

# THE PARABLES

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*“And when He came near the gate of the city (Nain) behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her. . . . .” Luke 7:12, 13a.*

A mother losing her only child is a painful thought. But we read that this woman’s husband is also dead. This means she’s now completely alone. Whom will she turn to?

As Jesus’ eyes meets hers, He is filled with compassion. It’s comforting to know that as we go through heartache, pain and suffering, Jesus is there by our side sharing in our problems.

But Jesus does more than feel compassion in this particular situation. He stops the procession and exercises His authority over death.

Today millions of people who are trying Eastern philosophies and the “you too can improve yourself” religions overlook the fact that Jesus is the only one who has authority over death. Other philosophies may have catchy slogans or ideas but, when it comes to death, they’re powerless. Yet in just three years, Jesus exercised His power over death at least four times.

When the Antichrist comes, he’ll be able to fake some of this power through trickery, but only Jesus has real authority.

It’s interesting that Jesus doesn’t say, “In the name of God, arise.” Instead He proves once again that He is God with the words, “I say to you, arise!” (Luke 7:14)

The man rises up and everyone present is amazed.  
Jesus is the source of resurrection and eternal life.

## Pastor’s Corner



Dr. Larry Rickard  
Pastor

## COUNTDOWN TO....

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| 4 Communion  | 17 Paramount Community Ox Roast at PBC 12-4p               |
| 5 Church Office Closed   | 18 Western MD Svc 1:30p (youth)                            |
| 7 Wednesday evening programs   | 20 Trustee Mtg 7p  |
| 11 Focus on MD/Del special speaker Mitch McDowell<br>Covered dish luncheon | 21 Wednesday evening programs                              |
| 13 Deacons Mtg 7p  | 24 Deaf church activity all day<br>Youth Music Festival 7p |
| 14 Wednesday evening programs  | 25 Quarterly Business Mtg                                  |
| 15 Adults on Mission 7p  | 28 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

As a new school year begins this week allow me to share some statistics with you...

38% of all public schools reported at least one incident of violence to the police this past year

23% of all students reported gangs at their schools, this past year

10% of teachers in city schools reported that they were threatened with injury by students. 6% of teachers in suburban schools and 5% of teachers in rural schools reported the same this past year

6% of 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students carried a lethal weapon on school property

9% of 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students were injured with a weapon on school property

15% of 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students were in a physical fight on school property

24% of 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property during the school year

**Deuteronomy 6:1-9** *“Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

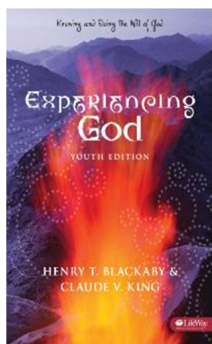
This passage sets a pattern that helps us relate and live the Word of God in our daily lives. We are to love God, always and constantly think about His commands and live out each day by the guidelines in His Word. God emphasizes the importance of parents teaching how to love God and teach the Bible to their children, finally, teaching our children how to live by the guidelines in His Word. As the new school year begins and throughout the year, take time to pray for and with our children. In addition, become that living example from Deuteronomy 6:1-9 to our children. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and all your strength, Until He returns...

### SEPT. YOUTH EVENTS...



If you are interested in joining the youth for this GREAT day of Christian music, fellowship and good clean Christian fun, please see Niel Augustine.

Deadline is August 28, 2011



Beginning September 7, 2011, **“Experiencing God”!** A nine week Bible study for students in grades 7-12 and was adapted from the best-selling adult study.

Students will...

Learn to hear when God is speaking

Find out how God is speaking

Find out where God is working and

join Him

Experience God doing what only He can do

## PBC 412 YOUTH

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

1 TIMOTHY 4:12 LET NO ONE DESPISE YOUR YOUTH BUT BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS IN WORDS, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN SPIRIT, IN FAITH, IN PURITY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7 <i>“Experiencing God”</i> Bible Study 6:15-8:00	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Experiencing God”</i> Bible Study 6:15-8:00	15	16	17 Community Ox Roast Paramount
18 Western Maryland Center	19	20	21 <i>Experiencing God”</i> Bible Study 6:15-8:00	22	23	24 <b>Awakening Music Fest Trip!!!!</b>
25	26	27	28 <i>Experiencing God</i> ----- <i>“See You at the Pole”</i>	29	30	

## 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.

Adam W. Roberson, Program Director

To: Pastor Rickard and Staff

Paramount Baptist Church

“God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs, but plenty left over to give joyfully to others.” (2 Corinthians 9:8)

It has been a blessing and a privilege to us for three years because with an open heart you let us let the Lord use you to help those who are in need. Because of the love of Christ in you, we were able to use your facility for these many years. We thank you so much for allowing us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ but also to reach the lost. Once again, we thank you.

We are planning to relocate the second week of August. Please continue to pray for us as God moves us into a new building to stay faithful and obedient to His words as we serve Him with all of our heart, mind and soul. Thank you , thank you, thank you. We appreciate your kindness, patience and gentleness and most of all the love you have for people.

Pastor Joseph T. Constane

Dear Friends at Paramount Baptist Church:

On behalf of Children in Need, Inc. , I would like to express our appreciation for your generous contribution to our organization in the amount of \$200.00. Your gift will help many children throughout Washington County by finding our annual Back to School program, as well as, maintaining a supply of socks, underwear, personal hygiene products and school supplies at our distribution center.

Sincerely,

Anne R. Martin, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Each week of summer camp, our counselors and campers are learning deeper dependence on God. Whether through health issues that arise, through loss of sleep while comforting homesick campers, or whether hearing of camper's life challenges that break their hearts, staff members quickly learn they need Jesus to help them be effective in their ministry roles. Finances are another way we can depend on Him. You are part of this provision. Thank you.

Counting on God,

Aaron E. Zeibarth, Executive Director

Dear Missions Coordinator,

Thank you so much for your gift to support EveryStudent.com. Your partnership in this exciting internet ministry is helping lead students around the world to make decisions for Christ. Over the coming months, we'll reach students in nations that are hostile to our faith and closed to traditional evangelism. But, most important of all, your support is changing lives. Thank you.

Steve Sellers, Campus Crusade for Christ

Dear Paramount Baptist Church,

We would like to thank you for your gift of \$100.00. Your generosity and compassion is a blessing to our community. Your gift will make a difference in our outreach. Donated funds and goods are used to REACH out to people in need each year through our volunteer programs that include the Cold Weather Shelter, and 24-Hour Crisis Intervention/Day Resource Program. REACH volunteers give our community over 23,000 hours of service every year!

Respectfully Yours,

Jodie K. Ostoich, Executive Director

## PRAYER LIST

- Our church—spiritual growth
- Children’s AWANA Programs
- Children’s program workers
- Adults on Mission program
- Newly elected church officers, teachers and workers
- Deacons
- Trustees
- Pastor Larry Rickard
- Niel Augustine
- Leslie Keefer
- Western Maryland services
- NMS services
- Adult choir
- Community Ox Roast event
- Eglise Baptiste Haitienne du Calvaire
- Deaf church services
- Blue Ridge Baptist Association
- Md/Del Baptist Convention
- 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...**

Preschoolers will learn how Southern Baptist Missionary Tanya Dawson shares about God with friends in Southeast Asia. Focusing on the concept area of God, Mission



Friends learn about the beautiful things God has made. They meet each Sunday during extended session in PS II.

### **Adults on Mission...**

September 15 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
All adults are welcome  
Hosted by Sharon Davis

*Are you part of or would like to be a part of the Women on Missions and Adult on Mission Programs? We are looking for someone or a couple people that would be willing to become the Women’s Missionary Union Director/Co-Directors. Please be in prayer over this as this is an important role needed in our church.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you! ...** we want to thank everyone that participated in making the church breakfast a success, especially the kitchen committee. What a great way to start a Sunday morning of fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ!

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations* to Steve and Sandra Ingram Speakman on the arrival of sons, Elijah Lee and Benjamin Thomas on August 9, 2011. Big sister Mary Grace is very excited. The Speakmans reside in Auburn, AL. Grandparents are Tom and Karen Ingram.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Mr. Rod Burke

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

## SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS



Greg and Lynn Hess

This month we spotlight Greg and Lynn Hess. Greg and Lynn were both born here in Hagerstown. Greg is a graduate of Williamsport High School and attended Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA. Lynn is a graduate of Smithsburg High School and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Shepherd University, her Masters Degree in Adult Education from Marshall University and is currently completing work on her second Masters Degree in Nursing from Liberty University. Greg and Lynn have been married for 32 years and have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Greg is the owner of R.V. Doctor in Falling Waters, WV. Lynn is a Clinical Nurse Educator at Shepherd University, as well as, Clinical Skills and Simulation Lab Coordinator at Shepherd. She also teaches continuing education classes at Hagerstown Community College.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Esther Mullinex
- 2 Steve Hull, Christian Colliflower
- 3 Brian Magaw
- 6 Benjamin Kirchner
- 7 Julie Carbaugh, Jesse Davis
- 11 Kunle Faokunla, Phil Connor, Ella Holloman, Jack Ditto
- 13 Dick McBee, Cody Weddle, Jason Kinch
- 16 Arlene Hull
- 22 Charlene Augustine
- 23 Debbie Yates
- 24 Dave McConnell
- 25 Michael Hull, Abbie Barnes
- 27 Mindy Colliflower, Nicole Holloman
- 29 Joshua Colliflower, Darce Beesecker
- 30 Margaret Crawford

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
DEMO/DISPLAY  
TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE  
Kids Moon Bounce, Slide and  
Face Painting

Come Enjoy Free Food and Fun!

## **Paramount Community Ox Roast**

Saturday, September 17th  
from 12-4pm

Where: Paramount Baptist Church  
Address: 13234 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown MD

Local Fire and Rescue Displays  
Police Department and Police Dog  
Demonstration  
Musical Entertainment All Day



Don't Miss It!  
**FREE**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: 9am SS Bible Study 10am Fellowship 10:30am Worship Svc				1	2	3
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**AWANA  
LU'AU**

**ALOHA AWANA  
ALOHA SUMMER  
ALOHA FALL**

**A Grand Start to  
another exciting  
AWANA season!**

**Let's do it right by  
celebrating  
Hawaiian style....**

**Join us for our  
AWANA Luau on  
Wednesday,  
September 7th at  
6:30pm.**

**Come dressed  
appropriately for  
our Luau Party!**

### THE SCHOLAR'S PEN

#### **A Day to Remember- September 11, 2001**

It is hard to believe that 10 years have passed since the day that changed the course of history in America. Many of you can remember where you were when you heard the fateful words that terrorists in passenger jets had struck the Twin Towers in New York City. That morning I had taken my Beagle to the vet to get his rabies shot. Then I headed down I70 to go to work in Bethesda. I was in disbelief with what was happening. Then the radio announcer broke into the newscast to say that the Pentagon had been hit and there was another plane headed toward Washington. This did not seem to be real, but it was. Many were leaving DC, but I was headed to work. It was a day that I will always remember.

The Sunday after September 11, 2001, churches of all faiths were full of people searching for answers and peace in their lives. Some found that Jesus offered a peace they could not find anywhere else. Others came to church for a few Sundays and then returned to their old way of life. Will it take another 9/11 event to get people back to church to hear the Truth about Jesus?

There was another day in history that changed the course of mankind. It happened in Jerusalem. The Roman government was in control. A Man had been found guilty of violating the Jewish law by claiming He was God. On that fateful day, Jesus of Nazareth was crucified. There were many witnesses to this event including the mother of Jesus and Roman soldiers. There was no doubt He was dead. Yet, three days later, He conquered the last enemy of man - death. He was alive and appeared to many witnesses according to the Bible. THIS is the day to remember. For all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, a special day or time to remember is when they made the decision to trust Him for eternal life and forgiveness of their sins. All believers should remember the moment that changed their life forever.

There is another day coming that all will remember. It is the day when Jesus will return to set up His Kingdom on earth. But for seven years prior to this final event, there will be judgment upon the earth. You do not want to be around for those days. According to 1 Thessalonians 4, Jesus will snatch His Bride (church) away to heaven and He will wipe away all our tears. Are you ready for that DAY?

NOW is the day of Salvation. Like the Weather Channel program, "It Could Happen Tomorrow", Jesus could come anytime for His adopted children. Please don't wait until the last minute to make the most important decision to accept Jesus as your Savior. Submitted by Rev. Chuck Schroer, PBC Sunday School Teacher-Adult 3

**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

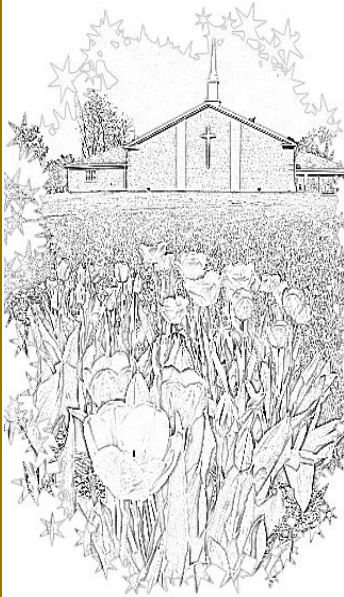
**Wednesdays:**

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

*“Where you’ll always find a warm welcome”*



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

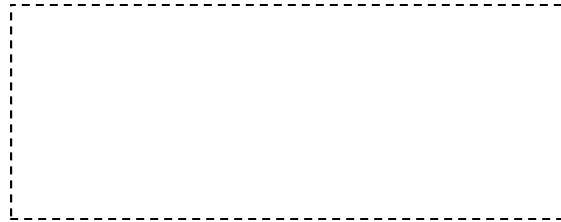
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**Moving?**

Please notify the church office of your new address

**A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER**

I hugged my sons and scooted them out the door. Seeing them head off to another day of junior high school stirred my motherly concern, so I prayed, “Lord, protect my boys. Help them see the difference between right and wrong and make godly decisions.” At that moment I realized my children and the children at their school needed the covering of corporate prayer. I asked the Lord for one other mom who would pray with me, and by the next week there were five women in my home praying together for our children and their school.

We prayed with the fervor of the prophet Jeremiah, who wrote: “Pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of our children” (Lamentations 2:19).

When I started praying with other moms, I had no doubt that praying together was both important and powerful, but then I found that it could make a mother’s burdens lighter. When my son Ty started down a road of rebellion, my prayer partners cried out with me in faith for him. Jesus taught that we “should always pray and not give up” (Luke 18:1). When we talk to Him, God does answer— in His timing and according to His perfect will. God’s part is to change hearts; our privilege and responsibility is to pray. For years we prayed for Ty, and then one glorious day, he gave his life to Christ. As we gather together to participate in God’s call to prayer, we not only make a difference in the lives of our children, but we reap immeasurable benefits... “the best investment and greatest legacy I can leave my family is the gift of prayer.”

Fern Nichols, *author of* When Moms Pray Together  
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