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A Glorious Time in Pigeon Forge for WWW

By Denny Dawes
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From the opening words of welcome on Monday night to the closing amen on Thursday morning, the glory of the Lord encamped around us. People traveled for miles to be part of these days of encouragement. The word was preached and the Holy Spirit worked in such an amazing way to join all of the messages to make them seem as one. The singing was so uplifting and our hearts thrilled with the praise for our Father.

Indeed Winter Worship & Workshop is one of, if not the very best gatherings in our brotherhood. This year our high attendance was 606, which was a significant increase from last year. Each person was blessed by the fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters. Our purpose is to give encouragement and every one of us needs to be encouraged. Not only do we need to be encouraged, we need to be encouragers for others. Attending WWW is a great way to be inspired to be a Barnabas and to give encouragement.

No doubt each person had a favorite speaker and message this year. I am openly biased on this matter for two of our sons were part of the program this year. Steve presented a concert of music on Monday evening, and we were so blessed with that. On Tuesday morning our son, Daryn, preached and his message about not being anxious about anything was a real blessing.

I want to express my thanks to the Trustees of Barnabas Ministries for the work they did and for all who helped in setting up the display area for Barnabas. I thank Danny Evans for leading our week. There is a lot of work that goes on for months in preparation for WWW. There are singers and speakers to contact and getting the schedule set up. Thank you everyone.

If you were not able to attend this year, we missed you. Our prayer is that, Lord willing, you will be in attendance for the next meeting. **Winter Worship & Workshop** is a week later than the normal date, so make note of the time. We will look forward to seeing you then.

Winter Worship & Workshop

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss any WWW meetings:

February 16-19, 2026

February 8-11, 2027



Steve Dawes



Jeff Bush



Don Wallace



Stephanie Treap-Davis

Meet Our Trustees

Barnabas Ministries is blessed with a team of men who are committed to Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives and serving you. We want you to know a bit more about these men:



Danny Evans – lives in Huntington, WV – married to Cindy – retired from located preaching ministry – works part-time at Wallace Funeral Home – served as Trustee for nearly 20 years



Larry Boggs – lives in Jackson, OH – married to Debbie – serves as preacher for Antioch and Hamilton Christian Churches – served as Trustee for nearly 20 years



Bob Huron – lives in Chesapeake, OH – married to Jana – serves as preacher for Guyandotte Church of Christ – also works for VA Hospital in Huntington, WV



Tom Logan - lives in South Shore, KY – married to Phyllis – retired from Federal Prison System – serves as Elder with St. Paul Church of Christ



Willie Purdee – lives in South Point, OH, married to Angie – serves as preacher with Central Christian Church, Ironton, OH

Please pray for these men as they serve to bring encouragement to the Kingdom. You can contact us at Barnabas Ministries, and we will be willing to help and serve you.



Dots & Dashes From Danny

By Danny Evans
Associate, Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

Something Lighthearted:

*What did one snowflake say to another? Let's stick together
How do you know when it's too cold for a picnic? When you chip your tooth on the soup!*

It has been a strange winter this year. From the weather that consisted of ice and snow and more ice and snow to days in the 60's and near 70. It is about time for winter to be over – only about 20 days as I am typing this article.

I know something else that is over and that is Winter Worship and Workshop 2025. It is in the history books now, but what a wonderful experience it was for everyone who attended. The preaching was excellent and each sermon seemed to build on the others. These men are not assigned topics. They are just told to be encouraging and they certainly were.

The music was great and the concerts and solos were a blessing. We had several folks step up and fill in when there was a need.



Daryn Dawes

Attendance was up quite a bit from 2024, with our largest session of 606 on Wednesday morning. We had a good number of first timers and that in itself was a huge reassurance. So far there have been only good comments, some even saying they have been coming for some time and 2025 was the best! God blessed all who were on the program, those who volunteered for the many jobs and behind the scenes work and the attendees.

The fellowship of such a great number was just fantastic. The entire gathering was just a blessing and we hope that if you were there you will encourage someone to come with you next year. Thanks to all who had a part in making the meeting a success.

We hope to see you next year in Pigeon Forge. Start making plans now to attend. Watch for registration forms to come out in July. Let me encourage you to **register early!**

Keep this meeting in your prayers as we have started working on the program for next year. May God be praised for the time we spend together.



Wayne B. Smith Award Presented at WWWW

Denny Dawes is presenting the Wayne B. Smith Award to Will & Carolyn Strunk. This award is presented to individuals who have faced difficulties and trials in ministry and have remained faithful to the Lord.



PREACHER RECRUITMENT & ENCOURAGEMENT SEMINAR

Barnabas Ministries wants to recruit and encourage preachers. We will provide a **FREE** seminar. If you would like to host one of these seminars, here is what Barnabas will do:

- We will bear the cost of speakers and hotels if needed.
- The speakers will present material relating to ministry and to the preacher's family.
- We can have sessions just for the wives.
- We will provide a binder for the material given out and a few other gifts for preachers and their wives.

The seminar schedule will be two speakers, a break, two more speakers, lunch and a final speaker. If this does not "fit" your plans, we are flexible.

The seminar is held on Saturdays. We are simply interested in encouraging preachers. The host church will provide lunch and snacks for break time. Barnabas will reimburse the church for all expenditures.

To schedule a meeting call:

Denny Dawes @ (740) 250-4937
or Larry Boggs @ (740) 978-8191

Put Away Pride

Some of you are old enough to remember John Brodie. John Brodie was a star quarterback for the San Francisco 49er's football team. Not only was he the star quarterback but one of his responsibilities was to hold the ball for the kicker attempting the point after touchdown and field goals. He was once asked by a reporter why a star player like him would have to hold the ball in those situations. John Brodie answered, "Well, if I didn't hold it, it would fall over." John Brodie put aside his pride to help his team win games.

Let's not allow pride to keep us from serving and helping others. Pride is an attitude of our heart and mind that tells us that we are more important or better than others. The apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:4 – *Love ... is not proud.* When we are being proud, we are not loving others as we should. Let's put away our pride. Colossians 3:12-14 says – *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with*

each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.



Learning With Larry

By Larry Boggs
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

Heaven on earth experience! The beginning of our Christian life is exciting. We are in a new relationship with Jesus Christ and have been saved from sin. Then we often face discouragement and trials. Spending time with our church family is important. We look forward to the Lord's Day assembly. Philippians 3:12-14 says – *Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* We press on toward heaven and fill our lives with as much heaven on earth as we can. My favorite 'heaven on earth' experience happens in February each year in Pigeon Forge, TN at the Winter Worship & Workshop sponsored by Barnabas Ministries.

I thank God that Denny Coburn had the vision for such a great meeting. I've heard from many who attend that this is the greatest meeting in our brotherhood! The reason for this is that WWW has one goal – to encourage each other and to get a taste of what heaven will be like.

For me personally, I get a sense of peace, joy, and connection with my brothers and sisters in Christ that I don't receive anywhere else on earth. The time I spend there is very uplifting and encouraging for when I return home.

At WWW, you will enjoy great singing led by Art Bush, Steven Foster, and Leon Bradley. Jeff Bush keeps everyone laughing with his great skits. The preaching always seems to flow together to bring one complete message. I have been blessed to attend each WWW and I certainly consider this my little taste of what heaven will be like when I finally get home.





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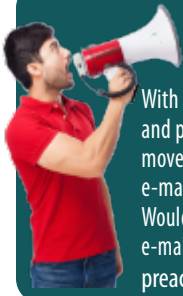
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**Doctrinal
Statement**

BIBLE: the only inspired record of God's revelation to us
SIN: the only thing standing between God and man
JESUS CHRIST: The only perfect One who paid for sin
THE GOSPEL: The only record of Jesus' life
SALVATION: the only hope for sinful man
FAITH: is only "saving faith: if it includes repentance, confession of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and being baptized as did every convert after the resurrection of Jesus.



Check Out These Events

- **Person To Person Spring Clinic**
Hillsboro, OH
May 14-16, 2025
- **Sugarloaf Family Camp**
Wallingford, KY
June 28-30, 2025
- **Hillsboro Family Camp**
Hillsboro, OH
July 21-24, 2025
- **National Prayer Clinic**
Grundy, VA
October 8-10, 2025