

Hastings Baptist Church



**Love God *Love People *Love Serving*

January 1, 2012



“Living A Life That Pleases God In 2012”

*“Transforming Lives For God’s Glory
By Multiplying Authentic Followers Of Jesus Christ.”*

Dan Currie, Senior Pastor
Joshua Maurer, Youth & Family Pastor



Morning Worship Service: 10:30 AM
“Living A Life That Pleases God In 2012”

Colossians 1:10-12

Pastor Dan Currie

No Evening Service

NEWS FROM PASTOR DAN *“Fresh Start For 2012”*

This is the first day of the new year and we certainly have some wonderful opportunities as we start 2012. There’s no better time and there’s no reason to wait when it comes to spiritual growth. God’s will for every believer is to grow spiritually and become more like Jesus Christ. What part are we to have in our spiritual growth? We are often guilty of trying to live the Christian life in our own strength and independent of God and we will find ourselves colossal failures. Within our life spiritually we still have an active role in spiritual growth. In salvation, it is the sovereign work of God’s grace that brings us into a personal relationship to Christ but in spiritual growth it will take human effort and discipline to become a **spiritually mature follower of Christ**. Paul identifies the dual role of God’s work and our effort in spiritual growth in the following passage:

Philippians 2:12-13— “So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my presence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”

This does not mean that salvation is earned and we have to work toward it or work out our salvation. It teaches that since we are saved and God has entered our life in the person of the Holy Spirit that we are to work at **spiritual development**. The Philippian church had *“always obeyed”* showing that they had obeyed God and His Word. They had let God have reign in their lives and were under the submissive rule of Christ. The phrase *“work out”* literally means “keep working down” which reveals that it is our responsibility to work at our spiritual development. Spiritual growth involves a constant process of self-initiated activity as we allow God to do His part. *“For it is God who is at work in you”* identifies that God is working in us as we allow him to work. The person who is growing spiritually is putting his position into practice but also allowing God to work in and through their life. There are several features of growth that we should be aware of as we **have a fresh start** in this new year:

1. Each believer is responsible for his/her own success or failure in spiritual growth. We cannot achieve growth for other believers and we cannot blame someone for our lack of spiritual growth.
2. We are going to have to work and have spiritual discipline if we are going to experience spiritual growth.
3. It will take time for the maturation process to work and it does not happen immediately and there are no shortcuts to spiritual growth.

Why not start now in reading your Bible every day and make it a godly discipline of your life. The number one predictor of spiritual maturation was the daily discipline of reading the Bible according to a study by *Walk Thru The Bible Ministries*. In other words, the most common trait of those who do grow over the course of a year were those who had the practice of reading the Bible on a regular basis. **Get a fresh start in 2012!**

Farewell To Pastor Paul & Diane

We have greatly appreciated the ministry of Pastor Paul & Diane Osborn during the past seven years. They arrived in January of 2005 and have faithfully served the Lord in many different areas of ministry in the local church. This past Thursday, they moved to Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, where Pastor Paul will be pursuing a counseling degree at Baptist Bible Theological Seminary. God has used both Paul & Diane to impact many lives during their faithful service to the Lord at Hastings Baptist Church. The deacons have approved a gracious financial package for church approval at our Congregational Meeting to assist the Osborn's in this transition as they prepare for a new ministry.

Pastor Paul & Diane Osborn's new address will be:

102 Barbara Dr., Clarks Summit, PA 18411 (effective 12/29)

Phone #: Diane 269-908-0602
(effective 12/28)

Pastor Paul #: 269-838-9110

Email: osbornpd@yahoo.com

KIDZ ZONE

Awana ~ Wednesdays
6:30-8:00 pm

No Junior Church Today for 2 & 3 year olds and 4 & 5 year olds.

No Middle School or High School Youth Group until January 8, 2012.

Parents & Teens check out the Student Ministries bulletin board in the foyer for information of upcoming events and other resources from Pastor Josh.

Winter Retreat

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Teen Winter Retreat is cancelled. Details from Pastor Josh are forth coming on a smaller event.

Annual Meeting—January 22

We have scheduled our Annual Meeting for Sunday morning, January 22, during the Sunday School hour @ 9:15 AM. This is an important meeting for our church family where we will elect our church officers and approve our budget for 2012.

Elective Bible Classes

We will have our Elective Bible Classes again this winter starting on Sunday evening @ 6:00 PM on January 29. This will last for nine weeks and will go through March 25. A list of classes:

1. "James" Beth Moore Bible study for women
2. "Jeremiah" — Teacher: Doug Rodd
3. "Acts" — Teacher: Mike McCrumb
4. "Training For Small Group Leaders" — Pastor Dan Currie
5. "Homebuilder's Bible Study" — Greg Randall (at his home)
6. "Faithmates Small Group" — Ryan Rose (at his home)

Sign up at the Welcome Center.

The Barry County Right to Life is collecting signatures for their pro-life signature ad in the Reminder. If you want to declare your belief that all life is valuable, please sign a form at the welcome center. Any questions, see Derek or Rachel Chandler.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 1

Morning Service: Carol Bolthouse, Megan Grove, Cindy Winebrenner

January 8

Sunday School: Carol Bolthouse, Faith Byykkonen, Pauline Clow
Morning Service: Carol Bolthouse, Jill Alflen, Julie Frith

Caring Corner

Pray for:

Vonda Cappon had many tests at Cleveland Clinic. She has a disease of the skin, which caused her muscles to tighten. Pray for treatment that will heal her body.

Sherry Wetzel will have back surgery on January 25th at Metro Hospital.

People in Thornapple Manor: Vernie Buehler, *Dorothy Kelsey,*
John Kowal, Wilda Todd

Health: Susan Alfred, Thelma Fassett, Lynn Fetterman, Kristen Garvey, Ken Giar, Pat Greenfield, Betty Kidder, Evie Macy, Ann Mueller, Carol Potter

Pray for our Military Personnel & their families:

Caleb Bolthouse, Jarrod Cappon, Ben Cappon, Dan Blair
Jeremy Shilling, Ryan Hawbaker, Walter Willson, James Pann,
Jesse Bergwerff, Brian Emery

Expressions of Sympathy

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Kathy Carpenter and family on the passing of Kathy's mother Eva Payne on Monday, December 26, 2011. Her funeral was the past Friday, December 30.

Expressions of sympathy to Ron Welton and family his dad Robert passed away last Tuesday, December 27. His funeral was yesterday at Middleville Baptist where Robert was a member.

January 1-7, 2012

SUNDAY:

Happy New Year!

MONDAY:

The Church Office will be Closed

TUESDAY:

6:30 pm Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 am Men's Prayer Time — Room #1

6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer — the Open Door

6:30—8:00 pm AWANA

THURSDAY:

6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY:

9:30 am Ladies Volleyball

SATURDAY:

9:00 am Men's Basketball

JANUARY 2012 CHURCH EVENTS:

January 8	Middle & High School Youth Groups
January 17	MOPS
January 17	Baby Shower for Caitlin & Baby Maurer —The Open Door
January 20	Quilting "Block of the Month"
January 22	Congregational Meeting during the Sunday School Hour
January 26	Deacon Board Meeting
January 29	Elective Bible Classes Begin — Sunday Evening

Bible Day—January 8 On Sunday morning, January 8, we will hold our first **Bible Day**. This is an opportunity for our church to have a time of thanksgiving and celebration for the gift of God's Word. We want to inform you of the need for Bible translation around the world because millions still do not have one Bible in their own language. It is also important for believers to start reading their Bible faithfully so that they will grow spiritually and experience God's prosperity in their lives (Joshua 1:8; Acts 20:32). We are partnering with *Bibles International*, a ministry that seeks to advance Christ's church through Bible translation.

Special Missions Offering—January 8

At the end of our service next Sunday, January 8, we will take a special offering to be divided between *Bibles International* (20%) and Jared & Melanie Currie's (80%) need for their move to Papua, New Guinea. The Currie's are moving to the island of New Guinea to further their language training and to be closer to where they will be starting their tribal ministry in the future. They have financial needs (\$6500) to make this move and for renewal of their visas.

Howard & Shirley Reed have birthdays this week, Jan. 4 & 6. They are retired Continental Baptist Church Planting missionaries and served in Iowa, Ohio and several parts of Michigan. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last February. Recent doctor appointments show both to be in good health, for which they are praising God. Rejoice with them! Cards and letters reach them at 3435 County Road CG, Ishpeming, MI 49849. Lots of snow there now.

Please pray for God's direction and blessing on the **Jamaican Mission Trip: Jan. 4-18, 2012**. The team will be working on painting and repairing Fairhaven Christian Retreat Center, acts of kindness in the Montego Bay area, and local street evangelism. We will also minister at Blossom Gardens Orphanage. The team consists of Dan & Jody Swift, the VandenAkker family, Bruce Douglas, Brady Schmitz, and Ben Stowell. We will have a special prayer time this morning for the Jamaican Mission Team, who will be leaving this Wednesday.

KIDZ WORSHIP NOTES



Kidz Worship Notes are available as you go into the Morning Service every Sunday @ 10:30 am.

If you need crayons they are available on the table in the foyer. At the end of the service, see someone at the Kidz Worship table to get your paper looked at and claim your treat.

GIVING SUMMARY

General		Building Fund	
Last Week	\$ 9,282.97	Last Week	\$ 70.00
Weekly Need	\$ 8,777.00	Balance	\$ 29,309.00
Over/Under	\$ + 505.97		
YTD Giving	\$437,549.56		
YTD Need	\$456,404.00		
YTD Over/Under	\$ -18,854.44		

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