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Pause With Dawes

By Denny Dawes
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As you read this, we are now only a few weeks away from the annual gathering at the Music Road Hotel in Pigeon Forge, TN, for Winter Worship and Workshop (WWW). I have asked our Trustees to share a brief article about what this meeting means to them, or what is the highlight of the meeting for them, or what they enjoy most about the meeting. As you read what they have to say, hopefully you can and will relate and enjoy what they share. I am certain that as you read you will have memories and thoughts about some of the meetings you have been able to attend.

This year, our meeting will be held Monday-Thursday, February 16-19. Hopefully by now you have registered and are one of those who will be in attendance. I know that our registration numbers are above those of last year. As of this writing we have 435 registered, compared to 365 last year at this time.

One of my highlights for our meeting is greeting all the folks and being able to visit, even if it is for just a few minutes at a

time. The fellowship is good and I am encouraged just to see brothers and sisters.

We have been blessed by our Heavenly Father with another year. Often we associate the new year with making New Year's Resolutions. I read that the great preacher, Jonathan Edwards, made five resolutions when he was a young man and he lived by them until he died. Consider these:

1. Live with all my might while I do live.
2. Never lose a moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I can.
3. Never do anything which I should despise or think meanly in another.
4. Never do anything out of revenge.
5. Never do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

These are certainly some good resolutions to live by. We can follow the teaching of the apostle Paul from Colossians 3. In v. 1-2, set your hearts and your minds on things above and in v. 5, put to death whatever belongs to our earthly nature. One mistake we often make in trying to live the new life for Christ is that we try to tame our sins rather than putting them to death. We think we can control those sinful habits, but we are taught to put them to death.

May the Lord bless you this year. I am looking forward to seeing you in Pigeon Forge.

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Dots & Dashes From Danny

By Danny Evans
Associate, Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

Something Light-Hearted:

"Somedays I feel like running away. Then I remember how much I hate running."

"I'm gonna quit my job and travel the world until I run out of money! I estimate I'll be home again around 10:00 pm this evening."

JUST TRY GETTING AWAY! There are days in my life that I think seriously about running away. I am sure that each person reading this article has had days when the pressures of the day just seem to push and push and you would just like to run away for a little relief. Of course if you want to run away if even for overnight, you have to find your cars keys, make sure you have your wallet/purse, and then you will need an extra change of clothes. Don't forget your personal care kit and if you are my age you have to get the handful of medications that you take two or three times a day. So, after all of this thought and planning you have to decide where to go and finally you decide to stay home.

Well, I have a good place to tell you where you can go. Why not come to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee in February? If you are reading the Paraklete you have probably attended this meeting or at least you know of someone that has attended. This meeting is called Winter Worship and Workshop and it is held at the Music Road Resort. This year is the 24th annual meeting of this great gathering. At this meeting you can put home in the rearview mirror at least for a few days and you can be encouraged to grow in your relationship with the Lord. When people grow in this relationship they find it easier to deal with all the challenges they may be facing at home. It is also a great place to see your friends and meet hundreds of brothers and sisters in Christ. Last year at our Wednesday morning session we had over 600 in attendance.

Did I mention this meeting is in Pigeon Forge? This is a place where you can spend each afternoon eating, shopping, seeing the sights, driving around the area and seeing a ton of special sights or you can sit in front of the fire and take a nap if you want.

We have top notch preachers who share great insights into the Word or they remind you of teachings you have forgotten or in which you may have grown weak.

Why not consider coming to this meeting, if not this year then next year. I have heard it said many times by people who have attended, "I am so glad I started going to WWW and I plan on being there every year."



Tom's Thoughts

By Tom Logan
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

I remember the first time I attended WWW and the encouragement and uplifting I received. To be in one place with so many fellow Christians, hearing the great messages and singing praises to God was an overwhelming experience. I never dreamed that one day I would become a Trustee of Barnabas Ministries and have a part in presenting this workshop.

I still get the same encouragement and I am lifted up each time I attend and enjoy the great fellowship of Winter Worship and Workshop. The greatest part for me in being involved in WWW is getting to meet and greet everyone as they come for the sessions. I will be one of those handing out the candy!



Bye-Words From Bob

By Bob Huron
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

Winter Worship and Workshop is a special week for Jana and I. Many years back we learned about this gathering and have strived to be present every year since. Why this program? Why this week? With the highly active Thanksgiving and Christmas events behind us, this week in February gives us a boost of encouragement and motivation.

Many of us now travel together, some of us in groups and even in the same vehicle. We are welcomed to a beautiful facility with rooms and meeting halls on one property. The program design gets us going in the mornings with fantastic praise and worship along with the dynamic messages from the word of God. We also have time for fellowship with our brothers and sisters over meals at good restaurants, shopping, or sightseeing in the beautiful Smoky Mountains.

For those who need it, the afternoon can be a time of rest and relaxation. We close out the day as we started with more praise and encouragement from the Word of God. The entire program is planned beautifully and delivered in a welcoming format that encourages the saints to return home and press on in life, in labor, and in the love of Christ. I thank Barnabas for their commitment to provide this time for those who need and look forward to the encouraging week.



Learning With Larry

By Larry Boggs
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

My thoughts on the **Winter Worship and Workshop**. I have been blessed to be at every meeting in Pigeon Forge throughout the years. It is a great time of fellowship and I have met many new friends that will last for all eternity. I truly enjoy this meeting for the upbeat and encouraging messages. For me, it is one of the greatest meetings of the Brotherhood throughout the year.

Pigeon Forge is a wonderful place to get away for a relaxing and enjoyable week. One of the things I have enjoyed during the week is being the Candy Man. I get to greet each brother and sister with a warm smile as they enter. This meeting has been a great time of encouragement for all who come and has been a wonderful blessing in my life.



Wisdom From Willie

By Willie Purdee
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

Winter Worship and Workshop for me is a time to be refreshed and encouraged. Our Brotherhood has many meetings, and they all serve an important role, and I believe the purpose of Winter Worship and Workshop in encouraging the saints, has been one of the best planned and carried out.

When I am there, I think it is just a glimpse of what heaven will be like when we are all there together worshipping the Lord. I know for me personally this gathering has been uplifting and has spurred me on to continue serving the Lord. Last year Angie and I were awarded with the Encourager of the Year award and we were truly overwhelmed and blessed. That recognition meant way more to us than most would imagine. I am so thankful to be a part of this ministry and proud to serve with the other Trustees.



Here's What Others Are Saying They Enjoy About WWW



"I love getting to see all my brothers and sisters I don't get to see on a regular basis. I really would be sad if this trip would end. Keep up the good work!" – *Teri Martin*

"The fact that it is ALWAYS about encouraging the saints, plus the phenomenal fellowship. There is nothing like it in the entire Brotherhood. Really looking forward to being there soon." – *Will Strunk*

"The joyous atmosphere." – *Aaron Davis*

"Inspiring sermons, special music, and of course, the great fellowship." – *Jim Dawes*

"The moment we have everyone checked into their rooms. Seriously, the sessions and the fellowship." – *Derek Stump*

"I really enjoy the friendly atmosphere that the program provides. You guys have done a great job making it completely encouraging with a mix of laughter." – *Erick Clemons*

"This gathering has become a family get together for us and I love being able to spend time with them." – *Joan Dawes*

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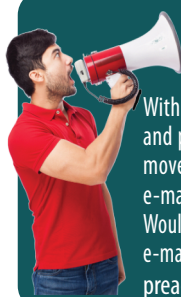
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The only perfect One who paid for sin

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The only record of Jesus' life

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FAITH:

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