

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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Missions Conference September 26-30

Our annual missions conference will take place September 26-30.

The theme will be **"Rescue the Perishing"** based on II Peter 3:9, "The Lord...is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

We have arranged the conference so that it will coincide with our Church Family Picnic. We have invited the missionaries for the conference to be with us during the picnic on Saturday, September 26 so that we may visit with them and get to know them before the preaching sessions begin.

The conference missionaries will include the Kilmers who serve with Independent Faith Mission in South Africa, the Myers serving with Gospel Furthering Fellowship in Tanzania.

This year we will once again have the morning sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There will also be a luncheon for the ladies on Monday at 12:30 PM.

Please pray for the conference and plan to attend all the sessions. 📖



Church Family Picnic September 26

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26. This will be the day for our church family picnic at John Rudy Park. Once again we will be in the Bluebird pavilion. A map of the park will be provided showing the location of this pavilion.



We will share our lunch at 12:30 PM. Arrive about noon and bring your own meat to cook on a grill. Also bring a hot or cold dish and a dessert to share. Hot grills, condiments, beverages, and all paper products will be provided. Devotions will follow lunch at about 1:30 PM. This will be the unofficial beginning of our missions conference so some of



the missionaries will be with us and share during the picnic.



Games are being planned for all age groups. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this day of recreation and fellowship with one another. Please remember our testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ and please dress modestly.



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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

New to the library is **Rossvally: From the Synagogue to the Savior**, the DVD written and directed by our missionary, Peter Colon, who also very effectively portrays Dr. Max Rossvally in the film. This is the true, inspirational story of the life of a soul-hardened Jewish surgeon who meets a devout wounded drummer boy on the Gettysburg battlefield in 1863 during the Civil War and how that brief encounter ultimately leads to Dr. Rossvally's salvation.

THE ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE BIBLE series is now available in interactive DVD format which provides a number of additional features. Three of the DVDs are being added to the library this month:

Abraham and Isaac
Joseph in Egypt
Joseph's Reunion

Both the Children's Day Program during the Sunday School hour and the Morning Worship Service on Children's Day, June 14, are available on DVD and may be borrowed from the library.

The time has come to begin replacing some of the very well-used ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY cassette tape albums with the compact disc sets. The albums with the largest number of missing tapes will be replaced first. Two of them are:

It's Another Fine Day
Welcome Home!

Look for the remaining books in the KIDSBORO series to learn more about the neighborhood which is inhabited and run entirely by kids in the woods behind Whit's End Soda Shoppe:

The Rise and Fall of the Kidsborian Empire
The Creek War
The Risky Reunion

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Loving His Appearing

Chapter Three

The Terms of His Coming

In spelling bees, three things are used in helping the contestants spell a word correctly: the pronunciation of the word, the definition of the word, and the way in which the word is used in a sentence. The last of these, the way in which a word is used in a sentence, is very important when it comes to interpreting the Bible. It is called context.

Context is very important in understanding the meaning of words as God used them in His sentences in Scripture. For example, several terms are used to describe the coming of Jesus Christ. Each of these terms are used to describe some aspect of His first coming, some aspect of His coming for the rapture, and some aspect of His second coming following the tribulation period. Connecting a context to His first coming is rather simple. But the contexts which refer either to the rapture or the second coming are often confused by Bible students. Without carefully observing the context of each of the terms used to describe His coming, one may be easily confused about which event Scripture is speaking. As we examine the definition of each of these terms, and then consider the contexts in which they are used, we will be able to better understand the particulars of and the distinctions between the rapture and the second coming.

Parousia

The first of these terms is the Greek word *parousia*. It is translated “coming” with the intent of referring to the actual moment of arrival involved in the coming. To establish this meaning of the word, let us look at two non-prophetic contexts in Scripture. The first is 1 Corinthians 16:17 where Paul said, *I am glad of the coming [parousia] of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.* Please note that in order for these men to supply something to Paul, they must actually be present with Paul and therefore their coming refers to their actual arrival. The second context is 2 Corinthians 7:6 where Paul said, *Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming [parousia] of Titus; and not by his coming [parousia] only, but by the consolation*

wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more. Obviously, Titus could not tell Paul anything unless he was with him, therefore his coming must refer to his actual arrival.

1. Christ’s Arrival for the Rapture

In 1 Thessalonians 4:15, Scripture refers to the coming [*parousia*] of the Lord. Verse 17 explains that at the time of this arrival *we which are alive and remain shall be caught up [raptured] together with [the dead in Christ who rise first] ... to meet the Lord in the air.* This is obviously a reference to the rapture of the church.

In this context, it says that we will be caught up in the clouds where we meet the Lord in the air. The first word “in” indicates a place or location. The second word “in” indicates only a directional context as into, unto, or toward. When it says we will be caught up in the clouds, that is the specific location where we will meet the Lord. When it then says we will meet Him in the air, this clarifies that it is not a cloud that touches the surface of the earth to which we are raptured, but one that is up into the air.

After this arrival, the church will be with the Lord in heaven. 1 Thessalonians 4:17 concludes, *and so shall we ever be with the Lord.* This goes along with what Jesus talked about in John 14:1-3. There, Jesus talked about preparing us a place “*in my Father’s house.*” Then 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.* If He is going to prepare a place for us *in* His Father’s house, and then He is going to receive us unto Himself so that we may be where He is, that must mean He will be taking us to His Father’s house when He will receive us unto Himself. So, when the Lord descends from heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:16) and we meet the Lord in the clouds up into the air, (verse 17) it must be His plan to take us to His Father’s house at that time, the time of the rapture. In Philippians 3:20, we are told that we look for the Savior from heaven, because heaven is our place of conversation (citizenship). Revelation 19:1 and 7 affirm that before the second coming, the church, which is the bride of Christ, is in heaven prepared to be a wife.

2. His Arrival for the Second Coming.

In Matthew 24:3, the disciples asked Jesus what the sign of His coming [*parousia*] would be.

Jesus explained that there would be cosmic disturbances (verse 29) and *then shall appear* [phaino - shine, become evident, meet the eyes] *the sign of the Son of man in heaven*. When this sign becomes visible, all the tribes of the earth shall mourn and *they shall see the Son of man coming* [erchomai] *in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory*. Please note that this word coming is not parousia but erchomai. Erchomai does not mean arrival. Rather, it refers to the process of traveling or moving from one place to another. At this moment when the sign of the Son of man appears in heaven, the mourning tribes of the earth will see Christ as He is in route toward earth. Also, the phrase "in the clouds" is not a statement of location as it is in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, but it is a statement of means saying that Christ is coming (moving toward earth) in the midst of or on or upon the clouds.

Christ's actual arrival at the second coming does not occur until He touches the earth at the Mt. of Olives. Zechariah 14:4 affirms that at that time *His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east*. This is different from the event of the rapture in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 because then Christ's destination to which He arrives is in the clouds up into the air. At the second coming, Christ's destination to which He arrives is on the earth at the Mt. of Olives. The first time the church sees Christ in the rapture is when they meet Him in the clouds up in the air where He is apparently stationary having arrived at His destination. The first time the nations see Christ in the second coming is when He is still in route toward the earth, riding upon the clouds.

After His arrival at the second coming, the unsaved are gathered first. Jesus explains this in the parable of the wheat and tares in Matthew 13:30. He said, *in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn*. In Matthew 24:31 He describes it in this way, *And he [the Son of man - Christ] shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other*. In Matthew 13:30, both are gathered, the tares first and then the wheat. In Matthew 24:31, only the wheat [the saints] is mentioned as being gathered. So which way is it? Jesus explains further in Matthew 24:37-41:

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

As Jesus gives this description of the flood event in the days of Noah, please note who it is that is taken away and who it is that is left. In verses 38 and 39, it is the people that were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, and knew not until the flood came that are taken away. So then, when it comes to verses 40 and 41, the ones taken correspond to those who knew not, the unbelievers of Noah's day. The ones who were left correspond to Noah and his family who when the flood was finished remained on the earth. This matches perfectly with what Jesus described in Matthew 13:30, that the tares would be taken first and then the wheat would be gathered together unto His kingdom on earth.

Thus in the contexts of Christ's arrival, one for the rapture and one for the second coming, we see elements describing two entirely different events. At the rapture, the church is removed from the earth while everyone else remains on the earth. The church meets the Lord in the clouds up in the air where He has arrived to receive them unto Himself so that He can take them to His Father's house where He has prepared a place for them. At the second coming, the whole world will see Jesus moving toward the earth as He rides upon the clouds. Jesus' arrival does not occur until He stands on the earth at the Mt. of Olives. He then directs His angels to gather the unbelievers and cast them out, leaving only believers on the earth to be gathered together unto Him in His kingdom.

Epiphany

The second term is the Greek word from which we get our English word epiphany. It is a compound word consisting of two parts, epi and phany. Sometimes only the second part is used in reference to Christ's appearing and sometimes the compound word is used. It is translated "appearing" with the sense of a presentation, an unveiling, or a showing of

oneself. Jesus will show Himself to believers when He arrives in the cloud for the rapture. He will also show Himself to the world in a particular way at His second coming.

1. Showing Himself at the Rapture

1 John 2:28 gives some instruction to the church with regard to preparing for the appearing (phany) of Christ at His coming (parousia). It says, *And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear [phany], we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming [parousia].* Immediately following this in 1 John 3:2, we are told that *it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear [phany], we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.* This is obviously a reference to the rapture of the church.

It is this appearing [epiphany] in 2 Timothy 4:8 that we are to love. And this is the glorious appearing [epiphany] in Titus 2:13 that we are to look for. He redeemed us (Titus 2:14), with the intent to glorify our bodies (Romans 8:30) and to give unto us the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:14). This will occur at the time of His appearing (epiphany) when He arrives (parousia) for the rapture.

2. Showing Himself at the Second Coming

Christ will also make a showing of Himself when he moves toward the earth upon the clouds and ultimately arrives at the Mt. of Olives. This epiphany will not have anything to do with the glorification of saints, but will be all about the judgment to be cast upon the anti-christ. 2 Thessalonians 2:8-9 makes reference to the anti-christ as that *Wicked whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.* Regarding this wicked person, verse 8 says that *the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness [epiphany] of his coming [parousia],* or the showing of Himself at His arrival. Zechariah 14:4-9 describes the events at the moment of Christ's arrival at the Mt. of Olives in the second coming.

4 ...the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the

LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

There will be a tremendous epiphany, or display of who Christ is, at His arrival on the Mt. of Olives. The Mt. of Olives will be divided with a valley between the two halves; and a very long day will occur in which it will be impossible to distinguish between day and night for at evening time it shall still be light. This latter part goes along with the translation of epiphany in 2 Thessalonians 2:8 with the word brightness.

It will be in this dramatic showing of Himself that Christ will issue the word by the spirit of His mouth to destroy the anti-christ. In Revelation 19:15, Christ is described as having a sharp sword going out of His mouth by which He will smite the nations at His second coming. It is at this time that *the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image.* And, *These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone* (Revelation 19:20).

So, at His arrival for the church, Christ shows Himself to believers *in* the clouds and when we see Him as He is, we shall be like Him. At His arrival for the second coming at the Mt. of Olives, Christ will show Himself to the anti-christ and consume him with the spirit of His mouth. These are clearly two separate events.

Apocalypse

The third term is the Greek word from which we get our English word apocalypse. When we use this word in English, we generally think of some cataclysmic end time horror story. Actually, the word means a revelation, a revealing, an uncovering and showing or manifesting of something that otherwise could not be seen. It is translated several ways such as coming, manifestation, or revelation. For example, it is used in Galatians 1:11-12 where Paul affirms that he received the gospel *by the revelation [apocalypse] of Jesus Christ.* Obviously, the gospel was not given to Paul in some cataclysmic end times event, but it was

simply shown or manifested to him personally by Jesus Christ.

1. What Christ Reveals at His Arrival for the Rapture

In 1 Corinthians 1:7, Paul said the church was waiting for the coming [apocalypse] of our Lord Jesus Christ. In that context, he says that Christ will *also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ* (verse 8). When it says that Christ confirms us (makes us sure) unto the end, this is an affirmation of our security in Christ. When it says that we may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, this is a pledge of our glorification.

In Romans 8:19 we are said to be waiting for *the manifestation* [apocalypse] of the sons of God. In the previous verse 18, there is a reference to our glorification when it says, *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed* [apocalypsed] *in us*. In fact, much of the content of Romans chapter 8 addresses the subject of our glorification as verse 23 says, *even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body*. And verse 30 says, *whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified*. All of this is in the context of an apocalypse, albeit not of the Son of God, but of the sons of God.

1 Peter 1:5 makes this same association between an apocalypse and the ultimate deliverance of the church. It says we are *kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation* [compare Romans 8:23, the redemption of our bodies] *ready to be revealed* [apocalypsed] *in the last time*.

The revelation or apocalypse of Jesus Christ at His arrival for the rapture is related to the revealing or apocalypse of the glorification of the church believers. Thus there will be a joint apocalypse at the time of the rapture. Jesus Christ will be apocalypsed unto the church and the church will be apocalypsed in glorification unto Christ.

2. What Christ Reveals at His Arrival for the Second Coming.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 is obviously speaking of the second coming as it refers to *flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God* and a

punishment with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord. In this context, it makes mention of *when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed* [apocalypsed] *from heaven with his mighty angels*. This corresponds to the time when all the tribes of the earth will mourn as they see Christ moving toward them upon the clouds (Matthew 24:30).

Conclusion

While each of these three terms, parousia, epiphany, and apocalypse, are used by Scripture in reference to both the rapture and the second coming, the contexts in which these terms are used clearly show that the rapture and the second coming are two distinct events that cannot happen at the same time. This is one of the pieces to the puzzle that has convinced many Bible students that the rapture happens before the tribulation period and the second coming happens at the end of the tribulation period.

For the church, Christ's arrival presents some great things for us. When He arrives in the clouds up in the air, and we are raptured up to meet Him there, He will show us His glory even as He reveals His glory in us as by the glorification of our bodies. Colossians 3:4 sums it up for us as it says, *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory*. That ought to be enough for us to love His appearing. 📖

God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes which God gave me to hold.

He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, and all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes both my joys and sorrows I stored.

But though the gold became heavier each day, the black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black; I wanted to find out why.

And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole which my sorrows had fallen out by.

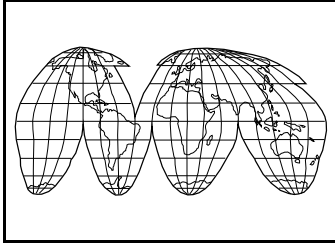
I showed the hole to God, and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be?"

He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're all here with Me."

I asked God why He gave me the boxes, why the gold, and the black with the hole?

"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings, the black is for you to let go."

Missionary News



*From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home*

Child Evangelism Fellowship of York County

We are grateful to the Lord for the two young people who have been willing to serve the Lord this summer, Lauren Stahl and Laura Cook. We certainly appreciate your prayers for their protection as they travel throughout York County.

"Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." (Matthew 18:14) Praise the Lord for **Christians opening up hearts and homes** to neighborhood children. Pray for "fruit" that remains, and for the saved children to go on in Christian discipleship.

Concluding the summer season will be the Good News Day Camp the week of August 3-7. Pray for the children to take home Bible truths and apply them to their daily lives.

Len & Marie Smith

New Mexico

Bible Studies by Mail - testimony:

"Brothers, I am one of the many unfortunate, who wanting to make a little money for the family, ended up in jail and even more separated from family. In spite of it all, I feel very content to have been able to learn the Word of God through you. I have a lot yet to learn, but God is going to give me understanding when necessary, because my faith is in Him. In a

few days I will be released and deported to Mexico."

Praise God for the peace He gives His own. It surpasses all of mankind's understanding! Pray that this brother will find a Bible-teaching church in his home town.

Please pray for our mission. SBCM is considering merging with another church planting mission in the Southwest in order to pool our resources to start more churches in the Southwest. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the harvest field.

We are making progress preparing the lessons for the Bible Institute on the internet. These lessons are also being used in Sunday School. We advertise our website, www.sbti.info, so people will visit our site and learn about our program and perhaps sign up as a regular student in our Institute.

Peter & Rosa Pingol

Spain

Church Planting

Our first priority is the preaching of the glorious Gospel to the lost. Church planting is done from our local church establishing new mission points in other towns around Castellbisbal. From our "Jerusalem" we are reaching other towns in our area, that's our Samaria... but we look even beyond... to the end of the world (Acts 1:8).

Ministry among the Children: Camps and Bible Clubs

"Teach the child in the way he should go..." The ministry among children has been one of our burdens. With this vision we have Bible Clubs for children; we also invite children from the inner city to hear God's Word. They come to our Vacation Bible Schools as well as to the Camps and retreats for youth and children. These activities are focused on the whole family as we believe that the children's ministry should not be separated from the family context. Both Rosa and Peter are licensed by the Catalan government to conduct free time activities with children and teens.

Fundación Bíblica y Misionera

We had a burden to train and teach servants for the local church.

With this in mind we started the Fundación Bíblica y Misionera, our Bible Institute and Seminary. It's purpose is to train Christians to serve and reach others. We make an emphasis on Bible, theology, biblical languages and history, plus practical classes on preaching, teaching, children and youth ministry and music. The emphasis of our Bible Institute is spiritual and practical, we want to teach the importance of serving the Lord in the beauty of His holiness. We also organize special intensive courses as well as visits to the historical places of Christianity in order to have a whole view of the history of the church, and through the field trips learn more about our spiritual heritage.

The ministry of the local church through the Bible Institute does not have only the purpose of preparing servants, but also sending them to preach. Through this ministry we pray for and support the missionary work even beyond our frontiers. We pray for and help the work of the Lord in points of South America or other places where the Lord opens the door. Our vision continues as the need of Spain is overwhelming. We are praying, that the Lord will send faithful servants to the field of Spain. Our work is a work of love, of faith and service, but especially a teamwork. We need people "holding the ropes" for us as we work in this lost country. Would you like to help hold the ropes for us?

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TAP Ministry

Teacher's Assistant Program

(Sending Christian Materials Overseas)

Sample Letters from the Field -

From India "...we continue to thank God upon every remembrance of you and your marvelous Mission of Literature...we thankfully acknowledge the receipt of a large carton. We prayerfully distributed all the materials to the really needy and hungry to know God's Word. We freely presented the Bibles to poor pastors, believers and also non-

Christians who love to have a Bible. We praise God for each and every paper and book."

Note: We sent additional KJV Bibles, tracts, and other reference/study literature.

From the Philippines - "I appreciate so much with the materials you send. This is very much needed in my pastoral teaching."

We have been busy repairing damaged Bibles and reference books. Elmer's glue and packing tape can refurbish a damaged book and make it available again to someone who has never owned their own Bible or study material.

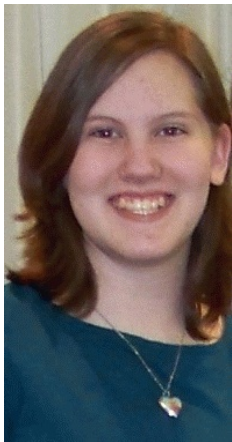
Word of our ministry efforts to secure and send recycled literature continues to spread by word-of-mouth. Several new regional churches and individuals have donated Sunday School material, devotionals, reference books, and Bibles from their libraries. Praise the Lord for His continued, bountiful provision.

This continuing supply of donated materials has kept our volunteer work groups busy sorting and filling our shelves. We have received large quantities of reference books including several specific books that had been requested by national pastors in the Philippines and Ghana. A family serving in Zambia visited the office and filled cartons with reference books and children's Bible stories and Sunday School material. They will use this material to open lending libraries for other pastors and locals in Zambia.

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

# SUMMER MISSIONARY



Laura Cook had the privilege of serving with CEF of York County this summer. Here is what she has to say about that experience.

*My experience so far this summer with CEF has been extremely rewarding. My training was difficult, but with the Lord's help, along with the staff members there, I made it!*

*Our first week of clubs was interesting. On Thursday morning at our first club of the day, we had no children come. So our hostess and Lauren and I just spent time praying that kids would come back on Friday ... and they did!*

*Our second week, we were at the Salvation Army of York. We had almost 70 children attending there! It was definitely a new experience.*

*My partner, Lauren, and I have worked together, and so far have seen six salvation decisions this summer. Pray for these six girls that they will continue to grow in the Lord and be more like Him. Also pray that as we continue with our 5-Day Clubs that more children will respond and come to Christ.*

*God has really shown me that we need to reach these kids this summer, because this may be the last chance they have to hear the Gospel.*

## Master Clubs

*taught by Mr. Wertz and Mrs. Boyer*

We are now in summer mode with the Master Club classes. We have a faithful group of children that come every week and are continuing to learn their verses and complete their activities.



The format is a little different than during the school year and we have been blessed to have a couple more leaders helping. Tanisha Smith is helping in the 4 year old class, Nate Moss has taken over the game time and is helping in the 4th-6th grade class, and Nathan Wertz has taken over the opening and teaching the 4th-6th grade class.

As mentioned, our format has changed a little too. We continue to meet as a group for the opening session, but we also have Bible time and game time together, breaking into our classes only for the book time.

The Bible time is a brief overview of the Old Testament stressing key verses and themes from each book with a little history.





## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

This summer we are learning about Elijah, Elisha, and Moses. What amazing things these men of God were able to do because they were devoted to Him. They were men as we are, but they had faith that God could do marvelous things.

Along with this series we are learning the Finger Prayer list. One thing that made Elijah, Elisha, and Moses so great was their prayer life. The children are learning to pray using each finger of the hand to remind them of things for which to pray.

With promotion Sunday coming up in September we will be graduating 3 of our children to the Primaries class. They are Seth Laning, Jasmine Moss, and Noah Stern. We certainly will miss them but know they will be a nice addition to the Smith's class.



## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

Our class has been studying about choices. Moses choose to obey God. He chose God's way. We learned that Jonathan chose his friends wisely. God is pleased when we are a godly friend. Solomon chose the best. He chose wisdom and God was very pleased. Esther chose courage. She trusted God and He protected her and her people. Joash chose to obey God's Word. He realized how important it was and chose to serve and obey, God is very pleased when we love Him, trust in Him, and choose to obey Him, at all times, whatever the cost. Our class is now working on memorizing John 15:7-14.

This fall 3 children in our class will be promoted to the Junior department. We will be saying good-bye to: Jessica Byers, Tyler Knuth, and Jonathan Kanost.



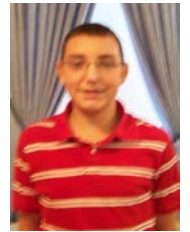
## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

"Be strong in the Lord." Those words are the foundation of our summer lessons, as we study the armor of God in Ephesians 6. Each week we study a different part of the armor, and the students put that part on their own soldier. We are also memorizing the armor of God and the fruit of the Spirit verses.

We are so pleased that the following students memorized our spring verses and will be going miniature golfing with us: Ethan Byers, Sarah Byers, Sarah Fetrow, Austin Morrow, and Henry Balcom.

As the new school year approaches, we always look forward to getting new 4th graders; but at the same time we will miss the students leaving our class and going on to the teen class. This year we have four students being promoted to the teen class: Katelyn Myers, Jacob Frey, Ethan Byers, and Sarah Fetrow. Our prayer for all of our students is that they will continue to learn from God's Word and will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.





# Camp News

## The WILDS Camp

### Servant's Heart Camp

Here are some testimonies from some of those in our church that worked at Servant's Heart Camp this summer.

We were delighted to be able to serve at camp again this summer. Matt had the opportunity to be the activities director: leading most of the day's events including games, music and meals. Rachelle took hundreds of pictures and movie clips throughout the week, and used them to make a DVD for the campers to take home. We also had multiple opportunities to counsel campers. It was enjoyable to watch God work in our lives as well as in the lives of the campers.

Matt and Rachelle Krape

We had a great time working at Servant's Heart Camp this summer. We were truly blessed by this ministry. They had many excellent men who shared from the Word what God had laid on their hearts. Not only were many decisions made for the Lord by the campers, but our hearts, as staff, were also impacted. Lord willing we are looking to future service and are praying for God's directing in a permanent facility of His choosing for the camp.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith

Working at camp was a lot of fun and I really hope to be able to do it again next year. I especially pray that the campers who made decisions will keep them, and keep serving the Lord.

Dalton Cook

What I did at camp was to help make the food. I was also a babysitter. I enjoy being able to serve the Lord and to see how much the Lord works in the kids hearts.

Tanisha Smith



A long 12 hour trip.



God and I time.



Free time spent in the game room.

Excellent challenges from God's Word.



Competition games for team points.

Christ-honoring music.



A long tiring trip back home.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST



|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 3 - Street Meeting          | 7 PM    |
| 6 - Senior Outing           | TBA     |
| 10 - Street Meeting         | 7 PM    |
| 16 - Manor Care Service     | 1:30 PM |
| 17 - Street Meeting         | 7 PM    |
| 17 - Rescue Mission Service | 8 PM    |
| 18 - Trustees Meeting       | 6:30 PM |
| 19 - TAP Ministry           | 8 AM    |
| 24 - Street Meeting         | 7 PM    |
| 31 - Street Meeting         | 7 PM    |

## SEPTEMBER



|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| 3 - Senior Outing             | TBA     |
| 10 - Homeschool Classes       | 10 AM   |
| 13 - Pleasant Acres Service   | 1:45 PM |
| 15 - Trustees Meeting         | 6:30 PM |
| 16 - TAP Ministry             | 8 AM    |
| 21 - Rescue Mission Service   | 8 PM    |
| 24 - Homeschool Field Trip    | TBA     |
| 26 - Church Picnic            | 12 noon |
| 27 - 30 Missions Conference   |         |
| (See next column for details) |         |
| 27 - Prison Ministry          | 2:30 PM |

## LOOKING AHEAD

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 26-30

### Rescue the Perishing



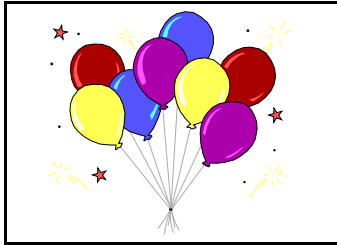
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| Saturday, 26      | Church Picnic                                                                              | 12 noon |
|                   | Missionaries introduced                                                                    |         |
| Sunday, 27        | Sunday School                                                                              | 9:30 AM |
|                   | Missionaries speaking                                                                      |         |
|                   | Morning Worship                                                                            | 10:45AM |
|                   | Missionary preaching                                                                       |         |
|                   | Evening Service                                                                            | 6:30 PM |
|                   | Report and Message by our missionaries                                                     |         |
| Mon. - Wed. 28-30 | Morning Sessions                                                                           | 10:30AM |
|                   | Informal and interactive sessions learning about the countries our missionaries represent. |         |
| Monday, 28        | Ladies Luncheon                                                                            | 12:30PM |
| Mon. - Wed. 28-30 | Evening Services                                                                           | 7:00 PM |
|                   | Report by one missionary,                                                                  |         |
|                   | Message by another missionary.                                                             |         |

## NOVEMBER



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| 25 - Thanksgiving Eve Service | 7 PM |
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# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### August

- 2 - Tim Hoffman
- 5 - Todd Chronister
- 5 - Mary Shelly
- 6 - Jessica Byers
- 10 - **Jeremy Pinyol**
- 11 - Ariana Jones
- 11 - Edgar Miller
- 11 - Margery Wilt
- 12 - Natasha Jones
- 12 - Earl Knuth
- 12 - Patsy Knuth
- 12 - Anna Morales
- 12 - **Rosa Pinyol**
- 12 - Ina Stelfox
- 13 - Linda Spahr
- 16 - Doug Zimmerman
- 17 - Daniel Kahler
- 19 - **Daniel Pinyol**
- 21 - Rick Fetrow, Sr.
- 21 - Heather Knuth
- 21 - Mary Snyder
- 23 - Henry(son) Balcom
- 26 - Gerald Cook
- 27 - Jonathan Boyer
- 30 - Hilda Wallace
- 31 - Ginnie Stough



### September

- 1 - Gladys Gross
- 2 - Ed Cosgrove
- 6 - Richard Waltemyer
- 6 - **Marie Smith**
- 7 - Allison Boyer
- 7 - Andrew Fetrow
- 8 - Bessie Boyer
- 10 - Robert Frey
- 10 - Ken Hoffman
- 10 - Don Snyder
- 15 - **Irene Campos**
- 17 - Lester Fink
- 18 - **Roberto Livioco**
- 19 - **Brian Hilt**
- 21 - Melissa Kahler
- 22 - Ian Morrow
- 24 - Treva Shellenberger
- 26 - Susan Peters
- 28 - Jean Beck
- 28 - Hannah Ortiz
- 29 - Dorothy Moore
- 29 - Hannah Wertz
- 29 - **Glenn Hilt**
- 30 - Jean Druck



## Happy Anniversary

### August

- 4 - Bud & Mary Collins
- 11 - **Roger & Nola Perrott**
- 22 - Norm & Sonja Breneman
- 25 - Skip & Chris Wise
- 28 - Joe & Romaine Feltenberger

### September

- 4 - Joseph & Carol Byers
- 8 - Pedro & Susan Ortiz
- 13 - Edgar & Beverly Miller
- 15 - Jonathan & Natasha Jones



## Address Changes

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Don and Karen Kilmer  
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Phone: 717-665-0430



## 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, Donald and Marian Tawney, Hilda Wallace, Elmira Wise, Mildred Zorbaugh.



**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

NEW ARRIVAL



*Phone Number Changes*