

# THE PARABLES

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“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that your measure it shall be measured to you again.” Luke 6:38

June 26th is set aside each year in the Southern Baptist Convention as Mission Dignity Sunday. This is a ministry that we here at PBC have supported for a number of years and last year it was added as a percentage of our yearly budget. It occurs to me that there may be people in our congregation who are not familiar with the Mission Dignity Ministry, so let me explain.

There are thousands of retired Southern Baptist ministers, or their widows, who ministered over the years in situations where they were not able to save money for retirement purposes. Many pastored small churches where it was all they could do to make ends meet. But it was their calling and they were glad to serve God and those people God had given them to minister too. As a result, when retirement came, there was very little money.

Mission Dignity is a ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention whereby churches and individuals can give into a common fund and then have those monies redistributed to people who have financial needs. Through Mission Dignity, we have the opportunity to do good to this special group of people within our own convention and to serve over 2000 ministers or their widows.

This is a very worthwhile ministry and one that we are glad to be a part of.

### Pastor's Corner



Dr. Larry Rickard  
Pastor

### COUNTDOWN TO....

- 3 Communion
- 4 Independence Day  
Office Closed  
Youth Summer Camp July 4-8
- 6 Wednesday Evening programs
- 12 Deacon Meeting 7p
- 13 Wednesday Evening Programs

- 16 Youth to Fairground Festival
- 17 Aubrey Brown (speaker)  
Western MD Service 2p
- 19 Trustee Meeting 7p
- 20 Wednesday Evening Programs
- 20 Adults on Mission 7p
- 24 Church Picnic 5p
- 27 Wednesday Evening Programs

### “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](mailto: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](mailto:paramountbaptist@hotmail.com)

## YOUTH DIRECTOR

Besides being blessed to serve Paramount as youth pastor, God has blessed me with opportunities to serve as a Spiritual Director for a High School and young adult retreats. Youth and young adult ministry is a PASSION for me and with that I'd like to share something that makes me really think about an issue that for many Christians, especially our youth struggle with – True and effective Bible study! As Christians, we know Bible reading/study is vital to our growth and walk with Christ Jesus. Paul explains it this way...

### *1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (New International Version)*

***Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?***

In addition, studying Scripture is God's way of speaking to us. My concern is, if we are to develop our youth to become strong Christians and future Christian leaders in strengthening their relations with Christ Jesus, we need to do a better job at helping our youth understand and apply true Bible study into their lives.

To truly develop our Christian walk, we must commit ourselves to prayer, true fellowship and accountability with other Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and finally a commitment to true Bible study.

We are to use the rich resources available to us such as concordances, study guides, pastors, and fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We are to not merely read or skim over the pages of the Bible. We are to meditate on those words on the pages, and then apply those teachings in our lives. Joshua tells us to...

***Joshua 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.***

We are to take in God's Word, spiritually and mentally so we may then apply God's Word into every part of our day to day life.

I'd like to challenge every adult member of Paramount Baptist to share your Bible study with a youth and/or young adult; become that rich resource to our youth and young adult.

Until He Returns...

### JULY YOUTH EVENTS...

- July 3-8: reCHARGE Youth Summer Camp
- July 6: Family Nite at Friendly's (6:30-8p)
- July 13: Wednesday night Bible Study with reCharge recap (6:30-8p)
- July 16: Summer Fun at Hagerstown Fairground Festival (2-6p)
- July 22: Youth Small Accountability Group Prayer Meeting (6:30-8p)
- July 29: Youth Small Accountability Group Prayer Meeting (6:30-8p)



### 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

## CHURCH PICNIC



Sunday, July 24th  
5:00 pm  
at  
Paramount Baptist Church

*\*horseshoes, volleyball,  
kid's games, great fellowship\**

## SYMPATHIES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Our *sympathy* to the Bradford family on the loss of Ruth's sister, Pearlie Beckner.

Our *sympathy* to the family of Barbara Robison on the loss of her brother, Richard Tedrick.

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*Congratulations* to Jesse and Jessica Wyand on the birth of their son, Cameron James Wyand. Cameron is also the grandson of Niel and Charlene Augustine.

## THANK YOU

Dear Christian Friends,

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, the beautiful green planter, flowers, and the delicious food after the funeral; also the wonderful encouraging words and phone calls.

We thank Pastor Larry for his wonderful message for Pearlie. Our wonderful Christian friends mean so much at a sad time like this.

We Love You All,

The Beckner Family and Bradford Family

Dear Paramount Baptist Church,

Thank You! I am so grateful for you. Your friendship, and your support of this ministry, is vital and it is appreciated more than you will ever know! With each passing day, we thank God for using you to help meet financial needs of The Hope Center at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. God faithfully supplies our needs through your prayerful and financial support!

Gratefully yours,

Bruce L. "Sonny" Shank

Executive Director

Paramount Baptist Church,

Thank you for your faithful gifts to the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Northwest Maryland. The After School Good News Clubs have continued to increase in number of clubs, enrollment, and decisions. Over 100 children have made professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ each of the past six years. We ended the 2010-11 school year with 29 clubs, an enrollment of 770, and 118 professions. Praise God! Please continue to pray for the Summer Ministry, 5-Day Clubs, and our Summer Missionaries, Valerie Carbaugh, and Brittany Horchner.

For the Children,

Larry G. Horchner, Jr.

Dear Dr. Rickard,

I write today to acknowledge your church's 6/6/2011 donations totaling \$1,107.00 for our Mother's Day Fund.

Thank you very much for this financial support. It allows us to do some wonderful things. As the school year comes to a close, we are gearing up for our annual Back-to-School supply collection and distribution. Last year we provided school supplies for more than 1,200 children in the Baltimore area, western Maryland, Delaware, and Maryland's eastern shore. This year we hope to have an even greater effect on the lives of poverty-stricken families in our churches and communities.

Thank you for your support and ministry and our mission.

Yours truly,

Bob Gerstmyer

Executive Director

**PRAYER LIST**

- Our church—spiritual growth
- Children’s Summer Programs
- Youth Summer Camp
- Children’s program workers
- Recruiting of new church officers
- Nominating Committee
- Adults on Mission program
- Deacons
- Trustees
- Pastor Larry Rickard
- Outreach Committee events
- Western Maryland services
- NMS services
- Adult choir
- 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 America
- The President of the United States
- Upcoming presidential elections
- 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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**MISSION CORNER**

**Mission Friends...**

will discover how the Sovea Family shows God’s love to fishermen in Pago, Pago, American Samoa.

Preschoolers will hear how the Sovea Family enjoys God’s creation. Mission Friends meet each Sunday during extended session.



**What Does Love + Prayer + Time + Dedication = ? Investment in Others!**

Adults, come, invest with us!  
Eternity...it’s worth your investment!

July 21 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Doren & Rod Culler’s  
10173 Shimpstown Rd., Mercersburg, PA  
(carpools leave PBC at 6:30p.m.)

**BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Ministry in the 21st century isn’t easy. How can a local church reach the lost and meet the needs of people, while remaining true to the Scriptures, the mission, and the calling of the church? By partnering together through the Blue Ridge Baptist Association.

No church is an island into itself. Ecclesiastes 4:12 reminds us: “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Cooperating together, our churches are accomplishing so much more in our counties and cities for the cause of Christ than when they try to do it alone.

BRBA offers resources, services, equipment and material to help your church accomplish great things for God’s kingdom. Whether it’s prayer networking, conflict resolution, fellowship events, or consulting - your Association provides a wide variety of training opportunities and methods to enhance your efforts. Remember—the Blue Ridge Baptist Association is here to serve you!

[www.blueridgebaptist.org](http://www.blueridgebaptist.org)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Success...** that's how we spell VBS at PBC! 175 children and teens were in attendance throughout the week, with many decisions for Christ made. That's what VBS is all about! To all of the teachers, helpers, van drivers, registration workers, kitchen workers, sound crew and decorators; we couldn't have done it without you! You are why so many children and teens have been reached throughout the years hearing the Word of God...

Thank you for serving!

Leslie Keefer and Kathy Rickard  
VBS Directors

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

**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!

**Paramount Community Ox Roast.** The Outreach Committee will be hosting a community-wide Ox Roast on September 17th from 12-4:00pm. This event will include free lunch, fire company display, police department display and demo, Marine Corps display, Toys for Tots drive, children's games and entertainment and more. If you are able to help in any area, please see Joi Hilton or call the church office. Let's make this an event to witness to those in our community!

## KIDS' SUMMER PROGRAM!

*Summer time is here!* 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



## KIDS' SUMMER PROGRAM CONT...

It is Summer and 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 and it being July, I hope everyone gets out and has fun having picnics and watching the fireworks to celebrate our independence! 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

# July 2011

| Sun                                                                                          | Mon                                    | Tue                  | Wed                                                                                                                               | Thu                                          | Fri                              | Sat                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Each Sunday:<br>9am Bible Study<br>10am Fellowship<br>10:30am Worship Svc<br>7pm Haitian Svc |                                        |                      |                                                                                                                                   |                                              | 1<br>Haitian Worship Service 7p  | 2                                                |
| 3<br>Communion                                                                               | 4<br>Independence Day<br>OFFICE CLOSED | 5                    | 6<br>Youth - Friendly's 6:30p<br>Children's Program 6:15p<br>Adult Bible Study 6:50p<br>Adult Choir Practice 8p                   | 7                                            | 8<br>Haitian Worship Service 7p  | 9                                                |
| 10                                                                                           | 11                                     | 12<br>Deacon Mtg 7p  | Youth Summer Camp                                                                                                                 |                                              | 15<br>Haitian Worship Service 7p | 16<br>Youth Hagerstown Fair-<br>grounds Festival |
| 17<br>Aubrey Brown—special<br>speaker 10:30a<br>Western MD Svc 2p                            | 18                                     | 19<br>Trustee Mtg 7p | 20<br>Youth Group 6:15p<br>Children's Program 6:15p<br>Adult Bible Study 6:50p<br>Adult Choir Practice 8p                         | 21<br>Adults on Mission 7p<br>(Doren Culler) | 22<br>Haitian Worship service 7p | 23                                               |
| 24<br>Church Picnic 5p                                                                       | 25                                     | 26                   | 27<br>Youth Group 6:15p<br>Children's Program 6:15p<br>Adult Bible Study 6:50p<br>Adult Choir Practice 8p<br>*Youth Summer Prayer | 28                                           | 29<br>Haitian Worship Service 7p | 30                                               |
| 31                                                                                           |                                        |                      |                                                                                                                                   |                                              |                                  |                                                  |

## SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS



Perry and Lela Mae Hendershot

This month we spotlight Perry and Lela Mae Hendershot. Lela Mae was born here in Hagerstown and is a graduate of both South Hagerstown High School and Hagerstown Business College. Perry was born in Clear Spring, MD and attended Clear Spring High School. Perry owned his own masonry business for thirty years retiring in 2002 but coming out of retirement to work part-time for Bragunier Masonry. Lela Mae was a secretary at both Victor Products and Pangborn Corporation before becoming a secretary for the family masonry business. The Hendershots have been married for 47 years and have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Debbie Albert, Mike Shriner
- 5 Stacy Toms, Lela Mae Hendershot
- 7 Sue Stouffer
- 8 Kathy Bouw
- 9 Judy Papoutsis, Terri Mulligan, Ethan Nelson
- 10 Joe Hahn
- 11 Mary Shobe, Andrew Chandler, Holden Strausser, Dr. Lawrence Johns
- 13 Robert Rubeck
- 14 Doris Rubeck
- 16 Michael Wright
- 21 Kathy Robinson, Scottie Wine
- 22 Darlene Schmidt
- 23 Yvonne Gilmer
- 24 Leslie Keefer, Matt Hayes, Judy Stull
- 25 Spencer Lunsford
- 26 Darlene Metz
- 28 Alan Albert
- 29 Ed Lochstampfor
- 30 Linda Kunkleman, Dara Holloman

**Happy Birthday!**

## THE SCHOLAR'S PEN



As we celebrate the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation, many Christians have the feeling that something is amiss. Our national finances seem like a house of cards, but most concerning is the moral crisis we seem to be in. It often seems that what was good is now considered bad and what was bad is thought to be good.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God, speaking to Solomon, states: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Our nation has been richly blessed over the years, but as Christians, we need to take time to reflect upon the direction we are going. God calls upon us to show humility and gratitude. We also need to seek His will in our nation, especially by praying for our leaders and for our general population. Christians must set the example by practicing Godly principles in their daily lives as the world watches not so much what we say, but how we act. And yes, we are (and should) be held to a higher standard by those watching.

While we reflect on the state of our nation and where we find ourselves today, let us resolve to follow the wise guidance given to us in God's word.

Submitted by Carey Leverett  
PBC deacon and Sunday School teacher

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14*

**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

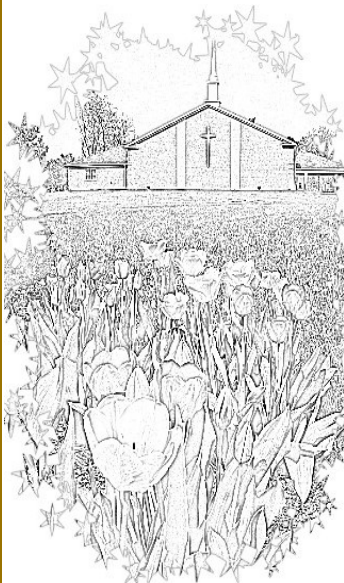
**Wednesdays:**

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

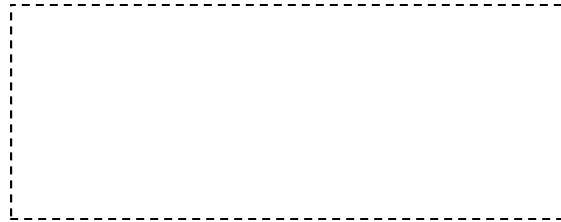
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**AMERICA NEEDS 10 COMMANDMENTS**

By: Vonette Bright



"and showing loving kindness unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments." (Exodus 20:6)

James Madison, the fourth president of the United States, once said: "We have staked the whole future of American civilization not upon the power of government... (but) upon the capacity of each ... of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

I like that! God gave the Ten Commandments to Israel while they were encamped near Mt. Sinai. God promised the Israelites (and us), He will show love for those who love Him and keep His commandments.

We Americans, especially our government leaders, would do well to memorize and abide by the Ten Commandments.

Today, write down the Ten Commandments. They're found in Exodus 20. Post them prominently. And learn them! Then pray for our nation, especially our leaders, to know and abide by them. America's future is at stake!

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