

Pastoring in a Police Car

Death Notifications... Shotgun training... Police cruiser ride-alongs... bullet proof vests... Jail visits. Not exactly topics covered in most seminary classes. Yet, for several of our Ohio pastors [see sidebar], these are terms they understand very well. Each of these pastors share a unique calling ... they serve as police chaplains in their local police departments. This ministry has taken them away from the comfort of their church and into the unpredictable and potentially dangerous world of "the men in blue."

While most of us meet police officers at the local fair or at our kids' schools, police chaplains meet police officers on their turf. One of their basic duties as chaplain is to go on "ride-alongs," where they accompany an officer for a shift. According to Pastor Laird Baldwin of Bible Baptist Fellowship, Brookville, "his 'pulpit' is quite literally the front seat of a police cruiser." It is here that the chaplain listens, builds relationships, and gives counsel as needed. At times, he also interacts with those arrested. Pastor Baldwin shares one humorous conversation that took place between himself and a felon while riding along with an officer. The subject sat handcuffed in the backseat and was obviously unnerved when he discovered the 'cop' in the front seat was the chaplain.

"You're like a priest, aren't you?" he wondered.

"Something like that," Pastor Baldwin answered. "I'm a pastor."

"Man, that's scary. I ain't never been in the police car with a chaplain before!"

The man couldn't see Pastor Baldwin grinning. "I scare a lot of people like that."

Pastor Baldwin reports that the subject was cooperative all the way to the county jail.

Usually, however, chaplaincy work is not humorous. Chaplains can be placed in the middle of critical situations, seeking God for wisdom on how to help and support the officer. One morning Pastor Jim Lane, Faith Baptist, Perry, was on his way to the church but felt he should first stop at the police department. Shortly after arriving, a call came in that a man was on a bridge, possibly hurt. Pastor Lane rode along with the officer to the scene where they learned that the man was contemplating suicide. Pastor Lane accompanied the officer onto the bridge and introduced himself as a pastor. He asked the man to take his hand; the man did. Pastor Lane then pulled him off the side of the bridge where he was surrounded by police and taken to people who could help him.

Pastor Ken Pugh, First Baptist, Louisville, shares that he has been with officers as they kick down doors or face a shoot-out. His primary job is to support the officer, and, if needed, step in to help. Pastor Lane adds that chaplains are trained to operate equipment in the vehicle and to use a shotgun in the event of a deadly encounter, but every chaplain has to decide for himself if he is comfortable using lethal force.

Police chaplaincy work is not for the weak. Pastor Keith A. Neal, Christian Bible Baptist in Youngstown, still remembers being called to the Mahoning County Jail to talk with a 17-

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OARBC Police Chaplains

Pastor Laird Baldwin

Bible Baptist Fellowship, Brookville
Perry Township Police Department

Pastor Dennis Burns

Faith Baptist Church, Kenton
Hardin County Sheriff's Office

Pastor Dennis Dickson

Emmanuel Baptist, Marysville
Union County Sheriff's Office

Pastor Matt Dodd

First Baptist Church, Stryker
Stryker Police Department

Pastor Jim Lane

Faith Baptist Church, Perry
Painesville Police Department

Pastor Keith A. Neal

Christian Bible Bapt, Youngstown
Youngstown Police Department

Pastor Ken Pugh

First Baptist Church, Louisville
Canton & Louisville Police Depts.

Grace Baptist, Port Clinton, Burns Mortgage

“My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

This Winter, Grace Baptist Church, Port Clinton, completely paid off their 30-year mortgage...in just 11 years! On Sunday, January 29, at their annual business meeting, the church celebrated this milestone by officially “burning” the mortgage documents. ∞

Pictured from left to right are:

Chuck Barnes (deacon), Peter Dodd (pastor), Ryan Morter (youth pastor), Dennis Beachler (deacon), and Dave Morgan (deacon)



Workmans Celebrate 20 Years



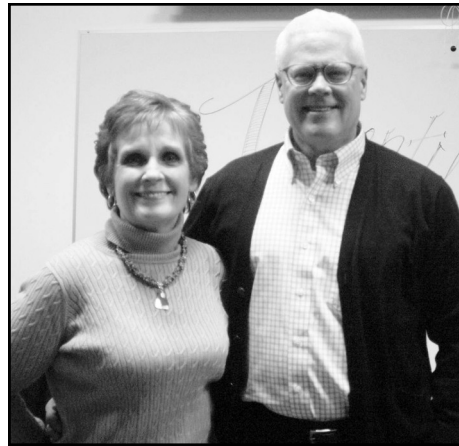
In honor of Pastor Don & Beth Workman’s 20 years serving the Lord at Faith Baptist in Streetsboro, OH, the congregation secretly planned a week-long celebration. The surprise included special speakers Dr. David Warren and Knute Larson who came for adult Bible fellowships and morning services on February 5 and 12 respectively. A church-wide dinner was

held and a surprise video covering the past 20 years was debuted. The church presented the Pastor and Beth a certificate for a cruise to the location of their choice and a beautifully engraved Colossians 1:28 plaque commemorating the occasion. A daily card shower was delivered to them throughout the week and culminated with the presentation of a 10-week summer sabbatical.

As Pastor Workman said, “Anniversaries go both ways,” so the Workmans presented to the church a gift of an AED device and cabinet. Pastor Don added, “Hopefully, we will never have to use it!”

It was thrilling to have three of their four children and their families present, along with Pastor’s sister, to join this exciting time of looking back and planning for the future. ∞

Kenoyers Celebrate 25 Years



Pastor Timothy and Judith Kenoyer were honored by Maranatha Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio for twenty-five years of faithful service to the church at a reception held on January 6.

A special service on Sunday, January 8, celebrated the Kenoyers’ ministry at the church. Pastor Tim’s favorite songs were sung, and an account of his life written by his mother, Marleah Kenoyer, was read. The message was preached by Pastor Sol Green, Family Ministry Pastor at Maranatha. Pastor Green recounted how he was disciplined by Pastor Kenoyer and acknowledged that the strengths of Pastor’s ministry have been his love for and commitment to the Word of God and to the people of the church.

The Kenoyers were presented with a decorative clock, and the church is planning to send them on a special fishing trip to Alaska this summer. ∞

**More on Chaplaincy
in Coming Issues**

New Pastors & Wives

The Hiles to Southgate, Springfield

From South Africa to Southgate

Southgate Baptist Church of Springfield is excited to introduce their new Senior Pastor, Bobby Hile. He and his family will be joining the Southgate family in March. Since 1994 Pastor Hile and his wife Sara have served under ABWE in Durbin, South Africa as Missionary/Church Planters. During his time in South Africa, Pastor Hile has served in youth ministry, discipleship training, and outreach. Since 1995 he has developed and taught college-level academic courses at the Baptist Bible College in Kwazulu Natal, South Africa. For the past 6 years he has served as lead pastor for The Community Connection Church in Ballito, near Durbin.

Bobby and Sara Hile are not new to Southgate Baptist Church. They have been part of the Southgate Missions family since 1994. Pastor Hile also grew up in Ohio and attended Cedarville University where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Broadcasting in 1990. In 2003, Bobby earned a Master of Religious Education from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary and is currently completing his Doctor of Ministry through Baptist Bible Seminary.



Bobby and Sara have 3 children, Abigail, Andrew, and Christopher. Please join Southgate Baptist Church in not only welcoming but also praying for the Hiles as they make the transition from South Africa to Ohio in early March. ∞

The McKinneys to Grace Baptist, Minford

Grace Baptist, Minford, welcomed Pastor Rob McKinney and his family in January with a dedication Sunday. Rob grew up



at First Baptist Church of West Hollywood in Hollywood, Florida. He graduated from Cedarville in 1999 with a degree in Missions and Pastoral studies. During college he met his wife Becky (Ferguson) McKinney.

After college he returned to Florida and his home church to serve as a Bible teacher and children's pastor. Rob and Becky have three children who share their love for Jesus: Robby (15), Abbi (8), and Mackenzie (7).

In 2005 God moved the McKinney's back to Ohio where Rob served as an associate pastor at Faircreek Church in Fairborn, OH until the beginning of this year when God called him to pastor Grace Baptist Church in Minford. God has used John 21 in the McKinneys' life to show them their ministry purpose — Love God, Feed and Tend the Sheep, and Follow Jesus. ∞

The Coopers to Faith Baptist, Elida

Faith Baptist Church of Elida welcomes Pastor Tom Cooper as their new pastor. Tom and his wife, Dianne, have three



children who love the Lord: Matt (22), Lauren (19), and Erin (16). Mrs. Cooper brings experienced teaching and music ministry to the church and carries a special love in her heart for youth.

The Coopers have served in pastoral ministry for almost 30 years, most recently in Michigan where he also served in the leadership of the MARBC. He looks forward to the fellowship and ministry opportunities of the OARBC.

Faith Baptist extended the call to the Coopers on January 29 and invites you to attend an installation service in their honor on March 4 at 1:30 pm. ∞

Lancaster Ladies Develop Titus 2 Discipleship



The Titus 2 Discipleship Kick-Off Event, August 2011

This has been an exciting year for the women at Calvary Baptist Church in Lancaster! Through sound Bible teaching, the Lord began to stir a deep hunger in their hearts to know and live God's Word, and the Titus 2 Discipleship (T2D) small groups were begun.

Since the fall of 2011, five groups of women have been meeting monthly to study Scripture, nurture God-honoring relationships, and encourage each other in their walk with Christ. Ladies in varying seasons of life are consistently coming together in prayer and fellowship. One participant in a T2D group had this to say:

The Titus 2 group at our church has been a blessing to my life in several ways. I have had the privilege of bonding with a handful of women that I probably would not have otherwise. Before being a part of my Titus group, I knew these women but had limited occasions to talk with them. I may have known the surface details of

their lives, but they were rarely on my mind as I prayed. Through our monthly meetings, I've learned of their struggles, but I've also been privileged to share in their joys and victories.

If we share nothing else, we are sharing the journey of growing in Christ. This bond alone is incredibly strong. These women are more often a regular part of my prayers; at times, I know very specifically how to pray for them, and at other times, I pray without knowing any specifics. Now when I see these ladies at church I am drawn to them. I seek them out just to ask them how their day or week is going, to tell them that I have been praying for them, or to embrace them because I'm glad to see them. These relationships are real. My desire to serve others has taken priority over my desire to be served.

Calvary Baptist is grateful for God's work in the hearts and lives of these women and looks forward to what He will be pleased to do through the T2D groups in the future. ∞

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year old boy who was accused of setting fire to a house and killing six family members. "As I looked into the eyes of this young man," Neal recalls, "it was as if I could see into his soul. There was nothing there... no sorrow, no remorse, no shame, no guilt." Later the young man shocked Pastor Neal by claiming to be a Christian and reading his Bible often. Pastor Neal often reflects on this young man's hardened heart and lost spiritual condition; it has greatly influenced his preaching to teenagers and young adults, causing him to proclaim the gospel fervently.

Being a chaplain is also not for those looking for quick results. Pastor Lane was officially sworn in as a chaplain in 2004. It took over 6 years of faithfully riding with officers and building relationships before officers began requesting to talk with him about deeper issues. Pastor Pugh agrees. "When I was first introduced as Rev. Ken Pugh," he shares, "none of the officers cared. They didn't trust Reverends. It took several years before officers began introducing themselves."

For each pastor, serving as a chaplain has opened his eyes to the needs outside his church and broadened his ministry. It is also a ministry their churches fully embrace. "Our church sees the chaplain ministry as an extension of our church," Pastor Baldwin shares. According to Pastor Lane, this is vital because the pastor has to commit to being in the department as consistently as possible and at times chaplaincy calls can come at inconvenient times... like one hour before prayer meeting. He shares, "If you are called and you don't go, you have lost it. They will not call you back." A church needs to understand this dimension.

Although not every Pastor is called to serve as a chaplain, ministering to police officers is something every church can do. According to Pastor Pugh, the first week in May is "Police Memorial Week." This is a great time to honor police with blue ribbons or even cookies delivered to their station. Pastor Lane's church has held a "Blue and White Sunday" where they dedicated an entire service to honoring law enforcement. Pastor Baldwin's church has worked with their police department on various community projects. Each of these are great ways for a local church to reach into their community to minister to a group of men and women who often walk in dangerous places to keep us safe! ∞

Spring Area Meetings

Akron

Cancelling regular meeting and Combining with State OWM Meeting
 Date: Saturday, April 28
 Time: 10:00 am-2:00 pm
 Place: Faith Baptist, Streetsboro
 Speaker: Lydia and Lavdim, Kosovo Academy

Bethany

Date: Tuesday, April 24
 Time: 10:00 am-1:00 pm
 Place: First Baptist Church, Niles
 Speaker: Becky Konuch, ABWE Philippines

Canton

Date: Saturday, April 14
 Time: 9:00 am-12:30 pm
 Place: Millersburg Baptist Church, Millersburg
 Speaker: Aaron & Stephanie Cochrell, Baptist Mid-Missions, Peru

Hebron

Date: Saturday, March 17
 Time: 9:30 am continental breakfast; 10:00 am meeting; 12:00 luncheon
 Place: Vermillion Baptist, Perrysville
 Theme: "Grow in Grace"
 Speaker: Carrie Thompson, BMM Ojibwas, in Ontario, Canada

Maranatha

Date: Saturday, April 14,
 Place: Temple Baptist, Portsmouth
 Theme: 35th Anniversary of Maranatha

NEO

Date: Saturday, March 31
 Time: 9:30 Breakfast; 10:15-12:00 Meeting
 Place: Nottingham Baptist Church, Willoughby Hills
 Theme: "To Be Like Christ"

West Moriah

Date: Saturday, March 24
 Time: 10:30 am
 Place: Immanuel Baptist, Columbus
 Theme: "Circles of Protection,"
 Women at Risk, International
Jewelry will be available for sale

Dear Women of Ohio,

We have had a blessed year as the women of OWM. You have been fantastic and very generous. At our last spring meeting, you brought along a variety of personal items, like shampoos and soaps, to fill bags for campers. I have also heard of area fellowships doing similar projects. How great that you also exceeded last year's goal for Haiti. God is good. You have shown our theme for this past year—"God's Love"—in many ways.

April 28th is the date of our next spring meeting. Faith Baptist Church of Streetsboro has offered to host us. We are very thankful. Nadine Hennesey's daughter, Lydia, and son-in-law, Lavdim, a native of Kosovo, will be there to close our 2011-2012 project, the Kosovo Leadership Academy. We will begin at 10:00 am and end by 2:00 pm. In the afternoon session we will reveal our new project for next year. We will also be putting together packets to encourage the summer staff of our campers. Please bring a variety of items to place in the bags. Be creative.

This day also includes an election for a President and Vice-President. Margaret Warren has volunteered to chair this committee. Please contact her if you are willing to serve or have a suggestion at 330-825-7072.

Your churches should be receiving information soon about our spring meeting.

Till We Meet Again,
 Linda M. Luedeman

OWM STATE MEETING
 Date: Saturday, April 28
 Place: Faith Baptist, Streetsboro

OWM Project 2011-2012 — Kosovo Leadership Academy

You will be thrilled to meet Lavdim and to hear how God used the House of Laughter to draw him to the Lord. You will be blessed to see how God is leading him and Lydia in the future ministry of the new Kosovo Leadership Academy. Continue saving your money and bring your offerings for the Academy to the spring meeting.

Goal \$10,000!

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Here's the Scoop at Scioto Hills



I was in an adult class at a supporting church the other day describing the "camp experience,"

and one of the parents announced, "My kids are so ready for camp right now; we just wish it were June already." Just like any kid who can't wait to open presents on Christmas morning, those who attend camp each summer experience the same enthusiasm. As summer approaches, the excitement builds until they think they're going to explode! Why? Because camp is a blast and God does amazing things in the outdoor setting! Remember how excited you felt as a kid about special events like Christmas and camp? Recalling your own excitement can motivate you to make sure every child in your church is not only aware of camp but also has the opportunity to attend. We know 99% of the kids who attend camp love it and have a great experience as well as a spiritually enriching time. Camp still works!

Now is the time to promote summer camp registration as camp will be here before we know it. Early discounts are still available. The camp schedule and registration forms can be found online at www.sciotohills.com.

As a partner with the local church, we also believe it is important to provide "get-a-way" opportunities for the entire church family to strengthen their walk with Christ. Check out our upcoming spring retreats for men and "seasoned saints." We are looking forward to serving our churches in 2012. By God's grace it will be a great year.

A Happy Camper,
Scott at Scioto Hills ∞

Celebrating 60 Years !



Summer will be here soon. What better way to enrich your summer than with a week on Kelleys Island! This year we are celebrating our 60th **summer of ministry at Camp Patmos.**

In coordination with our OARBC pastors, we are introducing a brand new camp for this summer called **Heritage Week**, June 18-22. This JH/SH week is specifically designed for our OARBC churches; our speaker will be Mark Davis from Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa. This week promises to be a blessing to our OARBC churches and their youth.

This past December marked the move of our Director, Tim Richardson, and his family to Camp Sparta in Sebring, FL. We are thankful for Tim's quality leadership and godly character. During his tenure, we experienced numerous upgrades of our facilities, scores of quality additions to our programs, as well as countless hours of love, prayer, and guidance.

Over these winter months our board is spending many hours in prayer, seeking God's will for a new director to lead Camp Patmos. Please pray for our leadership during this search process as we prepare for the summer and complete all the work that needs to be done for our 60th season of ministering to youth and families. If you would like to be involved with helping the camp during this transition period, please contact us at the camp office.

Check out our website at www.camppatmos.com for our camp dates for 2012. We are looking forward to Summer!

Jon Lundwall, Assistant Director ∞



I can think of no greater investment than building into the heart of a camper who is eager to learn and live life to the fullest. With such great potential ready to be unleashed, each camper truly does harness the ability to influence our world for Christ in a powerful way. We realize this at Skyview and take every opportunity to mentor each camper to maturity. What a joy it is to see our campers become pastors, missionaries, and leaders in the church.

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This summer we are offering 4-5 camps each week. Now all of your children can attend camp the same week with unique SVR programs such as Day Camp, Pioneer Camp, Aviation Camp, Water Sports Camp, or our newest offering: EQUINE CAMP!

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Imagine Yourself in Talents For Christ!

First Baptist, Elyria, Saturday, March 31.



Talents for Christ provides a wonderful opportunity to practice gifts and skills that the Lord has given to you. Can you play an instrument? Can you teach a lesson or give a speech? Do you like art or tech stuff?

Check out these categories: *Music*—piano, brass, woodwinds, or vocal; *Public Speaking* for guys and girls, preaching or oral interpretation, and visualized Bible

stories; *Art and Tech* skills, *Writing*, and *Bible Knowledge*. There is also group competition in singing and puppets.

Perhaps this would be the year to attend TFC to encourage Ohio's participants and to look into categories that you might think about for next year. Come to First Baptist, Elyria, Saturday, March 31. And by the way, scholarship monies are awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners by various Christian colleges. ∞

Scholarship Bike Ride! Saturday, September 8, 2012



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In advance of the September 8th SCHOLARSHIP RIDE, State Rep, Dave Warren, hopes to make a four-day trip, cycling south to north from Cedarville to Cleveland, June 6-9, 2012.

Support Dave Warren by donating to the OARBC SCHOLARSHIP for his miles!

Please make out your checks to the "OARBC" and mail to Dave Warren, 360 College Hill Drive, Cedarville, Ohio 45314. ∞



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At Equine Camp, 4th-8th graders combine the best of Skyview while also riding and caring for 40 horses.

Please pray...for a tremendous summer of impact on every camper who attends Skyview...that God will eliminate barriers in hearts... that God will receive the glory!

Check out Skyview's website, www.skyviewranch.org for dates.

Stirring the Waters of Eternity,
Jeremy Hales, Prov.27:19 ∞

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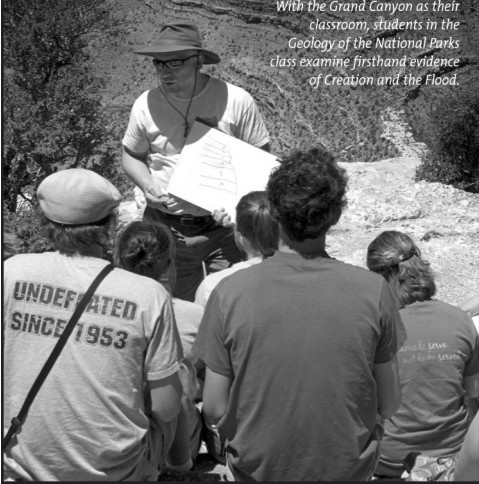
New CFO to Lead Cedarville University's Business Efforts

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With the Grand Canyon as their classroom, students in the Geology of the National Parks class examine firsthand evidence of Creation and the Flood.



Cedarville, Ohio—Cedarville University announces the appointment of Christopher Sohn as the Senior Vice President for Business and Chief Financial Officer, beginning July 1, 2012. Sohn comes to Cedarville after 16 years with General Electric (GE). Most recently, he served as finance manager for global technology and growth at GE Licensing. In this role, Sohn worked alongside four business units and managed a collective budget of \$200 million. He brings to the University a proven track record of delivering results, improving processes, and successfully leading diverse teams.

In his new role at Cedarville, Sohn is tasked with providing leadership in the area of financial management, having direct oversight of finance, operations, and human resources. He will contribute strategic financial planning guidance in ways that increase revenue, maximize cost savings and encourage revenue growth for the long-term success of Cedarville University. “For 125 years, Cedarville University has been equipping students for life-long leadership and service,” shared William E. Brown, Ph.D., President of Cedarville University. “We anticipate a strong future with Christopher leading our business efforts.” ∞

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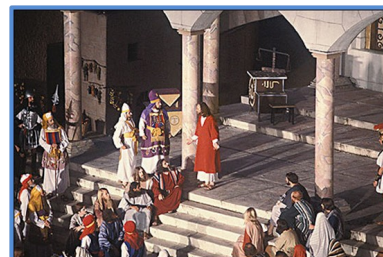


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