



**BURRY'S CHURCH**

# HILLTOP NEWS

*November 2007*

## *Mike's Musings*

Before long our theme of "Pointing People to Heaven in 2007" will be but a memory. My staff and I are already praying about what the Lord would have us focus on in 2008. Of course, that doesn't mean that pointing people to heaven will be a forgotten cause. In fact, it should always be a core value of our ministry. It is the "stuff" of the Great Commission. I pray God will always give our Burry's family a passion for reaching the lost for Jesus Christ.

Next year, we will be given an opportunity to focus our passion for souls on an area-wide ministry. It's called **Moraine Park Summer Festival with Steve Wingfield**. It's an effort that grew out of the hearts of several pastors in the Butler area who also wanted to reach the un-churched with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to see revival come to our churches. They began praying about what they could do together to impact their community and advance the Kingdom of God. Their fervor was contagious. Soon more and more pastors were saying, "I want to be a part that too!" Several months ago, I was invited to a meeting at Westminster Presbyterian (PCA) in Butler where I met some of those visionaries. My heart was stirred as I considered the possibilities of joining with

other Bible-believing pastors in a joint effort to reach hundreds of people in our communities for Christ. From what I understand, it's been a number of years since anyone has undertaken such an effort in our area. It was refreshing to see these men and women joining together in a common cause for the glory of God.

I believe the Holy Spirit prompted me to say "yes" to sharing in this endeavor. As I presented this to our Council, they too, wanted to invest and we sent \$500.00 to help get this effort underway. I also accepted the responsibility of helping enlist other churches to be a part of the Festival's outreach. I am now serving on the Executive Committee as Church Involvement Chairman. I won't belabor you with all the details of the Festival. You can check that out more closely at **[www.SteveWingfield.org](http://www.SteveWingfield.org)**. I will say that, if we will engage in this effort, it will strengthen our ministry muscles, and it will reach scores of un-churched people for Christ.

It will strengthen us as we pray together with other churches for the ministry team and for those we are attempting to reach. We will also be strengthened as we enlist in the discipleship training and lovingly invite others to share with us at the Festival (June 13 -15).

This is not going to be a typical "revival" meeting. We will be bringing in nationally known

entertainers who are also Christians. They will display their talents and then share their testimony. As you will see on the web page, there will be activities focused on children and youth as well as adults. We hope to see as many as 20,000 people at the concerts each night.

Obviously, this isn't the end-all of evangelism efforts. However, I do believe it's a wonderful open door for us to join with other Christians in making a vital impact on Beaver/Butler Counties and seeing our churches energized to "Point People to Heaven" well beyond 2007. Will you prayerfully consider being part of this adventure? You can begin by praying for four people that you would like to invite to join you at the Festival next June.

I'll be sharing more about the event in the months to come. For now, would you pray that God would use me to challenge other pastors to join us in attempting something great for God in 2008?

As Linda and I begin our fourth year of ministry with you, we want to thank you for your love, prayers and acceptance. It is a joy and honor to serve our grace-driven family at Burry's. I pray that God will give us many more years of ministry and fellowship together in Jesus' name.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Mike

## Beaver Valley Reformation Conference

The annual Reformation service of praise and thanksgiving to God will be held on

Sunday, November 4, at 7 pm

at Darlington RP Church  
(140 First Street, Darlington).

Dean Ulrich will bring the evening message

Burry's has been asked to help with refreshments (3-4 trays of cookies)

If you need a ride, The Burry's Van will leave the church parking lot promptly at 6 p.m.

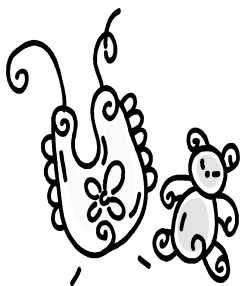
## Biloxi Trip

Our Biloxi Mission Trip for November has been postponed.

Another trip is planned for January 5- 13th. Our goal is to enlist at least 12 willing missionaries for our team.



If you or anyone you know would be interested in providing Katrina Relief, please contact Pastor Tom.



Congratulations to Mel & Pat Sheets on the birth of their grandson, Micah Raiden Wallace on October 2nd.

Micah is the son of Amber & Kamal Wallace and is also welcomed by big brother,

## Evidence of God's Generosity

The church received \$53,667.09 from the Delbert L. Coleman and Roberta D. Coleman Trust in September. Council decided to put ten percent of the Coleman Trust in the Benevolent Fund and the remainder in the E-Trade Account which is currently assisting the General Fund.



"I don't know where Cain and Abel went for Thanksgiving, Son. I just know they didn't go to Grandma's."

Campbell

**People in the Pew:** Dorothy Schaub      **By Pastor Tom**

After receiving a pacemaker last year, Dorothy Schaub thought she would have to give up cutting her grass. Her retirement from yard work only lasted a few months when the doctor let her get back in the saddle again. Dorothy enjoys keeping up her home on Hartzell School Road that she and her late husband, Dan, built in 1958.

Dorothy Boswell Schaub grew up not far away, on Edgewood Road in North Sewickley. She and her sister attended high school in Beaver Falls. After meeting Dan Schaub through mutual friends at her youth group at Concord Methodist Church, they began dating. In April, 1941, Dan proposed to her while he was recovering from appendicitis. They married August 7, 1941. Dorothy transferred her church membership to Burry's in 1945 and has been a member ever since.

Her husband worked as a farmer, in construction, and eventually for Halstead Mitchell. Dorothy was a homemaker until her sons, Paul and Glen, were teenagers, when she went to work at the Elsie Miller Convalescence Home in Wexford. She worked there for twenty years. Today, she has five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Dorothy has been walking with the Lord since she was 12, when she "gave her life to Jesus". She credits the Lord for giving her good health and strength throughout her life. Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

We thank the Lord that Dorothy is part of our grace-driven family.



**Give  
thanks to  
the LORD,  
for he  
is good;  
his love  
endures  
forever.**

1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV



COMMUNITY

*Thanksgiving*

WORSHIP SERVICE

Holy Communion will be observed at our  
Thanksgiving Eve Service on

November 21, 2007

at 7:30 p.m.

**Mercy Matters:**

Living in a nursing home during the holiday season can be a lonely experience for those who do not have family to visit them. That is why Willam Day, president of St. Barnabas Health System started the "Presents for Patients" program in 1984. Over the years, the program has expanded beyond Western PA. **Presents for Patients** has raised gifts and visits for 325,112 men and women in nursing and personal care homes in PA, NY, OH, WV and TN.

Around this time of year, patients are asked what they would like for Christmas. The patient's name and three suggested gift ideas are written on a card. The cards are given to churches or individuals who "adopt" that patient. Last year, Burry's Church became involved when our Deacons purchased presents for 12 patients at Friendship Ridge.

This year, we will expand our outreach to seniors by adopting residents of Creek Meadows. In a few weeks, we will receive cards and place them on a Christmas tree in the Education Building. We expect about 35 cards.

If you would like to adopt a patient, take a card, obtain one or more of the suggested gifts, wrap it, write the patient's name on it, and return it to Burry's by December 16th. The Bible Club children will distribute the gifts when they are caroling at Creek Meadows on December 19th.

In addition to adopting a patient, you can also get involved by contributing money for gifts to be purchased and delivered to patients or by volunteering time at Presents for Patients headquarters in Gibsonia. Please consider how you can brighten the Christmas season for a resident at Creek Meadows or Friendship Ridge.

## November 25 is YOUTH SUNDAY Join Us for a Special Time of Worship

### Recipe Corner ~

#### Thanksgiving Cornbread Stuffing

by Tammi Kaufman

8 c. cornbread cubes    1 stalk celery  
 4 slices bacon            1/4 c. butter or margarine  
 1 c. onion, chopped    1/4 c. parsley  
 1/4 c. walnuts            1/2 tsp. salt  
 1/4 tsp. black pepper    2 eggs, slightly beaten

Cook cornbread (can use 3 boxes of Jiffy cornbread mix in a 9"x13" pan and cut when cooled). Sauté bacon in large skillet until crisp. Drain bacon on paper towel, crumble and set aside. Pour all but 2 Tbsp. of bacon grease in skillet. Melt butter, add onions and celery. Sauté until tender, 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in parsley, walnuts, salt, pepper and egg. Fold in cornbread. Cook in casserole dish and bake at 350 for 30 minutes or stuff in turkey (enough for 20 pound turkey).

Enjoy!



### Faith Circle News

*A Love Offering will be taken at  
our November meeting.*


*It will be used to help one of our  
Church families.*

*Please begin now to save for this  
special offering.*

#### September Box Score Averages

Sunday School..... 113	General ..... \$2,784.00
Worship..... 188	Benevolence .. \$1,309.00
Harvest Home Offering \$255.46	

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries for the Month of November*

Casey Sterrett	2		Tom DeRosia	17		
Noah Yeck	2		Gena Tokar	17		
Scott Bonzo	3		Mary Dillon	19		
Kendal Komara	3		Sara Bonzo	20		
Richard Goehring	4		Craig Shaffer	20		
Melissa Stiteler	6		Kevin Aland	21		
Walter Mohrbacher	7		Eleanor Hicks	21		
Mark Donley	8		David & Patty Emerick	11	Geneva Weyand	22
Christa Harley	8		Ralph & Marge Kaufman	14	Woodrow Young	22
Viola Blinn	10		George & Barbara Tuma	16	Barbara Young	23
Joey Weil	11		David & Crystal Anney	17	Quinton Sheets	25
Ralph Kaufman	14		Art & Roberta Teets	23	Z.J. Ward	26
David Stumpf	16			Mark Harley	27	
Floyd Bonzo	16			Eileen Bernd	28	

*Wilmer and Sara Bonzo would like to thank the church for the beautiful anniversary flowers and the cards that were sent.*



*Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and to every one who wished me a Happy Birthday and sent cards.*

*~ Eleanor Gray*

*Thank You*

*I want to thank the ladies of Faith Circle for sponsoring the Golden Age Dinner. I enjoyed Gary Means' Chalk Talk. Thank you for the gift and corsage. It was a very enjoyable evening.*

*~ Miriam Cable*

We both want to thank the Church for the flowers given Don on his 80th birthday, and also for the flowers on our 60th Anniversary. Our appreciation for being guests at the Golden Age Dinner and the picture. We enjoyed this very much.

*~ Don & Sella Shaffer*

*Dear Faith Circle & Church Members,*

*Sam and I want to thank you for the wonderful evening we had on Sunday, September 30th. Thank you for the flowers and the book markers. God has been so good to us and blessed us with a loving family and a Grace-Driven Family of God. Thanks again, and may God bless each of you.*

*Love In Christ,*

*Sam & Bertha Schaub*

*A List of my Thanks*

*For Pastor Tom and Michael Pflug for coming to Trinity Oaks in October to give me Communion. For the beautiful flowers from the Church for my 103rd birthday. To Faith Circle for sponsoring the Golden Age Dinner; for the gold dollar bookmark, the nice program, the corsage. There was no reason for anyone to go home hungry. Then too, for all the special birthday greetings and gifts I received. My thanks for everything and God's Blessing to all.*

*From Laura Pflug, who can't forget the fellowship.*

*To the Church Family,*

*Thank you for the flowers for my birthday, also for our anniversary. Thanks to Pastor Mike, Linda, and Tom for the visits when Russ and I were in the hospital. Especially want to thank you for all the prayers and cards when Russ was in the hospital. Prayers were answered.*

*Virginia and Russell Zahn*



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"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1a

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

## EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

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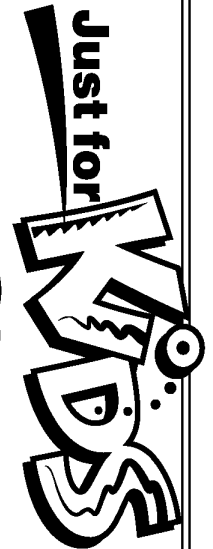
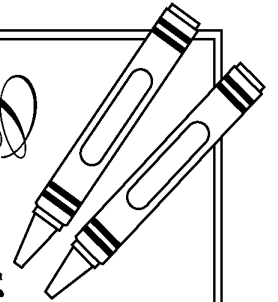
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## Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS." GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.