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Pause With Dawes

By Denny Dawes
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We have completed the 24th **Winter Worship Workshop** and what a great meeting this was! (See photos throughout this newsletter) The attendance numbers exceeded last year's numbers with a high attendance of 614 on Tuesday morning. When we left Pigeon Forge on Thursday morning, Danny Evans challenged us to exceed 650 in attendance for 2027. One of the highlights this year was the preaching by 13 year-old Deacon Davis, son of Aaron and Stephanie Davis. I am sure we will be hearing great things from this young man in the years ahead.



In the Old Testament we read about the Bread of the Presence. It is also called the show-bread. This bread was always present on the table in the tabernacle and later also in the temple. We can read about this bread in Leviticus 24:5-9. Here is what we can learn about the Bread of the Presence: a) it was baked from the finest flour b) it was baked in twelve loaves, with each loaf having two-tenths of an ephah of flour (*an ephah was about seven pounds*) c) the bread was stacked on the table in two piles,

six loaves in each pile d) the bread was covered with frankincense e) it served as a memorial food offering to the Lord. Only Aaron and his sons could eat this bread in a holy place. The bread was set out on the table every Sabbath day.

Likely this bread was prepared on Friday and put on the table in the tabernacle on every Sabbath day. Each week new bread was baked to replace the bread on the table.

We might recall the occasion when David, while running from King Saul, asked the priest Ahimelech for food. The priest gave David the bread of the Presence to eat. David was not a priest and so technically it was not lawful for David to eat the bread. Later, Jesus speaks of this time and he uses this to prove that the Law was made for man's benefit, and that he (Jesus) is Lord of the Sabbath. (Matthew 12:1-8)

The Bread of the Presence in the Old Testament symbolized the presence of God with His people. The term 'bread of the Presence' translates to 'bread of the face', thus indicating it was a visible sign of God's face or presence.

Today we can see a similarity in the Bread of the Presence to Jesus, the Bread of Life. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus took bread and broke it telling his disciples 'this is my body'. We understand it is not the literal body of Jesus, but it is symbolic of his sacrifice for us and his presence with us. We recall the account of Jesus with the two on the Emmaus Road. As the two were telling the others of their experience, they said – Luke 24:35 – *Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.*





What I Saw at Winter Worship Workshop

What I saw that others may not have is how well Music Road Resort treated us. Their employees made us feel welcome. If we had a need they made sure that that need was met. The young lady that works

For 24 years this program has been presented to bring God's people together to encourage them. Now we are working on our 25th WWW. This will be a special year as we celebrate God's love and blessings. I would like to encourage everyone to make plans to be at this 25th celebration in 2027. Those dates will be February 8–11, 2027. Registration forms will be available in about three months so begin now making plans to be at a great gathering of God's people. I hope to see you there!



February 8-11, 2027

**Music Road Resort • Pigeon Forge, TN**



Wisdom From Willie

By Willie Purdee
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

Make WWW Your Number One Choice

The highlight this year was a couple from the church I serve attended the conference. Not only did we enjoy fellowshiping with them, but we got to see the excitement that we have for the meeting rub off on them. They had a great experience. In a Bible study the husband spoke to the group gathered about what a great time they had and encouraged everyone to try to attend next year. The wife is already making plans to attend next year. If you have to choose one conference or gathering to attend, I would say make WWW your number one choice.



Bye-Words From Bob

By Bob Huron
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

What I liked Most About WWW

WWW has never failed to encourage Jana and me. The music was tremendous, the Word of God was filling, and the fellowship was a blessing. But as I look back on the week, perhaps the most enjoyable part of the week was seeing all the smiling faces and excited worshippers. Being able to greet everyone as they came in the door was a treat as I briefly interacted with some of my many future neighbors in heaven and my dear brothers and sisters in Christ here on earth. I also greeted old friends and new friends in those moments.

The joy I felt was just a small part of what Paul would speak of when he said "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV1984). I keep hearing the word of a dear soul that was there this year: "This was almost like heaven." Thank you to everyone and all the ministries present that made this week special.

Thank you, Denny and Danny, for the hard work you put into the planning and execution of this blessing from God. Thank you to all the people who came and participated whole-heartedly for your encouragement to me.



Learning With Larry

By Larry Boggs
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

Great Time in Pigeon Forge

It was another great meeting in Pigeon Forge this year. Thank you Denny Coburn, for seeing the need for such a great meeting. To me, the time we spend at WWW is a little taste of what heaven will be like. During this time, I've built many wonderful relationships with so many great Saints.

We had a couple from our congregation that went for the first time and they loved it and can't wait for next year. It was a great time for encouragement, fellowship and to build lasting relationships with people that we will spend eternity with. I encourage all of you to come next year and experience a little taste of heaven for yourself.



**Refresh.
Renew.
Refocus.**

These are just a few of the words I can use to describe the 24th WWW in Pigeon Forge, TN. The encouragement I received from my brothers and sisters was, and is unbounded. From the worship sessions to the foundational preaching, and even to the evening fellowship, this gathering strengthens my walk with Christ. God willing, I look forward to rejoining these brothers and sisters (and hopefully many more) next year in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. *(From Guest Writer Nick Adams – First time attendee of WWW)*



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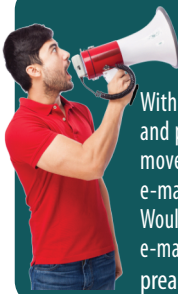
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The only perfect One who paid for sin

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The only record of Jesus' life

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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.



Pictured with Denny Dawes (L) and Danny Evans (R) are: Charles "Skip" Domigan, John Byard, Jim Dawes, and Larry Williams. These four preachers received the Honored Servant Award February 16, at WWW. The four preachers have more than 230 years of faithfully preaching the gospel. Thank you!



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