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Have We Abandoned the Supernatural Power of God?

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In the ministry of the prophet Isaiah, we read of the “woes” pronounced upon God’s people. They were profound warnings not to turn to the unbelieving world around them and make alliances for their protection/deliverance but to turn exclusively to the Lord.

The Lord saw it necessary to discipline His people because they had fallen into a perfunctory practice of religion in three significant changes: First, their attitudes were marked by lipservice, because their hearts had grown cold toward God. Second, their worship was diverted to the pleasing of men, rather than the pleasing of God; and third, they had substituted the precepts of God with the precepts of men. In Isaiah 29:13 we read of the changes that put God’s people in jeopardy of severe correction:

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men (Cf. Jeremiah 5:31). and in 30:9-11

That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

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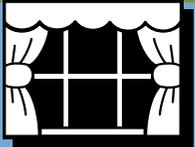
Good or Disgusting Letters

When my wife was teaching her kindergarten classes the letters of the alphabet, it was exciting to see how these very young students would eventually be able to put the letters together in multiple combinations to form meaningful words. Letters can be extremely helpful in forming words that are stating facts, expressing thoughts and capturing ideas. Thus, they are a means of communication – God communicates to us by the Word of God.

If you put some letters together like PA, that is an abbreviation for the word Pennsylvania. The initial letters of some compound terms or words; such as the PARBC, stand for the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches. That is a good way to refer to the organization by just stating the PARBC. For many folks that is a good and acceptable thing.

Then there are other letters that are simply disgusting. For instance, LGBT are used to stand for the intervals of LESBIANS, GAYS, BI-SEXUALS, and TRANSVESTITES. These individuals are going against God's design, purpose, plan and teaching in scriptures. They are perverting and distorting a godly life style. What they are, what they do is SIN. When you see the letters LGBT you should think of SIN – not acceptable by God.

I have observed that this group and the media, as well, always prefer to use the letters LGBT instead of the words they stand for – LESBIANS,

From the Parsonage Window 



"The Write Ministry"

We have a very special grandson, Jonathan, who is quite gifted with communication and language skills. This is amazing because he's challenged by Asperger's, an autism syndrome, but he's highly intelligent. His biggest challenge is social skills. He is obsessive compulsive and easily frustrated with change. But, he has overcome many challenges.

He grew up attending and graduating from Christian schools and is well grounded in Bible knowledge. Through his incredible ability to memorize Scripture, he can bring up the correct verse and application quicker than anyone I know--even some well-educated Bible teachers.

Finding resources to help Jonathan has been a challenge because he is so high functioning. Right now, his parents are on a new path to help him with life skills that will help him be independent and to ultimately find a vocation.

He yearns to be involved in ministry. And, he may have found it for now. He writes letters and sends cards. The church he attends has a letter writing ministry. They write or send cards to the infirm, elderly, and anyone who needs encouragement. JD, as we call him, is thrilled and his letters are amazing and encouraging.

Recently, a friend of mine passed away after a brief illness. Many of us sent her cards but as I was trying to pick out the right card, nothing fit what was on my heart. Then I remembered cards and notes we've gotten from Jonathan. In them, he often said how much we mean to him or talked about a particular incident that made a difference to him. It was never a simple thank-you card with a pre-written message. It was then I realized that what I needed was to take a cue from Jonathan and

As a result, when faced with enemies, like the Assyrians, they sought for an alliance with Egypt, rather than be reconciled to God and call upon Him for His supernatural intervention:

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! (Isaiah 31:1)

It was a choice that was doomed because God would not let His people bring dishonor upon His Name nor “give His glory to another” (Isaiah 48:11) as we read further:

Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together (Isaiah 31:3).

While all of this may seem long ago and far away, there is a pattern here that is all around us whereby our churches have become more people driven than Spirit driven and more reliant upon the presumed wisdom of men than the true wisdom of the Word of God. It hasn't happened overnight. It has been a slow, almost imperceptible evolution over time where we have lost our focus upon the holiness of God, the absolute authority of God's Word and the working of the Holy Spirit to build the Church of Jesus Christ.

The Holiness of God is not something we have lost/forfeited to the Pentecostals. The call unto holiness still stands in Scripture: “But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy” (I Peter 1:15,16). True holiness is not like the acts of the Pharisees, making a pretense of holiness as a show put on before the people by their almsgiving and public prayers. They were just continuing the “form of godliness” without genuine motive, divine power or love for God like those back in Isaiah 31. Holiness is the demonstration of a genuine change resulting from the New Birth, whereby we exhibit the fruits of the Holy Spirit, as enumerated in Galatians 5:22, 23. True holiness speaks of both our greater love for God and a sincere desire to honor and glorify Him in our lives.

The call to holiness is a call unto separation to God and from the world. Jesus acknowledged in His high priestly prayer in John 17 that while believers in Him were “in the world” (v11) they are not “of the world” (v14). John also warns us not to love the world, lest such love undermine our love for God (I John 2:15).

So then, likewise, we must not drift from reliance upon the absolute authority of the Word of God. There have always been, throughout human history, constant efforts to undermine the authority and clarity/perspicuity of Scripture. From “Yea hath God said...” to “prophecy unto us smooth things...deceits...,” Evolution, the Social Gospel, Universal Salvation, Easy Believism and the denial of a literal Heaven or Hell. The last one echoes a Higher Criticism denial of Biblical Truth taught at the close of the 20th century in a once fundamental Baptist school.

Lastly, the ongoing ministry of the Holy Spirit, from the day of Pentecost until now, has been a work not only to bring forth the Church but also to provide the resources necessary for the work of the local church. While Jesus Christ promised to build His Church (of which He is the head and the Corner) together with the apostles and prophets, it is the Holy Spirit Who

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- April 7th is registration deadline

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Upcoming PARBC Events

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Spring Conference

Union Baptist Church, Kittanning

Pastor Jonathan Hill

*Dr. Marty Von, Church Care Ministries,

Keynote Speaker

April 9 & 10, 2018

Youth Retreat and Talents for Christ

Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg • April 20-21, 2018

Evangelist Randy Merrill, Speaker

Fall Conference

Marsh Creek Fellowship Baptist Church, Wellsboro

Pastor Keith Williams

September 17-19, 2018

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Churches Searching for a Pastor



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Bethel Baptist Church -- Erie

Garden Heights Baptist Church – Erie

Roseville Independent Baptist Church – Mansfield

Tidioute Baptist Church – Tidioute

Calvary Baptist Church – Union City

Worthington Baptist Church – Worthington

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Spring Conference April 9 & 10, 2018

Union Baptist Church, Kittanning

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Marty Von, Church Care Ministries

“The Pastor Helping Their People Biblically

With the Complex Challenges of Today’s Life.”



Dr. Marty Von has spent 35 years counseling and discipling others. He served for 29 years in different ministry positions at Northland Baptist Bible College including Vice President, Director of the Department of Counseling, professor, as well as the campus counseling pastor for faculty, staff and students. He has since launched ChurchCare Ministries taking his passion for teaching, discipling and counseling to local churches. The emphasis of ChurchCare is uniquely relational. ChurchCare seeks to enable people to minister rather than providing them with an event to attend or a program to launch. ChurchCare is focused on relationships; to care for people in the church, and disciple them to care for others. ChurchCare envisions an ongoing relationship with the church, the Pastor and his staff over an extended period of time. Every church has its own story shaped by its history, its leaders, its community, and most importantly by its belief in Scripture. ChurchCare aims to connect with individual churches in order to help them address specific spiritual needs and help them grow in grace. church in the following ways; By teaching Bible truths; By training, to develop skilled disciples By encouraging personal growth. [www.churchcareministries.org.]

GAYS, BI-SEXUALS and TRANSVESTITES. It could well be that there is an effort to try and dignify in the eyes of the public and make acceptable something that is disgusting and sinful. I have addressed this issue with multiple scriptures in one of my past columns.

There is a continual building of influence and power by the LESBIANS, GAYS, BI-SEXUALS and TRANSVESTITES in our communities. I am sure you have read or heard of businesses owned by Christians that have been targeted by this disgusting group. Some Christians have had to go to court because their convictions would not allow them to do business with the LESBIANS or GAYS, etc.

The influence of this disgusting group has now forced a local business in Bloomsburg, PA, to close. The owner with Christian convictions refused to sell a wedding gown to a "same sex couple." Much harassment and pressure was created to eventually force this Christian to close the business the end of this month (March).

If we, who know the truth, do not defend the truth, then we are in real deep trouble. Ezekiel 3:17-19 says;

17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

There is no question that God expects us (each of us and all of us) who are born again to share the gospel and stand for the principles of scriptures. The ungodly and liberals (the wicked and their wickedness) are pushing an agenda of "political correctness" that is destroying what little moral value is left in our country. It is a very serious point in the life of the USA with primary elections this spring and the "mid-term elections" coming this fall.

Say what you will, but God has given a short "REPRIEVE" to our land of the free. Christians and churches were experiencing definite attacks and persecution under the last president's administration. That would have continued and intensified if our President had lost the election in 2016.

If we don't get out of our "comfort zones" and study the positions of those running for office (local, state & federal) and pray for the Lord's leading and intervention this short reprieve will come to an end. That's right; there are plans right now to remove the President from office if the liberals retake control of the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. If that were to happen, it would become more and more difficult for you as a Christian. That is true because the LESBIANS, GAYS, BI-SEXUALS & TRANSVESTITES and other liberals have no tolerance of Christian biblical values, convictions and lifestyle.

The LGBT is disgusting and sinful! See you at the ballot booth this May and November.

The Write Ministry, Continued

to send my friend was a note to let her know how much I care for her and how much her testimony has meant to me.

Another dear friend of mine makes her own homemade cards. She is homebound most of the time and her cards have encouraging messages and a testimony of God's servant doing what she can where she can and blessing whomever she can.

Proverbs says, "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country..." (25:25). If you're wondering what to say, take a tip from Jonathan and just write a note. There's an incredible out-reach ministry in letter writing. Too many hearts and too many mailboxes are empty.

initiated the Church with cloven tongues of fire on Pentecost. It is He Who baptizes us into the Body of Christ, the Church. He is the one Who equips believers to serve the needs of local churches according to Ephesians 4:11,12.

If God's Holiness, the authority of His Word and the working of the Holy Spirit are what He has provided as sufficient to fulfill His Great Commission, we have what we need to do God's work. Because of the supernatural provision of God, why would we go the way of rebellious Israel? Why would we turn to the world of unbelief, an enemy of God, like Egypt of old, for instruction on how to do God's work for God's glory? Why would we succumb to the ways of the world to do the Lord's work and trade away His empowerment and blessing for the presumption that the unbelievers have found a better way to do God's work, in these days? Some honest answers would be that we would rather do our will than the will of God. We want to be able to claim at least some of the glory and praise for success. We would rather have the praise of men than the praise of God. The Children of Israel saw everything in terms of themselves (what they could do), even if it took working together with enemy idol worshipers. It was pursued in the belief that the end can justify the means, and you can justify doing evil if it brings good results. That was the spirit of those who claimed to be God's people long ago. As it was soundly condemned by God then, why should we think it would earn His approval today?

Two Very Special Tributes

The following two articles are very special tributes to two saints that the Lord called home recently.

The Life and Legacy of Barbara Ann Lynch



(Note: As her husband, I have heard Barb give her testimony many times. We first met at a Youth For Christ rally as juniors in high school. We actually quizzed against each other since we were from different schools. I offer here my best recollections that I trust will be a blessing to some and an encouragement to others.)

Barbara Ann Lynch was born Barbara Ann Nichols on January 19, 1947, in Chester, Pennsylvania, the second of four children born to Harold and Mae Nichols. She graduated from Interboro High School in Glenolden, PA, in 1964. Her family did not attend church at all, much less with any regularity. However, she had three girlfriends who lived in the same project who all went to the Sunday School at the small Community Bible Church on the edge of her "community." These three friends would encourage her to go with them, even stopping by her house and waiting for her to get up and dressed.

She loved Sunday School, and church, too, for it was a place of peace and happiness to her. You see, things were not all that pleasant at home. Her father served on a submarine in the Pacific theatre during World War II. When the sub was attacked, her father had to seal off one of the compartments knowing full well that every man on the other side of that bulkhead would perish.

In fact, Harold was one of only a handful of crew members who survived. Instead of turning to the Lord, he turned to drink. As his drinking became worse, he also became abusive, both in his language as well as his actions. In his later years, he was virtually drunk all the time, even on Barb's wedding day (her uncle walked her down the aisle).

One day, when she was fourteen years old, her Sunday School teacher, a woman she dearly loved, took her aside and said, "Barbara, I sense that you don't seem to have any real peace in your heart." Barb almost blurted out, "Mrs. Colburn, if you lived in my house you wouldn't know what peace was either!" But she caught herself and responded by telling Mrs. Colburn that every Sunday she had raised her hand and asked Jesus to come into her heart. Very lovingly and tenderly, her Sunday School teacher said, "Barbara, Jesus doesn't come into your heart as a *means* of salvation but as the *result* of salvation. You wouldn't want Him to come into a dirty heart now, would you?"

For perhaps the first time in her life, Barb realized that she had never really dealt with the sin problem and had never truly been converted. But all that changed that day, as Barbara confessed her sin to Christ and was born again into God's family! Shortly after her conversion she began teaching children in Junior Church. She had no special training for teaching, but God had blessed her with a special gift in that area (as some of you may recall if you've ever heard her teach a class or do an "object lesson").

A year after she was saved, Barb was introduced to the ministry of Youth For Christ. There was a local YFC chapter in our area. In those days, area high schools were permitted to have a "Bible Club" along with other types of "clubs." Each club had a quiz team that would study different books of the Bible and then participate in a quiz during the Saturday night rallies. There would be three teams at a time and two quizzes. That meant that six different high schools quizzed each week. Three questions answered correctly, and the quizzier was "quizzed out." Barb "quizzed out" every time she participated.

At the end of the year, there would be a "quiz off" to choose the top fifteen quizzers to represent our local rally at the Easter Regionals in Ocean City, New Jersey. Barb was Number One! (Oh, by the way, I, too, made the quiz team ...at number fifteen!)

During her junior year of high school, she was introduced to her future husband, Ken Lynch. As she would say, "Oh, that Ken is a nice enough guy, but I wouldn't waste my life with him. He's too much of a goof-off!" Well, God had other plans. She spotted a real serious side to him during their summer at Ocean City as part of the quiz team. It made her begin to wonder.

Then came graduation; Barb from Interboro High and Ken from Chester High. Because of the way things were at home, she was unable to go to college, both for financial and other reasons. So, she went right into the work force as a secretary while Ken went off to Bob Jones University. During the next two years she and Ken would correspond back and forth. But both enjoyed their times together during the summer months. Most of their dates were on YFC outings or church activities and usually with a group. Slowly, that began to change as their feelings for each other began making themselves known.

Barb once commented to me that after my first semester at BJU, she saw such a change in me spiritually that made her sit up and take notice. God was working in both of our lives.

Once Barb got a new job in Philadelphia working at the INA company, she was encouraged to attend evening classes at what was then known as the Philadelphia College of Bible. The next four years involved a lot of study and a lot of late nights. She finally graduated in May of 1969. By now, she and Ken had been engaged for a year. After Ken's graduation from BJU, they were married on a hot August day in 1969.

Ken had been accepted to be the assistant pastor to Pastor Bob Walter at the Bible Covenant Baptist Church near Media, PA. However, due to the lack of finances, Ken had to work a full-time job. He became the Music Director, Director of Visitation, and Sunday School Superintendent in addition to working with the youth. Barb was asked to develop the Junior Church program; and so, her children's work continued. At one point, she was averaging about fifty children in grades one through six. She would teach a Bible lesson using *Footsteps of Faith* and a Christian life or missionary story. She helped train boys to be ushers and learn how to take up the offering. She had children playing the piano for singing and specials. She often said that, "Junior Church is to be just that: church on their level as opposed to a play and/or craft time. It was supposed to prepare them for 'big' church."

On January 22, 1975, the Lord blessed Ken and Barb with twin daughters, Jennifer Lynn and Joanna Mae. Jennifer's middle name was after Ken's mother (Evelyn or Lynn for short) and Joanna's middle name was after Barb's mother, Mae. At the time, they were living in a small two-bedroom apartment. In the spring of 1977, the Lord provided a large three-story, five-bedroom house for them. It was here that Barb began another ministry: Ladies' Teas. Many still remember those special times of fellowship with different ladies from the church. Her goal, though never realized, was to eventually have every lady in the church attend one of her "Teas." In 2005, the Lord led Ken and Barb to relocate to the Greenville, SC area.

That ministry of teaching spanned more than five decades. When she and Ken entered the ministry of itinerant evangelism, she would have a special object lesson for the children (that often kept the adults on the edge of their seats) and then taught them while he preached to the adults. During those years she had the joy of leading hundreds of children to Christ. She was a gifted children's worker and the children loved and respected her. She had an unusual way of telling stories that kept the children's attention. Several of those "children" are now serving the Lord in various full-time ministries around the world.

One of many examples that could be shared comes from a letter we received from a young man graduating from a Bible college and who was about to enter the ministry. He reminded us that Barb led him to the Lord during one of her classes when he was in the fifth grade. As he was about to enter the ministry, he wanted us to know how God had used her in his life. This story is only one of many that could be told. After more than five decades of ministering in this way to children, she was obliged to step aside due to encroaching health problems. But she never lost her heart for children and would speak in a school chapel whenever she was able to do so. It must have been "difficult" for her to sit and listen to Ken preach night after night. No, not really; she really enjoyed just being in the services.

On Tuesday evening, January 9th, 2018, Barb and Ken were sitting at home with their daughter (with whom they lived) having a pleasant evening together. Barb didn't feel particularly well that day. In fact, she did not even get dressed but stayed in her pajamas and bathrobe. Around ten o'clock in the evening, she stood up to go to the kitchen for a snack. It was then that she said, "Wow, I've *never* felt this weak in my life before! Honey, this just isn't natural." She and Joanna laughed through a film on television and then, at midnight, she said, "I'm tired. I think I'll say, 'Good night.'" An hour later, she was gone. The Lord allowed me to sleep soundly all night having no idea what God was doing. When I woke up around nine on the morning of January 10th, I called to her, but no response. I looked over at her...and I knew.

Barb and Ken celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on August 30, 2017. Barb's service is now finished, and she is with her Lord Whom she so faithfully served for all these years. "*Absent from the body and present with the Lord!*"

Let me close with this small gem.

*"One or the other must leave,
One or the other must stay.
One or the other must grieve,
That is forever the way.
That is the vow that was sworn,
Faithful 'til death do us part.
Braving what had to be borne,
One, howsoever adored,
First must be summoned away.
That is the will of the Lord –
One or the other must stay."
Anonymous*



The Life & Ministry of Rev. Walter E. Lawrence

by Rev. Daniel Lawrence



My Dad was Rev. Lawrence E. Walter and he pastored for just over forty-six years in five different churches in New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. He began his ministry as part-time youth pastor at the First Baptist Church in Maine, New York under Pastors Austin Plew and Floyd Barackman. His formal education began at Northeastern Bible Institute in New Jersey where he met his future wife the former Carol Holmes. He was a music major at Northeastern and always had a love for music throughout his ministry. He had to leave Northeastern to have his deviated nasal septum repaired. While he was away from school he found a job at IBM in Binghamton, New York in their machine and tool division. He and Carol were married March 28, 1964 in Spencer, New York. They made their home in Maine, New York where they ministered at First Baptist. I was born in May of 1965. Dad started attending Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City part-time in 1964. If Dad was working afternoons or nights, he attended classes during the day; if he was working days, he attended night classes. Baptist Bible Seminary bought a defunct Roman Catholic Seminary in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania in 1966 and moved their school down in the fall of 1967. Dad packed up Mom, me, and our mobile home and moved us to Shady Lane trailer park in Chinchilla where we lived until 1971. My brother David was born in April of 1968. Dad attended BBS full-time and worked full-time second shift at RCA in Dunmore, PA until his graduation on May 31, 1971.

Dad was called to Second Baptist Church in Bainbridge, New York during the summer of 1971. Dad took as his ministry's verse Joshua 1:9, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Little did he know how much he would need this promise throughout his ministry. Right away there were situations to deal with. First was to clean out the mud dauber wasp nests in the study. Then came the various inter-personal struggles between the church members. The truly difficult issues to deal with 'though, were how teach the congregation, including the youth, to live godly. It took much patience and faithful teaching from God's Word to bring the people to the place where they would faithfully live for him. This is what Yahweh commanded Joshua to do in verses seven and eight of chapter one. Dad faithfully studied and meditated, muttered on, which is what the Hebrew word for meditate means, God's Word. My sister Susan was born in January 1972. While there we also gained a foster sister Barbara Nabinger. Her mother kicked her out of her home because she became a Christian. She only lived about a quarter mile away and one summer day we saw her walking down route 206 to our home because she had no other place to live. Dad and Mom took her in and she lived with us until her graduation from BBC in 1980. West Bainbridge Baptist Church, which is what it was commonly known as, ordained Dad on March 6, 1973.

In the summer of 1973 the First Baptist Church of Eden, New York called Dad as their pastor. Eden was where Dad had his longest and most productive ministry. He served there from September 1973 to October of 1987. It was and is a special church. They invited Dad back to speak at their 200th anniversary in October of 2016. This church has been a faithful lighthouse of the Gospel for over 200 years now. It is situated in the fertile western New York plain just East of Lake Erie in the heart of the Western New York snow-belt where light flurries mean three to six inches and three feet of snow is common place. It is known as the Garden Spot of New York State because of the vegetable farming that takes place there. Dad had a very fruitful ministry there. There was a vibrant youth group that he inherited. These young people grew up and he was privileged to marry a lot of them. Some moved away, but some remained. Other

young adults moved into the area, were saved and came to our church. While the youth ministry remained, God blessed our church with an active Young Adult Ministry, which Dad joyfully pioneered and led. One young lady in particular stands out. Her name was Wendy Terwilliger. She taught the primary Sunday school class at the Methodist church across the street. After her class, she would rush across the street to the Baptist church, participate in the song service, and then go down to Junior Church with the kids because that was where she could learn the most. Dad never said a word and neither did the congregation. One day while reading her Bible by the pond on her family's property, she got saved! She graduated from colleges as an LPN and joined our church. In the meantime, a young man named David Habermill was saved at the University of Buffalo where he was a student and started to attend our church. In a funny turn of events his current girlfriend at the time attended with him. Wendy would sit on one side of Dave and his girlfriend would sit on the other side. Wendy won and Dad married them. Dave and Wendy are still faithfully attending an **Barb Lynch, Continued**

While pastoring there, Dad felt led to start a radio program on the local Christian station WDCX 99.5FM. The deacons and Dad presented this to the church as a ministry funded through the Faith Promise plan. This ministry lasted eight years and touched the lives of many in the greater Buffalo, Niagara Falls, New York, and Saint Catherine's, Ontario, Canada area.

In October of 1987 Champion Baptist Church in Warren, Ohio called Dad as their pastor. It was a difficult ministry. The church was split. It had been split since its inception in the 1970s. Dr. David Warren from Cedarville University was a great encouragement to my Dad during that time. He pastored that church in the 1970s and said he experienced the very same problems then that Dad was experiencing now. Dad resigned after two years. Warren Weirby said in Be Strong, "More than one pastor has been offered as a sacrificial lamb because he dared to suggest that the church make some changes." That is what happened to both Dr. David Warren and my Dad at Champion Baptist Church.

After a little over a year Dryden Baptist Church in Dryden, New York called Dad as their pastor in 1991. As is true in all of our Christian lives, ministry changes over time. Dad married a lot of couples in Eden. In Dryden, he had about fifty funerals. Brad Perkins, the funeral director of Perkins Funeral Home used Dad, in essence, as his in house pastor. Brad was a Presbyterian. Dad was a Baptist, but they agreed on so many fundamentals of the faith and became fast friends. Dad had many funerals for unsaved families and through that many people came to Christ.

Dryden had an active AWANA program, which Dad loved. He loved kids no matter how unchurched they were. Through AWANA kids were saved and some of their families also came to Christ and joined the church. Along with this vibrant youth ministry, Dad served on the executive board of directors for the Central New York Baptist Youth Camp, more commonly known as Camp BaYouCa.

Dad was called to Fellowship Baptist Church in Dalton, PA in 2002. This ministry was also different. Dad was now much older and not able to keep up with active churches like those he had pastored. Fellowship was a more laid-back church where Dad was almost semi-retired. God once again had a unique ministry for Dad here and that was to students at Baptist Bible College. God over the years brought twelve students to Fellowship to minister to and with us. Dad also presided over an active music ministry. We were able to present our Resurrection and Christmas cantatas in the Steamtown Mall in addition to Saturday and Sunday presentations at our Church.

Dad only missed two Sundays before the Lord called him to Glory. He lived his life courageously for His Lord. He also lived his life faithfully fulfilling what Paul commanded Christians in 1 Corinthians 4:2, "Moreover, it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful." God called Dad home on Friday, January 19, 2018, just two days short of his seventy-fifth birthday. We miss him. Fellowship Baptist Church misses him. But we know that we will see him again at the Rapture when we are all called up to Heaven where, "we will ever be with the Lord," 1 Thess. 4:17. Until then we will endeavor to remain faithful here.