RESURRECTION IS TRUE?

by Sam Rainer

The resurrection is true, and Jesus is alive! But how can we know? Our faith hinges on the reality of the resurrection. Remove Jesus' resurrection, and our faith is worthless. Without an empty tomb, Christianity becomes religious moralism. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then all eternity is in question.

Easter Sunday is an early church tradition, dating back to the 100s and firmly established by 300 A.D. Where did Easter originate? The day is an early church tradition. Likely, the earliest Jewish Christians transferred their Passover observance to that of Easter, focusing on Jesus' resurrection. At the same time, the church included Good Friday, focusing on the crucifixion. Church tradition is important, showing the earliest Christians believed in Jesus' resurrection.

There were hundreds of eyewitnesses! In the book of Acts, the early church based its mission on Jesus' resurrection. The gospel writers believed Jesus rose from the grave. The Apostle Paul recognizes the necessity of the resurrection in his first letter to the church at Corinth. *"And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless"* 1 Corinthians 15:14 (NLT).

In 1 Corinthians 15:3, Paul uses language that implies the early church had passed down the truth of the resurrection by oral tradition. I like how the New American Standard Bible says, *"I delivered to you what I also received."*

Paul wrote this letter in the mid-50s, so he is delivering an older oral tradition. Where did he get it? Likely in the later 30s from church leaders in Jerusalem (this exchange is recorded in Galatians 1). The resurrection creed dates between two and five years after Jesus' death! So what? Why is this part of Paul's writing important? The Bible confirms the resurrection account everywhere in the New Testament. There were eyewitnesses and no known disputes with those who saw Jesus resurrected. The church believed in the resurrection from the very beginning. The doctrine was not added later.

Frankly, it takes more faith not to believe in the resurrection than it does to say the tomb is empty. The resurrection is true, and Jesus is alive! See you on Easter Sunday.

Onward!



He is risen!



Camp Meeting 2024

June 11 - 14

SPEAKERS

- ✓ Pastor Sharo – Tuesday pm
- ✓ Pastor Tony Suarez – Wednesday-Friday pm
- ✓ Dr. Ryan Jackson – Wednesday-Friday am

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The Good Shepherd

Preaching Effectively

by Dr. Dan Woods

REGISTRATION FORM

Please sign me up for the following class:

April 6, 2024: “Preaching Effectively”

- Becoming a better preacher (in preparation, presentation, and Pentecostal power).
- Resisting ministry fads and perpetuating all that is good in our Pentecostal Holiness heritage.

☐ April 6, 2024 Class (\$25)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I have enclosed the ☐ \$25 fee for the third class.

Please return form to:

Appalachian Conference
Attn: Rhonda W. Smith
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God's Goodness

For a second year in a row the Appalachian Conference gave over a million dollars for the Great Commission! The total of \$1,039,125 set a new record in giving. The Global Outreach offering was the third highest total ever with \$196,035! Thank you for your heart in giving for kingdom expansion. Your prayers and your giving are resulting in great growth in IPHC World Missions. In the past five years, World Mission's ministry presence has reached into an additional 14 countries, now totaling 107. Even more astounding is that 3,719 new churches have been planted in this same time period. All thanks and glory to God!

This month's Great Commission Meals will be a celebration of God's goodness and a realization that the work is not yet over. Pastors and missions' directors, I look forward to seeing you around the table for these special meetings. A special thanks to all who have given to the Global Outreach offering (GO) this past year!

TOP GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING GIVING

- Harbor of Hope – Pastor Craig Reed - \$20,000 – Mission One Level Award
- Calvary Full Gospel – Pastor Rick Krietemeyer - \$10,000 – Engage Level Award
- Cales Chapel – Pastor Wayne Browning - \$10,000 – Engage Level Award
- Amazing Grace Ministries – Pastor Bill Evans - \$9,250 – Grow Level Award
- Tygart Valley Ministries – Pastor Curlie Ray - \$8,300 – Grow Level Award
- Beckley Praise – Pastor Paul Chapman - \$8,236 – Grow Level Award
- Pine Mountain – Pastor Doug Stuart - \$8,000 – Grow Level Award
- Voice of Praise – Pastor N.R. Taylor - \$6,739 – Give Level Award
- Premier – Pastor Randall Dority - \$5,739 – Give Level Award
- Cool Springs – Pastor Shane McSweeney - \$5,659 – Give Level Award
- Ashway – Pastor Dean Brewster - \$5,300 – Give Level Award
- Shenandoah – Pastor Jim Kite - \$5,000 – Give Level Award
- Word of Life – Pastor Adam Cabbage - \$5,000 – Give Level Award
- Lexington – Pastor George Close - \$3,100 – Go Level Award
- French's Chapel – Pastor Mike Reynolds - \$3,000 – Go Level Award
- Daystar Worship Center – Pastor Larry Humphrey - \$2,800 – Go Level Award
- Garten – Pastor John Pittman - \$2,722 – Go Level Award
- New Hope – Pastor Randy Miller - \$2,589 – Go Level Award
- Leckie – Pastor Mary Lambert - \$2,500 – Go Level Award
- Living Word – Pastor Paul Basham - \$2,500 – Go Level Award



Ministry is best accomplished among relationships. The Foundry is planning an event to help create community among our pastors, ministers and church staff members, plus their families. In a first ever event of this kind, the Foundry is hosting a day to enjoy a free event that features a picnic, live music, inflatables for youth and children, cornhole competition and giveaways. Bring your lawn chair and get ready for a great afternoon of fun!

All this will take place Saturday, **May 18**, from **2 pm to 5 pm** (drop in) at **Natural Bridge Christian Fellowship** (21 Gilmores Mill Road, Natural Bridge Station, Va). Make it a family day by coming to the area early and enjoying Natural Bridge State Park and Virginia Safari Park. Contact the conference office for group pricing information for these attractions.

Fall Foundry Training

*Great Commission
Equipping Training*

with Jim Eby

**August 23 (evening)
and August 24**

More information
available soon



An online resource of available evangelists is being developed. An application to be listed is on the conference website.

<https://appconf.org/available-evangelists>



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Prayer is a central strategy to reaching the students of Virginia Tech for Christ. Pastor Rick Sizemore of Our Refuge is inviting the conference family to a prayer walk, April 4 at 10 a.m. It will begin at the church building located at 600 Center Street, Blacksburg, Va. Donna Hankla and Debbie Hutton, our conference prayer leaders, will be part of this event.

Here are some of the prayer points that Pastor Rick has shared:

1. God's will be brought about at VT, Blacksburg and the NRV as it is in Heaven. (Matthew 6:9-ff)
2. Praying for open doors for us to be able to speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ at and in VT, Blacksburg and the NRV. (Colossians 4:2-3)
3. Stand in the breach to restore the ancient foundations and streets of the Most High God at VT, Blacksburg and the NRV. (Isaiah 58:12)
4. The removal of the deception of philosophy, intellectualism, political correctness, Godless religion and traditions of men would be removed from VT, Blacksburg and the NRV. (Colossians 2:8)

Church Planters Intensive

EVUSA is hosting the next Church Planters Intensive May 15-17 at the Bridge Church in Virginia Beach. You will hear from successful planters about how to raise funds, how to build a launch team and how to launch strong and healthy.

This training is a "must" for any serious church planter. There is no registration fee for the Intensive. You also can meet other planters and build relationships. You don't have to plant alone! <https://iphc.org/evangelism/>

Breaking Barriers Conference

Breaking Barriers is the HGM (Healthy, Growing, Multiplying Churches) national conference for pastors and leaders. In 2024, Breaking Barriers will be held April 15-17 in Pelzer, SC, at Beech Springs Church.

You will hear from Pastor Mike Burnette from LifePoint Church in Clarksville, Tennessee, and Pastor Greg Surratt, the founding Pastor of Seacoast Church in Mount Pleasant, SC. Dr. David Docusen, the author of "Neighborliness," will also be speaking on the topic of community engagement.

General sessions will include panel discussions, including identifying and developing the next generation of leaders, emotional and relational health for leaders, church planting, and more.

There will be breakouts for worship, kids, students, and connections directors, as well as breakouts for senior pastors.

Breaking Barriers is for your entire team.

Tuesday and Wednesday will include tier learning lunches.

There is no registration cost for Breaking Barriers, so register you and your team today.

<https://www.hgmchurches.com/event-details-registration/2024-breaking-barriers>

Happy Easter



Discipleship Ministries

Ron Fredericks

www.appconf.org



REACH

TEACH

RELEASE

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

Matthew 28:19-20

Discipleship

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IPHC FINE ARTS

Appalachian Conference Fine Arts Festival

Guidelines and Registrations available @

<https://appconf.org/junior-amp-teen-fine-arts>

**Friday & Saturday
April 19 & 20, 2024**

(Friday is an optional day based on entries.
All entrants will be notified of schedule.)

Register by March 15, 2024

Fine Arts:

*developing leaders,
equipping &
releasing students*



**YOUTH
QUEST
2024**

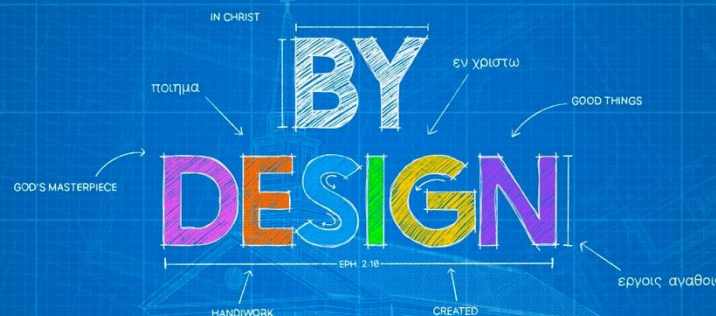
EPH. 2:10

FOR WE ARE GOD'S
MASTERPIECE. HE HAS
CREATED US ANEW IN
CHRIST JESUS, SO WE CAN
DO THE GOOD THINGS HE
PLANNED FOR US LONG AGO.

YOUTHQUEST

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**TERRY
PARKMAN**





Colt Barker Memorial Derby

We want to invite you to the **Colt Barker Memorial Derby Day** hosted by Boys' Ministries, held at the Appalachian Conference Campgrounds in Dublin, VA, on **May 18, 2024**. Everyone is welcome, both boys and girls, men and women. It's an exciting time for kids and adults of all ages and a great opportunity to explore 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 registration fee is **\$10.00** for each participant for the first car and an additional fee of **\$2.00** for a second car.

Registration forms are attached. Please fill out before you arrive!

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
9th-12th grade

We will also have a division for:

Girls

Adults (new cars only)

Open Division (which is open to everyone. It must be an additional car, new or old.)

Modified Division (open to all racers. Refer to the accompanying documents for guidelines regarding requirements/rules for Modified Division cars.)

As always, there will be a Best-of-Show award and each racer will receive a patch.

We encourage you to order your kit from:

Lifesprings Resources: 1-800-541-1376

Item Number 4715410: Ranger Derby Car Kit 2023 Edition

(If unavailable online, please call and Lifesprings will get them for you.)

Once again, we are going to raise money for a missions project. This year Discipleship Ministries is doing a joint trip to the Dominican Republic. The offering will purchase a **9 Square** that will be taken and given for use in student ministries by the Missionaries Chris & Alicia Dunlap. Jesus gave us The Great Commission, so we need to do our part! Food and refreshments will be available for sale.

Please come join us for this fun-filled day! If there are any questions, please call us!

Sincerely,

Freddie Sweet

Appalachian Conference Commander

IPHC Boys' Ministries/Royal Rangers

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General Rules and Car Specifications

The following are guidelines and specifications for the Colt Barker Memorial Derby.

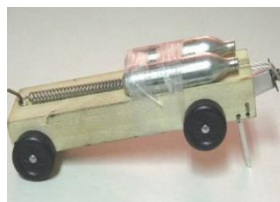
1. A contestant may enter only one car per racing class except for Open, which is unlimited.
2. In order to be eligible for competition (either racing or workmanship), a car must fit on and roll down the track without interfering with any other car.
3. Cars must meet the following specifications. Note: Check the kit block before you start. Some variation may exceed the maximums right out of the box.
 - a. Maximum Length (including all attachments) 7 1/2"
 - b. Maximum Width 2 3/4"
 - c. Maximum Height 3"
 - d. Maximum Weight 5 1/2 oz. (156 grams)
 - e. Maximum Under-Car Clearance 3/8"
4. **Pinewood Derby cars will be made from kits sold by Lifesprings Resources, item no. 4715410 Ranger Derby Car Kit 2023 Edition. The contestant must use the parts provided in the kit for their intended use.**



5. The contestant may add weights to the car in order to bring the car to the maximum allowed weight. Weights must be an integral part of the car. They may be placed inside the block, mounted as an ornament, or be otherwise permanently attached. Weights may not be taped or set on a car. If weights or any other part of a car comes off during a heat, the heat will be rerun. If the same car or parts leave the track again, the car is disqualified from racing. No heat/race will be delayed while repairs are made.
6. Dry graphite lubricants only.
7. Wheels may not be altered in shape or thickness. No metal-to-metal contact is allowed. No washers allowed.
8. If a car needs to be lubricated or worked on before it is registered, there will be a designated place set up for that purpose. No work or lubrication can be done after the car has been registered.
9. ***Cars raced previously at events/races other than the local church, for practice before this race, can only race in open class.***

Modified Division Rules

1. The modified car can be powered by gravity, electric, air or mechanical means. Car must be free of wire connection once gate is open. Radio controls may be used.
2. **Car must have a similar axle design and width of kit sold by Lifesprings.**
3. **No lubricants that remain wet on race day and can drip onto track are allowed.**
4. **Wheel washers are not allowed.**
5. Car must fit within the size specification to fit on track.
 - a. Maximum Length (including all attachments) 7 3/4"
 - b. Maximum Width 3 1/2 "
 - c. Maximum Height 4 "
 - d. Maximum Weight 11 oz. (312 grams)
 - e. Maximum Under-Car Clearance 3/8"
6. Race will consist of three cars or less at a time, as to allow an empty lane to provide room for oversized cars. The number of times each car will race will be determined on race day based on number of participants in class. *You may want to make sure your car can race more than one time.*
7. Car cannot be worked on other than changing or charging battery, changing CO2, turning on or off motors. If damage occurs, a review by race officials and limited repair may be allowed. **No lubrication or unapproved work will be allowed once car is checked in.**
8. Here are a few examples. Find more online.



*****No use of incendiary device (fireworks, bottle rockets, flares,etc).**

*****No use of liquid propellants or chemical reactions.**

*****No use of firearm ammunition.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO BE PART OF...

CAMP MARANATHA 2024

‘SURRENDER’

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

EXTREME TEEN: JUNE 17 - 21

DESTINY: JUNE 24 - 28

ADVENTURE QUEST: JUNE 30 – JULY 3

For more information contact Discipleship
Ministries 540-674-4131 ext. 201

SAVE THE DATE:



**Appalachian
Conference
Girls' Ministries
Retreat**

AUGUST 2 – 4, 2024

**For more information contact:
Elaine Wood: girlz4jc@gmail.com**

or 540-357-5614





Men's Ministries

Steve Winesett



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Steve Winesett -336-408-2008

Men's Ministry Director

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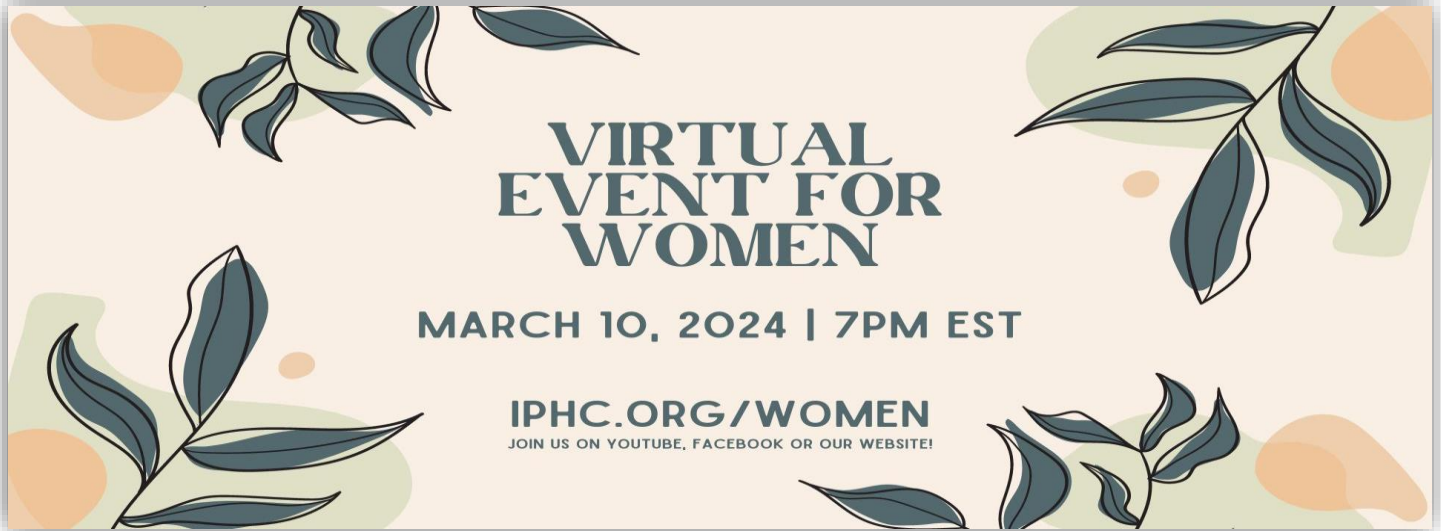
PROVERBS 22:6





Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



Women's Ministries Day

We will celebrate Women's Ministries Day on March 10, 2024. 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.

“Focus on LIFE”

When you think of Easter, what comes to your mind? Spring? Tulips? Pastel colors? Little ones hunting plastic eggs with prizes inside? Maybe you do think about some of these things, but more than likely, Jesus is your first thought.

As Christians, the season of Easter reminds us of life and hope. It’s the time when we are reminded of the magnitude of God’s love and the promise we have in Him of new life!

Obviously, we think about the crucifixion and all that Jesus went through for our salvation. Sometimes, the thought of being betrayed by Judas is on our mind. Just wondering how someone who walked so close with Jesus – ate with Him, sat under His teaching, stood beside Him while He healed the sick, raised the dead and restored the broken – could betray Him. We watch amazing movies that bring to life the depth of His suffering. For sure, we need never forget what He went through and the road He walked because His love for us was greater than the cross He bore.

For me, Easter, specifically Passion Week, has become a time of reflecting on what Jesus went through from Palm Sunday to just one week later when He rose from that cold, dark grave.

I can’t imagine what emotions He endured as He walked that road. He felt loved, anger, hurt, disappointment, sorrow, betrayal and so much more. How did He do it? He was God, I know, but He was also man. He could have aborted His mission. He could have put a stop to the plan that He agreed to. But He didn’t!

It’s so easy to focus on the cruel death of Jesus. For sure, we need never forget His sacrifice, but He died so we could live. It isn’t about His death but about His resurrection that we rejoice!





DIG ANOTHER WELL

"He moved away from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over that one; so they named it Rehoboth (broad places), saying, 'For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be prosperous in the land' (Genesis 26:22) (The Amplified Study Bible)."

Famine oppressed the land. And God intervened to protect his children. The Lord instructed Isaac not to go to Egypt, but to the territory of Gerar. (Genesis 26:1-6) In this land Abimelech ruled as king of the Philistines. In this land Isaac would prosper! Even with a famine in the land, God blessed Isaac with a 100-fold crop.

"Then Isaac sowed in the land, and received in the same year, a hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him" (Genesis 26:12). His prosperity did not go undetected. The Philistines saw the blessings of God, and envy was sparked in their hearts.

Such a demonic response continues to be released today. But despite the threat, we can take comfort that even as God protected Isaac and his family, He will protect us.

REDIGGING HIS FATHER'S WELLS

Isaac was sending a message with his efforts to redig the wells that his father had dug in the past. As a custom of the culture of the East, to dig wells was to prove a title of the surrounding lands. These wells of his father had been filled and obstructed by the Philistines. He was reclaiming territory once possessed by his father. Also, he was seeking a source of water to sustain life for those that accompanied him.

AN ACT OF WAR

In the valley of Gerar, Isaac's servants dug a well. And they found a well of springing water. (Genesis 26:19) But their celebration was short-lived. The herdsmen of Gerar resisted Isaac's servants. Falsely, they claimed that the water belonged to them. (Genesis 26:20)

Isaac named this well Esek. The meaning of this name is lawsuit. To fill the wells that had been dug was considered a hostile act, and even an act of war!

THE RESPONSE OF A GODLY MAN

Isaac had strong faith in God. He trusted God. He was aware that God had blessed him. He was not willing to engage in distracted warfare. Peace was precious to him.

For these reasons, Isaac and his servants moved to another well. Again, the herdsmen strove against his servants. Isaac named this well Sitnah. Sitnah means Satan or Accuser.

Peace was still the priority of Isaac. He moved his men to another well.

ROOM FOR ISAAC

Isaac's men dug another well. This time there was no opposition. Rehoboth was the name he gave to this well. Rehoboth meant that God had made ROOM for Isaac and his family. His family would dwell in the land and be fruitful. (Genesis 26:22)

ENVY, JEALOUSY AND ACCUSATION

These three weapons of the devil are still used to obstruct, to interfere and even hinder God's people. Have you ever wondered why the door was slammed in your face? CLOSING DOORS is a delight to the devil. He does not want to see doors of opportunity and blessings open for God's people.

ROOM FOR YOU

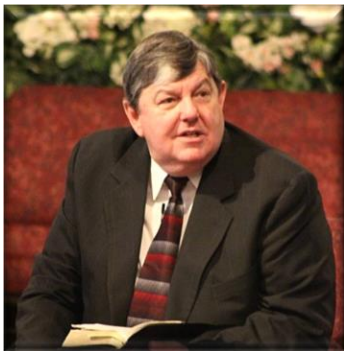
Like Isaac, be a person of peace. Persevere in prayer and see what God will do!

"For He has broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder" (Psalm 107:16).



WIN Spring Prayer Festival

***Open
your
doors
for
prayer
in 2024***



Guest speaker, Dr. P. Douglas Small, president of Project Pray, has issued a request for churches to open the church and let the people come and pray. He states, "It is simple. No fanfare. No live music. No preaching." Just come and pray!

DATE: April 13, 2024

TIME: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Training Center, Dublin

Dr. Doug Small is a gifted teacher with expertise in the area of prayer. His prayer outreach includes South Korea and Africa, as well as the U.S. January 1-21, 2024, he led 21 Days of Prayer. This year, he has enlisted prayer teams from Seoul, Korea, to pray in 21 cities in the United States.

***"Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer
and request, and stay alert with all perseverance
and intercession for all the saints."***

Ephesians 6:18



6 **Ministers' Class**

13 **WIN Prayer Day – Training Center**

19-20 **Fine Arts Festival**

22-24 **Spring Senior Trip**