

# Looking Ahead

## Carbondale Bible Fellowship



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### Praise Update

Praise God for spiritual growth in the CBF body. Several individuals have grown as a result of God's work in their lives through CBF.

Praise God for new contacts and new people joining this body of believers.

Praise God for His financial provision for the Schmidt family in 2003.

Carbondale Bible Fellowship is a church plant sponsored by First Baptist Church of Marilla, New York.

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, January 11, 2004**

Pastor James Schmidt will be sharing updates with sending church, First Baptist Church in Marilla, NY

**Saturday, January 17, 2004**

The CBF church-planting team will meet to plan the budget and events for 2004.

### Information Tidbits

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### Formality returns through CBF event

On Sunday, November 2, 2003, CBF hosted a seven-course formal dinner for the purpose of reaching out to members of the community. Fourteen people attended including six individuals from Carbondale. Dr. Dow Pursley from Baptist Bible College Graduate School spoke about business from a Biblical perspective using material from his recent publication, "Business Management from the Proverbs." The dinner was well-received and several other individuals in the community have asked when we will host the next one. Praise God for the opportunity to show His love in a quality way!

### Churches celebrate Thanksgiving service



Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> was a special Sunday. Rather than meeting at the ministry center in Carbondale for services, Carbondale Bible Fellowship met with Cornerstone Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Waymart at the Waymart church building. Pastors Schmidt, Bond, and Mancini planned a combined service which packed the Waymart church sanctuary. Following the service centered around Thanksgiving, a meal was shared at the lodge on top of God's mountain. Approximately 95 people gathered at the lodge for a complete Thanksgiving dinner. What a joy it was to worship and fellowship with fellow believers!

## New faces carry new aspects to the ministry

With the start of a new semester, some BBC students began attending CBF. Neil Booth, Gretchen Humbertson, Jon Mickleson, Nathan Penley and Laura Roof have been a part of the CBF body since September. With their participation, CBF has begun to incorporate a children's ministry as well as a music ministry. We are thankful for their part. The students were also instrumental in hosting the Thanksgiving dinner as well as the Formal Outreach Dinner.

Doug & Jen Toms recently joined the CBF leadership team. They are a newly married couple who desire to get involved in this ministry. In December, Sara Shirk, a friend of the Schmidts moved from Wisconsin back to PA. She has decided to help with the CBF church plant as well.

We are so thankful for God's provision of team members to help move this project forward. Please continue to pray for His direction as we seek His plan.



Sunday, October 26, 2003 at CBF ministry center

## CBF ministers to its own

On Sunday, October 26, 2003, Pastor Schmidt opened up and shared some heartfelt discouragements he was feeling. He told those who had gathered together how he needed to have support, edification and encouragement from time to time. Little did he know that October was Pastor's appreciation month and this was the week the people were honoring him. Following his sermon and time of sharing, CBF presented the pastor with a cake and a card of appreciation. God's timing was perfect and Pastor came away knowing God had planned to bring this together all along.



## Christmas Cookies Bring Tidings of Great Joy to the Community

Following last year's tradition, CBF baked, decorated and distributed over sixty dozen cookies again this year. Twelve people gathered on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to prepare the cookies for distribution. Delicacies within each basket included fudge puddles, sugar cookie Christmas trees, gingerbread men, chocolate thumbprint cookies, pecan tassies and frosted sugar cookies. Prior to this event, the ladies of CBF had gotten together during a Wednesday night Bible study and decorated baskets. We handed out approximately 40 baskets and tins of cookies to our neighbors, friends, and business individuals in the Carbondale area. This simple gesture goes a long way in showing that CBF seeks to show God's love in a quality way in the community. Pictures above and to the right show our "assembly line" and the finished products.

