

THE PARABLES

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“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air....” (I Thessalonians 4: 16,17).

Do you remember when almost everyone’s mom was at home when the children got home from school? When you got your windshield cleaned, oil changed, and gas pumped without asking, all for free, every time? And you didn’t pay for the air? And you even got trading stamps? Do you remember when laundry detergent had free glasses, dishes, towels hidden inside the box? When they threatened to keep children back a grade if they failed... and they did? When children played baseball with no adults to help the kids with the rules of the game? Baseball cards on the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle? When mistakes were corrected by just doing it over again? When the milkman delivered milk to your home in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers? Or how about mimeograph paper, Studebakers, Lincoln Logs, 15 cent and 35 cent a gallon gasoline?

These are the times that it’s nice to remember the past and how things were when we were growing up. And it’s probably true that there is more of a tendency to do this as we grow older.

But, as believers in Jesus Christ, the “good ol’ days are still ahead of us. We can look forward to the day that Jesus returns to this earth and sets up a kingdom that will never end. A time when everything that has happened in the past pales by comparison.

Keep looking not to the past but to the future.

Pastor’s Corner



Dr. Larry Rickard
Pastor

COUNTDOWN TO....

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| 1 | Wednesday evening activities | 16 | Adults on Mission 7p |
| | Youth Meet & Greet 8 - 9:30p | 17-18 | VBS set up |
| 3 | Haitian Worship Svc 7p | 19 | The Bumbaugh Family Concert |
| 5 | Communion | | Western Maryland Svc 1:30p |
| 8 | Wednesday evening activities | 20-24 | Vacation Bible School 6-9p |
| 9 | Father/Son Banquet 6p | 28 | Sunday School Council Mtg 7p |
| 10 | Church closed/wedding | 29 | Wednesday evening activities |
| 11 | Church closed/wedding | | Youth Summer Prayer Revival |
| 12 | Quarterly Business Mtg | | and Movie Night 6:45 - 9:30p |
| 13 | Outreach Committee Mtg 7p | | |
| 14 | Deacon 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

PBC 412 Youth Ministry exists to E.M.P.O.W.E.R. ourselves and others as we answer God's call to become the Disciples that He has called us to be!

E.M.P.O.W.E.R.

Equip ourselves to be ALL God created us to be!

Meditate on God's Word

Proclaim the Gospel message to our community
(at school, work, and the sport's field)

Obediently apply God's Word in our lives

Worship God through prayer, study, song, and fellowship

Edify our fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Reach out to all youth with a missional heart and Spirit

1 Timothy 4:12, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

This verse is the "Theme" verse for the Youth Ministry of Paramount Baptist Church. Timothy was a young pastor; it would have been really easy for the older Christians at the church of Ephesus to look down their noses at Timothy because of his youth. Timothy had to earn the respect of the elders. How was this done? Timothy earned their respect with his speech, life, love, faith, and purity. This verse is to be the foundation on which each youth will focus their Christian walk upon.

Regardless of age, God can use you! Young or old, don't think of your age as a handicap but think of your age as a handicapable. Simply live your life so others can see Christ in you.

Don't forget our Meet & Greet on June 1st at 8pm and Summer Prayer Revival & Movie Night on June 29th at 6:45p.

MISSION CORNER

Preschoolers - Missions Friends will focus on the concept of Jesus as they learn how volunteers in France share the gospel with people going to North Africa. They will pray for Project Northern Lights. Preschoolers meet each Sunday during extended session.

Adults on Mission -

What Time Is It?



It's halfway through the year – time to assess your money and time management skills. How would God have you use them differently? Come explore ways you can release free time and money for kingdom work.

June 16 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Ruth Bradford's,
1120 Carroll Heights Blvd., Hagerstown
All adults are invited.

Health kits - Thank you to everyone who filled 55 health kits and to Jane Hixon, Doris Akers, Ellen Schindler and Karen Ingram who delivered them. Another successful mission ministry to spread God's Word and love!

SUMMER CAMPS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BCM/D:

Mission Camps for Girls:

Mother/Daughter – June 24–25 for girls entering grades 1-3 and moms or substitute moms

Girl's Camp – June 26 – July 1 – entering grades 4-12

Location: Camp Wo-Me-To: 1200 Knopp Road,
Jarrettsville

Information sheets and registration forms in PBC church office

Boys Camp 2011

For: boys completed grades 1-6 and their adult counselors

Where: Camp Wo-Me-to, Jarrettsville, MD

When: Thursday, August 4 – August 7

Cost: \$165 per person

Scholarships are available

Registration forms in PBC office

Skycroft Day Camp

An action-packed, Christ-filled adventure day camp.

Kids will participate in daily Bible studies, daily pool time, high ropes and low ropes challenges, Olympic

games, think it–build it activities, and so much more!

For kids who have completed 1st – 5th grade by June 20, 2011. For more details, visit skycroft.org

THANK YOU

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and cards while I was in the Waynesboro Hospital and Quincy Hospital and while I'm home on oxygen. Also, I want to thank Pastor Larry for his prayers and visits to the Waynesboro Hospital.

I love you all,

Pearlie Beckner

To all our friends at Paramount Baptist Church,

Thanks for making an eternal difference in many lives. Thank you for your support of the C.B.S. ministry.

We're all so grateful.

Love in Christ,

Joyce Coffin on behalf of the C.B.S fellowship

Congratulations to Richard Harbaugh and ALL others who contributed to an outstanding performance at the Easter Cantata. Also, congratulations to all who work the audio/video; outstanding!

Again, thanks.

Rod Burke

Thank you so much for your Mission:Dignity gift this month. Your care and compassion are making life much better for God's faithful servants facing uncertainty in their retirement years. Like Maeola Granger, they are deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity toward them. You can be certain of that!

Grace and peace,

John Ambra, Director of Development

Dear Larry,

Greetings from Guidestone. I simply wanted you to know what an inspiration your dedication is to us personally. Your support of our Mission:Dignity ministry for our dear retired pastors and, in so many cases, their widows is a source of blessing and a tremendous help to those great saints of God. Every dime of your gifts goes straight to them. You are loved and appreciated. Blessings upon you.

Sincerely,

O.S. Hawkins, President

Thank you for your support of our international missions. Your gift is helping make a significant difference in the lives of people around the world.

One area we've been focused on in recent days is Japan. With less than one percent of the country claiming evangelical Christianity, this is a field ready for God's power to move. The opportunities are many and the needs are great. Thank you for helping the missionaries be God's heart, hands and voice.

(Total giving to Japan relief was \$1,903.07)

Tom Elliff, President

Dear Pastor,

As President of the North American Mission Board (NAMB), I want to express my gratitude for your leadership and passion for missions, evidenced by your congregation's significant gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® (AAEO). Your church was the *top-giving church in amount* given in the Blue Ridge Baptist Association. We are grateful for the trust you have placed in the NAMB and our efforts to share Christ, start churches, and send missionaries throughout North America. Your partnership in this endeavor is crucial. Your church stands as a role model to others for investing in North American missions and in the lives of those they are reaching with the gospel.

Serving together,

Kevin Ezell, President

PRAYER LIST

- Our church—spiritual growth
- Vacation Bible School
- Niel and Charlene Augustine
- Children’s Summer Programs
- Youth Program
- Children’s program workers
- Jews for Jesus
- Recruiting of new church officers
- Adults on Mission program
- Deacons
- Trustees
- Pastor Larry Rickard
- Richard Harbaugh, Music Director
- Outreach Committee events
- Western Maryland services
- NMS services
- Haitian Church services
- Deaf church services
- International Missions
- Local Christian missions
- Nursery program

- Help in reaching people for Christ
- Persecuted Christians around the world
- Revival in America
- The President of the United States
- Members and their families
- Our church growth
- PBC shut-ins and nursing home members
- Jobless Americans
- 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Become or Continue to be a Prayer Warrior -
 Have you wondered what people mean when they talk about the prayer chain at PBC? Are you on the prayer chain and question if you’re doing what you’re supposed to be doing? Well, we invite you to become a prayer warrior at PBC. When there is a need for prayer, members of PBC can call the prayer chain and have that prayer request passed to other members of the church for immediate and continued prayer. What a blessing to know that your need can be lifted to God by many. (Matt. 18:20)
 If you are interested in becoming **or continuing** as a prayer warrior, have questions regarding the list, please see or call Deanna Rudisill. A new list will be comprised.

Our Condolences -
 Curt and Lori Leckron on the loss of Curt’s father, Lloyd Leckron.
 Dave and Betsy Magaw on the loss of Betsy’s brother Rick Harbaugh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father/Son Banquet - Thursday, June 9th at 6pm will be the Father/Son Banquet at PBC. Please know that tickets are needed to attend.

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!

Outreach Committee Meeting - Newly scheduled Outreach Committee Meeting on Monday, June 13 at 7pm

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PBC is always blessed to have new members join our fellowship. Everyone make them welcome as we grow together in our Lord!

Jason and Jill Kinch



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VBS

Vacation Bible School

Where & When: Paramount Baptist Church
June 20 - 24 from 6-9pm

Who: Ages 3 through 12th grades

Big City, Bigger Fun! Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner, Where Faith and Life Connect. As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus--sharing the message of Christ with their world.

“So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.” Romans 10:17

**Hear It! Believe It!
Connect It!**

*Transportation provided to local area



KIDS' SUMMER PROGRAM!

The Summer time is coming near! Isn't it great! Time for swimming and time for getting out and getting active!

Speaking of getting active, what have you been doing so you are active for God?

In the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30 we see how the master left his servants talents to keep. When he came back he wanted to see how they used their talents. For the one who hid the talent, it didn't turn out so well for him.

God gives us talents and it would be awful not to use them? What can you do for the Master? Even if all you can do is talk, you have a job you can do? Can you cook? How about a ministry where you make food for people that are sick or just had a baby. They could use a good meal without the hassle of making it? Maybe a talent of cleaning for the elders or shut-ins. You name what you can do and I will show you how it is a talent that the Master has given to you!

Kids, come out to Summer school and we will talk more about your talents and we can see how you can use those talents to serve the risen King!

Because He Lives!

Larry Colliflower

ADVICE FOR A STRONG MARRIAGE


A thought considering the June wedding month... In this day of short lived marriages and frequent divorces, a look at what makes for an enduring relationship is appropriate...

What follows is my advice, which I think explained our 63 year voyage that ended on September 11, 2007. When sailing on the sea of Matrimony, it is important to remember that one's spouse is a member of the crew and not just a passenger, along for the ride. When a storm arises and all hope of survival looks dim, the most important thing is, "DON'T Abandon Ship!" Riding out the stormy night, dark as it may seem at the time, may well give rise to a Golden Sunrise, which is God's signal that "He's in His Heaven, and all's right with the world."

By: Rowland VanCleaf

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails..." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV)

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: 9am Bible Study 10am Fellowship 10:30am Worship Svc 7pm Haitian Svc			1 Youth Group 6:15p Children's Program 6:15p Adult Bible Study 6:50p Adult Choir Practice 8p *Youth Meet & Greet 8p	2	3 Haitian Worship Service 7p	4
5 Communion	6	7	8 Youth Group 6:15p Children's Program 6:15p Adult Bible Study 6:50p Adult Choir Practice 8p	9 Father/Son Banquet 6p	10 Wedding Rehearsal	11 Wedding
12 Quarterly Business Mtg	13 Outreach Committee Mtg 7p	14 Deacon Mtg 7p	15 Youth Group 6:15p Children's Program 6:15p Adult Bible Study 6:50p Adult Choir Practice 8p	16 Adults on Mission 7p	17 VBS Prep	18 VBS Prep
19 The Bumbaugh Family Western Maryland Svc 1:30p	20	21	22 Youth Group 6:15p Children's Program 6:15p Adult Bible Study 6:50p Adult Choir Practice 8p	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Youth Group 6:15p Children's Program 6:15p Adult Bible Study 6:50p Adult Choir Practice 8p *Youth Summer Prayer Revival & Movie Night	30		

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS



Rob and Judy Hayes

This month we spotlight Rob and Judy Hayes.

Rob was born in Baltimore, MD. and is a graduate of Towson High School. He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Baltimore and his Master's in Business Administration from Loyola College. He was a consultant in software development at First Data for 15 years and is currently a software consultant for Celerity. Rob has also become PBC's new website administrator.

Judy was born in Fort Smith, AK. and is a graduate of Alma High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Arkansas Tech and her Master's degree from the University of North Texas. She was a stay at home mom for 13 years and is currently the Executive Director of Broadmore Senior Living.

The Hayes' have been married for 20 years and have 3 children, Abbie, Matthew and Esther.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Karen Ingram
- 4 Sue Sherrill
- 7 Mary Teal Mulligan
- 8 Sheryl Ebersole
- 10 Margaret Saylor
- 11 Sonja Kirchner
- 17 Kathy Rickard, Leslie Powell
- 18 Leona Tucker
- 19 Rob Hayes
- 22 R.T. Mulligan
- 23 Denny Martin
- 26 Jim Hilton
- 28 Chad Leather
- 30 Jim Akers

Happy Birthday to All!

THE SCHOLAR'S PEN

The Value and Dangers of Education



Education has always been crucial to mankind. Early people toyed with *Architecture* and *Construction* in their futile quest to build a city and a tower aimed to reach unto heaven. But God confused them with many Languages (Genesis 11:3-4; 5-7). Joseph taught the Egyptians *Economics* during the famine (Genesis 41:41-57). Moses was taught *Public Administration* by his father-in-law Jethro (Exodus 18), and God, through Moses first taught us *Law* and *Justice* with the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17).

In the New Testament, Apostle Paul was thoroughly trained in Jewish laws by Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). Through the Holy Spirit, Paul's education was used to reach people for the Lord. It is no accident that Paul became the most prolific and thoughtful writer in the New Testament.

Today, education has engendered knowledge in Science and Engineering, Medicine, Philosophy, Business, History, and other disciplines. This has brought about prosperity of individuals and nations. Many positions in clergy and ministry also require Christian education.

But education is also fraught with dangers. It can lead to arrogance, manipulative tendencies, corruption, and poverty of knowledge. Those who are highly educated are more likely to deny the existence of God.

The Bible calls the atheists fools (Psalm 14:1). After a good mission trip report by the 72, Jesus praised God that things of heaven were hidden from the wise and learned of the world (Luke 10:21). Paul said God has rendered foolish the wisdom of the world because His foolishness is wiser than man's wisdom (I Corinthians 1: 20, 25).

May we always be reminded that our secular education is incomparable to the deep knowledge gained through the Word of God.

Submitted by: Olu Faokunla, Ambassador for Christ in public service

CHURCH STAFF:

Dr. Larry Rickard, Pastor
Niel Augustine,
Interim Youth Director
Leslie Keefer,
Office Administrator
Richard Harbaugh, Jr.,
Director of Music

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

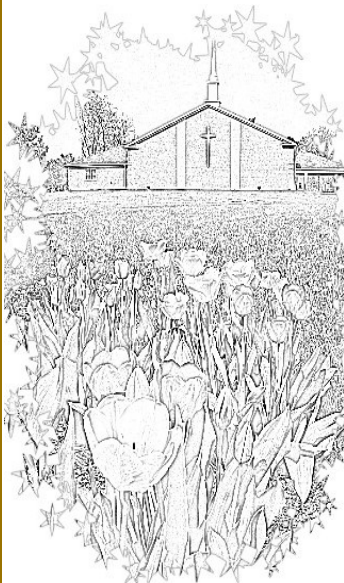
Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. ...Women’s Bible Study
(no WBS May thru Aug)
5:45p.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

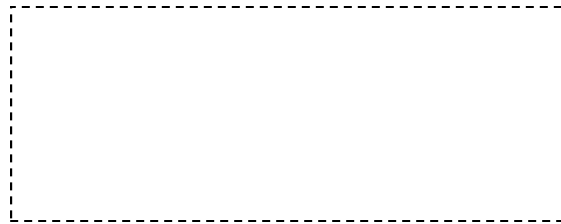
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Moving?

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DISCUSSING INTELLIGENT DESIGN

The theory of evolution may dominate biology instruction in public schools today, but you can equip your kids to defend their faith in God as the Creator. A strong spiritual foundation coupled with a solid understanding of God will prepare your child to resist Darwinian worldview.

- If I dump a box of LEGO pieces on the floor, what do you think the LEGO’s will make? Why wouldn’t they fall out in the shape of a robot?
- If I put the LEGO blocks and the robot directions together for a few days, would I eventually find an amazing creation? Why not? What do you need in order to make something?
- What would you think if someone told you that everything in the world is here because all the building blocks had been dumped together? Can things be built by chance? Think of everything that exists - from a bug to an iPod to a person. Does anything exist that wasn’t made by someone?
- Who is our Creator? (Read Ephesians 2:10 together.) Why is it important to know God created you and has a plan for you? — *Jennifer Walker*

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” — Ephesians 2:10

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