



The
LANDMARK
 Voice

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

CRANBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2008

Celebrating the True Meaning of
Christmas



The leaves have fallen, the temperature has fallen, and now, the snow is falling. All of this is an indication that winter is upon us! We have enjoyed the presence of the Lord throughout this year, and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us the remainder of 2008. We have a full schedule again this December as we celebrate our Saviour’s birth! In addition to children’s Christmas programs, our 15th annual drive-thru Living Christmas story is scheduled for December 12-13. This moving, outdoor presentation of the life of Christ is presented with over 100 people from the Cranberry family. Let me give you a personal invitation to drive through this year’s Living Christmas story. Marcia and I hope to see many of our friends from the community on Friday and Saturday between 6:30pm-8:30pm on the back parking lot of the Cranberry Baptist Church.

Please pray for every service throughout the month of December. Pray that God will speak to those who do not know Christ and draw each of us closer to Himself. Christmas is a wonderful time of the year and a perfect time to witness to others. Let me encourage you to witness to those you come in contact with and invite folks to join us as we **Celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas!**

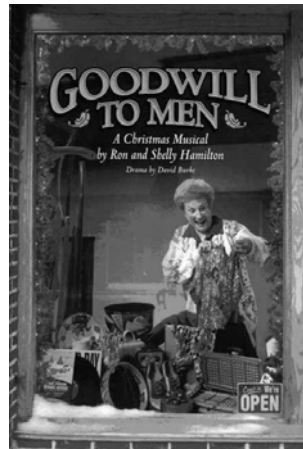
“For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

Pastor Roger E. Pauley

Come Home to
Cranberry
For Christmas!

*You and Your Family are Invited to
 Join Us for a Christ-Honoring Christmas!*

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| <u>DECEMBER 6</u>
Ladies’ Christmas Dinner | <u>DECEMBER 17</u>
Church Christmas Dinner |
| <u>DECEMBER 7</u>
Preschool Christmas Program | <u>DECEMBER 20</u>
Teen Christmas Party |
| <u>DECEMBER 9</u>
Seniors’ Christmas Lights | <u>DECEMBER 21</u>
“A” Sunday School Christmas Program |
| <u>DECEMBER 10</u>
Family Night | <u>DECEMBER 21</u>
Children’s Christmas Party |
| <u>DECEMBER 12-13</u>
Living Christmas Story | <u>DECEMBER 21</u>
Christmas Cantata |
| <u>DECEMBER 14</u>
“B” Sunday School Christmas Program | <u>DECEMBER 24</u>
Christmas Eve Service |
| <u>DECEMBER 16 & 18</u>
Christmas Caroling | <u>DECEMBER 25</u>
Merry Christmas! |



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

**GOODWILL
 TO MEN**

Sunday, December 21, 2008
 6:00pm

*19th Annual
 Christmas Eve
 Candlelight Service
 December 24, 2008
 6:00 - 7:00pm*



Christmas Caroling



Encouraging the Shut-ins and the Elderly

Tuesday, December 16

Thursday, December 18

FAITH for the FAMILY COUPLES' RETREAT

February 26-28, 2009

Gatlinburg Convention Center
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Only \$45 per couple!

Hosted By Temple Baptist Church
& Crown College
Knoxville, TN



Conference Hosts: Dr. & Mrs. Clarence Sexton

Hey Teenager, You Have A



Coming Your Way!

We're not talking about the kind of gift that can be placed under a tree. It is even impossible to wrap! As a matter of fact, you do not even get this gift until one week after Christmas day. Not liking the sound of this? Don't worry; it's worth the wait. The gift? A New Year. Yeah, that's right. You may not think of it as a gift, but think about it. In 2009, you have not failed the Lord. In 2009, you and your parents have not had one argument. In 2009, you have yet to "blow it" in other areas of your life. You see, it is important to realize that the new year is like a new beginning. It is a fresh new start!

You and I made some mistakes in 2008, didn't we? Claim God's promise in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." God can and will forgive you! When we sin, the devil will cause you to think, "What's the use? I've already messed up!" Been there? I sure have. Again, let God's Word be your help. Proverbs 24:16 says, "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again." That phrase "riseth up again" can be your 2009. It's your new year, your fresh start. You can make the most of this great gift if you choose to do so.

Paul, the former Christian-killer, is a good example to us. The Lord saved this man and completely changed his life! The devil, however, must have always been on his heels reminding him of his past. The Lord led Paul to pen in Philippians 3:13-14, "this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Hey teenager, you really do have a great gift coming your way. I pray that you'll take advantage of it, and ask God to help you be the Christian He saved you to be!

WEEKLY EVENTS FOR TEENAGERS

TEENS FOR CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL-Sunday at 9:45am

STUDENT-LED PRAYER MEETING-Sunday at 5:40pm

TEENS FOR CHRIST MEETING-Wednesday at 7:00pm

FAITHFUL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS INVITING ALL MEN TO A

WILD GAME DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009
6:00PM

Men, display
your trophies &
equipment!

You'll enjoy the
"Birds of Prey"
Presentation!

FELLOWSHIP HALL
OF CRANBERRY
BAPTIST CHURCH

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS:
HOWARD & JASON CALDWELL
BERKELEY SPRING, WV



Mountain
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MOUNTAIN STATE
UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

Over the last few years, Pastor Pauley has had a burden to begin a weekly Bible study at MSU. During this time last year, we were praying about an opportunity for a weekly Bible Study at MSU. There have been many ups and downs along this long road, praying for the Lord's will to be done. Through the prayer of God's people, the door seems to be opening again! We have been able to secure a location to meet on campus weekly!

With well over 1,800 students living on campus at the present, we believe, according to I Corinthians 16:9, "a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

Please continue praying with us about this great opportunity. We realize that with anything worth doing for the cause of Christ, Satan will do what he can to stop it. If you have a desire to be a part of this new ministry, please contact Brother Ty at the church office.

All of the Master Club children, ages 4 through 6th grade, are having a great year earning their badges, master bucks, vests and many other awards! We praise the Lord for a great year thus far in Master Clubs! Time is flying as usual with the busyness that goes with this time of year. The children are hard at work preparing for their part in the Christmas Cantata, "Goodwill to Men." This year, they will be singing and participating.



As we look forward to the new year, the little kid in me shines through thinking of snow tubing down the HUGE slopes! We are also looking forward to the Master Club all-nighter at the end of February and the upcoming Master Club Competition. To learn more about these activities and so much more, have your children here each Wednesday night at 7:00 sharp for Master Clubs!

Ty Thomas

BUS MINISTRY

update



It's hard to believe that the fall months have past and we are heading into winter. The bus ministry has been very busy these past few months.

This fall was very exciting for all the children. On October 19th, we had over 150 children participating in our annual Balloon Launch. We have already received some letters in response to our Gospel balloons. One of the balloons flew two hundred miles! November was also filled with nine exciting events for the children. During our weekly Thanksgiving promotions, the

children played special games to express their gratitude to God. We also had a coloring contest and a turkey give away.

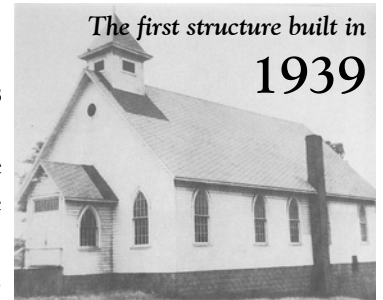
The holiday season is a wonderful time of the year to present the gospel to the children who ride on the bus. Please be in prayer as the exciting days of December are just around the corner. The Church family will be asked to help make this Christmas special for the children by supplying a gift for every child on Christmas Sunday! Remember, every child in attendance on December 21st will receive a gift at our annual Christmas Party. We will also award a bicycle to the child whose balloon travelled the farthest! Please be in much prayer as we keep those buses rolling!

Fred Hart

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

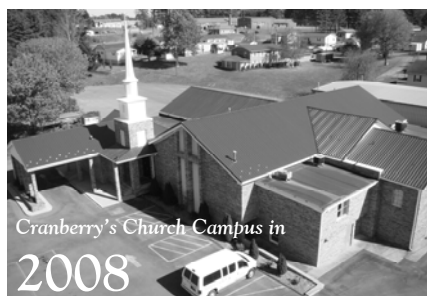
Seventy-five years ago this spring, a group of people from the small coal camp of Cranberry, began meeting in the "Old Opera House" for church services. As the congregation grew, this newly established church received a parcel of land from the New River Coal Company.

In 1939, the first structure was completed for the Cranberry Community Church. Over the years, the old white church building was remodeled several times and adjacent lots were acquired for future expansions. Since 1939, our church has only had seven pastors. The Rev. Frank Shannon was the first Pastor, followed by Rev. Everett Powers, Rev. William Foard, Rev. George Elden Pauley, Sr., Rev. J.C. Powers, and the Rev. Ernest Barley. What a privilege it has been for me to pastor the very same church my father pastored for six years. I am also honored to have succeeded Brother Barley, who was the pastor here for 34 years! This coming June, I will be celebrating my 25th year in the ministry and my 19th year as Pastor of the Cranberry Baptist Church! As I reflect on the years, I realize more and more the grace of God! I am grateful for the opportunity and for the church family God has given us. I am thankful for my "goodly heritage," the Godly men who preceded me and the many faithful people who have been a part of Cranberry these seventy-five years!



What a blessing it is to have three ladies within our church family who were here for many years. I must recognize Mary Koontz Reed (who was a part of the church in 1934) and long-time member, Francis Morris Williams! Another special lady, who happens to be turning 100 years old on December 23, is obviously Cranberry's oldest member. Sister Nina Adkins is a precious Saint of God and still lives right here in Cranberry. Our plans are to honor her in our morning service on Sunday, December 7, for her centennial birthday!

As we make plans for 2009, I want to encourage you to join us for our special Anniversary Services in May of 2009. Our Spring Revival with Dr. Raymond Barber, of Fort Worth, TX, will begin on April 29 thru May 3, 2009. We have reserved the Woodrow Wilson High School Auditorium on May 2 and 3 (Saturday PM and Sunday AM) for these exciting Anniversary Services with Dr. Barber and the Inspirations of Bryson City, NC.



The Lord has been good to the Cranberry Baptist Church and we praise Him for His blessing on this ministry! I look forward to the days ahead with great anticipation! Come and join us for our 75th Celebration throughout 2009!

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The Inspirations
Bryson City, NC



Dr. Raymond Barber
Fort Worth, TX

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND
April 29-May 3, 2009

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Living
**CHRISTMAS
STORY**

“A DRIVE-THRU PRESENTATION
OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST”

December 12th & 13th, 2008
6:30 pm — 8:30 pm Nightly

Cranberry
BAPTIST CHURCH
201 CRANBERRY DRIVE
BECKLEY, WV 25801
(Located behind Cranberry Elementary School)

Family Night
Special Service with
BROTHER BOBBY ROBERSON
PASTOR, GOSPEL LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH
WINSTON-SALEM, NC

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 • 7:00pm

- ✧ Master Club Children will be singing!
- ✧ Teens For Christ Choir will be singing!

Come See The Next Generation Serving The Lord!

TEENS FOR CHRIST
Winter Retreat
AT ALPINE LODGE ★ BRADLEY, WV
January 23-24, 2009
with Evangelist Ron Reilly
Cost: \$35.00 per person

YOUTH RALLY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009

ALL TEENS ARE INVITED!
GREAT GAMES! GOOD FOOD!
BOWLING! COOL PRIZES!

Powerful Preaching from one of the most powerful youth speakers in the country—Ron Reilly!