



THE BANNER



Herman Bucklew, Jr., President

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Winter MBCAF Meeting January 20, 2012

Heritage Baptist Church in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, will have the pleasure of hosting the January meeting of the MBC Alumni Fellowship on Friday, January 20th. Friday morning will begin at 8:15 a.m. with coffee, juice, and donuts in the fellowship hall. The preaching will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

Pastor Charles Keese, pastor of Midway Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio, Pastor Floyd Radebaugh, Pastor of Calvary Bible Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio, and Evangelist/Missionary Robbie Morrison, 1981 MBC graduate, will be the speakers for the meeting. The college ensemble will be providing special music throughout the day. At the conclusion of the business meeting, a light lunch will be served.

Heritage Baptist Church is located at 519 North Seventh Street, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, 43351. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Herman Bucklew, at 567-232-2395.

Hotel reservations for Thursday evening can be made at the Days Inn in Upper Sandusky, located right off Route 30, behind Bob Evans Restaurant by calling 419-294-3919. The special room rate will be \$50.00 if you use the church name when calling for reservations and when checking in.

Heritage Baptist Church is moving its midweek service from Wednesday evening to Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**From the administration, faculty and staff,
Merry Christmas
and a Soul-Prosperous New Year**

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Mark your calendars now for the following meetings:

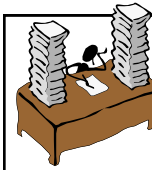
The May meeting will be held on Friday, May 18, 2012, at the Massillon Baptist Temple in conjunction with the 39th graduation of MBC.

Make plans now to attend this very special day!

BANNER UPDATES

If you have information that would be of benefit to our Alumni, please feel free to email Sandy Shaffer at massillonbaptistcollege@gmail.com.

Be is prayer for next year's 40th anniversary services during graduation week. We are planning to have a homecoming for ensemble, trio and quartet members. A week-long revival is also being planned.



From the Dean's Desk

Not sure if any of you have desks that look like this one, but give it time.

The first semester exams will be the week of December 12, 2011. This is one of the fastest semesters on record.

We are looking at having 4-6 new students attending next semester. We are thankful for the slow but steady growth in the college.

As you have heard over the news, the postal service is attempting to cut their budget. This affects all of our mailings from the college effective immediately. I met with our mailing service and postal representatives. The Canton post office is going to be closing and all of our mail will have to be taken to Cleveland for processing. This does several things; first of all the cost of postage will be going up significantly, the mail sorting company will be charging more to run mail to Cleveland rather than across the street, and lastly, mail delivery for bulk mailing will take up to an additional 10 days to be delivered. So, all of our current deadlines have been move d back quite far.

Please pray that we make some wise decisions about our stewardship.

Dean Anderson

Schedule of Events

Friday, January 20

Breakfast	8:15 a.m.
Service	9:00 a.m.—Noon
Meeting	Noon

Lunch will be provided immediately following the alumni business meeting.

2012 ENSEMBLE SCHEDULE

January 15	Harvest Baptist Temple Clyde, OH 10:00 a.m.
January 20	Heritage Baptist Church Upper Sandusky, OH Alumni Meeting
February 5	Harvest Baptist Church Greenville, PA 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
February 26	Bible Baptist Church Ashtabula, OH 7:00 p.m.
March 4	New Testament Baptist Church Ravenna, OH 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
March 11	Gospel Baptist Church New Boston, MI a.m. services
March 11	Laingsburg First Baptist Church Laingsburg, MI Tentative
March 12	Laingsburg Christian School Laingsburg, MI chapel service Tentative
March 18	Bible Baptist Temple Campbell, OH 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
March 21	First Freedom Baptist Church Kent, OH 7:00 p.m.
March 25	First Freedom Baptist Church Kent, OH 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 2:00 p.m.
April 22	Victory Baptist Church Kensington, OH 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
April 29	Lake Milton Baptist Temple Diamond, OH 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
April 29	Bible Baptist Church Wellsville, OH 6:00 p.m.

There are still some dates available

If you would like to schedule the Ensemble, please call the college office at 330-830-5902.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The January meeting will be the last opportunity to nominate officers for the May ballot.

Pastor Herman Bucklew,
Interim Officer



Far Above Rubies

Ruth 3:15 “Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.”

Are your burdens heavy? Boaz asked Ruth to open her vail so he could fill it with barley. The amount he gave her was 15 gallons or 88 pounds of barley. Can you imagine carrying that much weight around? I get tired of carrying my 2-year old around the house. But, Ruth didn't think that 88 pounds was too heavy that day.

She viewed the weight as a blessing. It was twice the amount she came home with on her first day of gleaning in Boaz's field. It was given to her in love from Boaz, her kinsman redeemer.

In our Christian walk, burdens can weigh us down if we aren't careful. Let's not forget that sometimes those burdens we carry are really blessings sent down to us from a loving Father, our Redeemer.

Julianne Dowler (2005 graduate)



MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT

John Dunbar Family

Rev. John Dunbar, a 1985 graduate of MBC, is a missionary sent out of the Lake Milton Baptist Temple. He and his wife Pat served for three years with Dr. Carlos Demarest in El Paso, Texas, before moving into northwest Mexico, working in church planting and training of national pastors for nearly 20 years. Today Brother John and his wife are making short-term mission trips, taking pastors and youth groups into Mexico. They recently returned from a Mexican mission conference where they saw 17 souls saved in the services and out on visitation, and 9 Mexican teenagers surrender to the call of missions. That church saw a 30% increase in their faith promise giving.

If your church is interested in taking a mission trip or supporting the Dunbars, please contact the Lake Milton Baptist Temple at 330-538-3051.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The account balance ending on October 31, 2011 was \$1,225.05. Postage in the amount of \$75.00 to mail The Banner was paid in November. The current balance is \$1,050.05.

If you have not done so yet this year, please remember to send your alumni dues of \$20 so that we can be a blessing to the College.

Aaron Dowler

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*Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed
because of the truth. Selah.
Psalm 60:4 KJB*

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