

# Rejoicing From the Hills

*"The little hills rejoice on every side."*

*-Psalm 65:12b-*

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## Crucifixion Service Friday April 2

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. 

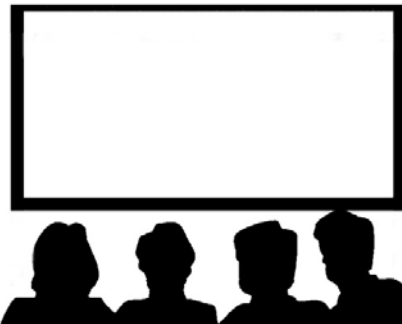
## Resurrection Service Sunday April 4


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. Our missionaries, the Kilmers, will be with us to make this day even more special. Brother Kilmer will preach in the morning and

evening services. The morning service begins at 10:45 AM. 

## Church Family Fellowship Dinner April 17




Saturday, April 17 we will enjoy dinner at 6:00 PM. Please bring a hot dish and a cold dish to share, and maybe some dessert. Following dinner we will view a Christian film. 

## Youth Rally April 24




The Annual Youth Rally will be held on Saturday, April 24 at Faith Bible Church in Mount Joy, PA. Prior to the rally,

quizzing competition will begin on the entire book of Ephesians at 1:00 PM and conclude at approximately 5:00 PM. We will have four teams representing our church. 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 Eric Fisher, missionary to the Marshall Islands. Faith Bible Church requests that teen girls wear a dress or skirt that covers the knees while sitting, and that the boys wear collared shirts and casual pants. 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. 

## Children's Day May 23

Due to the schedules of our Sunday School teachers, the observance of Children's Day has been moved up to Sunday, May 23. On this day during the 9:30 Sunday School hour, there will be a special children's program. All classes will be combined for this occasion.

The rehearsal for this program will be held on Saturday, May 22. 

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Please see pictures of our church activities on our website at [www.northhillsbiblechurch.org](http://www.northhillsbiblechurch.org) and click on the "Resources" link and find "Current Issue".

**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

While we generally hear more talk about love around Valentine's Day, we should remember that God's love for us is evident each day, in many different ways, and through the caring people He allows to be a part of our lives.

A new book for children, **God Gave Us Love**, uses the conversation between Grampa Bear and Little Cub to teach her about the different kinds of love that are shared among parents, siblings, extended family, and friends. Grampa explains that all these kinds of love come from God, Who loves us the most because He sent His Son to save us.

In a CD from the Wilds, **A True Love Story**, Rand Hummel shares with teens the importance of pleasing God with patience, purity, and prayer as they wait for Him to provide their future life partner. He uses Genesis 24, the account of Abraham's servant being sent to find a wife for Isaac, as the biblical basis for the principles he shares. All teens and their parents would benefit from listening to this CD.

All around us, we see evidences of God's love in the fascinating intricacies of His creation and creatures. The library will be adding the **MOODY SCIENCE CLASSICS on DVD**. This month look for:

*God of Creation*  
*Hidden Treasures*  
*Journey of Life*

Also new to the library are the next three books in **THE CUL-DE-SAC KIDS** series about the boys and girls who live on Blossom Hill Lane and the many predicaments they encounter:

*No Grown-ups Allowed*  
*Frog Power*  
*The Mystery of Case D. Luc*

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Our Purpose

Soul winning at home and abroad  
Bible teaching conducive  
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# Loving His Appearing

Chapter Nine

## Face To Face

### Introduction

In 2009, we saw a phenomenon in the popularity of the new president of the United States. Many people were truly infatuated with the man and they looked to him adoringly. They had tingly feelings when they heard him speak. They became teary eyed in his presence. They lavished him with superlatives of praise.

This is not a new phenomenon in our culture. When the rock band the Beatles arrived on the scene back in the 1960's, we witnessed teen girls screaming and jumping up and down and fainting just at the sight of those young men. They were literally idol-ized.

Many of us tend to be more reserved in our saluting of people we respect. We may admire certain people and have great regard for them. We may verbally cheer them or even offer some applause, but we usually do not go weak in the knees just because they enter a room.

But, what will it be like to be in the presence of Jesus Christ and look directly into His face? Some have already seen Him, and their experiences have been recorded for us in the Bible. Perhaps from this record we may be able to get an idea of what it will be like for us to see the Saviour face to face.

### **Before His Incarnation**

In John chapter 12, we are told that Isaiah saw the glory of Jesus Christ. John mentions two statements that Isaiah made. In John 12:38 he quotes from Isaiah 53:1, *Lord, who hath believed our report? And to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?* In John 12:40 he quotes from Isaiah 6:10, *He hath blinded their eyes and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.* Then in John 12:41 John makes this remarkable statement, *These things said Esaias [Isaiah] when he [Isaiah] saw his [Jesus Christ's] glory, and spake of him [Jesus Christ].*

What did Isaiah see? If Isaiah chapter six is where Isaiah saw the glory of Jesus Christ, then Jesus Christ is the one that Isaiah saw *sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up*. It was therefore the train of Jesus Christ that filled the temple. It was Jesus Christ that was surrounded by seraphim, and it was to Jesus Christ that the seraphim sang *Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory*.

And what was Isaiah's reaction to this experience of seeing Jesus Christ in his pre-incarnate glory on the throne of heaven? Isaiah said, *Woe is me!* (Isaiah 6:5). He was totally undone by being so close to the LORD of glory and by being able to look directly into His face. In Isaiah's own words, *I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts*. Isaiah was far from presumptuous in the presence of the LORD. He was impressed with how worthless his own life was in comparison to the glory of the One who sat upon the throne.

### **While He Was On The Earth**

Multitudes of people saw the incarnate Son of God while He walked on earth. We have the record of some of these people and how they reacted to Him.

Zacchaeus was a short man. He was a tax collector, which means he was legally able to cheat people. He heard that Jesus was passing through his town of Jericho, so Zacchaeus climbed a tree to have an opportunity to see the Lord. Luke 19:5 says, *And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house*. From that moment of personal encounter with Jesus Christ, Zacchaeus was a changed man. Luke 19:8 gives us Zacchaeus' response, *Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold*.

Peter spent much time with Christ and undoubtedly had numerous opportunities to look into the face and eyes of the Savior. There is one particular such experience that was perhaps more momentous than any other for Peter. When Jesus announced to His disciples that He was going to die, Peter was adamant in his declaration that he was willing to die with Christ and would never under any circumstances deny Him (Matthew 26:33-35). Yet when Christ was arrested and held by the High Priest

and Peter was given three opportunities to identify himself with Christ, each time Peter vehemently denied any association. After the third time, just as Jesus predicted, a rooster crowed. At that very moment the eyes of Peter and Jesus connected (Luke 22:61). What happened to Peter in that moment? Luke 22:62 tells us that he *went out, and wept bitterly*. But from that moment forward, Peter was truly a changed man. Three days later, Peter raced to the empty tomb and saw it with eyes of faith. He preached on the day of Pentecost and 3,000 souls received Christ. He served faithfully in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and history tells us that he was finally martyred for his identification with the Lord.

There were a number of people who looked into the face of Jesus Christ while He was being tried and while He hung on the cross. Some of them looked at Him with ridicule and disgust, spitting in His face (Matthew 26:67), covering His face so they could make fun of Him without the gaze of His eyes (Mark 14:65), striking Him in the face with disdain and arrogance (Luke 22:64). Others had an entirely different reaction. There was a centurion who led the detail put in charge of crucifying Christ. We are told in Matthew 27:54 that this centurion and his soldiers were watching Jesus as He hung on the cross. He saw the strange events that surrounded the suffering and death of this unique occupant of the cross, including the three hours of darkness in midday, the earthquake, the graves opening and people coming out of those graves, walking away alive and well. Then the centurion heard Jesus cry out, *It is finished!* (John 19:30), and *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit* (Luke 23:46). Mark 15:39 tells us the centurion's reaction, *And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God*. He was convinced and believed!

After the resurrection, Jesus appeared in His glorified body to a number of people, above five hundred in all (1 Corinthians 15:6). Mary Magdalene, the first to see the resurrected Savior, had just one word to say, *Rabboni!* [Master] (John 20:14-16). When Jesus showed His hands and His side to his disciples, they were glad, that is to say, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy! (John 20:20). Even Thomas, who initially doubted the resurrection, was overcome when face to face with the Savior Himself, declaring, *My Lord and my God!* (John 20:24-28).

### After His Ascension

Stephen was probably the first to see Christ in His glory after His ascension. Stephen was being stoned to death for preaching the gospel of Christ. Just before the onslaught of his persecutors, Stephen *looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God* (Acts 7:55-56).

Saul, the Pharisee, was busy persecuting the Christians. One day, as he made his way to Damascus with letters from the high priest authorizing him to arrest Christians there, Jesus appeared to him. All he saw was a great light, but the voice of Christ was enough to convince Saul (soon to be Paul) of who He was.

At the end of the first century, John was in exile on the isle of Patmos. While John was worshiping on the Lord's day, he heard a voice behind him. When he turned to see whose voice it was, he saw the ascended, glorious Savior. John gives us a detailed description of Him in Revelation 1:12-16: *And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.* Then in verse 17 John tells us how he reacted to this amazing sight, *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead.*

### Now

David gives us a testimony of what our present experience can be regarding the face of our Savior. Acts 2:28 quotes from Psalm 16 where David said, *Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.* The countenance of God is the expression on His face. Even though we cannot physically see His face, David says, we can have joy knowing that God's face is pointed directly at us. If He is looking at us, then He is fully aware of what is happening in our lives and in our hearts. If He is fully aware of what is happening, then

He is personally concerned and will undoubtedly become personally involved.

John tells us in 1 John 1:1-4 that he declares to us what he has seen and heard. The Scriptural record of the disciples first hand interaction with the Savior is an excellent connection for us to that experience. Even though we may not be able to see Christ with our physical eyes, we can read the face of our Savior through the Scriptural record of those who did.

In 2 Corinthians 4:6, Paul testifies that when God commands the light to shine out of darkness, that light shines *in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*. In other words, the enlightenment we are given by the gospel of Jesus Christ enables us to comprehend the glory of God. This comprehension is in essence the face of Jesus Christ shining upon us. We do not see the features of a physical face, but we see the light of the gospel which gives us an understanding of the glory of His face.

When Moses came down from the mountain, the Israelites could not look upon his face because it shone with the glory of God. It was necessary for Moses to wear a veil over his face to conceal that glory. Sinful men could not bear it (2 Corinthians 3:12-14). In contrast to that, we who have been born again by faith in Christ are able with open face to behold the glory of God (2 Corinthians 3:18) which is communicated to us in the face of Jesus Christ.

While we know no man after the flesh at this time (2 Corinthians 5:16), we are still able to gaze upon His face through the eyes of faith. As faith is the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1), our faith in Christ and the testimony of Scripture is sufficient for us to comprehend the face of Christ and His gaze of love and compassion upon us.

### **In The Future**

Revelation 22:4 gives us a wonderful prospect. When we become residents of the New Jerusalem, the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it. It is there, we are told, that we shall see His face. It will be a wonder to behold throughout eternity.

### **Conclusion**

To love Christ's appearing is to adore the Person who is coming! and, to long to see His face! Not everyone longs to see His face. Revelation 6:6

tells us about those who will hide themselves from the face of Him who sitteth on the throne. But for every one of us who professes to believe in Christ, the desire to see Him face to face ought to be the passion of our hearts. What an amazing thing it will be to look into the very face of the one who bore my sin, who shed His blood to pay for my sin, who died and rose again in my place, so that I could live forever with Him. Granted, it will be a most humbling experience and we will undoubtedly be compelled by our own sense of inadequacy to fall down before Him and declare with Isaiah, "Woe is me!" But it will be a time of great rejoicing to be in the physical presence of our Savior and be able to look at Him face to face.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

## **Loving His Appearing**

### Chapter Ten

## **The Personal Interview**

### **Introduction**

I can say I saw a President of the United States in person. It was January 20, 1973. It was a Saturday. It was a chilly day, but not bitter cold. I was in charge of the tract distribution team from Washington Bible College located near Washington, D.C. in Lanham, Maryland. We went to Washington every Saturday morning and distributed tracts, mostly to tourists. This particular day we had extra help and probably distributed more than 20,000 tracts. When it was time for the inauguration to begin, we made our way to the upper side of the U.S. Capital building where the ceremony was to take place. Opposite the Capital building on the other side of First Street, S.E. are two large buildings, the Supreme Court building and the Library of Congress. In the front of the Library of Congress are many steps and a very large porch. This porch is about 700 feet from the steps of the Capital building where President Richard Nixon was sworn in. It was from that distance on that day that I saw a President in person.

I was one insignificant person in a very large crowd. From that distance in that large crowd, I saw President Nixon, but he obviously took no notice of me.

When we are caught up together to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17), how many of us will there be? This rapture will include all believers from about 33 A.D. and Acts chapter 2 to the moment of this era when the church is closed and removed from the earth. Will this be millions? Tens of millions? Hundreds of millions? Billions? It will be a huge crowd!

We will all see Jesus – from the crowd! But then, each of us will be given a personal interview with Jesus Christ. This is called the judgment seat of Christ according to 2 Corinthians 5:10. What will that interview be like?

### **The Personal Nature of the Interview**

2 Corinthians 5:10 says that we must “all” appear before the judgment seat of Christ. The word all is a plural word and is all inclusive. This verse then says that “*every one*” may receive the things done in his body. The term “every one” is singular and suggests that while all will appear before the judgment seat of Christ, it will have a very personal nature to that appearance for each individual who participates.

### **The Objective of the Interview**

The objective of having everyone appear before the judgment seat of Christ is to have each one receive something, to obtain something, to carry away something for themselves.

What is to be received by individuals at the judgment seat of Christ is to be based on what they have done in their bodies while living on earth, whether it be good or bad. Ephesians 6:8 explains, *that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord...* And Colossians 3:25 explains that *he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he had done: and there is no respect of persons.* According to 1 Corinthians 3:9-15, we understand that this does not consist of the earning or losing of one’s salvation, but the receiving reward or the receiving of the loss of reward for one’s conduct as a believer.

By contrast, the great white throne judgment described in Revelation 20:13 consists of the judgment of unbelievers. This judgment is also based on the conduct of individuals as they lived their lives on earth. However, at the great white throne judgment, all participants will be found guilty of insufficient good works, no matter how many they have. The result will be that each one will be cast into the lake of fire.

The only thing that gives any value to the works we do here on earth is faith in Christ. Without faith, all work only adds to a person’s debt before God, regardless of the nature of that work (Romans 4:4). But when a person believes and trusts in Christ, his faith is counted for righteousness (Romans 4:5). *For whatsoever is not of faith is sin* (Romans 14:23). The converse of that would be that whatsoever is of faith is righteousness. Therefore, the judgment seat of Christ will issue rewards based on the faithfulness of a believer while he lived here on earth.

### **The Substance of the Interview**

2 Corinthians 5:9 says *that we labour, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.* Acceptability to God is a condition to be sought by believers only. Unbelievers can never obtain the status of acceptable because without faith it is impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6). Only with faith is it possible to please God. Once a person has pleased God with faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, then the believing person can do things which are acceptable unto Him. Without faith, nothing a non believing person does can be acceptable to God.

The judgment seat of Christ is therefore for believing persons only and specifically for those who are in Christ, the church (2 Corinthians 5:17). The behavior of believers who are in Christ will be examined by Christ at His judgment seat to show what the believer has done that is acceptable to Him and what is not acceptable to Him. Seeing as the term “acceptable” is used in the context of the judgment seat of Christ, it is reasonable then to examine other New Testament contexts where the term acceptable is applied to the behavior of believers and understand from them what kind of things Christ will be examining at His judgment seat.

In light of this, the following is a set of questions that Christ may pose to us at His judgment seat.

1. While on earth, did you present your body as a living sacrifice to God, Holy, and acceptable to God? (Romans 12:1) After all, this is our reasonable service.
2. Did you prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God? (Romans 12:2) Of course, in order to do that, you must not be conformed to this world, but you must be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

3. Did you serve God in righteousness, peace, and joy of the Holy Ghost and not for meat and drink? Have you held fast to sound doctrine or served your own belly? (Romans 14:17-18; Romans 16:18)

4. Did you send things unto the necessities of God's servants? (Philippians 4:18) The Philippians had communicated with Paul concerning giving and receiving (Philippians 4:15). They sent once and again unto his necessities (verse 16). This was fruit that abounded to their account (verse 17). It was an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice, acceptable, well pleasing unto God (verse 18).

5. Did you obey your parents? (Colossians 3:20) Children are to obey their parents in all things because this is well pleasing (acceptable) unto the Lord.

6. Did you pray for all in authority? (1 Timothy 2:3) We are exhorted to make supplications, intercessions and giving of thanks for all men, for kings, and for all that are in authority so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life (1 Timothy 2:1-2). This is what is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.

7. Did you show piety at home and requite your parents? (1 Timothy 5:4) To requite our parents is to recompense, to give back, to restore to them the love and care they gave to us as children. This applies to both sons and nephews.

8. Did you serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear? (Hebrews 12:28) God's grace is available to us to serve Him, but not just to serve Him – to serve Him with reverence and godly fear. Reverence is a sense of modesty or bashfulness. It is having an innate repugnance to doing something dishonorably. It restrains a good man from committing an unworthy act. Godly fear is caution or circumspection. It is the consideration of all the facts, circumstances, and potential consequences of participating in any given activity, and in light of them measuring a response with a view to a correct course of conduct. Christ expects nothing less from those who trust in Him.

9. Did you offer up spiritual sacrifices? (1 Peter 2:5; 1 Peter 2:9; Hebrews 13:15) Have you shown forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light? Such praises are the sacrifices God is looking for. They are the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. With such sacrifices, God is indeed very well pleased.

10. Did you patiently take suffering for well doing?

(1 Peter 2:20) What glory is it if we patiently take what we deserve when we are buffeted for our faults? But when we patiently take what we do not deserve, suffering for well doing, this is acceptable with God.

### Conclusion

When God saves us, He grants us the potential to be acceptable. Ephesians 1:6 says that *He has made us accepted in the beloved*. After that, he works with us to develop that potential, *working in [us] that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ*. It is up to us to cooperate by proving what is acceptable unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:10). The degree to which we do that will determine what we receive from Christ when we have our personal interview with Him at His judgment seat.

So how are you doing? Are you ready for that interview? Are you ready to stand before Christ, face to face, and look Him in the eye and declare *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith* (2 Timothy 4:7). Will Jesus declare to you in that interview *Well done, thou good and faithful servant?* There is no time like the present to prepare for your personal interview with Jesus Christ. 📖

## Elder Notes

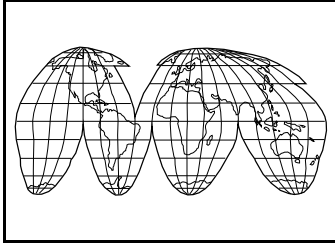
The Elders met twice since the last issue of Rejoicing From the Hills, once on February 23 and once on March 23. Each time we shared our traditional time of Scripture Reading and prayer for the needs of our congregation.

We reviewed a report from the Trustees. Several men volunteered and did a good job on the tile floors on the lower level. They stripped the wax off the floors and put down new wax.

A number of our teens are obtaining their driver's license these days so we reviewed our policy on teenage drivers in relation to church activities. We issued a letter of clarification to all the parents to avoid any misunderstandings. Insurance regulations are the basis for the policy. Our church insurance will not cover anyone under the age of 21 or over the age of 70 for any church sponsored activity.

The Pastor's participation in Samaritan's Ministries for medical expenses is secure for the time being as the healthcare bill passed by Congress included a provision that exempts participants in sharing ministries from the requirement to purchase health insurance. 📖

# Missionary News



*From  
Around  
The World  
and  
Here at Home*

## Marc & Judie Blackwell

Capetown, South Africa

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers." (1 Thessalonians 1:2). Judie and I want to express our genuine thanks for your faithful support. Pray with us that souls will be saved.

Allow me to share the **need for daily prayer**, for the Lord's blessings on our ministry in training student-pastor interns. These couples are taking the final steps toward pastoral and church planting ministries. Church planting, as we practice it, is a team effort focused on evangelism, discipleship, and training leaders. Albert, Dean, Tiny, Cyril, Miles, J.J., Cal, Andrew, Malcolm, and Chris are all South Africans who are already pastoring, and they were trained for ministry right here in the Cape!

**We are busy training pastors** for the new works we are 'planting' in Paarl, Malmesbury, and Durbanville-North. Please pray for all our current students.

**Pray for our newest converts** - refugees from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe - now growing through the Malmesbury church-plant. Pray for their "new convert" classes.

It was a blessing to see a number come to Christ in 2009, some be baptized and become active in our new church plants.

Some short range ministry goals for 2010 include: completing fund raising for the current construction stages at Paardeberg Mt. Retreat, seeing the multi-lingual team discover more effective and practical church planting methods that are useable for the whole team, and the further training of new students.

## Peter & Janis Colon

Friends of Israel - Florida

Janis and I became first time grandparents in December. Our daughter, Sarah, and husband, Abraham, were blessed with a beautiful baby girl and her name is Juliet Christine. Many of you remember Sarah as a little girl. Thank you all for your love and prayers.

My weekly Fellowship study on **Zechariah: Prophet of Encouragement** has begun. We mailed a lot of flyers and anticipate many new visitors plus our regulars. Three Jewish ladies still need Christ.

I gave a lecture to a large Jewish gathering on "**Why Judaism is not Biblical.**" I was invited to challenge a rabbi's lecture, who spoke the week before. Towards the end of my talk, I held up a Temple ruin artifact and asked, "Where is your sacrifice today?" Eerie silence. To God's praise, they felt my lecture made more sense than the rabbi and invited me to come again soon.

The last couple of months have found me participating at a Missions Conference and two Prophecy Conferences. We praise the Lord for you, our dear friends, for your encouragement, prayers and support.

## Moises & Rosa Campos

Spain

We have just returned from a youth retreat where we have been challenging the teens to decide to **follow God with all their hearts and wills**. We presented to them several people in the Bible who made decisions, some good and some bad, and how those decisions had an effect on them. Many good conversations took place as a result of the classes, on subjects such as obedience, purity, knowing the will of God, etc. The environment was amazing, the weather was nice, and the food was abundant. We pray the Lord will keep these young people for Him, that all of them will love God with all their hearts. Thank you to all of you that have been praying for



this ministry.

Pray for our church as we are going through some difficult times. Several of our young people are away because of college, and their absence is affecting the rest of them. Pray that the Lord will keep them pure and that they will put their eyes upon Jesus. Pray for our relationships one with another, **that the love of God will be evident** in all that we do and say. And pray for us, as we try to be an example of Christian character in our words and our deeds. This is our own desire, to be faithful to our Lord, knowing that it is not in vain.

## Donald & Karen Kilmer

To the Zulus in Durban, South Africa

As we travel on furlough the Lord brings wonderful opportunities our way. I was asked to speak at a camp for inner city boys ages 8-12. Even though it is during the school year they are given a chance to get away for a weekend of fun and spiritual refreshment.

Many of these boys come from troubled homes. Some of them come from families that attend weak churches or do not even go to church. They really need times when they can be challenged and **encouraged in the ways of the Lord**. They were full of questions about South Africa. They were fascinated by the various living conditions: from street children and shacks, to high rise apartments and fancy houses.

When I preached to them I had two parts to the message. The first part dealt with salvation. After this part I gave an invitation and **ten boys stood up to receive Jesus as their Savior!** Then I continued to preach and encouraged the boys to dedicate their lives to serving God.

Some of you may be aware that in June of 2010 the Soccer World Cup will be held in South Africa. The great soccer teams of the world will be using stadiums around the country for the games. Thousands of visitors from many countries will be flocking to South Africa to see the games.

**In preparation for the World Cup, special editions of John and Romans are being printed.** The Scripture portion is the same, but the cover is designed for the games. When we were at a

missions conference this year we got to have a hand in helping get these ready. The ones we were collating were being sent to Durban! None of this was planned by man, but it was good to have a small part in preparing a gospel witness for 'our' part of South Africa, especially since we won't be back in time for the World cup.

## Len & Marie Smith

New Mexico

Pray for Len, and those helping him, in the Bible Institute for the internet project. Progress is slow, because it takes so long to prepare each lesson for the internet. However, the work does continue. If you are interested in studying the Bible on your computer, check us out at: [www.sbti.info](http://www.sbti.info).

## Roberto & Imelda Livio

Philippines

We are immensely grateful to the Lord for brethren like you who **share the burden** of this ministry. Please continue to pray with us.

Our Saturday broadcasts at the Armed Forces Radio Station have temporarily stopped due to transmitter problems. This has led to the shutting down of the radio station for the meantime for necessary repairs. Please pray with us that the Lord may either have this station fixed soon or open another door for the preaching of His Word.

We are keeping our eyes open for a **prospective church property site**. Updates shall come in future letters and we hope you can be part of God's answer to our prayers to help us raise the needed amount for this.

Again, we thank God for you and your partnership with us in this ministry of reaching our country and the Far East with the Gospel. As we look backward in memory of the love that moved our Savior to become man that He might die for our sins, may we **remain steadfast and unmoveable**, always abounding in His work as we look forward to the sure hope of His imminent return.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

The preschoolers have had some exciting lessons on creation. It is a wonderful world that God created out of nothing. We enjoy the sunlight for daytime activities and night time for sleeping. The vastness of the heavenly bodies and variety of plants and animals is truly amazing. But His most precious creation was people. We learned how the people God created sinned against Him and the consequences of that sin. But God in His mercy promised a Savior to pay the penalty for sin ... and God kept His promise. We who believe in this Savior can have eternal life forever in heaven.

What better memory work to learn with this series than the Wordless Book? The children are learning what each color represents and a verse to go with it. This is a tool they will be able to use to share the Gospel with their friends, for **even a preschooler can 'read' a wordless book!** Congratulations to Hannah and Rebecca Wertz, Emma Kay Laning, Emma Lindstrom, Matthew Kanost, Ryan Knuth, Grace Balcom, Noah and Austin Stern for learning this.

## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

Our class has been working on memorizing a new passage of 8 verses from the Psalms. Charles Balcom worked really hard and completed these verses way ahead of schedule. Way to go Charles!

We completed our lessons on the Life of David. We had a brief lesson on the work of angels and completed an angel book to help remind us that God also has special work that each of us are to be doing for His honor and glory. Our class has now begun lessons on Moses. We are learning the importance of "hope" and "trust" in God.

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

We have finished our study on David and are now learning about Solomon. One question we've been asking our students each week as we study these lessons is, "What did God want us to learn that He chose to include these details in His Word?" Of all the events God could have chosen to put into His Word from the lives of these men, He chose particular things He wanted us to know; so we could learn from them, not just for history sake, but for our spiritual growth and understanding. God could have chosen to only have recorded the good and faithful things these men did, but He wanted us to see their mistakes too.

Each lesson gives us insight into who God is and what He desires for our lives and how He wants us to live.

One thing we know God wants us to do is to hide His Word in our hearts. Austin Morrow, Henry Balcom, and Jonathan Kanost obeyed the Lord by memorizing the verses this last quarter. Job well done!

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

The past few weeks our class, 1st-3rd graders (called Spotters and Lookouts), have been studying the life of David. It's been interesting to see how each part of the story has something we can apply to our lives. In our handbook there is a missionary project that we need to do. To accomplish this project we made Wordless Book zipper pulls for the Kilmers. Pictures of this project are currently posted on the church website.

In game time the kids were introduced to scooters. They had fun trying to maneuver around the game circle and acquiring bean bags while on the scooter.

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*Note: Pictures of the children and their activities can be seen on our church website. To find the link to the newsletter, open the NHBC home page at [www.northhillsbiblechurch.org](http://www.northhillsbiblechurch.org) and click on the "Resources" link in the navigation menu at the top of the page. The current newsletter is always the first text link at the top of the Resources page, just below the navigation menu. The link says "Current Issue" and is just below the opening paragraph about Rejoicing from the Hills.*  
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*Sunday School taught by Chris Knuth*

We continue our study of the life of Christ in our Sunday School hour. We have recently started into the last year of His 3 year earthly ministry. Soon we will be spending a number of lessons studying His final week and post-resurrection appearances.

Sunday night Proteen meetings are not only a time for building unity as a youth group but are also a learning experience as well. The games we do are primarily Bible focused and help to increase knowledge in a fun, relaxed environment.

Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of the teens as they strive to grow closer with the Savior.

## Quizzing

*by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss*

Quizzing competitions are always a lot of fun and oft times a bit nerve wracking. In our January competition on Ephesians chapters 1 and 2, one of our teams started out a quiz with getting three errors in the first three questions which made their score a -10 at that point. But from then on they answered correctly and ended up winning the quiz!

That first competition helped some of the quizzers see the importance of study and motivated them to work a little harder for the next competition. They did have more wins in the February competition on Ephesians chapters 3 and 4.

March 28 will be a competition on chapters 5 and 6, and the final competition of the year on the whole book of Ephesians will be on Saturday, April 24. We rejoice to see so many teens studying God's Word.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

*Led by Dawn Balcom*

On January 14th the students met to have classes. All the student groups wrote letters or drew pictures to send to "shut ins" of the church.

The kindergarten class had art and painted pictures. They learned about longitude and latitude markers on the globe after watching an orange peel cut into sections during snack time.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades are working on writing good paragraphs and had a hearty game of soccer, followed by an art class using markers to make velvet pictures.

The teen class played "Round Robin" ping pong which was followed by a chemistry lecture and lab focusing on the elements and their neutrons, protons and electrons.

On February 11th the students met to have classes.

The kindergarten class made bead projects and had story time For gym they bowled, in which they practiced writing their numbers on the chalk board while keeping score.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders continued working on their writing skills and then had an art class in which they made "mixed up" zoo animals. Bowling was also the activity for gym class.

The teens continue with writing class and Chemistry experiments to support the discussion of various compound combinations.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

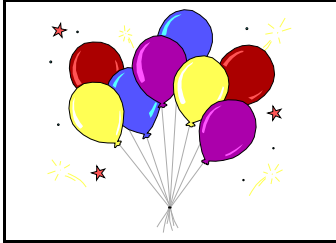
### APRIL

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| 1  | Senior Outing to Crayola Factory | 9:00 AM   |
| 2  | Crucifixion Service              | 7:00 PM   |
| 4  | Resurrection Service             | 10:45 AM  |
| 8  | Homeschool Classes               | 9-12 AM   |
| 10 | Men's Bible Class                | 9:00 AM   |
| 17 | Church Family Fellowship Dinner  | 6:00 PM   |
| 18 | Manor Care Service               | 1:30 PM   |
| 19 | Rescue Mission Service           | 8:00 PM   |
| 20 | Trustees Meeting                 | 6:30 PM   |
| 21 | TAP Ministry                     | 8:00 AM   |
| 22 | Homeschool Field Trip            |           |
| 24 | Men's Bible Class                | 9:00 AM   |
| 24 | Bible Quiz Practice              | 9-12 AM   |
| 24 | Quizzing and Youth Rally         | 1-8:30 PM |

### MAY

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| 6  | Senior Outing to Roadside America | 8:00 AM |
| 8  | Teen's Mega Monopoly Activity     | 1- 5 PM |
| 9  | Pleasant Acres Service            | 1:45 PM |
| 13 | Homeschool History/Science Fair   | 9-12 AM |
| 17 | Rescue Mission Service            | 8:00 PM |
| 18 | Trustees Meeting                  | 6:30 PM |
| 19 | TAP Ministry                      | 8:00 AM |
| 21 | Graduation Banquet ?              |         |

# 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
- 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
- 28 - Marc Pinto
- 31 - **Ruth Livio**
- 31 - Katelyn Myers



## Happy Anniversary

### April

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

### May

- 3 - Gary & Carolyn Zimmerman
- 5 - Chris & Tanya Lindstrom
- 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.

## Pray for Our College Students

Allison & Josh Boyer  
Leanne & Amanda Hoffman  
Nate Moss



There have been many who have experienced grief this winter as their loved ones have passed away.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Virginia Spiese, to Joe Byers in the passing of his mother, to Carol Byers in the passing of her grandmother, to Dewanna Laning in the passing of her grandmother, to Matt Krape in the passing of his grandmother, to Sue Kornbau in the passing of her uncle, to Emily Hoffman in the passing of her two aunts, to Reba Moose in the passing of her brother-in-law, to the Ralph Kern family in his passing, to the family of Isaac Smith in his passing, and to the Donald Tawney family in his passing.

## Remember Our Shut-ins

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



# Master Club Game Time - learning to maneuver the scooters :-)



# MASTER CLUB KIDS MAKE WORDLESS BOOK ZIPPER PULLS FOR MISSIONARIES



Samples: Black stands for sin; Red for Jesus blood; White for cleansed hearts; Yellow for heaven; Green for growing in Christ.  
A great Gospel tool - make sure you get the beads in the right order!





TEEN BIBLE QUIZZING ON THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS



From Wednesday night quiz practices to competitions with other churches.



## LADIES MISSIONARY PROJECT DAY



Cutting flannel figures for the Kilmers (to replace old figures) for use in their children's ministry.



Getting Wordless Book bracelets ready for CEF of York, the Pinyols in Spain, the Blackwells and Kilmers in South Africa. After we got the supplies ready for all 1,500 bracelets, (cutting the string took the longest) volunteers offered to assemble batches of 100.





## HOMESCHOOLERS ROLLER SKATING



Andrew Cook, Dalton Cook, Carlton Morrow, Laura Cook, Tanisha Smith, Katrina Chronister,  
Henry Balcom, Jonathan Kanost, Austin Morrow, Charles Balcom, Ian Morrow, Jeremiah Smith,  
Grace Balcom, Shawn Smith, Matthew Kanost

## VISITING WOLFGANG CANDY FACTORY

“Don’t we look lovely in our hair nets?!”

