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FROM THE STUDY

By Pastor Dave Crispell

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012!

Wow, 2012 already! It doesn't seem possible does it? But, ready or not... it is here!

Well, just how can we be ready? In the following verses, Paul tells Titus to admonish his flock, among other things "to be ready to every good work".

"Put them in mind to be... be ready to every good work," (Tit 3:1)

"To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men." (Tit 3:2) (Living this way will certainly get people's attention.)

Therefore, our responsibility for 2012 is this:

As we have therefore opportunity, let us **do good unto all men**, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (Gal 6:10) But why? So people think we are "good people"? No, but so, "that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Mat 5:16) In other words, so we can tell them the good news of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us also be reminded of James 4:17: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin."

It is my prayer for us in this New Year that we will - not only out of responsibility, but out of love - share the love of Christ with each other as believers and with unbelievers that they too may experience His love for them in coming to know Him as their Savior and Lord. ☞☐

MEET OUR YOUNG ADULTS

Two young women from our church have earned varsity spots on college athletic teams.

Kay Black (CCA class of 2011) is a freshman at Baptist Bible College where she is playing basketball. Kay is the daughter of CCA music teacher, cafeteria manager, and fundraiser coordinator, Betsy Black, and husband, Jim.



Kay Black



Rebecca Farrell

Rebecca Farrell (CCA Class of 2011) is a freshman at Clearwater Christian College where she played soccer this fall. Rebecca is the daughter of CCA 4th Grade teacher, Sarah Farrell and husband, Pat.

Sunday, January 22 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, also known as "Right to Life Sunday". For many, it is a time of painful remembrance and regret. For others, it is another reminder of the things for which God would have us, as believers, stand up be counted.

CareNet of Scranton is open year-round, 24/7 to offer assistance, counseling, and care to those who choose life, but cannot provide for their own care and that of their unborn child.

If you aren't familiar with CareNet, please visit their website www.care-net.org or contact Tammy Lamberton for more information. ☞

Men's Fellowship

On December 16th the Men's Fellowship held a holiday gathering at the home of Rob Grimm. Of special interest were the vintage, race cars, collectible cars and other vehicles owned by Rob. Almost 50 men attended. There was a dart board competition (Gary Bates took first place, and Rich Masseur came in second.) Guests also took "team" IQ tests. There were a number of first-time visitors, and a devotional was given by Brian Nevin. Along with pizza and other refreshments, the men were led in Christmas Carols by Bryan Wyllie. Thanks, Rob, and everyone who made it possible!



News and Appointments

At the annual Canaan Bible Chapel business meeting on January 12, the following individuals were elected to office:

Deacon: Kevin Lamberton, Tim Lamberton, Charles Edwards
 Church Secretary: Kathy Black
 Treasurer: Carlton Smith
 Assistant Treasurer: Scott Ferris
 Sunday School Superintendent: John Ashley

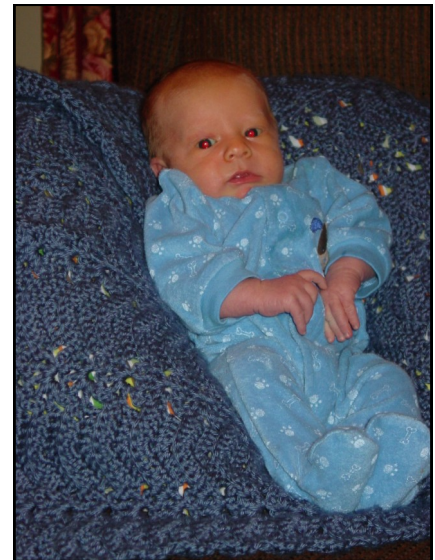
In addition to financial reports and other updates from pastors and Mr. Marquette, Jerry Birmelin, Board Secretary, reported on the delay with the land swap due to the County rendering tax on the new property. Jerry asked that the congregation be in prayer on the matter since it could be held up indefinitely while legal aspects are played out. If the taxes are not withdrawn, an appeal will be made to the Appeals Board of the Tax Assessment Office. Failure there may result in going to court. Please pray concerning this matter. ☺

NEW CREATION!

Congratulations to Brian and Betsy Skelton on the birth of Caleb Jedidiah born December 21st.

Caleb joins big sisters, Casey, Audrey and Laurel. Proud grandparents are Larry & Sharon Skelton and Frank & Rose Lamberton.

Best Wishes and God's Fullest Blessing on all!



Caleb Jedidiah Skelton

Missions Minded

Each Sunday in our bulletin, there is an update from one of our missionaries. Please take time to read them and commit their needs to the Lord. Our missionaries represent us and are doing the Lord's work on our behalf in places we cannot go. They are part of our congregation and church body. Don't forget them! ☺