

The Campbells to Wales

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Upcoming Events

Easter
Baptism(s)

Sending Church

Battlefield Baptist Church
4361 Lee Hwy
Warrenton, VA 20187



It was good to exercise our constitutional right to vote ... in person for a change!



Chapel prepared for our regular Christmas Eve Carol Service.

...Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:20

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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Specials

 \$200 Honorarium - Thank you!

Pastor Cisler and Community Baptist Church,
Thank you for your faithful support!

In Christ,
David Campbell



Update: Holywell (Wales, that is)

Belated Christmas greetings from the Campbells! We are back in Wales, having arrived in the first week of December. We were blessed to celebrate Thanksgiving with Tim and Cindy up in Maryland and then with Ben, his wife, Sara and the three grandchildren in Virginia. Upon returning, it took a couple of days to get the house and cars up and running (2 dead batteries to deal with as I did not have someone come by to run them this furlough).

Our last month of Furlough was good, reconnecting with and updating several churches in Virginia, planning to be close to home for Thanksgiving and in preparation to return to Wales. We want to give a big "Thank You" to our sending church, Battlefield Baptist, for housing us while we were not on the road and ministering to us while we were in the States!

We found that things at the chapel in Wales ran fairly smoothly in our absence. The congregation unanimously liked the preaching of missionary Kevin Pine and a young British preacher. We had been praying that the young man would be led to come to Bethel and had asked him to pray about it over his time there. I contacted him after returning and making a long story short, he does not feel led to candidate as the pastor of our current work, Bethel Baptist Chapel in Holywell. So, our search continues for a minister to take over this work. It is not surprising that it is difficult as we minister in a nation where only a few percent attend chapel and fewer yet pursue a call from God to full time service. We are confident that the Lord knows who we need; we will continue investing in the people and ministry before us, preparing it for

that future day when we are able to call a minister. December was busy! One of our ladies orchestrated a chapel **Christmas dinner** at a nearby restaurant – a very British thing to do. It was well attended with a couple of visitors. We held **carol services** at two local care homes. Following our past lead, two ladies took it on themselves to purchase boxes of chocolates for the residents and carers in the two facilities. We have been holding monthly services at Plas yr Ywen but several residents at Llys Gwenffrwd asked if we would come to hold services there on a monthly basis. I have just finished speaking with the facility manager there and they are very supportive of us coming in to minister to their residents. Our **Christmas Eve** service was modestly attended with a couple of visitors – which is not bad as we did limited promotion.

Looking ahead ...

Ministry-wise, my focus this year will be to invest in those who we can invest in and who are showing an interest to learn and grow spiritually. In prior years I have promoted the theme of "Where do you fit in?" which was a call to service. While people stepped up during our absence and are continuing to serve, we still have a great need for people willing to work with children and teens (prayer

request). These need to be teaching leaders. To this end, I am going to be taking our Bible study evening to teach a survey of the Bible, front to back. I have had a mixed response, but there are several new Christians who are very interested in it. One person is Ryan, who started faithfully attending services with his wife and children this past summer. He has asked about being

baptized and we will be sitting down with him in the coming weeks to hear his testimony and make the necessary arrangements. His baptism may be an encouragement to another regularly-attending man to follow the Lord in believer's baptism and formally join with our local New Testament body. He was saved years ago but has never been obedient in this area (prayer request).