

Rejoicing From the Hills

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

Vol. 17, No. 3

A Publication of the North Hills Bible Church

June/July, 2009

SUMMER MISSIONARIES

Matt and Rachelle Krape will be ministering at Servants Heart Camp for about two months this summer. Matt will be taking a leave of absence from his job so that he may dedicate his summer to serving the LORD in this camp ministry. Please pray for the Krapes as they minister to young people and families in the various camps. Contributions to support them financially in this endeavor will be accepted through North Hills Bible Church. Please use an offering envelope for the offering plate, or mail your contribution to the church and designate it for the Krapes.

Dalton Cook will also be serving the Lord at Servant's Heart Camp this summer. This will be Dalton's second summer to serve at this camp. Pray for him as he continues to grow in his own walk with the Lord as well as in developing some leadership skills that will prepare him for future opportunities of service. 📖

CAMP INFO

Our young people attend two different camps in the summer. At each of them, they are exposed to the teaching of God's Word and are given the opportunity to have a lot of fun in an environment which the parents can trust. Please pray for our youth as they attend camp this summer. Pray that the Lord will use this experience to draw them

closer to Him, and to help them have more receptive hearts to His will for their lives.

June 8-13

Some of our teens will be attending Servant's Heart Camp.

June 15-20

Some of our Juniors will be attending Servant's Heart Camp.

July 13-18

Some of our teens will be attending The WILDS Camp in North Carolina.

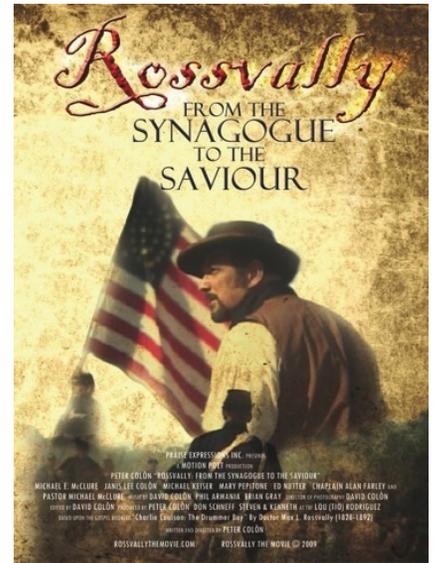


MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The dates for the conference will be September 26-30. Our church picnic will be Saturday, September 26. The missionaries participating in the conference will be with us for the picnic and introduce themselves to us at that time. We will also be having the day sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday again this year. So homeschoolers, you may plan your schedules accordingly for September 28-30. Watch for news about the conference as it develops. It looks like it is going to be a great conference. The Theme this year will be "RESCUE THE PERISHING." 📖

ROSSVALLY FILM Premier Showing

June 27



We have received a copy of the Rossvally film produced by our missionary Peter Colon. It depicts the life of a Jewish doctor who was witnessed to by a Christian drummer boy on the battle field of the Gettysburg in 1863. Peter Colon portrays Dr. Rossvally in the film. There is also a powerful gospel message.

We will be showing the film in our fellowship hall on Saturday June 27 at 6:30 PM. Due to the graphic depiction of battle scenes, we will provide an alternative film in another part of the building for children under the age of 13.

Please invite your friends to join us for this special event. Also, please bring snacks to be shared following the showing of the film. The film lasts about one hour. 📖

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

If you missed either the Crucifixion Service or Resurrection Service this year or would like to listen to the special music and messages again, you may borrow the DVD of these services from the library.

The first volume of **Incredible Creatures That Defy Evolution** is now available in DVD format. This series, narrated by Dr. Jobe Martin, a former evolutionist, enters the fascinating world of animals to reveal sophisticated and complex designs that shake the traditional foundations of evolutionary theory. All three videos in this very interesting series about remarkable animals are also available in the library.

Over the next few weeks, look for a new series of children's books, **SHERLOCK JONES, JUNIOR DETECTIVE**, which recount different adventures of Penny Gordon and her brilliant detective friend, Jasper "Sherlock" Jones. This includes:

Sherlock Jones and the Assassination Plot - While they're testing a new pair of walkie-talkies, Penny and Sherlock find out someone is planning to assassinate Governor Bradford.

Sherlock Jones: The Missing Diamond - Penny and Sherlock use their detective skills and faith to identify a software pirate at Diamond Computer Technology and to solve the kidnapping of their new friend.

Sherlock Jones: The Phantom Airplane - While spending a week at a cabin, Penny, Sherlock and two Christian friends try to solve a dangerous mystery involving the secretive flights of an airplane.

Also look for some new books in the BE SERIES:

- Be Skillful** (Proverbs)
- Be Satisfied** (Ecclesiastes)
- Be Wise** (I Corinthians)
- Be Encouraged** (II Corinthians)

Rejoicing From The Hills

A publication of
The North Hills Bible Church
1951 North Hills Road
York, PA 17406-1831

David E. Moss, Pastor
Church Phone (717) 757-1316
Home Phone (717) 600-2525

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

Our Staff
Pastor Moss - Editor in Chief
Joyce Moss - Assistant Editor
Ruth Warner - Staff Assistant

Editor's Note: In the last issue, we began a series of articles on the subject of loving the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ. The following article is part of that series but is being presented here out of order by request of some who found this material particularly helpful. This article is part of a discussion we have had at North Hills Bible Church regarding the Judgement Seat of Christ, which must be taken into consideration if one is to love His appearing as he ought.

To Judge or Not To Judge

An Examination of Romans Chapter 14

There are two employers: Employer A and Employer B. Employer A owns Company A. Employer B owns Company B. Employer A goes to Company B and starts to tell Company B employees how to do their job. Does Employer A have the right to boss around employees of Company B? No. Employees of company B answer only to Employer B. Employer A has no right to boss around employees of Company B.

Romans 14:4 says, *Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth.* This questions addresses a problem that can exist among believers – that of judging each other regarding their personal choices. The point of Romans chapter 14 is that each believer is a servant of God and each of God's servants answer directly to Him regarding their personal choices. None of us have the right to judge others because they are God's servants and not our servants.

The Qualifiers

The wording above was chosen with purpose to accurately represent the teaching of Romans chapter 14. We are not to judge fellow believers regarding their **personal choices**. The reason for expressing the content of Romans chapter 14 in this way is because of what we find in the surrounding context. In the Romans chapters 13-16, God mandates several kinds of judgements that are to be made by believers against other professing believers. These must be noted in order to understand the intent of Romans chapter 14.

1. The subject matter of Romans Chapter 14 does not apply to doctrinal matters.

Romans 16:17 says, *Now I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*

According to this verse, members of the church have a responsibility to identify people in the church who are teaching things that contradict doctrine which is according to the truth of the Word of God. Such teachings cause divisions and offences within the Body of Christ. Ironically, those who insist upon maintaining the literal teaching of the Word of God are often accused of causing division in the church by their intolerance for other points of view. Yet here the Scripture clearly says that those who present alternative teachings are the ones who are causing division. Those who hold fast the sound words of the truth are to identify those who are teaching false doctrine. This requires believers to make a judgement. They are to mark (publically identify) the divisive teachers and they are to avoid (separate and not fellowship with) them.

2. The subject matter of Romans Chapter 14 does not apply to legal or ethical violations.

Romans 13:1-7 says, *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.*

Civil governments have been designated by God as the enforcers of the law. The church must not be a safe haven for those who violate the law or conduct their business affairs in unethical ways. Violations of the laws of God are grievous to God and we who profess to be His servants must cooperate with the civil authorities in rooting out those who are guilty. To insure that the testimony of the church remain pure, it is necessary for believers to make

judgments about the legal and ethical practices of other believers.

3. The subject matter of Romans Chapter 14 does not apply to moral failures.

Romans 13:11-14 says, *And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

In statements like this, the church has been granted authority to identify moral failures among believers. In other places, the church is specifically instructed to exercise discipline in such matters. For example in 1 Corinthians chapter 5, a man and a woman who are in the church are identified as being guilty of fornication (verse 1). Paul is very definite about the matter of judging these individuals when he says in verse 3, *For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have **judged** already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed.* The church is instructed that the guilty parties are to *be taken away from among you* (verse 2), and to *deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus,* (verse 5). Furthermore, they are *not to company with fornicators* (verse 9), and they are *not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat,* (verse 11). In fact, the Holy Spirit admonishes them that they are to judge those within the Body of Christ. *For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? Do not ye **judge** them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person* (verses 12-13).

4. The subject matter of Romans Chapter 14 is not the same as 1 Corinthians Chapters 8 and 10.

In 1 Corinthians 8:4 the subject matter regarding things being eaten relates to meats offered in sacrifice to idols. In 1 Corinthians 10:28, the subject matter also relates to that which has been offered in sacrifice to idols. 1 Corinthians chapters 8 and 10 must be interpreted in light of Acts chapter 15. After the deliberation of a church counsel, a letter was written to the church which defined some important principles including the matter regarding eating things offered in sacrifice to idols. The letter specifies that these directives to the church seemed good and necessary to the Holy Spirit. This letter said in part, *For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; That*

ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well (Acts 15:28-29). From this statement, a case can be made regarding the teaching of 1 Corinthians chapters 8 and 10 that the so called strong brethren who think they can eat meat offered in sacrifice to idols without being effected spiritually are in error and need to rethink their motive for eating such meat. But in Romans chapter 14, neither the word idol nor the word sacrifice are used. This chapter does not address the matter of eating meat offered in sacrifice to idols. The subject matter of this chapter is something else entirely.

The Subject Matter of Romans Chapter 14

1. The Issue of Diet

According to verse 2, the controversy is between those who believe they may eat all things and those who have decided to eat only herbs. There is a Biblical case to be made for a diet that includes all things edible. In Genesis 9:3, God opened the diet of mankind to *every moving thing that liveth along with the green herb.* Later, restrictions were made to that diet in the Mosaic law where God made a difference between clean and unclean animals (Leviticus 11). In the New Testament, God lifted those restrictions for the church. In Acts 10:9-18, Peter had a vision in which God encouraged him to eat unclean animals. Peter resisted, but a voice said, *What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common* (verse 15). It is true that God was using this as an illustration so that Peter would be willing to present the Gospel to Gentiles. But Peter evidently understood this to mean more than just the preaching of the Gospel, for in Galatians 2:12 he is said to be eating with the Gentiles. Paul makes this matter even more clear in 1 Timothy 4:3-5 where he speaks against those who commanded to *abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.* He then adds, *For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.*

But there can also be a Biblical case made for sticking to a vegetarian diet. Such a matter was a subject of discussion in the first century A.D. The Essenes, a Jewish sect which was active at the time and which were responsible for what eventually became known as the Dead Sea Scrolls, promoted a vegetarian diet. This was man's original diet mandated by God (Genesis 1:29-30). It is possible that this will be the diet of all people on earth in the millennium. For example, according to Isaiah 65:25, lions will no longer be carnivorous in the Millennium. If there are no more predator or carnivorous animals, it may also be that man's diet is reverted to that of Adam and Eve. This was also the diet of choice for Daniel and his friends when they were taken to Babylon. In Daniel 1:12, they voluntarily ate only pulse and water, and yet their health was superior to those who ate of the best of the king's food.

Please note that according to Romans 14:6 both of these diets are maintained unto the Lord. *He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.* Each of these diets are used by conviction on the part of those who use them.

2. The Issue of Esteeming One Day Above Another

According to verse 5, diet is not the only issue related to this matter of judging the personal choices of fellow believers. This verse says, *One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.* Again, both conduct themselves unto the Lord. The beginning of verse 6 says, *He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it.*

One present day application to this issue might be the matter of working on Sunday. Some Christians absolutely refuse to work on Sunday because to them Sunday is just as significant as the Sabbath Day was to Israel. Others work on Sunday as any other day and never think about it.

The Guiding Principles

1. None of us lives unto ourselves.

Verses 7-8 says, *For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.* In other words, none of us are totally isolated and private. Everything we do in living and dying we do under God's observation.

All of this will be brought to account at the judgment seat of Christ, and so we have no right to interject our opinions into those personal matters that will be dealt with at the judgement seat of Christ. This is why verse 10 says,

but why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ.

Now keep in mind the context of Romans chapter 14. It addresses two specific issues, the matter of choice of diet between eating meat and being vegetarian (not including the spiritual issue of eating things offered to idols), and the matter of esteeming or not esteeming particular days unto the Lord. God is saying in this chapter that there are personal choices that we may make in these particular matters that are entirely personal. He will deal with these matters directly when we stand before the judgement seat of Christ. So these kinds of personal choices are off limits in the context of church discipline.

2. Jesus Christ has earned the right to be the judge.

According to verse 9, Jesus died, rose, and revived in order that *He might be Lord both of the dead and living.* Who else had earned this right? None of us to be sure, so we must leave this role to Him.

3. Everyone of us will give account of himself to Christ.

Verse 12 says, *So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.* We do not give account to each other regarding our personal choices. This account is given directly to God.

The Criteria for Christ's Judgment of Our Personal Choices

1. Did we make our personal choices on the basis of our faith in Christ?

Verse 22 says, *Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.* If you make your personal choices because of your faith in God, believing that this is the right thing to do, then you will have a clear conscience before Him. But verse 23

says, *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.* If you are not confident that this thing is pleasing to God and you choose to do it anyway, then your lack of faith will be a matter of consideration at the judgement seat of Christ.

2. Did we press fellow believers to violate their conscience?

Verse 1 says that we are to receive him that is weak in matters of faith. Verse 4 says that none of us has the right to judge another servant of Christ. Verse 10 admonishes us to beware how we treat other believers in light of the judgement seat of Christ. Then verse 13 says, *Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.* In other words, none of us are to be the cause of another believer violating his own conscience. We should never say to someone who by conviction is a vegetarian, "Oh, come on. Eat this meat!" We should never say to someone who by conviction chooses not to work on Sunday, "Oh, come on. Work on Sunday."

Consider what verse 14 says. *I know and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: **but** to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.* Many things are clean and acceptable to God. But if someone in his personal choices has decided by faith to consider one of these clean things to be unclean, no other believer should encourage him to violate his own conscience regarding that personal choice.

There are things, of course, that are unclean and we are admonished to leave them untouched. 2 Corinthians 6:17 says, *Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing.* When Romans 14:14 says that the Lord Jesus persuades us that nothing is unclean of itself, it must be understood in the context of the two issues being address by the chapter, diet and the esteeming of days. Verse 15 refers to meat, verse 17 to meat and drink, verse 20 to meat, verse 21 to eating flesh and drinking wine, and verse 23 to eating. This makes it obvious that Jesus' instruction that nothing is unclean of itself is a reference to food and not to everything in this world. When Christ says that nothing is unclean of itself, we must necessarily exclude doctrinal errors, legal or ethical violations, and moral failures all of which are unclean and all of which we must leave untouched or face judgment by our peers as mandated by God in His Word.

3. Did we rudely display our liberties in an offensive manner?

Verses 15-16 says, *But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of.* God is not as concerned about whether or not a person eats meat as He is about him loving one another in the Body of Christ. For a meat eater

to press the issue of diet with a vegetarian is not a loving action. Christ will bring a believer into account for such an action.

4. Did we have our priorities in order?

Verse 17 says, *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.* And verse 20 says, *For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offense.* When we stand before the judgment seat of Christ, Jesus is not going to ask us if we ate pork chops. He will ask us if we ate them in faith. And he will ask us if we loved our neighbor as ourselves. These spiritual matters are the priorities of life and will be part of the substance of our personal interview with Christ when we stand before Him face to face.

Conclusion

Everyone of us who are in Christ will give an account of himself to the Master (verse 14). Part of that account will be an evaluation of the influence we have had on others, whether we walked charitably before them or destroyed them (verse 15). Part of loving His appearing is looking forward to our personal interview at the judgement seat of Christ and hearing Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Doing well includes being our brother's keeper and loving our neighbors as ourselves. This means we refrain from judging others in matters of personal choices when those choices do not involve doctrinal error, legal or ethical violations, or moral failures. This also means that we do not impose upon the conscience of fellow believers by encouraging them to violate their own conscience in matters related to their personal choices. We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Everyone of us shall give account of ourselves to God. He has earned the right to be the Judge. Let Him be the judge regarding the personal choices of the brethren and let us make sure that our priorities are in the right order, seeking righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost rather than fretting over meat and days.

ELDER NOTES

The Elders met on Tuesday April 21 and on Tuesday May 28. During the April meeting, we met jointly with the Trustees for part of the time and discussed ways to save money in our budgetary expenses in light of the failing economy of our country. We praise the Lord, though, that He has been wonderfully providing for us and we look to Him and not to ourselves in order to be wise stewards.

We have received a copy of the Rossvally film produced by our missionary Peter Colon. The Film is entitled *Rossvally, From The Synagogue To The Saviour*. Peter Colon stars as Dr. Rossvally. The film presents a clear gospel message. We will present a premier showing on Saturday evening June 27 at 6:30 PM.

We are recommending an amendment to our church constitution which will make clear and definite our beliefs and conviction concerning several issues that plague our country and our society. Accordingly, this will be presented to the congregation for consideration and a vote at a duly called congregation meeting in the near future. The proposed amendment is as follows.

ARTICLE 16: ISSUES

Section 1: Human Sexuality

a. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:10; Matthew 19:4-6).

b. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, and adultery are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 18:20; Genesis 19:5-7 & 13; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-32; 1 Corinthians 5:13; 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4). Because of the divine command to end such practices, persons engaged in immoral activities shall not be members of this church (1 Corinthians 5:1; 6:9). Any church member who participates in such behaviors will be disciplined according to

the church constitution, Article IV, Section 4.

c. Based on the Biblical belief that homosexuality is a chosen behavior and not an un-chosen state of being (Romans 1:24-27), and based on the Biblical belief that homosexuality is unacceptable to God (Leviticus 18:22; Leviticus 20:13; Deuteronomy 23:17; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Jude 1:7), no person who professes to be homosexual, or who participates in homosexual activity shall be granted church membership, allowed to participate in the ministries of the church, or be granted the privileges of marriage or ordination. Any church member who professes to be homosexual or participates in homosexual behavior will be disciplined according to the church constitution, Article IV, Section 4.

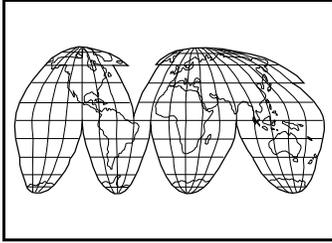
Section 2: Abortion

We believe that the human life begins at conception and the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified and un-excused taking of an unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortion of pregnancy due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well being of the mother are acceptable (Job 3:16; Psalm 51:5; Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 44:24; Isaiah 49:1, 5; Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 1:44).

Section 3: Creation

We believe the Genesis account of creation is a literal, historical account of the direct, immediate creative acts of God in six literal twenty four hour days, without the involvement of any evolutionary process (Genesis 1:1-2:25; Colossians 1:16; John 1:3-10). 📖

Missionary News



*From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home*

Joy Baker

Germany

Fifty years ago I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior in Machias, Maine. I had just moved there. The first day in the new school my classmate, Jann, witnessed to me and the next week she invited me to evangelistic services where a cousin of my cousins was preaching. My mother had always spoken highly of this man so I went to meet him and through him found the Lord.

In my last letter I said there was a beam of hope that Tom would **translate Proverbs** into good Turkish. Praise the Lord with me that he has begun this work. Pray for him, please. He is 85 years old. This means, of course, that when Proverbs is translated it will be a short step to finish the preparation of the *Wellsprings Study* outline of this book.

I am finding good blocks of time to study and **translate notes for the II Thessalonians commentary**. I'm afraid the time line of this project is still to be measured in years. Please petition the Lord for a competent person to edit the I Thessalonians commentary and other manuscripts.

A group of us were in Emmertsgrund for a special outreach. The weather was just right for a few games outside which drew some children. There were **over 20 kids who listened** very well to a sketch board presentation of salvation through a story about Barabbas. Some believers in Emmertsgrund might be able to assume the responsibility for this class.

I plan to join students in Istanbul who are from a US Bible School. The students will be trying to learn enough Turkish again this year to do at least one children's meeting, maybe more. The leaders want to find **service projects to do in the city** with the goal of meeting people with whom we can share the Gospel.

Please keep my upcoming move in prayer: that the Lord will verify where He wants me and what I should do with all the ministry material I have stored here. I trust by October to know what my future address will be.

Roberto & Imelda Livio

Philippines

We are grateful to the Lord for the door of **opportunity He has given us to minister** to other churches. Light House Bible Believers Church in Paranaque City commemorated her 19th church anniversary with the theme, "Knowing God." It was my privilege to be their morning service speaker. My family and church choir followed for the 5 p.m. service to minister through music and song. At the end of the one-hour musicale of vocal and instrumental numbers, I had the opportunity once again to give a ten minute challenge from the Word. The sanctuary was filled with people from the host church and their various outreaches. It was a delight to hear our choir members speak of **the joy of serving Him** through this ministry. The Lord seems to be opening more doors for our choir to be of service. They were privileged again to minister in an inter-church fellowship which commemorated the 29th church anniversary of Gospel Light Baptist Church in Quezon City. They have been asked to sing again in Foundation Baptist Mission's anniversary celebration. Please pray that the Lord be continually pleased in using Jonathan David, our music director, and our music ministry to bring more souls into His kingdom and to edify His saints with God-honoring music.

We continue to witness God's power to transform lives by His Spirit and His Word. Two young professional ladies made public their profession of faith

in Christ through believers' baptism. They both came from a Roman Catholic background and finally trusted Christ as Savior the middle of last year. They are now beginning to share their faith with their loved ones and friends. I am sure they would really appreciate your prayers for their spiritual growth.

Your prayers were substantially instrumental to see God's truth placarded high in our field. We are immensely grateful to the Lord for brethren like you who share the burden of this ministry.

in Christ through believers' baptism. They both came from a Roman Catholic background and finally trusted Christ as Savior the middle of last year. They are now beginning to share their faith with their loved ones and friends. I am sure they would really appreciate your prayers for their spiritual growth.

Your prayers were substantially instrumental to see God's truth placarded high in our field. We are immensely grateful to the Lord for brethren like you who share the burden of this ministry.

Len & Marie Smith

New Mexico

Bible Studies By Mail Celebrates 30 Years! Marie and I had the privilege of helping start it in 1985 when we moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico. Below is a testimony from a present student.

This letter came from the United Arab Emirates: "I am going back home to my country, the Philippines, as a new creation changed by God - by the power of the Holy Spirit. **I had a lot of questions when I first met Jesus** but they were answered by reading the Bible and with the help of your Bible studies. Please pray for my desire to serve Him, sharing His Word with family, friends, and those people who need Christ. I love you all with the love of the Lord Jesus."

Donald & Karen Kilmer

To the Zulu's in South Africa

A young man from New York was out here to visit us. On day we went to a large primary (elementary) school with 650 students to preach. **He preached the gospel and I interpreted.**

After the service we visited a couple of classes. One of the boys I disciple was in the one class. As he went to the front to sharpen his pencil

he had to pass a desk where the boy reached out and pushed him. What did he do? Of course, he pushed back. We don't have to look far to see the sin nature in mankind. I spoke to Him to be careful about taking revenge. It seems simple at a school boy level, but as they get older it sometimes turns violent. **In African culture parents are usually permissive.** Children grow up thinking they can have what they want. This creates many problems in society such as: laziness, theft, strife, revenge, greediness, murmuring and complaining to mention a few. Please pray for us to have wisdom in discipling people in our ministry.

Another time I got a call from one of the boys I disciple to say **he had been stabbed after school.** Could I take him to the hospital? Very few people we minister to have cars, and an ambulance takes a long time to come. I went to the sugar cane farm where he lives and saw that he would probably need stitches. I took him to the hospital where they gave him a shot for tetanus and put a bandage on the wounds. He would have to wait until the evening when a doctor comes in to look at emergency cases. About 8 p.m. the doctor came in and told him to go home and come back the next day. The following day a police report needed to be made. I took John to school to explain the situation to the teacher. She gave us **a chance to preach at opening assembly.**

After sorting things out with the police I took John to the hospital again. They only put a bandage on and told him to return the next day. In the end they never did give him stitches, but just put bandages on. They told him that every two or three days he needed to miss school to go to the clinic to get the bandages changed. Rather than him missing so much school Karen and I change his bandages every two days. Some of you remember that on our last furlough we asked for antibiotic cream. Well, it is still being put to good use! **Thank you to those of you who helped us with this practical area of ministry.** Through it all, tracts were given to various people along the way as well as the Lord providing an opportunity to preach the gospel at a school.

A few weeks ago we baptized eight people. We are so glad for their step of obedience and commitment to the Lord.

When we come home **on furlough later this year we will need a car** for transportation. Please pray that the Lord will supply for this up coming need.

Moises & Rosa Campos

Spain

We had a wonderful opportunity of ministering as **we set up our Bible Exhibit, and children from two schools came** to our church to see it. For three days, around 150 children ages 10 to 12 (and 7 teachers) came to know about the Bible. We told them about the history of the Bible, the writers, the languages and many other cultural things. Then we told them about the line of argument and the most important Person in the Book. So that they could remember it better, we used the Wordless Book. At the end **we gave all of them a gospel bracelet** after we had explained to them the five more important things that the Bible teaches. Before leaving, they could go around, looking at the many old Bibles and asking lots of questions.

We pray that the Lord will use this ministry to bring some souls to Him. It impressed us very much seeing some of the children who didn't want to come into the church because they were Muslims, and they are not allowed to go into any type of church. The teachers had to tell them that they weren't doing anything wrong just listening and looking. I wonder if they were rebuked at their homes for telling their parents about the meaning of the bracelet.

We could never imagine how hard it would be to find plastic beads to make the bracelets! After going around for two days, we found some round beads with the 5 colors that we needed. Rosa, Irene and some of the ladies enjoyed their time making them. Finally they came out very nice, and the children (and also the teachers) loved them.

Thanks to all of you who have been praying for this ministry. **It was such a joy for us looking at the children's faces as they were listening** very attentively to the gospel message! It is our prayer that the Lord will bless them and save them.

~~~~~  
*Destroy the faith of a nation and  
 you destroy the nation.*

## Master Clubs

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

Master Clubs continue to combine learning of God's Word and active fun for kids. It's been exciting to watch many of the children work diligently to finish the requirements for their next badge. Clubs will soon be over until the fall, we are amazed that the first year of club has flown by so quickly.



You may have noticed the large circle of multicolored tape on the floor of the fellowship hall. This is used several times throughout the evening by various groups for all sorts of games, relay races, etc. The kids enjoy racing around the circle and being the first one inside to touch the cone. The club leaders do an excellent job of developing active games to enable the children to have a fun time.

The Ambassadors (4-6th Grade) are working on memorizing Scripture, doing Christian Service projects, and learning basic Bible Doctrines. Each evening we study one of the Bible verses that the students are working on memorizing. This is an opportunity



to teach about principles contained in the verses and make some applications that students can use every day. We play both learning games using some Bible book cards, but our students prefer more active games like "footsie soccer," where they try to score by kicking the beanbag through chairs stationed on either side of the fellowship hall.



Matt and Rachele would like to thank Nate Wertz for helping with club for a few weeks during the month of April. He willingly agreed to lead the songs, teach the Ambassadors group, and lead their game time while we were gone for several weeks.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for Master Clubs this year!





## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

The preschoolers have just finished learning Psalm 100 and will recite it for the Children's Day program. Those able to recite the whole chapter on their own were: Hannah and Rebecca Wertz, Emma Lindstrom, Jasmine Moss, Seth, Emma Kay, and Luke Laning, Noah and Austin Stern, Ryan Knuth, Grace Balcom, and Hannah Ortiz.

In our lessons we have learned about the Prodigal Son and how the father quickly forgave him. That reminds us of our heavenly Father who longs for us to come to Him in repentance so He can forgive us. Another story was about Joshua and the battle of Jericho. Joshua obeyed God even when it might not have made sense to anyone else. We too need to obey God so completely. Then there was Gideon who thought he wasn't important enough for God to use. But we learned that God will use anyone who is willing to trust Him.



## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

Our class has just finished a series of lessons on Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. During that time many individuals lives were affected by those events and their personal contact with Jesus. We studied about how Jesus knows us so well. He told Peter that before morning he would deny knowing him, not just once, but three times. Jesus never stopped loving Peter.

Thomas would not believe that Jesus was alive unless he could see for himself. Jesus knew

Thomas, his very thoughts, and Jesus showed himself to Thomas.

The women found the grave empty and were sad, but Jesus brought them comfort revealing to them that he was alive. We serve a living, loving Savior.



The children have finished memorizing a passage from Matthew 5:1-12. The entire class completed this memory work. Way to go: Allyson and Tyler Knuth, Caleb Fetrow, Ian Morrow, Jessica Byers, Jonathan Kanost, Carleigh Moss, Charles Balcom, and Jonny Kahler!

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

We are really enjoying our study of the book of Judges. There are so many interesting and exciting events and people to learn about. How sad to see God's people serving idols, and the judgment that comes upon them for their sin. But we also rejoice in seeing the mercy and love of God for His people in sending these judges to deliver them and bring them back to Him.



We've learned about Ehud and his tricky left hand; and how God used a woman, Jael, to conquer mighty Sisera. Can any story be more exciting than Gideon, marching with his trumpets and pitchers; and Samson fighting the Philistines with foxes and jawbones? As these judges are listed among the faithful, may we also be faithful to God and to the work He has called for us to do.

**Please join us for our Children's Day program at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 14 to hear what the children have been learning in Sunday School.**



*Sunday School taught by Mr. Chris Knuth*

Our direction in the Sunday School hour has taken a change in the last few weeks. We finished our study of The Holy War and have begun a 12-13 week study in the book of Proverbs. We are only a few weeks into this study but it is a book that all the teens can learn something new.

Our Sunday night Proteen meeting will be coming to an end for the summer in just a couple weeks. These meetings are a lot of fun and a good time to learn as well.

Thank you for all your prayers and support for our youth group.



Ten of our teens memorized the whole book of Galatians. Congratulations are extended to Jon Boyer, Katrina Chronister, Amy Krape, Tanisha Smith, Emily Sutter, Roy and Carlton Morrow, Dalton, Laura and Andrew Cook.

I am thankful for the help of my assistant coach, Nate Moss, and the way he contributed in our practice sessions every Wednesday evening. It really has been a team effort with all of us working together throughout the year.



## Quizzing

*by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss*

We made it all the way through the book of Galatians! We ended our year with a practice on a Saturday morning and then our final competition with other churches in the afternoon. Our Eagles, Ravens, and Doves teams each quizzed six times. The Eagles had two extra quizzes in the double elimination rounds. We are so thankful for the teens diligence in studying God's Word this year.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Our homeschool support group classes have come to an end for this school year. All three groups finished with various gym activities. The youngest group had the opportunity of Sarah Fetrow working with them and doing some various arts and crafts. She did a great job.

The middle group finished their writing by creating some acrostics using their name which was also to be a reflection on their personality. In their art class they worked hands-on with color wheels, creating their own.

The teen class worked on some of the final details necessary to finish their research reports. They also spent time trying to finish their woodworking project.

For our last field trip we went to downtown York for a walking tour of "The Murals of York". It was a bit chilly but very interesting! We then went to Kiwanis Lake where we had our lunch and then several of the boys spent time fishing. Henry and Charles Balcom each went home with a nice trout that they caught that day.

We finished the year with the group having their history, science, project day.

# Our Graduates

Amanda Hoffman



I was very blessed to be raised on a farm and homeschooled my whole life. Both of these areas have positively influenced my life. I was extensively involved in showing cattle in the York County 4-H Beef Club for six years, which also helped me develop my speaking skills.

Currently I work at Trail Nurseries, a whole sale greenhouse in Dover, where I plant flowers, design containers, move plants to different greenhouses, and do anything else that needs to be done.

My future plans are to attend Bob Jones University and major in criminal justice with a minor in political science. I feel that more Christians should be involved in politics and I would like to take my criminal justice major toward the field of social work.

One of my favorite Bible verses is Romans 12:12 "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer."

Tanisha Smith

Tanisha is graduating this year from Mt. Zion Home School Academy and will be receiving a parent issued diploma. She has been home schooled since 1st grade.



Tanisha loves music and also enjoys spending time with her family and friends at North Hills Bible Church. She was been on the Bible Quiz Team from 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

One of her greatest delights is riding and working with horses. Tanisha is seeking God's will in directing her future.

Her favorite verse is Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Richard  
Fetrow



Being homeschooled, I remember doing physical education at a gym facility. Mrs. Moss had us do exercises and running before we started our activities. I still remember the Bible verse she had us recite each time before we got started - "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13

Then as time passed our homeschool group activities were moved to our own church. My most memorable times were all the field trips we did together. I have enjoyed my years being homeschooled.

John 3:16 is my favorite Bible verse. Time has gone by so quickly. I feel overwhelmed with all the decisions I need to make for myself. I have no clue what I want to do in the future. All I can do is take one day at a time and wait for God's direction in my life. My plans for the summer are to work at Pinchot Park Boat Rentals. I am unsure what the future holds for me after the summer is over. Please pray for me that God will give me direction in this area of my life.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

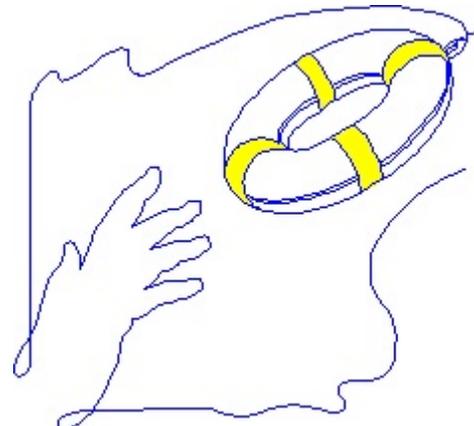
## LOOKING AHEAD TO SPECIAL EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER** Saturday 26 - Church Picnic



**SEPTEMBER** 26 - 30 *Missions Conference*

**"Rescue the Perishing"**



## JUNE

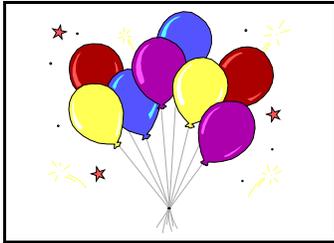
- 4 - Senior Outing
- 8 - Street Meeting 7 PM
- 8-12 - Teens at Servant's Heart Camp
- 13 - Children's Program Practice 9:30-12
- 14 - Children's Day Program 9:30 AM
- 15 - Street Meeting 7 PM
- 15 - Rescue Mission Service 8 PM
- 15-19 - Juniors at Servant's Heart Camp
- 16 - Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM
- 17 - TAP Ministry 8 AM
- 21 - Manor Care Service 1:30 PM
- 22 - Street Meeting 7 PM
- 29 - Street Meeting 7 PM
- 30 - Prison Ministry 7 PM



## JULY

- 2 - Senior Outing
- 6 - Street Meeting 7 PM
- 12 - Pleasant Acres Service 1:45 PM
- 13 - Street Meeting 7 PM
- 13-18 - Teens at the Wilds Camp
- 15 - TAP Ministry 8 AM
- 20 - Street Meeting 7 PM
- 20 - Rescue Mission Service 8 PM
- 21 - Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM
- 26 - Prison Ministry 2:30 PM
- 27 - Street Meeting 7 PM
- 30 - Prison Ministry 8 PM

# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### June

- 1 - **Donald Kilmer**
- 3 - Charles Balcom
- 5 - Bud Collins
- 5 - **Danielle Livio**
- 7 - Matthew Kanost
- 7 - Joel Knuth
- 7 - Taryne Knuth
- 9 - Greg Beard
- 14 - Harold Geesey
- 15 - Ivy Pyle
- 17 - Allyson Knuth
- 17 - Ginny Spiese
- 18 - Emma Lindstrom
- 18 - Tanya Lindstrom
- 19 - Ethel Leib
- 20 - Shirley Beard
- 20 - **Joshua Perrott** ('06)
- 23 - Becky Frey
- 24 - Kermit Smith
- 26 - Mildred Geisler
- 28 - David Fetrow
- 30 - Joseph Byers

### July

- 3 - Bryan Flohr
- 3 - **Jonathan Livio**
- 7 - Seth Laning
- 10 - Reba Moose



- 10 - Connie Morrow
- 14 - Brianne Lindstrom
- 15 - Joshua Boyer
- 19 - **Rosa Campos**
- 20 - Sharon Blankenship
- 22 - Carl Fair
- 22 - Emma Kay Laning
- 22 - Luke Laning
- 23 - Mildred Zorbaugh
- 24 - **Anna Joy Perrott**
- 30 - **Deborah Livio**
- 30 - Susan Ortiz



## Happy Anniversary

### June

- 1 - Paul & Pamela Grove
- 4 - **Moises & Rosa Campos**
- 4 - Bryan & Beth Ann Flohr
- 4 - Earl & Patsy Knuth
- 8 - **Len & Marie Smith**
- 13 - Howard & Pat Rudisill
- 16 - Rick & Lydia Fetrow
- 23 - Richard & Norma Shook
- 29 - Marley & Gladys Gross
- 29 - Bob & Carol McKinley
- 29 - Vernon & Delores Shields

### July

- 1 - Doug & Faith Clark
- 9 - **Don & Karen Kilmer**
- 18 - Steve & Diane Hildebrand
- 20 - Pastor & Joyce Moss
- 27 - Gerald & Darcy Cook
- 30 - Don & Mary Snyder
- 31 - Manuel & Pam Morales

## Address Change

Matthew and Rachelle Krape  
28 West Market Street Apt. 2  
Hellam, PA 17406

## Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to Matthew and Rachelle Krape as they were united in holy matrimony on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Please notice their address in the previous column.



Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. Moss on the birth of another grandchild, Elijah Moss, born on April 7 to Samuel and Nicole. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 ½ inches long. He lives in Iowa and joins brothers Levi age 3 ½ and Silas age 23 months.

## 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.