

# C.P.A. Beacon

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**Church Planters to America**

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## C.P.A. Missionary Pastors Retreat July 16-20, 2018

We are now nearing the end of April, but our focus has turned to July and the 2018 C.P.A. Missionary Pastors Retreat. We had snow this morning so we are anxious for the warm weather to come. The spring and summer will also open up opportunities to reach out to the unchurched and unsaved in the various communities.

The focus of the local Bible preaching church is to see people come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ and then to be involved in the local church. The yearly retreat, here at the mission headquarters, provides our missionaries and board members with a renewed vision of what church planting is all about. Hopefully, each one will be encouraged as we fellowship, pray, share, and hear messages from God's Word.



**Mission Family**

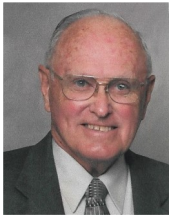
The ministry of a church planter is not easy. The world has turned its back on Christ and the local church; sad to say, so have many Christians. Pray that this year's retreat will provide the encouragement and excitement of answered prayer and the motivation to reach out to people with the Gospel message.

If you would desire to help provide for the needs of the retreat please use the enclosed letter and response form. Your kind help will be a blessing to the entire C.P.A. family. THANK YOU!



**C.P.A. Headquarters**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM  
BUCKLEY**

My wife, Carol, and I travel thousands of miles, each year, to preach the Gospel and share the vision of Church Planters to America. That vision is to help struggling churches, open closed churches and/or to start new churches where needed.

Friends, times have changed and not for the better. Sunday used to be a family day that started with Sunday School and church. People were saved and many young people went to Bible College or Bible Institute. They met a godly young lady or man and fell in love. Together they prayed for God's direction in their lives and rejoiced to do God's will. I know the story well. I met my wife within weeks of our freshmen year in Bible College. A year later we knew that God called us to be church planting missionaries. God showed us the way, opened the doors and soon after graduation we were married, became missionaries and within a couple of months opened our first closed church; the first of many. People have been saved, many went into the ministry, and lives were changed.

Friends, we are in our 59th year of ministry, Heaven awaits, but the need is greater today than ever. I am praying that God will call other couples, as He called us, to reach small town America with the gospel. Let me tell you, the greatest joy of life is to serve God in obedience. America needs you, C.P.A. needs you. Give me a call; I'd love to share the joys of serving God as a church planter

## MISSION FAMILY NEWS

A mission organization is made up of people who are called of God to serve Him in specific ways. C.P.A. is a church planting mission. America has thousands of closed churches and possibly as many or more struggling churches. The sad part is that they do not know that missions, like C.P.A., feel their frustration and want to help. But in order to be of help we need men whom God has called to say; "Here am I Lord, send me!" Thank you for your prayers and support for C.P.A. and our mission family. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, had a good and very busy trip to Florida in February into early March. We visited many friends and supporters. Our hearts were blessed as we were able to share God's Word and about the ministry of C.P.A. The seed of the Word of God and that of serving the Lord as church planters was shared to many. Pray that the seed planted will produce healthy results. To all who make our ministry possible through prayer and support, we thank you. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Portageville, NY, have had a busy winter as they pastor the Portageville Community Baptist Church. There is a twofold challenge. One is to motivate people who have been saved but not active in the church. The other is to reach out to the unsaved of the area and seek to introduce them to Jesus Christ. The prayers of God's people are a very important factor in helping the ministry grow and the unsaved being reached. The Andreas have several major undertakings this summer (see pg. 3). On May 26th the new church steeple will be dedicated. Soon afterwards the church will start a renovation project. That will include a new front entrance and the complete covering of the church with vinyl trim and siding. They still are in need of funds and will need a lot of volunteer help to complete the task. They will also have their Vacation Bible School in July. . . **BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN**, interim pastor, Norwich, NY, have been at Temple Baptist since last September serving as interim pastor. During this time the Chapmans have seen several people come to faith in Christ and follow the Lord in believer's baptism. Several men have expressed interest in pastoring the church, but no one has accepted the call. Pray for a pastor for the church and for God to direct Bill and Winifred to their next assignment. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, Belfast, ME, along with the help of their two daughters, have a busy schedule at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Along with regular church services, they hold monthly services at the local nursing home. Years ago the church had a ministry of distributing used clothing. Sensing the need for such a ministry again, they have reopened the "clothing closet" (see pg. 4). Pray for wisdom in the ministry and for an increase in their support. Mark has to work, part time, to make ends meet.



## Portageville Community Baptist Church Faces Busy Summer



**Rob and Sue Andreas**

The summer of 2018 will be remembered as one of the busiest ever. The major project will be the renovation of the front entrance, including a new handicap ramp. Then, vinyl siding and trim will be installed on the exterior of the building. The old wood clapboards have badly deteriorated. This project, along with the new steeple and a warm welcome, we trust will encourage new families to become part of the church family.

Pastor Rob Andreas, his wife, Sue, and the friendly people of the church are trusting God to do great things in the coming days.

In order to complete this project added funds will be needed, volunteer help will be used and services will continue in the building during the project. Please pray for God to meet the needs, provide help and may He be glorified.

Pray for their V.B.S., July 9-13, for souls to be saved and for new families to be reached.



**Portageville Baptist Church  
Changes Coming!**



**Church Youth Building**



**“Anywhere” in the U.S.A.**

### **“PEOPLE NEED THE LORD!”**

The church, to the left, is one of thousands of churches that are struggling. This church has asked C.P.A. for the help of a missionary pastor. With a heavy heart we had to tell them that we did not have anyone available. We have said for many years, “A church in every community and the Gospel to every person”. God has blessed C.P.A. in so many ways through our faithful friends and supporters. Please pray that men, with a burden for America and a vision for the local church, will answer God’s call to be church planters.



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## **Clothes Closet Revived in Belfast, ME**

It is always exciting to hear of and see pictures about what is taking place in some of our mission churches. A number of years ago, Emmanuel Baptist Church had a local "Clothes Closet Ministry". Clothing was made available to people in the community who were in need. As the church decreased in number, the clothes closet was closed. Recently, renewed interest in this project surfaced and the Clothes Closet is once again open. Pray that this project will help reach new families with the Gospel.



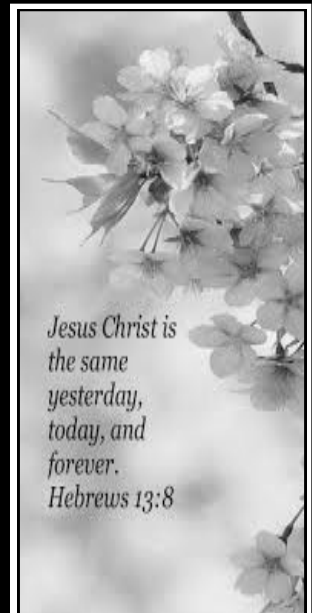
**Charlie Hall Paints the Wall**



**Mark Installs Shelves**



**Fellowship Breakfast enjoyed!  
 Easter Sunday Before Church**



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 1 Cor. 3:9  
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