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C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat July 16-20

Retreat time at C.P.A. is coming! A good sign that winter is over is when we start to seriously plan for the Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat. There are menus, the program and activities to plan, as well as getting the facilities ready for a very busy week.

The annual retreat is an important week for everyone. We renew friendships and endeavor to provide help and encouragement where needed. Some of our families serve in out of the way places so the fellowship here at C.P.A. provides encouragement for the ministry as well as the family. Of course, a week of good food sure goes a long way to making it a great week. Our missionaries provide the preaching for the week and we all participate in helpful seminars and discussions.

In order for this week to be possible, we have enclosed our "bright" letter asking for many people and churches to share a special gift so we can pay all of the travel cost as well as the food and other necessary expenses. Every year, people have generously given and God has met the need. With the high price of gas, we need your help. Please use the response form with your special gift. As you give, you are making an investment in each of our missionaries and their ministries. Thank you for your help.

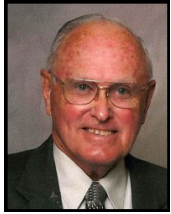


C.P.A. Missionary Family



C.P.A. Headquarters

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM
BUCKLEY**

Throughout our travels and in recent conversations, I have heard of many churches that are looking for pastors. A lot of these churches are in small towns and are struggling to keep the doors open. Most of these people seem to have very little hope for a bright future for their churches.

I see things differently. The word of God is as true today as it ever was and God is still in the soul saving business. When someone comes to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ the Bible tells us they are new creatures in Jesus Christ. When people come to Christ they need a good, sound, Bible preaching church to help them grow in their new faith. The key person in that church is a good pastor with a supportive wife and family who labor together for the Lord.

I am constantly told that times have changed. I respond with, "But God and the Bible haven't." Here in America, we need to restore our vision for people and for the local church. We need pastors who are called, by God, to be the shepherd of the flock. A man who is totally committed to preaching God's word, serving the Lord and pastoring the local church.

Church Planters to America has that vision, to see struggling churches restored and strengthened. Churches that will once again shine as the gospel lighthouse in the community. Easy? No! Rewarding? Yes! If you have what it takes check out our website, or better yet, give me a call. My cell phone is 607-382-1167.

MISSION FAMILY NEWS

Church Planters to America is a family of people whom God has called to do an important, but difficult task. In the process, the circumstances of life can make things difficult. But, as a family, we labor for the Lord knowing that many people are laboring with us with prayer and financial support. We do not take you for granted. We are blessed because of your partnership with us. You are family. . . **TOM & CAROL BUCKLEY**, mission director, Almond, NY, have had a whirlwind year, so far. February was spent in Florida visiting with family, friends, supporters and speaking in churches. March was spent helping Carol through her open heart, bypass surgery. April was busy with Carol's recovery, doing mission work and getting ready for spring and summer. Most of May will be spent in New England and New York. We will be in 8 churches in 3 weeks. Pray for safe travel, good health and blessed ministry. . . **ROB & SUE ANDREAS**, missionary pastor, Olcott, NY, will be busy on every front. They have a full summer planned with V.B.S., fair ministry and other things. Daughter, Megan, will be married in May and son, Bob, will be married in September. Daughter, Katie, and her husband, Tom, are expecting a baby later in the summer. To top it off, Rob and Sue will be married 30 years in July. . . **BILL & WINIFRED CHAPMAN**, missionary pastor and representative, are thankful for Bill's restored health (see article pg. 3). Bill has been preaching in churches in the Norfolk, VA area and helping churches without pastors. Pray for Bill and Winnie as they seek a full time ministry to help restore a church to a vibrant ministry. . . **STEVE & DEBBIE COCKERHAM**, missionary pastor, Groveland Station, NY, are rejoicing in several new, young, families attending their church. They are getting involved and most have small children. Their daughter, Stephanie and husband, Will, are expecting their first child in late May. Their daughter, Amy and husband, John, are expecting another child late in the year. . . **DON & NICOLE KING**, missionary pastor, Dennison Corners, NY, also are thankful for new families coming to church and becoming involved in the ministry. They are hoping that this will be a year of growth and encouragement in the ministry. It has been difficult in healing old wounds and bringing vitality back into the ministry. . . **MARK & SUE RUGGERIO**, missionary pastor, St. John, ME, are thankful for an easy winter, compared to most years. They are gearing up for their V.B.S., Adventure in the Valley. Pray for helpers and outreach to new families. Pray for the salvation of unsaved attending church. Pray for wisdom for the Ruggerios and the church in the days to come. . . . Thank you for your prayers for the C.P.A. missionary family. Pray that God will call new families to serve with C.P.A. Please pray for the children of our missionaries.

Meet Ken Kernan

We are so thankful for friends who offer to help the ministry of C.P.A. in unique ways. When Tom and Carol travel, which can be almost 150 days a year, the office work still needs to be done. Ken Kernan, the retired post master of the Almond post office, takes care of getting the mail. He sorts and sends all the first class mail to the Buckleys so they can keep everything up to date. Ken, also, keeps an eye on the house and headquarters. Thanks Ken, we appreciate your help.



The Value of Friendships, The Power of Prayer

By Tom Buckley, Mission Director

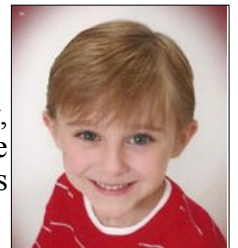
Life is a journey and along the way we meet many special people. In recent months some of these people have had to face some very difficult circumstances. I want to briefly share their stories as a testimony of God's faithfulness, the value of friendships and the power of prayer.



**Bill & Winifred
Chapman**

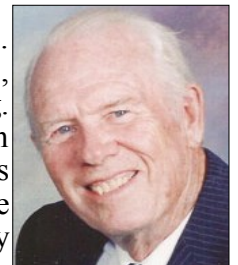
Missionary Pastor, Bill Chapman was faithfully serving as the pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Norwich, NY. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer and started chemotherapy treatments. Because of the severity of the situation Bill resigned his church and, with his wife, Winifred, moved to Norfolk, VA to be close to family. With new doctors and different treatment he recently was told that he is free of cancer. Many people prayed for Bill and God answered. He continues to serve with C.P.A., searching for a full time ministry and representing C.P.A.

In western New York an 8 year old boy, Jai Dill, the nephew of C.P.A. board member, Stephen Meloon and his wife, Lisa, was waging a difficult battle with leukemia. People around the world were praying for him. During this time Jai accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. On March 26th he was healed as he went into God's presence in heaven.



Jai Dill

For many years George Reynolds lived a full and busy life serving the Lord in many ways. George was an architect by profession. He designed and drew plans for many churches, mission organizations, colleges, etc. He drew the plans for our headquarters building. Much of his work was done without charge as a ministry to the Lord. He was active with the Gideons and was a Bible teacher in every church he attended. I knew George and his wife, Ginny, for about 40 years. He was a faithful friend, supporter and encourager in the ministry of C.P.A. George went to heaven on February 17th. George will be greatly missed, but I will always remember George saying, "AMAZING," when he talked about God's faithfulness.



George Reynolds



Carol Buckley

On March 7th, I took my wife, Carol, to the hospital to be checked out and it was found that she had 3 blockages to her heart. Early on the 9th she had open heart, bypass surgery. Emails were sent, phone calls were made, people prayed and God answered prayer. Four days later she returned home and has steadily progressed and at this writing, almost back to full strength. The doctors called her amazing, I call her special.

On March 19th, I received a call from former missionary, Richard Scott. Richard and his wife, Karin, are serving the Lord in Colorado. He asked prayer for his family as their two year old grandson, Hayden Milton, tragically died in Florida. Richard preached his funeral with several people responding to the Gospel. Continue to uphold the Scott family in prayer.

Friends, these are true stories about special people who have a close tie with C.P.A. All the people who pray for C.P.A., support C.P.A. and encourage our missionaries are special. Thank you for standing with us as we seek to make a difference through church planting here in America. "For we are labourers together with God." I Cor. 3:9



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Temple Baptist Church, Self-Supporting

It is the goal of every C.P.A. church to grow and mature so that it will be self-supporting and able to call a pastor outside of C.P.A. In June, 2010, Bill and Winifred Chapman moved to Norwich, NY to pastor the Temple Baptist Church. With the help of an aggressive visitation program the church grew and new people were added to the membership. Though the Chapman's leaving was premature (see article, pg. 3), the church was able to call a pastor. We wish them well.



Temple Baptist Church



Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

2 Cor. 9:11

Winter Fun Times



**Young People Make
 Gingerbread Houses
 St. John Bible Church**

Here in the northeast winter can be bleak. It is always refreshing when churches have special events that help brighten the cold and gloomy days. At the St. John Bible Church in northern Maine, several activities helped bring Christmas cheer and spread the gospel. At the Olcott Bible Church in western New York, the ladies were honored with a special Valentine banquet hosted by



**Special Ladies Night
 Olcott Bible Church**

the men. The fellowship hall was decorated in a western theme and the men cooked and served the meal. They also cleaned up. Good job!



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