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7 PM



Speaker Evangelist Tony Suarez challenges us to "step into the river of revival." Don't miss it!

# NEW LEADERSHIP AND MINISTERS IN THE APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE



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# The Bishop's Page



# Larry Meadors House of Heroes



The "house of the heroes." This description in Nehemiah 3:16 jumped from the page as I read it. Perhaps to the writer, he was merely naming a geographic point in sharing the progress of rebuilding the wall.

In Jerusalem, it seems that there was a physical place that attributed honor to those who had shown courage and bravery. It is not clear if it was built to honor David's mighty men or if it was just a fitting name for a military barracks. Its inclusion in scripture is perhaps more than that. This name stirs my heart.

Sometimes I go up to the Tabernacle, here on the campground, just to pray or have a place of quiet solitude. I

think of it as a house of heroes. My mind recalls the brave men and women of our faith who have carried the gospel to the coal fields, to our cities, and around the world. I am thankful for their sacrifice and encouraged to do the same.

It's personal for me to kneel at this altar. It's personal because Jesus Himself is the greatest hero to me. He overcame all that hell could throw at him, yet without sin or failure.

Remembering Jesus, remembering other keepers of the faith encourages me to be better...to do better. How about you?

# FALL REGIONAL REVIVALS — OCTOBER 24-28

Choose a church location convenient to you and make it a priority to attend one of these revival meetings. (See cover for schedule.) Evangelist Tony Suarez is excited about fanning the fires of revival. Come expecting to take that fire back to your local church. Everyone is encouraged to participate. These revival meetings are in lieu of the fall district trainings for 2025.

# **PASTOR HUDDLES**

More Pastor Huddles are popping up! These are informal times of fellowship around a meal. In Harrisonburg, we had fun and a great time of prayer. The next one is scheduled for Wytheville on September 4, at 6 p.m., at the Fiddler restaurant. Your spouse is invited and everyone pays for their own meal. See you soon!

# GOD AT WORK AT PRAIZ-N-HIM WORSHIP CENTER



Pastor Michael & Donna Gentry

Praiz-N-Him Worship Center began with a small group of people coming and requesting that we plant a church in the locality of Waynesboro and Staunton, Virginia. We began with a small group of constituents that wanted to see a greater movement of God, with the Holy Spirit working in the lives of people who had a hunger for God. We felt the community needed a strong church that would reach out into the community and accept others regardless of their experiences. The stories that we heard of some being unaccepted in church made us seek God to see how he wanted to use us in making connections.

We knew that it was not going to be an easy endeavor. We also knew it was not for fame or glory. Harry Truman said: "It's amazing what you can accomplish when you don't care who gets the credit." We planted the church because we desired to become a community that would make connections with the unchurched and assist them on their journey, all for the glory of God. We were not concerned about building a kingdom for ourselves. Everything we had hoped to accomplish was nothing more than to be the lights that shine in dark places for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The church has been presented with challenges that are too many to list in this article. But the two Scriptures that we have relied on consistently are Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me and I will answer you" and "...just keep asking, seeking, and knocking" (Matthew 7:7-12). There were times I thought about walking away, wondering if I had missed God. God kept compelling me to stay. It was almost like I heard God say, you will be sorry if you leave.

Just be faithful over the small things and I will make you ruler over many. God undoubtedly saw something we didn't. I thought, how much more faithful can we be? It reminded me of my dear grandma telling me to churn butter for her. I turned that churn and churned it. I did not see a thing for what seemed hours. But grandma would nicely say, just keep churning son, don't give up. You will see the butter soon. Amazingly, she was right.

My wife and I just kept being faithful. When people would leave, God almost instantly would send someone to take their place. Sometimes he would send them just before someone decided to leave. I guess it was God's way of saying hang on and do not quit. What I can say to anyone who wants to do a church plant, make sure you are ready for the challenges and disappointments. If you can hold on long enough, the rewards will outweigh all the negatives and whatever the devil throws at you. It felt like an impossibility. The devil wants you to believe it cannot be done, but if God called you to plant a church, you can do it because he will never leave you or forsake you. In Matthew 16:18 the Lord promised "to build his church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it." He has never left my wife and I, but he has made us pursue him with a passion that has made our life much richer and fuller.

If you live in our community or a surrounding community and have a desire to work for the Lord and join with our church and team, we would love to connect with you. We want you to be included and not excluded. We want you to know you are welcome! Please feel free to reach out to us and someone will contact you with joy!

Praiz-N-Him would like to take this time to pray the prayer of Jabez over you. I pray that God will bless you indeed. I pray that he will enlarge your territory of ministry and effectiveness. I pray that his hand would be upon you and I pray that he will keep you from evil so that you would not cause pain (I Chronicles 4:10).

To God Be the Glory!

Pastor Michael Gentry 106 Rowe Lee Road Staunton, VA 540-256-3535

Praiz-N-Him church was officially organized on August 10 as an Appalachian Conference church. Congratulations to Pastor Mike Gentry and his wife, Donna, for their hard work in bringing this church in as a new church plant. Bishop Meadors



# World Missions & Evangelism wes Galford





# "A Call to the Harvest: Moving Forward Together"

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

What an incredible honor it is to step into the role of World Missions and Evangelism Director for the Appalachian Conference of the IPHC. Words

truly cannot express the depth of gratitude and humility I feel in being entrusted with such a sacred assignment. For those who may not know me, my name is Wes Galford. I'm blessed to be married to the love of my life, Kim. Together, the Lord has gifted us with a beautiful family: our daughter Emily and her husband Kaden, and our son Si and his soon-to-be wife, Addie.

Over the past 22 years, Kim and I have served in pastoral ministry, evangelism, church leadership, and international missions. Every step of our journey has been marked by one central conviction; the call of God to reach the lost, equip the Church, and mobilize believers to make a global impact. I believe this new season aligns perfectly with that divine calling.

Before looking ahead, I must express sincere gratitude to those who have faithfully blazed the trail before me. Bishop Larry Meadors, thank you for your years of faithful service in World Missions and Evangelism. May the foundation you laid through Jesus Christ be the very ground upon which we now build.

Please know, my heart in stepping into this role isn't about titles or being seen. I am here to *serve*; to serve the Lord, our Bishop, this Conference, and *you*, the ministers, pastors, missionaries, and Kingdom-builders of today and tomorrow. This assignment demands more than administration; it demands prayer, presence, passion, and vision. I'm committed to walking alongside our churches and leaders to foster a missional culture, develop effective outreach strategies, and help identify and support the next generation of pastors, evangelists, and missionaries.

As J.D. Greear powerfully stated, "The church is not an audience to be entertained; it is an army to be empowered." We're not here to entertain. We're here to enlist. We're not trying to build a brand, but together we can build a movement. And I believe that movement has already begun.

We saw the spark at *The Call* on August 15–17, right here on campus, where young adults gathered to worship, seek God, and respond to His voice. In the few weeks since, we've already seen an outpouring of young men and women boldly declaring their callings into missions, ministry, and Kingdom work.





Kim and I had the privilege of attending Redeeming Grace Ministries, where we watched Pastor John and Jessica Bradshaw's son, Isaac, preach his first sermon under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. As I stood there witnessing the fire of God fall on this young man, I was reminded, *God is still calling. God is still equipping. God is still sending.* What an incredible time to be part of the Kingdom of God!



In response to what God is stirring, we are launching two key initiatives for the development of young leaders: **Rooted and Ready** and a new **Internship Program**.

**Rooted and Ready** is a discipleship program for young adults (ages 18–25) designed to help them *learn together*, *grow together*, and serve together. This program will offer Biblical training, ministry principles, sermon development, and leadership growth. Participants will be challenged spiritually, emotionally, and relationally, engaging in personal healing, accountability, spiritual formation, and ministry structure. Most importantly, they will learn the power of doing life and ministry *together*. Far too many ministers feel isolated, and we're here to change that culture.

The **Internship Program**, launching in partnership with Dr. Derek Burton and Clergy Development, will give young adults hands-on experience in ministry across a variety of church settings. We believe that practical exposure, mentorship, and Spirit-led training will unlock callings and fan the flame of God's purpose in their lives. Our goal is to see this fully operational by June 2026.

One of our deepest desires in this new season is to create clear, meaningful onramps for young adults to discover their calling and step into ministry. So often, people sense the tug of God on their hearts but aren't sure where to begin. They may feel overwhelmed, unqualified, or unsure of the next step. Our goal is to change that.

An onramp is simply an intentional pathway for young adults to *discover*, *develop*, *and deploy* their God-given gifts for Kingdom impact. Just like a highway onramp gives access to the larger road ahead, we want to provide access points for young leaders to engage with their calling, gain experience, and grow in confidence. This does not mean seasoned ministers have the opportunity to relax, but it is a call to rise up and sow into a Joshua generation.

Together, let's rise and embrace the new season God is unfolding before us. I stand today not as someone who has all the answers, but as someone who still hears the call echoing across the harvest field, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" My answer is still, "Here am I. Send me."

Church, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. This is not the hour to retreat. This is the hour to *rise*. We are standing on the threshold of a mighty move of God in the Appalachian Conference, one that will not only shake our region but reverberate across nations.

God is calling forth evangelists who will carry the Gospel with fire. He is raising up pastors who will shepherd with boldness and compassion. He is awakening missionaries who will go to the ends of the earth with a burning message of hope.

And He is not finished with you. Whether you're a seasoned minister or a young adult just sensing the tug of God on your heart, this movement *needs you*. Your prayers, your passion, your presence — it all matters. Let us not be content with what has been but press forward into what *can be* when a people say yes to the call of Christ.

The future is not coming, it's already here. Let's step into it together, with hearts surrendered, spirits on fire, and a relentless commitment to *make His name known*.

In Christ's service,
Wes Galford
World Missions and Evangelism Director
Appalachian Conference, IPHC



# Discipleship Ministries

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# SUMMIT

SEPTEMBER 22-23

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Rooted in the DNA of Acts 2, discipleship is the call to live out our faith with purpose and devotion. The early Church modeled a lifestyle that was sound in doctrine, strong in fellowship, steadfast in prayer, sanctified in life, simple in worship, and successful in witness. From these six biblical foundations, we embrace seven pillars that shape the disciple's daily walk: Study the Word to know truth. Pray without ceasing to stay aligned with God. Worship in spirit and truth. Surrender your life.. Give generously of your time and finances. Connect through intentional relationships. Witness and share the gospel boldly. Discipleship is more than belief, it's a way of life.

# SCHEDULE

MONDAY 9/22 6 PM CHECK-IN/DOORS OPEN 7 PM OPENING SERVICE

TUESDAY 9/23 8:30 AM DOORS OPEN

9-12 AM MORNING SESSION 12 PM LUNCH PROVIDED

1 PM- 3:30 PM – AFTERNOON SESSION DINNER BREAK

6:30 PM DOORS OPEN

7 PM CLOSING SERVICE



# THE IFF

(The Initiative for Faith and Family)

# Appalachian Conference Discipleship Development

October 18, 2025 / 9:30 – 2:30 pm Registration: \$15 per person includes lunch & book

(maximum \$100 per church)



Michelle Anthony
Director of
The Initiative for Faith & Family

Tim Shepard
Program Director



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#### What others are saying:

"I have both taken and taught the IFF class. I believe IFF has the ability to reach the whole family in a way not every ministry does... in the home in fun and practical ways, laying a foundation of discipleship and faith" Miya Clower, Administrative Assistant NBCF

"I was introduced to the IFF by participating in a Zoom class based on the Spiritual Parenting by Michelle Anthony. A book that I wish my wife and I could have had as a resource for when we were raising our children. I felt so strong about the material that I purchased 50 copies to hand out to parents...."

Rev. Craig Reed, Pastor Harbor of Hope

"What an awesome privilege God gives us to disciple His children, biological or those He places in our path. Just as Michelle Anthony described herself, I want to be the best parent. The Spiritual Parenting book gives practical and biblical teaching on raising children with the help of our faith community to know who they are in Christ, to commit to Him, lead them by example to know His voice, to depend on Him alone and to serve others..." Emily Perkins, Giles County Head Start Site Administrator

"The book Spiritual Parenting was truly eye-opening. It challenged me, inspired me and gave practical tools to guide children toward a genuine relationship with God. As a Children's Director, I found it to be

an incredible resource for equipping parents in our church, and as a parent myself, it spoke directly to my heart and home life..." Brittany O'Neill, Director of Children's Ministry NLCM

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# GIRLS' MINISTRIES WEEKEND RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2025





DOORS OPEN - 6:00 PM

EVENT BEGINS - 7:00 PM

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# THE CALL 2025 – 7 Conferences – 61 students

The Lord is my shepherd, He guides my steps! This weekend, the Lord continued a work that He had started the week prior, giving me childlike faith. But not only childlike faith – He is giving me childlike Joy – Joy that cannot be stripped from me! The Lord has a calling on my life that is going to require those things, and I'm excited to rejoice in every bit of the training and refining in preparation of what God has for me.

I really enjoyed this weekend. I don't know exactly know where God has called me yet, but this weekend has really helped me reflect on that and realize how many opportunities there are in ministry. I feel like God spoke to me this weekend a lot about surrender and giving things up to Him. I can remember He's in control and know that my future is in His hands because His plans are better than mine.

This weekend was beyond words. God moved so powerfully in me and I'm so excited to keep praying about my call now that I've learned so much about how to pursue it. This weekend, I encountered God's love for what felt like the first time in years, and prayers I had prayed on Friday night got answered on Saturday night!! God is just so good and I am just so incredibly grateful for this opportunity and I just can't wait to see God move!

The Call was an absolute necessary experience to have in helping me to pursue Jesus deeper and to know what He desires for me! It was truly a blessing to not only be filled and encouraged but to also be equipped with knowledge on how to encourage and minister to others. I felt great peace and gained a lot of wisdom that will continue to shape my faith and the call that the Lord has given to me.

First, I would like to say thank you – It was definitely a knowledgeable weekend. That was my word as well, was to be a sponge. I went in looking to grow as 1) a man of God, 2) a leader, 3) a called pastor by God. Overall, the Lord checked all those boxes and I gained more knowledge than I could

imagine and experienced his love more than ever.

I took away the fact that we are called for this time and this place in time by God. That we should not compare ourselves to other people's ministry or worrying about what people say about us. The only opinion is God's. I also took away that we can't do our calling and ministry on our own; we have to give it to God. Turn to God when you don't know what to do because He is the one that called you and He is the one that you should put your trust in.





This weekend was truly impactful and such an intimate time with the Lord, as He revealed the unique calling on my life! It was so encouraging being surrounded by others my age who are so on fire for the Lord. I really enjoyed the time of fellowship and will cherish the time spent with such wonderful leaders and friends! The sessions were very insightful, and it was a blessing to hear from each minister and their wisdom obtained through their years in ministry.

What has really been on my mind throughout the weekend is our calling is to follow Him. No matter how many times we think about

our calling, it's only to follow Him in everything we do. We have to be obedient and sacrifice things that can help us in our calling. God is going to love us unconditionally no matter what our calling is. We have to answer Him with obedience and sacrifice.

I thought there was a ton to look back at of this weekend. It's great to be around people your age who strive to know the Lord better for all he has done for us. It is also great to know and connect with others who have also been through the same struggles you have. Every class was amazing and rich in knowledge. Whether it was "Knowing Gods Voice" or even "Learning to Lead Leaders," each class was led by a wonderful leader who spoke nothing but the word from God. The Call has made my faith in the Lord increase by who knows how much, and to be able to be connected to people my age who also strive to be with the Lord and make relationships with one another is such a great blessing.

This weekend was amazing! The presence of God was so evident and so tangible in every service and He moved in mighty ways! I really enjoyed meeting a lot of like-minded people in my same age group and hearing from several seasoned leaders and missionaries on how to better hear and understand God's call on our lives. This experience brought me so much closer to God and I am so grateful for that!

My thoughts on this weekend: All weekend God was speaking the word humility to me, through the sessions and just His voice. I learnt how to better prepare myself for my calling and purpose, and that leadership starts with our first calling, which is to love God. During services, I felt so embraced by Jesus and His love that I have a new revelation of what it means to be truly loved by Jesus.



This weekend was, overall, just wonderful. It was a time of confirmation and growth. Thank you so much, Awakening, for all that you do!

This weekend at The Call was a spirit-filled experience where I built meaningful new relationships and opened up to spiritually mature individuals. I was able to receive discipleship from people walking in the same calling as I have, which encouraged and strengthened my faith. Above all, I encountered Jesus in a deeper way that renewed my passion and focus for the journey ahead.

THANK YOU TO MADELINE NIX, THE AWAKENING, OUR MISSIONARIES AND PASTORS FOR THEIR INVESTMENT, AND THE PRESENCE AND LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!



# WE WANT TO CELEBRATE THE DISCIPLESHIP MOMENTS OF YOUR LOCAL CHURCH!

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(We reserve the right to edit article to fit space available.)





# Women's Ministries



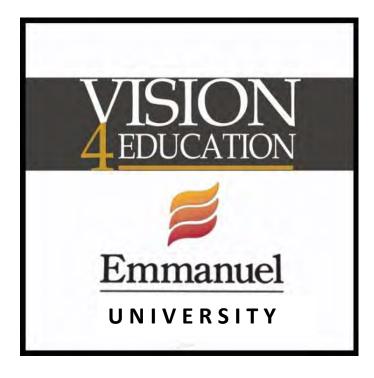
Tammy Porter



The deadline is quickly approaching for Vision 4 Education offerings. In October, I will be traveling to Holmes Bible College and Emmanuel University to present those offerings for the 2025/2026 school year.

Your donations are much appreciated and vital in keeping these institutions moving forward. Let's make this the best year of giving yet!

Please have all offerings into the conference office no later than September 29, 2025.





# WE WANT TO SEE YOU IN PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE!

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# Momen's Conference

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# World Intercession Network Donna Hankla



# **RESTORE! RENEW! REFRESH!**

Both a new year and a new season are quickly approaching. Rosh Hashanah is the name of the new Jewish year, and it begins on September 22 and concludes the evening of September 24, 2025. Several significant Jewish holidays are celebrated during the fall season, and they are all remembered with various Jewish customs.

Many may question why these Jewish holidays are relevant to us. The answer is provided by God as He gave instructions to Moses and the children of Israel. "The Lord spoke again to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The appointed times (established feasts) of the Lord which you shall proclaim as holy convocations—My appointed times are these:'" (Leviticus 23:1, 2 The Amplified Study Bible)

These appointed times are known in Hebrew as the moedim. These times are considered to be divinely ordained moments. It is important in the eyes of heaven to remember these times and to celebrate them accordingly. During these seasons, heavenly activity tends to be more prominent. Angels have been observed during these days. Also, outpourings of God's presence can be expected!

#### **HEBREW YEAR 5786**

The Hebrew year 5786 corresponds to part of the 2025 and 2026 Gregorian calendar. In Hebrew language, each number has a letter associated with it, as well as a special meaning.

A review of these letters is provided below:

- \*Peh letter and number that represents the mouth. It suggests that this is a year to make declarations and proclamations; especially from The Word of God. It is a time to honor God's Word and to speak it and to pray it.
- \*Ayin letter and number that represents the eye. It suggests that this is a year to have sight and perception. Spiritual insight is important. It is a year to receive new revelations, founded on God's Word.
- \*Vav letter and number that represents a hook or a nail. It suggests that this is a year of connections, joining and establishing. Examples include new relationships, strengthening existing ties. It also suggests establishing foundations.
- \*Samekh letter and number that suggests a prop or pillar. It suggests support. This is a year where divine support is provided.

#### RESTORE

After sessions of prayer and study, I believe that this is a year for RESTORATION.

"And I will RESTORE to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you" (Joel 2:25 KJV).

The locusts were often used by God to bring judgment for those that turned away from Him and worshipped idols. (Deut. 28:38, 42)

The palmerworm is known to gnaw. It is the stage at which the locust is first hatched.

The cankerworm is associated with "licking off." During this stage the locusts do destructive damage.

The caterpillar is known to devour or to consume. This is the final stage before the locust reaches its full growth. It destroys everything in its path during this stage!

Do you need God to restore you in various areas – spiritually, physically, financially and in relationships? If so, take the time to pray for restoration. He wants to restore you!

#### RENEW

King Hezekiah was at the point of death from a boil. Isaiah, the prophet, told him that he would die and to get his house in order. But the king cried out to God, and he was renewed. God healed him and told him that he would have 15 more years added to his days. (Isaiah 38)

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31 KJV).

#### REFRESH

Refreshing and encouragement will come to us this year as we fellowship with each other. We can connect by phone, by computer, and by person.

"A generous person will prosper, and whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

## **PRAYER**

In Jesus' name, we offer our prayers for this New Year. We repent of sins, as mentioned in I John 1:9. And we turn our hearts back to God. We ask for the Holy Spirit to RESTORE, to RENEW, and to REFRESH us!



# October 1

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