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With a Grateful Heart!

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From the Study

by Pastor Dave

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Of course, I always have so much to be thankful for, but especially this year as Pastor Dan Henwood begins his ministry as Assistant Pastor of CBC. We also welcome his wife, Jennifer and their daughter, Sandra.

Dan and I have worked together over the years in other areas of ministry and it is a privilege to serve our Lord together as a pastoral team here at CBC. I am excited as we move forward in faith. I believe there is much that will bring Glory to God, and bring spiritual and numerical growth to CBC.

Pastor Dan is a seasoned pastor, an excellent preacher and an effective teacher of God's Word. He also has superb organizational skills which I believe will result in a greater fulfillment of the Great Commission as we equip our people to serve the Lord with their individual Spiritual Gifts.

I am thankful for God's provision!

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Eph 4:11-12

Did You Know?

An overflow parking area has been created in the field next to the church beyond the stand of trees. This is a welcome addition to the property as more and more events for both the church and the school bring increased numbers. If you would like to help with parking and traffic control during special events, see Jerry Birmelin.



PASTOR DAN HENWOOD

Pastor Dan Henwood joined the CBC pastoral staff on October 31 as our Assistant Pastor. The son of a minister, Pastor Henwood is a 1988 graduate of



Pastor Dan Henwood

Canaan Christian Academy, the church's Christian school. He went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Bob Jones University. Since then, he has ministered with churches in Utah, Wyoming, and Pennsylvania. Most recently he was at Finch Hill Baptist Church, in Greenfield Township, where he was the pastor for twelve years. He and his wife, Jennifer, have one daughter. In addition to his pastorate at Finch Hill Baptist, Pastor Henwood also taught Bible at Canaan Christian Academy.



Pastor Dan and Jennifer Henwood, and daughter Sandra

Parsonage Painting Party

After several rain delays a hardy, ambitious team spent a Saturday in October painting the parsonage. Many hands made light work. When the work was finished, everyone was treated to a barbeque picnic as a reward. Thank you to all who helped! It looks great!



Pastor Dave reaches new heights



The Whole Team!
Front L-R: Jerry Birmelin, Jeff Wittenbader, Aaron Swingle, Matt Lamberton, Jerry Lupyak, Tim Lamberton, Brendan Lupyak. Rear: Allyson Wittenbrader, Edward Lamberton



Edward Lamberton



Allyson Wittenbrader

Correction



In our October issue we highlighted this family photo. We forgot to tell you—these are all Emily's Great-Grandparents! *We apologize for the omission!*

Thanks

There are so many blessings
God gives to us each day.
With grateful heart, and thankful
I bow my head to pray:



Thanks for waking me each morning;
Thanks for watching through the night;
Thanks for strength to bear my burdens;
For the Word that gives me light to guide me, Hope to cheer me.

Thanks for life that Jesus gave me,
When He died on Calvary's tree.
For the love that sought me;
For the blood that bought me;
Thanks, Dear Lord, for all you've done for me!

- Zelma Mead

Dale Oxley

Missionary Dale Oxley recently went home to be with his Lord after a long illness.

After training at Wheaton College, Dale and Betty traveled to Hitoyoshi, Japan in March 1952, and began more than 50 years of service among the Japanese. Their ministry philosophy was simple: to start churches that would eventually become responsible for governing and supporting themselves and spreading the gospel of Christ. From the very beginning, the church would be guided to focus on Christ and His message, rather than a particular missionary, mission organization, or other foreign entity. This ministry philosophy was particularly influenced by 1 Corinthians 9:16-28, specifically verse 22: "I am made all things to all men; that I might by all means save some."



Dale and Betty Oxley

Dale and Betty kept busy in Japan. They began by starting a church in their home, eventually planting six churches led by Japanese believers. These churches also reach many children through Bible Clubs and Sunday Schools.

Residing in Hermitage, Tennessee, the Oxleys have five adult children, fifteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. They have always felt blessed by God that He has allowed them to spend their retirement years surrounded by family.

Dale will be greatly missed, but long remembered for his lifetime of work among the Japanese. ☞