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MEETING THE FAMILY

Mike and Lisa McCorquodale



They moved from Oregon to Owingsville, Eastern Kentucky, in 2010. After exploring various places of worship they visited Bluegrass Baptist Church, then a small but growing fellowship meeting in a storefront on Paris Pike. Despite having to drive an hour from their home for each meeting they soon joined the church and then shortened their commute by finding a home in Georgetown. They have since moved back to their original home while still attending here. Lisa works for Miss Behaven Gift Shop in Georgetown and Mike is at the VA

Medical Center in Lexington.

Lisa was saved in Vacation Bible School. Mike was saved as an adult, while watching Charles Stanley on television. They have been married 35 years and raised three children: Quinton (32) lives in Minnesota, Molly (31), was a member here before taking up a teaching position at a church school in Virginia, and Grace (21), lives in Lexington where she manages a coffee shop with her fiancé.

Cory and Rebecca Turner



Cory and Rebecca have been faithfully attending since joining BBC in 2019. Both are from Christian families and were saved as children—Cory (from Paris, KY) aged eight years, at Faith Baptist Church in Cynthiana and Rebecca (from Walton, KY) aged seven years, at Big Bone Baptist Church in Union, KY. She is the daughter of Jeff and Sharron Adkins.

Cory works with horses at Spendthrift Farm on Iron Works Pike in Lexington. When the family moved into a house on the farm, they looked for a church nearby and found BBC. Rebecca stays home to care for Joshua (who was a year old when they joined our church) and his brother, Nolan, who was born two years later.

Eli and Ali Cooper



Ali is from Georgetown. Elias (Eli) moved here from Brooksville, KY, in 2017, shortly after they met at an open house Ali was hosting. Two years later they were married.

Eli received assurance of his salvation after recommitting his life to Jesus Christ in 2015. Ali met Jesus as her Savior at a youth retreat in 2004. Their daughter, Annabell, is 14 and was baptized at BBC a year ago, at which time Eli and Ali also joined our church. They

had been searching for a spiritual home that believes and preaches the Bible, where they could actively pursue their personal relationship with God as an example to Annabell, so that the family could together serve and follow their Lord.

Ali works for White, Greer and Maggard Orthodontics. Eli used his skill as a carpenter to launch his own business, Cooper Home Remodeling, in 2019.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

On Happiness

The feeling of happiness is fickle. We live in an age when everyone is desperately trying to be happy, but few seem to find that illusive state. The Hebrew word for happiness (אַשֶׁר) 'ešer means a state of bliss. The Bible says much on the subject.

Moses, commending faith in Jehovah writes:

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency!(Deuteronomy 33:29a)

Job made this profound statement:

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

David said much about happiness:

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath -- his quiver full of them ... (Psalm 127:4-5) ... yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD (Psalm 144:15)

Solomon, in his Proverbs, tells us that happiness is connected to wisdom (3:13), to being merciful (14:21), to being sensitive to God (28:14), and to obeying the law (29:18). Jesus says that happiness and obedience to God's Word are linked (John 13:17).

James and Peter in their epistles say that if we suffer for the Gospel's sake we should be happy (in a state of bliss) because it means we are living and suffering like Jesus (James 5:11, 1 Peter 3:14, 4:14).

Every day will not be filled with bliss, but happiness can be found in each day, through each moment, as we trust in the Lord. Great difficulties come, horrific events happen, tragedies befall us, and sorrow can fill a day, but happiness should be the underlining emotion that flows from the joy of our salvation.

Happiness may flee at times but it will return as we rehearse eternal things, the things of God. Like anyone else, I often lose sight of the big picture and begin to dwell on the terrible events of life, the struggles of those around me, and my own shortcomings. As a pastor, I am burdened by the deep valleys experienced by some church families. When I begin to feel overwhelmed I am reminded that the source of happiness in this life is my Lord! He is my shield, the Wisdom of the ages, the one whom I love, fear, and obey.

We can be happy because God is by our side!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

My Joy in Home Education

by Erin Seaman

Family functions at its finest when we have things in common. Things like mealtime, play time, car time and church time. For our children there has been the added dimension of school time, allowing Keith and I to strengthen relationships by spending more time interacting with them, teaching them, and guiding them to fear the Lord, while striving to instill a love of learning for all areas of life. We have worked at continually praising the Lord together throughout each day, as prescribed in Ps. 34.

Home education made this possible, allowing us to encourage and direct the natural inquisitiveness shared by all children, in our home environment. Learning has included necessary skills and academics, but there has been much that we as parents could add about life in general and how learning could be applied out of the classroom. The development of the souls of our children is a lens through which they will mature and see the world and we have continually sought to guide them to be ever conscious of God's hand at work in every area of their lives.

We understand that individual circumstances dictate that not all families are able to home educate their children. At BBC we have approximately twenty families who do so. Knowing we have other believers in our own church who have

chosen the same path is encouraging and allows us to come alongside one another for advice, support, and fellowship. Our next scheduled activity is a tour of the Toyota Factory in March. A tour of the KY Capital is in the works for April.

Spring Park Days will be announced as the weather warms up. If you are a homeschooling family, we welcome your ideas, suggestions and participation!

Why I Enjoy Our Youth Group

by Drew Fannin

Our youth group has been richly blessed with great friendships. Zach and Sarah Kirchner, our youth director and his wife, plan awesome activities to bring us together and also to have good fellowship one with another. From March Madness parties to pick-up basketball games, or to just hang out, we all have a blast. On the spiritual side, we always hear great lessons on Sunday and Wednesday nights in youth group services. The Lord has truly blessed us all!

LifeStage / The “New” Horizons

by Yvonne Thayer

It's been about 10 years since the Horizons Life Stage was started. Stuart and Yvonne Thayer were new to the church when they were asked to lead a group for folks 45 to 60 years of age. They chose the name “Horizons” because members would be approaching the top of the hill but weren't "over the hill" quite yet!

Seven couples and a handful of single adults made up the first group. More members joined as the church continued to grow. With the restructuring of the Life Stage there are now twenty couples and seven other adults aged 55 to 70 years, while Brian and Shannon Lawson are sharing the leadership role with Stuart and Yvonne.

Group Activities over the years have included the Annual Hobo Stew dinner, Sunday Suppers, Illuminated Evenings at Shaker Village, visits to the Bluegrass Scenic Railroad and Museum in Versailles KY, Mine Portal 31 in Lynch KY, The Arc Encounter, and Bernheim Forest in Clermont KY. More interesting and varied future activities are planned for the future, mingled with ministry opportunities.

If you have not yet participated in one of the numerous Life Stages and fit into the Horizons Life Stage age group, contact Stuart and Yvonne Thayer or Brian and Shannon Lawson for more information about us.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF GREAT REVIVALS

A Continuing Series

THE WELSH REVIVAL

Spiritual revivals have been interwoven with the life of God's people since the days of Abraham, who believed God and followed Him. Throughout the tumultuous history of Israel there was continuing evidence of God's life-giving and superintending presence until the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem that marked the birth of the Christian church 2000 years ago.

Almost every generation, in every nation where the Gospel has been received, has since then experienced some tangible form of God's close and often miraculous interventions in the lives of those whom He has redeemed.

The 1904-1905 Welsh Revival was one such intervention, mentioned here because it was so well documented, so spectacular, so controversial and ultimately had such a far reach to countries and communities around the world, including the United States where it kindled a flame in the Appalachian region amongst the Welsh settlers.

The Welsh love to sing, and to this day they love to sing the old-time hymns (as evidenced by glorious and continuous hymn singing by great crowds at major rugby games), although the modern Welsh, though delightful people, are generally quite profane. The grand old hymn, "Here is love, vast as the ocean" was closely associated with the revival that began 118 years ago and spread to meetings taking place across Wales night after night, with fervent prayer and passionate singing and total disregard for the time. Gatherings sometimes lasted from sunset to sunrise, exciting many, frightening some, and causing deep concern amongst others. In little over a year, 100,000 people had made commitments to Jesus Christ.

Whole communities changed. Bars closed, crime fell, deep tunnels in the coal pits became occasional chapels, and the little horses that hauled the

underground coal trains no longer responded to instructions from the miners because their once filthy language had been sanitized.

The long-term consequences were felt as far afield as Korea and India, France and North America,. In Wales the fires died down after about a year and church services reverted to quiet respectability.

A local pastor wrote about the revival, noting that his church had been privileged to share in a “strange but life-changing movement of God [...] Drunkards and the most hopeless types became holy men, backsliders returned to the fold, men who had only professed religion entered into its power, and they are with us still, and by the Grace of God will remain faithful unto death.”