



Bakerburg News

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APRIL 2020

CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours:
Tues.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Mary Lou Boyer, secretary
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CHURCH LIBRARY

Jean Doud, Librarian
Small Fellowship Hall

DEACONS

Bill Auwarter
Vern Doud
Mike Gross
Scott Mahr
Hank Sherman
Deacons meet the 2nd
Monday of each month in the
Small Fellowship Hall.

Chicago City Boy Comes to Bakerburg's Wild Game Dinner



Pastor Art Worley, from Chicago, told a humorous story of learning to hunt deer in Pennsylvania at our Game Dinner in January. He did a great job challenging men to pass on the truth of God's Word as well as a hunting tradition to their children. Many people heard the gospel that night, and 2 responded to the invitation. At the time, we had no idea what a luxury it was to meet together for a meal.

4th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

165 people came out on February 23, to honor several active and retired State Troopers in our morning service. Pastor Paul preached on honoring "The Thin Blue Line". The church people brought a large fellowship meal, and the kids enjoyed seeing the inside of the police cars. A special thanks to all who serve our community in law enforcement!



Calendar

APRIL

- 12 3 Drive-in Easter Services
- 13-18 Wild's Work Trip (canceled)
- 26-27 Ben Everson Concert/Seminar (canceled)

MAY

- 3 Minnicks from Australia (canceled)
- 10 Mothers Day Service

JUNE

- 22 Juniors to Stoney Point Camp



I have been encouraged and lifted up by my Bakerburg family. I thank God for his perfectly appointed mercy in time of need and I believe that He uses His people to be messengers of His grace.

September was a difficult month. I was restricted to bed rest – which my family will tell you is my Kryptonite. Being still is not my strength. In the midst of my sorrow, however, God comforted me through my church family. Their cards and text messages full of prayers and Scripture verses led me to spend time in the Word and to be deeply encouraged. At exactly the right time, God sent a phone call from my daughter, followed by a phone call from a friend who prayed with me, shared Scripture, and reminded me how loved I was by the God of the universe. Another church friend called and reminded me of God’s faithfulness. God used these 3 timely conversations to bring me out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Pastor Paul has taught me that difficult times can increase and strengthen our faith. Proverbs says to “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding”.

On behalf of my church family, I invite you to share your hard times with us so that we can all surround you with prayer and strength too! God has made us family; may we rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep until He comes to take us home. God Bless You!

Carol Staudt

Fall Festival Fun

October 5th we tried something different with our Annual Fall Festival. We moved it up 4 weeks and had it in daylight hours. We had lots of food and candy, a greased pig contest, hayride, barrel train, horse rides, face painting, hay bale throwing contest, a petting zoo, live festival music, indoor games, jumbo jenga, bobbing for apples, and a campfire for our church family and community to enjoy! One of our neighbors, just down the road who visited us that day is now coming to our services!



MERRILL MINISTRIES COMES TO TOWN



We were praying and planning for the Merrill Ministries to be with us Sunday through Wednesday, Nov. 10-13. These two families travel and live in their RV’s and the weather that week got very cold. The ice caused some damage to the RV’s and they decided to head south after a wonderful day of worship all day Sunday. We have them scheduled to return for a Refresh Crusade September 27-30, 2020.

This Little Light of Mine

March Missions Month always brings about a fresh perspective on missions here at Bakerburg. Scheduled to preach were: Ken Dockery from a church plant in Cleveland, OH; Orlando Collazo from a BCP church revitalization effort in Lorain, OH; Arlan Davis from CAMO ministries in NJ; Jeff Tuttle with China Vision; and Gary Kittredge

ministering in Liberia to challenge us with missions. We started our worship service each week by singing “*This Little Light of Mine.*”

Unfortunately, because of the coronavirus, we had to cancel the last 2 weeks. Jeff Tuttle and Gary Kittredge sent video updates that have been posted to our Facebook page.



CORONAVIRUS BRINGS BAKERBURG CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES TO A STOP



Our mostly completed new foyer.

It has not happened since 1918, but here we are! Because of state mandates the construction company working on our building renovations has been temporarily shut down and we have canceled services through the end of April. However, our ministry is very much alive and well!

Pastor Paul is putting his Sunday morning messages on our church's facebook page. We are keeping in touch through the prayer chain. Our youth group has virtual meetings via “Zoom” on Wednesday nights. Our Sunday School teachers are making little care packages and delivering them to their students houses.

We are planning for 3 drive-in Easter services at the pavilion. Many of our people are mailing their offerings to the church. Our people have been a great testimony to the lost world around them. You won't hear it on the news, but God is doing amazing things among his people!

A Busy December . . .

We started the month with the adult Christmas Contada “*He Gave Everything.*” led by Jack Turner. The drama team and choir did a great job of making the Christmas story clear. Our Christmas caroling and delivery of fruit baskets was a wonderful tradition once again, appreciated by many shut-ins. Mary Lou Boyer led the children's program, “*The Christmas Express.*” A tremendous amount of work paid off in our children's ministry. We finished the month with a pancake breakfast, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, and New Years Eve Game Night.



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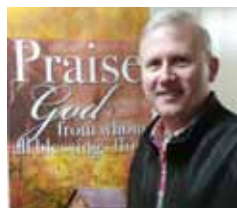
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A Point to Ponder ...

WE ARE ALL GOING TO DIE!



By Pastor Paul Binkley

I read that a pandemic is defined as “an epidemic occurring worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people”. As I ponder this pandemic that is consuming the world’s thoughts and conversation, I am amazed at the response and the level of concern over this virus.

We ought to be careful but we ought to also put things in perspective. People have less than a 1% chance of contracting the virus and are in panic mode. Simultaneously, we all have a 100% chance of standing before God some day, but very few seem to care. Sin is man’s biggest problem, not the coronavirus. Sin is occurring worldwide,

or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and affecting not just a large number of people but every person!

As God’s people, we ought to steer this pandemic conversation to the gospel. “We are all going to die!” makes for a good conversation starter. Hold the Bible high in conversation and point out the reliability of the Bible over the media when it comes to truth.

Exercise a vibrant faith! Don’t hide your light under a bushel. Don’t let Satan blow it out! Let it shine til Jesus comes... through the darkness of the Coronavirus pandemic of 2020!

SUNDAY SERVICES

10:30 a.m.
7 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.

CLASSES AVAILABLE:

- Toddler, Preschool & Kindergarten: Jan Pinkney & Deb Collins
- 1st-3rd Grade: Kelly Sherman
- 4th-6th Grade: Danielle Smith
- 7th - 9th Grade: Jen Casler

ADULT CLASSES:

- Combined Adult Class: Don York, “Exodus”
- Adult Class: Kirt Casler, “The Fundamentals”

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.

THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE:

- Bible Clubs (4 & 5 year olds)
- Kids 4 Truth (Grades 1-6)
- Teen Youth Group (Grades 7-12)
- Adult Prayer Meeting / Bible Study

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