

# Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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## Theme for 2011

### Keeping The Words of Christ



The Book of Revelation begins with these words: *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. This does not refer to the revealing of the person of Jesus Christ. Rather, it is speaking of what Jesus Christ is revealing to His servants.

The Book of Revelation is full of information about things that will happen in the future. Some of it is presented in symbolic language, but much of it is very literal. Most of what is recorded in this last book of the Bible has not yet occurred even in our day.

This information was not given to the ungodly to scare them. Rather, it was given to the church, the servants of Jesus Christ to be preserved. Verse three of the beginning chapter bestows a blessing on all those who do three things with this revelation of Jesus Christ: read it, hear it, and keep it. The last of these three is of great importance. The Bible word means to attend to carefully, to take care of, to guard something that is in your possession. Thus the book of Revelation is to be kept, or guarded, by the servants of Jesus Christ so that its message will not be lost, or changed in any way. Thus the book concludes with a warning against altering its words by

either adding to or taking away from them (Revelation 22:18-19).

This year, during our Sunday morning worship services, we will study the book of Revelation, making its message as clear as possible with the intent of keeping it true to what Christ gave us. In the process, we will look for His blessing in our lives and in the life of our local church. 📖

## Congregation Meeting

The annual congregation meeting will be held Sunday, January 23 after the morning service. If the weather is bad it will be held the following Sunday.

## Ladies Missionary Project

### February 27

Our church ladies will again do a winter project. Saturday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. we will meet in the fellowship hall to get care packages ready for the missionaries.

Our hands-on project this year will be mending our worn church hymnals and pew Bibles.

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. 📖

## Bible Conference

### March 11-13



We will be having a Bible Conference this year. It will take place Friday through Sunday March 11-13. The speaker will be Dr. Myron Houghton. He is a senior professor of Systematic Theology at Faith Baptist Bible Theological Seminary in Ankeny Iowa. He also serves there as Systematic Theology Department Chair, and Director of the Master of Arts Theological Studies Program.

The theme of the conference will be eternal security. The first session will be Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. There will be two Saturday morning sessions at 9:30 A.M. and at 10:45 A.M. On Sunday, Dr. Houghton will speak three times, once at 9:30 A.M. during the Sunday School hour, again at 10:45 A.M. during the morning worship service and finally at 6:30 P.M. during the evening Bible hour. All six messages during the conference will address some aspect of eternal security.

Mark your calendar and begin to invite your family and friends to this special event. 📖

**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.

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Soul winning at home and abroad  
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# Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

As we begin a new year, let me remind you that the library, located downstairs across from the restrooms, is open between Sunday School and Morning Worship, 15 minutes after Morning Worship, and 15 minutes before the Evening Service. If another time is more convenient for you, please feel free to talk with me and I'll be glad to assist you.

Look for some new items in the following book and DVD series.

**BE SERIES - Books**

*Be Resolute* (Daniel)  
*Be Amazed* (Selected Minor Prophets)  
*Be Concerned* (Selected Minor Prophets)  
*Be Heroic* (Selected Minor Prophets)

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MEMORIES - Fiction**

*Whispers of Moonlight*  
*To Know Her by Name*

**THE CUL-DE-SAC KIDS - Children's Books**

*The Mudhole Mystery*  
*Fiddlesticks*  
*The Crabby Cat Caper*

**MOODY SCIENCE CLASSICS - DVDs**

*Prior Claim*  
*Of Books and Sloths*  
*Experience With an Eel*  
*Mystery of the Three Clocks*  
*Time and Eternity*  
*God of the Atom*

**THE LAST CHANCE DETECTIVES - DVDs**

*Mystery Lights of Navajo Mesa*  
*Legend of the Desert Bigfoot*  
*Escape from Fire Lake*

# Loving His Appearing

Chapter Eighteen

## The Perfect Christian

Colossians 1:28

### Introduction

Let's say you buy something that needs to be assembled. It comes with many little pieces separated into bags of parts such as screws, pegs, and attachments of various kinds. The larger parts are labeled A, B, C, D, etc. There are 16 of this, 2 of that, 7 of this, and 14 of the other. You lay out all the parts and pieces. You count them and match them to the instruction booklet. When you determine that everything is there you say, "Perfect!" – meaning that it is all there. You have all the required pieces so that when fully assembled, nothing will be missing. The object will be complete and entire.

This is how we should want to be presented to Christ. As Paul stated it in Colossians 1:28, *Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.* This Biblical term "perfect" means "wanting nothing necessary to completeness." As we look for and even long for that moment of rapture when we are transported into the presence of our Savior, we should desire to have our lives molded into that perfectness in Him as much as it is possible in this life.

### **Christian Perfection Corresponds To Sanctification**

#### **1. There are three dimensions to sanctification.**

Initial sanctification happens at the moment we are saved. In the moment of our new birth in Christ, the Holy Spirit sanctifies us (1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13), or cleanses us with the washing of regeneration (Titus 3:5), purging our conscience from dead works (Hebrews 9:14) and setting us apart unto Himself (Ephesians 1:12; Ephesians 2:10; 1 John 4:13). In comparison with the illustration at the beginning of this chapter, this is the point at which all the parts necessary for assembly have been made available because they were purchased. We were bought with a price (the blood of Christ) and thus have

the capacity to glorify God in our body and our spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Progressive sanctification takes place throughout our Christian life here on earth. It is the process by which we grow in our separation from sin and the world and increase in holiness. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6 explains that sanctification is the will of God for us. This consists of abstaining from fornication, possessing our vessel in sanctification and honor rather than in the lust of concupiscence, and not defrauding our brother in any matter. From the above illustration, this would be the process of assembling all the parts. As each part is added, the assembly grows closer and closer to completion. This is the way our Christian lives should be, ever growing closer to the perfect man according to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

Ultimate sanctification is experienced at the rapture. It is otherwise known as glorification. It is the moment in which all corruption and mortality is removed from us (1 Corinthians 15:52-54) and our vile bodies are fashioned like unto Christ's glorious resurrected body (Philippians 3:21). Regarding the above illustration, this is the point at which the last piece is assembled and the object is complete – perfect!

#### **2. There are three corresponding dimensions of perfection.**

Initial perfection occurs at the moment of our new birth. Colossians 2:10 emphatically states that we **are** (present tense and thus already) complete in Christ, even while we are still living here on earth. In Christ we have been blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), because we are presently in a state of having been saved (Ephesians 2:8) and positionally have already been raised up together and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6). A believer is perfect and complete in Christ from the moment he is born again. From that moment forward, he has all the salvation and all the eternal life he will ever get. He has it all in Christ.

Progressive perfection corresponds to progressive sanctification. As we grow through the process of putting off the old man and putting on the new man (Ephesians 4:20-32), we move more and more toward the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 explains that the profitableness of Scripture through doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness is the perfecting of the man of God, thoroughly furnishing him unto all good works. James 1:4 admonishes us to

let patience have her perfect work that we may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. Obviously, in this life we never reach ultimate perfection. There is always another part to be added to our spiritual maturity while we are living on earth. But the closer we come to completion, the more we will look like the finished product. When you first begin to assemble an object that consists of many parts, you may wonder what it is that you are putting together. Without a picture in the assembly instructions, you may not know at first what the object is supposed to be. Fortunately for us, we have an idea of what our lives should look like when fully assembled because the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ is described in the Bible. A new born Christian may have little resemblance to that measure, but the more we grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ and mature in Him, the more we should resemble that measure.

Ultimate perfection will happen in the moment of our ultimate sanctification, or glorification, at the time of the rapture. When Christ presents us to Himself in that transformative moment, all remaining spots and wrinkles will be removed, all remaining missing parts will be put in place, and we will be perfectly perfect before Him.

### **Our Present Task is To Work Toward Perfection**

#### **1. The Objective**

The word “till” in Ephesians 4:13 points us toward an ultimate goal – the unity of the faith (when all are believing exactly the same thing), the unity of the knowledge of the Son of God (when all are understanding exactly the same things about Christ), and a perfect man (when all are measuring up to the stature of the fulness of Christ).

#### **2. The Process**

The word “till” also suggests a process of time and effort as we move toward the ultimate goal. This process includes a variety of things. It includes perfecting that which is lacking in our faith (1 Thessalonians 3:10) so that we may trust better. It includes profiting from the doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction of righteousness in Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16) so that we may work better. It includes letting patience have her perfect work in us (James 1:2-4) so that we may have better character. It includes not offending in word (James 3:2) so that we may communicate better. And it includes being established, strengthened, and settled (1 Peter 5:10) so that we may endure better.

### **The Means**

#### **1. Perfection does not come through the flesh.**

Paul had to admonish the Galatian believers for getting off the track leading to the ultimate goal. He confronted them with the question, *Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?* (Galatians 3:3). If you start assembling your object according to the instructions, using all the parts provided, will you discard the instruction booklet in the middle of the assembly process and start using miscellaneous left over pieces you have thrown into a box from previous projects? Instead of using screws will you use scotch tape? The idea is ridiculous. It is just as ridiculous to think that we are saved by a work of the Spirit but are perfected spiritually by our own works.

#### **2. God is the only one who can make us perfect.**

We need to subscribe to the prayer of Hebrews 13:20 and 21, *Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.* We need to have confidence in the instruction of 1 Peter 5:10, *But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.*

### **Conclusion**

Philippians 1:6 tells us about a work that God began in us and will perform in us until the day of Jesus Christ. This is the work that He is doing, assembling all the elements of the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

If at the rapture He is going to finish the job, adding all remaining unassembled parts, why bother worrying about the assembly process now? An uncooperative spirit in the assembly process would be an indication that you do not love His appearing. You are not looking forward to being a finished product in Christ. You are more interested in being a bag of loose parts, rolling around in this world without an identity that resembles Christ.

To love His appearing means that you long for the moment when ultimate perfection will bring you into the presence of Christ. To love His appearing means

that you will cooperate with His working in you now to assemble as many parts of true spirituality as possible so that while you are still here on earth, your life reflects more and more the real image of the character of Christ. What better way is there to honor Christ in His appearing than to be reflecting Him now as best as we possibly can. In light of Colossians 1:29, let us *labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in [us] mightily.* 📖

### Loving His Appearing

Chapter Nineteen

## Cleanliness Is Next To Godliness

Ephesians 5:26-27

### Introduction

We are all probably familiar with the modern day proverb, cleanliness is next to godliness. Actually it is not really so modern. Rabbi Phinehas ben Yair used this proverb in the late second century, that is, some time before the year 200 A. D. Some say it came from ancient Hebrew writings long before the second century A.D. In our day it is used in a variety of contexts including as an incentive for children to take a bath. But since it has been around for a long time and seems to have been important among God's chosen people even in ancient times, it is valid to ask if cleanliness is important to God. In Ephesians 5:25-27, we are told that Christ gave Himself for the church *that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word so that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.* Apparently, cleanliness has something to do with the presentation Christ wants to make of the church to Himself. No doubt, this involves spiritual and moral cleanliness. But from the beginning, God has used physical cleanliness as an illustration to teach us the importance of the spiritual cleansing He intends for us in Christ.

### **God's Point In the Old Testament**

In the Old Testament law, God declared a lot of things to be unclean. He listed a number of animals that were to be considered unclean and thus not to be eaten (Leviticus 11:4-8). He said a person would be

unclean in certain circumstances such as by having a disease like leprosy (Leviticus 13:2-3), or by touching the carcass of an unclean beast (Leviticus 5:2), or by touching the bed on which a sick person is lying (Leviticus 15:4-5). He even said a house could be unclean to the point of needing to be torn down (Leviticus 14:44-45).

God identified things as unclean because He wanted to draw more attention to those things which are clean. By identifying a list of unclean animals, He emphasized the cleanliness of other animals (Leviticus 11:47). By making strong points about what unclean things were not to be touched or eaten, He put a greater emphasis upon what should be touched and what should be eaten. By regulating what must be done with or to things that became unclean, He emphasized the liberty attached to the use of those things that were clean.

But all of the messages in the law about clean and unclean things were intended to direct the people to an even more important spiritual message about the contrast between the sinfulness of man and the holiness of God. In other words, making a distinction between clean and unclean animals was not just about diet. In Leviticus chapter 10, He gave instructions to the Priests regarding total abstinence from wine in relationship to their service in the tabernacle. The effect of this would be to teach the rest of the people the *difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean* (verse 10). This would also be a testimony to all the nations of the world regarding the significance of God's nature. (Deuteronomy 4:5-7).

The failure to communicate and grasp this message would be disastrous for the nation. If God's people were unclean, it would suggest that God was profane among men, damaging His Name. This is something God would not be able to tolerate, and so the nation would have to suffer the consequences. He confronted them through the prophet Ezekiel regarding this matter saying, *Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them....And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.* (Ezekiel 26:26,30-31).

God is holy (clean), and therefore His people must be holy (clean) in order to have fellowship with

Him (Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:15-16). Picture a husband who has just bathed and put on his best suit in preparation for a very important meeting. His wife has been in the yard and has just fallen headlong into a mud puddle. She comes into the house covered from head to toe and splattering mud everywhere she goes. She sees that her husband is about to leave for his meeting and wants to give him a hug. Will the clean husband want to hug his muddy wife? Does a holy God want to have fellowship with His people if they disregard His holiness and wallow in the filth of this world? The answer is obvious.

### Christ's Purpose In Salvation

Any cleansing of ourselves that we can do is minimal and temporary. Hebrews 9:13 explains that when the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer are used to sprinkle the unclean, they are effective only to the purifying of the flesh. And this process must be continuously repeated without end or conclusion (Hebrews 10:1). This is because anything we can do for ourselves is only skin deep while our problem goes to the depths of the inner man which only the blood of Christ can reach with its cleansing power (Hebrews 9:14; 10:10-14).

This is why Christ gave Himself for us. He was able to satisfy the righteous demands of a Holy Father God and to cleanse us completely from all sin and unrighteousness (1 John 1:7,9). We do not have to stand physically at the foot of the cross and have the cleansing blood of Christ drip upon our physical bodies in order to be clean before God. We need only to hear the word of the gospel and believe it according to Ephesians 5:26 which says He will sanctify and cleanse us with the washing of water by the word. And Titus 3:5 says, *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the holy Ghost.*

Christ's intent is to cleanse us to such a degree that He might present us to Himself without one spot, without one wrinkle, and without one blemish. This will make us a glorious church suitable to His glory and compatible with His holiness.

### Our Priority Now

Picture a family going to a special event. It is a company dinner and the man of the house is up for a big promotion. It is very important to make a good impression. Junior is given a bath and dressed in his finest clean clothes. Then, what do the parents say in chorus to Junior? "Don't get dirty!"

Christ cleansed us from all our sin in the moment of our salvation. Christ will present us to Himself a glorious church in the rapture. What does He expect of us between these two events? *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 7:1). Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints (Ephesians 5:1-3). But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life (Romans 6:22). I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness (Romans 6:19).*


### Conclusion

Picture the rapture having happened and it is now time for your personal interview with Christ. It might go something like this:

Christ: "When I saved you, I gave you a spiritual bath. I cleansed you from all your sins and clothed you with my righteousness....How clean did you keep the garment of righteousness I gave you?"

You: ? (What will you say?)

How well you keep your life clean now is an indication of how much you love the appearing of Christ. For to love His appearing is to bear a readiness to stand before Him with joy and an eagerness to show Him how your life reflected His holiness here on earth. A failure to pursue cleanliness on earth only shows that you do not consider your personal interview with Christ to be very important to you.

So it appears that cleanliness really is next to godliness. Have you taken a spiritual bath lately? 

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Gratitude is the interest we owe God for the life He has given us.

# Elder Notes

The Elders met on Tuesday December 7 at 6:30 PM. All members were present. We began with reading Mark chapter seven and a brief discussion of its contents. We then reviewed the personal needs of our church family, followed by a time of prayer in which each Elder took a turn praying for the needs of our folks and for the agenda before us.

The Trustees reported that they are looking into alternative suppliers of electricity to try to save money. This passed year, our current company, Met Ed, installed a demand meter which adds an extra charge on our bill from a peak time usage. This extra charge has nearly doubled our electric bill even though we are not using any more electricity than we did before. We are hoping to find a different supplier for electricity that would not require the use of a demand meter.

The Trustees also recommended that the Homebuilders Sunday School class move back to the balcony for the winter since the balcony is easier to heat than the fellowship hall.

The Trustees submitted their portion of the budget to the Elders. The Elders finalized the budget proposal for 2011. Some items need to be raised and some could be lowered.

The missions budget total was lowered to the amount for which we are actually committed and which we actually pay out in the course of a year. For several years we have been carrying an additional \$3,000 in the missions budget with the hope of taking on a new missionary. With the constraints of the current economy, it does not look like we will be able to do that any time soon, so we decided to adjust the line item in the budget to reflect what our missions budget actually is. The lower budget figure has no effect on our support for our missionaries.

The total for the proposed budget for 2011 is \$167,564.00. This is \$2,680.00 lower than the budget for 2010. It calls for a weekly offering income of \$3,222.00.

Mrs. Delores Shields reported to the board that the Ladies' Sunday School class was disbanding. The class has decreased in number over the years, and the few ladies remaining wished to move over to Berean Sunday School Class, taught by Mr. Bob Frey. Mrs Shields has faithfully taught the Ladies' Shining Light


Class for many years. We wish to express our appreciation to her for these years of service. We trust the Lord will fill her life with blessings as she retires from this important work.

Plans were set for our Bible Conference to take place March 11-13. We will be trying a different kind of schedule this time with services on Friday evening, Saturday morning and all day Sunday. For the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions, we will invite folks from other churches to join us. The speaker will be Dr. Myron Houghton, who has been with us on a couple of previous occasions. Dr. Houghton is an excellent Bible expositor and includes a bit of witty humor in his preaching. The theme of the conference will be eternal security.

Pastor Moss has received an invitation to speak at a Bible Conference in Ohio in April. The Elders gave their blessing for him to pursue this opportunity.

Pastor Moss reported that he will be preaching through the book of Revelation in the year 2011. These sermons will be presented during our Sunday morning services.

The date for the annual congregation meeting was set for Sunday January 23, immediately following the morning service. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be held the following Sunday, January 30.

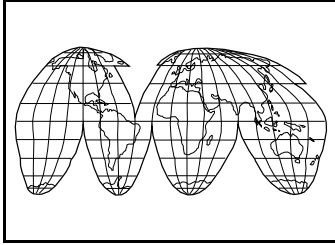
We rejoiced in God's provision and affirmed our conviction that even in difficult financial times, we would trust in God's provision and encourage our church family to be hopeful and confident that God will continue to meet our needs, just as He always has in the past. What a wonderful God we serve. 

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A Christian should be a striking likeness of Jesus Christ. You have read lives of Christ, beautifully and eloquently written, but the best life of Christ is His living biography, written out in the words and actions of His people.

Spurgeon

# Missionary News



*From  
Around  
The World  
and  
Here at Home*

## Marc & Judie Blackwell

Capetown, South Africa

**Please pray for Marc Senior** in preaching, teaching, discipleships, overseeing Pastor Trainees and Interns. He also carries out a counseling ministry, giving support to pastors as they counsel difficult situations. Pray also as he teaches seminars at the Christian camp and Conference Ministry at Paardeberg Mt. Retreat, teaching and preaching through the End-Times Ministry: Herald of Hope, and providing some of the leadership to church and camp related construction projects.

**Please pray for Judie's ministries** with the choir, piano and solo ministries; also discipling the wives of their "Pastor Trainees and Pastoral Interns." Pray for her health and on-going diabetes, and the complete healing of her broken foot.

**Please pray for our family.** Marc Jr. and Nancy (Nicole and Matthew) are facing serious financial pressure. Pray as they work with an intern and potential pastor for the church they are planting. Our son Michael and his wife Heidi (Tyler, Eric, Natalie) have returned to the USA to visit churches and to raise support since their income has fallen. Pray that the Lord will open doors for them to find churches to support them so they can return in 2012. Pray also for our daughter, Michelle and Deon (Ruan) who are training and serving in Church Planting Ministries here in South Africa.

**We struggle** to maintain our personal and ministry finances in these difficult times. We received more notices of reduction of support and a second church dropped our support outright. We are falling behind in our monthly support. We are trying

to keep 'our belt tightened' and keep personal expenses to a minimum, but we are trying to keep all the ministries effective and growing. We praise the Lord for the individuals and supporting churches who are sacrificing to keep our support steady amidst this terrible recession and economic downturn. We thank the Lord for those churches who have so faithfully supported us over the years. We thank the Lord also for the love and prayers of those churches now having to make the decisions to cut or even cease support of our ministries amid these difficult days, when we are all learning lessons in trusting the Lord.

## Child Evangelism Fellowship

York County, PA

God has truly been good to the ministry of CEF of York County this past year. We were blessed with two teams of dedicated and gifted summer missionaries teaching 5-Day Clubs throughout the county. The response of children, teenagers, and adults to the presentation of the Gospel at the York Fair was truly "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Now the Lord has answered a long-standing prayer request of the Committee. He has brought us a skilled and experienced worker to assist Lisa and Ruth in the ministry.

Naomi Nichols is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She has taught in Christian School for two years, and she was a CEF Summer Missionary in Northumberland County for five years. This year she married Mark Nichols and relocated to the York County area.

Naomi will teach Good News Clubs and other meetings, and she will assist Lisa with Teacher Training Classes. She will eventually help new teachers get started with Good News Clubs. Naomi also has office experience that she will use in the preparation of correspondence and materials, as well as being Ruth's understudy. She will assist Lisa in many other areas as well..

With this additional help, and the continued blessing of the Lord, we seek to reach even more children in York County with the Gospel.



## Don & Karen Kilmer

Durban, South Africa

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6:12

Since being back in South Africa, we have heard all kinds of stories of spiritual warfare. Some Christians doubt that Satan really works in extra ordinary ways. When they hear of strange things such as demons attacking people or demons appearing as ghosts or as the dead, they dismiss it as wild stories or over active imaginations.

However, Ephesians six is clear that there is a real spiritual battle taking place. In fact, behind all of the evil and temptation we face there is an unseen spiritual battle. Satan uses whatever tactics it takes within each culture to confuse, weaken, and destroy lives whether those people are unbelievers or believers.

It is most common for Satan to use tactics, such as we see in the west, by tempting people with covetousness, hatred, jealousy, selfishness, gossip, pride, and pleasure. On the other hand, there are times when he uses more direct tactics and openly attacks people.

What would you tell these people? Would you tell them they are crazy? According to I John 4:1 we must test the spirits. In each case, there are particular circumstances and advice that varies according to the situation, but there are certain general principles that often apply. One verse we show is Revelation 12:11 which says, “And they overcame him [i.e. Satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” This verse gives three helps in overcoming the power of Satan, whether it is a physical attack by demons or a desire to follow pleasure.

First of all, the blood of Jesus gives victory. Use it in prayer and thank God for the death and blood of Jesus. Secondly, testifying of the truth helps give us victory. Talk to others about our Savior and about truths in the Bible. Thirdly, loving God and His way more than ourselves, even if it means death, helps us conquer the power of Satan in our lives. May God’s grace keep you strong for Him.

## Roberto & Imelda Livio

Philippines

We praise the Lord for the expressed interest of the chaplains enrolled in our New Testament Bible History video course held at the Villamor Air Base Evangelical Church. Most of them attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Fundamental Bible Conference in Metro-Manila for the first time. This has triggered greater interest resulting in seven more students enrolling at our Tuesday evening classes, three of which are pastors and two are church workers. What a privilege to influence the theology of these chaplains from our Armed Forces, together with these pastors and Christian workers. They all seem to be taking the classes seriously. The lengthy discussions we’ve had in classes have given us the opportunity to address in the light of Scripture doctrinal, philosophical and ethical issues that permeate the various spectrums within Christendom. Please pray that they would remain teachable to the Holy Spirit and that the Biblical instruction they are getting would grow into personal Biblical convictions that would translate into their lives and ministries.

As IPM Far East Regional Director we are praying that we can raise high the banner of Biblical truth in this region of the world with our fellowshipping churches and ministries. I praise the Lord for our recent visit to Hong Kong. We had opportunity to join the brethren there in their Friday afternoon Bible Class and Friday night Prayer Meeting. It was a wonderful time to get more acquainted with Brother Wong’s ministry and the people he had been ministering to.

Our church is planning a Couple’s Fellowship in February, to strengthen our families in the Word. We are also praying about our Annual Family Camp in April to draw in more first timers. We hope some of the soldiers we minister to will be able to join, along with loved ones and friends from our church family.

We are keeping our eyes open for a prospective church property site. We hope you can be part of God’s answer to our prayers to help us raise the needed amount for this.

We are truly grateful to the Lord God for brethren like you who partner with us in this ministry of reaching our country and the Far East with the gospel.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

Psalm 23 was our passage to memorize this past quarter. Those able to recite it on their own were: Hannah Wertz, Rebecca Wertz, David Wertz, Shawn Smith, Hannah Ortiz, Ariana Jones, and Grace Balcom

We will be starting a series about creation and learning how God made everything in 6 days. Along with this series the children are each growing a flower at home called a 'paperwhite'. It can be grown indoors during the winter months, and helps the children visualize that God created plants on day three.

The Preschool class is also learning the John 14:1-6 passage. What a comfort and blessing it is to have this passage tucked away in the hearts of children to bring back to memory as they get older.

## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

Our class has been studying some of different parables that Jesus taught the people. After we hear the earthly story, we then try to understand the heavenly meaning. After that we see how we can practically apply it to our own lives. We especially liked the shepherd and the lost sheep. It is so wonderful to know that the Lord loves us sooo... much! He does not want anyone to be lost. God is good!

We continue to learn the Books of the Old Testament. Charles Balcom was able to say all of them. He did a great job! The rest of the class are doing well and we'll report next time who else was able to say them all.

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

Our lessons are now focusing on some of the parables that Jesus told. We saw a man who was forgiven of much, yet refused to forgive little. How much God has forgiven us; we must forgive others. We also saw religious men, who couldn't take their time to help a fellow Jew; but a Samaritan reminds us of who our neighbor really is.

Job well done to Carleigh Moss, Jonathan Kanost, and Austin Morrow for memorizing Luke 2:1-16! Our next memory verses are the parable of the seed and the sower.

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

Christmas time is a time when we remember Christ's birth, spend time with family, and give to those in need. We in Master Clubs are like family, the family of God. The teachers and helpers give gifts to each one of the children whether it be encouragement in Bible memorization, service in church, or service to others.

Most of the children have learned at least five new Bible verses this year. Some in the primary class have helped rake leaves, pass out tracts, or demonstrate kindness to others in the church. The junior class has learned how to teach a Bible story, and share their testimony.

Each of these gifts has long lasting value. Please pray for our teachers that they will continue to know how to pass along gifts of eternal value to our children, and that the children will continue to desire to serve and know God better.

# Youth Update

## Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

We are now stepping into the time of year when our quizzing competition begins. What an exciting time to see just how well we really know our material, as we are matched against other churches that have also had their teens studying the book of Philippians. We will have a practice demonstration in our evening church service the first Sunday evening in January at 7:00. The last Sunday of January and February and March we will be competing with other churches.

The competition with other churches will be held here at North Hills Bible Church on Sunday, February 27 from 2:00-4:00 in the afternoon. If you are in the area and would like to observe a teen Bible quizzing competition, you are welcome to attend. There will be quizzes going on in three separate rooms simultaneously. What a pleasure it is to see many teens all gathered in one place who have been diligently studying God's Word.

## The Death of Common Sense

### Obituary

*Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend by the name of Common Sense who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valued lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.*

*Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge). His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly*

*student only worsened his condition!*

*It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, spilled it in her lap and was awarded a huge settlement. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility, and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrother, My Rights and Ima Whiner.*

*Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

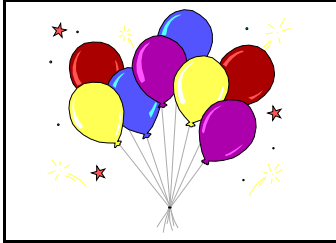
### JANUARY

2	Teen Bible Quiz Demonstration	7:00 PM
6	Senior Outing- Bindery Associates	9:00 PM
8	Men's Bible Class	9:00 AM
9	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
13	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
17	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
18	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
19	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
22	Men's Bible Class	9:00 AM
22	Teen Activity Underground Church	4:30-9:00
25	Homeschoolers Roller Skating	
30	Teen Bible Quiz Competition (At Faith Bible in Mt. Joy)	2-4 PM

### FEBRUARY

3	Senior Outing	
5	Men's Bible Class	9:00 AM
10	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
16	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
19	Men's Bible Class	9:00 AM
20	Manor Care Service	1:30 PM
21	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
22	Trustees' Meeting	6:30
24	Homeschool Field Trip - Police Station	
27	Teen Bible Quiz Competition (Here at North Hills Bible)	2-4 PM

# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### January

- 9 - Jim Beath
- 10 - Brandon Byers
- 15 - Cindy Smith
- 15 - Lisa Smith
- 16 - Ryan Knuth
- 17 - Lorraine Beath
- 18 - Joe Feltenberger
- 18 - **Eunice Livioco**
- 20 - Romaine Feltenberger
- 23 - Chris Knuth

### 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
- 12 - Jonathan Jones
- 13 - Joan Fink
- 13 - Vernon Shields
- 15 - Jacob Frey
- 15 - Glenda Hamme



- 15 - Nathaniel Wertz
- 17 - Pam Morales
- 26 - Andy King
- 27 - Beverly Miller



## Happy Anniversary

### January

- 11 - Greg & Shirley Beard
- 18 - Woody & Mandy Felty

### February

- 3 - **Marc & Judi Blackwell**
- 12 - Ervin & Sue Kornbau
- 16 - Gene & Sherry Beam

### 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.



Our sincere sympathy is extended to Connie Morrow in the passing of her mother, Phyllis Dougerty, on November 19, 2010.

Our sympathy is also extended to Jeannie Geesey in the passing of her husband, Harold, on November 24, 2010.

We extend our sympathy to Rose Lindstrom in the passing of her sister

## Remember Our Shut-ins



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

# Christmas Banquet 2010



The workers.



The centerpieces.



Enjoying the fellowship and food.



Singing Christmas carols.



A message from God's Word.

# Teen Bible Quiz Practice



First we read 2 chapters of the book we are studying that year, then we focus on the next 5 new verses and quiz on them, and then we finish with reviewing all the material we have covered up to that point. When a question is asked, the first person to jump off their seat gets to answer the question. As you look at these pictures you can see the wheels turning.



# Master Clubs



Nate Wertz leading the opening.



Nate Moss setting up for game time.



Game time.



Making cards to send to the missionaries.