

# Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."  
-Psalm 65:12b-

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## Crucifixion Service

Friday April 10

A special time of remembering how our Savior satisfied God the Father regarding our sin.

There will be special music by our church choir and meditations from the Scriptures regarding the suffering of Christ for our sins.



Communion will be observed during this service.

Service begins at 7:00 PM. 📖

## Resurrection Service

Sunday April 12

A special time of rejoicing in the triumph of our Lord's resurrection.

With extra special music and a message from God's Word, we will rejoice together in the completion of the Gospel of Christ by His resurrection from the dead.

Service begins at 10:45 AM. 📖

## Youth Rally April 25



The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Rally will be held on Saturday April 26 at Faith Bible Church in Mount Joy, PA. Prior to the rally, quizzing competition will begin at 1:00 PM and conclude at approximately 5:00 PM. The rally will begin at 5:15 PM and conclude at 8:30 PM. It will include a light supper, games, quizzing finale, singing, and a challenge from God's Word by Dr. Ron Comfort. Faith Bible Church requests that teen girls wear a dress, or skirt and blouse, and that the boys wear collared shirts. All teens are welcome to attend the quizzing competition and rally. Adults are welcome to attend and observe. Adults are welcome to attend the evening service as well. 📖

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**A GOSPEL MESSAGE FOR YOU**

Have you asked Jesus Christ to save you? If not, will you accept Him as your Saviour now? The following will explain what you need to do.

1. **ADMIT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.** The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
2. **KNOW THAT GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR YOUR SALVATION.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16
3. **KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF.** "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5a
4. **REPENT OF YOUR SIN.** "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." II Corinthians 7:10. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3
5. **ASK JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE YOU.** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be **SAVED.**" Romans 10:13. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be **SAVED.**" Acts 16:31
6. **CONFESS JESUS BEFORE MEN.** "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be **SAVED.** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10

If you have any questions or would like further spiritual help, please contact us at the North Hills Bible Church. Our phone number is 757-1316.

# Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

No matter what your age, the library has resources to assist you in your walk with the Lord during the uncertain and challenging days in which we live. Look for several new items in the weeks ahead.

DVDs from Institute for Creation Research:

**"Thousands...Not Billions"** shares the findings of an eight-year research project which counters the evolutionary theory that the earth is billions of years old.

**"Grand Canyon: Monument to the Flood"** provides a personal tour and answers the hard questions about its origin and history.

**"Mount St. Helens"** reveals fascinating information about the most extraordinary geologic event of the twentieth century.

Several books covering practical areas of life:

**"Prime of Your Life"**  
**"Life Management for Busy Women"**  
**"Storm Shelter"**

Some new items for children:

**"Concord Cunningham Pursues the Clues"** is the fifth book in THE SCRIPTURE SLEUTH series where each chapter is a new mystery that can be solved by finding the final clue in the Bible reference provided.

DVDs from THE ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT -

**"The Kingdom of Heaven"**  
**"Lazarus Lives"**  
**"He is Risen"**

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### Our Purpose

Soul winning at home and abroad  
Bible teaching conducive to Christian Living

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# Loving His Appearing

Chapter One

## As A Matter Of Fact

Heaven's Gate is a cult that believes you can leave the earth by being transported to a spacecraft awaiting you above the earth. Their plan involves calling on Ti and Do, representatives of the "Next Level," who will alert a spacecraft to come to earth and pick you up, at which time you will be able to shed your human body and be transported to the Next Level. In 1997, 39 members of this cult committed suicide, believing that one such spacecraft was waiting for them.

To people of the world, the idea of the rapture of the church may seem just as wacky as the beliefs of Heaven's Gate. The scenario goes like this: At some unknown moment of time, Jesus Christ is going to come to the clouds of the earth's atmosphere. He will have a trumpet blown after which there will be a huge resurrection and glorification of the bodies of believers who have died since the first century. These glorified bodies will be re-occupied by the living persons who have been in heaven since their bodies died. At the same time, the bodies of believers who are living on the earth will be changed into a glorified form. In that same moment of time, all of these resurrected and changed persons will be caught up off the earth to meet Jesus Christ in the air.

You have to admit that it sounds like an amazing story. But if you believe the Bible to be true (which it is) then the rapture is a fact. Jesus Christ is coming again and the rapture will happen as the Bible describes it.

### The Fact of Jesus Coming Again

#### 1. Stated

When Jesus ascended into heaven, two men in white apparel spoke to the disciples who were just standing there, looking up, amazed at what they had seen. These two men (obviously angels) said, *Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven* (Acts 1:11).

Jesus' ascension was simple but miraculous. There was no chariot of fire as with Elijah's ascension (2 Kings 2:11-12). Jesus was simply taken up and a cloud received him (Acts 1:9). In other words, Jesus floated up into the air without the assistance of any device or vehicle.

According to the words of the angels, when Jesus comes again for the church He will come in exactly the same way: floating in the air without assistance of device or vehicle. This then will be the manner of the Rapture as described in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. All resurrected and changed believers will float up into the air without the assistance of device or vehicle and meet the Lord Jesus Christ in the air.

#### 2. Promised

Jesus made a promise to come again. In John 14:3 He said, *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

#### 3. Believed

In the Old Testament, there is evidence that the Second Coming of Christ was understood and believed in almost since the beginning of time.

Job believed that there would be a coming of the Redeemer to the earth after the physical resurrection of believers. He said, *For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.* In other words, Job believed that he would die physically, his body would decay in the earth, his body would then be resurrected and with his own resurrected eyes he would see the Redeemer standing upon the earth.

Going back even further in time, Enoch, the seventh from Adam, testified about the Lord's glorious coming to the earth with ten thousands of His saints (Jude 1:14-21). Jude declares that he said this before the flood.

The New Testament added a new dimension to the return of Christ. Instead of one return of Christ, there will be two. One return is called the Rapture, based on the description of that event in 1

Thessalonians chapter 4, and the other return is called the Second Coming based on the description of that event in passages like Matthew chapter 24 and 2 Thessalonians chapter 1.

It has been believed since the beginning of time that a Savior would come and redeem mankind and that He would come again some time after that. This has been affirmed by the Scriptures both in the Old and the New Testaments.

#### 4. A Desirable Event

There is no doubt that Jesus is coming again. In fact, He is coming again twice. First, He will come as far as the clouds to Rapture the church off of the earth. Then later, He will come to the earth to establish His Messianic kingdom here. The prospect of the Second Coming is a wonderful thing. But for us church age believers, we have to love the fact of His coming first to Rapture us out of this world.

##### The Desire For It To Happen

Do you love His appearing? The Bible tells us that there is a crown awaiting all those who do so.

2 Timothy 4:8, *Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

The word love in this verse is translated from the Greek word agape. Agape is a unique kind of love that consists of giving. We know this because of the context of this word as it is used to describe the love of God and of Jesus Christ.

John 3:16, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Galatians 2:20, *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

Ephesians 5:2, *And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*

This then is the kind of love husbands are directed to have for their wives. Ephesians 5:25 says,

*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.*

Thus, to love Christ's appearing is to give yourself to it. To love Christ's appearing is to be so devoted to it that you desire it to happen, you live in anticipation of it, and you are praying for that moment to come.

#### 1. Are You In a Strait Betwixt Two?

In Philippians 1:23-24, Paul expressed the sentiment that he was *in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.* It is highly appropriate for us to recognize the necessity for our being here on earth to minister to people and to fulfill God's purpose for us here. What we really need to do though, is learn how to function in that necessity and at the same time to desire to depart. This is a very spiritual dilemma. In fact, it is not very spiritual to be comfortable with our occupation here on earth and not to long for our departure.

#### 2. Are You Living In Anticipation?

Hebrews 9:28 says, *So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.* This is not an indication of a partial rapture. To say that Jesus shall appear the second time unto them that look for Him is rather an indication that looking for His coming again is part of believing in Him. If you truly believe in the true Jesus, then you automatically anticipate His return because that is part of the whole doctrine of Christ in Scripture.

Titus 2:11-13 teaches that *looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ* is part of what we learn from the grace of God that brings us salvation and teaches us to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Philippians 3:20-21 explains that looking for the Saviour from heaven is connected to the possession of our salvation by which we have our conversation, or citizenship, in heaven.

#### 3. Are You Praying For It To Happen?

In bringing the New Testament to a conclusion, the Holy Spirit wanted the final thought of God's revelation to man to bring attention to the return of Jesus Christ. So He led John to write the following as




the very last words of Scripture ever given: *He which testifieth these things saith, surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.* It is very appropriate for every believer in the church age to breathe this prayer regularly. It expresses the anticipation of Christ's coming that should be part of every believer's daily thought life.

### Conclusion

It is one thing to believe in the appearing of Jesus Christ. It is another thing to love it. In believing in it, you know it is going to happen. In loving it, you want it to happen – NOW!

Are you ready to leave the earth now? What attachments have you made to the earth that cause you to wish for a delay in Christ's return for you? Colossians 3:1-4 gives us this warning: *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

We should be like the Old Testament saints who anticipated the first coming of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 11:13-16). They embraced the promises and confessed that they were only strangers on earth. They sought a country, a better country, an heavenly country without looking back.

Love His appearing. It should be the natural thing for a spiritual person to do. 

## Chapter Two

# Making A Distinction

Prophecy is like a puzzle. There are many pieces. A lot of those pieces by themselves may not make sense. But the whole picture becomes understandable by putting all of the pieces together properly. The key word is "properly." The pieces to the puzzle of Biblical prophecy are found throughout Scripture. If these pieces are not properly put

together, the result can be some very wrong conclusions. Many years ago there was a comic book published with a story about a little girl named Lulu. Lulu's grandmother sent her a birthday present in the mail. Before Lulu was able to open the box, it was dropped and the object inside broke into many pieces. Lulu made a valiant attempt at gluing the pieces back together. When she was finished, she had the general shape of a horse's head. Her grandmother called Lulu on the phone and asked her how she liked her present. Lulu replied that the bust of a horse's head was very nice. She liked it indeed. After a long pause, the grandmother replied, "But I sent you a bust of myself!" Needless to say, Lulu's grandmother did not look like a horse. Lulu had made some very bad mistakes in putting the broken pieces together. This is too often the case with those who study Biblical prophecy. They make some very bad mistakes and arrive at some very wrong conclusions.

In order to love the appearing of Jesus Christ, we need to know what we are talking about. We need to have an accurate understanding of the pieces of the prophetic puzzle given to us in the Bible.

The very first two pieces that must be identified and put in place are the Rapture and the Second Coming. If a Bible student fails to see these two things as distinct events, he will be unable to put the rest of the puzzle together properly.

### The Nature of the Rapture

#### 1. The Rapture is a source of comfort.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 describes the event of the Rapture. It begins with this statement in verse 13, *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.* Then after describing the event of the Rapture, it concludes with this statement in verse 18: *wherefore comfort one another with these words.* The very thought of the Rapture is to bring comfort, not sorrow, to a believer's heart.

#### 2. The Rapture will be a time of joy and hope.

1 Thessalonians 2:19 asks the question, *For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing?* The answer is related to the coming of Jesus Christ. Paul said the Thessalonian believers would be his hope and joy and crown of rejoicing in the presence of Jesus Christ at His coming. When Jesus comes, it will be

such a joyous occasion, in part because of all the people that are there whom we have led to Christ or nurtured in Him.

### **3. The Rapture will be a time of life and resurrection.**

1 Corinthians 15:22-23 indicates that the Rapture is an event of coming alive, not of dying. *In Adam, it says, all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.*

### **4. The Rapture will be a time of praise and reward.**

1 Corinthians 4:5 teaches that when Christ comes, every man shall have praise of God. 1 Corinthians 3:14 and 2 Corinthians 5:10, explain that the judgment seat of Christ will be a time of receiving and reward. At this judgment there can be the loss of reward, but there will be no punishment issued for anything that is lost. In fact, even if all reward is lost, the individual is still welcomed into heaven.

### **5. The Rapture should be a time of confidence.**

When believers are raptured into the presence of Christ, each one has the potential of standing confidently in His presence. 1 John 2:28 says, *And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.* Any shame experienced in the Rapture will only be because of the loss of reward one should have earned to the glory of the Saviour. The fact is, according to 1 John 3:2, just three verses later, that when Christ shall appear, *we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

## **The Nature of the Second Coming**

### **1. The Second Coming will be a time of vengeance.**

2 Thessalonians 2:7-9 describes the event of the Second Coming. It describes how Jesus will come *in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.* The result will be a punishment of *everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power.* How different this is from the description of the Rapture.

### **2. The Second Coming will be a time of cosmic disturbances.**

Matthew 24:29-30 describes the very moment the Second Coming occurs: *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven....* The whole thing sounds scary and intimidating, not anything like the comfort and joy promoted by thoughts of the Rapture.

### **3. The Second Coming will be a time of mourning.**

Matthew 24:30 continues with a description of the reaction by the people on the earth as they become aware of the presence of the King of Kings. *And then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn.* While the Rapture will be a glad time for the church, the Second Coming will be a sad time for the unbelieving nations.

### **4. The Second Coming will be a time of judgment and death.**

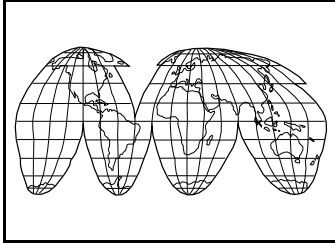
In the Rapture, the saints are the ones that are caught up and removed from the earth (1 Thessalonians 4:17). In the Second Coming, the unbelievers (represented by tares in Christ's parable) are the ones who are removed (Matthew 13:30). The saints are then gathered, but not removed from the earth. The saints who survive the Tribulation Period will go into the Millennium and live normal human lives here on earth. The unbelievers, or tares, will be judged and punished. Matthew 13:42 describes how they will be cast into a furnace of fire where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Revelation 19:11-21 describes the descent of Christ from heaven to earth in His Second Coming. It tells of the Beast and the False Prophet being taken and cast into the lake of fire. Then it describes the death of many by the sword of Christ, and the feast on their dead bodies by the birds of prey. Zechariah 14:4-15 describes the moment when Christ sets His feet upon the Mount of Olives in the Second Coming. Following this there will be a time of horrible death when the flesh of men will consume away from them while they stand alive.

Thus the Second Coming will be a frightful time for all who have rejected Christ. There will be a remnant of believers both among the Jews and the



# Missionary News



*From  
Around  
The World  
and  
Here at Home*

## Peter & Janis Colon

Friends of Israel - Florida

Our fellowship dinner came out really nice. We had a room of 60 people. Next time we will have to get a bigger place. We had many new visitors. As a follow up we went to dinner with one of our new contacts. The high point of the night was when she tearfully **asked us if she could still come to the study even though she doesn't believe yet in Jesus.**

The next big event was A Day In the Prophetic Word Conference in Boca Raton featuring 4 sessions, lunch and a question and answer session with the speakers. Peter was one of the special speakers from the Friends of Israel along with Bill Sutter, Jim Showers, and Steve Herzig.

The new website is up for **Rossvally The Movie**. Just click on the link [RossvallyTheMovie.com](http://RossvallyTheMovie.com) and the new trailer should load and start to play for you. Please bookmark the site and check back for more news, release dates, and information. We got good ideas in how and where we can use the film this year. We are excited about it and pray that it will be available very soon. Please pray with us that this evangelistic film will bring much fruit.

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**NO MAN EVER CHOKED TO DEATH  
SWALLOWING HIS OWN PRIDE.**

## Military Evangelism

Walt and Judy Croom  
Fort LeJune, North Carolina

**We are sincerely thankful for the open door the Lord has given us.** I'm pleased to report that our contractor finally received the building permit from the city. The initial plumbing work is done and the building should be framed up next week. If everything goes according to plan we should be able to use the new extension in about six weeks. Once this project is completed we can have a few people stay over from time to time.

We will be having an ad appear in *The Globe* military newspaper. We hope to eventually get them to do a cover story on us. We are also working on a new brochure and hope to have a web page up and running very shortly. I was informed that my autobiography, ***From Fear to Faith***, is enroute from the publishing company.

In April I will be taking a very quick one week trip to Keiv, Ukraine to meet with some national military missionaries. We have been engaged in helping these brethren along with some workers from Belarus and Russia for a number of years on special projects. I covet your prayers as I travel and as I look for new opportunities.

## Roger & Nola Perrott

On Furlough from Hong Kong

Thanks for praying for us during our furlough. We have been very busy and now will get even busier. We have visited several supporting churches and about ten new churches during the last four months. I will now be visiting all the rest of our supporters (30 churches) and a few other new churches. From now till the time we return to Hong Kong in mid-July, **the only Sunday which is not booked for a meeting is Easter Sunday.** I will also

be in several churches on Wednesdays or on weekdays for mission conferences. I usually leave New York (our furlough address) for about ten-day trips, then return for five days before leaving again.

**Pray for Nola and the kids while I am away on trips.** Obviously, their work load gets a little heavier when Dad is away. Also, pray the Lord will supply the new monthly support we need before we return. Our co-worker recently told us the Hong Kong government says food prices there went up 25% over the last year, so we need that new support.

The work in Hong Kong seems to be doing well in our absence. A new missionary family, the Matthew Conrads, arrived on January 28 to pastor our church till we return in July. Pray for them to be able to quickly adjust and understand the ministry there and be a blessing to the people. **Pray for God to enable our co-workers to continue to reach Chinese, especially men.** Pray for the Spirit to convict.

Pray also for the church members to be faithful in leading the church. Donny continues to lead the services and translate as needed. Several ladies take turns teaching kids or nursery classes.

**Pray they will not get discouraged.** One single lady we led to Christ three years ago recently decided to go to a bigger church that has more activities for single adults. We are disappointed in her choice of churches but understand her loneliness. Our church has mainly families and kids.

As for the rest of our furlough, pray for safety and the Spirit's empowerment as I preach. **I would love to see some young people realize God's call on their lives.**

## Marc & Judie Blackwell

South Africa

We are asking for your prayer and support for our **Church Ministries Institute (CMI)**. Our ministry focus is in Afrikaans, a Dutch dialect.

**Church-based Training.** Missionaries with a church-planting ministry must have an effective plan for educating leaders for the churches being planted. Since 1976 we have been training deacons, evangelists, youth leaders, pastors, church planters, and missionaries. CMI's church-based Biblical and theological training is focused on local

churches rather than a central campus. Our *Adult Education* prepares church leaders and confers State Accredited B.Th. And M.Th. Degrees in Pastoral Theology.

**Internships provide on-site practical training opportunities** in our local churches - such a mentorship or "Student-Pastorate" lasts for two years. We now have four current internships.

**Our church-plants are growing** but are relatively small and truly in need of assistance. We are fully aware of the alarming world-wide economic problems and the financial pressures faced by each of you - our supporting churches and donors. As your servants we can only assure you that these ministry needs are real. So we simply trust the Lord.

## TAP MINISTRY

Teacher's Assistance Program  
(Providing materials to those in need)

We praise the Lord with great expectations of what God will perform in this ministry. We are wading through large numbers of boxes and bags of material donated which includes a large number of books from church and personal libraries. As word spreads of our need of used Christian literature, we hear from many new individuals and churches with material that they are willing to donate.

Below is a list of where some of the material has gone recently.

- We gave three boxes of music to young singing groups from Ambassador College in North Carolina.
- We gave three boxes of various kinds of books and magazines to an outreach program going to Poland.
- We sent two boxes of new gift/award Bibles to a pastor in Ghana.

We extend our continued thanksgiving for your love and support for this ministry.

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE LIGHT  
THAT KNOWS NO POWER FAILURE.



## Ladies Missionary Project 2009

Each year our church ladies send care packages to our missionaries to show them our love and to give them a little encouragement. It is fun to send a variety of things in their packages to brighten their day.



At the same time we also do a hands-on project for one of the ministries we support.

This year we enjoyed making Gospel bracelets with beads. The black bead reminds us of sin, the red one of Jesus blood shed for our sin, the white one how He can make our hearts whiter than snow, gold for heaven, and green for growing in Christ.



Can you imagine making 1,000 of these bracelets? We didn't quite get that many done that day, but the ladies graciously took supplies home to finish our project. We put them on piles of 100. Here you can see 500 completed. We pray that God will use this tool to help many children understand salvation and come to Him.



## Master Clubs

*taught by Mr. Krape, Mrs. Boyer and Mrs. Felty*

We have all enjoyed our new Masters Club program this year. The children are working hard to learn their verses and complete the various activities required to earn the different awards badges, stars, and ribbons.



Each one of the regular attending students in the preschool group earned the first badge "Little Lamb." The students who earned this badge include; Delaney, Donovan, Emma Kaye, Jeremiah, Matthew, and Seth. The second badge to earn is "God Made It All". The Gold Honor Ribbon will be received after learning 3 verses and completing 5 workbook projects about God's Son, Jesus. Some are working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> badge, "God's Word," and will receive this badge after learning 3 verses and completing 8 workbook projects about the Bible.



The 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade class includes Charles, Ian, Jonathan, Jonny, and Michaela. They have each earned the 1<sup>st</sup> badge, "Good News," after learning various verses about salvation. They also had to complete 7 workbook projects. Other badges that have been earned or are in various stages of completion are the "Good Savior" and the "Good Preacher." After each badge that was earned they have the opportunity to earn a Memory Verse Ribbon. They have to quote 4 review verses and learn 4 new verses in order to earn the ribbon. Most have also earned the Sunday School Star for attending Sunday School.



The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class consists of 3 who have earned their "Life of Christ" badge and "God's Creation" badge. This includes Austin, Henry, and Kennedy. In order to earn their badges, they needed to memorize scripture, read a passage about the life of Christ each week, and then the 5<sup>th</sup> week they took a written quiz. They are also memorizing scripture and taking quizzes to earn their scripture memory badge. They have to memorize 10 verses for each badge they earn.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

As our preschoolers were learning about creation they had some interesting things to sample. For the lesson on day 3 when God made dry land and plants they had a cup of pudding (representing mud), crushed oreo cookie to put on top of it to represent dirt (it really does look like potting soil), and a flower to stick in their ground made out of marshmallow and gumdrops.



For day 5, when God made birds and fish, the children were given a bird nest and bird eggs to eat! The bird nest was like rice crispy treat only made out of chow main noodles to look like twigs, and the eggs in the nest were jelly beans.

We have finished memorizing John 14:1-6. The children able to quote this on their own were: Hannah Ortiz, Emma Lindstrom, Jasmine Moss, Grace Balcom, Hannah and Rebecca Wertz, Matthew Kanost, Ryan Knuth, Emma Kay Laning, Noah and Austin Stern.

## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

In our class we have been studying the life of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Esau. We have learned many lessons with regards to obedience to God. We also have been learning how important faith is and to fully trust God. Through the lives of these men we were able to see how many times they failed God and chose their own way. But, we also saw that God never

stopped loving them and being there with them. We also studied the meaning of their names and then had fun doing a project and finding out the meaning of each of our names.



Currently, we are working on memorizing Matthew 5:1-12. The children need to keep working and we should be finished with these verses in a few weeks.

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

Recently we have been studying Paul's letters he wrote to the churches in Rome, Corinth, and Galatians. Our lessons included studying the Romans' Road, the "love" chapter in I Corinthians 13, Paul's defense of his ministry in II Corinthians, and reaping what we sow in the book of Galatians.

The students enjoyed watching Mr. Cook trying to prove to them that  $13 \times 7 = 28$ , when we cautioned our students about the importance of knowing the Word of God so you know whether someone is teaching you the truth. They also learned that just because you reach your hand into a bag of chocolate chip cookies doesn't mean that's what you'll reap out of them. (Not if someone took that same bag and sowed pretzels!)

We are now working on memorizing the rest of Romans 12. We are starting a new series of lessons on Judges and Ruth.





Sunday School taught by Chris Knuth

In the teen Sunday School class we continue to move through our Holy War material. We are now discussing the issue of self image. This is a very interesting section of study as we tear down the world's view and reinforce the proper view of self image as set forth in God's Word.

Sunday night ProTeen meetings are still a great learning time as well as a fantastic opportunity to draw closer as a youth group.

Continue to pray for the youth group and especially those who graduate this year since they have decisions to make soon regarding what God would have them do after high school

## Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

"Ye **did** run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" Galatians 5:7. Can that be said of you? You were doing well spiritually, but now you have slipped back into to your old way of life and are "entangled again with the yoke of bondage." This message is one of the things our quizzers have been challenged with recently in our study of Galatians.

It is always fun to have the quizzing competition at our own church for a 'home game'. The quizzers families all have lunch together, we set up the church rooms for the afternoon competition, and then the quizzers from the other churches come rolling in.

We have been keeping our opponents guessing as we have changed our team combinations for every competition. With 12 quizzers we have found some interesting ways to group them into teams of three. First our North Hills teams were grouped by birthdays. The next month there were two girls teams and two boys teams. In March we had two Junior High teams and two Senior

High teams. For the final competition in April there will be yet a different combination as we go back to our original Bible birds: Eagles, Ravens, Doves, and Sparrows teams.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

We had our annual shut-in activity in February. Many of the children and teens wrote letters for the shut-ins. The younger children drew pictures. We each choose different families to visit. The visits went extremely well. We are blessed to have these elderly folks as part of our congregation. They love to see the children.

The teens have been learning woodworking skills from Mr. Snyder and Mr. Smith. They are making step stools. They also are working research papers for Mrs. Smith. For gym, Mrs. Cook had the teens do some warm-up exercises followed by ping pong.



The middle class had art with Mrs. Fetrow this month, where they made collages. They finished their Red Cross health books with Mrs. Smith.

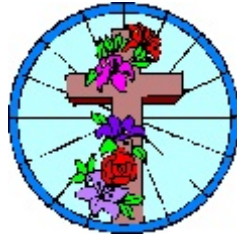
Mrs. Smith also teaches Creative writing to them. This month's class focused on poetry; they wrote stories last month.



Our Pre-School class had art with Mrs. Kanost. They made clown puppets that they started last month, and kites. Mrs. Balcom read stories to them. They joined in on the health class.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## APRIL

- 2 - Thursday - Senior Outing
- 4 - Saturday - Men's Bible Class 9 AM
- 9 - Thursday - Homeschool Classes 9-12
- 10 - Friday - Crucifixion Service 7 PM
- 12 - Sunday - Resurrection Service 10:45
- 15 - Wednes - TAP Ministry 8 AM
- 18 - Saturday - Men's Bible Class 9 AM
- 19 - Sunday - Manor Care Service 1:30 PM
- 20 - Monday - Rescue Mission Service 8 PM
- 21 - Tuesday - Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM
- 23 - Thursday - Homeschoolers Field Trip
- 25 - Saturday - Final Quiz and Youth Rally 9 - 9
- 30 - Thursday - Prison Ministry 8 PM



## MAY

- 2 - Saturday - Men's Bible Class 9 AM
- 7 - Thursday - Senior Outing
- 10 - Sunday - Mother's Day
- 10 - Sunday - Pleasant Acres Service 1:45 PM
- 14 - Thursday - Homeschool History/Science Fair
- 15 - Friday - Ladies Banquet 6:30
- 16 - Saturday - Men's Bible Class 9 AM
- 18 - Monday - Rescue Mission Service 8 PM
- 19 - Tuesday - Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM
- 20 - Wednes - TAP Ministry 8 AM
- 24 - Sunday - Prison Ministry 2:30 PM

## LOOKING AHEAD TO SPECIAL EVENTS



### JUNE 8-13 -Teens at Servant's Heart Camp



### JUNE 15-19 - Juniors at Servant's Heart Camp

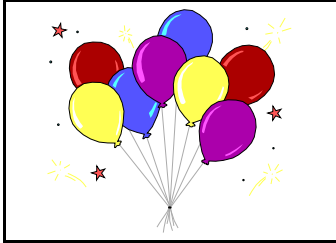


### JULY 13-18 -Teens at The WILDS Camp





# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### April

- 1 - Linda Goodling
- 5 - **Brenda Hamme**
- 5 - Ervin Kornbau
- 8 - Bill Knudsen
- 10 - Howard Rudisill
- 15 - David Wertz
- 17 - Dewanna Laning
- 19 - Caleb Fetrow
- 21 - **Imelda Livio**
- 23 - Darcy Cook
- 23 - Chris Lindstrom
- 23 - Sarah Sipe
- 24 - Mike Frey
- 25 - Rose Lindstrom
- 25 - Richard Shook
- 29 - Delores Shields

### May

- 2 - Emily Hoffman
- 2 - Austin Morrow
- 5 - Ethan Byers
- 5 - Frances Howard
- 7 - Dalton Cook
- 9 - Brittany Myers
- 11 - Andrew Cook



- 13 - **Nola Perrott**
- 16 - Sarah Fetrow
- 17 - Diane Hildebrand
- 18 - Olivia Kauffman
- 19 - **Roger Perrott**
- 20 - Carol Byers
- 23 - Mary Lambert
- 31 - **Ruth Livio**
- 31 - Katelyn Myers



## Happy Anniversary

### April

- 8 - Reg & Ina Stelfox
- 18 - **Peter & Janis Colon**
- 26 - **Glenn & Cheryl Hilt**
- 29 - Harold & Jeannie Geesey

### May

- 3 - Gary & Carolyn Zimmerman
- 5 - Chris & Tanya Lindstrom
- 20 - Donald & Marian Tawney
- 22 - Kevin & Julie Boyer
- 31 - Nathaniel & Marietta Wertz

### Please Note!

The purpose of printing these lists is to give the church family an opportunity to congratulate one another on these special days. The **bold print** indicates a member of our missionary family.

## Congratulations



Lester and Joan Fink are the proud grandparents of Julianne Grace born to Jon and Lori Sensenig on February 26. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

## Remember Our Shut-ins



Lorraine Beath, Jean Beck, Bessie Boyer, Jean Boyer, Carl Fair, Pam Grove, Gloria Hevner, Ethel Leib, Dorothy Moore, Harriet Moyer, Ivy Pyle, Treva Shellenberger, Sara Sipe, Frances Smith, Donald and Marian Tawney, Elmira Wise, Mildred Zorbaugh.