



# The LANDMARK

*"Remove not the ancient landmark,  
which thy fathers have set."*

PROVERBS 22:28

# Voice

CRANBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

Since our last newsletter a lot of things have happened in my life and the life of our church. As I look back over the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Cranberry Baptist Church, I amazed to see how God has revealed Himself in so many ways. During our anniversary year we saw God move in a mighty way! Again this year we have witnessed a vast number of people coming to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and many unite with our church. God answered a prayer this past year regarding the future expansion of the church by allowing us to purchase two additional houses located right beside the church property. God has blessed and answered so many prayers! We have also faced some very difficult days. Several of our people within our church family have experienced problems, many with serious illnesses, and some the sorrow of losing a loved one. On December 30, 2009, we experienced this for ourselves as my mother went home to be with the Lord at the age of 88. Mother was a true Christian for 75 years and she died as she had lived, praising God! Satan wants to discourage, defeat, and even devour the Christian! We must admit that life is full good times and bad, but God is always faithful!

Our theme for 2010 is a continuation from last year's scripture, Philippians 3:10-14. Here, Paul declares that he will not be discouraged with the defeats of the past, he will not be distracted by his success or those around him, nor will he be deterred by his accomplishments or the course that is still in front of him! Paul was determined not just to run the race but to win the race. May we say with Paul; "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth to those things which are before, I Press toward the Mark for the Prize of the High Calling in Christ Jesus."

The Lord has blessed this ministry, in spite of our own weakness, our problems or Satan's devices. This year is my 20<sup>th</sup> year here at Cranberry and I look forward to the days ahead. Even with the snow, we have had a great start in 2010 and I believe, with God's help, this will be our best year! We have a full schedule these next ten months and some exciting things planned. For the next three months we have a great line up of preachers and several special services. Dr. Charles Keen of First Bible and Dr. Clayton Shumpert with BIMi will be here for our March for Missions campaign. Pastor Steve Roberson of Chattanooga, TN and Pastor Johnny Pope of Houston, Texas will be for our Spring Revival, April 18-23. Cranberry will hold its annual homecoming this year on the first Sunday in May. This will be a little different than what we have done in the past with an evening meal and special anniversary services on May 2, 2010. Our church will also host a regional meeting for First Bible International on May 16-18. Check your Cranberry Calendar for each of these services and more! As a church, may we Press toward the Mark!

*Pastor Roger E. Pauley*



## Come Celebrate *Easter*

Sunday, April 4

Sunrise Service.....6:30am

Sunday School.....9:45 am

Easter Service.....10:55am

Easter Communion....6:00pm

*"And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen." Luke 24:5-6*

## **FirstBible** INTERNATIONAL

### REGIONAL MEETING

May 17-18, 2010

Speakers:

Charles Keen      Roger Pauley  
Mike Norris      Wayne Holder

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**BAPTIST CHURCH**

# BUS MINISTRY UPDATE

Wow, what a winter! This has caused us to cancel the bus routes many times this winter. The children have still been excited and encouraged to see us on Saturday visitation. We have been faithful to take the children "Bible Snow work." This has encouraged the children to look up Bible verses and facts. This keeps them studying their Bible and thinking about the Lord. We have tried to remind them often that God loves them, and we do too!

Over the course of the this year, we are trying to teach the bus children that God wants all men to be saved. In January, the children memorized II Peter 3:9 and in February they memorized I Timothy 2:4. Help us pray that the children would realize that God loves them and their family members and He wants them to be saved! We want them to know that Christ loves them and died for them individually.



The first Sunday of April is Easter. We are trying to get as many children as possible to ride the bus on Easter morning. Please pray that the children would realize they have a risen Saviour and would desire to spread that good news to their family and friends. Please continue to pray for the Bus Ministry!

*Fred Hart*

## ORDINATION SERVICE

Steve Giles, who has served as Cranberry's Head Usher for the last 6 years, was ordained in a special service on Sunday evening, January 10, 2010. Steve and his wife, Vanessa, are very active members at CBC. The Giles have two sons and three grandchildren.



Steve & Vanessa Giles



# Choir Notes

I am so thankful for the opportunity the Lord has given me to serve the Lord in the Music Ministry of our church. What an awesome responsibility it is to lead the choir and music for the Lord. It is a real joy and delight to be able to work with so many different people with so many different talents and abilities. Our choir members put in many, many hours during the year as we practice and prepare for Cantata's, Easter services, missions revivals, God & Country Day, and the every-week schedule of practicing for Sunday! It is a privilege to be able to sing and serve the Lord. Let us honor and respect our Lord by doing our best to honor Him with our talents. Here are a few suggestions taken from Choir Notes by *Bible Truth Music*:

1. **Be on time.** Be on time for practices and performances. Be in your seat with your music in hand, ready to sing.
2. **Be Faithful.** Great choirs are built on faithful people. Make your ministry in choir a priority. When you have to be absent, let the choir director know ahead of time.
3. **Be Focused.** Avoid the temptation of little "chit-chat" sessions between each song.
4. **Handle music with care.** Treat the music for what it is—tools for ministry, paid for by God's money.
5. **Have respect.** Keep critical comments to yourself, and pray regularly for the other choir members and their prayer requests.
6. **Work to improve.** Make an honest effort to be a better singer. It is a temptation to criticize concepts that are new, or that you don't fully understand.

*Ty Thomas*

Ladies and Young Ladies, Mark Your For This Years

# Mother's Day Banquet May 8, 2010

## "POST OF DUTY!"

Cranberry Baptist Church's oldest deacon, W.C. "Nealy" Mills, celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 8, 2010. Bro. Mills was honored during our Sunday evening service on February 7. Bro. Mills was saved in 1947 and became a member of the Cranberry Church in the spring of 1962. Nealy and his first wife, Willie, were very active and involved in the church with their dear friend and pastor, Ernest and Ethel Barley. After the home going of his wife first wife, Nealy met and married a widow in the church, Frances Steele. Nealy and Frances have now been married 25 years and continue to be faithful to "house of the Lord."

Bro. Mills enlisted in the U.S. army seven decades ago and never lost the discipline of being at "His Post of Duty." In 48 years at Cranberry, Bro. Mills has served as choir member, usher, Sunday school teacher, S.S. Superintendent, and Board Member. In addition to serving as a Deacon, he serves as a trustee of the church. Pastor presented Bro. Mills with a "Post of Duty" plaque and preached a message from II Timothy 2:2 entitled "A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ." This special night concluded with a birthday celebration in the fellowship hall.

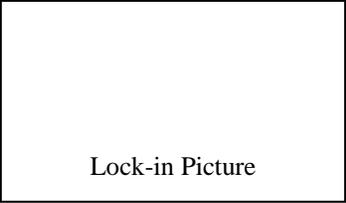


# Master Clubs!



This has been a very exciting year for all of the snow-lovers out there, of which, I happen to be one of them. You will never hear me complain about the beautiful, wintery snow! I absolutely love it and I am looking forward to more of the same if the Lord allows. However, I am not as excited about missing church on Sunday or Wednesday night Master Club's due to this wonderful weather. The Master Club Kid's need all the practice and study time they can get for the upcoming **Master Club Competition**. This year we will be heading back to Blountville, TN. on **April 10<sup>th</sup>** where the regional's will be held at the Tri-Cities Christian School. Work is already underway as the third through sixth graders work, study and memorize their material diligently for the upcoming event. I trust you will continue to pray for our children and workers who help each week in Master Club's. What a wonderful opportunity the Lord has given each of us to train and teach these children the things of the Lord.

*Ty Thomas*



Lock-in Picture

*Cranberry's Annual*

# HOME COMING SERVICES

## Sunday, May 2, 2010



**JAMES PAULEY**  
Kannapolis, NC  
11:00am

*Homecoming Meal, 5:00pm*

**BOBBY ROBERSON**  
Walkertown, NC  
6:00pm



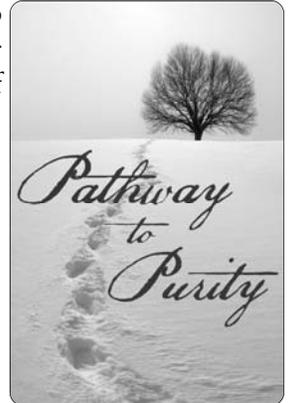
**Christ-honoring Music!**  
**Dynamic Preaching!**



## GOD IS AT WORK IN THE LIVES OF TEENAGERS AT CRANBERRY!

How exciting to see the Teen Room packed on a cold and snowy night as we began our new series, "Pathway to Purity!" During this important series, we will be encouraging teens to make a lifetime commitment to purity in their lives. In a world where right and wrong are constantly changing, God's people have an unchanging foundation, the Word of God. The Lord gives principles and guidelines to help a teen make right choice about his/her life. **PARENTS**, please work hard to help your children be faithful to the Teens For Christ Meeting each week! Arrange your schedule so your teen can be impacted with God' Word! **TEENAGER**, determine to **Dare To Be Different** and honor the Lord, your family, and your future spouse. Some of the helpful topics include:

- "It All Begins With God"
- "Does God Care What We Wear?"
- "God's Rules for Holiness"
- "The Dating Game"
- "One Man, One Woman, One Lifetime"
- "The Media Monster"
- "Believable Lies"
- "Under New Ownership"
- "Run For Your Life"
- "Guard the Gates"
- And Much More!



I look forward to seeing you each week!

*Greg Dowdy*

# BARNABAS MISSION

★ Tuesday, 6:30pm ★

In the book of Acts, we are introduced to a man named Joses, who was given the nickname "Barnabas," which means son of consolation. Barnabas was a man God greatly used to be an encourager. The Barnabas Mission emphasizes greater influence in the lives of our Sunday school students and families. We have asked each Sunday School teacher and their assistant to partner together with other church members to visit every person on the Sunday school role. These visits include regular attendees, occasional attendees, and even prospects. Following Barnabas's example in Acts 11:25, he went out of his way and on purpose to "seek Saul." Barnabas had such an impact on Saul. He had no idea that the Lord would use Saul as He did. We are praying that the Lord might use our teachers in the lives of our students as God used Barnabas in the life of Saul. The Barnabas Mission will continue over the 18 week period by highlighting a new class and teacher each week. We are asking the entire church to pray and support the teacher on Tuesday night visitation.

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# REGIONS BEYOND U P D A T E

The World Missions Ministry of Cranberry Baptist Church

“To preach the gospel in the **REGIONS BEYOND**” II Corinthians 10:16

Cranberry’s missionary emphasis, “March for Missions”, will begin in just a few days as we dedicate the entire month of March to worldwide missions. Every service during this month we will spotlight different missionaries we currently support. In addition to the recent newsletters from our missionaries, Pastor Pauley has requested that the missionaries we support send a brief update or overview of their ministry. Plans are to print weekly bulletin inserts on each missionary and project their pictures on the screen prior to each service. We will also hear from some missionaries by telephone, video, or as guest speakers.

Dr. Charles Keen of Knoxville, TN, will be our missionary speaker on Sunday morning and evening on March 14. Brother Keen, who is the Founder and Director of First Bible International, has a very busy preaching schedule with a burden to get the gospel to the unreached people groups of the world.



Dr. Charles Keen

Dr. Clayton Shumpert of Columbia, SC, will be our speaker on Sunday, March 28. He will preach for us on Sunday morning and be our keynote speaker for the International Banquet on Sunday evening. This year’s banquet will be held at the Woodrow Wilson Cafeteria and will begin at 5:30pm. Display tables from 25 countries will surround the meeting room, with food samples from around the world.



Dr. Clayton Shumpert

Please pray for all of our missionaries and our March for Missions. The Cranberry Baptist Church has a heart for missions and a desire to continue to expand the number of missionaries we support. To accomplish this we need to encourage everyone to be involved in Faith Promise giving this year.

## BIBLES4MUSLIMS CAMPAIGN

The Islamic extremists are sending bullets and bombs. We want to give an appropriate response by sending Bibles. All it takes to place a copy of God’s Word into the hands of a Muslim is \$5.00.

Join us in this significant project. By participating, you help make the Scriptures available to those who have never had an opportunity to hear the Gospel. And because dedicated missionaries and local church leaders distribute these Scriptures, the result is often churches being planted.

The Childrens’ Sunday School classes (pre-school-6th grade) began a campaign on January 31, 2010 to fill up their coin folders to purchase Bibles for Muslims. Adults will also be challenged to invest in this outreach as well. Be sensitive to what the Lord would have you to give to the cause of Christ.



Upon the request of Dr. Charles Keen, Founder and Director of First Bible International, Cranberry Baptist Church will host a regional meeting for First Bible International on May 17-18, 2010. The meeting will begin on Monday evening, May 17 at 7:00pm. Brother



Charles Keen



Mike Norris

Mike Norris, Pastor of the Franklin Road Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, TN, which is the sending church for FBI, will be the keynote speaker for this conference on reaching the unreached in the 10-40 Window. In addition to hearing messages from Dr. Keen and Pastor Norris, Brother Wayne Holder, Translation Project Coordinator, and host, Pastor Roger Pauley, will be preaching. Tuesday’s meeting will begin at 10:00am and conclude by 4:00pm. Lunch will be served in the church Fellowship Hall. The Cranberry Baptist Church is located at 201 Cranberry Drive, Beckley, WV. For more information, you may call the church at 304-252-9631 or go online at [cranberrybaptistchurch.com](http://cranberrybaptistchurch.com).



Wayne Holder



Roger Pauley

# Thailand Update

Praise the Lord! The equipment is in Thailand and has arrived at the Missionaries compound. God is so good! Please keep us in your prayers.



When you receive this newsletter we will already be in Chiang Mai, Thailand. We left Charleston, WV on February 23, and will be returning home on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to have the equipment up, running and start the training before we have to return home!

As you can see from these pictures, the equipment arrived in good condition. It is now our turn to set up each piece of equipment and make sure they are working properly. This print shop is so important to the spreading of God's Word in Thailand and many neighboring countries. I Thessalonians 1:8 says, *"For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad;..."* The students that are being trained here in this Bible College will be returning to their own countries and taking the Word of God with them!



Brenda Evans, a junior at Crown College and a product of Cranberry Baptist Church, has been given a great opportunity to travel with the New Testament Church Pioneers this summer. New Testament Church Pioneers is a group of college students from Crown College in Powell, Tennessee, who voluntarily travel the whole summer throughout United States and



overseas to help churches. Students paint, clean, sing, give testimonies, knock on doors, work on bus routes, work in children's church, work in the nursery, work with teens, teach Sunday school, give the gospel, and do anything that is needed. Brenda says, "As soon as we return to college each year, we hear testimonies from the previous Pioneers telling us how they saw the Lord work. They give us instances of how He strengthened their faith. I want that in my life." Please pray for Brenda and the other Pioneer teams as they travel throughout the summer. If you are interested in financially assisting Brenda in this ministry opportunity, please call the church office at (304) 252-9631.



## ALBERTA UPDATE

Missionary Shane Davis

This past September, we celebrated the first year anniversary of the Hinton Baptist Church. We praise the Lord for the opportunity the Lord has given us to serve as a missionary church planter in Hinton, Alberta Canada. As we labor here at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, I am reminded of Luke 10:38-39, *"Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him in her house. And she has a sister called Mary, which*

*also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word."* As we read on in this text, we clearly understand that the one sister, Martha, "was cumbered about with much serving" and the other sister, Mary, was found sitting "at Jesus feet and heard His word." While it is important to serve or labor, we must also spend time with Him and His word. During the past several months the LORD has allowed me to begin to realize what is means to live in the "also"... to work and labor for Him, all the while sitting at His feet learning, communing, and fellowshiping in His presence.

There is much work to do in Hinton, Alberta, Canada. The hands that labor are few. However, each day we must live in the "also". I believe Mary was serving right along side Martha; yet, she took time to sit at Jesus' feet. She labored and communed with her Lord! The work at Hinton Baptist Church is His work. In the midst of the labor, the words that Christ spoke to Martha concerning Mary are ever so true. *"Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."* Doing is never a right substitute for being! May we be what God wants us to be, and we live in the "also".

Please pray in the following areas for Hinton Baptist Church and the Davis family ...

1. Continued spiritual growth and obedience to Biblical truth in the flock
2. Permanent building for the church
3. Music ministry and soul-winning efforts to glorify Christ
4. Extension of religious work permit for Davis' (Due April 3)
5. Filing for "Permanent Residence Status" for Davis'
6. That the LORD will add faithful families to His work



Shane and Kristy with their children, Colton, Emma, Marshall, & Isabella