

The Lamplighter

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This past March, Bobby and I had the privilege of attending an OCC conference in Baltimore. It was so uplifting. I believe my favorite session included the testimonies of a number of young adults from various parts of the world, who as children had received a shoe box from Operation Christmas Child. Each one had a unique story, of how the simple gift-filled box had impacted their life. At the close of the session they asked to pray for us. One by one, they lifted up their voices in prayer, speaking in their mother tongue. What a beautiful experience that was.



THE POWER
of a
SIMPLE
GIFT

This year marks the 25th anniversary of our Operation Christmas Child project. In this time, God has used these gift-filled shoeboxes to share His love with 157 million children, in more than 160 countries. These

simple gifts have equipped local churches around the world to share the Gospel with children who might not otherwise hear the message of eternal salvation found only through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our own church became involved in 1997, and two years later we became a relay center. We will continue to be a drop off location for the coming year. Collection week is November 12th – 19th. However, we would like you to bring in your filled shoeboxes on Sunday, November 11th for a special dedication.

Shoeboxes will be available for you by the first Sunday in October. The shoeboxes are free, except for the plastic OCC boxes. They are \$1.50 each. If you would like to purchase these, just put your money in a church envelope and mark it OCC and place it in the church's offering plate. The shipping cost for each box is \$9. You may include the money in your box (checks are preferred) or you can go on-line and pay that way, and then print out the labels you need. These labels will include a barcode. When the shoe boxes are delivered, you should receive an email informing you of your boxes' destination. Again, we encourage you to pray, pray, pray over your shoeboxes! *(continued on page 2)*



GEAR UP! GET READY! GAME ON!

During the week of July 15 to July 19, we had our church's annual Vacation Bible School. Once again, the church was filled with children and adults alike, all ready to learn more about "gearing up for life's big game."

I would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time, donated snacks or dinner for the volunteers, and prayed for this very special outreach ministry. It takes EVERYONE of us, working together for God's kingdom, to make VBS a success.

This year we had a total of 32 volunteers throughout the week, 67 children were enrolled with an average of 46 children per night, 2 children accepted Christ into their hearts, and we collected a total of \$320.89 during offering. This will be given to the Cecil County Pregnancy Center. Praise the Lord!

-Jess Wagner 



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Eunice Veasey
- 3 Grace Cann
Alivia Nickle
- 5 John Carr
Thomas Shores, Sr.
- 6 George Deaver, II
Nancy Hudler
Vincent Marvel
- 7 Alice (Burns)
Marvel
- 8 Danny Culver
- 9 Esther Porch
Joe Simpkins
- 10 Ruby Perry
- 15 Theresa "Terri"
Keyes
Rose Marie Porch
John Richardson
- 16 Sarah Murray
- 17 Christopher "C.J."
Aremu
Charles Hodanics
- 18 Robert Brown
Abigail Mears
- 20 Kevin Barker
- 21 Eliana Moyer
- 23 Duane Combs
- 26 Chrissie (Hall)
Hilaman
- 29 Kyleigh Lotman
- 30 Seth Hammond



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Ray & Brenda
Sommers
- 8 Sonny & Sara
Hayes (50th)
- 19 Charles & Camille
Hodanics
- 23 Andrew & Chrissy
Norton (1st)
- 24 Thomas & Brenda
Beman



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I would like to conclude by sharing the story of one of the young women at the OCC conference. Jaki was living in an orphanage in Guatemala. Nothing really belonged to her. Each day the children had to find something to wear from a pile of clothes that had been plopped on the floor. When she was 5, she received a gift-filled shoe box. She was overwhelmed to know that everything in that box was all hers. The most cherished item of all was the brand new toothbrush in the box. Up until that time, she had to share a toothbrush with 10 other children! Soon after, Jaki was adopted by a loving American couple. They soon realized that she was musically gifted and helped her develop her gifts. Jaki plays several different instruments, which we were privileged to hear.

You never know how God is going to use your shoe box. Have fun packing and don't forget to PRAY!

-Nancy Hudler 

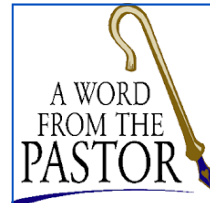


Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am writing to you while on vacation, so it may be a little shorter than usual. Janet and I have been doing a lot of things with our children and of course the grandchildren. We haven't been going too far and nothing too adventurous, but we are having lots of fun. Today we went to Philadelphia and saw the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, etc. The next few days involve some babysitting responsibilities with 8 special grandkids.

I hope you all have been able to have some rest and relaxation with your family this summer. Jesus told His disciples to, "come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31. We all need to take Jesus' advice. It's good for each one of us.

School starts in a few days and soon many of us will be back to life in the fast lane. In Sunday School that means Promotion Sunday for those who will move up a grade in school. Some will be in middle school and they can now be part of the Youth Group! Do you remember



those days?

September also means the week of prayer for State Missions. We will be taking a special offering for several local state evangelism projects. See the article on page 4 for more details, but know that 100% will go to support these ministries.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf

P.S. We have just heard from Laura and Chris in France. After nearly 3 months, they are finally moving into a house! They will be able to lease it for the next 2 years! Thanks to all of you who have been praying for them. Every step of their journey has been a challenge. Satan is not happy that they are in what he no doubt thinks is his territory. Please be vigilant in your prayers. Next week their children start going to public school. Somehow they are expected to just pick up the French language. Can you imagine?!



APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

UNITED IN PRAYER
 Week of Prayer
 September 9-16

Church goal: \$1,000

**Statewide goal:
 \$150,000**

WEEK OF PRAYER & STATE MISSIONS OFFERING: SEPTEMBER 9-16, 2018



Seeking Christ's Spirit
 They all were continually united in prayer...
 (Acts 1:14 CSB)

Hello MD/DE Baptists! Thank you for your support of our united missions efforts!

We support missions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions and through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. And through our Maryland/Delaware State Missions Offering.

Every year in September, churches in the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware unite together to pray and financially support ministries that reach people in unique ways.

Did you know 100% of all funds supports local evangelism projects?

Projects like **camp evangelism** at Skycroft Conference Center's beautiful 300-acre campus. Here, thousands of campers meet Christ, mature in their faith, and develop into Kingdom leaders. It's also where churches and other groups retreat and learn year-round.

Did you know that **church planting** has been a commitment of Baptists in our area since 1836? The State Missions Offering helps church planters and replanters in ways not provided for through our national partners.

There are over 400,000 college students in our area. **Collegiate outreach** is a ministry we value! Since this ministry is no longer financially supported by our national partners, funds from the State Missions Offering go to equipping our churches to reach this huge mission field.

One of our greatest "love your neighbor" ministries is **disaster relief**. When we serve those affected by natural disasters we demonstrate the love of Jesus. This offering provides much needed resources for volunteer training and equipment upkeep.

The State Missions Offering also helps churches serve today's largest unreached people group: families affected by special needs. An estimated 62 million Americans have a disabling condition, yet less than 2% of American churches have any kind of **disability outreach**.

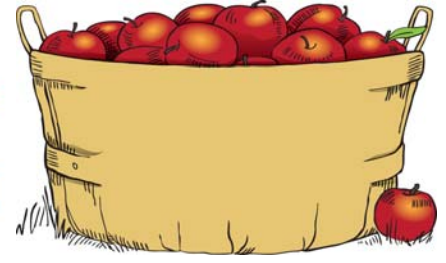
We invite you to support your state mission efforts through prayer, using a forthcoming Maryland/Delaware State Missions Offering prayer guide, and through your united giving. Visit online at www.bcnd.org/offering to order or download materials for your church. Thank you.

Dr. Kevin Smith, Executive Director,
 Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware

Check your mailbox for an order form to receive Week of Prayer and State Missions Offering promotional materials for your church. Or visit online at www.bcnd.org/offering for downloadable materials.



SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
26 6pm: Sunday Night Service featuring James Dobson's <i>Building A Legacy</i>	27	28	29	30	31	1
See page 6 for regular events/services						
2 9:20am: Breakfast Sunday School Promotion Sunday	3 LABOR DAY	4 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship @ Conowingo Baptist Church	5 6pm: Jail ministry volunteer orientation	6	7	8 9am: Deacon's Mtg at the church (NO Prayer Breakfast)
9 4pm: Church picnic @ NE town park Grandparents Day	10	11	12 6:30pm: Business Mtg after Prayer/ Bible Study	13	14	15
BCM/D State Missions Offering & Week of Prayer						
16 4pm: Picnic rain date October <i>Lamplighter</i> articles due There will be a finance committee meeting sometime this week.	17 1pm: WOM @ Brenda Sommers' house	18	19	20 10am: Choir practice resumes after summer break	21 7:30pm: Outdoor family movie night sponsored by JLMCC	22
23 1st day of Autumn	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 6pm: Sunday Night Service featuring James Dobson's <i>Building A Legacy</i>	<i>You are my refuge and my shield; Your word is my source of hope. ~ Psalm 119:114</i>					



Pastor Dan would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. He should be back on his feet in a couple weeks. PTL!

CHURCH picnic

Date: Sunday, September 9
(rain date is September 16)

Time: 4pm—dusk

Location: North East Town Park (Crouch Pavilion)

Please bring plenty of food and drinks to share. The church will supply paper products, utensils and ice. We look forward to seeing you there!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30am
9:20am
9:30am
10:30am
6pm

WORSHIP

Breakfast (*1st Sun, monthly*)
Bible Study/Sunday School
WORSHIP/Children's Worship
Monthly Last Sunday **WORSHIP**

Wednesday

6:30pm
6:30-7:30pm

Kids' Klub

Prayer/Bible Study
 BUSINESS Mtg (*2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg*)

Thursday

10am
11am
6pm

Choir Practice (*starts September 20*)
 Ladies' Prayer Time
 Praise & Worship Team Practice



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
Weekly Average as of
8/26/18(34 wks): **\$3,607.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,691.**

Budget Status: **-\$2,843.**

Maintenance/Building
Repairs Fund: **\$2,609.**

PARKING LOT FUND:
 Received to date: **\$38,800.**
 Church goal: **\$47,745.**

Average morning
worship attendance:
6/24/18-8/26/18: **85**

