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## The Timothy/Associate Program *Training and Investing in Tomorrow's Church* Dr. David C. Little, President

When Paul the apostle went on his second missionary journey, he recruited Timothy to go with him, Acts 16. Little did Timothy know where this journey would take him and how much he would gain in ministry experience.

Some years ago my good friend, Dr. Richard Van Heukelum, suggested that BCP provide a means for young men and women to gain experience alongside a veteran church planter. Thus, the Timothy Program was developed.

### Illustration One



Blane & Kelly Barfknecht & Family

Blane Barfknecht was one of those "Timothys." Blane came to Christ late in his teen years and went directly to Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary. With little "church experience," Blane felt he needed not only classroom education but "on the field experience." Roger and

Sheryl Ridley invited the Barfknechts to join their team in Gretna, Nebraska.

Listen to Blane's assessment: *"The Timothy program was an excellent experience. Working with Roger and gleaned from his insight was invaluable in preparation for a ministry as complex as church planting. I thank God for such a wonderful opportunity."*

Today, Blane is the lead church planter at Chalco Hills Baptist Church outside of Omaha, NE.



Eric & Amy Wilmeth & Family

### Illustration Two

Eric and Amy Wilmeth joined with Peter and Mary Lou Jenks in Bennington, NE. Last year, Eric was appointed the lead church planter of the Bennington work.

Here's what Eric says about his experience. *"I was able to heed the call and follow God's leading into full-time missions largely because of having the opportunity to first work as an associate church planter and get some 'on the job training.' It was great to witness God working and building in our lives as we progressed and continued to follow His leading."*

### Illustration Three

Eric and Erin Moore are serving as Associates with Steve and Becky Little in Wampsville, NY. They have already started raising their support and eventually want to plant a church.



Eric & Erin Moore & Family

The Timothy Program has two tracks, the Internship and Apprenticeship. The Internship is a summer program and the Apprenticeship is a minimum of two years.

If you know anyone that would be interested in participating in this vital ministry, contact Bob Bennett at [bbennett@bcpusa.org](mailto:bbennett@bcpusa.org), or call 440-748-1677.

Visit our website at [www.bcpusa.org/join/student](http://www.bcpusa.org/join/student)

# ChurchCare Construction

Thoughts from Builders –  
Brent & Michele Howard

## Building Churches - Building Lives

Brent and Michele Howard  
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### Leaving the Building Site

There is always a point in every building project that we see the light at the end of the tunnel. At this point the people are thrilled. They have put a lot of time and effort in and they are ready for the work to be done.

After spending almost a year at each one of the four main church building projects that we have worked on, some special bonds have been built. Honestly, we don't feel we have done our job completely unless we are able to form new friendships and impact our new friends for Christ in some way. The theme of our ministry from the start has been "Building Churches – Building Lives." We have found that saying goodbye and leaving after the job is completed is emotionally very difficult.

Our next project is at The Great Commission Baptist Church, Schaumburg, IL with Scott and Brooke Greening to remodel a store front. Then on to Bussey, IA to work with Brad and Marie Hanson to build a new church building for Community Regular Baptist Church.

Please pray for us as we build buildings and friendships and say goodbye many more times.

## What's Happening in JOY Club?

By Karen Peck, Director

- Hundreds of boys and girls hear the Word of God taught each week
- JOY Clubs are active in 24 states and 2 Canadian provinces
- Boys and girls are making life changing decisions in JOY Club
- Bible teaching curriculum revisions are almost complete
- Revisions for the handbooks are underway!
- Information material is available by emailing [kpeck@bcpusa.org](mailto:kpeck@bcpusa.org)



Last year Lydia invited a friend to come to JOY Club. She began to attend and seemed interested in what she was hearing. Lydia repeatedly tried to get her friend to come to church with her, but there always seemed to be a reason why she couldn't. As Lydia's birthday approached, her friend asked her what she would like for her birthday. Lydia told her friend that she would like to have her come to church with her on Sunday. The friend agreed and has continued to come. One Sunday evening as they were waiting for Lydia's dad, Lydia's mother noticed her daughter getting her Bible and talking seriously with her friend. That night Lydia led her friend to Christ and now Lydia and her family are very involved in discipling her in her new life in Christ.

## Herb & Wanda Taylor Appointed as Coordinators of BCP's Hispanic Ministry

At the March BCP Council meeting, Herb and Wanda Taylor were appointed to replace David Whitcher as Coordinators of BCP's Hispanic Ministry.

David Whitcher has relinquished his administrative duties due to his health.

Please pray for the Whitchers as David continues to battle the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning.



Herb & Wanda Taylor



Nate Babcock



Nate Babcock is techPartner's first intern. Nate says, "I feel that the Lord is calling me to help missionaries and churches in the area of technology. God has blessed me with a tremendous ability to work with computers and troubleshoot problems. I want to use this ability to glorify Him and I think techPartner is perfect for that. I look forward to the new challenges and know that with God all things are possible."

Chris Brown spent two days with a Deaf interpreter recording all Dr. Michael Peck's sessions of the new DVD marriage series, *Connecting - Developing Closeness on the Journey of a Lifetime*. Our new video/photo studio was used for the recording. We are happy to add this needed resource for our growing Deaf ministry.



DVD Marriage Series Now Available in Sign Language



Chris Brown gets technology tools to pastors in India.

In February Chris Brown went to India to help Indian pastors with technology tools for ministry. A highlight of the trip was being able to give away a much needed laptop to an Indian pastor that translates discipleship and study tools for the growing church in Manipur.

## Bob & Judi Sauser Serving the Western Field

Contacts, counsel, and comfort are part of the work of a BCP regional field director. Bob Sauser has served as senior pastor for a number of churches, the last being First Baptist Church, Creston, IA.

After retiring, BCP asked Bob and Judi to consider being the regional field director of the western part of the country. Already their wisdom, love, and counsel have been a blessing to the church planters.

If you would like to invite the Sausers for a meeting at your church, contact them at [bsauser@bcpusa.org](mailto:bsauser@bcpusa.org) or 641-782-8305. They are seeking support for this ministry.



Bob & Judi Sauser

# Church Planting

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NEWS FROM THE FIELD

## Nebraska

Chalco Hills Baptist Church, Chalco, NE (Blane & Kelly Barfknecht) had their recognition service February 12.



## Illinois

On March 20 Great Commission Baptist Church, Schaumburg, IL (Scott & Brooke Greening) had their charter membership business meeting.



## Tennessee

Faith Baptist Church, Fairfield Glade, TN (Tom & Peggy Shelton) celebrated their 10th Anniversary on March 6. John Little, BCP East Coast Regional Field Director was the speaker. Tom and Peggy continue their faithful work in this strong and growing church plant.



## Colorado

Mountain Shadows Baptist Church, Pueblo West, CO (Jim & Janice Mitchell) is busting at the seams. Their average attendance of 75 people cram into a 30' x 30' auditorium. The church desperately needs to add on. They are going by faith with "cash in fist." Please help if you can.



## Massachusetts

Hampton Street Baptist Church, Auburn, MA (Roy & Karen Kinney) just received a signed purchase and sales agreement to purchase 15 acres of land only 3 miles away from their present location! This is an upscale

country setting where there is much growth. The Kinneys are excited because this is just what they had been looking for and praying about for many years. In the past God has closed the doors regarding relocating; however, He seems to be opening the doors for this move. They also have an offer on their Hampton Street property. Please pray as they pursue these opportunities.



## Arizona

In February Dr. & Mrs. David Little and Bob & Judi Sauser visited two different church plants in the Phoenix, AZ area, the Marquez-Dale team in Glendale, AZ and Adam and Elizabeth Zamora in Buckeye, AZ. Dr. Little spoke at the 70th Anniversary celebration of Faith Baptist Church, Glendale, AZ (Alberto Marquez's church plant). The service was presented in both English and Spanish.

## New Jersey

Paul and Janet Robinson, Cornerstone Bible Baptist Church, Camden, NJ hosted Dr. David Little on April 28 when he visited their field of ministry. The Robinsons have faithfully ministered to the people of Camden for many years. Their love for people is very evident.



## Iowa

Bill and Stephanie Wilson, 2010 BCP appointees were commissioned by their home church, First Baptist Church, Lagrange, OH on April 17, 2011.

They will team up with another 2010 appointee family, Dan & Rebecca Fields, in starting a church plant in Waukee, IA.



Bill & Stephanie Wilson



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## Exciting News - Book Number Two is Published!

By Dr. Michael Peck

Over and over pastors have encouraged me to write for two reasons. First, to produce resources that will be 100% thoroughly biblical. Second, realizing that my years of traveling will someday come to a close, they have encouraged me to produce these materials so I can be in many churches at one time.

My goal, Lord willing, is to produce six marriage resources following the theme of "On the Journey of a Lifetime." The first two volumes are now completed, published and available!

*From This Day Forward—Preparing Couples for the Journey of a Lifetime* is a pre-marital resource complete with both the Counselor and Couple's editions. Pastors across America are finding their Counselor's edition loaded with scriptural direction, easy to interpret tests, three new wedding ceremonies, and practical assignments as they prepare couples for marriage. The Counselor's edition is \$19.95 and the Couple's edition is

\$9.95. A special bundling offer (1counselor/2 couples) is available for \$29.95 (a savings of almost 23%).

*Connecting—Developing Closeness on the Journey of a Lifetime* comes with the Leader's edition, Couple's edition, and a DVD with five full sessions taped before a live audience.

This resource can be used for Sunday School classes, Wednesday night studies, counseling sessions, neighborhood Bible studies on marriage, or as a gift. The Leader's guide is \$19.95, the DVD is \$39.95, and the Couple's edition is \$7.95 and all may be purchased separately. A special bundling offer is available which includes a Leader's guide, the DVD, and ten Couple's editions for \$109.95, a savings of nearly \$30.

These and other resources may be ordered by calling 440-748-1677 or order online at [www.bcpusa.org](http://www.bcpusa.org) and click on-line store.



## You won't be able to miss us at the GARBC Conference

in Denver, CO this year, June 27-July 1. BCP will have 5 booths full of church planting information. BCP Publications, ChurchCare, JOY Club, techPartner, and Deaf Ministry will all be represented. A BCP luncheon is set for Thursday, June 30, at noon at the conference hotel. Stop by any one of our booths to pick up your ticket.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

Since our last publication, gifts were given in memory of:

Amy Phillips  
 Ken Pletcher  
 Ted Glann