

LATHAMS' LOG

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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Andressa came to our church because her brother-in-law (from the public school) started wrestling with us. Andressa has never lost a match. Recently she said to me and then to the whole church: "Pastor, I want to give Christ my whole life. I want to attend Bible college and serve Him." She also wants to try to make the Brazilian national team in six years. Her little sister, **Larissa**, is also a very good wrestler.



Laura came to our church as a junior, accepted Christ, and at 16 years old decided to go her own way. After suffering for several years, she decided to do it God's way. She finally married a fine Christian man, and we were very pleased to have her wedding in our church. The dress was donated by someone at Faith Baptist Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. We are still looking for donated wedding dresses. If you have one to donate, please contact us and we will find a way to get it down here. Most of the couples married in our church are not well to do. Not renting a dress helps a lot in the expenses of a church wedding. The church has always paid for the cake and the people bring the food.



1. Walking with the Lord - our #1 priority
 2. Our forms of evangelism will be blessed by visitors in church
 3. The arrival of Joy Baxter to help us
 4. Our wrestling will be blessed and bring Brazilians to Christ
 5. Funds to finish the lawn bowling alley
 6. Our ladies will be blessed for their passion and kindness
 7. Health sufficient to do what God wants
 8. Funds to purchase a 25-passenger minibus
 9. Increased support to makeup for the declining dollar
 10. Penny's health problems
- Praise For:
1. Protection at our church building
 2. Many new visitors in church
 3. A church body who loves us and works well with us
 4. People studying for baptism
 5. Praying stateside friends who make our work possible

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Penny trains the Sunday school teachers. It is a ten-week course taught during Thursday night prayer meeting. Not only do we require this training, but the Sunday school teacher must agree to an elevated level of conviction, behavior, and personal habits. We believe that teaching is only part of the influence they have on the congregation.



We had a wonderful Mother's Day program. Penny Sunday school class and two sisters did readings. **Rachel** (left) is raising three abandoned granddaughters. She invited her sister **Cida** to join our church. Cida is a tither and has a job and a car, very nice for us.

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Our son, **Thomas**, got his black belt in Jui-jitsu before he left Brazil to be a Army chaplain. From now on we will be saluting Captain Thomas Latham.



Chris Pratt (in the middle holding trophy) is a wrestling high school graduate from North Branch, Michigan. He spent five weeks helping us with 14 practice sessions in our public-school ministry, as well as meets and tournaments. He brought singlets (wrestling outfits), medals, and trophies. We could use more of this kind of help. There are very few mission fields where a wrestler can use his knowledge for evangelism. Come and help us, please.

Miscalculated Cement

A cement company arrived at the church construction site to try and sell me on purchasing their ready-mix. Their sales pitch was: "When you purchase our mix, every cubic meter has one cubic meter of sand, one cubic meter of rock, and seven sacks of cement." I stared incredulously at him, "Do you think my birth certificate has yesterday's date on it? If you have one cubic meter of sand, you have no place to put a cubic meter of rock, let alone seven sacks of cement." He wasn't discouraged, "We put the rock in first and then let the sand trickle down, filling all the holes." I wasn't convinced, "I will probably buy your cement, but don't insult me by trying to convince me this mathematical equation is correct." Some test your intelligence to see if they can gain something from your lack of it. Our enemy comes at us with the same strategy. If we are lacking so much in biblical doctrine that we cannot refute him, he can sell us a line that puts cement boots on us, throwing us overboard spiritually. Some say education is expensive; ignorance can be very expensive also.

