

THE PARABLES

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"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

I read an amusing article the other day that speaks of our changing world. The article had to do with the methods of teaching mathematics.

Teaching math in 1950: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5ths of the price. What is his profit?

Teaching math in 1960: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5ths of the price or \$80. What is his profit?

Teaching math in 1970: A logger exchanges a set "L" of lumber for a set "M" of money. The cardinality of set "M" is 100. Each element is worth one dollar. Make 100 dots representing the elements of the set "M". The set "C", the cost of production, contains 20 fewer points than set "M". Represent the set "C" as a subset of set "M". Answer this question: What is the cardinality of the set "P" of profits?

Teaching math in 1990: By cutting down beautiful forest trees, the logger makes \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for participation after answering the question: How did the forest birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down the trees. (There is no wrong answer)

I personally think that the logger in 1970 would have gone bankrupt by the time he figured out the question.

Yes, things change. But it's comforting to know that God is always the same yesterday, today and forever. His word is true and His promises never fail.

Pastor's Corner



Dr. Larry Rickard
Pastor

COUNTDOWN TO....

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|-------|-------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 3 | Wednesday evening programs | 17 | Wednesday evening programs |
| 7 | Communion | 18 | Adults on Mission 7p |
| 9 | Deacons Mtg 7p | 19 | Youth worship service 7p |
| 10 | One day youth retreat | 21 | Western Md Service 1:30p |
| | Wednesday evening programs | 23 | Church Council Mtg 7p |
| 11 | Budget Committee Mtg 7p | 24 | Wednesday evening programs |
| 11-13 | Deaf Church VBS | 28 | Church wide Breakfast 8a |
| 14 | Special Speaker Marlin Martin | | Sunday School Promotion |
| | Business Mtg | 31 | Wednesday evening programs |
| 16 | Trustee Mtg 7p | | |

"Visions of Faith"

PBC's Sunday Morning Radio Ministry at 9:06am
WJEJ 1240AM

Newsletter Articles - Articles need to be submitted by the 15th of each month. You may place the articles in the newsletter mailbox, leave a phone message, fax to 301-739-0500 or email to jm.hilton@hotmail.com

Bulletin Articles - Articles need to be submitted to the church office on or before the preceding Wednesday. You may place written articles in the Office Administrator's box, leave a phone message, fax to 301-739-0500, or email to paramountbaptist@hotmail.com

YOUTH DIRECTOR

In case you haven't noticed, I usually close each of my devotions, emails and letters with "Until He returns"; whether Christian, secular, business, or personal. I do this as a reminder; a reminder for myself, and those receiving my note and/or message to focus on living a life honorable to God, until the return of Christ Jesus. A returned promised to us...

Matthew 24:44

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him

Jesus' purpose for telling us about His return is not for us to predict and/or try to calculate the day, time, and date of His return; rather, Jesus' purpose for telling us about His return is to inform us to be prepared.

Christ Jesus, in the New Testament is called "Son of Man" 89 times. This designates Him as the highest representative of mankind to God. The Son of Man bridges the gap between sinful man and God, the Holy One; and Jesus is coming back to bring His followers to the Father. Christ's second coming will be swift and sudden. There will be no opportunity for last minute repentance or bargaining. Knowing that the return of the "Son of Man" will be sudden and unpredictable should motivate us to be prepared. We are to live a life honorable to God in every aspect of our lives, "Until He returns".

Matthew 24:46

It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns

Until He returns

JULY YOUTH EVENTS...

Wednesday August 10, 2011 –
One Day Youth retreat at Greenbrier State Park
(Dawn – Dusk)
Cost is \$5.00 Entrance Fee to park

Friday August 19, 2011 –
"Something More" Evening Youth Worship
Service (6-9 PM)

Wednesday August 17, 2011 –
Back to School Prayer Service, and Prayer Walk

Wednesday August 24, 2011 –
Back to School Prayer Service, and Prayer Walk

Thank you to everyone who participated in
Summer Youth Camp. Supporting the youth today
will reap eternal gifts tomorrow.



CHURCH-WIDE BREAKFAST

Don't miss it!
Church-wide breakfast
Sunday, August 28th
8:00 am



Come enjoy good food and fellowship and then
try out a Sunday School class!

SYMPATHIES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Our *sympathy* to the Sword family on the loss of
Jean's brother.

Our *sympathy* to Rod Burke and family on the loss of
PBC member, Betty Burke.

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*Congratulations* to Mike and Robin Shriner and family on  
the birth of baby boy, Jackson Bay Shriner; born on July  
16th, weighing in at 7lbs, 2oz.

## THANK YOU

Dear Paramount Baptist Church,

On behalf of the Community Free Clinic and myself, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$100.00 in response to the Cover the Uninsured '11 appeal.

Since 1990, the clinic has been providing free medical care to the uninsured citizens of Washington County, MD in order to build a healthier and more productive community. We are a grass roots non-profit organization and function primarily through donations. The kindness and generosity of people like you make it possible for us to serve our patients. We are very appreciative of this support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Adam W. Roberson  
Program Director

Dear Friends of Holly Place:

On behalf of the residents, staff, and the Board of Directors of Senior Living Alternatives, Inc., I would like to thank you for the \$300.00 as well as all of the food and the paper products that you donated to our facility Holly Place. We appreciate your support more than words can express.

Sincerely,

Melanie J. Davis  
Administrator

Shalom Dr. Rickard,

Thanks so much for your kind gift to our ministry. We are blessed. Please pray for our outreach sharing the good news in downtown. Pray for open hearts.

For His Glory,

Deb Dubin

Jews for Jesus

With grateful appreciation, the North American Mission Board recognizes Paramount Baptist Church for being the top ranked church by total amount given in the Blue Ridge Baptist Association in the year 2010.

Thank you for your generous support of more than 5,000 missionaries through your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering ® for the North American Missions.

Keith Ezell

President

North American Mission Board

and

Wanda S. Lee

Executive Director

Woman's Missionary Union

## PRAYER LIST

- Our church—spiritual growth
- Children’s Summer Programs
- Children’s program workers
- Recruiting of new church officers
- Nominating Committee
- Adults on Mission program
- Deacons
- Trustees
- Pastor Larry Rickard
- Niel Augustine
- Leslie Keefer
- Western Maryland services
- NMS services
- Adult choir
- Community Ox Roast event
- Haitian Church services
- Deaf church services
- Blue Ridge Baptist Association
- International Missions
- Local Christian missions

- Help in reaching people for Christ
- Persecuted Christians around the world
- Revival in our church
- Revival in America
- The President of the United States
- Upcoming presidential elections
- Members and their families
- Children of PBC
- Youth of PBC
- PBC shut-ins and nursing home members
- The nation’s economic status
- Safety for our troops
- New church starts
- PBC radio program
- Local Bible believing church stability
- Remember to thank God for His rich blessings!
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## MISSION CORNER

### **Mission Friends...**

During extended session, Mission Friends will learn about the ministry of Bobby Fuller in Freeport, Texas. The preschoolers will be aware of ways they can help others in their community and tell them about Jesus.

### **WHAT WILL YOU RISK IN ORDER TO FOLLOW CHRIST?**

Go for Broke!  
 August 18 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
 Adults on Mission  
 All adults are welcomed



Nancy Weirich’s,  
 19615 Cool Hollow  
 Rd., Hagerstown (carpools leave PBC  
 @6:30 p.m.)

## NOW, WHAT ABOUT OUR CHURCH?...

- A **lively** church has parking problems;  
 a *dead* church doesn’t.
- A **lively** church has lots of noisy children and youth;  
 a *dead* church is fairly quiet.
- A **lively** church often changes the way things are done;  
 a *dead* church doesn’t have to.
- A **lively** church often asks for more mission programs and money;  
 a *dead* church has plenty of money for what it does.
- A **lively** church asks people to open up and risk involvement;  
 a *dead* church plays it safe and never risks.
- A **lively** church sees challenges and opportunities;  
 a *dead* church see problems and dangers.
- A **lively** church apologizes, forgives, seeks forgiveness;  
 a *dead* church never makes mistakes.
- A **lively** church uses it’s traditions and facilities to serve people;  
 a *dead* church uses people to preserve facilities and traditions
- A **lively** church believes in God’s future and “let’s go” with faith;  
 a *dead* church believes in the past and holds on.
- A **lively** church is filled with committed givers;  
 a *dead* church is filled with tipplers.
- A **lively** church dares to dream great dreams for God’s kingdom;  
 a *dead* church has nightmares.

Provided by Rowland VanCleaf

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you!** ... we want to thank everyone that participated in making the church picnic a success. The food was good, the fellowship fun and the games exciting! Hats off to the kitchen committee for the organization and the chefs for the burgers and dogs.

**Don't Say "No".....** the Nominating Committee is looking for people to answer the call of service for PBC. If you are approached by a committee member, don't say no. Go home, pray about it and then answer. There is a reason God has led them to you!

**Sunday School Promotion Sunday...** are you part of our Sunday School program or want to be? Then, Sunday, August 28th is a day for you to attend. It's our annual Sunday School Promotion Sunday. All classes will meet to announce those who will be moving on to different classes next year. Don't forget!

## COMMUNITY OX ROAST



The PBC Outreach Committee will be hosting a Paramount Community Ox Roast on Saturday, September 17th from 12-4:00pm on the church grounds.

Represented will be the fire department, police department, Marine Corps and Toys for Tots drive, entertainment, games and face painting for all ages.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy a day of great food and great fun!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Harold and Catherine Althouse & Barbara Althouse  
PBC is always blessed to have new members join our fellowship. Everyone make them welcome as we grow together in our Lord!

## OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!

We need teachers for the extended session 2-3 year old class. If we could have 3 more teachers and 3 more helpers, we would be great and you would only need to teach every 5th week. Please contact Betsy Magaw or the church office if interested. Thank you!

AWANA is approaching soon and , if you are interested in helping with the AWANA program, please see Larry or Mindy Colliflower or call the church office.

## KIDS' SUMMER PROGRAM

It is Summer and time to celebrate and have fun in the summertime, that is just what we are going to do! From whiffle ball to kickball and maybe a water game or 2 in between! Speaking of Summertime, I hope everyone gets out and has fun having picnics and celebrating our independence that we just commemorated in July! Writing about my independence makes me happy to know that I can celebrate my independence from sin and hell! I once was a prisoner to all of that but 18 years ago in May, I was released from that bondage and freed from the chains of sin because of what Jesus did for me! Do you know what He did for you? You can know. It says in 1 John 5:13 "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God." You say you want to know more huh? Then come out on Wednesday nights this Summer and you will learn this and so much more!

### **What's Coming Up?!**

July 6th - whiffle ball

July 13th - water games

July 20th - playground games

July 27th - kickball

# August 2011

| Sun                                                                                                            | Mon | Tue                         | Wed                                                                                                                                  | Thu                           | Fri                                                           | Sat |
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| Each Sunday:<br>9am SS Bible Study<br>10am Fellowship<br>10:30am Worship Svc<br>7pm Haitian Svc                | 1   | 2                           | 3<br>6:15 Youth Group<br>6:30 Children's Program<br>6:50 Adult Bible Study<br>8:00 Adult Choir Practice                              | 4                             | 5<br>Haitian Worship Service 7p                               | 6   |
| 7<br>Communion                                                                                                 | 8   | 9<br>Deacons Mtg 7p         | 10<br>10am 1 Day Youth Retreat<br>6:15 Youth Group<br>6:30 Children's Program<br>6:50 Adult Bible Study<br>8:00 Adult Choir Practice | 11<br>Budget Committee Mtg 7p | 12<br>Haitian Worship Service 7p                              | 13  |
| 14<br>Speaker-Marlin Martin<br>Business Mtg—election of<br>Officers and Assoc Pastor/<br>Youth Dir Search Comm | 15  | 16<br>Trustee Mtg 7p        | 17<br>6:15 Youth Group<br>6:30 Children's Program<br>6:50 Adult Bible Study<br>8:00 Adult Choir Practice                             | 18<br>Adults on Missions 7p   | 19<br>Haitian Worship Service 7p<br>7-9:30p Youth Worship Svc | 20  |
| 21<br>Western MD Svc 1:30p                                                                                     | 22  | 23<br>Church Council Mtg 7p | 24<br>6:15 Youth Group<br>6:30 Children's Program<br>6:50 Adult Bible Study<br>8:00 Adult Choir Practice                             | 25                            | 26<br>Haitian Worship Service 7p                              | 27  |
| 28<br>Church Breakfast 8a<br>SS Promotion Sunday                                                               | 29  | 30                          | 31<br>6:15 Youth Group<br>6:30 Children's Program<br>6:50 Adult Bible Study<br>8:00 Adult Choir Practice                             |                               |                                                               |     |
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## SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS



Jim and Doris Hilton

This month we spotlight Jim and Doris Hilton. Jim and Doris met at Hag. First Baptist Church and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Both were born in Hagerstown, MD and are chartered members of PBC.

Jim graduated from Hagerstown High School and worked as a mechanical draftsman. He also played semi-pro baseball in Hagerstown and Chewsville. Doris graduated from North Hagerstown High School, Hagerstown Community College and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from Shepherd College. She retired from the IBM Corp. after 28 years and was a realtor for 12 years.

They have two children, Michelle and Michael and three grandchildren, Adam, Aaron, and Lily.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Susie Mulligan, Brian Rickard
- 3 Lily Hilton
- 6 Corinne Glenn, Aaron Haden, Braydon Strausser
- 7 Dan Mullinex
- 8 Richard Ebersole
- 9 Nathan Chandler
- 10 Jenna Root
- 11 Danielle Weddle
- 12 Maria Holloway
- 19 Joi Hilton
- 20 Mike Hilton
- 23 Adam Haden
- 24 Sharon Davis
- 26 Heather Kandrick
- 27 Emma Chandler
- 31 Gary Under, Randy Yates



## THE SCHOLAR'S PEN



One Bible commentator calls the Apostle Paul's letter to the Roman church, "...unquestionably the most important theological book ever written." Paul begins chapter eight thusly, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

In my christian "walk" there are two scriptures in the eighth chapter that are memorable for me— one is quite challenging and the other one is so comforting. The one that stretches my faith is "ALL things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) No problem when the "road" is fairly straight and level, but when it twists and turns and I face bumps and bumps, I question the "all things work together for my good" part. That's when I pray most fervently—that's when my faith is tested, but strangely when it grows stronger. (I'm just being honest with you...)

The other scripture in chapter eight that, for me, is such a blessed assurance is that nothing "... shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39b)

In Paul's listing of the many things that cannot separate us from God's love, he is saying that nothing you can name, or think of, or even imagine is able to come between you and God's love which Christ Jesus our Savior makes possible.

Now that is truly "The Good News".

By: Mr. John Hamburg  
PBC Deacon, substitute teacher

*"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28...*

*"nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:39*

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Dr. Larry Rickard, Pastor  
Niel Augustine,  
Interim Youth Director  
Leslie Keefer,  
Office Administrator

**Sundays:**

9:00 a.m. .... Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. .... Deaf Ministry  
10:00 a.m. .... Fellowship Time  
10:30 a.m. .... Worship  
10:45 a.m. ..Deaf Ministry Worship  
7:00 p.m. .Haitian Church Meeting

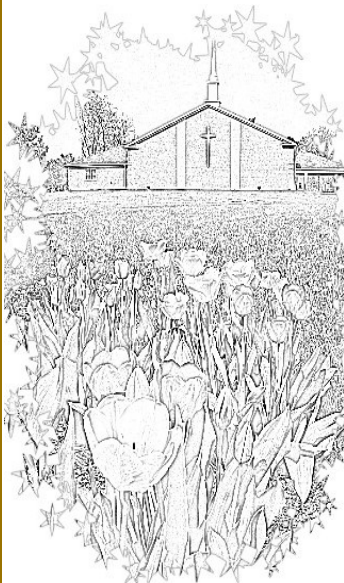
**Wednesdays:**

9:00 a.m. .... Women’s Bible Study  
(no WBS May thru Aug)  
5:45 p.m. .... Children’s Choir  
(C. Choir during AWANA sessions)  
6:00 p.m. .... Youth Group  
6:15 p.m. .... Children’s Program  
6:50 p.m. .... Adult Prayer/Bible  
..... Study  
8:00 p.m. .... Adult Choir Practice

**Fridays:**

..... Church Office Closed  
7:00 p.m. .Haitian Church Meeting

*Where you’ll always  
find a warm welcome.*



**Church Office Hours:**  
**Monday—Thursday**  
**8:30am - 2:00pm**

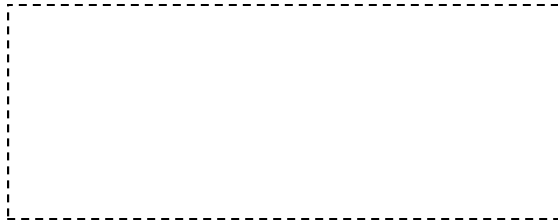
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**Moving?**

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**I AM HERE**

“We loved our visits to the mountains. We’d sit together for long periods of time in silence, simply enjoying God’s beautiful creation and being with one another.” He spoke of happiness yet with a sad tone. His wife had died recently and he felt alone.

He was making a final trip to the mountains to spread her ashes on a mountainside where they often sat. He thought it appropriate to read something from the Bible as he spread her ashes. It was difficult because he had anger in his heart. He dropped the Bible on the ground and blurted out, “God, why did you take her from me? I’m so lonely without her.” As quickly as had expressed his anger, he prayed, “I’m sorry, Lord. I know that death comes to all of us, but it hurts so much!”

He reached down and picked up the Bible that had fallen open to Psalm 46. He read verse 10: “Be still and know that I am God.” At that moment he felt God’s presence as he never had before. He realized that God’s presence would eventually erase the loneliness. Then he prayed, “Father, You gave us many wonderful years of happiness. Thank you for the precious memories.”

Driving back to his home, he began to recall others who had lost loved ones, yet had given testimony of God’s presence in their times of loneliness. He remembered Jesus’ promise to His disciples, “I will not leave you comfortless” (John 14:18) and “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

Mic Morrow, retired from Lifeway Resources  
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