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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Years ago, Donald Grey Barnhouse wrote of a man who came up to him at the end of his sermon, shook his hand, and said "I can understand "God bless me", but how can I "Bless God?" What does it mean when we sing, "Bless the Lord, O my soul?"

Barnhouse replied, "Do you have any children?" "Yes," the man answered, "I have a boy who is six and a girl who is five." Again, Barnhouse asked, "At Christmas time, do they ever give you a present?" "Sure," the man replied.

"Where do they get the money?" he asked. With that, the man said laughing, "Well, I give it to them."

"That's exactly it," Barnhouse said, "You pay for the Christmas presents your children give you. You're so glad when they are talking about it with their Mother. They are whispering secrets. They are excited that they are going to surprise daddy. Then on Christmas morning they come and say, 'Daddy, here is a blessing for you.' It ultimately came from you, but it was a blessing because it came back with their love."

When we sing, "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" we are praising Him with the blessings He puts in our lives.

This Christmas, as we exchange gifts blessing others, and in turn are blessed ourselves, remember to give praise to God, from Whom all blessings flow!

God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith;  
The warmth of Christmas, which is purity;  
The righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;  
The belief in Christmas, which is truth;  
The all of Christmas, which is Christ....

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### December & January Birthdays

December: Tim Literal, Will Collier, Don Yuenger,  
Kenny Stewart, and Dustin Pendleton.

January: Mike Lee.

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*Borrow money from a pessimist.....They don't expect it back.*

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### Wrapping Up At The Scioto Co. CTC

Mike Snipes and Dave Nichols have been wrapping up the loose ends on the Scioto County Career Technical Center addition and renovations project. The School District has been occupying the entire facility for several months now. In addition to housing High School grades 11 and 12, this facility is home for the Local 575 JATC Apprenticeship Training Classes.

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### Ironton Metropolitan Housing Authority Site Lighting Project Is Completed

Work was completed this week, on the IMHA Site Lighting Project. Bill Mershon and Ed Sommer have been working on this project the past 3-months. The Owner wanted us to be done by Thanksgiving. Site lighting was replaced and upgraded at three IMHA housing facilities in Ironton, Ohio. If you look to the South late at night, you can see a slight glow in the sky from these new lights. This was our first stimulus money funded project we've worked on. No injuries were reported on this project. It's really not difficult to work safely. Great news!!

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## SSU's University Center Gets New Look

SSU will take over more areas of the University Center during the Christmas break, leaving the far North section of the first floor to finish out. Students have been using the new cafeteria and Oval at the main entrance for several months now. Faculty have moved into the new Second floor offices, and the large event rooms have hosted several activities. As I said before, this is a beautiful facility. Even though half of the building was existing, the renovations give the entire building a new building look. This project is now expected to be completed in January 2010. We have been very grateful for this project, as it has kept many Electricians busy this past year. Led by Danny Beekman, the following workers are currently on site: Dan Maple, John Hill, Kenny Stewart, Tim Literal, Eddie Nichols, Chris Fowler, Bill Mershon, Will Mershon, Mike Snipes, and Ed Sommer. As of this date, there have been no serious injuries reported on this project.

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*Husband: A man who buys his football tickets 4-months in advance, and waits until December 24 to do his Christmas shopping.*

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## THANK YOU ALL!!!

On November 19, we brought our Son home! After nearly 2 ½ years of carrying this burden on his shoulders, Miles Lee got to tell his story; the true story. And the Jury brought it all to an end with two simple words, "NOT GUILTY". Truman Capolte put it best when he said, "Answered prayers cause more tears than those that remain unanswered." We thank God for giving strength and help during this situation. The morning of November 18, the last day of the trial, God gave me this scripture verse and I told my family this is the scripture of the day: Isaiah 51:11 "Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head. They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."

I want to thank each of you for your faithful support of Miles Lee, Ashley, and this family during these past 2 ½ years. You have brought new meaning to the scripture verse, Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Your prayers and acts of kindness have impacted this family in ways you will never know. You provided encouragement and strength in times when it was needed the most. We are truly blessed to have such special friends as you all! Our prayer for each of you is that God would richly bless you and your families during this Holiday Season, and all year long.

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## ACP PROJECT FUTURE UNCERTAIN

Task Order work on the ACP Project in Piketon came to a halt in August. Things shut down after the Obama Administration announced the President would not sign the loan guarantee for the continued progress of this project. We recently were given a project to complete one of the tasks we started before the shutdown, which allowed us to call back eleven Electricians. This work is nearly completed, and several of those eleven have been layed off again. There is talk of this work starting up later next year, so we will just try to hold on for this. As of this date, the following men are on site: Pete Nichols, Mike Cantrell, Chad Hawes, Tucker Smalley, Barry Fyffe, Will Collier, and Tim Jenkins. There has been talk of the clean-up work starting in a big way next year. Until then, we will keep praying that the ACP project resumes very soon.

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*IRS: We've got what it takes to take what you've got!!*

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## Work Is Completed At The PHS Athletic Complex

The final Electrical items were completed several weeks ago, as we close-out this project. The new Football Stadium has generated interest from fans, and resulted in increased attendance at each home game. This new complex has brought a lot of life to downtown Portsmouth. Drive around the Complex on game night and you'll see tailgate parties, cornhole games, Ribber serving under a tent, and many other pre-game activities going on several blocks deep, around the Trojan Coliseum. Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt completed the Electrical work several weeks ago. We are grateful to have been a part of this historic project.

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## Service Work And Small Jobs

Dwane Johnson continues to kept busy on service calls and small projects. He has performed small jobs for Northwest Schools, The Portsmouth Daily Times, Rumpke Transfer Station, The Scioto County Commissioners, Goodwill Industries, The Portsmouth Public Library, Wheelersburg Schools, and many others. Dwane has also been involved in performing assessments and installations for Venergy.

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*What kind of candle burns longer, a red candle or green candle?*

*Neither! Candles always burn shorter!*

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*Christmas is the season when you buy this year's gifts  
with next year's money.*

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## **Columbia Music Hall Gets New Electric Service**

We recently completed the installation of a new 400 Amp Electric Service, in the Columbia Music Hall. Owner Lee Scott has plans for an open air music hall at the former Columbia Theatre. Andy Eldridge and Mike Hunt performed this work. We are grateful to have had a part in this new facility.

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## **Rubyville Community Churches New Worship Center Is Progressing**

Permanent power was turned on last month. Water and natural gas services have also been turned on. Permanent heating equipment should be operational in the next week or two. Most of the exterior lighting has been completed and is operating. Church goers and folks driving by the Church can now enjoy the newly lighted and beautiful steeple. Plumbing, duct work, and the sprinkler system are nearly completed on the main floor. Insulation has been installed during the past two weeks. Sheetrock should begin next week. With a seating capacity of around 1,200, this will be one of, if not the largest church; in Scioto County. Our crew has been installing wiring and lighting, as well as systems conduits; in the Sanctuary. We share in the excitement of the folks at Rubyville Community Church, as they look forward to their first service in this beautiful place of worship. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton are currently working on this project. This continues to be an injury-free project. What a blessing!

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*As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.*

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## **Small Jobs Crew**

Andy Eldridge and Michael hunt have been taking care of several small projects lately, including: Power to headworks equipment at the West Portsmouth WWTP, Power and control for the marquee sign at the Sciotoville United Methodist Church, Northwest Elementary School – power to new walk-in coolers.

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*The following are some important facts I received from our friend, Ed Messer. It appears Ed spent many hours of research to come up with these facts.*

- *The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for blood plasma.*
  - *No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times.*
  - *Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks.*
  - *You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.*
  - *Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age.*
  - *The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.*
  - *The King of Hearts is the only King without a moustache.*
  - *American Airlines saved \$40,000.00 in 1987 by eliminating one (1ea.) olive from each salad served in first class.*
  - *Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise. (Since Venus is normally associated with women, what does that tell you?) (That women are going in the 'right' direction...?)*
  - *Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.*
  - *The first owner of Marlboro Company dies of lung cancer. So did the first 'Marlboro Man'.*
  - *Walt Disney was afraid of mice!*
  - *Pearls dissolve in vinegar!*
  - *The three most valuable brand names on earth; Marlboro, Coca Cola, and Budweiser (in that order).*
  - *It is possible to lead a cow upstairs, but not downstairs.*
  - *Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six (6) feet from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush. (I keep my toothbrush in the living room now!)*
  - *And the best for last....Turtles can breathe through their butts.*
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## *What we've bid, and will be bidding...*

- We were the low bidder on the new ODNR Watercraft Office being built at the Green-up Locks and Dam, adjacent to the Rest Area on the Ohio side of the dam. Work should start on this project, in December 2009.
  - We were the low bidder on the Norfolk & Southern Crew Facility. Some site work has begun on this project. We should begin Electrical work next month.
  - We were the low bidder on the Wayne National Forest – Oak Hill Campground Renovations Project. This work should begin right after the first of the year.
  - We were recently awarded a subcontract from Mechanical Construction, for electrical work at the Portsmouth WWTP.
  - We will be bidding the electrical package for Washington-Nile's new Middle School. Plans will be available the first of December 2009. The tentative bid date is January 6, 2010.
  - We will be bidding the Electrical package on the Clay Local School District's new K-12 School facility. We've been told the plans would be available in January 2010, and the tentative bid date is February 15, 2010.
  - We are planning on bidding the new K-12 School facility, for New Boston Local School District. We've been told these plans would be out sometime next year.
  - We were the low bidder on the Electrical package for the Nile Township Fire Station to be built on US Route 52, West of State Route 125; adjacent to the Nile Township Community Center. We are still waiting on this project to be awarded. We've been told the trustees are waiting for the stimulus money.
  - We recently bid a site package for the Ironton Local School District. No word on this bid yet.
  - We recently bid the electrical for the new pop's Restaurant in Wheelersburg. No word on this bid yet.
  - We recently bid the Electrical for the new Chatham Steel Facility in Lawrence County, Ohio. No word on this bid yet.
  - We recently bid the new MRI at the Portsmouth KDMC Medical office building. No word on this bid yet.
  - We recently bid the Electrical work on an addition and renovations project at Greenup County High School. We are waiting on the final decision on this project.
  - We recently bid the Electrical on the Farm Bureau Office in Flemingsburg, Ky. No word on this bid yet.
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