



October – November 2018

The Hope of Glory

This is our new ministry theme for this next year taken from Colossians 1:27



Coming and Exciting in 2019



April 15-16 ... Spring Preaching Conference @ First Baptist Church, Laurel, MT
June 13-15 ... Nehemiah's Work Retreat @ Castle Rock
June 19-22 ... Elijah's Leadership Academy @ Castle Rock
June 24-29 ... Caleb's Kin @ Castle Rock
July 8-13 ... Senior High @ Castle Rock
July 15-20 ... Intermediate @ Castle Rock
July 22-27 ... Junior @ Castle Rock
August 15-17 ... Men's Trail Ride @ Castle Rock

September 30-October 2 ... Annual Meeting @ Heritage Baptist Church of Great Falls, Montana

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

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We enjoyed a great annual meeting in October at Fellowship Baptist Church of Miles City. Pastor and Mrs. Evans and the members of the church did a superb job of hosting the meeting. We saw a record attendance of Pastors and Wives as well. Please notice the dates for ministry and fellowship for the new year. Please continue to pray.

NEW WEBSITE IS NOW AVAILABLE: IMBFELLOWSHIP.COM

It is our prayer that we might relay to our readers the vistas of the glories of Christ and His work, enjoy the sweet fellowship of God's people, and share our burden for the great and needy harvest fields of the IMBF.

Pastors of fellowship member churches can send news articles from their churches to Pastor Paul D. Hoover to be included in future issues of this newsletter. Contact Pastor Hoover: pauldhoover@icloud.com

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Golden Hills Baptist Church: Lead, South Dakota

The year 2018 has been one of progress for the church. The Lord has added to the church giving us five members since January. Though the properties suffered heavily from a severe thunderstorm which dropped a tornado west of town and 3-inch hail on us, we are thankful for good insurance which covered all the monetary needs to repair the damage. We are praying that the Lord would provide us some experienced, knowledgeable helpers to complete these storm repair projects including replacing a steel roof and steel siding in the summer of 2019. We enjoyed the summer camping season at Castle Rock with groups from our church there as workers or campers for nearly every week. With winter weather already upon us here in the mountains, we are especially thankful that the Lord brought us some vacationers who decided to completely fund the \$6,500 needed to replace a furnace for our fellowship and Sunday School areas. Finally, Pastor Phillips and his family were blessed to attend the IMBF annual meeting in Miles City renewing old acquaintances and making new

By Pastor Gordon Phillips - Many years ago I obtained a copy of Dr. T.M. Shanafelt's 1899 volume *Baptist History of South Dakota*. In his preface he wrote, "Our work is too intimately connected with the foundational work that preceded it, to justify us ignoring the past. 'Other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors.' We labor more intelligently, and accomplish more, when we know how our predecessors wrought, and what they achieved." Factors that were cause for concern among those pioneering Baptist men were the following: 1) Often favorable opportunities to establish new ministries passed without doing so; 2) Sometimes overzealousness to multiply organizations without any foresight to viability was the guiding principle; 3) There were some unwise selections of pastors; 4) The predominance of non-compensated ministers was producing a "secularized ministry and a non-contributing people"; and 5) Some churches were not able to possess their own permanent house of worship.

First Baptist Church: Laurel, Montana

The first class of 1st Baptist School of the Bible was held Tuesday Sept. 4th with 12 students, some for credit toward degrees from Mountain States Baptist College. Pastor's Assistant, John Watts should complete the requirements for his Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies this semester, and Kelly Wilson his Master of Ministries! some others are taking the class for credit and some others attend to increase their knowledge of the Bible. The class this semester is The History and Preservation of the Bible. Future classes will be held on Monday evenings.

Anchor Club had a good start for this school year on Wednesday evening the 12th with Captain Joe Kleinhans with his good crew of several couples, and singles and one new crew member.

We were glad to have Charlie and JoAnn our missionaries to Argentina with us all day Sunday the 23rd. It amazes us how much they continue to accomplish despite Charlie's many health issues. They have seen many wonderful answers to prayer in the past few months!

Also, on the 23rd we welcomed into our church a YOUNG man, Luke Tapp, who has been with us for a few months and already been active in Anchor Club! He and our special young lady, Kristy Marsich, will be wed the evening of October 4th. We welcome another young couple at 1st Baptist as we old folks leave for Glory!!



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