

Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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Bible Conference March 11-13

Preaching on

Eternal Security

With
Dr. Myron Houghton



Conference Subjects

Friday, 7:00 PM - Hebrews 6:4-6
Saturday 9:30 AM - Hebrews 10:1-18
Saturday 10:45 AM - Hebrews 10:26-39
Sunday 9:30 AM - Romans 8:28-39
Sunday 10:45 AM - 2 Peter 2:20-21
Sunday 6:30 PM - John 10:1-39

Conference Speaker

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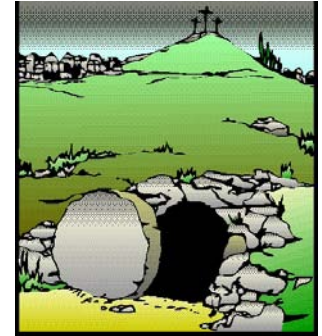
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Coming Events



Crucifixion Service
Friday, April 22
7:00 PM



Resurrection Service
Sunday, April 24
10:45 AM

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A GOSPEL MESSAGE FOR YOU

Have you asked Jesus Christ to save you? If not, will you accept Him as your Saviour now? The following will explain what you need to do.

1. **ADMIT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.** The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
2. **KNOW THAT GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR YOUR SALVATION.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16
3. **KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF.** "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5a
4. **REPENT OF YOUR SIN.** "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." II Corinthians 7:10. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3
5. **ASK JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE YOU.** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be **SAVED.**" Romans 10:13. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be **SAVED.**" Acts 16:31
6. **CONFESS JESUS BEFORE MEN.** "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be **SAVED.** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10

If you have any questions or would like further spiritual help, please contact us at the North Hills Bible Church. Our phone number is 757-1316.

Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

In Acts 2:42, we read, "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Luke was writing about the group of believers known to us as "the early church." They didn't have a building or the amenities we are blessed to have as we gather together to worship our risen Savior.

New to the library is an excellent children's book, **Sunrise Hill**, filled with vivid illustrations. When ten-year-old Caleb's Uncle Josh, a preacher, comes to town, he convinces the townspeople to build a church. Everyone is excited and eager to get the building done before Easter, but two weeks before Easter, disaster strikes and the new building is completely destroyed. All hope seems to be lost, but young Caleb helps everyone realize that the "real" church is not the building after all. It's the people.

Another new book is **The Logan Story**, a compilation of stories and letters of how the Lord used Wallace and Ruth Logan to help build His church in Central Africa, where they served as missionaries for many years. Family members, some of whom continue to serve as missionaries, were involved in collecting and arranging the information about their parents' extraordinary experiences.

Also being added to the library are some CD albums from ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY covering a variety of topics which encourage godly character and help answer children's questions:

In Hot Pursuit - God's presence, relationships, teamwork, responsibility, perseverance

No Way Out - God's love, fear, sacrifice, loyalty

Along for the Ride - God's gifts, truthfulness, forgiveness, pride, purity

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Chapter Twenty

Dealing With Mortality

1 Corinthians 15:52-58

Introduction

Mortality is about death and dying. 1 Corinthians 15:53 connects the word mortality to the concept of corruption. Corruption means that our bodies are in a state of decay and in a process of perishing because they have been exposed to a corrupting agent – sin. Adam introduced that corrupting agent to the human race when he rejected God's word and ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree. Thus, by inheritance, all our bodies became mortal, that is, liable to death.

Our mortality makes us groan as we wait for our glorification. According to 2 Corinthians 5:4, we long for what has been promised: death to be swallowed up of life and our person to be clothed upon with glorified bodies. In glorification, our mortal bodies will be quickened or made alive (Romans 8:11), and we shall be changed (1 Corinthians 15:52) from being corrupt to being incorrupt and from being mortal to being immortal (verse 53).

Until that actually happens, we continue to live here on earth in mortal bodies. How do we deal with mortality as believers? How do we minimize our groaning and maintain our hope?

Sin Must be Minimized.

Romans 6:12 says, *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.* Sin is the corrupting agent and when sin reigns like a king over your life, it orders what you do without restraint. But the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), and the body is dead (or subject to death and therefore as good as dead) because of sin (Romans 8:10). If we live after the flesh, we will experience a continual deadness in our lives. However, if we mortify the deeds of the body, we can experience the abundant life made possible by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross (Romans 8:13). Sin makes our lives lifeless, but if we can minimize sin in our Christian lives, we will be able to enjoy a liveliness that is not possible while sin reigns.

To do This, We Must Emphasize the Living of Christ in Us.

The truth is, Christ lives in believers and He is the life sustaining force in our lives. Galatians 2:20 expresses it this way, *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.* In fact, God has designed the Christian life so that if we do it right, the life of Jesus Christ will be manifest in our mortal flesh (2 Corinthians 4:11). He is in us, so we need to let Him shine outward!

But how do we minimize the emphasis on death and dying so that the life of Jesus can shine through?

1. Understand that the sting of death is gone.

Romans 8:22-23 makes a significant statement regarding the state of the believer in comparison to the state of the unbeliever as we anticipate the rapture. It says that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together. Then it says that we as believers groan within ourselves as we wait for the adoption which is the redemption of our body. The difference is that while we believers groan within ourselves, we do not experience the travailing in pain. The term "travailing in pain" typically describes the birth pangs of a woman about to deliver a child (Galatians 4:19). This is the experience of the world as it grows closer to the tribulation period. But the believer need not experience any such sensation because our hope is in the redemption of the body and not in enduring the travail of tribulation.

Since there is no travailing in pain for the church, there is no sting in death for the believer. In the Old Testament when a believer died he went to paradise or the bosom of Abraham. Paradise was nice but it was not heaven. Heaven is where Jesus Christ resides, and that is our hope – to ever be with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:17)!

2. In light of the absence of the sting of death, He gives us 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

To be steadfast is to remain sitting, to be firmly sedentary, and immovably so. Steadfast is not the same as stubborn. Stubborn is unwilling to listen and to learn. Steadfast refuses to let go having heard and learned. For example, if a person is drowning, someone throws a lifesaver to them. The stubborn drowning person refuses to grab hold of the ring insisting he can save himself. A steadfast drowning person grabs hold of the ring and refuses to let go trusting that the lifesaver ring can preserve his life. To be steadfast in our Christian life, we need to grab hold of the truth and refuse to let go of it, allowing the truth and not the flesh to determine how we live our lives.

To be unmoveable means to be firmly persistent in maintaining our place in serving Christ. We absolutely refuse to allow anything to persuade us to do anything differently than be faithful to our Savior.

To be always abounding in the work of the Lord means that at all times we go beyond what is normal in being industriously productive in serving our Lord. If we ever become satisfied with a minimal participation in the work of the Lord, we open the door to the flesh to bear an influence on our behavior. But when we are constantly seeking the maximum that we can do to glorify God, our abounding in the work of the Lord leaves no room for the flesh to distract us.

The motivation is knowing that our labor in the Lord is never in vain. The energy we spend, the effort we put forth and the tiredness we may experience as a result is never a loss when we are serving Christ. There is always substance to the things we do in spending our lives for the One who gave everything for us.

Conclusion

In spite of the fact that we are housed in bodies that are subject to death and dying, the life of our Lord Jesus Christ may shine through us and through our mortal bodies if –

1. We minimize the control of sin over our bodies. (This we can do because we know the sting of death is gone.)
2. We listen to and learn the truth and hold on to it refusing to let go.
3. We are firmly persistent.
4. At all times we put forth a concerted effort to do

something real in the Lord, and by the power of His presence, we know that our weariness in serving Him is not for nothing.

Loving His Appearing

Chapter Twenty One

Glad To Be Suffering

1 Peter 4:13

Introduction

Everything we experience makes us feel something. Bad experiences make us feel bad. If someone criticizes us, or our car breaks down, or we break someone's favorite dish, negative feelings rush over us. On the other hand, good experiences make us feel good. When someone remembers our birthday, or we have a really good night's sleep, or we do someone a favor, we fill up with pleasant feelings.

So is suffering a good experience or a bad experience? In our humanness, we tend to think that suffering is bad and so when we suffer, we feel bad. But God wants us to understand that suffering as a Christian is a good experience and we should be glad when it happens. As 1 Peter 4:16 says, *Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.*

The Negative Terms of Suffering

The Bible word "suffer" refers to a feeling which the mind endures in order to bear what is painful, disagreeable, or distressing. A sinner suffers the pangs of the conscience, while a saint may suffer wrong, abuse, or injustice. 1 Peter 4:13-16 uses the word suffer in this way, *But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings....But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed....*

The Bible term "fiery trial" as a type of suffering believers experience. It refers to a time of testing by which our faith is made stronger and more pure. It comes from the idea of a refiners fire in which metals are set to heat to burn off the impurities. 1 Peter 4:12 uses the term saying, *Beloved, think it not strange*

concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. A strange thing is something that is alien or unheard of. When we experience a fiery trial of our faith, we should not think that we are the only one that has ever experienced such a thing. 1 Peter 1:7 speaks of *the trial of your faith*, and describes it this way: *being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory* – specifically at – *the appearing of Jesus Christ*. Thus, the enduring of suffering in this life for the believer has a very specific objective – to be part of our testimony when we stand before Jesus Christ face to face.

The Bible word “reproach” means to accuse, to insult publicly, to draw the sword against. Partaking of Christ’s sufferings is not suffering as He did on the cross, bearing the weight of the sins of others. Rather, Christ’s sufferings in us refers to the reproach we will experience in our Christian lives which corresponds to the reproach Christ experienced when He walked on earth. He was accused of speaking blasphemy when He spoke the truth (Mark 2:7). They attempted to cast Him over a cliff because He applied a messianic prophesy to Himself (Luke 4:28-29). They repeatedly watched Him in order to find something for which they could accuse Him (Luke 6:7; Luke 11:53-54). They accused Him of having a working relationship with the devil (Matthew 12:22-24). They accused Him of condoning His disciples’ violation of the tradition of the elders (Matthew 15:2). They sought false witnesses against Him even though bearing false witness was itself a violation of God’s commandment (Matthew 26:59). These are the kinds of things the Christian should expect to experience and be glad to experience for the name of Christ, as 1 Peter 4:14 says, *If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye....*

The Positive Reason For Suffering

Suffering is according to the will of God. *Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator* (1 Peter 4:19). If suffering is the will of God, then He wants us to suffer. Does God want anything bad for the people He has saved from sin? No! Therefore suffering cannot be a bad thing when suffering is endured as a Christian and as a partaker of Christ’s sufferings according to the will of God.

Remember Romans 8:28: *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to*

them who are called according to his purpose. In light of this statement, we understand that the experience of suffering itself is not good alone, but in combination with the good it ultimately produces, suffering can be a very positive experience. That is why part of God’s will and God’s purpose for us is to suffer as Christ suffered.

The Positive Goal of Suffering

1 Peter 4:14 tells us that we are happy when reproached for the name of Christ. The same verse also tells us why we are happy. When we are reproached for the name of Christ, the spirit of glory and of God rests upon us. That is, when we suffer happily because of our identification with Jesus Christ, this is evidence of the Holy Spirit manifesting Himself through us (1 Corinthians 1:7). When this manifestation is evident, two things result: those who have reproached us speak evil of Him, but our testimony glorifies Him. If we can glorify the Holy Spirit through our suffering, that is a very positive outcome. Thus the goal of suffering for the name of Christ is not our happiness. Rather, our happiness in suffering for the name of Christ becomes the means by which we achieve the goal of suffering – glorifying God.

The Positive Emotion Result by Suffering

One of these days the glory of Christ will be revealed. We wait for that with great anticipation (1 Corinthians 1:7). 1 Peter 4:13 says that *when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad with exceeding joy*. Why? *Inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings*. So the exhortation is, *But rejoice* in this wonderful prospect. The prospect of being present at the revelation of Christ’s glory and of having our faith found unto praise and honor and glory (1 Peter 1:7), because we happily endured reproach for the name of Christ.

Conclusion

We should not be more concerned about experiencing happiness in our outer man here on earth, than we are about experiencing happiness in our inner man as we suffer for Christ. The happiness we experience in our inner man as we faithfully suffer for Christ will reap far better rewards when we stand before Christ at His coming than anything we could enjoy in the benefits this world has to offer.

When the time comes for us to truly suffer, we can trust God to give us the grace we will need to bear

reproach for the name of Christ. The prospect of suffering may seem like a very negative thing. But since it is part of the will of God for our lives, and since the result of suffering brings glory to God, experiencing reproach for the name of Christ and having our faith tested through fiery trials is actually a very positive experience for the believer.

Loving His Appearing

Chapter Twenty Two

Knowledge Dispels Sorrow

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Introduction

Over the years, I have conducted hundreds of funerals and attended hundreds of others. I have observed in these settings many different reactions of family members and friends. Some are able to smile through the tears because they know their loved one is with the Lord. Others are in the throes of despair and sorrow because as far as they know, this is the end. Their loved one no longer exists and they will never see them again.

It is inevitable that someone close to us will die. But according to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, knowing what is coming dispels the sorrow of our hearts.

The Ignorance and Sorrow of Them Which Have No Hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13 says, *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.* To be ignorant means you do not know. Being ignorant is not the same thing as being stupid. Stupidity is a slowness of mind, lacking in the ability to absorb ideas. The word stupid comes from a Latin word that means to be numb. A stupid person cannot learn. An ignorant person on the other hand is one who is full of potential. An ignorant person is like an empty glass just waiting to be filled. The problem of the ignorant is not that he cannot learn, it is that he has not learned.

In ignorance of the truth there is no hope. Ephesians 2:12 refers to those who are without God and have no hope. That is the condition of those who

do not know the truth. Romans 8:24 says that hope is based on something you cannot see. If you can see it, there is no reason to hope for it. The world only believes what it can see and so there is no hope. Jeremiah 18:12 describes those who walk after their own devices and do the imagination of their own evil heart and the result is that they have no hope because in their vanity they are ignorant of the truth.

In the lack of hope there is only sorrow. Because they do not know what comes after death, the ignorant despair when a loved one dies. While they live, the ignorant try to make the most out of their present experience because they are convinced that all they have to look forward to is death and the end of all things (1 Corinthians 15:32 - ...let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die). When a loved ones die, the ignorant torture themselves to express their unresolvable sorrow. In ancient times, people would actually cut themselves or shave some of the hair from their head or shave their eyebrows as an expression of sorrow for the dead (Deuteronomy 14:1). While folks today may not go to such physical extremes, many torture themselves emotionally with regret, depression, or unconsolable sorrow at the loss of the person they cared for deeply.

The Knowledge and Joy of Those Who Have Hope

Ignorance is a potential problem even for believers. Numerous times, Scripture admonishes us with the statement, *I would not have you to be ignorant brethren*, or some similar expression (Romans 11:25; 1 Corinthians 10:1; 1 Corinthians 12:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:13; 2 Peter 3:8). But God has provided for our learning. As Romans 15:4 says, *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.* This makes it very clear. The more we know from the Scriptures, the more hope we will have.

So what do we know from Scripture about believers who have died? We know they are present with the Lord, implying a consciousness and vitality. 2 Corinthians 5:8 says, *We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

We know they are clothed upon with a house not made with hands. Apparently, while they are absent from their body (which is planted in the ground here on earth in anticipation of the resurrection) God

provides some kind of celestial body so they are not without some kind of material covering. This gives sense to 2 Corinthians 5:1-3 that says, *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved [physical death here on earth] we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens [a temporary celestial body]. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven [knowing it would be far better to be in a celestial body in heaven, than to be in a physical body here on earth]: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked [not wanting to be a floating spirit without some vehicle in which to be clothed].*

We know they are still the same person they were here on earth. When Jesus was transfigured on the mount in front of Peter and James and John, Moses and Elijah appeared with Him. Moses had died 1,500 years earlier. Elijah had been taken in the fiery chariot 900 years earlier. Yet both of them were still identifiable as the same persons they were here on earth all those years before (Matthew 17:3).

We know that whatever they have in heaven is far better than what we have here on earth. Paul said it very simply, *to die is gain* (Philippians 1:21).

We know they are with Christ. Paul said it is far better to depart and to be with Christ (Philippians 1:23).

We know that when Jesus comes, they are coming with Him. 1 Thessalonians 4:14 says, *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.* The reference to those who "sleep" in Jesus is not an indication that they are not conscious. Rather, this is a reference to the condition of the body sleeping in the ground awaiting resurrection. As 1 Thessalonians 4:16 says, *the dead in Christ shall rise first.* Yet in verse 14, those who sleep in Jesus come fully conscious with Him from heaven for the rapture/resurrection event.

Knowing these things should make us comfortable now. As 1 Thessalonians 4:18 says, *Wherefore comfort one another with these words.* Comfort consists of relief from pain, relief from distress of mind, giving calmness to the heart and quietness to the mind. Thus in knowing that our saved loved ones who have died are perfectly happy in heaven and will be coming with Jesus for the rapture event, there is no

need to sorrow for them or for ourselves, being quite comfortable in our hope in Christ.

Conclusion

Consider how David reacted to his child's illness and death. During his child's illness, he fasted and lay upon the earth all night. No one was able to get him up and make him eat (2 Samuel 12:15-17). But as soon as the child died, David got up, washed himself, changed his clothes, went to the temple and worshiped the Lord, and went home and ate something (2 Samuel 12:18-20). He explained, *While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me* (2 Samuel 12:21-23).

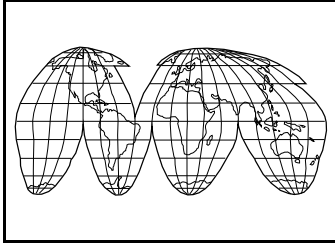
Just as David had every confidence that his dead child was actually still alive and he would see him again, we can have that same hope when our loved ones die today. Of course, this is dependent upon two things – that your loved one is saved and that you are saved. Unserved people also find themselves to be very much alive and conscious after they die, but in a place of judgment and isolation that will last until the great white throne judgment after the Millennium. At that point they will be resurrected only to be cast into the lake of fire where they will spend the rest of eternity (Revelation 20:11-15). But for those who are saved, there is hope of eternal life in the presence of our Savior who has pledged that all those who believe in Him will always be wherever He is – and there can be no sorrow in that! 📖

Elder Notes

The Elders met on January 27, 2011. Officers for this year will continue the same, Greg Beard as Chairman, Gerald Cook as Vice Chairman, and Don Snyder as Secretary.

The Trustees reported that they want to switch our electrical carrier from Met Ed to Glacial Energy. This will save us approximately \$500 this year, but will not relieve us of the demand meter. The Elders approved of this change. We are still looking into the matter to see if there is any way the demand meter can be removed. 📖

Missionary News



*From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home*

Peter & Janis Colon

Friends of Israel - Florida

January

I saw my doctor on the fifth. So far all is good, but I'm still on cancer medication. I preached in two churches. I love preaching, but always feel a bit health anxious when away from home. We started up our weekly outreach Bible Study on the 11th, and on the 16th I was excited to speak to a group of ex-Moslems, now Born Again Believers.

I was one of the main speakers for our annual "Day in the Prophetic Word" Conference. It was held on the West Coast of Florida this year. It is mainly for believers, but unsaved do attend.

Janis was invited to display her artwork at our city's art festival on the beach. What an occasion to pass out tracts and share!

February

We had our Mission Directors strategy meeting in New Jersey, and because of my weak immune system, I wear a surgical mask on the airplane. You should see the people's reaction. They think I'm contagious, but the fact is, I'm protecting myself from them!

Because of the Rossvally movie, word got around in different counties that I'm some kind of "expert" on the American Civil War. So I was scheduled to lecture at a few Historical Societies. Many Jewish people attend and some do buy the movie DVD. I also presented the Rossvally story live, as an outreach at a big festival the last weekend of the month at a church in Key West, Florida.

On-going

I'm also involved in personal follow-ups; phone counseling; two nursing home studies each month; writing and teaching all day on the first Saturday of each month at a local Bible College extension program. Through it all, it's our devotional time that refreshes. I guess what we are asking is for the Lord to give us the stamina to keep the fire burning in our hearts to continually serve Him.

Peter & Rosa Pingol

Spain

Some time ago, as part of my dissertation, I wrote about the Albigensians. I was encouraged to write a book about this Bible remnant, and I did so - well, actually **two different books** came out of the printing press. One was "The Cathar Banner" and the other written by Pau Ortega and myself was called "Catherland". I did not think about the repercussions that this book could have. I just wrote to tell other about this time of the Christian history and how our own town, Castellbisbal, had a part in it. But once again the Lord surprised us by using the small things we could give Him and using them for His own honor and glory.

From the first moment that we were able to offer the book, several people wrote to ask us for a copy. Two of the main Christian book stores asked us permission to sell the books, and two Christian publishers expressed their desire to publish them. But the most important thing was that they became tools to reach the lost.

The books were used as an **evangelical tool** to reach the lost. We had an official presentation of the books in the City Hall and a group of seven representatives of the department of culture came. In the same room I showed a series of 85 pictures that I took while I did the research in some areas of Catalunya and France. We explained how even the name "Cataluynya" came from the "Cathars" and the Catalan language was the same spoken by the Cathars. They had a Bible translated into this language in the 1200. The Cathars died as a result

of the Catholic persecution, even the bishop of our town was involved in the killing. The presentation gave us an opportunity to share the Gospel with all of those that came, and open doors of testimony.

Our surprise came when we realized that we appeared in the newspaper and then also a local television did a special program about the occasion. Some of our neighbors that read the article or saw us on TV asked us for copies of the books.

I have copied a video in our channel of youtube (fundacionbib) of the presentation. We praise the Lord for how He is using the ministry of literature and writing to reach others. I do not want to bring attention to us for it, but I rejoice as I see how the Lord can use small things for His glorious purposes.

Roger & Nola Perrott

Hong Kong

This year we are praying for and working on men. Last week one of the unsaved husbands of a lady that attends our church, came to church for the sermon. We have also recently had two other men visiting fairly often who are married to ladies in our church. Please pray especially for these three men to understand and be saved. I am going to approach them about **Bible studies for men** only in the next few weeks. I will see about doing it at a lunch time if they want, or on Thursday nights after my **English classes**. Pray they will want this and that the Lord will use it to save them.

We are also starting a **discipleship class** for anyone who has believed in the Lord and wants to be baptized.

My weekly three-hour Bible Class on the Minor Prophets in our **Bible Institute** has begun. It is a heavy load to prepare each week. Pray also as I prepare to speak at other special meetings coming up.

We have decided to start a **discipleship class** for any of the older elementary students and teens who have believed in the Lord. We will do it on Sunday afternoons after I make a few visits after lunch. There are several kids I would really like to come to this, so pray they will be interested and decide to come.

Moises & Rosa Campos

Spain

This will be a joyful year for our church because by December we will finish our loan payment to the bank. The Lord has helped us every single month, and as we look back our hearts overflow with gratitude to Him.

We want to make this a year of special **evangelistic effort**, and cover the whole town with new tracts. Pray that God will touch hearts in need of salvation.

Elisabeth and Veronica will be fully involved in **teaching Sunday School** by themselves. This coming Sunday will be the last one that I will be with them and from then on we will each be teaching one month. The girls enjoy it, and the children do too. Pray that they would grow spiritually as they prepare their lessons and teach the children.

Military Evangelism

Walt Croom - Jacksonville, NC

It was very cold here in North Carolina. We received a snow in December and another in January. When it snows down here everything comes to a grinding halt. Since snow isn't something we receive here often, we all enjoy it when it does come.

We rejoice over the decisions that were made last year as well as the counseling and speaking opportunities the Lord provided. We are excited about future prospects and opportunities. Among some of our immediate goals, is the continuation of a **new Bible study on base**. We are also starting up a regular **evangelistic supper** on Saturday evenings.

Because of the shortfall in our finances we are looking for some new supporters. As you pray, please remember this need.

Our Outreach Ministries

Rescue Mission Services - by Don Snyder

North Hills Bible Church has the privilege of holding a gospel service at the mission the third Monday of each month at eight o'clock in the evening.

The service is much like a service here at our church. We open with prayer, sing hymns of the faith, read scripture and someone from our church will play an instrumental number or have a ministry in song. After this one of the men of our church will bring a message from God's word. At the end of the message an invitation is given to trust Christ as Savior. From time to time someone will accept the Lord.

After the service we go to the kitchen and serve a meal to those present in the dining room. The food is provided by one of our adult Sunday School Classes.

The people at the mission are some of those Christ died for. They can only come to Christ by hearing the Word of God. You can be a part of this ministry. Thanks to those who are involved in this ministry.

Prison Ministry - by Ken Hoffman

We are responsible to organize and lead chapel services at York County Prison, to secure speakers for the service, those giving testimony, and a piano player.

God is working through the ministry to inmates in York County Prison in salvation decisions and discipling of believers. An atheist Russian was saved and disciplined, and returned to Russia with a zeal to reach others for Christ. A Russian Jewish believer was disciplined at York and is now with Chosen People Ministry in New York. Those incarcerated in York Prison have the same need to hear the Gospel and deliverance from sin as all others.

Nursing Home Ministries

Manor Care Service - by Don Scotten

On the third Sunday of the even numbered months, we have the privilege of holding a church service at Manor Care Kingston Court Nursing Home. Our crew usually consists of someone for special music, a piano player, a song leader, a speaker, and several persons to transport the residents.

Our services run approximately 45 minutes and include prayer, three familiar hymns, special music and the spoken word. Our purpose is to give hope and encouragement to all those attending, along with a clear presentation of the Gospel.

Most of the residents attending will spend the rest of their lives at a nursing home. Sometimes there are visitors or a few residents who are there for rehabilitation and will return to their own homes. Because of their health problems, most of the residents will be in wheel chairs, while a few use walkers, and will need a chair when they arrive at the service.

Attending are many Christians who sometime in their life accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and are certain of their salvation. All those attending need hope and encouragement. Some attending also need to accept Christ as their Savior.

Each time we go to Manor Care, many of the residents express their appreciation for our coming there. I believe when we appear at the Judgement Seat we will learn the true results of our ministry at the Nursing Homes.

Pleasant Acres Service - by Bud Collins

We also minister at Pleasant Acres County Nursing home on the second Sunday of every odd-numbered month. In almost every detail, our ministry at Pleasant Acres is very similar to the Manor Care ministry spoken of above.



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

The children were excited to tell in class how their “paperwhite” flowers grew this winter. It was fun to watch the roots going down, down into the water; and the stems and leaves stretch taller and taller; and then finally get tiny white flowers on top. (Please view some of their pictures on our website.) We are so thankful for the variety of plants God created and all the animals too. But even more important than that is the people He made, including you and me.

Our creation series is always interesting with the children receiving edible “flowers” in “dirt” reminding us that God created dry land and plants on day three. They also got to eat “bird nests” with “bird eggs” in them reminding us that God created birds on day five. (View these recipes on our website)

Primaries

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith

We have completed our lessons on the Parables of Jesus. We are currently studying the Armor of God. Christians are like soldiers and we are thankful that God has equipped us with special armor to protect us from sin. God the Spirit lives in us. He is our strength and help, ALWAYS!

We memorized the Books of the Old Testament. The following completed that memorization: Charles Balcom, Jasmine Moss, Caleb Fetrow, Allyson Knuth and Matthew Kanost. Ian Morrow worked very hard at signing all of the Old Testament. He was able to keep up with the class as we said them. That is quite a challenge. We are now working on learning the Books of the New Testament.

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

We are continuing to study the parables that Jesus taught. We learned about obedience in the parable of the man with two sons, one who worked in his father's vineyard and one who didn't. In the parables of the lost coin and lost sheep, we were reminded of the preciousness of every soul to God. The parables about the king and his banquets also emphasized the truth that God wants everyone to come to Him, but we must come to Him in His way. In the parable of the husbandman, we saw the Jewish rejection of Christ as the Father's servants (prophets) were mistreated and His Son was killed.

As the class is memorizing the parable of the seed and the sower, we have thought about many who hear the Word, and yet are not saved because the Word falls into soil that produces no real faith. We have been challenged to make sure that as true believers when we hear the Word of God at church or at home, that we let it fall into good soil; so it can produce fruit in our lives. We need to be careful to not let the Word be choked out by the cares and riches and temptations of this world.

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

God's Little Lambs (age 4) and God's Little Shepherds (kindergarten) are having a good year in Master Clubs. Grace Balcom, Luke Laning, Hannah Wertz, and Rebecca Wertz are our regular clubbers. All of us are thankful that Miss Shoff is our helper.

The Little Lambs are working on their projects and verses for the Gray Squirrel Nature badge. In addition to finding out more about the many animals God created, they have learned that God brought all the animals to Adam so he could name them.

The Little Shepherds are working on their projects and verses for the Great White Bear badge. They have learned that God created the huge polar bear and the small arctic fox and equipped them to live in the coldest place on earth. These are just two of the many special animals God created.

In the weeks ahead, the Little Lambs will be learning about prayer and the Little Shepherds will be learning about the church.



Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

In our quiz practices on Wednesday nights we have been focusing on Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." As we go through the material we are reminded of how much we need Christ's strength to do what is right. We were recently challenged by how much we need Christ's help to think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtue and praise. How do the things we view on TV or the internet line up with this list? Perhaps we need to make some changes in our lives to be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

We have three teams of three teens and two substitutes representing North Hills Bible Church at the quizzing competitions this year. The final quiz will be on April 30 with competition all afternoon and teams being eliminated. In the evening will be a teen rally and the top quizzing teams of the year will compete for the championship. It is an exciting time and there is always good sportsmanship among all the teams.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

The preschool and elementary students learned about the second continental congress and the election of George Washington as the colonists' leader. The 3rd-6th grade pupils wrote about George Washington's leadership skills. For art, the children designed and created a tin punched ornament.

The teen class interviewed Glen Hilt and learned about his present ministry and his previous ministry with the truck drivers.

The entire group of students went roller skating at the York roller skating rink. It is very interesting to watch the children's skills progress each year.

February Activities:

The preschool and elementary students learned about the Declaration of Independence and that it can be divided into 3 parts:

- the rights of every person
- the complaints against King George
- the colonists declaring their independence from England

The pupils then learned how to write their "John Hancock" using a feather pen and ink.

The teen class interviewed Mr. Beard and learned about the many interesting experiences he had as a chef in the military. The teen class members are writing a "newspaper" to highlight the various people they have interviewed throughout the year.

Upcoming fieldtrip: visit to the Springettsbury Police Station

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

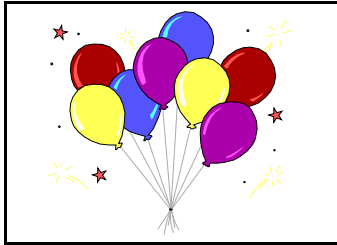
MARCH

3	Senior Outing to Herr's Snack Factory	8:45 AM
5	Men's Bible Class	9:00 AM
10	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
10	Bible Conference	7:00 PM
11	Bible Conference	7:00 PM
12	Bible Conference	10:00 AM
12	Bible Conference	7:00 PM
13	Bible Conference	9:30 AM
13	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
13	Bible Conference	6:30 PM
15	Trustees Meeting	6:30 PM
16	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
19	Men's Bible Class	9:00 AM
21	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
24	Homeschool Field Trip	
27	Bible Quizzing Competition	2-4 PM
27	Prison Ministry	2:30
29	Prison Ministry	7:00 PM
31	Prison Ministry	8:00 PM

APRIL

2	Men's Bible Class	9:00 AM
7	Senior Outing	
14	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
17	Manor Care Service	1:30 PM
18	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
19	Trustees Meeting	6:30 PM
20	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
22	Crucifixion Service	7:00 PM
24	Resurrection Service	10:45 AM
28	Homeschool Field Trip	
30	Teen Bible Quizzing Practice	9-12 AM
30	Bible Quizzing Competition	1-5 PM
30	Final Quiz and Youth Rally	5-8:30PM

Church Family News



Happy Birthday

March

- 1 - Donald Scotten
- 9 - Samuel Moss
- 10 - Pamela Grove
- 11 - Barry Shelly
- 13 - Jasmine Moss
- 14 - Richard Fetrow Jr.
- 14 - Jonathan Kanost
- 15 - Sonja Breneman
- 15 - Roy Morrow
- 17 - Ruth Warner
- 18 - Pastor Moss
- 18 - Marian Tawney
- 18 - Gary Zimmerman
- 19 - **Peter Pinyol**
- 20 - **Jonathan Perrott**
- 21 - Mildred Hoffman
- 23 - Lydia Fetrow
- 24 - Amy Kanost
- 24 - **Miriam Rocker**
- 25 - Erika Felty
- 27 - Mandy Felty
- 28 - Carlton Morrow



April

- 1 - Linda Goodling
- 5 - **Brenda Hamme**
- 5 - Ervin Kornbau
- 8 - Bill Knudsen
- 8 - Barbara Lenhart
- 10 - Howard Rudisill
- 15 - David Wertz
- 19 - Caleb Fetrow
- 21 - **Imelda Livioco**
- 23 - Darcy Cook
- 23 - Chris Lindstrom
- 23 - Sarah Sipe
- 24 - Mike Frey
- 25 - Rose Lindstrom
- 29 - Delores Shields



Happy Anniversary

March

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

April

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

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.



Don and Mary Snyder are the proud grandparents of Rachel Marie, born on January 7, 2011. She was 8 ½ pounds and 18 ½ inches.

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.

Teen Choirchimers

Choirchimes are instruments that look like a tuning fork but sound like handbells, but are not as fragile as handbells.

The teens normally play them during the last Sunday evening service of each month.



Jon, Chris, Carlton, Henry, Andrew, Roy



Laura, Sarah, Ilene, Katrina, Erika

The Preschool Sunday School Class watch God make their Paperwhite flowers grow.



Hannah and Taryne show how the bulbs start out - roots growing down and stems pushing up.

Shawn, Grace and Mason show them at about 18 inches tall. Shawn thinks they smell good. Would you agree?



Rebecca, David and Blayze show how tall they get. "As tall as me!"

Book Time in Master Clubs



Putting award stickers in their books.



Learning where missionaries live.



Listening to the lesson.



Learning how to teach a Bible story.



Learning verses.

Our 2011 Teen Bible Quiz Teams

They are studying the books of Philippians and III John this year. They have competitions in January, February, and March, with the final quiz in April when teams are eliminated and a champion team is declared for the year.



Edibles for Creation Series

Day 3 - God made dry land and plants



Just use a *chocolate pudding cup*, and stick a *gummy worm* in it. Crush *oreo cookies* to put on top to create a “dirt” look.

Press down on a *large marshmallow* to flatten it. Cut a slit at the 4 corners. Cut a *gumdrop* in half and put the sticky side in the center of the marshmallow to create the flower.

Use a *coffee stirrer* for the stem and push it into the marshmallow. Add a *leaf gum drop* to the “stem”. Stick the “flower” into the “mud and dirt” to complete your edible flower in dirt.

ENJOY!

Day 5 - God made birds and fish



Bird Nest with Eggs

Melt 3 tablespoons *butter* and 3 cups *miniature marshmallows* in a saucepan.

Stir in 2 tablespoons *peanut butter*.

Add one can of dry *chow mein noodles* (5 oz.)

(Mix like making rice krispy treats)

Spray a cupcake tin with vegetable oil.

To form “bird nest” put a tablespoon of the mixture in each of the 12 cupcake holes.

Make a depression by pressing your thumb in the center of each “nest”.

(You will want to have butter on your thumb to do this successfully).

Add three *jelly beans* for “eggs”.



To make a Fish Treat - Use *blue jello* and add *gummy fish* when the jello is partly jelled. You can do this in a large glass bowl to look like a fish pond, in a rectangular dish to look like an ocean (use graham cracker crumbs to make a “beach”), or put in small see-through cups for individual servings.

HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP



Teens learn electrical skills from electrician, Brian Flohr.

The younger children play a dress-up game to go along with their studies.



The middle group does a writing assignment and practices their "John Hancock" signatures.
(See homeschool article)



They learned how to make tea from the leaves and then taste it.

