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APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE GREAT COMMISSION MEALS MARCH 16 - 21, 2026

Central West Virginia District – Monday, March 16 – 6:00 p.m.

The Dream Center

224 Pinewood Drive, Beckley, WV 25801

Roanoke/Central Virginia Districts – Tuesday, March 17 – 12 noon

Olde Liberty Station

515 Bedford Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523

Shenandoah Valley District – Tuesday, March 17 – 6:00 p.m.

Good News Ministries - Wanda Myers, Pastor

18 Kerry Lane, Staunton, VA 24401

Greenbrier District – Monday, March 18 – 11:30 a.m.

Cucci's Pizzeria

566 E. Madison St, Covington, VA 24426

New River Valley District – Thursday, March 19 – 6:00 p.m.

Harbor of Hope - Craig Reed, Pastor

2720 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Southwest Virginia District – Friday, March 20 – 6:00 p.m.

Liberty Hill PHC - Josh Graham, Pastor

100 Old School Road, Wytheville, VA 24382

East Tennessee District – Saturday, March 21 – 11:30 a.m.

Golden Corral

3104 Browns Mill Road, Johnson City, TN 37604

Bluefield/McDowell Districts – Saturday, March 21 – 5:00 p.m.

New Vision - Keith Maxwell, Pastor

120 Redsky Road, Princeton, WV 24739

2026

THE YEAR OF THE PASTOR

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

Jeremiah 3:15



Timothy L. McKenzie – Home with the Lord



Timothy "Tim" L. McKenzie, 61, went to be with the Lord on January 4, 2026. He served on staff at New Life Christian Ministries in Roanoke prior to planting/pastoring New Life Church in Boones Mill for the last seven years. He had a minister's heart and loved serving the Lord by serving God's people. He is survived by his wife, Teresa, and daughter, Amanda. The funeral was held on January 9 at New Life Church.

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The Bishop's Page

Larry Meadors



As a pastor, can you relate to this sentiment?

As leaders, there are times that we are called to challenge the status quo. The goal is certainly not to make enemies. However, neither can we afford to be paralyzed by non-action over fear of causing offenses. The religious leaders became enemies of the

Messiah because He came to bring lasting change.

Think in these terms:

- Is it a good idea or a God idea? Seek God's will before moving forward.
- Work together with your leaders. People are more open to change when they are part of the process.
- Overly communicate – the whens, whys and hows.
- When offense is taken, walk in love towards those who disagree.
- Overcome by prayer and walking out the Word of God.

Let's be change agents for the kingdom of God! This is our time, our season for true revival in this Appalachian Conference region and our nation.

Pastor Huddle Prayer Points for our Conference

Please join us in prayer over these scriptures for our ministers and churches.

For our Shepherds - Jeremiah 3:15

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."

Break Controlling Powers/Strongholds - 2 Corinthians 10:4

"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."

Return of the Prodigals - Luke 15:17-20

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

Revival - Mark 4:26-29

²⁶ He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

The Call of Raising up Sons and Daughters for Ministry - 1 Timothy 1:2

"Timothy my true son in the faith:"

1 Corinthians 4:15-16 – "Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. Therefore I urge you to imitate me."

Unity - Psalm 133

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Pray For One Another - James 5:16

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

Galatians 6:2 – "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."



Prayer and Praise Huddles continue this month. I hope to see you at one of these important times together.

February 5

Buena Vista, VA
Buena Vista PH
1702 Chestnut Ave.

February 9

Christiansburg, VA
Victory Restoration
190 Bishops Gate Road

February 12

Greeneville, TN
Ashway PHC
818 Asheville Highway

Ministers' Summit (March 4-6) will feature Pastor Mike Dobson (Tree of Life) sharing and ministering the Word. It is always a great time together in Pigeon Forge. Look for some interesting giveaways, pop-up game time and the Bishop's session that will focus on the Year of the Pastor.

Let me put a plug in for the Educational Fellowships. The first one starts this month on the 28th. Dr. Derick Burton, our director for Clergy Development, has designed these for both those in the educational program and for those looking for Continued Education Units (CEU's).

Make sure you have April 25 on your calendar.

Our Annual Conference day has been moved from the fall to the spring.

Come early – the doughnut fellowship is back again this year!





World Missions & Evangelism

Wes Galford



No Greater Time in History

Brothers and sisters in Christ, there has never been a greater opportunity in history than the one set before us today. From the beginning of time, God chose *this* moment, and *us*, to live in His creation, because He knew this would be the appointed time for us to make our greatest impact for His Kingdom.

I am reminded of Paul's words in **2 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV):**

*"For He says: In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you.*

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

So often, we reflect on the past or place our hope entirely in the future. There is nothing wrong with remembering the "good old days," and we can certainly learn from them. However, it is impossible to live in those days with expectation of reliving the same encounters. Likewise, we sometimes look to the future expecting a perfect world or an easier life. We view the next season, door, or ministry opportunity as if it were an option on a smorgasbord buffet. By doing so, we miss what God is doing in the moment.

But Scripture reminds us clearly: "**Now is the appointed time.**" God desires for us to live fully in the present, making every moment count. We hinder what God wants to do *now* when we assume yesterday will return or tomorrow will somehow be better. The truth is simple – *now* is the best time to serve the Lord and take full advantage of the opportunities right in front of us.

Today is the day to play with your children and grandchildren. Today is the day to take the phone call, to pause in a public space for a meaningful conversation, to put your phone down and be fully present in the room. Today is the day to share the gospel with those you love and to go all in for missions. The harvest is ripe like never before, and **now is the time**.

Love your spouse and children as if there were no tomorrow. Share the gospel not only with your words, but through the actions of your life, so they know you love them, and so they know how to have a relationship with the Lord. We are called to be priests in our homes before being priests in our local churches. As a wise man once told me, *“Don’t lose your own family while trying to save everyone else.”* The biblical order is clear: **God first, family second, and ministry third.**

Please understand, this does not mean sacrificing one on the altar of another. Allow me to briefly explain. When I love God with all my heart, mind, and soul, He truly becomes first in my life. My family comes second, not neglected, but deeply nurtured. I want my family to have a relationship with Jesus that is as strong as mine, or even deeper. When God is first and family is second, ministry naturally flows from a united family serving Jesus together.

Serving Christ and honoring Him should be the heritage of our families. Whether through everyday life, church ministry, missions trips, or generous giving, we should model a faith our children can follow.

Now is the appointed time to fully embrace the opportunities before us. May we join together, families, churches, and communities, to see the salvation of the Lord poured out on this nation and across the world. As we give our time, talents, and resources, may God richly bless each of you beyond measure. May the fruit of your labor be evident in all you set your hands to, and may the gospel **GO** forth; until the last one hears.

Kim and I would like to cordially invite you, your spouse, and your missions director to our upcoming **Great Commission Meals**. We believe this time together will be inspiring and informative, filled with great food and meaningful fellowship. This year, we are especially blessed to welcome **Bishop Talmadge Gardner** and **Dr. Terry Tramel**.

Let’s come together to celebrate what God is doing around the world through your partnership. On the cover you’ll find the dates and locations for each **complimentary meal**. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. We would love to see you there!



Discipleship Ministries

Ron Fredericks



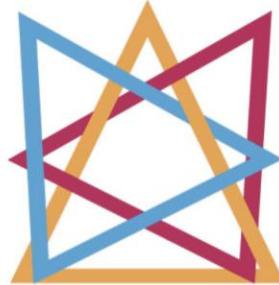
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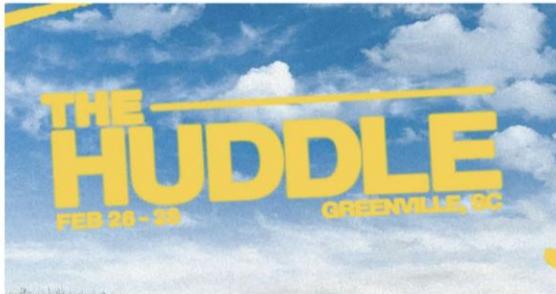
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APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE
BIBLE QUEST



FEBRUARY 26 – 28, 2026
GREENVILLE, SC

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

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IPH C Gospel Singing Celebration 2026
March 6 - 7, 2026
J.A. Culbreth Auditorium
Falcon, North Carolina



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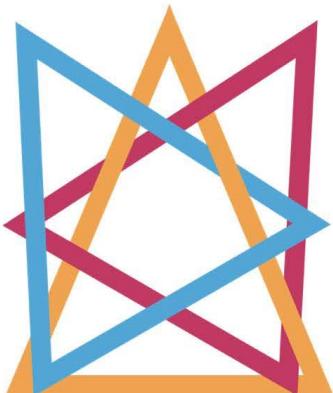


SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2026



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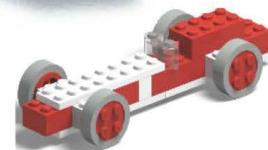
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From your Conference Children's Pastor...

*"Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." – **Philippians 2:2***

As Pastor Ron would say, "Hello family"!

As I begin serving the Appalachian Conference by serving on the DM Board, my heart is for every man and woman serving in KidMin. I understand what goes into preparing to serve our children and their families. The prayer, the sacrifice of time, the lack of... (supplies, help, curriculum, money, support, kids, etc.), and at times, the loneliness we all feel. YOU are not alone. We have all been right where you are. Even when surrounded by an incredible team of volunteers, there are times when the burden becomes heavy. KidMin is

NOT for the weak. I often say that it is the hardest place I have ever served... but it is the best place I have ever served! My motto at church is that if I don't leave exhausted, I didn't give the kids my best.

I want to be here for you. I want to be an ear to listen, a prayer partner, someone to bounce ideas off of. I want us to connect and share together. My desire is that we will become a tightknit team across the Appalachian Conference, serving Jesus, teaching Bible stories and demonstrating how to apply those stories in kids' lives, sharing ideas and resources and lifting each other up, all while imparting the gospel to the next generation and helping their parents better disciple their children. I want to see every church in our conference have a children's ministry that is transforming lives. (A great, free resource for curriculum is the IPHC's "Rooted"! It is free and available here: www.iphc.org/discipleship/kids/kids-curriculum/.)

To every leader serving kids, Thank you! You are making a difference in the lives of your kids.

If you aren't serving kids, I want to encourage you to consider it. Whether you are a teen, young adult, young married couple, senior saint, or anyone in between, you have a place training up the next generation!

Whether you already have kids with exceptional needs or not, you should have a plan in place on how to best serve these kids when they arrive. Having fidgets and headphones on hand, volunteers trained and ready to be a one-on-one buddy, and a safe space (even if it is a designated spot in the corner) means the world to worried parents. Parents know that you have a well thought out plan in place just for their child. Parents of exceptional kids are the most underserved group in churches. (Two of my favorite resources for exceptional needs are: "Awe and Wonder" at www.specialneedsministryresources.com AND "Wonderful Works" at www.wonderfulworksministry.org). Start now to be prepared.

Safety and security is essential in our kids' environments. Make sure you are performing background checks on all your volunteers who serve in KidMin! Ensure your leaders know how to keep your kids safe, what to do in any emergency, and how to protect kids in your care. The IPHC has great training videos you can use to help train your team and have a plan for your church. (Vigilant resources are available here: www.iphc.org/discipleship/vigilant.) We all need to be vigilant to protect our kids, and ourselves!

I look forward to serving on the DM Board of the Appalachian Conference and I want to connect with our KidMin leaders. Feel free to reach out and connect with me. I would love to build a relationship with you and learn about your needs and successes in KidMin. I can be reached via email at heather@tolm.net.

Finally, know that you are making a difference. With every lesson taught, every prayer prayed, every side hug given, every laugh shared... you are building relationships and planting seeds that will spring forth beautiful fruit in the lives of your kids! Never doubt what God is doing through you!

I am praying for each of you!

In His Service,

Heather Reynolds
Director of Children's Ministry
Tree of Life Ministries
Appalachian Conference Children's Pastor

We welcome Heather Reynolds to the Discipleship Ministries Board and as our Conference Children's Pastor. We want to hear from you about your children's ministry. How can we at the Conference Office help you as you serve on the frontlines of Children's Ministry and equip your parents as they disciple their children.

Heather welcomes your calls and she is ready to serve you as you serve the church and the kingdom.

Blessings,

Ron Fredericks, DMD Appalachian Conference



From your Conference Student Ministries Pastor....

My fellow youth pastors and youth leaders in the faith, I appreciate you and the impact you have been making. It has been felt across the Appalachian Conference from Youth Camps, Fine Arts, Youth Quest, Accelerant, and from what I hear, your local churches, schools, and the communities that you live in. I am excited also about all the reports of what God is doing in and through you already in 2026 as a whole and as individuals.

Today, I would like to share some thoughts with you that I feel the Lord has been depositing in my heart as we lead into 2026.



1. Be prepared. Spiritual preparation cannot be bought or borrowed last minute. Now is the time. Do not wait.
2. Youth Ministry is not a less-than ministry. It is a fully active and functional part of the ministry of the church to help her flourish as Christ has called His bride to do. We flourish in unity.
3. We, as youth leaders, cannot live on someone else's fire. We need the fire of God, the Holy Spirit, burning in us to sustain and reap the promises of God for our family and ministry.
4. Being a good steward is what reaps the blessings and faithfulness of God to come dwell in our lives and ministry.
5. God is looking for youth leaders that will take what has been entrusted unto them and bear fruit. Begin to stir the pot until you find out exactly what fits the vision God is giving to you for your church, community, and schools.
6. The harvest field is full. Full of young men and women that have not heard about the good news of the gospel. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see how ripe the fields are. Let that burden and brokenness of the world be a driving force of your heart to reach the harvest and give them a place to come and be fed the Word of God!
7. The church and/or youth group are not in competition. We STAND and LEAD from a place of VICTORY! God is building His church and it is our job as youth leaders to help get them there.

Know that you are not alone. I am here, along with the Conference Discipleship Ministries team, to serve you and help in any way possible. Always feel free to reach out. We're in this together.

Blessings,

Pastor Zack Cook, Youth Pastor at Life Changers Christian Center
Appalachian Conference Student Pastor
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**P.S. Hope to see you at the Huddle this year in Greenville, SC., February 26 - February 28.
If I can help in any way, please let me know.**



CAMP MARANATHA

ONE WEEK WILL CHANGE A LIFE

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

SERVE

CAMP MARANATHA '26



**High School Week
(Grades 9 - 12)**

Speaker
Trevon Winfield
June 14 - 19, 2026



**Middle School Week
(Grades 6 - 8)**

Speaker
Woody Burpo
June 21 - 26, 2026



**Elementary Week
(Grades 1 - 5)**

Speaker
Heather Reynolds
June 28 - July 2, 2026

**Early Registration Deadline
MAY 8**



The poster features a background image of an open Bible on the left, a wooden cross on the right, and a circular logo in the upper center. The logo contains the text 'APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE' at the top and 'EST. 1910' at the bottom, with 'A PLACE OF HOPE A PEOPLE OF PROMISE' written around the bottom of the circle. The title 'EDUCATIONAL FELLOWSHIP' is in large, gold-colored letters, with 'APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE' in smaller gold letters underneath. Below this, the words 'LEARN • GROW • LEAD' are in a dark red, serif font. The main event title 'CLERGY DEVELOPMENT' is in large, gold-colored letters. Below it, the date 'DATE: FEBRUARY 28 • 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM' is in a smaller gold font. The poster is divided into three vertical sections: 'THEOLOGICAL STUDIES' with an icon of stacked books, 'LEADERSHIP TRAINING' with an icon of people around a table, and 'LOCATION: APPALACHIAN CONFERENCE TRAINING CENTER' with a location pin icon. A portrait of Dr. Derick Burton, the Director of Clergy Development, is on the right. The class topic 'Ministering Through Grief and Loss.' is listed, along with the welcome message 'ALL ARE WELCOME!', the instructor's name, and the email 'schoolofministryac@gmail.com'. A statement about continuing education approval and a price of '\$10 Per Person, Lunch Provided' are at the bottom.

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 THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

 LOCATION:
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Class Topic: Ministering Through Grief and Loss.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Instructor: Dr. Derick Burton
Director of Clergy Development



schoolofministryac@gmail.com

This training has been approved for 4 hours of continuing education.

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Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



How Deep is Your Love?

The month of February is the month of love. We see commercials about it. Movie channels show love stories for weeks on end, and storefronts are all decorated in the color red with hearts and flowers and all the “feels” of love. For some people, it is an exciting reminder that their Valentine loves them and will surprise them with a special dinner, candy, flowers or maybe just a card with words that share their heart. For others, it is a reminder that they have lost that special someone or maybe have never quite had that special relationship their heart desires.

Love is important – so important that God’s Word mentions it hundreds of times. God talks about His love for us, our love for Him and how we should love others. Jesus says in Matthew 22:37-39, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself” (NIV).

He says if we do these two things, we have fulfilled all of the commandments. So, love obviously is the main characteristic of being a Christian. It is the one way that we can show on the outside how deep our love for Christ is on the inside.

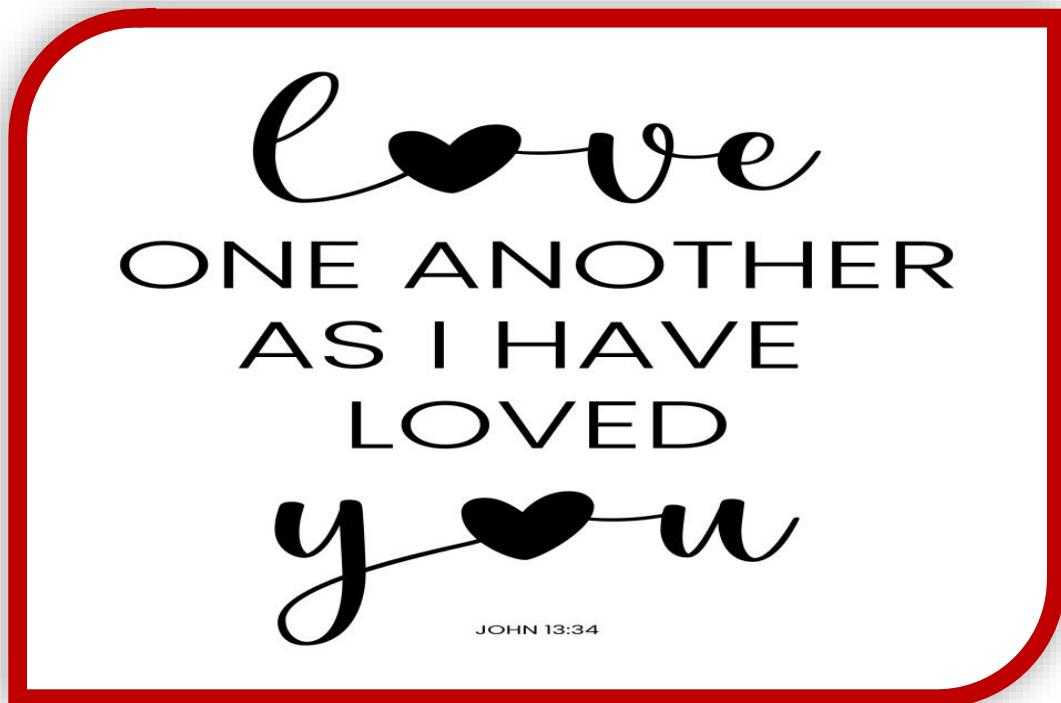
I asked Jesus into my heart over 50 years ago at church camp in Glenwood, West Virginia. I was 7 years old. I knew when I made that decision that I was going to love Jesus deeply. I knew that He had called me to do something great and I was going to answer that call. Even though I didn’t really understand it all, I knew that the commandment to love Him was not going to be hard because I just knew down deep inside that I loved Him. I felt a peace. I was only 7, but I was very aware that I would never be the same. I began to walk out that love – not perfectly, but sincerely. I don’t know about you, but loving God is the easy part of that two-part scripture. It’s the “love your neighbor as yourself” part that I have to work on sometimes.

Our walk with Christ is truly defined by how we treat others. It’s easy to love those who show us kindness and love. It’s not so easy to love someone who is rude or disrespectful to us. John says in his first letter, “And He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister” (1 John 4:21, NIV). This scripture reminds us that if we have the love of God in our heart, we must love others. That means even if they aren’t nice or if they don’t reciprocate that love, we have the responsibility to love them back.

In Matthew 5:44 Jesus says: "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (NIV). What? You mean I have to pray for people and bless someone who probably doesn't bless me back? Yes. That's what God says to do. Loving someone doesn't mean that we like what they do or even tolerate what they do, but we still have to pray for them and speak God's best over them. Jesus was the greatest example for blessing those who hated him. If people hated Jesus – who, by the way, was love – of course we will have people who don't like or love us.

During this love month, may we all be reminded that loving others really is the key to our breakthroughs, our blessings and our peace. At the end of the day, it really doesn't matter how others treat us, but how we treat others. If our love for God runs deep, we can rise above our circumstances and do what He has commanded us to do.

So, you see, love really is more than flowers, hearts and candy. I have found that the deeper my love for God is, the easier it is for me to love those who aren't very lovable. I am determined in 2026 to take my relationship with Jesus to a deeper level and focus on loving others more than I love myself. It may not change them, but it will change me. What about you? How deep is your love?





WHAT ARE THEY SAYING ABOUT 2026?

YES, the Holy Spirit leads us through different seasons and transitions! Jesus told His disciples that His people would recognize His voice and follow Him.

"The sheep that are My own hear My voice and listen to Me. I know them and they follow Me" (John 10:27 Amplified Version).

Further confirmation is provided from the Sons of Issachar. God gave them the wisdom to understand the times and seasons; and to know what to do!

"From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take" (I Chronicles 12:32 New Living Translation).

Another frequently quoted scripture is from the Book of Amos.

"Surely, the Lord God will do nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7 NKJ).

God revealed His secrets to Abraham. (Genesis 18:16-33 and James 2:23) And God will reveal His secrets to us, if we seek Him.

"The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant" (Psalm 25:14 New American Standard Bible).

The question is: **WHAT IS GOD SPEAKING TO YOU?**

Surely certain scriptures have stood out in your mind and your thoughts as you prayed for guidance regarding this New Year.

I am going to be sharing some statements about the Year of 2026 from trusted friends and ministry leaders.

THE YEAR OF ANSWERED PRAYERS

One remarkable lady who ministers in our region sent me a message this week. "THIS WILL BE A YEAR OF ANSWERED PRAYERS!"

If you ever saw her minister, you would agree that she is truly anointed. When she prays for the sick, a powerful presence of God is felt. Many people have been healed when she laid hands on them and prayed!

Jesus assured us that He hears our prayers! *"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it" (John 14:14 Amplified Version).*

HAVE FAITH TO LOOK FORWARD

On 12/21/25, a wonderful friend from South Carolina preached about the importance of remembering the good things that God has done in 2025. He is a seasoned minister, still preaching in his 80s. Even if you faced spiritual battles in the year of 2025, take time to express gratitude.

Also, be strong in your faith, and have courage to look forward in 2026. Believe God for victories and great breakthroughs!

The Apostle Paul encourages us to make the effort to press forward toward the things that God has for us.

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

TAKE IT BACK IN 2026!

I have talked with several proven Christians and listened to some faithful teachers. One theme has been prominent. In the year of 2025, many people faced difficult spiritual battles. Some stated that these battles were very intense and devastating.

However, HOPE is arising with the dawning of the New Year. Recall that God does not waste any type of suffering. Also, God restores and refreshes His people.

The message I have sensed from the Holy Spirit is a sentence with a rhyme.

"AS THE CLOCK TICKS, THERE WILL BE GREAT VICTORIES IN 2026!"

We have gained much experience from the battles we fought in 2025. We have both wisdom and experience for the upcoming year!

THROUGH THE VALLEY OF BACA IN 2026!

This week, during my times of prayer, I was drawn to this scripture.

"Passing through the Valley of Weeping (Baca), they make it a place of springs;

The early rain also covers it with blessings.

They go from strength to strength (increasing in victorious power);" Psalm 84:6,7 Amplified Study Bible).

We will come out of trials and hardships and become stronger in our faith!

Be encouraged as this New Year springs forth. God is with us!



- 4-6 Ministers' Summit**
- 5 Fine Arts Registration Due**
- 8 W.M. Virtual Event**
- 15 Bible Quiz Scrimmage – CLI**
- 16-21 Great Commission Meals**
- 29 Palm Sunday**