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Update from the Pastoral Search Committee



Since our last update we have reviewed 52 of the 75 resumes we have received. We have now had 2 telephone interviews with 2 different candidates. Several members of our committee traveled to hear one candidate preach in person at his current church. Following this, we invited him and his wife to come to visit with us for a weekend so that we could meet face to face and get a better feel for him and his family. We are planning to do this in the near future with a second candidate.

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KEEPING CHRIST
PRE-EMINENT IN ALL THINGS

MISSION POSSIBLE

Al and Carole Meehan

Wycliffe Bible Translators: Crisis Management Director for the Americas

Medical News

In an email dated September 19, Al tells of his recent medical experience. "With my new pacemaker installed, the August 22nd scheduled event was the cardio-version. This involves putting about 300 volts through the heart in an attempt to normalize the rhythm to get it out of atrial fibrillation. It worked and with medication it is staying in normal rhythm most of the time."

Travel to Brazil

"September 1st Carole drove me to the airport to start the journey to the interior of Brazil to work with several mission organizations, including Wycliffe/SIL. I would be conducting security consultations, mission station site evaluations and leading seminars to better prepare and make these missionaries aware of security problems they face. So after 13 hours of flying & 11 hours sitting in airports I arrived in Cuiaba, Brazil. ...getting off the plane in Cuiaba it was in the 90's and thereafter it was always in the high 90's or low 100 degrees until I returned to the USA...Dan met me at the Cuiaba airport and took me to the AMI indigenous training center about an hour drive where we got busy with security and safety consultations. There are about 100 indigenous people from various tribes temporarily living on the center getting a Christian based education. They are all solid believers voluntarily coming for a Christian education taught mostly by Christian Brazilian professionals. They pay their own tuition. Next July 2012 there will be a large one-week Christian conference on the center of nearly 4000 indigenous people from all over Brazil.

"Having completed my work at the AMI center on September 7th I flew from Cuiaba to

Porto Velho (PVH) to evaluate the security at the large indigenous translation and training center. Three missions occupy the once former all Wycliffe center: Youth with a Mission (JOCUM) (about 100 missionaries, all Brazilian or from other Latin American countries), Wycliffe/SIL about 20 members and MEU a German mission about 12 members. PVH center had some serious incidents involving missionaries including an armed home invasion of 6 JOCUM single ladies. I conducted a thorough site evaluation and presented 2



afternoon seminars regarding security and safety issues."

"At 2 AM September 10th I took the red-eye special flight from Porto Velho to Brasilia arriving around 6 AM and met by Isabel Murphy the Director of SIL Brazil. After some rest at 7PM that same evening I boarded an all-night bus to Canarana, a town located near the Xingu national indigenous reserve, a 15 hour bus ride! ...I did home and facility site evaluations and had an abbreviated security seminar with several of the Wycliffe/SIL teams who lived in the town. Then Tuesday the 13th...traveled by car 9 hours to Annapolis where the main SIL office is located. I had consultations with members at the office then briefed the Director and field committee on the visit....a 2 hour taxi ride to Brasilia took me to the international airport to catch my 11 PM flight to Miami."

PRAY for Al's mother, Hilda, who is currently hospitalized because of irregular and rapid heartbeat. She will be 102 on October 5.

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We have another telephone interview with a third candidate scheduled in October. While this process is going on we will continue to look at the rest of the resumes. Thank you for your prayers and your understanding during this time of waiting. Let us believe God together for His guidance in finding the right man.

Eileen Royce
Committee Secretary

COMMUNION HELP NEEDED

Helpers are needed to prepare communion at 8:15 a.m. on the last Sunday of each month. Help is also needed to clean up communion supplies after the service. If you can help with either or both of these tasks, please see Joanne Stevenson.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you're able to help the Fellowship Committee. You do not have to commit to helping with every event. Areas of need are set-up, clean-up, food preparation and serving. If you can help in any capacity, often or occasionally, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see JoAnn Beck for further information.

Deacon's Report

ACTC FOOD DRIVE RESULTS

The Board of Deacons gratefully thanks all of you who donated to the August food drive for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC). Together we donated 51 bags of food products and \$155.00 in cash donations. These donations benefit the "most vulnerable in our population and there are an increasing number of clients coming in who are trying to survive until they find a decent job." (quote from the ACTC Director's letter of August 31.) Thank you for opening your hearts and your wallets at a time when all of us need to be conscious of our finances. God is good – He knows just what we need and He gives us more!!

Be looking in your weekly bulletin in early October for the Thanksgiving food basket drive information. This year we will have more options to make it easier to donate. Again, thank you for your faithfulness. If you would like to learn more about the services that ACTC provides to **our** community, take a look at their website www.ACTCOnline.info.

THE TRUSTEES' TOOLBOX

The Board of Trustees' monthly meeting was held on Monday, September 12, 2011.

We now have an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for use in the church. A training session for congregation members was held on Sunday, September 25 after the worship service. Any congregation member who was unable to attend that training session but would like to learn how to work the unit, please see Nancy Stagge.

The Church House pastor offices now have a fresh coat of paint. New and gently used furniture (desks and chairs) has been purchased and the area rugs have been cleaned. New window coverings will also be purchased in the near future. Many thanks to Kathy Fagan, Sue Freeman, and Joanne Beck for their hard work in getting the second floor rooms ready for our new pastor(s).

The emergency lights located throughout the church building were completely dead. New batteries have been ordered and installed. The kitchen has had its regularly scheduled safety inspection with no problems cited.

The board will be speaking with the family who owns the property on the left side of the end of our driveway to inquire about the possibility of modifying the corner of their fence in order to improve visibility for cars exiting our driveway on to Old Harford Road. On the right side, the bottom of the church sign has been removed to also improve visibility.

Back up batteries for the electronic smoke alarms in the church have been bought and replaced.

The existing mold problem in the Church House basement has become noticeably worse due to all the rain we've had during the past two months. Damp spots can be seen in the front part of the basement after heavy rains. Before any mold abatement is attempted, the water problem needs to be solved. We will be contacting firms for estimates for fixing the basement leak.

For the glory of the Lord,

Nancy Stagge

Do you have or know of a high school student looking at colleges?

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA, offers denominational scholarships to students who enroll and are members of a PCA church. They can receive up to \$3,000 a year. More information about the scholarship can be found at

http://www.geneva.edu/object/grants_scholarships.

Women in the Church

<i>CIRCLE</i>	<i>DATE/TIME</i>	<i>HOSTESS</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Friday, October 28</i> <i>9:15 a.m.</i>	<i>TBA</i> <i>Debbie Soukup</i> <i>410-665-2718</i>
<i>Esther</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 19</i> <i>12:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Pat Greve</i> <i>Choir Room</i> <i>410-882-5462</i>
<i>Hannah</i>	<i>Thursday, October 13</i> <i>7:15 p.m.</i>	<i>Sandy Magsamen</i> <i>410-687-6090</i>
<i>Rebekah</i>	<i>Thursday, October 13</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Lynn Walker</i> <i>Pickersgill</i> <i>410-252-3618</i>
<i>Ruth</i>	<i>Thursday, October 13</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Janet Whitekettle</i> <i>410-882-9932</i>
<i>Half-Baked Girls</i>	<i>Monday, October 3</i> <i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Charlotte Kidwell</i> <i>443-365-9924</i>

Circle Leaders – Please give the church office a list of
Hostesses for the 2011-2012 WIC year!

WIC Events

Our Annual Christmas Tea

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Our **Women's Christmas Tea** will be held on **Monday, December 5** at 7:00 p.m. Ladies of all ages are cordially invited to attend. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. The Bell'Arte Singers from the Annapolis Christian School will perform. If you missed seeing them last year, you do not want to miss this year's performance! Come early to get your seat. We will have a free-will offering that night for the scholarship fund of our entertainment. Enjoy tea, coffee and cookies!!

As usual, we will need help with washing cups and saucers before and after the event, setting up, baking cookies and greeting guests. Consider how you can help to make this event a memorable one that reaches our friends and neighbors with the Christmas Good News. Look for a sign-up sheet in late October/ early November and be ready to help!

Take Heart, Daughter

A Women's Retreat sponsored by Aisquith PCA WIC

All ladies (aged 13 and older) are invited by Aisquith Presbyterian PCA to spend a day with Linda Boice, widow of James Montgomery Boice, pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia for 32 years until his death in 2000. During the retreat, Linda will acquaint the attendees with some biblical women who experienced much in their lives that was not easy but whom the Lord encouraged and used for His good purposes. This retreat will be held at Aisquith from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 22. The registration cost of \$20 includes a continental breakfast and a hot lunch. Pink tri-fold flyers with more information and a registration form are available for you in the narthex. The registration deadline is Sunday, October 16. After October 16th, your registration is transferable, but not refundable. For more questions, call Janet Johnson of Aisquith at 410-666-5814 or email janet@aisquith.org.

Five Lies That Ruin Relationships

(Wrong Beliefs Produce Wrong Behavior)

A five session Bible Study for couples

Last session on Saturday evening, October 29th @ LRPC

This study examines the five most common lies that ruin relationships with those we love. This study is for those serious about deep, meaningful relationships. It's not too late to join the group!

The five lies are:

- "Sensual Pleasure will satisfy My Inner Longings for Happiness."
- "If Other People would Shape Up, My Life would Work Out."
- "Upwardly Mobile Work Opportunities are automatically the Will of God."
- "My Significance and Value are measured by the Quality and Quantity of Things I Possess."
- "The Grass is Greener on the Other Side of the Fence." (focus for October)
 - Why A Change in Scenery Rarely Improves the View | How Patience and Perseverance Transform Relationships

We will finish working through the book of James, chapters four, five, and six using:

- A DVD video study
- An associated work book study guide - facilitated by Keith & Marlene Wawrzyniak

This Bible Study

- has three goals...
 - search the scriptures together to see what the Bible has to say to us about marriage
 - work together towards the application of God's Biblical principles within our own relationship
 - fellowship with other couples, and learn from one another's experiences
- ...and we have three membership rules:
 - share nothing with the group about our relationship, which might embarrass our mate
 - keep confidences of information which may be shared inside the group
 - feel free to participate or pass on any discussion topic or group activity
- Is approved by the Association of Christian Schools International <http://www.acsi.org/>
- Is previewed on the Walk Thru the Bible Website <http://www.walkthru.org/wtbsites/fivelies/>

LRPC FAMILY NEWS

Dear Loch Raven Family,

Our thanks to you for the outpouring of love and care as we mourn the loss of Dad Master. Although we rejoice in the assurance of his eternal life in heaven, we cannot help but miss his presence here with us. We are glad for the memories and reminders of how much he means to all of us. We are grateful, too, for the permission to plant a tree in memory of both Mom and Dad, and trust that as the tree grows tall and strong, you will remember how much each one of them loved Loch Raven Presbyterian Church and her people. Special thanks to those who made the luncheon on August 20th a beautiful time of fellowship. We celebrated our life with Dad, and gave glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! If Mom and Dad saw us from heaven, I know they were very pleased.

In Christ, and with His love,
Lynn, Dan, Laura and Alan Master

To our dear Church Family at LRPC,

It is an amazing feeling of joy and peace when you are living in a crisis situation and the body of Christ picks you up and carries you through that difficult time, and showers you with love, concern, prayers and physical help. That is what I and my whole family experienced these last few months with my Dad, Chuck Masters, in the hospital, at his home, then in Hospice his last days with us, and after his passing to be with the Lord. The words of love and encouragement, the hugs, the tears, the cards with precious remembrances and words of comfort, the helpers in the office who organized the memorial service and bulletin, the helpers with the audio-visual system, the helpers with the food and table arranging and clean-up afterwards, the one who soothed our broken hearts with words from God's Word during the service, and so many people who were just loving us when we needed it, we thank you from the depths of our hearts. Praise God for all of you in my precious Church Family!

With our love,
Carol, Brian, Justin, Brandon Sweeney,
Dave and Connie Master
Jim and Carol Master
Mark and Cindi Masters

New Address

Curt and Debbie Soukup have a new address:

45 Windemere Parkway
Phoenix, MD 21131
410-510-7712

Wanted – Canning Jars

If you have any empty canning jars, used or new, that you'd like to get rid of, please contact Edie Brown at 410-668-0920.

EVENTS for the CHURCH FAMILY

***Family 6 Acre Flashlight Corn Maze & Hayride at
Beachmont***

Friday, November 4, 2011

6:30 – 10:00 PM

Everyone is invited – young, old, or not so old.

Invite your friends, too.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children (3-11) ages 2 and under free.

Pay at the maze entrance.

There will be a concession stand where you can buy a hot dog meal for \$3.

Other food will also be available.

Beachmont is located at

6433 Mt. Vista Road, Kingsville, MD 21087

CBMC Invites You to the CPN Annual Business Conference

The Christian Business Men's Connection invites you to the Christian Professional Network's Annual Business Conference with keynote speaker Jim Ryun, former Congressman and Olympic Athlete. The conference will be held on October 26, 2011, at the BWI Hilton. Ken Barun, Senior Vice-President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and former president and CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities will also speak at the event.

The event runs from 8am – 4pm and includes networking, breakout seminars, spiritual encouragement and special programs for non-profit ministries. Early registration is \$75. Register online at www.christianpronet.com.

See why *Back to the Bible Dr. Woodrow Kroll* has described the CPN program as "the best one day conference I have ever been a part of."

FRIENDSHIP DINNER CLUB 2012



It's time to sign up for next year's dinner club. If you are an **adult, single or married**, and would like to be included, please complete the information requested below and return the tear off section to Barbara Reed. If you have any questions, ask her in person or call her at 410-828-9350. After **December 4**, she will set up the schedule for the year.

How does the club work? Barbara will prepare a schedule for the year, indicating the host(s) and guests for each dinner. Each person/couple will host ONE dinner and be a guest at TWO dinners. Once the schedule and directory of participants is published, the responsibility belongs to the designated host(s). That person/couple contacts the assigned guests and sets a mutual date for the dinner. In addition, plans for the meal will be made. The host prepares the meat dish and drinks, and the guests provide either vegetable, salad, or dessert. The end result is a social opportunity in which the labor is shared so that all can enjoy the food, companionship, and friendship which develops.

You don't sign up for life; **each participant needs to complete the form and return it to Barbara.**

I/We would like to be included in the Friendship Dinner Club for 2012.

Name(s) _____

Address(es) _____

Phone(s) _____

If you have a preference for hosting at a particular time of the year, please circle it.

January-April

May-August

September-December

If you would like to be listed as a **substitute** rather than as a participant for all three dinners, please complete the name and address information and circle the word **substitute**.

Substitute

Please return this form to Barbara Reed by December 4, 2011.

OCTOBER 2011 AT LRPC

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2	3 7:00 PM Pastor Search Committee 7:00 PM Half-Baked Girls Bible Study	4 6:15 PM TOPS	5 1:30 PM Logan Bible Study 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Mtg.	6 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00 PM Knitting Group	8
9	10 1:30 PM Missions Com. Mtg. 7:00 PM Session Mtg. Deacons Mtg. Trustees Mtg.	11 7:00 PM Pastor Search Committee 6:15 PM TOPS	12 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Mtg.	13 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	14	15
16	17 7:00 PM Pastor Search Committee	18 6:15 PM TOPS	19 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Mtg.	20 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	21 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Knitting Group	22
23	24 7:00 PM Pastor Search Committee	25 6:15 PM TOPS	26 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Mtg.	27 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	28	29 7:00-9:30 PM MARRIAGE BUILDERS
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Dr. William Jones

Interim Pastor

Rev. Ralph Kidwell

Pastor of Visitation

Mrs. Suzanne Woo

Music Director

Ms. Pei Hsin Kao

Accompanist

Mr. Austin Kenly

Church Treasurer

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 9:00 to 3:00

The Office is closed on Wednesday and Friday.

Mrs. Lee Goon, Ms. Kathy Fagan

Church Secretaries

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church exists to glorify God and make known His eternal and unchanging purpose, fulfilled through a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

LOCH RAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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