

The Harvest Times is an outreach ministry of the Susquehanna Valley Baptist Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Upcoming Events:

- **Thanksgiving Service**
(November 22, 2011)
- **Christmas Musical**
(December 10, 2011)
- **Christmas Sunday**
(December 25, 2011)
- **Song-Leading Seminar**
(January 14, 2012)
- **Spring Revival**
(April 1-4, 2012)



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...He that soweth, receiveth wages... unto eternal life — John 4:36

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Building a Well-Built Life

It is not unusual for individuals to spend time, money, and other resources in order to promote their body's health and well-being. In addition to medical insurance, many individuals exercise regularly, or at the very least are conscious of what they eat – and how much. If we were to question these individuals, many would claim to be engaged in these categories for the purpose of prolonging the length and/or quality of their life. This is very commendable. We should be good stewards of our physical life.

While we would agree to the wisdom of maintaining a healthy, wholesome body; many Christians never consider the need for investing resources

such as those listed above into their spiritual health. The Scriptures read, "*For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, (Notice the reason for this!) having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come (I Timothy 2.8).*" According to this passage, there are two distinct reasons that godliness (spiritual exercise) is more profitable than physical exercise. (1) It offers benefits in the life we now live. (2) It promises a reward in the coming life.



We should note that the Scriptures do not disregard the benefits of physical exercise (It has profit!); however, God's Word *emphasizes* godliness (which has **more** profit) over physical exercise. Godliness, which is mentioned nine times in the epistle of First Timothy, is the practice (i.e., *exercise*) of holiness in our lives. Godliness is practiced in our life when we submit to Scriptural commands and see that they are actively carried out in our life.

Often Christians are not willing to yield their lives to Christ. Therefore, they must live a life that is ungodly. That is the difference between the Foolish Builder and the Wise Builder. (*continued on back*)

Pastor's Corner

It is hard to believe that the fall is just settling in and we have already experienced our first major snow storm! Perhaps this is an indication of a possible big winter.

Just three weeks ago, we celebrated the first anniversary of the Susquehanna Valley Baptist Church. We had more than forty in attendance. After the morning service, we had a meal

on the grounds which was followed by a challenge from Dr. Lee Henise of Lancaster, PA. We stand amazed at all that has been accomplished in the last year.

We have just begun our Building Fund in anticipation of acquiring our own property in the future. We are attempting to raise \$25,000 in the coming year. Please pray especially for this step of faith.

Please check out our coming events section and make special note of our Christmas Cantata, *Bethlehem*. It will be held on December 10th at 2:00 PM. If you are in the area, please consider yourself invited to this event.

As we close this newsletter, we encourage you to come see for yourself what the Lord is doing in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania!

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BAPTIST CHURCH

We are a friendly church that still believes.... If you are able, we invite you to visit us at one of our services. Our Sunday Morning service starts at 10 AM with Sunday School and is followed at 11 AM with the Morning Worship. We meet Sunday Evenings at 6 PM and Thursdays for Bible Study and Prayer at 7:00 PM. We would love to have you present!

*Serving God With Gladness,
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Preaching a life worth living...

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(Well—Built Life ... Cont.)

One hears the commands of God and yields; the other hears the commands and refuses. 1st Corinthians 3:10 gives a stern warning to Christians. The warning is this: We are building our life on the foundation (Jesus Christ), but *“let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.* The twelfth verse identifies that Christians can build with two types of substance (1) gold, silver, precious stones, or (2) wood, hay, and stubble.. Essentially, the Christian that builds his work (life) with the eternal elements (gold, silver, precious

stones) is building wisely. This individual is exercising godliness in this life and will receive a reward in the next (v. 14). The Christian that builds his work with the base things of this life (wood, hay, and stubble) is building a profitless life. For the foolish builder, there will be no eternal reward (v.15).

We must then seek as Christians to have and maintain a well-built life. As an athlete strives for the mastery and subjects his body to rigorous exercise and discipline, so the wise Christian should work earnestly to build a godly life for the profit of an eternal reward. (WBS)



Presenting our first ever musical Christmas Cantata! We have been working very diligently on this project for some time.

The musical will be held at the Susquehanna Valley Baptist Church in Harrisburg, on Saturday December 10th at 2:00 PM.

The public is cordially invited to attend this one time production.

For more information, please call our church office at (717) 540-7822 or email us at svbcmail@gmail.com.