

The Canaan Connection



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Because He Lives

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FROM THE STUDY

BY PASTOR DAVE CRISPELL

Easter is when we annually remember and celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It comes late on our calendar this year, however; originally it was in the fullness of time (right on time) and according to His plan. (Gal 4:4) *But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (Gal 4:5) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. (Acts 2:23) Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and fore-knowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: (Acts 2:24) Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.* I find it interesting that God used the wickedness of man as a tool to accomplish that which would deliver mankind from his own wickedness. (1Cor 6:11) *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.* Let's consider some of the other contrasts: He died that we might live. He was temporarily forsaken so that we would never be forsaken. When man did his worst, God did His best. This makes me think of that dear hymn "Oh, What He's Done For Me." **PRAISE HIS NAME!** Easter Blessings to all.—PD



MEN ON A MISSION

Recently, Pastor Dave and a group of men from the church embarked on a one-week missions trip to Ragged Island in the Bahamas. Their mission: to put in a new ceiling in a church that had been damaged by a hurricane. Kevin Lamberton, Brian Skelton, Steve Vitelli, Jeff Wittenbrader and Gene Bancala made up the team. Pastor Dave piloted the plane. After an overnight stop at the home of The Lytles, the crew went on to Duncan Town in the Bahamas where they were hosted by missionaries Dave and Sharon Spangler. The Lidels and the Spanglers are examples of people God has called to new areas of service when most people their age are retiring.

Ragged Island is a small island of 70 residents. Of those, 28 are active in the small church the men helped repair. Pastor noted that in the recent past, the church had made known a need for hymnbooks. Receiving a donation of hymnals, the first service in which they were used lasted three hours. "We take so much for granted," said Pastor Dave. "I hope someone has taken a video of the first service with the new ceiling and fans!"

Although the food was in good supply and the cooking by Sharon Spangler rated at the top of the charts, it was not a week of sun and surf most people would associate with the Bahamas. Mosquitoes were abundant; sleep was sporadic due to roosters that crowed from 3 a.m. to well after 4p.m., and the heat was intense especially inside the church and under the roof where the work was being done.

Kevin Lamberton spoke to the camaraderie and how the Spanglers especially were an encouragement to the men. There is yet a lot of work to be done in the church building, and while the new ceiling and fans were a much-needed improvement, Kevin pointed out that Dave Spangler sees *all* the need, especially in the floor that also needed replacing.

Structurally, the building was not square and support beams were damaged, so installing the new ceiling and fans involved a lot of extra work. In all, the team put in more than 40 hours of work in 3 days—about 14 hours per day.

With gratitude, the men thank our congregation for their support, which made the trip possible. Steve Vitelli summarized the team's appreciation, saying, "God gave us this opportunity. You responded. The Lord made it happen. Thank you for your prayers and financial support."



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BEFORE



AFTER

God is looking for broken men who have judged themselves in the light of the cross of Christ. When He wants anything done, He takes up men who have come to the end of themselves, whose confidence is not in themselves, but in God. -H.A Ironside

Spotlight On.....Children's Church

Care♥Net News – Don't Miss It!

FOR anyone who does not have pre-schoolers, you might not know what goes on every Sunday morning when children are dismissed for Children's Church midway through the service. Maybe you have had an interest in helping with this ministry. Here are some FAQs about Children's Church:

What is Children's Church? Children's church is a teaching ministry to three- through six-year-olds during the sermon time of the morning worship hour. It is designed to reach children too young for "big church."

Can I work in Children's church? Teachers must be church members. Helpers must be born-again believers. Teachers and helpers must have a Christian love for children and pass the CBC screening process for children's workers.

How should I organize the time? A typical lesson includes prayer, Bible story time, songs, memory verse practice, craft or coloring, and a game. Activities that best communicate the Bible message should be planned. Teachers must be flexible in planning as the length of the lesson can vary from twenty minutes to an hour. Children must be kept in the room with teachers and helpers until parents come for them.

How often would I teach/help? One teacher and a helper work together for a month at a time. This allows more time to develop lessons and continue unfinished activities. You might be assigned two or three months a year, depending on the number of volunteers.

How do I know what others taught? Teachers use lesson guides to avoid repeating the same stories. The lessons are kept in a file drawer in the laminating room along with A Beka Bible flash cards. You will need to look through your lesson to know which flashcards to use.

Where is Children's Church? Currently, children's church meets right next to the Toddler nursery, in room 102 (CCA third grade). There are crayons and a few supplies in a suitcase on the window shelf. You are welcome to use the chalkboards, books in the back, glue sticks, and scissors on the common shelves, but please do not let the children use things from individual desks.

Speak to Holli Ashley if you need more info about the program. Her number is 937-3508.



Talk to the Lord about your concerns and burden for the children of our church. He will show you the best way you can "feed His lambs."

April 29th is the date for the annual Fundraising Banquet for CareNet of Scranton. We hope you will find time to put your support behind this important event. Care Net of Scranton is looking for businesses, churches and individuals willing to donate funds to help with the cost of the banquet, including the speaker's honorarium and travel expenses. This year, Jill Kelly is the guest speaker. Jill is the wife of pro football Hall of Famer, Jim Kelly. She is the author of "Without A Word", the gripping real-life story of remarkable achievement, passion, sacrifice, love, pain and human interest. It is a story of the Kelly family's private struggle both in their marriage and with their severely disabled, terminally ill son, Hunter. Through his brief, silent life, Hunter's love shone into their lives resulting in Jill's believing that Jesus Christ was authentic. Lessons gleaned from Hunter's life and death make this a compelling, inspiring story. There will be a book signing after the banquet. The event will be at St. Mary's Center in Scranton. There is a Silent Auction at 5PM; dinner served at 5:45. For more information about cost and reservations, call CareNet at 570-207-1907 or email carenetofscranton@yahoo.com



During January and February, families from Canaan Bible Chapel set about making and collecting baby items to donate to CareNet. The effort was spearheaded by the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the response was overwhelming. After dedicating the collection with prayer, items were lovingly distributed to CareNet to be used by mothers who chose life and need help caring for their new little ones.

Wedding Bells!



Kristen and Andrew

Congratulations to Kristen Howell and Andrew Mulnix on their engagement. The two met at Clearwater Christian College. Kristen is a science teacher at Canaan Christian Academy and Andrew is employed at a law firm in Burnsville, MN. Their wedding will be held June 18, 2011 at Ladore in Waymart.

Watch for This!

Attorney Nick Barna is presenting a seminar on Wills at CBC April 16 from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. in the Commons. The event is free but registration is required. Contact Jerry Birmelin if you would like to attend.