



The LANDMARK

*"Remove not the ancient landmark,
which thy fathers have set."
PROVERBS 22:28*

Voice

CRANBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2011

Merry Christmas
from Pastor & Mrs. Pauley



It is hard to believe that we are just a few weeks away from Christmas Day! As a matter of fact, while I am writing this article for the winter issue of the **Landmark Voice**, it is nearly 70 degrees here in Beckley and we are just 45 days out from Christmas! I remember when I was a young boy growing up, I thought Christmas would never get here! Now that I'm in my 60th year it seems as if we just celebrated Christmas! Oh, it's true, the older we get the quicker time passes. This reminds me of a message I preached from the Psalms just a couple of weeks ago. Psalm 90:12 **"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."** As Moses pens this Hebrew hymn he reminds the children of Israel of the frailty of man and the eternity of God. Our time on this earth is measured by days and, at most, it is considered; **"As a tale that is told."** Therefore, there must be an **Acceptance of our Time!** *Teach us...* God is in **control** of each day! There must also be an **Awareness of our Time!** *Number our days...calculate* each day! Thirdly, and most important, there is an **Answer for our Time!** *Apply our hearts unto wisdom...* make the right **choices** each day! As we come to the close of 2011 and turn the calendar for another year, we look forward to what the Lord has in store for us in 2012. It is interesting to note that we actually gain an extra day on the calendar in 2012 because this is Leap Year! This extra day every four years allows the calendar year and the solar year to be synchronized. Here is a valid point and an outstanding analogy with an excellent reminder of the importance of one day! **"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."**

The Cranberry calendar is always packed and the schedule gets very busy! When we look at our personal calendars with work, family time, school, children's activities and other obligations, it's very easy to schedule God out! It can even happen in the Lord's work! Therefore, it is important that we never allow a day to pass without allowing the Lord to have preeminence in our life! **"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."** (Ps.118:24)

Christmas is a special day for all of us as Christians, and we always place a great emphasis on this time of year here at Cranberry. Everyone enjoys the kids' Christmas programs, the Living Christmas Story, and the Christmas Cantata. We look forward to our annual Christmas Eve Service. I am excited to announce that our son, Scott, will be home again to preach for this special service! With Christmas falling on Sunday and with our Candlelight Service on the 24th, we will only have our 11:00am service on Christmas day. There will be no evening service on December 25th. Let me encourage each of you to look over the church calendar and join us throughout the month of December as we **celebrate the birth of our Saviour!** Marcia and I are so blessed to serve here at Cranberry, and from our family to yours, we want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas! We are grateful for your friendship, love, and prayers! This is our 22nd Christmas with our church family and we pray that the Lord will give each of you a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and happiness for your entire family!



"The Life of Christ" Living Christmas Story

*Friday, December 9—6:30pm-8:30pm
Saturday, December 10—6:30pm-8:30pm*

BUS MINISTRY *Christmas*

What an exciting time of year it truly is at Cranberry Baptist Church! The winter schedule is full for the bus ministry with plenty going on with the children and teens. The kids were especially excited about the balloon launch on November 6 and the opportunity to win a bicycle. Each child watched with great anticipation as their balloon floated away. Additionally, the children who ride our buses are looking forward to their Christmas Program on December 11th. We have a select group of our most faithful and dedicated riders who will be participating in the program. We are praying that there will be many parents of these children present for this special presentation involving Scripture, Christmas bells, and singing.

The most important part of the bus ministry is to help each child understand the true meaning of Christmas and trust Christ as their personal Saviour. Please continue to pray for the workers, children, and adults who ride each week as we press on for His glory!

Ty Thomas



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY AM, DECEMBER 18

Be a blessing to the children of Cranberry Baptist by donating a \$10 gift. Please pick up your gift tag at the Welcome Station and place your gift under the Christmas tree in the church lobby.

He Gave Everything

*Come enjoy the Beautiful Music and
Drama from our Adult Christmas
Cantata!*

Sunday, December 18, 6:00pm

Tickets for Family and Friends Available!



Let us Rise Up and Build

Over the last few months, the leadership of our church has been praying for direction on the expansion of our church facilities. We have a great need for space in our classrooms, nurseries and auditorium. The goal to complete this project will be in two phases. However, the first step is to make sure that we have the necessary funds in place to begin construction.

In August, our church voted to move forward with a Capital Stewardship Campaign. We are now close to a decision on implementing this program. A leadership meeting with all of our Deacons, Trustees, Board Members, Staff and their wives has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2012. This will be followed by a special membership meeting on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00pm. During this meeting, we will receive a presentation on the scriptural approach to funding this project through the ministry of a Capital Stewardship Campaign.

As we read the book of Nehemiah, we discover not only the need to build the walls, but that it was a good work! Nehemiah 2:20 states that the God of heaven will prosper us. We, too, have a need to build, this is a good work, and the God of heaven will prosper us. However, we must be good stewards with what God has given us and what He desires to do through us. Please pray for our church as we....RISE UP AND BUILD.



TEENAGER, WHICH LIST IS YOUR NAME ON? by Greg Dowdy

At this time of year, there is much attention given to a particular list. It is usually divided into "Naughty" and "Nice." There is one list on which most people WANT their name (especially if they want a good Christmas gift) and one list on which most people DON'T WANT their name. There is another list of names. As a matter of fact, this list is the most important list of all time. Your eternity is based upon which list your name is found. Allow me to illustrate it this way. This past spring, we took a family trip to an amazing exhibition. The TITANIC exhibition, to be exact. Upon entering, each person is given a ticket with the name of an individual and details of that individual. That name is the name of a person on board that "unsinkable" ship on its maiden voyage. Like most people, I forgot about that ticket as I enjoyed taking a "tour" of the ship (which was really awesome!). At the conclusion of the tour, there was a large wall. It had two lists of names; there was a long list, and there was a short list. Next to each name was one of four designations: first class, second class, third class, and crew. But no matter what your class, your name ultimately appears on one of those two lists, which are under one of two headings: "Saved"... "Lost." Tragically, the short list is the one that says "saved." The long list is the names of the "lost." At the end of the exhibit, everyone is looking all over the list for their name to see if he or she survived the tragedy that took place 100 years ago. Fortunately, I survived!

As you read the Bible, you begin to realize that all of humanity is divided into those same two lists: "SAVED" and "LOST." There's no third list. You're on one or the other. The Bible says in John 3:36 that, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Young person, either you have everlasting life, or you don't. Either you are saved, or you're lost. I am so thankful that when I was eleven years of age, my name was changed from the "LOST" list to the "SAVED" list! Teenager, make sure your name is on the "SAVED" list. Make sure that you have trusted Christ as your personal Saviour. We celebrate a baby in a manger, but Jesus came to die in your place.



New Year's Eve SERVICE

Saturday, December 31, beginning at 8:00pm

Spend the last few moments of 2011 in God's house, with God's people! The preaching, special singing, and testimonies will challenge your heart to bring in the new year in Christ-honoring fashion!

VISION N SUNDAY

"Where there is no vision, the people perish"
Proverbs 29:18

JANUARY 8, 2012

CHRISTIAN MENTORING CLASS Foundational Truths

Sunday Mornings, 9:45
January 15-March 18, 2012
Pastor Pauley, Teacher

FAITH for the FAMILY COUPLES' RETREAT

February 9-11, 2011
Gatlinburg Convention Center
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Only \$55 per couple!

Hosted By Temple Baptist Church
& Crown College
Knoxville, TN



Conference Hosts:
Dr. & Mrs. Clarence Sexton

Enrich Your Marriage



Sweetheart Banquet



Saturday, February 11, 6:30pm
Cranberry Fellowship Hall with
David & Glorianne Gibbs

Christian Law Association, FL

Drive-thru Presentation of the True Meaning of Christmas

Living Christmas Story



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Celebrate Christmas

- December 1.....Ladies' Christmas Dinner
- December 3.....Couples' Christmas Progressive Dinner
- December 4.....Preschool Christmas Program
- December 9-10.....Living Christmas Story
- December 11.....Bus Ministry Christmas Program
- December 13.....Christmas Caroling
- December 17.....Bus Ministry Breakfast
- December 17.....Teen Super Duper Christmas Extravaganza
- December 18 (am).....Children's Christmas Party
- December 18 (pm).....Christmas Cantata
- December 21.....Church Christmas Dinner
- December 24.....Christmas Eve Service
- December 25.....Christmas Day (Church at 11:00am)
- December 31.....New Year's Eve Service
- January 3.....Leadership Meeting
- January 4.....Capital Stewardship Presentation
- January 8.....Vision Sunday
- January 20.....Tubing at "Thomas Place"

Cranberry's
22nd Annual
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
December 24, 6:00pm ~ 7:00pm



Special Speaker:
Scott Pauley
Crown College
Knoxville, TN





REGIONS BEYOND L U P D A T E

The World Missions Ministry of Cranberry Baptist Church

“To preach the gospel in the **REGIONS BEYOND**” II Corinthians 10:16

Over the last few months we have had two missionaries who were serving abroad and now have returned home. Both missionaries and their families are now serving in local churches here in the states. With that being said, I want you to pray about adding two additional missionaries prior to our March for Missions. We are contacted weekly by missionaries who are requesting support, and, certainly, there is a great need around the world. Over the next few weeks, our Regions Beyond Directors will be reviewing missionaries who are worthy of support and prayerfully make a decision. We are also in the process of scheduling for next year's missions' month. March for Missions will begin on Sunday, March 4, 2012 and conclude with our Missions' Banquet on Sunday evening, March 25. Dr. James Ray, former Director of B.I.M.I., will be our guest speaker.

It is our prayer that God will continue to challenge our hearts in the area of world evangelism. The church has been given a great responsibility by the Lord Jesus Christ. The Great Commission is repeated by the Lord four times. However, the one that is most familiar is Matthew 28:18-20, “*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*” Here we see clearly the task of the local church is to evangelize the lost, equip the believers, and to establish churches. Therefore, the emphasis of missions is to evangelize, to establish, and to equip! We are grateful for the privilege we have to support missionaries and realize the responsibility that comes with the opportunity. May we be faithful to support our missionaries through our prayers, financial support, encouragement, and our willingness to be obedient to the Great Commission here in our Jerusalem! For those within the church who would like to send a Christmas card to our missionaries, addresses are listed in your Regions Beyond Missions Manual. Copies are available in the church office.

Exciting Update From Another Cranberry!

We are privileged to support Nathan and Sheila Snode, church planters to

Cranberry, PA. Opening services at the Lifeway Baptist Church in April of 2012. Lifeway Baptist Church is a church plant of Harvest Baptist Church in Natrona Heights, PA. The Snode family is working with Bro. Earl Jessup and Baptist Church Planting Ministries. This report is from BCPM Assistant Director, Jeremy Rowland.

“Recently, I was on a trip to Cranberry, PA, to help Pastor Nathan Snode find a meeting place for an upcoming church plant in the spring of 2012. Cranberry is located just north of Pittsburg and is thriving with new homes and businesses. It would be difficult to find a meeting place since almost the whole town is new and real estate is very expensive. As we started out, we asked God to provide clear direction and open the door to find a place. There were not a lot of meeting places available and the few that were came with a price that was unaffordable. As we drove past a strip mall next to a large fitness center, we noticed a store front for lease. We stopped and called the owner who happened to be next door in the fitness center. He met us and asked what we needed the space for.

“When we mentioned a new Baptist church, he said with a pleasantly surprised look, ‘Oh really.’ He told us that this was exciting news and that he had been praying for over a year that God would send someone to start a conservative Baptist church in Cranberry. He then commented that he had something better than the store front next door in the fitness center. Come to find out, he built and owned both buildings and would be glad to share part of the fitness center for the new church. He took us next door and showed a nice meeting room, separate class room, and full nursery. I believe the owner was more excited than we were, and he even mentioned that he and his wife were praying about donating the whole building to a new church! Brother Snode and I walked away praising God and saying ‘Only God could do this.’ This is just another reminder that with God ‘all things are possible.’ God will provide for any church in any situation if we will simply seek Him.”





ALBERTA UPDATE

from Missionary Shane Davis

The Lord's work is moving forward in Hinton! Little by little and step by step, we are seeing that our labor for Him is not in vain! Wonderful things have been taking place in His little flock in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies. We are excited to be ministering in the local seniors' home. On every third Sunday, we have a Bible-preaching, hymn-singing church service at the Mountain View Extended Care Facility. Also,

Hinton Baptist Church held its first baptismal service on September 11. Although the day was overcast, drizzling rain, and quite cool (+9C), four believers followed Christ in obedience in baptism. Praise the Lord!

Our application for permanent residence has finally been mailed. We were praying that the Lord would provide the funds necessary, and He did! Now, it is a matter of waiting for the government to approve our application, and then passing a physical exam.

We do covet your continued prayers. Kristy has had continued trouble with her lower back, with no answers or fixes from the doctors. Thank you for helping us be here. His work is moving forward. He is giving increases. Your labour...praying and giving...are not in vain!

While I was at the airport in Beijing, China, I met a man from Nigeria. He asked me what I was doing going to Mongolia. My response was that I was a Missionary there. He asked me what religion. I said, "Baptist." He said, "I have never understood Christianity." After we received our boarding passes, I asked him if he would like me to explain Christianity to him. He said that would be good. We found a coffee shop, sat down, and ordered coffee. I took my Bible out and began to show him the Romans Road and explained that Jesus died for his sins and by accepting Him he could have a home in Heaven. I asked him if he understood. He responded, "Yes." "Would you like to except Jesus as you Saviour?" And again he responded, "Yes." We bowed our heads and he asked Jesus into his heart!

What an experience to be able to lead someone to the Lord in public in Communist China. He only needed someone to explain Jesus to him. Acts 8:35 says, "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." The world needs a clean presentation of Jesus!

PRINTING MINISTRY Update

by Missionary Jeff Kauchkow

UPDATE FROM TRAVIS MCHUGH, B.A.T.A. Missionary

We have had a great year of helping churches, distributing gospel literature door to door, and seeing souls come to Christ. We were able to help 11 churches this year. Our labors included pulpit supply, organizing campaigns to distribute door bags (filled with church information, tracts, and the word of God), soul winning, grounds clean up & repairs, church camps, church planting, strengthening campaigns, revival meetings, and Vacation Bible School. We have seen 11,500 door bags distributed up and down the east coast, in six states, with the majority of those doors being knocked. Every home received the gospel and we saw over 50 people come to Christ this year. We would like to give praise to God first and then to all those that helped to make 2011 such a great work for our Lord Jesus Christ! Our family is grateful to the Lord for the opportunity we have to serve in this ministry! Thank you for your financial support and prayers!



ATHENS, OHIO CHURCH PLANT UPDATE, Pastor Troy Cline

Praise the Lord for the great things He has done in Athens, Ohio! The first week of December will make Bible Truth Baptist Church two months old. Our services have averaged about 20 on Sunday morning and 10 in the evening and mid-week services. Praise the Lord; we have had 4 people come to Christ and are now making preparations for a baptism service!

During our first Sunday service, we had a man saved. He and his family are now coming to the services and are excited about what is happening. Also, in that same service there was a young man who is very involved in Campus Crusade for Christ. He watched as the gospel was preached and that man came forward to be saved. This young man has been in Athens attending Ohio University for a couple years and tells me he has not found a church that is "Christ centered" where a person can come and be saved. He not only has been coming to the services but has brought friends with him.

Many churches came and helped with the John/Romans distribution in September. A total of 400 folks participated in the four weeks of distributing over 32,000 pieces of gospel literature. We are still seeing fruit from this amazing work. Still today as I go door to door I often meet someone who remembers receiving something from our church. Thank you all for your help and continued support here in Athens. As of this date we are at 50% of our support level. Our midweek service is on Thursday nights, therefore I am still available for meetings on Wednesdays to present this ministry.