

# C.P.A. Beacon

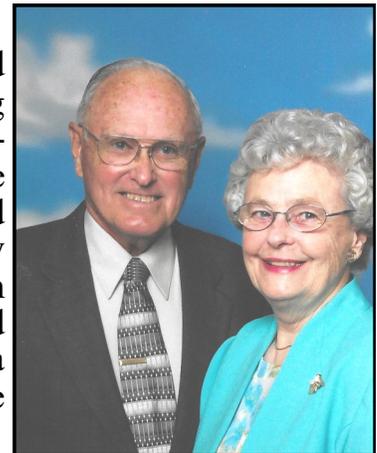
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## **Tom & Carol Buckley Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage and Ministry**

Who would have thought that Tom and Carol Buckley would reach the milestone of 60 years of marriage and church planting ministry? Tom and Carol met early in their freshman year of college. There was never a doubt that they would marry and serve the Lord together. During their second year of college God called them to the ministry of church planting. Particularly the ministry of opening closed churches. They became part of the American Mission for Opening Churches, AMOC, when they graduated from college in 1959. They opened 3 closed churches, started a new church and assisted a struggling church to be viable once again in the community.



**Tom & Carol Buckley**

The mission was struggling and Tom & Carol moved to Olcott, NY to eventually become the director. This was in 1979. The mission grew in number of missionaries and churches being assisted under their leadership. Through a series of events, by the Board of Directors, the Buckleys left AMOC and established Church Planters to America in 1996. The new mission was given land in Almond, NY. In 1999 a 6,000 sq. ft. headquarters building was built. God provided the people to help with the building and money was donated so that the necessary funds were in the bank before the building was finished.

Souls have been saved, churches have been helped and brought back to be viable ministries in the community. The need for good, Biblically sound, Bible preaching churches is as great as ever. C.P.A. needs men who have a burden for America and a vision for the local church. Every year we have to turn down requests for help; because we do not have available missionaries to pastor these churches.

There are many reasons for this situation. The greatest of which is, we are now in a “me” generation and not, “God, what do you want me to do?” Also, many Bible Institutes and Christian Colleges have closed. This cuts off the supply of missionaries.

Please pray for God to send men to meet the needs and provide for the churches that ask for help, here in America. Tom & Carol will continue to serve the Lord here at mission headquarters; Tom as the Director of C.P.A. and Carol as his ever present partner. They will continue to use their experience and abilities to help churches and encourage pastors. Pray for wisdom, good

*Thank  
you*

### **For Praying!**

The director of C.P.A., Tom Buckley, had a successful surgery to clear out the blocked artery in his right leg on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to all who held him up in prayer. GOD IS GOOD!!

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



**TOM  
BUCKLEY**

When I was saved as a young fellow, life was simple and anything beyond your hometown, family and school was hard to grasp.

Today, with all of the social media and electronics, everything comes right into our homes. And most of it is not very pretty or uplifting.

The purpose of C.P.A. is to spread the Gospel to those who live in our communities and the surrounding area. Carol and I know, from experience, that people will travel to a good church with a vibrant pastor who loves his people. That's what we do in C.P.A. It is through the preaching of God's Word, the fellowship of other believers and the challenge to reach out into the community. Many people have shared with me how they have been blessed because of the ministry of a C.P.A. pastor.

To everyone who prays and/or gives to the support of the mission, we thank you. It says in I Corinthians 3:9, "For we are labourers together with God." Until the Lord comes or death takes us to heaven, we desire to be a bright light in the lost world. Pray for men to come along side of us to be missionary pastors.

God bless you and yours and may you have a blessed summer.



## MISSION FAMILY NEWS

Please see the articles through out this Beacon on each of our missionaries and their ministries. Please keep each missionary family in prayer as they minister faithfully through Church Planters to America!

### Bill & Winifred Chapman, Keep Busy!

As pastors and missionaries get older people want to know what they will do in retirement. The answer from C.P.A. missionaries, "What I have been doing my whole life; serving God, preaching God's Word and serve in any opportunity God presents us with."

Bill and Winifred Chapman know that lifestyle. In recent years Bill and Winifred helped the Olcott Bible Church secure a pastor. They also spent time in Norwich, NY serving as interim pastor and helping them find their next pastor.

Now the Chapmans are back home in Norfolk, VA. Not to retire, but to get their bearing as to what is next. Bill is assisting Pastor Wade Smith at the Little Creek Baptist Church. He teaches a men's Sunday School class, preaches as needed and has helped start a men's breakfast. Winifred is available as opportunities arise. Pray for the Chapmans as they continue serving the Lord.



**Little Creek Baptist Church**



**Men's S.S. Class**

### Bethany Ruggiero to Graduate from High School

Bethany is the oldest daughter of Mark and Sue Ruggiero. She will be graduating from high school in June with honors. She will attend a, yet to be chosen, Christian college in the Fall. She works 18 hours at the local Goodwill store. Bethany plays both the piano and the trombone. During church services she runs the video projector. Since the seventh grade she has helped CEF with their club ministry and special events.



**Bethany Ruggiero**

In recent years Bethany has been involved with VBS. She has been involved with puppets for about 7 years. When able, Bethany helps distribute food at a local food pantry.

To Bethany we say, "Congratulations!" as you graduate from high school. May God Bless you in future years and endeavors.

## Emmanuel Baptist Church, Belfast, ME

In the Spring of 2016 the Ruggiero family moved from St. John, ME to Belfast, ME. Emmanuel Baptist church had gone through some rough times and they asked C.P.A. for a missionary pastor. Mark and Sue felt this was an open door from God and volunteered to move to Belfast. A lot of repairs were needed to make the parsonage habitable. God provided funds for materials and people to help do the work. Today, they have a solid group of believers and several outreach ministries. They are praying for the funds to complete several projects; a new sidewalk to the front of the church and the painting of the parsonage. Give Pastor Ruggiero a call if you would like to be involved, especially if you can do cement work for a sidewalk or like to paint and can climb ladders to do the high spots. His phone number is (207) 338-9060.



Emmanuel Baptist Church



Pastor Ruggiero Receives Gift on Pastor Appreciation Sunday

## Portageville Community Baptist Church Moves Forward with Building Renovations

After the delay caused by cold weather and complications on the order for the door, the renovation project in Portageville is moving forward. The doors have been installed and a wheelchair ramp will be built with a roof over the entry way to complete the front entrance.

When these projects are complete, new vinyl siding will be installed over the entire exterior of the church. Pastor Andreas would welcome the help of any individual and/or church groups that

would like to provide help with this project. One of the men of the church, Keith Bartlett, along with Pastor Andreas is heading up the project. If you have a day or more and could come and help Pastor Andreas, give him a call. His home phone number is (585) 468-5039 or cell is (315) 868-1294.



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## C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat, July 22-26

The last flakes of snow are about gone and the activities of summer are descending upon us. The Annual C.P.A. Missionary Pastor's Retreat will be at mission headquarters, July 22-26.

The Retreat is a special time for everyone in C.P.A. The mission family will travel from Florida, Virginia, New England and places in between to spend 5 days of warm and uplifting fellowship, good Bible preaching by our own men, and delicious food with the help of all. This week will bring encourage to each one.

As we have done each year since C.P.A. was founded, we are asking our many friends to consider sending a special gift so we can provide everything at no cost to the mission family. Travel expense being a major part of the Retreat cost.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts. May God bless you in a very special way in the coming days.



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