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Annual C.P.A. Retreat

The annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat was a great blessing to the entire C.P.A. family. We gathered here at mission headquarters, July 20-24th. We enjoyed the fellowship, seminars, delicious food and a number of other activities.



C.P.A. Family

During the week the ladies had a craft time each afternoon. One afternoon some of the men played golf and each evening, after the meeting, we did something special.

We had a game night, ice cream social and, on a beautiful evening, we enjoyed a camp fire with roasted marshmallows and smores. It was a great week of encouragement and blessings for everyone.

A special thanks goes out to everyone who gave a special gift for the retreat. Your generosity and thoughtfulness helped make it all possible. Thank you from everyone in C.P.A. Next year's retreat: July 19-23.

Bill & Winifred Chapman, New Missionaries



Bill & Winifred Chapman

We are delighted to introduce Bill and Winifred Chapman as the newest members of the C.P.A. family. They have served together in the pastorate for the past 41 years. They have much experience in helping struggling churches become vibrant again.

Rather than fall victim to retirement they desire to help a church that needs a missionary pastor. Pray that God will direct them to the right situation and use their abilities and experience for His glory. A special welcome to Bill and Winifred.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

This has been a great year for Carol and I. We have served as church planting missionaries for the last 50 years and we have had a great marriage. The best part is that we are not finished. By God's grace, we have good health and the call of God is as real as it was when He called us as college students. We are so thankful to all the people and churches that uphold us in prayer and provide our financial support. In reality, you are helping all of our missionaries as I serve as the director.

God used Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." to call us into ministry. Pray that God will continue to use us for His glory. Pray that more men will have a burden for America and a vision for the local church. The answer for America is Jesus Christ and the vehicle God has given to us is the local church.

We are blessed for the great mission family He has given to us. We just accepted Bill and Winifred Chapman into the mission and have another couple in the application process. Pray that it will work out.

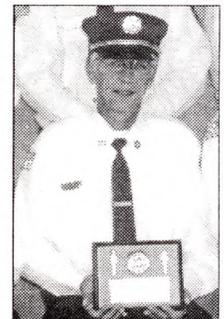
We thank the Lord for 50 years and move forward toward what God has in the coming years.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

This has been a busy summer for our C.P.A. missionaries. Listed below are some of the activities. . . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have traveled all over the northeast speaking in churches and helping some missionaries with building projects. Pray for them as they face a busy fall schedule. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, are thankful for God's blessing on their lives and ministry. They had a great V.B.S. and county fair ministry with almost 50 professions of faith. Rob has a ministry to prisoners at the county jail as well as caring for his church people. . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, are thankful for all the help with V.B.S. and for several new families attending church. They had a ministry at the New York State Festival of Balloons in Dansville. Over 1500 people were witnessed to with over 40 professing faith in Christ. Pray for Berean Bible Church to become self-supporting. . . **DAN & BETH DOUGLAS**, missionary pastor, Hornell, NY, had a great V.B.S. in August. Pastor Joe McNally and a group from his church in Winsted, CT, came to run the V.B.S. Several children were saved and 102 came to the closing program. Pray for church growth and for wisdom regarding Beth's health issues. . . **DON & NICOLE KING**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, NY, are thankful that the vinyl siding of the church is completed. They had a good V.B.S. and ministry at the Herkimer County Fair with about 20 professing faith in Christ. Pray for the start of fall ministries. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, had a good V.B.S. (Adventure In the Valley) with great help from their people. Pray for new families to be reached this fall and for the people to be faithful to the ministry. . . **BRIAN & CHRISTINE THOMPSON**, missionary pastor, Brooks, ME, are thankful for the people who have helped while Brian has had operations on both of his feet. He appears to be healing well and looks forward to a good fall and winter. Pray as the church seeks to be self-supporting soon. . . **Pray for the children of our missionaries as they have started school again. Pray for God's watch care over them in every way.**

Steve Cockerham Honored

In July Steve Cockerham was honored as the Firefighter of the Year for Western New York, among firefighters with up to five years of service. Steve serves as the chaplain for the Groveland Station Fire Department. He also serves as driver and pump operator when called to fires. He oversees the Explorer Program for teens. Congratulations to Steve for receiving this honor.



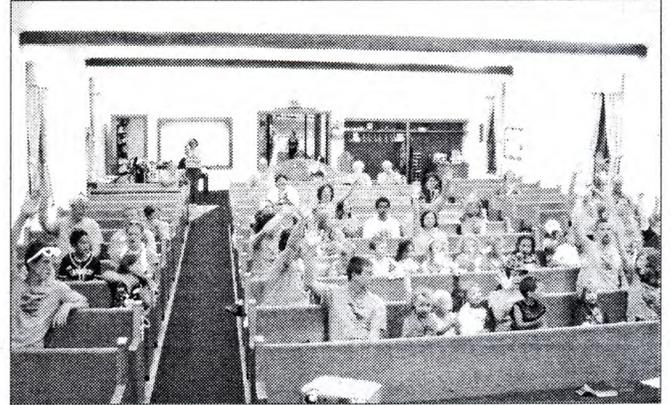
Steve with Plaque

Summer-2009

Each Summer our C.P.A. missionaries are busy leading their people in a variety of activities. We have listed below some pictures of activities you will read about in other articles in this BEACON. Pray for the many who were saved this summer.



Steve Meloon and Sharon Sinkora share the Gospel at the fair; Olcott Bible Church



V.B.S.— Hornell Bible Church



New look at Dennison Corners Community Church



Helpers for V.B.S. at Berean Bible Church, Groveland Station, NY



Children playing freeze tag at V.B.S. St. John, ME



Children Enjoying V.B.S. in Brooks, ME



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Buckleys Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage & Ministry



**Tom & Carol
 Buckley**

It was during the first few weeks of their freshman year in college that Tom and Carol met and began a relationship that has taken them through 54 years together. They were married in July, 1959 and became church planting missionaries. They have two children and four grandchildren.

For the first 20 years they opened 3 closed churches and helped a struggling church. In 1980 Tom became the General Director of the American Mission for Opening Churches. While serving in that position he started the Olcott Bible Church. In 1996 through a series of unique circumstances, Tom and Carol, along with several other missionary families, started Church Planters to America. Through these 50 years God has blessed and hundreds have been saved. But 50 is only a number and the Buckleys aren't finished yet. Keep them in prayer as they lead C.P.A. Pray for continued good health and for safety as they travel many miles in their ministry for C.P.A. To their friends and supporters we say, "Thank-you". Your partnership with them is a blessing to all of us in C.P.A.



And Jesus said unto them, I am the **bread of life:**

He that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that

believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:35



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