

ON THE ROAD

JOHN HOAG

December 3, 10
Dumfries Community Bible Study
Dumfries, NB

December 6

Open Bible Campus Church
Victoria Corner, NB
Morning Service

December 20

Emmanuel Baptist Temple
Oakland, ME
Christmas Special

BARRY BEEBE

December 5-6
Geary Baptist Church
Geary, NB
Youth Rally and Sunday Morning Services

FAMILY FILE...

WEDDINGS

Jared Grover ('00) to Sarah Roberts on July 11, 2009.

Robyn Wesseling (Assoc. '05) to Jerry McElyea on August 8, 2009.

BIRTHS

February 13, 2009 to Greg and Dominique (Bourgoin Assoc. '02) Raychard, a son, Franklin Wayne.

October 18, 2009 to Gabriel (Music '04) and Melanie (Bosse, Music '04) Paquin, a daughter, Hadassah.

October 22, 2009 to Timothy and Tanya (Flanagan '95) Hanshew, a son, Jack Bennett.

HOMEGOING

Dorothy (Schurman) Carrell, grad of 1952, went home to be with her Lord on October 17, 2009.

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

December 2 Brad Collins
Across Borders for World Evangelism

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

by Paul Long

Vacation With a Vision took on a smaller look this year, but a lot of work was accomplished. Thank you to all those who came and did whatever was asked of you. Also, thank you to those who financially helped in this summer ministry. Here are some things which were accomplished. The windows in Faith and Liberty Halls were taken out and cleaned. New steps were built for Faith Hall and the bottom of the bunks were painted. The walk-in-freezer was completely renovated. Two new windows were put in the Dohertys' home. Three roofs were shingled - the Strauss House, Hoags' home and ½ of the Knowles' home. Workers also helped with the porch addition to the Bookers' home.

CAMPUS EXPANSION III

Much has been done on our campus in regard to site preparation as well as new plans have been developed for Parschauer Hall. Over two years of planning and preparation have been done to prepare for a new waste treatment plant. Currently, we are waiting on:

(1) Government approval for this new system as Parschauer Hall cannot be constructed without this in place. (2) An increase in enrolment to enable our General Fund to stabilize.

We are committed to this project and are anxiously awaiting God's green light to start promoting this great project once again.

Open Bible Bulletin

The Word of Hope in the New Millennium

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Nothing has so changed the course of humanity as the birth of Jesus Christ. He is the central figure in human history. His birth was unrivalled, His life was undefiled, His nature was divine, His message was the message of God, and His power was no more clearly evident than when He conquered the grave.

He is the Perfect Sacrifice for man, He is the Sufficient Sacrifice for man, and He is the Only Sacrifice for man (John 14:6). Yet, God revealed the Wonder of wonders, His only Son, to a group of unsuspecting shepherds.

In Luke 2 we are brought face to face with three beautiful truths concerning the incarnation taught to us by the shepherds.

First, the birth of Jesus was an act of divine intervention. We did not break into God's light, He crashed into our darkness. God reached out to man, man did not reach out to God. In Luke 2 there is a recurring thought; man was living his life the way he wanted and God broke into the darkness of human experience with the glorious light of His Son. Notice the phrases employed in this chapter. The angel of the Lord *"came upon them...said unto them..."* (vs. 9,10), *"made known"* (vs. 15), *"which was told them"* (vs. 17), *"told unto them"* (vs. 20). The birth of Jesus Christ was an act of God, an intrusion of God upon the common affairs of man. It was nothing short of miraculous, nothing less than divine! It was not in the heart of man to look for a Saviour (John. 3:19) but it was in the heart of God to reveal One. Christmas should remind us of the wonderful thought that God reached out to us through His Son, took us not only from the place of darkness but from the seat of darkness (Psalm 107:10), and has given us light.

MEDITATIONS FROM THE MANGER

Second, the birth of Jesus Christ and His subsequent life demands immediate attention. The shepherds said, *"let us now go"* (v. 15), and *"they came with haste."* (v. 16). The word *"haste"* refers to diligence, urgency and speed. Jesus' birth demanded from them an immediate response. It evoked in them

a desire to take action now. Today is the day of salvation! A splendid revelation was met with a speedy response.



by Matthew Little

I can only imagine how boring the conversations of a shepherd must have been. Sure there was the odd intense story of fighting off a wild animal but, for the most part, they lived in a world of monotony. Now, finally they have something worth talking about. God has revealed Himself to us through His Son; may we be eager to seek Him, and bold to proclaim who He is to others around us.

As someone so adequately stated, *"Don't get so wrapped up in what the world has to sell that you miss what God has to give."*

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WHAT'S UP?...

Men For God Rally

JANUARY 29-30, 2010

This will be our 7th rally for men on the NBBI campus and it promises to be bigger and better than ever. Don't miss the stirring messages from Dr. Michael Loftis, President of ABWE in Harrisburg, PA, the inspiring music from High Meadow and personal testimonies and demonstrations from firemen. View all the firemen's equipment and enjoy prizes, gifts and special recognitions.



Left: Dr. Michael Loftis
Below: High Meadow Quartet



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OUTREACH 2010

NBBI'S TEEN RETREAT

FEBRUARY 19-21 AND FEBRUARY 26-28

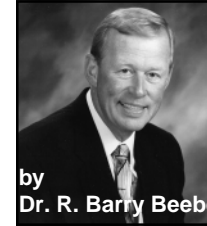


Don't miss this exciting and challenging annual event for young people ages 13 to 18. Teens will be involved in various indoor and outdoor activities such as relay games, three-on-three basketball, table games, tubing and more. Our guest speaker, Scott Foreman, who oversees youth ministries and marketing for Word of Life Canada based in Owen Sound, ON will challenge you from God's Word. You will also be

hearing various NBBI faculty members, as they share from God's Word during our class times and our NBBI musical groups as they share in song throughout these weekends.

The total cost for the retreat is \$45. Space is limited, so register Early!

For more information check out our website at www.nbbi.ca and download our free brochure, email us at retreats@nbbi.ca or call us at (506) 375-9000.



by
Dr. R. Barry Beebe

President's Challenge...

SENT TO SAVE



Jesus was sent to save people from sin as the Saviour of the world. The Apostle John was inspired to write these amazing statements, 1 John 4:9 "...God sent his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him", verse 10 "...that he loved us and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins" and verse 14 "and we have seen and do testify that the father sent the Son to be the saviour of the world."

The word "sent" comes from the Greek word "apostello" from which we get the word apostle. It means to be set apart, to be set free to go out on a special mission to achieve a special purpose. Jesus did not have to be forced or persuaded to come to earth. Jesus came delighting to do God's will as the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Hebrews 3:1; 10:5-10; 12:2.

The sender was God the Father who we see was motivated by love; divine agape love, love that chooses to act in mercy and grace toward those who deserve eternal punishment.

The gift sent was the Only Begotten Son who came to be the propitiation for our sins. Jesus came to take our place before God, to bear our sins, to become sin for us when He knew no sin, neither was there sin in Him. God punished His Son Jesus in our stead and so Jesus completely and satisfactorily paid for our transgressions. God the Father raised Him from the dead and set Him on the right hand of the throne on high.

The beneficiaries of this Sent One, this Sent Gift, are the people of the world; the people of this kosmos; the inhabitants of this creation, all those created in His image. How wonderful that God has not left us in our sin and condemnation but planned for a Saviour, a Deliverer, a Rescuer to visit our planet to set us free.

This Christmas let us celebrate the sending of Christ, the Sender of Christ and the salvation we may receive through Christ. Let us also consider who we can send or how we can be sent to the lost and dying multitudes of earth to tell them of this world's Saviour.



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
to All from
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and Students at
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