

Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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Men's Conference Day

Saturday March 21, 2009
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

**MISSIONS AND THE MAN
IN THE PEW**

**Developing A Heart
For Missions**



Speakers:

Keith Berkheiser
*Executive Director,
EICM, International*

Bruce Busch
*General Director,
Gospel Furthering Fellowship*

Kevin Callahan
*President,
International Partnership
Ministries*

*Lunch will be provided in the church
fellowship hall.
A free will offering will be received*

Ladies Seminar

For ladies and teen girls

Saturday, March 28,
2009 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**Living Life
in the Light of God's
Word**



Speakers:

Emma Turner -
Retired Missionary
Marta Galdamez -
Administrative Assistant IPM
Thurley Duty -
Pastor's Wife in Leola
Joy Berkheiser -
Pastor's Wife in York
Rebecca Walker -
Pastor's Wife in East Goshen
Rachelle Fry -
Servant's Heart Camp Ministry

Some Session Topics:

Putting God's Word in a Box
Modesty from the Inside Out
Remembering the Word Brings
Hope
One Needful Thing

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Ladies Missionary Project

February 28

Our church ladies will again do a winter project for our missionaries this year. Saturday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. we will meet in the fellowship hall to get care packages ready for the missionaries. An email has gone out to the missionaries asking if there is anything in particular that they would like to receive. Office supplies will again be collected for those who have no specific requests.

Our hands-on project this year will be to make Wordless Book bracelets for CEF of York, using beads and gyp. Time will be spent in prayer for our missionaries and then we will have lunch together and continue our fellowship as we enjoy the dish each lady brings to share.

Coming Events

Crucifixion Service

Friday April 10
7:00 PM

Resurrection Service

Sunday April 12
10:45 AM

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

Are science and the Bible compatible? Today's society, for the most part, claims they are mutually exclusive, that "religion and science don't mix." The library is adding materials which show how science and the Bible support each other in many areas.

Men of Science - Men of God

This book by Dr. Henry Morris provides brief biographies for over 100 great scientists who believed in the Bible and a personal Creator God.

Two booklets by Dr. Joseph Kennedy show the compatibility between Scripture and creation:

Creation Psalms
Creation in the New Testament

In THE WONDERS OF GOD'S CREATION, a three-part video series by Moody Institute of Science, the heavens, the earth, the animal kingdom, and mankind all attest to the master creation of the Master Creator.

Planet Earth: Sanctuary of Life
The Animal Kingdom: Great Are Thy Works
Human Life: Crown of Creation

Most of the Apostle Paul's epistles make some reference to the first three chapters of Genesis. Recently Dr. Kennedy sent North Hills Bible Church a copy of *Chained to His Chariot*, now printed in book form, in which he continues the story of Paul's life.

Additions to THE ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Series include two DVDs:

Saul of Tarsus
The Ministry of Paul

Also look for these new items:

The Best Small Town (ODYSSEY #50)
Battle for Control (KIDSBORO #1)
Though None Go with Me
White Chocolate Moments

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What Does Jesus Look Like?

Many people have a picture hanging in their homes that they think represents the person of Jesus Christ. Not all of the pictures are identical. To be sure, they share some similar characteristics. But if you placed them side by side, they obviously would not all represent the same person. The person depicted has long hair which is probably some shade of brown, a long thin nose, a sad or somber countenance, and a scraggly beard. But is this anywhere close to what Jesus really looked like when He was on earth? Pictures of "Jesus" have been around since at least the fifth century. The question is whether they accurately represent what Jesus actually looked like while He was on earth, and is this supposed image of Him what we will see in the real person when He comes again?

To properly answer the question, "What Does Jesus Look Like?" we must examine four different contexts: His appearance in eternity past, His sojourn on earth, the forty days between the resurrection and His ascension, and after His ascension as He sits upon the throne at the right hand of the Father. His appearance is different in each one of these contexts, but are any of them like the pictures that are supposed to represent Him?

Eternity Past.

Philippians 2:6 tells us that in eternity past Jesus Christ was in the form of God and thought it not robbery to be so. The word form means "the form by which a person or thing strikes the vision, external appearance." So before the incarnation, the Father and the Son shared an identical external appearance.

The fulness of the glory of this appearance is too much for any man to lay his eyes upon and survive. God declared this to Moses in Exodus 33 where Moses asked to see His glory. God said, *Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.* This is affirmed in the New Testament where 1 Timothy 6:16 declares of the Lord Jesus Christ, *Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.*

In this, there may seem to be a contradiction because Scripture plainly states that men have seen

God. For example, Exodus 24:10 says, *And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.* Isaiah also proclaims, *In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple* (Isaiah 6:1). How can it be that no one can see God and live and yet men have seen God?

Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who shares equally in the glory of the Father (John 17:5), is declared to be *the express image* of the Father (Hebrews 1:3). The term "express image" means "the exact expression (the image) of any person or thing, marked likeness, precise reproduction in every respect." In other words, the Eternal Son expresses exactly what God looks like. This is part of the reason (not the whole) that Jesus is called "The Word" in John 1:1. God the Father expresses Himself through the Son including in the matter of His appearance. Thus John the Baptist declared regarding Jesus, *No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him* (John 1:18).

Any time that anyone has seen God, they have actually seen the Eternal Son, who is in the form of God, dwells in the bosom of the Father, is the brightness of His glory, and is the express image of His appearance. This can be substantiated through the case of Isaiah seeing the Lord in Isaiah 6. John made reference to this sighting in John 12. Jesus was having a conversation with some people and in the end of verse 36 John said, *These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.* In verse 37 and following, John proceeds with a commentary of the person of Christ. In his commentary, John refers to Isaiah 51:1 which he quotes as, *Lord, who hath believed our report? And to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?* He also refers to Isaiah 6:10 which he quotes as, *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, John makes a remarkable statement in verse 41, *these things said Esaias [Isaiah] when he saw his glory, and spake of him – meaning Jesus.* The testimony of John under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is this: the person that Isaiah saw on the throne in Isaiah 6:1 is none other than the Eternal Son, Jesus Christ.

So the Scripture remains absolutely accurate and without contradiction. No man can see God and live and no man has seen God the Father in His resplendent glory. In fact, God is invisible (1 Timothy 1:17) at least to man's view. But men have seen the eternal Son of God who is the express image of the Father. They have seen Him pre-incarnate, in the full glory of the throne and they have seen Him pre-incarnate in various manifestations that He has used to show Himself to men.

The next thing to consider is what men like Isaiah saw when they saw the Eternal Son in His pre-incarnate glory. Jesus testified that God is a Spirit (John 4:24). Jesus also explained to His disciples that a spirit does not have flesh and bones (Luke 24:39). Yet He seems to appear in His glory with body parts similar to a man. Exodus 24:10 says, *And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.* Actually, only feet are noted here. Otherwise, there was only a vision of clearness. Deuteronomy 4:12 and 15 clarify that they saw no similitude on that day, they only heard a voice. So there were no actual features to be identified in this vision. This raises a question as to whether they actually saw feet, or that was just how they described the bottom of whatever it was they saw. Neither were there any features identified by Isaiah, only that His train filled the temple (Isaiah 6:1). Ezekiel is more specific in reporting his vision of God. In Ezekiel 1:26-28, he says he saw *the likeness of a throne. Upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.* He goes on to say, *And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.* Now the important thing to note is Ezekiel's use of the word likeness. This word means "similitude, in the likeness of, like as. In other words, Ezekiel was using terms familiar to him to describe something that was very unfamiliar to him. So when he said he saw the likeness of the appearance of a man, he did not see a form exactly like that of a man; rather he saw something that could only best be described as similar to the form of a man, but not exactly. So, there is no description of what the pre-incarnate Eternal Son actually looked like in His glory, even in a general way.

There were other ways besides in His glory that the pre-incarnate Eternal Son showed Himself to men. These manifestations fall into two categories which theologians have labeled "theophanies," and "anthropomorphisms." A theophany is a manifestation of God to man in non-human form. Examples of theophanies would include the burning bush (Exodus 3), and the pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21). An anthropomorphism is a manifestation of God to man in human form. Examples of anthropomorphisms would be when the LORD appeared to Abraham with two other "men" (Genesis 18), and when the hand of God wrote upon the wall before Belshazzar (Daniel 5). These manifestations in no way suggest that God is actually in human form. The visible appearance of the pre-incarnate Eternal Son in His glory was no more the man who appeared to Abraham, then he was the fire in the burning bush. These were merely devices the Eternal Son was able to use in His Divine Power to show Himself to men who would otherwise not be able to look upon Him.

We have no way of knowing what the Eternal Son actually looked like in His pre-incarnate glory. We can only conclude that His appearance was a glorious one that did not include flesh and bones, for He was in the form of God, who is a Spirit..

While He Walked On Earth

But then, a remarkable thing happened in an intersection of eternity and time – the Eternal Son of God took on human nature (Hebrews 2:5-16). The one who through all eternity past was accustomed to the Divine attribute of omnipresence suddenly was confined to a limited space in a limited time. Hebrews 10:5 says, *Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared for me.* The seed for that body was planted in Mary's womb (Luke 1:31, 33), birthed in a barn in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7), grew in stature (Luke 2:52), and became a full grown man (Luke 3:23). The question is, what were the physical features and characteristics of that human body that housed the Eternal Son of God?

First of all regarding the hair, Jesus would not have had long hair. He was not a Nazarite (Numbers 6), a person who consecrated himself to a vow before God, the signs of which were threefold – drink no wine, touch no dead body, and let no razor touch his hair for the duration of the vow. Jesus was a Nazarene, a citizen of the town of Nazareth. There is no record that Jesus ever submitted Himself to the

vow of a Nazarite. Also, short hair, similar to a regular haircut for men today tapered around the sides with the ears showing, was the typical style of hair in world at the time Christ walked on earth. All one need do is observe the art of that time to see that men were always depicted with short hair. In addition, without being a Nazarite, Jesus would not have contradicted His own Words by His hair style. 1 Corinthians 11:14 says, *Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?* Jesus would not have brought shame to Himself by having long hair which would have been the case apart from His having taken the Nazarite vow.

As to His facial features, it helps to ask the question, What did Jews look like in ancient Israel? Jews today are sensitive about the suggestion that there are typical Jewish physical characteristics. Through the centuries, there has been a lot of intermarrying between the nations and ethnic groups of the world. Many Jews have intermarried with non-Jews who have often then converted to the Jewish religion. Thus many have become Jews without being born as a natural Jew. Their children have then grown up Jewish, but do not have what might otherwise be considered typical Jewish physical features. We cannot, however, dismiss the idea that there were typical Jewish physical features 2,000 years ago based upon the intermarrying habits of modern day people. We must look historically to get a better idea of what Jews might have looked like in the day of Christ. Both the Israelites and the Arab nations come from Shem, hence the designation as Shemitic, or Semitic, people. The rest of the nations of the world are descendent from either of Shem's two borthers, Japheth or Ham. The only evidence we have at present for the physical features of Jewish people in the time when Christ was on earth is the typical appearance of Middle Eastern Shemitic descendants. That appearance is typically different from a person of Japhetic or Hamitic descent.

The pictures that are used to represent Jesus typically reflect Japhetic features more than they do Shemitic features. This fact alone makes these pictures suspect as to any hint of accuracy in their portrayal of the physical appearance of Jesus Christ in His humanity. In His human connections, Jesus was Shemitic not Japhetic.

Besides this, there were no pictures drawn or images made of Jesus while He walked on earth. There were no pictures drawn or images made of Jesus by anyone who was contemporary with Him or His disciples. There is absolutely no evidence as to

the actual physical appearance of Jesus Christ in His humanity. Therefore, any attempt to portray human appearance is at best a wild unsubstantiated guess.

Another issue must also be noted in this discussion. One of the ten commandments says, *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God...*(Exodus 20:4-5). God said He did not want man to make any kind of image that could become an object of worship, distracting people from their exclusive devotion to Him. We must therefore conclude that the making of pictures, which purport to represent the physical appearance of Jesus Christ, are highly inappropriate because they may lead to a worshipful attachment of an image of someone other than the real Jesus Christ

Between the Resurrection and the Ascension

Jesus appeared to men numerous times during the forty days between His resurrection and His ascension into heaven. In the resurrection, He took on a glorified body. This glorified body had some characteristics similar to the body He had before He died. He could cook (John 21:7-10), and eat (Luke 24:42-43), and be touched (Matthew 28:9). He even had the scars from the nails in His hands and the spear in His side (John 20:24-27). But there were some decidedly different characteristics of this glorified that distinguish it from the body He had before His resurrection. He could now appear and disappear at will (Luke 24:31) and go through doors that were closed (John 20:19). There was also something different about the impression of His appearance (John 21:12). Though He remained recognizable (John 20:16), He could also camouflage His identity if He so desired (Luke 24:15,31).

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 testifies that in death the human body is sown as a natural body, but in the resurrection it becomes a spiritual body. Thus Jesus' resurrected body is a spiritual body. It is important to note, however, that a spiritual body such as Christ possessed in His resurrection is different from being a spirit. We know this because of what Jesus said to His disciples when they supposed Him to be a spirit. He said, *Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have* (Luke 24:39).

This tells us that when the Eternal Son of God

was in the form of God before His incarnation that He did not have flesh and bones in a spiritual body. Rather, being in the form of God, Who is a Spirit, the pre-incarnate Eternal Son of God was also a Spirit (John 4:24). In His resurrection, Jesus did not return to the form of God and thus relinquish His human nature. He was raised in a spiritual body which is glorified human nature possessing flesh and bones.

After His Ascension Into Heaven

In Revelation chapter one, we are given a description of the resurrected, glorified, ascended Savior. *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. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death* (Revelation 1:12-18).

The reason He appears so glorious here, as opposed to when He was seen between the resurrection and the ascension, is that in Revelation John is seeing Him after He has been sitting at the right Hand of the throne of God for many earth years during which time His glorified human body was able to absorb the glory of the Father, whereas before the ascension it had not yet been exposed to that glory. Jesus also appeared in this brilliant glory to Paul (then Saul) on the Road to Damascus (Acts 9:3).

In eternity future, Jesus Christ remains in His glorified, spiritualized human body for ever. We know this because of the promise that He has given to us. He promised to all His saints that each one would be given a glorified spiritualized body (Romans 8:18-30; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23). He also promised that when that happens, we will be like Him (1 John 2:28 - 3:2). If we are to receive a glorified body like His and be like Him when He comes, then He must maintain that glorified human body unto the Rapture and beyond.

This testifies to the extent of the sacrifice that

the Eternal Son of God made when He willingly was made in the likeness of men (Philippians 2:7). He will return to the Throne and share the Divine Glory with the Father in eternity future just as He did in eternity past (John 17:5). But at the same time, Jesus will always possess human nature throughout eternity future. He will rule and reign as the Son of David on the throne of the Kingdom of Israel (Matthew 21:9; Luke 1:32) and we who are in Him in the church will reign as kings and priest with Him (Revelation 5:10).

Conclusion

We do not need pretend pictures of our Savior. We have a wonderful description of His person in His Word. It is enough to have eyes of faith and anticipate our first sighting of Him in glory. We will surely recognize Him as our eyes will be opened when we shall see Him as He is.

Beware the danger of worshiping an image of a person from a picture that does not really represent the true Savior. Be careful about idolizing a false image. In fact, turn from images that emanate from the imagination of man and be content with the knowledge of Christ that we may have from the written Scriptures.

Learn to love the Savior for who He is and what He has done for us. Seek to know Him as a person, to know the power of His resurrection, to know the fellowship of His sufferings, to be made conformable to His death, and to be found in Him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith (Philippians 3:8-10). Our faith will be made sight soon enough. For now, let us be content to anticipate the glory that is to come. 📖

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I asked for health, that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I got nothing that I asked for -  
but everything that I hoped for.



# Don & Karen Kilmer

## To the Zulu's in South Africa

**There are diseases that are almost unheard of in Western countries** that are common in Africa. One of these is tuberculosis, which is commonly referred to as TB. The most common form of TB is in the lungs, but it can also go into the bones or into the brain. There is a TB hospital not far from Embo. The other week a man, named Hamilton, was finished with his treatment and was allowed to go home. He needed a ride and so I went to fetch him. He wanted to take a shower before he left, because at his house there is no shower or bath tub. He has to wash out of a plastic basin. While I waited for him I walked around the ward talking to the men and giving them gospel tracts. I got to speak briefly to each of the 16 men in that hospital ward. **Most were receptive to the gospel** and only one of them knew Jesus as his Savior.

One of the boys I disciple each week is Aphiwe (aah-pea'-way). He is 15 years old. He has TB in his hip. The bones in his hip had fused and so he needed surgery. After surgery, he was in a leg cast and partial body cast. He had to stay in the hospital for a number of weeks until the cast came off. I took his school work to him each week and helped him work through it. After therapy he got the use of his hip back, but his one leg is shorter than the other. He limps really badly. He enjoys riding bicycle since he doesn't walk well. **Please pray for Aphiwe to love the Lord and grow up to serve Him.**

A few weeks ago a man came to me to say a certain family needed help as a 5 year old girl had been abused. **Unfortunately, this is not rare here in South Africa.** I went to see the family. The girl's mother had died last year and she lives with her granny. I contacted the police. He explained that there was nothing to do as the rapist was unknown to the family. I explained the situation to the family and told them that if anything happened again they should call me straight away. About two weeks later I got a call to say they caught the guy and were holding him - come quickly. As I drove up there was a group of about 100 people. They were shouting and beating the accused man. The police told the people to back off and put the man in the back of the police pick-up truck. As the people started to

disperse I gave out a few tracts and talked to some teens about salvation.

**Please pray that we will have wisdom as we deal with many different kinds of situations** (such as: assault, theft, family disputes, diseases, drunkenness, false worship and all types of sin).

# Peter & Rosa Pinyol

## Spain

**"Tell me about Jesus.** Who was He? What did He do? **Tell me about Him with simple words that I can understand...**I have never heard. I want to know."

Those words came from the lips of a redheaded 37 year old lady. She brought her 7 year old daughter to our Bible class for children. We invited her through another Russian believer member of our congregation. She visited our home and spoke with Rosa about the Lord for a couple of hours.

She came to our church building. **It was the first time she had ever entered into a Christian church.** She came from an area near Chernobyl, Russia. Her father was a strong communist member of the communist party. Her grandmother took her when she was a baby and baptized her in secret at the Orthodox church without even her own father knowing about it. She remembered seeing Bibles being burned in her country and the communist persecuting the Christians. She got married to a Catalan man and came to live in Castellbisbal. For several years her soul had been in a great turmoil, she told me she was afraid of the dark and she had to sleep with the light on all night. She felt a great need inside her that she could not explain. She talked with her Russian friend about that feeling and her friend brought her to our home. She also gave her a Russian New Testament. At home they spoke about the Bible and Christ. Since then she said, "I have been able to sleep and I am no more afraid. I have a peace I had not before, but I do not know anything about Jesus. Tell me about Him. Who was He? What did He do? Tell me about Him with simple words that I can understand...."

*(Praise the Lord, a letter recently came from the Pinyols stating that this woman has accepted Christ as her Savior from sin.)*



# Moises & Rosa Campos

## Spain

As always, we are very much in need of your prayers, since **we are aware of the devil** wanting to discourage us. We know that the Lord is with us, that His power will give us strength, that His wisdom will guide us, that His mercy will sustain us.

**The Lord gave us opportunity** to give testimony through the Bible Exhibit in two different places: the town of Moia, where our co-workers Kevin and Olga Kenny live; and the church of Cerdanyola, where missionary Antonio Moyano is pastoring. Many unsaved people came to see the exposition of the Bible and we had good conversations with many of them.

One highlight has been the ladies meeting with the purpose of **praying for our children**, under the theme "God is Able". Since our first meeting last spring **we have seen the salvation of two** of our young people. There is nothing impossible for God.

We had a children and youth camp retreat, with more than 70 people attending. There were three days of very cold weather and many interesting things to learn. The theme was "Nature is teaching us". Many of the young people expressed their appreciation for **setting aside a time** to be away from their regular activities and listening to the Word of God. Continue to pray for them.

## Brenda Hamme

### Secretary for EICM

Words aren't adequate to express my gratefulness to God for all He has done for me. He has blessed me with good health, safety in travel, strength for busy days in the office, wisdom in making decisions, opportunities to serve in my local church, and the privilege of learning to trust Him more through the challenges He has allowed to come my way. He has also blessed me with family and friends whose faithful prayers and financial support make my ministry with the Mission possible.

## Master Clubs

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

"God's Little Lambs" are our Pre-K four year olds and Kindergarteners. Every Wednesday evening we start out with prayer and songs. We do this as a whole group with the older kids. If we have earned any badges or ribbons they are presented at this time too.



We then break off into our groups. Our group is first for games. We love games! We have a great big game circle that we use. It's awesome!



Then we go upstairs for our prayer and book time. Brenda Hamme takes each child individually to see how well they are memorizing their Bible verses at home. She then writes a little note for the parents so they know what to work on for the next week. Mandy Felty works with the kids on the projects in their books. This is always fun. We learn about God and His love for us. We use all kinds of different art mediums. Before we know it, it is time to go home! We have a great time. Hopefully we aren't too loud for the adult church service. It's exciting to learn about Jesus!





## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

The Preschool class is learning about creation. Along with this series we are watching God make some plants grow. The children were each given bean seeds with instructions, and are seeing them sprout and grow. They realize that we can't make them grow - only God can. We can help by giving the seed water, which God created on day two; soil, which God made on day 3; and sunlight, which God made on day 4.



In our memory work, the children that were able to recite Psalm 23 on their own were: Hannah Wertz, Jasmine Moss, Emma Kay Laning, Emma Lindstrom, Grace Balcom, Ryan Knuth, and Matthew Kanost. We are now working on memorizing John 14:1-6.



## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

Our class has finished a series of lessons on the miracles that Jesus performed. We also worked on memorizing several verses from Romans, known as the "Romans Road". The children did a good job with their verses. A few have to finish this set. We have encouraged them to be witnesses for Christ and these verses are a great tool to share the Gospel. We are now beginning lessons on the life of Abraham and are memorizing verses that we refer to as the "Beatitudes".

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

We have just finished our study of Paul's ministry. We really enjoyed mapping out his missionary journeys and his journey to Rome, as we studied the various events that happened along the way. Next we will be studying some of Paul's letters. Our students have started memorizing Romans chapter 12, and we are working on memorizing new Bible doctrines.

We will soon be going bowling with our students who memorized our fall verses. Congratulations to Henry Balcom, Austin Morrow, Melissa Kahler, Brittany Myers, Katelyn Myers, and Jacob Frey.

*"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."  
Matthew 18:4*

# Youth Update

## Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss



Each week in practice we try to find ways to apply what we are learning and memorizing to our daily lives. Our goal is to learn what it means to walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh as Galatians 5:16 admonishes us. By applying this principle to our every day issues we will grow to be more like our Savior.



We had a quizzing demonstration in the Sunday evening service on January 4<sup>th</sup>. This gave the congregation an opportunity to see what the teens will be doing in their competitions the next few months. It also gave the quizzers an opportunity to quiz in front of people before going into competition. It is always a little scary to quiz before an audience.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

So far this year there have been some different and interesting classes for the homeschool group.

The teens learned about the field of Occupational Therapy. Using adaptive equipment they learned how a person with a total hip replacement would don pants, shoes and socks. They also had a writing class and gym class with lots of running and discussion about the benefits of exercise.

Meatball subs were made by the teens for our homeschool lunch in one session. They were yummy!

Students from three to ten years old participated in a health and safety class with emphasis on healthy eating. Another aspect focused on what to do when approached by a stranger, lost, or while home alone.

Art class gave the 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders some painting experience while the three and four year olds smeared finger paint and glitter around.

In gym class, both groups enjoyed a game of crab soccer with a 25 inch ball.



The teens have found the book of Galatians to challenge their understanding and memory. This does not get any easier as they continue to accumulate knowledge as we work our way through the book. We have just completed weaving our way through Galatians chapter 4. We have two more chapters to cover before the final competition.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## February

- 5 - Thursday - Senior Outing
- 7 - Saturday - Men's Bible Class 9 AM
- 12 - Thursday - Homeschool Classes 9-12 AM
- 15 - Sunday - Manor Care Service 1:30 PM
- 16 - Monday - Rescue Mission Service 8 PM
- 17 - Tuesday - Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM
- 18 - Wednes. - TAP Ministry 8 AM
- 21 - Saturday - Men's Bible Class 9 AM  
- Teens Underground Church
- 22 - Sunday - Quizzing Competition 2-4 PM
- 26 - Thursday - Homeschoolers Field Trip
- 28 - Saturday - Ladies Missionary Project 10 AM



## March

- 5 - Thursday - Senior Outing
- 7 - Saturday - Men's Bible Class 9 AM
- 8 - Sunday - Pleasant Acres Service 1:45 PM
- 12 - Thursday - Homeschool Classes 9-12 AM
- 16 - Monday - Rescue Mission Service 8 PM
- 17 - Tuesday - Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM
- 18 - Wednes. - TAP Ministry 8 AM
- 21 - Saturday - Men's Bible Conference 9 - 4:30  
- Teens Capture the Flag
- 22 - Sunday - Prison Ministry 2:30 PM
- 26 - Thursday - Homeschoolers Field Trip
- 28 - Saturday - Ladies Seminar Day 9 - 4:30
- 29 - Sunday - Quizzing Competition 2-4 PM
- 31 - Tuesday - Prison Ministry 7 PM



## Looking Ahead to Special Events



*"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25-26*

## April

- 10 - Friday - Crucifixion Service 7 PM
- 12 - Sunday - Resurrection Service 10:45
- 25 - Saturday - Final Quiz and Youth Rally 9 - 9

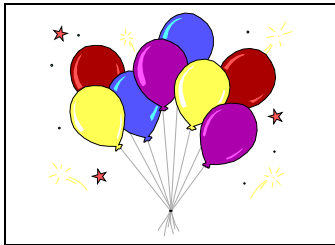


*"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Proverbs. 31 27-28*

## May

- 10 - Sunday - Mother's Day
- 15 - Friday - Ladies Banquet 6:30

**Church Family News**



**Happy Birthday**

**February**

- 1 - Leanne Hoffman
- 3 - Kimberly Kahler
- 4 - **Joy Baker**
- 4 - Matthew Krape
- 5 - **Andrew Perrott**
- 5 - Tanisha Smith
- 6 - Paul Grove
- 7 - Pat Rudisill
- 9 - Earl Morrow
- 11 - Steve Hildebrand
- 12 - Jonathan Jones
- 13 - Joan Fink
- 13 - Vernon Shields
- 15 - Jacob Frey
- 15 - Glenda Hamme
- 15 - Nathaniel Wertz
- 17 - Pam Morales
- 18 - Doug Clark
- 26 - Andy King
- 27 - Beverly Miller

**March**

- 1 - Donald Scotten
- 9 - Samuel Moss
- 10 - Pamela Grove
- 11 - Barry Shelly
- 13 - Jasmine Moss



14 - Richard Fetrow Jr.

- 14 - Jonathan Kanost
- 15 - Sonja Breneman
- 15 - Roy Morrow
- 17 - Ruth Warner
- 18 - Pastor Moss
- 18 - Marian Tawney
- 18 - Gary Zimmerman
- 19 - **Peter Pinyol**
- 20 - **Jonathan Perrott**
- 21 - Mildred Hoffman
- 23 - Lydia Fetrow
- 24 - Amy Kanost
- 24 - **Miriam Rocker**
- 25 - Erika Felty
- 27 - Mandy Felty
- 28 - Carlton Morrow
- 30 - Thomas Kahler



**Happy Anniversary**

**February**

- 3 - **Marc & Judi Blackwell**
- 12 - Ervin & Sue Kornbau

**March**

- 4 - Mike & Becky Frey
- 7 - Don & Jeanette Scotten
- 19 - Bill & Doris Knudsen



Our deep sympathy is extended to Patsy Knuth in the passing of her mother, Bess Swick, on January 6, 2009.



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**Remember Our Shut-ins**



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