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2011 Pastor's Report



A beautiful early snowfall occurred on October 29, 2011.

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It was a great privilege to continue serving as pastor of Long Hill Baptist Church during this second year of my pastorate. I am grateful for the support and encouragement received from our church body. And I am humbled by what Christ has accomplished in our church.

During 2012, we enjoyed a year filled with many blessings. Of course, some blessings came through spiritual battles. Yet, as James commands, we "count it all joy" knowing that the trying of our faith "worketh patience." I praise God that a number of our members have grown greatly through the great trials that God has permitted!

Throughout 2011, we conducted a variety of special activities that were designed to both reach the lost and to build-up our members as we carry out the great commission. Some key events are summarized below:

January

In January, my family was blessed to move into the church parsonage. We're thankful that the Lord has met our needs through our church.

February

Our annual "men serve the ladies" February Banquet was well-attended. Our speaker was Pastor Chris Camp of River Valley Baptist Church, Ansonia, CT. We appreciate Brother Ray Metchick's coordination of this annual event.

March

On Saturday, March 12, eight of our ladies attended the first annual ladies meeting at Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. Mrs. Harold Davidson gave her testimony of how the LORD brought her through great difficulties to eventually save her and to equip her for spiritual growth. Mrs. Davidson reminded the ladies that "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3).



Japan Tsunami Outreach. In March, we distributed a special offering for outreach in Japan to missionaries Ken and Vicki Mansell. The Mansells have been missionaries to Teshio, Hokkaido, Japan since 1985. They are sent by Bethel Baptist Church, an independent Baptist church located in East Tucson, AZ.



Brother Mansell wrote to thank our church for assistance:

"Thank you so much for the kind generosity and prayerful response to God's leading. We will be sure to designate your love gift to help win the Japanese in the effected areas.... Pray that Japanese Christians will have the compassion, wisdom, faith and boldness to show forth Christ at this time and that the eyes of the Japanese people will be opened! Thank you for your love for the Lord and caring for the dear Japanese people at this time.... they will need our continued prayer focus."

April



International Night. On Sunday evening, April 2, missionary Aaron McNully preached and presented his burden for Catalan people of Andorra, Spain, and France. That evening, we were also blessed to have the men's quartet from New England Baptist College with us.



Dr. Enoch Kumar's visit. On Sunday morning, April 10, we were privileged to have Dr. Enoch Kumar teach in adult Sunday school and preach in our morning worship service. Dr. Kumar is a national missionary church planter in India. Dr. Kumar and his church in India are focused on planting independent Baptist churches. His church also operates a Bible college and seminary. Please keep Dr. Kumar and New Testament Baptist Church in much prayer.

On April 14, we attended the **Spring Lecture Series** at Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, a ministry of Bible Baptist Church, Cromwell, CT. The meeting commemorated the four-hundredth anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible (1611 - 2011). The theme was the superiority of the underlying texts and translation of the KJV.

On April 18, we were privileged to conduct a funeral service for 14-year-old Brian Chris Carrion, brother of Shina Inasov.

May

- In recognition of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, we hosted a video conference dealing with the history of Authorized Version;
- Eight of our ladies attended the *Glimpses of God* ladies seminar at Greater Rhode Island Baptist Temple;

On Monday and Tuesday, May 17-18, we held our second annual spring meeting. Our ladies ensemble sang under the direction of sister Debbie Livioco.



Our Monday evening speaker was Pastor Ken Brooks of Calvary Independent Baptist Church, West Redding, CT. Saved in 1973, he received a B.S. in Bible with a minor in Greek from Bob Jones University in 1979. After fifteen years serving as a Christian school teacher and assistant pastor in his home church in central New Hampshire, Pastor Brooks came to Connecticut in 1995 to help found the church where he now serves. He earned an M.B.S. with excellence in Greek from Emmanuel Baptist Theological Seminary in Newington, Connecticut, in the first year of its operation.

Our Tuesday evening speaker was Pastor Keith Main of Galilean Baptist Church, Stafford Springs, and CT. Pastor Main was born and raised in southwestern Pennsylvania in the farming community of Greene County. He received the Lord as his Savior as a child at Willow Grove Independent Baptist Church of Waynesburg, PA. In 1997, the Lord began to burden brother Main's heart for the preaching ministry. In 2005 he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree at Emmanuel Baptist Theological Seminary. In December of 2005, Galilean Baptist Church called him to be their pastor.

June

- Our men attended a prayer breakfast at River Valley Baptist Church in Ansonia;
- A number of members attend the Northeast Leadership Conference at Central Baptist Church in Southington, CT.

July

New Hymnals Arrived! Praise God, that, in July, we were able to purchase and begin using our new hymnals. July was also a busy time – with our Thimble Island fellowship trip and teen summer camp at Galilean Baptist Church.



Thimble Island Day Trip. In July, we had a wonderful day trip to the Thimble Islands in Branford, CT. We enjoyed a boat tour and time of fellowship. And we distributed many gospel tracks.



Summer Camp. On July 24 – 29, eight of our teens attended summer camp at Galilean Baptist Church camp in Stafford Springs, CT. The speaker was Bro. Eric Ramos, an evangelist from Fairhaven Baptist Church, Chesterton, IN. We're grateful for Dan and Shina Inasov, who served as counselors.

August

On August 2nd, we were privileged to conduct a funeral service for brother James Legoza, a founding member of our church. Brother Jim was 90-years-old. He was the husband of Anne Britto Legoza. Brother Jim was a son of the late James and Elizabeth Szegdi Legoza. He was owner of Legoza Painting and Decorating. A dedicated hardworking family man, he was an avid gardener and a faithful church member.



Front Entrance Steps Replaced

We praise God that, in August, we able to replace the entrance steps at the front of the church building. Over 40 years, the steps had badly deteriorated and had become a growing safety concern. In addition to improving safety, we hope that this improvement will create a strong "first impression" of our building.

September

Second Annual Men's Overnight Retreat

Our men attended the second annual men's overnight camping retreat at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT. We enjoyed great food, fellowship, preaching and skeet shooting.



October

An October Anniversary. In October, we celebrated the first anniversary of the October 2010 launch of our ladies publication, *The Way of Holiness*. I am grateful for sister Jackie Thorpe and her faithful efforts in this ministry.

Annual Fall Meeting. On Monday & Tuesday, October 3-4, we hosted our annual fall meeting.



Our Monday evening speaker was Pastor Dan Herr of Chester Baptist Church, Chester, MA. In June, 2011, Chester Baptist Church celebrated its fifth anniversary and dedicated a church building. Pastor Herr and his wife, Patty, have four beautiful little girls who sang for us on both nights of our meeting

Our Tuesday evening speaker was Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Cromwell, CT. Dr. Strouse is a well-known defender of the King James Bible and the Greek and Hebrew texts which underly our bible. He is the pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, which was founded in 2009. BBC is home to Bible Baptist Theological Seminary.



Annual Youthfest Teen Outreach. In October, our teens attended the annual Youthfest youth outreach at Central Baptist Church in Southington.

New Church Web Site Launched. Praise God, that, in October, we were able to launch a re-design of our church web site. This re-design was funded entirely through donations. Visit us at LHBaptist.com



November

- Our second annual church Thanksgiving fellowship dinner was enjoyed by all;
- Five church members attended the Spring Lecture Series at Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, a ministry of Bible Baptist Church, Cromwell, CT The topic was the second coming of Christ;
- Four church members attended song-leader training at Central Baptist Church in Southington.

December

Christmas Eve Outreach. In December, sister Sandy Biasetti helped coordinate the collection of food and clothing for the needy. Our men distributed these items as part of a special outreach day in Bridgeport.

On December 15, I was privileged to preach the gospel at a funeral service for Mr. Allan Foo, brother of Lindie Gatling and Mary Ortiz – of all whom visited our church during 2011.



Also, in December we enjoyed our annual Christmas Eve candlelight service, together with a Christmas Sunday worship service.

Lastly, I would like to thank the church for providing funding which enabled me to attend two seminary classes, during 2011, at Bible Baptist Theological Seminary in Cromwell, CT.

Please pray that the LORD will greatly use Long Hill Baptist Church to carry out the Great Commission throughout 2012!

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Hammond