

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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Sharing Corner

The Sharing Corner is a designated part of the coat rack and adjacent space at the bottom of the stairway below the Choir Room. This is space where you may share your unwanted items with others. This may include clothing, unopened food items, or other miscellaneous things. When you bring things to place in the sharing corner, we ask that they be clean and ready to use or wear.

Everyone is invited to check out the corner from time to time and see if there are items you might like to use.

We reserve the right to dispose of items that remain untaken for a long time. Such things may be donated to other organizations, or otherwise distributed to those who can use them. 📖

Free Literature

There is a wealth of free literature available in our church Narthex. Pastor Moss has written dozens of articles and booklets on a wide variety of Biblical topics and doctrines.

Each month we receive two magazines that are also available for your edification. One is Foundation Magazine, published by the Fundamental Evangelistic Association located in Fresno, California. The articles provide sound teaching on a variety of subjects relevant

to our Christian life today. The other is Acts and Facts, published by the Institute For Creation Research. This magazine will keep you informed about the subject of creation and evolution.

There are also two devotional booklets available: Feature and Days of Praise.

All of this material is free for you to use and to share with others.

Recordings of our Services Available

All of our services are recorded on CD's and copies are available upon request. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex where you can order these copies. Donations of \$1.50 for each copy helps us cover the cost of making them. Please place donations in the offering plate. Copies are usually available within one week of the request and are available to be picked up in the church library.

Requests for recordings of our services may also be made by calling the church office at 717-757-1316. 📖

Church Website

Check out our very own church website at www.northhillsbiblechurch.org. There is a wealth of information about our church, an update of church announcements and

downloads of many of Pastor Moss' writings available on this site. 📖

Thanksgiving Service Wednesday November 26 7:00 P.M.

Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday November 21 at 7:00 PM. We will sing songs of thanksgiving to God, and praise the Lord together for the blessings we have received throughout this past year. A thanksgiving message will be preached from God's Word. 📖

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

"...he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." (II Timothy 2:21) The theme verse of our recent Missions Conference clearly provides a brief summary of the life of each man and woman whose testimony is presented in the new items being added to the library.

C.T. Studd: No Retreat

This wealthy young Englishman became a missionary of extreme devotion and rare determination, serving in China, India, and finally in Central Africa where he was the first to reach numerous tribes deep in the Congo.

Florence Young: Mission Accomplished

This timid New Zealander became a faithful witness to the Solomon Islanders working on her family's plantation and then in the remote Solomon Islands helping to reach out to villages steeped in cannibalism and revenge killings.

Wilfred Grenfell: Fisher of Men

This English doctor ministered first on the North Sea before going to the wild, remote Labrador coast where he shared the gospel of hope and pioneered hospitals, orphanages, schools, and fishermen's co-ops.

Lillian Trasher: The Greatest Wonder in Egypt

This American woman, certain of God's guidance, founded Egypt's first orphanage where, in the midst of poverty, war, and deadly epidemics, she modeled a life of trust for over fifty years.

Sheffey

This video depicts actual events from the life of Robert Sheffey, a nineteenth century circuit rider, who was ardent in prayer, tireless in service, and steadfast in his defense of the truth as he rode through the hills spreading the gospel.

Worth It All

This video shares Roni Bowers' commitment to Christ from her teen years through her death as a young missionary mother when the plane in which her family was flying was mistakenly shot down over Peru in 2001.

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Dispensation #6

Grace

The sixth dispensation is called the Dispensation of Grace. What is grace, and what is unique about the grace of this dispensation (the one in which we are currently living) that it would be singled out as the identifying characteristic? There are numerous references to grace in previous dispensations including the famous one in Genesis 6:8 where *Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD*. So if grace was a resource available to mankind in previous generations, what is it about grace now that makes it the identifying resource of this dispensation?

In the Old Testament, the word grace is often found in some form of the clause: "found grace in thy sight." As such, it denotes a willing disposition on the part of an able person to give what is needed to those who are unable to help themselves. By this we may understand God's emphasis in the Old Testament on giving aid to the poor, to widows, to the fatherless, and to strangers (Deuteronomy 10:18; Isaiah 58:9-10; Zechariah 7:10; etc.) as an illustration of His grace to mankind.

In the New Testament, the word grace often describes the divine means of salvation. Romans 5:15 says, ... *For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many*. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. Grace describes God's disposition to give and the gift by grace describes the actual act of giving. Both of these are factors in our salvation. God is first of all disposed to give us salvation because He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Secondly, He is the one who actually gives salvation because men are unable to save themselves. (Romans 6:23; Romans 3:22; Ephesians 2:8-9).*

But salvation has always been granted to mankind by the grace of God. There are some who mistakenly think that while salvation is by grace in the New Testament, salvation was granted by some other means such as the law in the Old Testament. But there is only one kind of salvation and that spans the whole course of human history. Man has always been and always will be saved by grace. For example, in Nehemiah 9:16-17, where the Levites were in the midst of a chorus of praise to God, they confessed the

sin and rebellion of the nation and then declared, *but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not*. This language directly links God's graciousness to his disposition to pardon. Isaiah 33:2 is another example where the prophet prayed, *O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble*. This language directly links God's grace to salvation in the Old Testament.

Therefore, divine grace for salvation is not a new resource. So, what is the new resource of this dispensation that provides men with a unique opportunity to fulfill the prevailing purpose of God in their lives?

The Resource

In the New Testament, the word grace is used in a second way. It describes the basis upon which believers are able to perform Christian works. Romans 12:6 says, *Having gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us....* Ephesians 3:7 says, *Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power*. Ephesians 4:7 *But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ*. It must also be said that this enabling grace of the Dispensation of Grace is directly linked to the permanent indwelling of believers by the Holy Spirit. In previous dispensations, God gave man things he could use in an attempt to fulfill God's purpose such as conscience, government, promises, and the Law. In this dispensation, God gives believers the unique gift of His personal residence (1 John 4:15; Galatians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 4:8). This residence is guaranteed to be permanent by God's own seal (Ephesians 1:13, 4:30). The permanent personal residence of the Holy Spirit in the believer is accompanied by spiritual gifts. The indwelling Spirit of God gives to each believer a gift or gifts as He sees fit (1 Corinthians 12:11). Then the Holy Spirit Himself uses these gifts to manifest Himself in believers' lives and to do the work of the prevailing purpose of God.

1 Corinthians 12:7

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

It is this grace – the wonderful benevolent bestowal of the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit and all of His accompanying gifts which He uses in and through us – that is the resource by which man

can fulfill the prevailing purpose of God in this sixth dispensation. In other words, the great resource of this dispensation is the Holy Spirit who wants to personally accomplish His own purposes by the application of His enabling grace in the lives of believers. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 says, *Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.* Romans 15:15-16 says, *Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God, That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*

The Responsibility

If the Holy Spirit does all the work, what is left for the believer to do? The operative word is "yield!" This involves both the positive yielding of our will and our bodies to Him as well as the exercising of restraint needed in not yielding to things which contradict the ministry of the Holy Spirit in us.

In Ephesians 4:30 we are warned not to grieve the Holy Spirit. According to the context, this would involve sins such as lying, stealing, corrupt communication, etc. When we sin, we grieve the Spirit of God and this grievance suppresses His work, otherwise described as a quenching (1 Thessalonians 5:19). The point is that the Holy Spirit will not work against a man's will, so that if a man prefers to yield his life to the flesh, the Holy Spirit's activity will be quenched in us. Concerning this Galatians 5:16-17 says, *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

Therefore, the responsibility of the believer in this dispensation can be clearly understood from Romans 6:13, *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.* This is the intent of 2 Timothy 1:6 where we are told to stir up the gift of God that is in us. To stir up is the exact opposite of to quench. Thus in yielding ourselves unto God, we encourage the Holy Spirit to do His work in and through us. In that work, He motivates us both to will

and to do of God's good pleasure (Philippians 2:13); and He makes us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is wellpleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ (Hebrews 13:21) – all of this effectually fulfilling the prevailing purpose of God, as Hebrews 13:21 concludes: *to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.*

Yielding is also described as walking in the Spirit as noted above in Galatians 5:16. Walking in the Spirit quenches the activity of the flesh, giving the Spirit free reign to control our lives and manifest Himself through us. By connecting this with Romans 8:1-8, we can understand what it means to walk in the Spirit and thus how to yield to the Spirit. Romans 8:4 refers to walking in, or after, the Spirit in contrast to walking after the flesh. Then in verses 5 and 6, this walking is directly linked to the mind, *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

To yield to the Spirit is to walk in the Spirit. To walk in the Spirit is to have the mind stayed upon the things of the Spirit. The things of the Spirit are found in the Word of God (1 Corinthians 2:9-16; Ephesians 6:17). Thus to yield to the Spirit is to give your mind to the Word of God. As the believer's mind is immersed in the Word of God, he becomes a polished instrument, useful to the Holy Spirit to fulfill the prevailing purpose of God, as Ephesians 1:12 says, *that we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.*

It is imperative that we acknowledge that whatever we are able to do to glorify God is a gift. It is not something that we have been able to accomplish ourselves. It is entirely a gift of the activity of the Holy Spirit enabling and using us for His own purposes. Hebrews 12:28 proclaims, *...let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.* So 1 Corinthians 4:7 cautions, *For who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it?* Rather, heed the words of Galatians 6:14, *But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.* And 2 Corinthians 10:17, *But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.*

We certainly should not be ignorant of what God has given us (1 Corinthians 12:1). We must grow in grace and in our usefulness to the Holy Spirit in fulfilling God's prevailing purpose. That is our responsibility in this sixth dispensation.

The Failure

There are those who suggest that Christ will come after the last designated person gets saved and is added to the body of Christ, completing the church. However, no where does the Bible suggest that there is a specified number of people who are supposed to be saved. The Gospel is open to whosoever will and God is not willing that any should perish.

But it is legitimate to ask, what determines when the Dispensation of Grace ends? In all previous dispensations, the end came because of failure. Innocence, conscience, government, promise, and law all became useless to man because people refused to seek God by faith. And, without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). So, does the Dispensation of Grace end in success or will it end in failure too? The Rapture is not proof of success, because a remnant has been preserved out of each dispensation. In addition, it is possible to render grace to be useless as 2 Corinthians 6:1 admonishes, *We...beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.* This, of course, is referring to the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit and not the saving grace of salvation. Saving grace is a permanent fixture and cannot be removed or nullified in a believer's life. The kind of life that is bestowed by saving grace is eternal and that cannot be rendered vain. But enabling grace can be effected by our failure to yield properly to the Holy Spirit. How sad to have available all that is needed to reflect the image of God and fulfill His prevailing purpose and yet fail to do so. How can this happen? How can it be that the very Holy Spirit Himself resides in all true believers, and the church age still ends in failure?

1 Timothy 4:14 says, *Neglect not the gift that is in thee....* Neglect occurs when a Christian assumes an "I don't care" attitude toward the things of the Spirit, the Word of God. Far too many in the church these days are not as concerned or interested in spiritual matters as they are about matters of the world (2 Timothy 4:10; 2 Peter 2:15). In the activities of the church, there is currently more concern about reflecting the world than reflecting the Holy image of God. This neglect of enabling grace is a grave failure and quenches the working of the Spirit in the body of Christ.

Galatians 5:4 says, *Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.* When a believer insists that he can do something to keep his salvation, he denies that the Christian life is based on gifts rather than works. He then loses the effect of grace in his life. This is not the losing of one's salvation, but a quenching of the manifestation of the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's life. Without this manifestation a believer becomes totally ineffective in

glorifying God. He cannot communicate what God is like to the lost, nor can he contribute to the edification of the church by encouraging other believers. Without these things, the church is a failure and the work of the Spirit is quenched in the body of Christ.

Hebrews 12:14-15 says, *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.* If the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit is not sought, the door is open for some fleshly influence to seize control of the believer's life. To reflect the glory of God requires holiness in the life. The whole point of salvation is that no man has the holiness required in order to see God. We are all sinners and have fallen short of the glory of God. So when someone, who has been granted the gift of salvation by grace through faith in Christ, allows himself to fail of enabling grace for service by indulging in the practices of the flesh, he is a living contradiction. This is a grave failure in the testimony of Christ and quenches the work of the Spirit in the body of Christ.

Jude verse 4 says, *For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.* Lasciviousness is the removal of rules and restraint. It defines Christian liberty as "anything goes," so that a believer is free to do as he pleases, no questions asked. Those who seek to turn the grace of God into lasciviousness do so by redefining Biblical terminology so that they sound like the real thing but in fact are the exact opposite. For example, two people might live together without being married and yet claim that God is blessing their relationship. The source of lasciviousness is usually the unsaved world where men might claim to be religious but want to be so on their own terms. When believers are attracted to this and apply it to their life in the church, lasciviousness is a grave failure for Christians. Unfortunately, it is prevalent in the church today and seriously quenches the work of the Spirit in the body of Christ.

Hebrews 10:29 says, *Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace.* Doing despite to, or despising the spirit of grace is to first claim to be saved by Him and then claim that it was worthless. God does not look kindly on those who "try Jesus" and then later denounce his value saying, "It didn't work." It is a grave failure when the gospel is used as some

marketable commodity that can be tried without any real obligation to continue with the product. Presenting the gospel with a free trial, satisfaction guaranteed or your faith back in full is a sure way to grieve the Spirit of grace and quench His work in the body of Christ.

Galatians 2:21 says, *I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.* Unfortunately, whole church systems have been built on law and legalistic ceremonies and regulations. Consequently, people have placed their faith in these systems rather than in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By failing to access the saving grace of God through faith in Christ, the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit is also not available. A lot of church members in these legalistic systems profess to be Christians. But they are not Christians. Their testimony to a lost world is that grace can be obtained through man's own works. This is a grave failure and frustrates the grace of God, preventing men from getting saved and thus from having access to the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit.

Combine all of these failures together, and there is little doubt that the Dispensation of Grace will end in failure. The rapture, rather than being a moment of triumph for the testimony of the church on earth, will be a necessary rescue of the relatively small remnant of true believers struggling to be faithful in a world where the majority of the "church" has become a disgrace rather than a vehicle for the Holy Spirit to display the grace of God.

The Judgment

As in all other dispensations, there will be a failure in the Dispensation of Grace to exercise faith. This will include a large number in the visible "church" who profess to believe but have no idea what that really means. 1 Timothy 4:1 refers to those who will depart from the faith; 2 Timothy 4:4 refers to those who will turn away their ears from the truth; and 2 Timothy 3:5 refers to those who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. This will also include many true believers who having been saved through faith will not live faithfully on a daily basis. There will be a lot of Demases who give up the challenges of faithfulness because they love this present world too much (2 Timothy 4:10). In the end of the Dispensation of grace, the church will become apostate. Apostate means "without faith." The phrase "apostate church" is an oxymoron. How can you have an institution be without faith when it is supposedly a spiritual organism based on the faith of its members? And yet this is exactly what much of the visible church comes to as the Dispensation of Grace draws to a

close. There will be both a real church and a pseudo-church. Just as not all Israel was Israel (Romans 9:6) not all the visible church will be the real church.

The Bible warns about the consequences of apostasy. In Romans 11:17-22 we are instructed that Israel was broken off the root of faith because of their unbelief. The church was grafted in because of their belief. But if the church does not continue in faith, it can also be cut off. Verse 22 says, *Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.*

This is exactly what will happen. The church will be cut off because a larger portion of it failed to reflect the true image of God, some lacking faith altogether, and some lacking productive faithfulness. In the end of this dispensation, many true Christians will fail of the grace of God. The work of the Holy Spirit through His enabling grace will be quenched. And, without these things, the prevailing purpose of God cannot be fulfilled. One must wonder how many raptured saints will be saved yet so as by fire without a single reward to show for their testimony on earth (1 Corinthians 3:15).

The remaining visible church full of unsaved hypocrites will go right into the tribulation period where it will be judged with the rest of the world by the wrath of God. For seven years, God will revert back to the Dispensation of the Law (Daniel 9:24-27). This will be the time of Jacob's trouble. It will be a time of judgment upon the world and upon the apostate church. Oh yes, a considerable part of the church, the apostate unbelieving church that did despite to the grace of God and turned it into lasciviousness, will go through the Tribulation period. In Revelation 3:1, God charged the church at Sardis that they had a name that they lived, yet they were dead. This is characteristic of the church that will go into the tribulation period. The true church will be raptured out of the earth and the pseudo-church will remain to face the full force of the wrath of God.

The Remnant

The remnant will experience a most amazing thing in the rapture of the true church. 1 Corinthians 15:52 tells us that *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* The verses following explain that the corruption of our earthly bodies will be changed into incorruption, and the mortality of them will be changed into immortality. What a glorious moment that will be for the remnant of true believers.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 describes the event in which the souls of those who have already died,

being in Christ, will return with Christ in the air. A trumpet will sound, the archangel will shout, and the dead bodies of those souls will be raised. In the twinkling of an eye that follows, all who remain alive on earth who are truly in Christ will be raptured up with that company. Believers will enjoy a glad reunion with Christ Himself, and we will then depart with Him to the glories of heaven. Thus will the Dispensation of Grace come to a close.

Conclusion

We live in a dispensation. We have a resource called grace. This resource is the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit which He bestows upon all believers as He indwells them. This resource provides believers with a marvelous opportunity to reflect the image of God and glorify Him, fulfilling His prevailing purpose. The church could succeed by faith.

But, the church has been crumbling a long time because too many true believers failed to appropriate this available resource in their daily living. As true believers neglected or failed of the grace of God, a scenario development by which many would profess to be Christians who were not only devoid of the grace of the Holy Spirit for enablement in service, but who were also devoid of the grace of God that brings salvation. Thus the visible church full of faithless, unsaved, professing "Christians" came about because of the lack of faithful living on the part of true believers.

It is very unfortunate that this happens. This resource of enabling grace ministered by the permanent personal residence of the Holy Spirit seems to be the best one yet. In fact, how could there be a better one? And yet if this one was not sufficient, what hope is there for mankind? Once again, the failure is not the fault of the value of the resource, but the fault of men who fail to believe. Faith is the activating ingredient. God makes his grace available to us, but if we do not access it through faith, we will fail miserably.

Faith is the thing that changes everything for us. We are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8), and the just shall live by faith (Romans 1:17). Faith brings us to salvation and faith brings us to a fruitful life by which we may glorify God. Neglect faith, and the whole thing falls apart. Eventually it will, and that is when the rapture will occur, ushering in the seventh and last dispensation. 📖

Moises & Rosa Campos

Spain

Some things are changing for our girls. Irene has finished highschool with good grades and is attending the University of Barcelona to follow a 3 year business degree. She stays with Rosa's parents in Barcelona during the week and comes home on the weekends. Elisabet is doing a 2 year medium degree in nursing, and she is very happy about it. We pray that they will follow the leading of the Lord in every decision they make, so that they will be prepared to serve Him according to His will.

Summer Children's Camp - This time we taught the older children's Bible class, gave devotionals, helped with games, and whatever was needed to do. Elisabet was a counselor, and she did a wonderful job. It brought tears to our eyes watching the little children clinging to her when we were saying our good-byes. Three of the older boys made profession of faith. We were so happy about that!

We have taken a course on Camp Directors. We believe that this is very important in order to become as legal as possible for future activities with children and youth.

We have see the salvation of an elderly lady, the mother of a member of our church. She is in a nursing home and she confessed Christ as her Savior a month ago. She is 91 years old but her mind is very sharp. She wanted to know everything about the home that Jesus is preparing for her in heaven. She has always been a very independent person, and now not being able to walk well makes her sad. We pray that she will learn to be content in Christ, giving thanks for everything that she has.

We have taken the Bible Exhibit to several churches. We are very thankful for the Lord's provision allowing us to purchase a van for that purpose.

Peter & Janis Colon

Friends of Israel - Florida

Special Jewish Celebrations

Our Hebrew Christian Fellowship group made "**Rosh Hashanah**" baskets and delivered them to our Jewish contacts in mid-September. The baskets contain sweet items associated with the Jewish observance. It is a great opportunity to witness and invite them to upcoming meetings.

We also make our "**Feast of Tabernacle**" celebration banquets a good forum to bring guests. Two are presently scheduled for October 15 and 16.

Conferences

We were involved in Bible Conferences September 14 and 28, a Missions Conference in Pennsylvania during September 19-24, and have another Bible Conference on October 19th.

Peter's Health Update

Sunday, August 24th was Peter's one-year Stem Cell Transplant anniversary. He jokingly asked his doctor if there was an expiration date for his treatment. All is well. He told the folks in his class that there were times last year that he honestly thought he would never teach and preach again. We are all so grateful for the Lord's mercy and goodness.

Donald & Karen Kilmer

To the Zulu's in South Africa

"Love ye therefore the stranger..." Deuteronomy 10:19

South Africa has recently had trouble with attacks on foreigners. It is termed xenophobia (zen-o-fobia). This means a fear of strangers or foreigners. These attacks have come from the poor. There are millions here who have fled the troubles in Zimbabwe. There are also many here from Mozambique, Mali, Nigeria and other countries. The poor folks here say these foreigners are taking jobs from people here and so they began attacking and sometimes killing these foreigners, as well as burning their homes and businesses.

It is natural to hate those outside of our culture, race or comfort zone. However, God's love encourages us to love others as He loved us. We are to follow His supernatural leading and show love rather than fear and hatred. There are many so-called Christians who leave a bad testimony with others because they don't really follow the way of Christ. It is important for us, who have truly received Jesus as our personal Savior, to have a good testimony and show God's love even to strangers.

A problem becomes an opportunity - We bought a new sofa at a major store. After getting it home we realized it needed repair. We took it back and after two months they gave us a new one. The new one had some parts missing and so they took it away saying they would bring another one. I gave each of the three delivery men a gospel tract. The driver said that when he returned he wanted to talk about the Lord, because he didn't know much about the Bible.

Two days later three guys returned to bring the new sofa. Earlier in the day they had been robbed at knife point. Their cell phones and electronic car navigator were stolen. **And of course the Lord then sent them to me!** I asked the driver if he had died where he would have gone. He said he hoped to heaven. I said that I know that I have eternal life. Not because of who I am, but because I have a great Savior. I told them that many people go through the motions of religion without real belief. If we want salvation we must repent and believe with all of our hearts (Romans 10:9-10). We need the Bible to show us the way. It is like a map book or an electronic navigator. This really caught the attention of the one worker. As I signed the slip he started to 'preach' to the others that this is true. He said, "It is good God gave us the Bible to guide us." He sees the truth. All he needs to do now is accept the truth. I will probably never see these men again, but please pray that God will use the truth to work in their hearts.

Boy's Discipleship - One of the boys I disciple each week is named Siya (see-ya'). He is 13 years old. His parents are both dead. He lives with his granny, two aunts, two uncles, and two cousins. Some of the family members are saved and come to church. He is a faithful lad, but has moments when his old ways overpower him, such as when he acts out some of the foolishness he sees on TV.

Please pray for Siya to be strong in the Lord and love God with all his heart. Please pray for us to have wisdom in discipling, teaching, preaching and training others.

Len & Marie Smith

Southwest Bible Church Mission - New Mexico

SBCM serves in Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. We were without a General Director for a while, then God sent Pastor Conolly about three years ago. The mission started growing. Things were going great but then one pastor resigned and that church closed. Now Pastor Conolly resigned for personal reasons, and his church closed.

God sent a pastor to revive a dying church. God called Pastor Kevin Chapman, his wife and 9 children to Santa Fe, New Mexico last year. Pastor Chapman arrived on the field in December to serve in a church that had been dying. About six to eight people attended. By God's grace and a lot of hard work, the church is growing. Now about 20 to 30 people attend. That church is growing. Praise the Lord!

Santa Fe, is the capitol of New Mexico. Pastor Chapman finds **the people here to be very complacent** with not much interest in spiritual things. Please pray that people will be saved and the church will continue to grow.



Missions
Conference 2008
Reflections



The theme for our Missions Conference this year was "Vessels for the Master's Use" taken from II Timothy 2:21... "be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work."

Monday through Wednesday we held morning sessions which were more informal and very informative about the missionaries countries and ministries. We enjoyed tasting foods from other countries and hearing about the different cultures and languages.



A lot of preparation went into the conference by the teens making the banner, bulletin board designs and other decorations; the junior class making posters; and homeschoolers and teens painting 'vessels' to be displayed.



The conference started with the church picnic where the missionaries were introduced. Our missionaries this year were the Perrott family serving in Hong Kong, Peter Colon serving with Friends of Israel, and the Beelers serving in Ecuador. There was lots of good food shared and fun games for all.

Monday at noon was a ladies luncheon. The ladies got to try their hand at using chopsticks with Nola Perrott showing how they are used. We also had a very special 'vessel' from Haiti demonstrated for us with an excellent application by Cindy Smith. Nola Perrott then spoke to the ladies.



Sunday services included the missionaries in various classes in the morning and evening services. A Junior Missionary Conference ran at the same time as the adult conference, and our missionaries also participated in sharing with the children.

Hopefully each of us will be better 'vessels' the Master can use as a result of this conference, willing to be molded by the Master Potter, and used in whatever way He pleases.



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

We have promoted 3 children to the Primaries class: Allyson Knuth, Caleb Fetrow, and Ian Morrow. We will miss them. We are also gaining 3 children graduating from the nursery. Luke Laning has been with us a couple months, Hannah Ortiz joined us in September, and Rebecca Wertz will add to our number in November. We are so thankful for the children in our church and the parents faithfulness in bringing them to Sunday School.

The children that finished the memorization and were able to quote the "7 I Am's of Jesus" taken from the book of John were: Allyson Knuth, Caleb Fetrow, Hannah Wertz, Emma Lindstrom, Ian Morrow, Tammy (Smith), Seth and Emma Kay Laning.



Primaries

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith

The Primary class finished their summer memory work with II Corinthians 5:10; 5:17; and 5:21. Four of the children in the class completed these verses: Sarah and Jessica Byers, Jonathan Kanost, and Austin Morrow.

We are also finishing this quarter with several lessons dealing with obedience. We have looked at the lives of a few individuals who heard God, listened and obeyed. Samuel is an example of a young individual; and then there was Joshua whose obedience to God gave the victory at Jericho.

Sarah Byers and Austin Morrow were very excited about moving to the Junior Class this fall. We eagerly anticipated three children joining our class from the beginner's department.

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook



As the new school year started, we welcomed Sarah Byers and Austin Morrow into our class! This year our main study will be the early church, with an emphasis on the ministry and writings of Paul. We will also be doing a short study on the books of Judges and Ruth. Our memory work will include verses from Philippians 4, Romans 12, the Christian soldier in Ephesians, and the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians. We also hope to memorize 40 Bible doctrines.

We would like to congratulate those who said their summer verses: Jacob Frey, Brandon Byers, Ethan Byers, Katelyn Myers and Brittany Myers. We are planning to go miniature golfing with these young people.



HOMESCHOOL NEWS

The homeschool group did some re-organizing this year and added some new features. They added story time for the younger children, and a writing class for the middle and older age groups on the days that they have sign language, art and gym class together. One exciting thing being added for the teens is classes from some of the men in our church. A business man, Mr. Breneman, is going to talk to them about business and give them a tour of his plant. They will have a class by an electrician, Mr. Flohr; and wood working classes by Mr. Snyder and Mr. Smith.

Our church homeschool support group gives the children interaction with other homeschoolers and provides instruction at the same time. And lets not forget - the mothers enjoy interacting with each other too. The class activities are held at the church from 9 a.m. to 12:00 on the second Thursday of each month with mothers taking turns teaching the classes. Field trips are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month. These are also planned by the mothers in the group.



Sunday School taught by Mr. Chris Knuth

The new year has arrived for us in the teen program, and we look forward to it with great anticipation. In Sunday School we have started our study entitled 'The Holy War'. It goes into great depth in regards to the spiritual war we find ourselves engaged in. We are in the very beginning stages of our study and are laying the foundational groundwork for the more detailed areas we will look at later. This looks to be an exciting and very profitable study.

ProTeen meetings have also restarted on Sunday nights. This time continues to be a fun time as well as a time to learn. Please continue to keep praying for the youth group as we grow and learn together in the Lord.

Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

We hit the ground running this year in quizzing. The first night we quickly went through our introductions and then went ahead and covered the first five verses of Galatians. It looks like another exciting year with four teams to represent North Hills Bible Church again.

I am happy to have Nate Moss as my assistant coach again this year. We will all work together in the same room until January. At that point we will divide the teens into two rooms to get better prepared for the competitions with other churches.

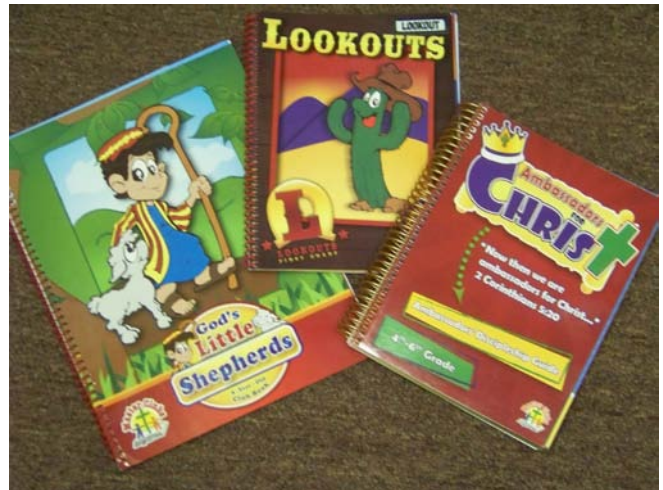
Galatians is one of the longest books we quiz on in the six year rotation. Therefore we will not have many breaks this year, nor opportunity to get caught up if we get behind. Pray that the teens will be able to stay focused and diligently keep up with the schedule .

Our key verse this year is Galatians 5:16 "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." Hopefully we will all be able to put this verse into practice in our daily lives a

little more as we do this study in Galatians.

Master Clubs

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



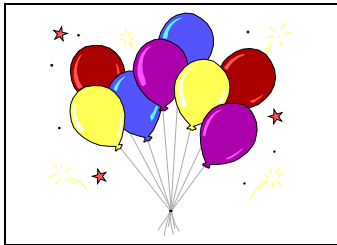
We had a good start to our Master Clubs meetings. The children have really enjoyed the new material and the new format of the night. The nights go so fast!

The children are working hard to learn the required memory verses and concepts from the Bible in order to move on to getting their work books and their vests. This year the children will be able to earn badges to put onto their vests. It will be exciting to see them earn the badges.

We also will be learning 3 different pledges; the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, the pledge to the Christian flag and the pledge to the Bible.

We have had some new children coming. It has been fun getting to know the new students.

Church Family News



Happy Birthday

October

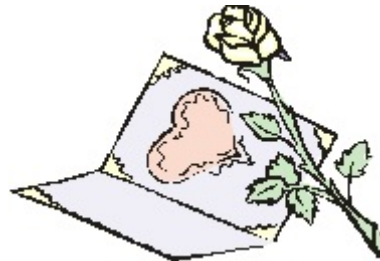
- 1 - Bob McKinley
- 4 - Betty Chronister
- 6 - Gloria Hevner
- 8 - Katrina Chronister
- 12 - Charity Ezzell
- 14 - Wayne Laning
- 15 - Marietta Wertz
- 17 - **James Perrott**
- 17 - Laura Cook
- 17 - Dawn Balcom
- 18 - Sue Kornbau
- 21 - Nathanael Moss
- 21 - **Cheryl Hilt**
- 23 - Jeanette Scotten
- 26 - Mary Collins
- 26 - Deborah King
- 26 - Henry(father) Balcom

November

- 2 - Carolyn Zimmerman
- 3 - Sue Bryant
- 5 - **Peter Colon**
- 5 - **Daniel Colon**
- 5 - **Emma Turner**
- 5 - Elmira Wise
- 7 - Amanda Hoffman
- 8 - Carol McKinley
- 9 - Andrew Morales



- 11 - Norm Breneman
- 11 - Marley Gross
- 11 - Pedro Ortiz
- 12 - **Marc Blackwell**
- 15 - **Leonard Smith**
- 16 - Carleigh Moss
- 16 - **Abigail Perrott**
- 18 - Tyler Knuth
- 19 - Florence Tome
- 23 - **Judi Blackwell**
- 24 - **Karen Kilmer**
- 24 - Harriet Moyer
- 25 - Rebecca Wertz
- 27 - **Janis Colon**



Happy Anniversary

October

- 3 - John & Amy Kanost
- 5 - Tom & Kim Kahler
- 12 - Henry & Dawn Balcom

November

- 9 - Todd & Betty Chronister
- 10 - Ed & Marian Cosgrove
- 14 - Tim & Emily Hoffman
- 22 - Lester & Joan Fink

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



Ervin and Sue Kornbau are the proud grandparents of Rachel Ann, born to Sean and Beth Freund on August 21st. Rachel

was 7 pounds 3.4 ounces and 20



inches long.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Buck Smith and his family at the passing of his mother, Rae Smith, on September 30, 2008.

October



2008

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