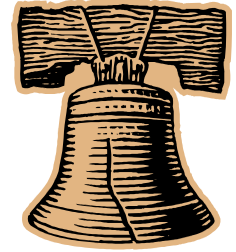
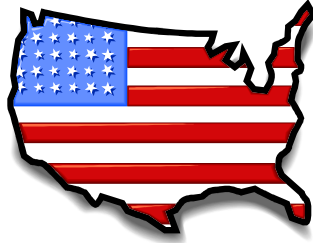


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BILLY GRAHAM SURE HAS A GOOD VIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRY IN HIS PRAYER FOR OUR NATION!

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance.

We know Your Word says,

'Woe to those who call evil good,'

but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, 'The Rest of the Story,' and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called 'One nation under God..'

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MISSIONARY MEANDERINGS

At the Annual Meeting of the SBC in Orlando last month, the messengers present voted overwhelmingly to approve a report from the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force (GCRTF). There were several aspects to their report, all of which are intended to help our churches better fulfill the Great Commission through several changes in the way the SBC functions. One of the recommendations calls for the elimination of the Cooperative Agreements that exist between the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and the various state conventions. Now you may have never heard of the Cooperative Agreements, but they form the framework for how NAMB has funded missions efforts in North America. Through the Cooperative Agreements, NAMB has partnered with each state convention and has sent money to each convention to fund missions efforts in that state. In Michigan, that money has helped fund church planters, Directors of Missions, and Baptist State Convention of Michigan (BSCM) staff members, as well as help cover health insurance for retired DOMs and state staff. With the elimination of the Cooperative Agreements, which will be phased out over a seven year period, our state convention will face a tremendous reduction in funding which will likely result in a reduction in the staffing and ministries of the BSCM. It will also likely mean a reduction in the money the associations, including the GBA, will receive for support of the Associational Missionaries/DOMs.

At this point we don't know what is going to happen or when it will begin happening. It is up to the trustees of the North American Mission Board to determine how the GCRTF's recommendations pertaining to NAMB will be implemented. However, as I already stated, changes are coming to the BSCM and the GBA, as well as all other state conventions and most other associations in the country. The reduction in Cooperative Agreement money could start as early as 2011, if the NAMB trustees so decided. Right now, until we have word from NAMB, to try to guess how it will all turn out is just speculation. There are several possibilities regarding how the DOMs will be funded, but we don't know which possibilities will actually be available. So we sit and wait and pray for God to

guide the trustees of the North American Mission Board as they meet to decide when and how this will happen, as well as what will be offered to the existing NAMB missionaries, which includes all of the Michigan DOMs and many of our BSCM staff members. When we learn what is going to happen and how the association will be affected, we will let you know.

In the meantime, I encourage you to continue supporting missions by giving faithfully to your church and by encouraging your church to continue to support missions through the Cooperative Program and through Associational Missions gifts. Currently the GBA is experiencing a funding shortfall as gifts from our churches to the association are down from last year's giving by some \$2,772 leaving us \$6,927 short of budget at the end of June 2010. I know many of our churches are receiving decreased offerings because of the impact of the economy, which I'm sure is why we are experiencing decreased income from our churches. However, please make sure your churches gifts to the association are current, and even consider increasing your church's gifts to the association, as well as to the Cooperative Program.

The Genesee Baptist Association exists to come along side its affiliated churches and pastors with resources, training and assistance as you seek to fulfill the Great Commission right here in Genesee and Shiawassee Counties, as well as throughout the world. Let us know how we can assist you, and we will do our best to do so while seeking to be faithful stewards of the resources you entrust to us.

In Christ,



Jim

New Church Start in Fenton

In case you haven't heard, Parkway Community Church in Fenton is no longer meeting for worship. Those who remained of Parkway's leadership voted to give the church buildings and property to the association for the purpose of providing a facility and location for a new church start. The GBA Executive Board voted to accept it, but with this came the assumption of Parkway's financial obligations, **(continued on page 3)**



Christian Education By Steve Windle

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDSHIP!

Are you and your Bible study group compassionately engaged in touching the lives of those in your sphere of influence? In Mark chapter 2 we're given two wonderful examples of what that potentially looks like. In the first instance, we have the story of the paralytic whose sins were forgiven and who was miraculously healed by the One who has authority to forgive sins! Now, the paralytic could not have gotten to Jesus on his own. He needed help. The text says that his friends brought him to Jesus. When they arrived at the house where Jesus was teaching, the house was so packed there was no way they were going to get their friend to Jesus. The obstacles that barred the way seemed impossible, and yet, these friends were persistent and found a way around the obstacles that were blocking the way for their friend to get to Jesus. Compassion is a powerful motivator,

In our second example, we're told that Matthew throws a party for all of his friends for the express purpose of introducing them to Jesus. Matthew seems to have known a lot of people, and many of them had poor reputations. And yet, Matthew's love for these friends leads him to throw a party in order to get them in contact with Jesus!

As you stop and think about the friends and loved ones you have who need Christ, what can you do to reach them? The actions in these two stories are bold and courageous. Too often believers get scared and chicken out on sharing Christ with their friends. I want to challenge you to begin sharing your burden for the lost in your sphere of influence with your Sunday School class/Bible study group. Begin sharing the load and burden for these lost friends and loved ones by name and spend time together brain storming on how you as a group might be able to help the friends and neighbors of one another overcome the barriers that are preventing them from coming to Christ. Sunday School and small group Bible study needs to be about more than just learning and fellowship! It's got to be about engaging the lost together, as we compassionately bring our friends to Jesus!

Bro. Steve

(Continued from page 2) Fenton Start

including the mortgage, insurance and utilities on the church building and parsonage. The monthly obligation for the mortgage and insurance alone come to about \$1,200.

Because of the shortfall in receipts from our churches in their giving to the association so far this year, the money for the Fenton property is coming out of the association's limited savings account. Could your church help out with this added expense by giving additional money to the association, perhaps once, or even monthly? The New Works Development Team is hoping to see a new beginning in Fenton by this fall, at which time the association's responsibility for the mortgage and other bills will likely be passed off, at least in part, to the new church. However, until that time any additional money your church may give will help in paying down the mortgage and paying current bills. If enough money comes in designated for the Fenton property and buildings, we could even pay it off! That would be such a blessing to a new church. The current mortgage balance is about \$59,000. Now, it is likely you are unable to pay the mortgage off, but any additional you or your church can give would be a blessing and help to the association right now – just designate it for the Fenton new start.

In connection with this, on **Saturday, July 17th at 6 PM** there will be a gathering of people interested in seeing a new church started in Fenton. This gathering will be **at 2940 Georgetown Parkway in Fenton (the former Parkway Community Church building)** and is open to all who are interested in seeing a successful new church started in Fenton. Beginning at 6 PM Matt Leon will lead us in a short time of worship. We will then hear briefly from Ed Emmerling and Jim Nelson concerning their dream and vision for this work. Then we will have a time of sharing by those who are gathered concerning what they would like to see happen in this new church – their dreams, visions, ideas, whatever they want to share regarding a new church in Fenton. Finally, we will spend time praying for God's direction, for God to raise up leaders to form a core group, and for God to raise up the right man to lead this group as planter/pastor.

Please promote this in your church and encourage all to attend who are interested in seeing a new church in Fenton that will effectively reach the many unchurched who live in the Fenton/Linden areas.

Thank you for your involvement and help in this.

In Christ,
Jim and the GBA New Works Development Team



**Pastor/Staff & Spouse Retreat
July 12-15, 2010
Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat
& Conference Center
Total cost is \$10.00 per person,
\$20.00 per couple**

Pastor: **Have you made your reservation** to attend this great week? You will be blessed, refreshed, inspired, encouraged and empowered. Get your reservations in now so you and your sweetheart can have this time away together.

Guest Preacher – Dr. Rick Lance, Executive Director, Alabama State Baptist Convention

Pastors Conference Leader & Music Leader– Ray Burdeshaw, Retired Director of Worship and Music, ALSBOM

Wives Conference Leader—Jane Burdeshaw



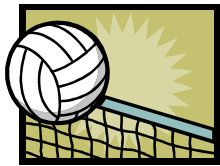
**Genesee Baptist Association
Seminary Extension
Registration for Fall Semester**

**Thursday, September 16, 2010
7:00 PM at the Associational Office**

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Cost—\$120 (includes cost of books)

Anyone is welcome to be a part of this class
For further information, please call Dr. Richard Sample
at (810) 767-1878



**GBA Pastor/Staff & Family
Picnic
August 17, 2010
6:00 P.M.
At the home of
Jim & Margaret Marcus**

Bring your family and come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Jim & Margaret will furnish the meat, drinks, and condiments. Please bring a large dish to pass and lawn chairs if you have them. **This is for Pastors, Associates Pastors, Youth Pastors and their families.**
Please RSVP before August 9th.



**Our GBA office
will be closed on
July 5th for July
4th holiday.**

Mission Speaker Opportunity

Dwight and Vivian Wymer are in the states right now. If you would like to have them come to your church to share their ministry in the Far East please call them at (810) 471-6612. While they have been in Michigan, they have been able to speak in many local fellowships. Don't miss this great opportunity to see what God is doing in the lives of our missionaries. Dwight and Vivian are originally from this area.

**Summer Retreats at Bambi
(Still time to sign up)**

**July 12-15 Pastor, Staff and Spouse Retreat
July 19-23 Evaluate (youth camp)
July 26-30 Quest Children's Camp
August 9-13 GA/Acteens Camp
August 16-19 Boys Adventure Camp
August 20-21 Deaf Retreat
August 26-28 Biker Retreat**



Congratulations to Jim & Margaret Marcus, on the birth of their grandson, Caleb James Birchmeier. Caleb was born June 26th, and weighed 6 lb 3 oz. Caleb was born to their daughter and son-in-law, David & Carolyn Birchmeier.



HERE'S WHAT IS HAPPENING Among Our Churches

Ainsworth's community breakfasts continue to be well attended and they have had some guests visit the church as a result. VBS will be July 6-8 followed by a family day service and pig roast on July 11.

Eagle's Nest took a mission team to Missouri. They went to Pleasant Hill and helped with construction. 128 people from 12 churches in 9 different states worked together. On July 24-31 nine from Eagle's Nest will be taking a mission trip to Kingston Jamaica. They will be doing a combination of Vacation Bible school, Bible clubs, and street Evangelism. Please pray for safety from war and also from disease carrying mosquitoes.

Eastgate is seeing God work with new baptisms and many new visitors from the community. The new "Community Classes" on Wednesday night have been very successful with over 100 in attendance. They have been able to involve many from the surrounding community in these enrichment classes. Their goal is to love and minister to the needs of the unsaved and lead them to Christ. Eastgate has also enjoyed their new softball field and have opened it up to the community by encouraging playing opportunities and cookouts. Their VBS team is preparing for a late July VBS.

Fellowship saw twenty precious souls saved in May. Five were baptized, and six joined the church. They saw a new record in Sunday School attendance and a 5th record month of morning preaching attendance. They also have sufficient funds to proceed with phase 3 of their building project. Praise God!

First, Flushing took 21 youth and sponsors to South Carolina with an MFuge event in June.

Heritage is continuing to see great growth. In April —2 were saved, 1 baptized and 13 others joined the church. In May— 2 were saved, 2 baptized and 12 others joined the church. A building committee has met together. Since December they have doubled in size. If anyone knows of a building for sale in Grand Blanc, Burton, or South Flint Township Area that would accommodate them, please let them know.

Lighthouse has been praying for spiritual awakening. One deaf was saved and another may transfer. Lighthouse sent 3 members on a home mission trip to Colorado. Two

deaf received Christ and were baptized. Please pray for their retreat on August 19-22 which is the 30th anniversary of MiBCD, they are hoping for a record attendance.

Lincoln Park will be having the Foster's, Savannah Pegoraro and the Lane's on July 31st in a music concert from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. On September 11 they will have the Royal Heir's.

North End will be having VBS July 19-25th. Three from the church went to Myanmar in May. They ministered to the churches, and orphanages. They saw 1 child come to Christ and they themselves were much encouraged.

Outreach is now averaging 50 in worship. They have had 5 baptisms this last month with three salvations and two joining. They also had 47 at their Mother/Daughter Banquet and 39 at the Father/Son Banquet. On Wednesday night they are now studying what the Bible says about depression and suicide.

Victory's youth, "The V-FIRE," passed out tracts at the Curwood Festival, a major event in Owosso. They are on fire for Christ and eager to win people for the kingdom. Please pray that their youth are blessed with wisdom and discernment as they continue to plan outreach events in their community.

Westside will be expanding their seating capacity in their worship center this summer, so they can continue to grow. They will have two mission VBS's this summer. They are also enjoying a summer intern, Matt Wagner, (who is the son of Keith Wagner— Missionary in Mexico) working in the music and youth.

Happy Birthday

TO THESE PASTOR FAMILY MEMBERS

AUGUST

- 1- Carl Petty
- 6- Pearl Windle
- 6- Jan Rednower
- 6- Aaron Manning
- 8- Soonchul Paek
- 10- JoElla Survance
- 10- Dan Louman
- 25- Jim Reid
- 26- Dorothy Petty

SEPTEMBER

- 12- Larry Survance
- 18- Kevin Knox

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This association is a family of churches. Your church is important to all the rest.

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS RECEIPTS from churches June 2010

CHURCH	June 2010	YTD 2010	YTD 2009	CHURCH	June 2010	YTD 2010	YTD 2009
AINSWORTH	\$1,069.00	\$2,793.89	\$2,656.76	HERITAGE	572.00	\$3,802.00	\$3,193.00
BARING CROSS	327.22	1,062.39	1,485.92	LATINOAMERICANA	319.00	1,111.00	743.00
BETHEL	93.00	533.00	655.00	LIGHTHOUSE	45.00	209.00	201.00
BRAY ROAD	0.00	0.00	50.00	LINCOLN PARK	50.93	253.87	345.70
CENTRAL	603.64	1,411.60	1,225.43	MOUNT CARMEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHRIST COMMUNITY	60.00	180.00	0.00	NEW HAVEN	0.00	300.00	550.00
CORUNNA ROAD	155.00	815.00	823.00	NORTH END	750.99	3,383.45	3,306.98
DAVISON MEADOWS	50.00	300.00	300.00	OUT REACH	50.00	341.50	241.02
EAGLE 'S NEST	0.00	250.00	250.00	PARKWAY COMMUNITY	0.00	145.86	977.75
EASTGATE	682.24	5,215.48	6,934.56	SHAWN	0.00	0.00	0.00
FAITH	0.00	0.00	0.00	VICTORY	61.44	422.64	490.93
FELLOWSHIP	1,014.47	2,849.31	1,633.04	WESTSIDE	578.00	3,421.00	3,953.00
FIRST, CLIO	0.00	0.00	324.00	TOTALS	\$6,581.93	\$34,075.32	\$36,847.76
FIRST, FLUSHING	0.00	360.00	360.00				
FIRST, SWARTZ CREEK	0.00	3,733.28	4,785.67	BUDGET REQUIREMENTS YEAR TO DATE		\$41,052.00	
GALILEAN	0.00	255.05	0.00	BUDGET RECDEIPTS YEAR TO DATE		\$32,075.32	
HANMAUM INT 'L	100.00	600.00	600.00	AMOUNT UNDER BUDGET YEAR TO DATE ..		(\$6,976.68)	
HARMONY	0.00	326.00	762.00				