

Wings OF TRUTH

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From The Overseer's Desk:

Jerry L. Schall, State Overseer

Prayer and Fasting

It has been said, the quickest way to get a church on its feet is to get it on its knees. J. Oswald Sanders wrote in his book Spiritual Leadership, “Mastering the art of prayer, like any other art will take time and the amount of time we allocate to it will be the true measure of our conception of its importance. *We always find time for that which we deem most important.*”

There is nothing in our modern arsenal – techniques, technology, or organization – that will ever compare to the power of prayer. Prayer is the pleading of our own case in God’s Court. It is seeking help from God in matters that are beyond our power. When there is a lack of prayer, there will be a lack of power. Prayer is never the last resort, but always our first line of defense. Micah 7:7 says, “Therefore I will look unto the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation: *my God will hear me!*” Such assurance of our omnipotent God hearing our cries.

We are excited about beginning our year with twenty-one days of seeking God through prayer and fasting. After delivering a young man of demonic possession, Jesus talks of faith and moving mountains. He ends by saying, “Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.” (Matthew 7) Such a simple key to opening the blessings of the Lord – prayer and fasting! Whatever sacrifice you make will mean something to God. If it doesn’t mean anything to you, it won’t mean anything to God. It must be combined with prayer and the Word of God.

We always enjoy the testimonies at the end of this time of saved loved ones, marriages being restored, healing, deliverance, church growth, rededication to the Lord... and miracle after miracle! It is a time of awareness of God’s presence in your life and every situation. Some churches conclude the twenty-one days, with an evening of praise and celebration.

A preacher, while watching a marble cutter at work, exclaimed, “I wish I could deal such clanging blows on stone hearts.” The workman replied, “Maybe you could if you worked like me - on your knees!” If Christ saw the need of constant communication with God, can we do less? He knew the value of fasting. He set the example of stealing away to pray. It is vital to schedule time alone with the Lord. Not only to make requests, give thanks, and praise, but also to be still and listen.

LifeSystems coming to Virginia

During our Minister’s Convention, Dr. Jerry Dotson introduced LifeSystems for our ministry. This is a course of valuable ministry methods which have been proven effective for personal and church growth. Churches have doubled and tripled their attendance after following these guidelines. The class will meet the third Saturday of each month beginning in March and ending in November. There will not be exams or tests, but simply putting into practice what is taught in each class. We appreciate our pastors and ministers who are participating. This is also for pastors’ wives and church leadership when the Senior Pastor is taking the class. Intercessory prayer has already begun for this class. We are asking for God’s presence and guidance in every class. We must see Revival in Virginia!

For more information or applications, please contact: Dr. Jerry Dotson drjerrydotson@gmail.com or the State Office judys0830@sbcglobal.net

District Rallies

Our District Rallies begin in March. Please check the state calendar and try to attend your District Rally. This is a great opportunity of worship and fellowship for your area. We look forward to seeing you!

Remember, God’s ability to bless you is unlimited! There is nothing too hard for our God.

Jerry L. Schall
State Overseer



“Heartfelt Thanks”

Words can never express our sincere appreciation for the wonderful attendance and support as well as the warm welcome we received during the recent Minister’s Convention at Camp Lowman.

Thanks again for all of the expressions of love received that weekend. God bless you!

Judy & Jerry Schall

Upcoming 2013 Events

<i>January 1-20</i>	Statewide Fast
<i>January 21</i>	Celebration & Worship Time End of 21 Day fast
<i>February 8-10</i>	College/Career Retreat-South Carolina
<i>March 15</i>	LifeSystems Class-3rd Saturdays through Nov.
<i>March 16</i>	Shenandoah Valley Region Revival Location TBA
<i>March 18-23</i>	Camp Lowman Work Week
<i>April 5-7</i>	Spring Renewal (Ages 13-19)-Camp Lowman
<i>April 10-12</i>	Dan River Region Revival
<i>April 12-14</i>	Roanoke Region Revival
<i>April 17-20</i>	Southwest Region Revival
<i>April 26-28</i>	Ladies Retreat-Gatlinburg, Tennessee
<i>May 3-4</i>	Men's Day - Camp Lowman
<i>May 17-18</i>	Alleghany Highland Region Revival-Covington
<i>May 31-June 2</i>	Hot Shot Camp (Ages 4-7)-Camp Lowman
<i>June 20-23</i>	Junior Camp (Ages 8-10)-Camp Lowman
<i>June 23- 28</i>	Senior High Camp (Ages 14-19)-Camp Lowman
<i>July 7-12</i>	Senior Camp (Ages 11-13)-Camp Lowman
<i>July 31-August 3</i>	State Convention-Hotel Roanoke
<i>August 23-25</i>	Youth Harvest Training- Camp Lowman
<i>September 12-15</i>	ICM North America-Ridgecrest, North Carolina
<i>September 23-26</i>	Northeastern Region Revival- Richmond
<i>October 4-6</i>	Fall Refuel (Ages 13-19)-Camp Lowman
<i>October 16-18</i>	Senior Bus Trip-Myrtle Beach
<i>November 27-29</i>	State Offices Closed
<i>December 23-January 3</i>	State Offices Closed

State Convention • July 31-August 3

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Letter from the Editor

“A Cup of Cold Water”

Normally as we begin a new year our minds are filled with motivational thoughts to transform ourselves into

somewhat making us a “better me”. We’re going to develop a healthier lifestyle by losing weight, exercising more, ceasing and desisting from an unhealthy habit or introducing a new habit into our lives. Just like the ideology of the world we tend to focus on “me”. Why not turn our focus outward this year and attempt to change the world around us rather than focusing entirely on ourselves. I firmly believe when we make a positive impact on our world, it in turn changes us as well.

It’s ironic that we attempt to crowd our “world changing” ventures in between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We’ll volunteer at homeless shelters, sponsor an individual for Christmas, get involved in food drives and so forth. What if we purposed in our hearts that the year 2013 would be spent “changing our world”? My challenge is not a superficial change but rather a supernatural change.

Recently I was at a gathering where one of the individuals literally cleaned out their closets of unwanted items prior to coming. She publicly admitted to this act and rounded everyone up to join her in an adjacent room to receive their Christmas gift from her via for what she described as a “swap meet”. She must have seen my puzzled look and stated: “It was this or hauling it all to goodwill”. She proceeded to make quite a display. Her intention was to have everyone there select something from the “giveaway table”.

We’ve all probably been guilty of regifting at some point in our lives. But sometimes I wonder if our superficial efforts of trying to make a difference around us mirrors what Christ condemned in Mark 12 when he said:

³⁸ “And he said unto them in his doctrine, **Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,** ³⁹ And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: ⁴⁰ Which devour widows’ houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation. ⁴¹ And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

⁴² And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

⁴³ And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, **Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:**

44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Ever been around someone that constantly bragged on their fasting or intensive prayer abilities? There are people that want you to know how much they give and do. This isn’t the sacrifice that God requires as indicated in Matthew the 6th chapter: **“6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly”**

There is a novel by the writer Dostoevsky titled, “The Idiot”. The central character treats everyone, whether poor or rich, with respect and kindness. He has no hidden agenda, no need to dominate others. He is pure in thought, word, and deed. This makes him a fool in other’s eyes. At the same time, all these empty, cynical, status-seeking people are strangely drawn to him. He attracts others, not through money or power, but through the strength of his character. If that is what an idiot is, I wish that we could all be idiots for Christ.

Matthew 10:40-42

“40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. 41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. 42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.”

I’m reminded of two poignant true stories. The first is about a church that held a “used sheet” drive. They tore the sheets into strips to be used as bandages in a mission field. Eventually one of the members was able to visit that country. After inquiring about all of the shipments of material, a guide excitedly escorted them to a church filled with people busily sewing all of the shredded remains of sheets together to make coverings.

Another similar story involves the maker of Frisbees who once participated in a charity effort. They sent thousands of the plastic flying discs to an orphanage in Angola, Africa. He thought the children there would enjoy playing with them.

Several months later, a representative of Bowes’ company visited the orphanage. One of the nuns thanked him for

the wonderful “plates” that his company had sent them. She told him the children were eating off the Frisbees, carrying water with them, and even catching fish with them. When the representative explained how the Frisbees were intended to be used, the nun was even more delighted that the children would also be able to enjoy them as toys.

Sometimes all God needs us to do is pour a cup of cold water and let Him do the rest.

History tells us that the efforts of the twelve disciples brought 500,000 men, women, and children into the ranks of the church. But we seldom hear accounts of their suffering. There is a cost to discipleship.

- John died of extreme old age exiled to the island of Patmos.
- Judas Iscariot, after betraying his Lord, hanged himself.
- Peter was crucified; head downward, during the persecution of Nero.
- Andrew died on a cross at Patrae, a Grecian Colony.
- James, the younger, son of Alphaeus, was thrown from a pinnacle of the Temple, and then beaten to death with a club.
- Bartholomew was flayed alive in Albanopolis, Armenia.
- James, the elder son of Zebedee, was beheaded at Jerusalem.
- Thomas, the doubter, was run through the body with a lance at Coromandel, in the East Indies.
- Philip was hanged against a pillar at Heropolis.
- Thaddeus was shot to death with arrows.
- Simon died on a cross in Persia (what we now call Iran.)
- Matthew was first stoned and then beheaded.

The resounding theme I realize is that they not only gave everything, they gave themselves. What is it that causes someone to leave family, friends, jobs, homes and follow Christ? Someone that not only hears but accepts a call to change their world. They leave **all**, give **all** and become **all** things to **all** people.

Please read the following story entitled: **“Whoever Welcomes You, Welcomes Me”**

I saw him in the church building for the first time on Wednesday. He was in his mid-70's with thinning silver hair and a neat brown suit. Many times in the past I had invited him to come. Several other Christian friends had talked to him about the Lord and had tried to share the good news with him. He was well respected, honest, a man of good character. He acted much like a Christian would act, but he never came to church or professed Christ. After I got to know him well and we had talked about a wide range of subjects I asked him if he had ever been to a church service.

He hesitated. Then with a twisted grimace told me of an experience he had as a boy. He was raised in a large family. His parents survived the depression but they

struggled to provide food and clothing for the family. When he was around ten years old a friend invited him to go to church with his family.

He went - the Sunday School class was great. The songs were fun to sing and the stories, oh the great Bible stories, were exciting to hear. He had never heard anyone read from the Bible before. As class ended the teacher pulled him aside and said, “Son, please don’t come again dressed as you are now. We want to look our best when we come into God’s house.”

He looked down at his old hand me down overalls that were certainly worn and tattered. He thought about that for a moment and said softly, “No ma’am I won’t ever.” Then he looked at me the author wrote and said, “And you know what. I never did.” It was clear that he was done with that conversation.

The author reflected, I am sure that the Sunday School teacher meant well and in fact was representing the feeling of the majority of the folks in that church. But, what if she had put her arms around the dirty little boy in the ragged overalls and said, “Son, I am thrilled that you came this morning and I hope you will come every chance you get to hear more about Jesus because he loves you so much.” Moreover what if she would have talked with her pastor or her friends in the church and mobilized a full blown outreach effort to help this family make ends meet.

What if that church would have thought, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me” welcomes the one who sent me. “Or whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple will receive a great reward” (v. 40 & 42)

The story ended like this: Yes I saw him in the church house for the first time on Wednesday and I cried as I looked at the immaculately dressed old gentleman lying there in his casket. He was looking his best. But all I could think of were those words of an impressionable little ten-year-old boy echoing in my mind, “No ma’am I won’t ever.”

David Wiggs, Who Needs a Welcome?

There’s someone out there feeling hopeless, ready to give up. It might be on the other side of this vast world. Or it could be in the cubicle next to you at work, the neighbor living beside you or the person in front of you in the checkout line. Changing your world doesn’t have to be a huge, well thought and carried out act, or large sum of money; it could be as simple as offering a cup of cold water to a thirsty soul.

I’m told that in Africa they have a saying, “The dream we’re dreaming is you! God doesn’t need your substance, He needs YOU. There’s a desperate and hurting world out there that needs changing. You can make the difference. In my opinion, Bruce Carroll says it best, “The road to Him might lead through you!”

Fall Refuel



Fall Refuel 2012 was a revival to remember. We had 125 campers in attendance along with an amazing staff. A special “Thank you” to all the staff, ministers, and volunteers who worked so hard and joined with us in prayer and fasting for this time of revival. We truly experienced “REVIVAL” during this retreat. During the past two years serving as the Youth Director of Virginia, I have watched the transformation of both youth and youth workers who come together at Camp Lowman for these special times. Youth are coming on fire for God, ready to worship, ready to seek God, and who have a more intimate relationship with God. This change has initiated a worry, hurt and burden free environment enabling everyone to experience the freedom of the Spirit through REVIVAL. The focus of this year’s Fall Refuel was “Refueled with God’s Love.” I was able to speak in all 4 services during the revival and it was such a humbling experience to watch as the youth would fall down in the altar seeking to hear and feel the LOVE OF GOD.

Saturday morning the theme was “Too comfortable, or Uncomfortable”. The chairs were stacked up in the sanctuary as campers stood in the altar to worship. Everyone sat on the floor during the message. The service was concluded with a challenge to “stop being comfortable in their relationship with God” and to “begin sharing the word of God with others”. Many accepted the challenge and reports have come in throughout the state of youth who have stood true with their covenant to God.

We were also honored to have All Nations worship team led by worship minister Chad Lambert lead us in worship during the retreat. I know it’s often said the worship was anointed, but during this revival I watched as the youth and staff were praising God and being intoxicated with the Love of God during this special time of worship.

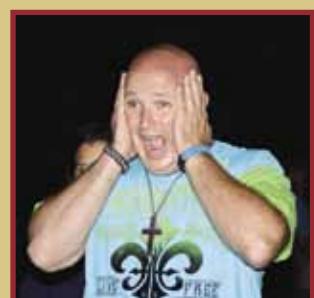
A renewing and refueling had taken place and I pray that it will continue

to overflow in the churches of our youth and into their communities as well. We had several receive the gift of Salvation, Sanctification, and the Holy Spirit.

During the last service youth were challenged to remember the, “PROMISE OF GOD’S CALLING.” I felt impressed by God to reassure the youth of Virginia that if God has called them into ministry, let the love of God give them fuel and strength to step through and answer that call. So many youth began to weep before the Lord as they felt the Holy Spirit and God moving upon them. It touched and broke my heart to see the youth so sensitive to, “HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD.” It really should make us all aware in leadership, ministry, and as parents that we have an obligation and opportunity to help mold, shape, lead, and grow the youth of Virginia.

When it comes time for a role or ministry in your church to be filled, someone will be ready to STAND TALL AND ASSUME THE MINISTRY. Mindy and I love you all and we take this time and opportunity to thank all the Staff, State Overseer and wife, Jerry & Judy Schall, Camp Coordinators, Dr. Ron and Alma Boyd, Senior Pastors who volunteer in the camping ministry, and all the churches who support our camping ministry which in my opinion is the, GREATEST MINISTRY AND OUTREACH IN VIRGINIA.

Robbie Boyd
State Youth
Director





Ministers Convention

What a wonderful time of fellowship and love we had during the recent state minister's convention. Total attendance exceeded 150 with staff and ministers from all around the state. The event began with a chilly start of winter weather on Friday November 2nd but by the end of the week-end we were full of revival fire and the temperature was mild and sunny on Saturday at closing.

Guest moderator was Bishop Wayne Murphy for the Friday evening session. We had a wonderful time of worship and singing, followed by a special surprise for Bro. Murphy. He was blessed to be presented with letters of appreciation and bestowed an honorary doctorate by Jerry Dotson, President of Kingsbury College which is located in Florida. Bro. Murphy was also surprised to have his children come and join in the ceremony. After the excitement faded, the newly awarded *Dr.* Murphy turned the service over to guest speaker Bishop Fred Fisher. The message by Bro. Fisher was outstanding, many remarking "it was the best I have ever heard him bring". Friday evening after the service was a great time of fellowship as we welcomed our new overseer, Bishop Jerry Schall and wife Judy to the state. We had an array of soups and sandwiches, along with scrumptious desserts. Many stayed on the campground overnight, while others slipped back home or off to nearby hotels, or with friends.

Saturday morning after a breakfast feast, we headed toward the tabernacle for more praise and worship, then a special session with guest Jerry Dotson, from Florida. Bro. Dotson piqued our interest to attend a new series of classes designed to help with church growth. He thrilled us with many testimonials and anecdotes of how God has intervened in this program. After a short break, for snacks and time to pick up information packets, the pastors and wives were separated for a session with Bro. and Sis. Fisher. Of course, we could hear peals of laughter from each session simultaneously as the Fishers encouraged each group in their areas of work. The Fishers truly have a unique **ministry to ministers**.

At the close of the convention, we were challenged by Bishop Schall to keep the revival fires burning in each of our areas of labor. He conveyed to the convention that he would be visiting as many areas as possible to encourage and exhort the ministry. After grabbing a "to go lunch", hugging each other goodbye, and promising to stay in touch, ministers left renewed and refreshed. Someone called the state office shortly after this wonderful convention and exclaimed, "What did you do to my pastor last weekend? He was on fire Sunday morning- we had a new pastor!" This convention is now history, if you missed it- you can only read about it! The folks that were there can tell you about it, and Praise the Lord we can still shout about it!!

Alma Boyd





“What is your prayer?”

A popular television commercial has a long running campaign with the catch phrase “what’s in **your** wallet”? This brings up images of the things or possessions you could obtain if only you had the right credit card in your wallet. We have just ended the Christmas season and many folks are feeling the pinch in their wallets as credit card statements are beginning to arrive. Perhaps even some reading this article are still in shock at how much they spent toward Christmas for their children on a special gift, only to find that gift tossed in the corner by the next day!

Our general and state offices have asked that January be a special time set aside for prayer and fasting. In keeping with this directive, I would like to remind parents and grandparents that the most important gift you can give your children is not in your wallet; it is in your prayers! Children desire time with parents and adults. They crave “one on one” attention and seem to flourish and grow when it is lavished upon them. But before we can lavish attention on them and see them grow up to be fruitful, faithful Christians, we need to spend some time in prayer agonizing over them and their souls. We know school is important, we know regular visits to the doctor and dentist are important as well, but how many times do we fail to check our spirit and theirs for constant monitoring of spiritual growth?

As a child I would slip in many times to hear my father praying, or see him sitting in his chair with his eyes closed and meditating before the Lord. Sometimes even driving on long trips he would ask us to be quiet as he thought about the Lord and we drove in silence as the Holy Spirit hovered close in the car and around his and my mom’s lips. Many times we would eat in hushed silence, while my dad was fasting and praying in a back bedroom, seeking His face and His will. Many people “used” to pray like that 50 years ago, but today it is rare to find a family praying together. I believe the persecution and desperation of the times caused more to pray and seek God fervently in the years past. It leaves us to wonder if perhaps as things become tougher for Christians, this would cause us to pray more.

It is difficult sometimes to pray in front of your children and grandchildren, but what a rich legacy you can leave them; by knowing the power of prayer and praise. My hope and desire is for Moms and Dads to accept this challenge and pray, as well as teach your children to pray. Grandparents can be the catalyst for starting this desire in their grandchildren. Lord help us to renew that fervency, that same zeal and hunger for prayer and revival of yesteryear.

Maybe you are struggling over what and how to pray for your children, especially if they are young. I will join with you in prayer for your children, and remember it is not what is in your wallet, but it is what’s in your heart that is important! I hope the following guidelines will get you started and excited to pray for your children!

Alma Boyd

Scriptures to Pray Over Your Child

Psalm 4: 3

“My child is set apart to serve God.”

Psalm 145:4

Pray for a “generational anointing” upon your child.

Nehemiah 2:8

Pray that your child will live under the authority of the Kingdom of God
And not under the authority of the kingdom of darkness.

Isaiah 44:3

“God’s blessings are upon me and my child.”

Matthew 5:6

“My child has a desire for the things of God.”

Jeremiah 29:11

“The future is blessed for my child.”

Psalm 37:23

“My child’s steps are ordered by the Lord.”

Luke 2:52

“My child walks in favor with God and man.”

Developing and growing socially and spiritually,
Using good judgment and wisdom.

Isaiah 10:27

“My child lives under a heavy anointing.” The power of God is flowing daily in and through Your child’s life.

Colossians 2:2

“God initiates all my child’s friendships.” Help my child to build relationships with the right friends at school.

John 10:4

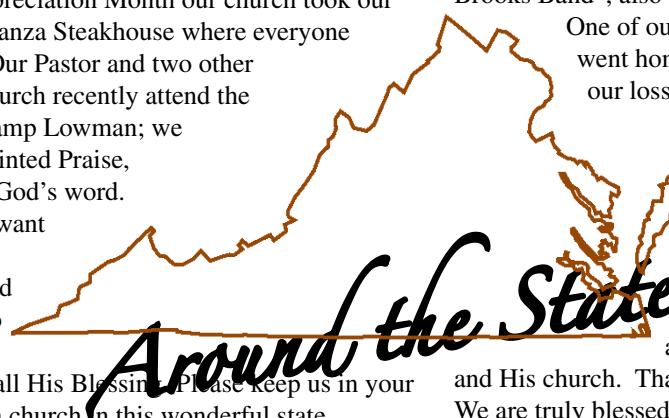
“My child knows the voice of the Good Shepherd”. They do not listen to the voice of a stranger.

Romans 5:17

“My child is destined to live in victory.” My child has a “king’s mentality”.

BIG STONE GAP COGOP

In Oct. we conducted a "Feed The Community" outreach, where we fed about 80 families bag lunches. Everyone was blessed. As October was Pastor Appreciation Month our church took our Pastor out for lunch at Bonanza Steakhouse where everyone enjoyed great fellowship. Our Pastor and two other ministers from our local church recently attend the Ministers Convention at Camp Lowman; we were all blessed by the anointed Praise, Worship and Preaching of God's word. We here at Big Stone Gap want to welcome our new State Overseer Brother Schall and his wonderful wife, Judy to our state. We Praise God for all He is doing and for all His Blessings! Please keep us in your prayers as we pray for each church in this wonderful state. Lynn Stout-Reporter.



RICHMOND DECATUR STREET

On Sunday October 21, we celebrated the "end of our homecoming". The theme of our homecoming was "Jesus: You are the Center of our Joy". Bishop Johnson our District Overseer helped in the service by reading the scripture, praying and giving the dismissal. Pastor Garvin Byrd was the speaker. Patricia McNair and Niki performed a praise dance. Thanks to all those who prepared the meal and the refreshments. We had a glorious time!

ROCKY MOUNT

We pray God's blessings on the Chalupniks as they leave and welcome Bro. James and Sis. Mildred Graham back as pastor in Rocky Mount. We pray God will lead, direct and bless us all as we continue His work.

We had a great Sunday school picnic in September with Suzanne Trout in charge. Many enjoyed all the good food at the local park and the fellowship. We had 2 youth (Avie and Michael Pagans), sponsored by the church, to attend the fall youth retreat. Our youth leader, Bro. Lawrence Simpson also attended the retreat as a staff member. We are hearing good, anointed messages by Pastor James Graham, and the spirit is working in our midst.

November 4th we held our homecoming with the "Charles Keen Singers" as our special guests. All enjoyed good singing, good food coordinated by Suzanne Trout as well as good fellowship. God has been blessing through spirit filled messages. We recently added a new member to the church.

Our prayers and sympathy go to the families of Phyllis Jones who died November 4, 2012 and to the family of Ella Heckman who died on November 17, 2012. These faithful members will be greatly missed.

Carolyn Sloan

NARROWS

Things are going well here and God is blessing. We purchased a new digital sign and we give God the glory, He blesses us so

much. The "Shepherds Staff", came and ministered to us on a recent Sunday morning and we were all blessed. Then the young people had a group to come for Sunday services, 4 young men, "The Corey Brooks Band", also a blessing.

One of our precious members, Sis. Zelma Blankenship went home to be with the Lord. She is greatly missed, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Pastor Appreciation month was wonderful with all our members lavishing love on our Pastor Jim Hagy and wife Sandra. Many gave cards and money, took them out to dinner, or invited them home with them for dinner, while others gave gifts. We really love and appreciate them for all their dedication to God and His church. Thank you both for coming our way 17 years ago. We are truly blessed at Narrows.

Lucille Honeycut

CODY CHURCH OF GOD NEWS

Happy New Year to everyone, God has been good to Cody Church of God of Prophecy in 2012. There has been two to give their heart to the Lord, and we have had six to join the church. We also are very proud to welcome Ken Peade who was set forth as deacon.

In August we had "Old Timers" Day. Everyone picked their favorite old time outfit and joined the fun and fellowship of the day. Bro. Massey preached a great message and after the service there was good old time food in the Fellowship Hall, then it was topped off with old time Bluegrass music, the day was enjoyed by all.



September 30th was Cody's turn for the 5th Sunday District Sing, people came ready to sing their praise's unto the Lord. There was seven churches represented, followed with a hot dog supper in the fellowship hall.



October was Pastor Appreciation month, the church presented Bro.



Massey with a desk chair for his office along with other gifts and cards in appreciation for the work he is doing. Also in October we had a Fall Festival with lots of food and games, and Trunk or Treat for the kids. There was lots of fun for kids and adults alike.

November there was a Lasagna dinner fundraiser to raise money for the ladies that are planning to attend the Ladies Retreat in April. We are very happy with the results, the Lasagna was great, and everyone enjoyed it.

The Cody Church of God has really been blessed in 2012; we give all the praise and glory to the Lord who's always with us when we need him. In 2013 we



are looking forward to a New Year full of God's Blessings and special events going on at Cody. Trust in the Lord and he will never fail you, he is always there.

Cathy Peade

SALEM FAITH FELLOWSHIP

We are so grateful for a wonderful pastor and family. They need a day of rest now and then, so in their absence we have had some wonderful ministers to fill in for him. Bro. Lonnie, Sis. Jeanette and Bro. Cecil Frazier held a revival over a week-end, with wonderful messages each night as well as Sunday morning. Our pastor's wife had a special children's day in the fall. We had singing, puppet shows, stories and music. We had a special balloon launch for others to receive. She also gave out bags of school supplies for all present. Freedom's Crossing singers were also a recent blessing to our church. If you have not heard them- check them out! May we all be found faithful and working for souls.

Joyce Slusher



ELAMSVILLE

We had our Homecoming on Sunday, September 9th. The Rake's Family was with us, ministering in songs and music. Everyone was blessed and we appreciate their love for the Lord. Our revival was October 3-7 and Sister Rebecca Spicer ministered to us with the anointing of God. God moved each night in a mighty way, such a sweet spirit was present. Three were saved, Praise the Lord! Pastor Greg Martin and Sister Elva are a blessing to our church. We do love and appreciate all their work for the Lord. Pray for our church here.

Judy Bailey

DAN RIVER REGION MEN'S MINISTRIES

On November 5th, the Churches of the DRR came together for a regional Men's Ministries event, hosted by the Altavista Church, Crossroads Ministries. 56 men registered from nine of our churches and a number of visitors. Praise God for willing and faithful men that love the Lord.

There was plenty of good food served and all seemed to enjoy it. After dinner, we were blessed by some wonderful singing. Brother Kenny Peade from the Cody Church, along with his blue grass group, lifted our spirits with some good singing and picking. Brother Johnny Walker from Axton Chapel blessed our souls with song as only he can. Thanks guys. In attendance were many of our pastors and ministers from



our region. Special recognition was given to Bro. Gilbert Dunbar, 91, and Brother Robert Lanter, Senior's minister at the Altavista Church. These devoted men of God have pastored many churches in our state.



We were so grateful to have our State Overseer, Bishop Schall



as our guest speaker. He delivered a wonderful message that blessed everyone. Thank you, Bro. Schall. After the message a special song was sung by Zach Weeks, from the Altavista Church. He sang "Courageous," by Casting Crowns, which seemed to compliment the message delivered by our Overseer. We are thankful for our young men in the church. There were a number in attendance.



The service closed with a drawing for a number of Door Prizes. All in all, we had a great night of fellowship in the Lord. Our Moderator, Regional Presbyter Albert Moser, emphasized the importance of our men both in our local churches and working together in our Region. Some of these events have included a cookout at SML, which was hosted by Bro. Mike Finley, pastor at Moneta, and a workday at Oak Hill, pastored by Sis. Fannie Lee. Thanks again to all the men that attended these events. You made them a great success.



"I (We) can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." -Phil. 4:13

Mike Weeks, Altavista COGOP

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT REVIVAL

The Southwest District Revival was held October 17-20, 2012, with Brother Lonnie and Sister Jeanette Frazier ministering in word and song. The district was blessed each evening as Brother & Sister Frazier followed the leading of the Lord. The revival began Wednesday at the Abingdon church, traveled to the Bluefield church on Thursday night, Friday at the church in Glade Spring, and closed at the Max Meadows church on Saturday evening. We thank the Lord for His presence in each service and for all of His wonderful blessings. Only God knows everything that was accomplished during this revival and to God Be the Glory. Thank you Southwest District for supporting this revival in your attendance and your offerings.



MAX MEADOWS

The Max Meadows Church of God of Prophecy held its 4th Annual Ladies Night Out on Friday evening, October 12th, with Sister Kay Osban as the guest speaker. The evening began with a meal of fried chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, assorted desserts, ice tea, coffee and soft drinks. Approximately 60 ladies from 16 different churches enjoyed an evening of laughter and fellowship.



Sister Kay entertained us with comedy and the North Tazewell Church assisted her in a skit. Sister Kay closed the service by speaking from God's word and giving an altar call. Numerous door prizes were given before the ladies departed. Thank you to Sister Kay and all the ladies who joined us for Ladies Night Out.

Diane Jonas



Remove Your Shoes

Recently upon entering my home, I looked down at the pile of shoes left in the entry way. I knew instantly we had company. Even though our home is not large, there are still lots of nooks and crannies for guests to enjoy. The number of cars in the driveway does not instantly reveal the number of people inside! As I looked at the assortment of footwear, I smiled recognizing immediately the identity of the owners and anxiously set out to find my barefoot guests.

It made me stop and think, why do people remove their shoes before going deep into the Boyd home? While this is a normal custom in many parts of our world, it is not a "Western" custom. We did not grow up as children in our parents and grandparents homes with this "custom". I suppose the tradition at our house began many years ago, when the carpet was still fresh and new. Or perhaps it was right after our driveway had a new coat of asphalt applied. Regardless, the carpet is older and the driveway has "dried" up, yet we still continue the custom of leaving our shoes by the door.

There is a saying "if you wait long enough, what is old now will become new again". What is "contemporary now" will be old tomorrow for contemporary trends are usually just what the word implies con-temporary". We live in a temporary place; we are passing thru looking for a more permanent dwelling.

A few short years ago most homes were listed in realty ads with "w to w" carpet. Some of you remember this easily while others will have to think about it. You see we were coming out of a time when people had grown tired of hardwood floors and area rugs. Soon wall to wall carpet was sweeping the USA as a trend. Now fast forward to 2012 the most desirable homes have hardwood flooring AND area rugs! If you try and stay trendy and contemporary it will cost a great deal to keep up with the times! Of course we all want to be stylish and fit in but are we really supposed to?

The word instructs us that we are as "aliens and foreigners" searching for our homeland. We all want to blend in but there will come a time when we have to stand up for ourselves. This goes much deeper than carpet or bare floors. Of course if you have the time and money to keep up with the trends, go ahead. Just make sure in keeping up with the trends that you don't short change God and the church with your time and resources or money. It is costly to stay "fashionable", and after all if you hang on to it for a while eventually the "old will become new" again. At least that's what I am counting on!

Alma Boyd

Harvest Ministries

At the 2010 assembly in Greensboro, NC, Brother Phillip Segadika from Botswana, South Africa shared his vision of the Empowering Women in Botswana initiative. His plan was to train women to become nursery school teachers. This project would help them to provide resources for their families, as well as helping to keep them from becoming victims of an ungodly lifestyle because of the extreme poverty. We felt that this would be something that our mission group would be interested in pursuing. We already had other commitments that we were funding, but finally in the spring of 2012, we began working on this project. About the same time, a very gifted artist in our church, Marietta Price, felt inspired to make a quilt for Veronica Venable, who has served the Harvest Ministries church so faithfully for many years. The decision was made that the quilt would be the avenue that we would use to raise our funds for the Botswana project. People were given the opportunity to give a mission offering in honor of Veronica and they each signed a square which would become part of the quilt. Over a few months, we worked to get squares signed.

So many people who had known her over the years were thrilled to be able to be a part of this effort to honor this remarkable woman. Finally on Sept. 30th, 2012 the quilt was presented to Veronica during the Sunday morning service. It was a complete surprise to her.

Everyone who has seen the quilt is amazed at the quality and beauty of it. We are so blessed to have Marietta as part of our church family. Her many talents and gifts are a great treasure to us.

We were thrilled to be able to send to Brother Segadika \$2000.00 which will fund scholarships to train two women in Botswana.

Following is an article by Marietta which explains her inspiration for the quilt:

“When inspiration arrives, action is required. Early in April 2010, I was inspired with a complete mental picture of a quilt featuring our beloved Pastor Veronica praising God. She often is a true picture of beauty and grace in her service to our faith family at Harvest Ministries. Although I could visualize the finished product, I did not know when and why I was to make a quilt for her”.

“About the same time, Ruth Robinette, leader of our Mission Possible group, requested that I head a fundraising project

for empowering women in Botswana. Knowing Veronica’s passion for Christian education and that she had received the Billy Murray Christian Educator of the year in 2008 the quilt for Veronica and the Botswana project became one. It was secretly known to all of us as “Veronica’s Quilt”

“A longtime friend of Veronica’s, Nancy Turner was nearing the end of suffering with cancer and had asked Veronica to officiate at her funeral. A mutual friend of both Nancy and Veronica was able to get Nancy’s quilt square signed two days before she went to be with the Lord. Also, through the assistance of another friend, we were able to obtain the signature of another dear friend, Benny Summerlin, whom Veronica had worked with before she came to Harvest Ministries. He passed away two days after he signed the quilt square, having confirmed his faith. I was in awe of God’s love and attention to the details of Veronica’s life and was honored to be a part of His showering of love on her”.



left to right, Veronica Venable, Ruth Robinette, and Marietta Price.

Submitted by Ruth Robinette

Pictured in pictures, 1st Veronica Venable, 2nd picture from

Deaths



Dorothy Mae Persinger Rowsey

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Persinger Rowsey of Nathalie, Virginia died Monday, November 12, 2012 at her home. She was born September 22, 1938 in Alleghany County, Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Stanley Edward Persinger and Nancy Elizabeth Bailey Persinger and was married to Leslie Allen Rowsey, Sr., who pastors the Brookneal, Virginia Church of God of Prophecy.

Dot was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She loved God, her family and children of all ages. She was a living reflection of God's love and a shining example of forgiveness. We will miss her smile, her song and her laughter.

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Persinger Rowsey is survived by her husband: Leslie Allen Rowsey, Sr. of Nathalie. Three daughters: Debra Kay Anderson of Nathalie, Delores R. Davis & husband J. T. of Nathalie, and Karen R. Knicely & husband Dale of Fredericksburg. Two sons: L. Allen Rowsey, Jr. & wife Lori of Dumfries & Christopher S. Rowsey & wife Tina of Harrisonburg. Eighteen Grandchildren: Rachel Rowsey, A. J. Davis, Brandon Rowsey, Austin Rowsey, Anna Davis, Josh Kussmann, Ariana Anderson, Briana Anderson, Dylan Rowsey, Maggie Knicely, Erik Knicely, Malena Russett, Ryan Knicely, Hannah Knicely, Justin Knicely, Sarah Knicely, Lilah Rowsey & Jeremiah Knicely. Four great-grandchildren, Noah Rowsey, Ella Roadfeldt, Karsyn Kussmann & Hazel King Two sisters, Martha Ella Carter of Covington & Nancy Carol Hubbard & husband Ben of Covington. A number of nieces & nephews



Barbara Edna McDaniel West

Barbara Edna McDaniel West, 77, of Troutville, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 8, 2012. She was born on February 23, 1935, and was preceded in death by her husband, Bishop Billy Gene West; parents, Lloyd and Marie McDaniel, granddaughter, Brandi Nichole West, six brothers, Lloyd, Roy, Maynard, Raymond, Clyde, Jackie McDaniel; and three sisters, Kathleen Rhodes, Frances Deisher, and Lucille McDaniel. She is survived by four sons, Robert (Dale) West (Priscilla), Glenn West (Alisa), Lewis West, Tim West (Dee Dee); four grandchildren, Christine Andrade (Mario), Ashley West, Amanda West, Dakota West; three brothers, Jerry, Harold, Richard McDaniel; sister, Isabelle Lucado; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joyce Joann Bragg

Mrs. Joyce Joann Bragg, 75 of Waynesboro, went to be with her Lord on Monday, July 23, 2012, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Charlottesville, on May 21, 1937, the daughter of the late Samuel and Nellie Garrison. She was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy and was a devoted wife and mom. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Louie and Pete Garrison. She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, the Reverend Melvin Bragg who pastors the Waynesboro Church of God of Prophecy; her two daughters, Deborah Burks of Amherst and Cynthia Gregory and her husband, Ricky, of Staunton; her two sons, Thomas Bragg Jr. and his wife, Betty, of Florida, and Shelton Bragg of Waynesboro; and her 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Your 2012 Virginia State Staff wishes you a very "Merry Christmas"



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Medical Data: Insurance Company: _____ Company Address: _____ Policy #: _____

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I certify that all the information provided on this registration form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that in signing this form, I agree to abide by all the policies and discipline of its administration and staff personnel. I also understand that the Ladies Retreat, Church of God of Prophecy and its staff are not responsible for any valuables and/or personal property that may be lost, stolen or damaged. I hereby give my permission to attend the Virginia Church of God of Prophecy retreat. In case of emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact my emergency contact. In the event that my emergency contact cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the Retreat Director and physician selected by to secure proper treatment for, to hospitalize, and to order injection, anesthesia, and/or surgery for the retreatee. I understand sickness/illness and pre-existing conditions are not covered by the retreat insurance. Therefore, it is my responsibility and the Retreat will not be liable for any of the expenses incurred in such cases. I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims, demands and causes of action against retreat officials, the Church of God of Prophecy of Virginia and the International Offices (Cleveland, TN), their agents, employees and participants to injury, damage, or loss of property that I may sustain at a Virginia COGOP Retreat. I hereby affirm that I have read and agree with all information on the application form. Applicant's less than 18 years of age must have Parental/Guardian signed consent with application.

APPLICANT'S/PARENTAL SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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March 16

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April 5-7

April 10-12

April 12-14

April 17-20

April 26-28

May 3-4

May 17-18

May 31-June 2

June 20-23

June 23- 28

July 7-12

July 31-August 3

August 23-25

September 12-15

September 23-26

October 4-6

October 16-18

November 27-29

December 23-January 3

Ministers Convention-Camp Lowman

State Offices Closed

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Statewide Fast

Celebration & Worship Time

End of 21 Day fast

College/Career Retreat-South Carolina

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Spring Renewal (Ages 13-19)-Camp Lowman

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Ladies Retreat -Gatlinburg, Tennessee

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ICM North America-Ridgecrest, North Carolina

Northeastern Region Revival-Richmond

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Spring Youth Retreat

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A \$10 non-refundable deposit must accompany this form.

Cost: \$55. Early Bird cost is \$45 if received by March 1, 2013

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Personal Information

Local Church You Attend _____
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I hereby give my child permission to attend the Virginia Church of God of Prophecy retreat. In case of emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me (Parent or Guardian). In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the Camp Director and physician selected by the camp to secure proper treatment for, to hospitalize, and to order injection, anesthesia, and/or surgery for the camper. I understand sickness/illness and pre-existing conditions are not covered by the camp insurance. Therefore, it is my responsibility and the camp will not be liable for any of the expenses incurred in such cases. I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims, demands and causes of action against camp officials, the Church of God of Prophecy of Virginia and the International Offices (Cleveland, TN), their agents, employees and participants to injury, damage, or loss of property my child may sustain at a Virginia COGOP Retreat. I hereby affirm that I have read and agree with all information on the application form. **NOTE: Camp nurse must administer ALL medications. The nurse will be present to collect medications at registration.** If under 18, I hereby give my child permission to attend the Virginia Church of God of Prophecy Youth Retreat.

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Camper Signature _____ / _____ / _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____ Date

Camper applications are accepted without regard to sex, race, religion, national origin, or mental handicap.

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+Registration begins at 3PM Friday, April 5, 2013

+Retreat ends at 1PM on Sunday, April 7, 2013

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+Ages: 13-19

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