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Bill & Winifred, On the Move Again!

After spending almost a year as the interim pastor of the Olcott Bible Church in Olcott, NY, the Chapmans have been called to Norwich, NY to help the Temple Baptist Church strengthen the ministry and call a full time pastor.

The Chapmans pastored the church a few years ago and they were able to call a full time pastor. Because of some people problems, they found themselves in need of help. Mission director, Tom Buckley, and his wife Carol, spent a weekend at the church in mid-August. He found a good spirit among the people and a desire to move forward. At the end of the weekend they voted to call Bill Chapman to be their interim pastor. In less than 2 weeks the Chapmans moved from Norfolk, VA, and now reside in an apartment within the church facility.

Pray for Bill and Winifred. They do have some health issues, but God continues to use them for His glory. The Buckley's were blessed by the sweet fellowship that was evident among the people.



Bill & Winifred Chapman



Temple Baptist Church

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

My wife, Carol, and I are in our 59th year of church planting ministry. It is great to serve the Lord in this special ministry. The problem is that over these years many thousands of churches have closed and many thousands more continue to struggle. If we are going to see the trend reversed, we'll need men with a burden for America and a vision for the local church. I have talked to several men about becoming a missionary with C.P.A. recently, but no one has followed through.

Yes, the work is difficult, but God will bless faithfulness. We have seen many churches become self-supporting over the years. Friends, the greatest need in America is for people to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. It will revive churches and help to change America.

We are thankful for our faithful supporters of the General Fund. Many of our faithful supporters, due to age and other circumstances, have had to cut back or stop giving to the general fund, which pays for the miscellaneous expenses for the mission. Things like phone, electric, heat, insurance, maintenance, etc. If you feel led to be a donor, send your gifts to C.P.A. headquarters and we will promptly receipt your gift. To all who support a missionary, general fund or special projects, we thank you.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

As we enter the Fall season, our missionaries are busy, either completing things that they have been working at or planning projects and activities for the future. Pray for wisdom to be ready for winter and all that it entails. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have been busy with an extensive travel schedule, speaking in churches, doing the daily office work, caring for the lawns and landscaping as well as tending their vegetable garden. We thank God for the strength and wisdom He gives us. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Portageville, NY, had a busy summer with V.B.S., some extra traveling and leading their people into a major renovation program at the church (see article, pg 3). . . **BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN**, interim pastor, Norwich, NY, spent nearly ten months as the interim pastor of the Olcott Bible Church. During that time they welcomed several new families into the membership of the church, several were saved and in the spring the church called a full time pastor. Bill and Winifred moved back to their home in Norfolk, VA in June, but their stay in VA was a short one. On August 20th they were invited to pastor the Temple Baptist Church in Norwich, NY. Bill had pastored this church a few years ago. When problems surfaced some families left with the pastor, putting the church in need of a missionary pastor. By September 3rd the Chapmans had settle into their new assignment at the Temple Baptist Church. They are living in an apartment in the rear of the church building. Pray for God to bless their ministry in Norwich, NY. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, Belfast, ME, have had a difficult year at Emanuel Baptist Church. Attendance has been low and therefore, finances have been a struggle. When they moved to Belfast there was still a lot of work to do to make the parsonage comfortable. They did have a successful V.B.S. with the help of some folk from the Faith Bible Church in Winsted, CT. Pray for new families, increased finances, and open doors to reach people with the gospel. Both Mark and Sue have been dealing with some health issues. Pray for wisdom for the doctors as they seek answers and for Mark and Sue as they carry on the ministry at Emmanuel Baptist Church. It has been many years since there was a viable ministry at the church. Pray for wisdom for Mark and patience for the people as they seek to lead people to Christ and experience growth in the church. Let's claim Jeremiah 33:3 as God's promise for Emmanuel Baptist Church



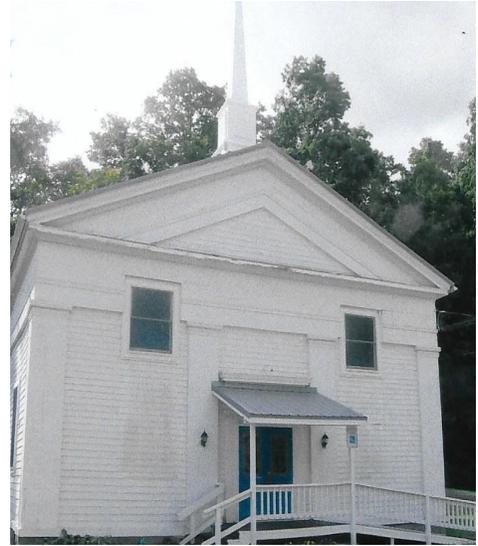
Portageville Plans Major Renovations

The Spring of 2018 will be the start of some major renovations to the Portageville Community Baptist Church, where Rob Andreas is the pastor.

The church was built in the late 1830's and has undergone some upgrades over the years. What is to take place next spring and summer will make the outside of the church look like new and almost maintenance free.

The work began this year with the installation of a new fiberglass steeple which has drawn the attention of the community. Now the church plans to renovate the front entrance with new doors and a new wheel chair ramp. As funds become available the outside of the church will be covered with vinyl siding.

Pray for funds, wisdom in planning and safety for the workers.



**Portageville Community Baptist Church
Front Entrance**

C.P.A.-Vacation Bible Schools

Pray for those who attended V.B.S., that they will become faithful in church, and if they are not saved, pray for their salvation.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

The Emmanuel Baptist Church, in Belfast, ME held their first V.B.S. in many years. Pastor Joe McNelly and a group from Faith Bible Church in Winsted, CT came and spearheaded the V.B.S. The average attendance was about 35 each night. Two youngsters received Jesus Christ as their Savior. The weather for the week was good.



**Emmanuel Baptist Church
Belfast, Maine
Bounce House Added to the Fun!**

Portageville Community Baptist Church

V.B.S. at Portageville Community Baptist Church provided a lot of excitement for the church. The platform was transformed into a castle. Attendance averaged in the mid 30's, including youngsters and adults.

A highlight of the week was the missionary offering each night. The total given was \$700. This was given in pennies which weighed 260 lbs. The money was sent to Mission Haiti Helping Kids. They minister to children in Haiti.



**Community Baptist Church
Portageville, New York
Song Time at V.B.S.!**



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C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat

The 3rd week of July is a special time for everyone in C.P.A. It is the week of our Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastors Retreat. Our entire C.P.A. family, including the Board of Directors, and their families, come to encourage, learn, share and revitalize ourselves to better serve the Lord.



Mission Family

This year was no exception. We had a great week. We did have one glitch, but that was quickly solved. Mark Ruggerio had a mechanical problem while traveling to Almond. With a few phone calls and words of encouragement the problem was fixed and they arrived on time.



Good Food & Great Fellowship

Through the generosity of people who gave special gifts to provide the needs of the retreat, the mission was able to pay for the repairs. A special thanks to everyone for your prayers and generous gifts.

We are planning for our 2018 retreat, July 16-20.

Thanks be
to God!

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through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

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