

# 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](http://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 25 7:00 P.M.

Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday November 25 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

Our theme for this year's Missions Conference, "Rescue the Perishing," has been the heartbeat of many men and women down through the years. The library houses a number of books, videos, and DVDs which provide a glimpse into their life stories and faithful service for the Lord. Look for the following:

### **Sundar Singh: Footprints Over the Mountains**

At age 16, Sundar became a Christian and devoted the rest of his life to reaching others for Christ. With bare feet and few possessions and often at great personal risk, he crossed the precarious Himalayas between India and Tibet many times, sharing the gospel with Hindus, Buddhists, and Sikhs - even thieves.

### **Rowland Bingham: Into Africa's Interior**

At age 20, Rowland committed himself to serving the Lord in Africa's Sudan Interior. Even though he was told by experienced missionaries that his dream was impossible, God used this willing servant to open a way for the gospel's light to shine on millions of people once thought beyond reach.

### **Bamboo in Winter**

Based on actual events happening to the suffering house church in China, this drama on DVD about a female university student gives viewers a new sense of the power of faith in the face of great opposition.

### **The Printing**

This DVD portrays the bravery of some believers in the former Soviet Union who opt to worship God openly and a few who even dare to print Bibles - right under the noses of the KGB.

Other books include:

**Gladys Aylward** - faithful missionary to China  
**Samuel Morris** - African called to serve in America

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#### Our Purpose

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

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# Loving His Appearing

## Chapter Four

### What Happens In A Moment?

Some people say there is no such thing as a rapture. One of the arguments they use to support this claim is the suggestion that the word rapture does not occur in the Bible. The following is the text of 1 Thessalonians 4:17 from the Latin Bible which was translated from the Greek at the end of the fourth century A.D.

“Deinde nos qui vivimus qui relinquimur simul rapiemur cum illis in nubibus obviam Domino in aera et sic semper cum Domino erimus.”

In this Latin rendering of 1 Thessalonians 4:17 there is the word “rapiemur.” This is the first person plural future indicative form of the verb “rapere,” meaning “to be caught up.” The dative singular future active participle of this verb is “rapturo.” It is from this that we obtained our English word “rapture.” So, technically the word rapture in its original Latin form and by definition in the original Greek is used in Scripture.

But what happens in the rapture? If the word means “to be caught up,” and this term is used in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, who is caught up and to where are they caught up?

#### The Rapture Is For the Church

The church is the spiritual body of Christ (1 Corinthians 1:2; Romans 12:5; Colossians 1:24). The church is also the bride of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:7). This is in distinction from Israel which is described as already being married to God the Father (Jeremiah 3:14,20).

In 1 Thessalonians 4:16, those that are involved in the rapture are described as being **in** Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:23 which addresses the same event describes the participants as **they that are Christ's at his coming.** Therefore we must conclude that the rapture is exclusively for the church. The saints of Israel in the Old Testament are never described as being in Christ and they are never described as being raptured or caught up from the

earth. The church is to be taken to heaven, but Israel's place is always on the earth.

#### The Rapture happens In A Moment

1 Thessalonians 4:16 describes a trumpet sounding in relationship to the rapture event. It also says that as the trumpet sounds, the dead in Christ shall be raised. 1 Corinthians 15:52 describes exactly these same details and then adds that all of this will happen in a moment. What is a moment?

The Greek word for moment will look familiar to you. It is “atomos.” It is the word from which we get the English “atom.” In 440 B.C., a man named Leucippus of Miletus came up with the concept of an atom. Another man, Democritus, later refined Leucippus' idea. He said,

All matter is composed of bits of matter too small to be seen. These bits of matter cannot be further split into smaller portions. Splitting stops when it reaches indivisible particles and does not go on infinitely.

In order to put a term to this concept, Democritus took the Greek word “tomos,” which means “to cut,” and made it negative by adding the letter “a” as a prefix. Atomos thus meant “not to cut”, or “uncuttable.” In other words, an atom to the Greeks was a particle so small that it was impossible to cut it or divide into anything smaller.

This is the moment referred to in 1 Corinthians 15:52. It is such a brief amount of time that in the amount of time it takes to blink your eyes, the event has occurred in its entirety from beginning to end.

#### The Rapture Is An Act of Change

##### For Those Who Have Died

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 makes a distinction between the dead in Christ and we which are alive and remain. The dead in Christ are those who have been born again and are part of the body of Christ, but who die physically before the rapture occurs. 1 Thessalonians 4:14 describes them which sleep in Jesus. They are described as asleep because their lifeless earthly bodies are planted in the ground. We know, however, from 2 Corinthians chapter five that Christians who die before the rapture occurs leave their physical bodies and go consciously into the presence of the Father (2 Corinthians 5:8, to be absent

from the body is to present with the Lord). There is apparently some kind of body provided to these saints when they arrive in heaven. 2 Corinthians 5:1-4 gives an explanation of this. Verse one says, *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.* Verse 2 adds that we desire *to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven.* Verse 3 explains that we desire to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven so that *we shall not be found naked.* Verse 4 adds that we groan to be released from our present physical bodies, not to be *unclothed, but clothed upon.* With the subsequent statement that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, it seems reasonable to conclude that the subject matter of verses 1-4 provide an explanation of what happens when a believer dies. He leaves his body and goes immediately to heaven into the presence of God. When a believer's spirit arrives in heaven having departed from his earthly body, a heavenly body is provided for him so that he will not be an unclothed spirit. There is a large portion of the church in heaven right now. Their earthly bodies sleep in the ground while their spirits are consciously present with the Father in heavenly bodies.

1 Thessalonians 4:14 says that these who "sleep" in Jesus will come with Him when He descends from heaven for the rapture of the church. Once the archangel has proclaimed the rapture with his voice and the trumpet has sounded, the bodies of these saints will rise out of the ground first and the spirits of the dead in Christ will re-enter their earthly bodies, now glorified.

Resurrection can be a restoration to mortality. In John chapter 11 we have the account of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead. In this event, Lazarus returned to the same temporal body he had before he died. That body remained subject to death and eventually Lazarus died physically the second time.

But the resurrection that will occur for the saints that sleep in Jesus will be unto glorification. 1 Corinthians 15:52 describes it as being raised incorruptible. The word incorruptible means that it is not perishable, not subject to the aging process, or the process of decay and dying. When the bodies of saints are resurrected out of the ground unto glorification, they are changed into a substance that is not subject to any form of deterioration or death. Those that sleep in Jesus as described in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 will come with Jesus as He

descends from heaven for the rapture, their earthly bodies will be raised out of the earth and the two will be joined together.

### **For Those Who Are Alive and Remain**

According to 1 Corinthians 15:51 and 52, we who are alive and remain will be changed. The word change means to exchange one thing for another such as exchanging old clothes for new clothes. Those of us who are in Christ and living on the earth at the time of the rapture do not need to be resurrected since our bodies are not dead. So we will simply be changed. Our old bodies will be exchanged for new glorified bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:53 describes this as a change from corruption to incorruption and from mortality to immortality. There will be no more aging. Our new bodies will not break or fall apart. They will not be subject to sorrow, crying, or pain (Revelation 21:4). There will be no more dying. We will live out eternity in glorified bodies that will never get sick, never suffer injury, never experience weaknesses or limitations, that will never age, and that will never die.

### **Conclusion**

In a moment of time, the archangel will shout, a trumpet will sound, the dead bodies of the saints who sleep in Jesus will be raised, and we which are alive on earth will be changed. In that same moment, we will be caught up in the air into the presence of Christ.

How bad is your suffering now? Romans 8:18 tells us that the intensity of our present suffering in no way compares to the intensity of the glory that will be revealed in us at the time of the rapture. The extreme glory that we will experience in that moment is far more intense than the extremities of our present sufferings. It is just not worthy to compare the two.

This is our hope. We live for that moment. We love that moment, the moment of Christ's appearing for the rapture. 📖

# Loving His Appearing

## Chapter Five

### The Experience of Glorification

Are you experiencing pain right now? Have you had surgery in the last five years? Do you use prescription medication? Do you use any kind of device to compensate for some physical limitation, such as glasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, false teeth, a cane, a walker, wheel chair, etc.? Maybe you have had a huge disappointment lately. Something has made you sad; you have shed some tears; you have had difficulty sleeping at night? Perhaps you have recently lost a loved one or a very close friend has died?

Revelation 21:4 tells us that God is going to wipe away all our tears. There will be no more death, no more sorrow, no more crying, and no more pain. How will He do this? What will it be like to experience glorification?

#### The Experience Of Glorification

God has promised to redeem our bodies. Romans 8:23 says, *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.* Redemption is twofold. There is a spiritual redemption which involves the forgiveness of our sins (Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 1:14), and there is a physical redemption which involves the glorification of our bodies (Ephesians 4:30, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

In Romans chapter eight, God describes this redemption of our bodies as glorification.

*For whom he did **foreknow**,  
he also did **predestinate**  
to be **conformed to the image of his Son**,  
that he might be the firstborn  
among many brethren.*

*Moreover whom he did predestinate,  
them he also **called**:  
and whom he called,  
them he also **justified**:  
and whom he justified,  
them he also **glorified**. (Romans 8:29-30)*

The word "glorified" means to make glorious, to adorn with luster, to clothe with splendor, to impart glory to something or someone, to render excellent. Right now we are in a state of predestination (to be determined beforehand). The ones God foreknew would receive His Son and thus be born again, He predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. Predestination is for believers, not for unbelievers. God does not predestine unbelievers to be saved. He predestined those whom He foreknew would be believers to be glorified. God determined before the world began that believers would be glorified and that glorification would mean believers would be like Jesus in His resurrected form. 1 John 3:2 says, *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.* The word "like" means of the same kind, of uniform structure or composition throughout. Romans 8:18 tells us that in the redemption of our bodies, glory will be revealed in us, a glory of such intensity that it far exceeds any level of suffering we may experience in our present physical bodies. This is the glory of Christ Himself that will be revealed in us when our bodies are redeemed and changed from mortal to immortal and from corruption to incorruption (1 Corinthians 15:52-54).

#### The Experience of Glorification

If we are going to be like Christ in our glorification, that is, conformed to His image, then by observing what His resurrected, glorified body is like, we will be able to see what our glorified bodies will be like.

##### 1. Christ had a body visible to the human eye.

When Christ appeared to His disciples in Galilee, they saw Him (Matthew 28:17). When Mary Magdalene stayed at the tomb after the other women left, she saw Jesus (John 20:14). Appearing to the ten disciples, he showed them His hands and his side, and they were glad when they saw the Lord (John 20:20).

##### 2. It was a real body of flesh and bone.

In appearing to the eleven, the disciples were frightened by His sudden appearance in their midst. They supposed that they were seeing a spirit. Jesus invited them to behold His hands and His feet with the marks of the nails still visible so that they could see that His body was real flesh and bone, quite unlike a

spirit (Luke 24:37-39). It is important to note that Jesus specifically described His body as being made of flesh and bone but made no mention of blood. A glorified body appears not to have blood flowing through its veins. Scripture tells us that for human flesh, life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11). But for a glorified believer, a crown of life will be sufficient (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10). Life in eternity is undoubtedly sustained and guaranteed by God in some manner other than a fragile body fluid.

### **3. It was a tangible body.**

In that same event, Jesus also invited the disciples to handle Him, that is, to touch Him (Luke 24:39). Also, a group of women held His feet (Matthew 28:9).

### **4. Travel to and from Heaven is fast.**

It is interesting to note that when Mary Magdalene saw Jesus just outside the tomb, He prevented her from touching Him. She was the first one to see Him in His resurrected form. The reason He gave her for not touching Him was that He had not yet ascended to His Father (John 20:17). However, later the very same day is when Jesus encountered the other women who had been with Mary at the tomb and He allowed these women to touch His feet (Matthew 28:9). The only logical explanation is that between the time that Mary saw Him and the time when the other women saw Him, Jesus had to have ascended to His Father and returned to earth. If Heaven is beyond the universe and the universe is as big as it seems to be, that is very fast travel between Heaven and earth.

### **5. He could eat in His glorified body.**

After Jesus invited the eleven disciples to touch Him, as recorded in Luke 24, He then asked for meat, that is, something to eat. The disciples gave Him a piece of broiled fish and an honeycomb and He did eat it before them (Luke 24:41-43). It is interesting to note that something sweet like honey can be consumed by a glorified body. So are there sweets in Heaven?

### **6. He could vanish – disappear.**

When Jesus walked with the two on the road to Emmaus, He concealed His identity to them for a while. When He finally opened their eyes so that they could see who He was, He vanished out of their sight. He made Himself suddenly invisible (Luke 24:31).

### **7. He could go through closed doors.**

Eight days after the resurrection, on a Monday, when Thomas was with them, we are told that the doors of their room were shut. Suddenly, Jesus stood in the midst of them obviously without opening the doors (John 20:26).

### **8. He was recognizable, but there was something different about Him.**

There are several examples of the difficulty people had in grasping that the person in their presence was the resurrected Christ. In part this would be because they saw Him dead and now to see Him alive would be a shock to the mental thought processes. On the other hand, there is just something different about a glorified body from an un-glorified, natural human body. Mary mistook Him for the gardener (John 20:11-16). That would be because she had no expectation of Jesus being alive. But when Jesus came to the seashore where some of the disciples were fishing, there is a very interesting comment made about their thoughts. John 21:12 says, *And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.* It appears from this statement that everyone knew it was Jesus, but there was just something different about Him. In His appearance to the eleven in Galilee, recorded in Matthew 28:16-17, it says that they worshiped Him when they saw Him, but some still doubted. When He appeared to the two on the road to Emmaus, Jesus was able to conceal His identity from them until He wanted them to recognize Him. They had a sense of something about Him as their hearts burned within them, but Christ controlled their ability to recognize Him. When He appeared to the eleven in Luke 24:37, He gave them the impression that He was a spirit because of the manner in which He suddenly appeared unto them. The qualities and abilities of Christ's glorified body produced some puzzling responses by those who saw Him, even though they knew who He was.

### **9. He was able to float up into the air and pass through the earth's atmosphere.**

In His ascension, Jesus was taken up into the air and a cloud received Him out of their sight (Acts 1:9). He did not ride in a space ship. He did not have a fiery chariot like Elijah did. In His exposed glorified body, Jesus ascended through the earth's atmosphere into outer space and then to Heaven. Vehicles carrying men from earth to space must be well

insulated or the heat from the outer edge of earth's atmosphere will burn them up. Yet Christ's glorified body was able to withstand this heat and travel safely unprotected. The same will be true of believers' glorified bodies in the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

### Conclusion

If our glorified bodies will be like Christ's glorified body, then the following things will be true about our glorified bodies.

1. We will be visible.
2. We will be tangible with a body of flesh and bone.
3. We will be able to eat.
4. We will be able to disappear.
5. We will be able to go through closed doors.
6. We will be able to float through space even through extremely high temperatures
7. We will be able to travel at tremendously high speeds unfathomable by the human mind.
8. We will be recognizable, even though there will be something different about us in our glorified form.

All of this was made possible by Christ! He took our sin. He shed His blood. He died for us. He satisfied God the Father. He arose again from the dead, establishing the precedence of resurrection and glorification for us. This is the reason Jesus is called the first fruits in 1 Corinthians 15:20. He was not the first one to be resurrected, but He was the first one to be glorified in His resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:23 indicates that what Christ established as the firstfruits of resurrection and glorification, will be applied to all those that belong to Him at His coming. Even so, come Lord Jesus! 📖

## Elder Notes

The Elders met on Tuesday, August 25, 2009. We read a chapter from the Scriptures and spent time discussing relevant issues. We spent time in prayer for the needs of our church family and for wisdom to lead our church as we follow Christ as our Head.

The Trustees reported that a new vacuum cleaner was purchased. They noted some areas around the building that need attention and plans are being made to care for these things. A study is being conducted regarding exit routes from the building in case of fire, especially from the nursery.

The Elders affirmed that we are supportive of the ministries of the Servants Heart Camp and that any activities sponsored by the camp will be promoted among our people.

Nate Wertz has been appointed as Director of the Master Clubs. He will oversee the whole program and help all the workers in fulfilling their responsibilities. We are grateful for all who work in the clubs and for all the children who are benefitting from it. 📖

### I MUST HAVE GOD

*I must have God!*

*I could not walk this thorny way  
With stone beneath and cloud above,  
Or meet the struggle of each day  
Without His love.*

*I must have God!*

*I could not stand the hours at night  
Or troubled day with all its length,  
Or overlook what others say  
Without His strength.*

*I must have God!*

*I could not carry on my lips  
A song of cheer, a word to ease  
The aching of another's heart  
Without His peace.*

*I must have God!*

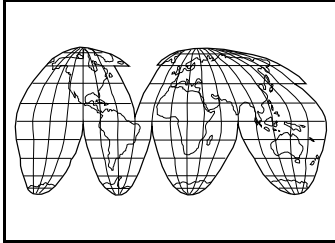
*I could not share the grief of those  
Who need my help along life's way  
Or comfort one in need of peace  
Unless I pray.*

– Amy Wellington

### NO SUBSTITUTE FOR EXPERIENCE

There's nothing like experience; it helps you recognize a mistake the second time you make it.

# Missionary News



*From  
Around  
The World  
and  
Here at Home*

## Marc & Judie Blackwell

Capetown, South Africa

Our assignment comes from the book of Matthew 28:19-20, **“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”**

We offer discipleship to believers, mentorship to leaders, and biblical pastoral counseling to those seeking help. We offer degree level training through the Church Ministries Institute. Internship-mentoring opportunities for pastor trainees is a central part of this ministry training program.

Looking back at 2008 will help you see our direction in 2009 and encourage you to pray for our ministries.

**Some of the special blessings** and highlights we have experienced in ministry during 2008 include:

- Mentoring Chris, Cal, and Michael in various levels and types of internships.
- Chris' ordination and the Tygerberg Baptist Church taking the final steps of making the church indigenous and autonomus.
- Seeing a number come to Christ, baptized, and become active in local churches.

**Some short range ministry goals** for 2009 include:

- Focus on assigning South African student pastors Wessel Theron and Deon JvRensburg to churches.
- Complete the full hand-over of all financial responsibilities to local men and ministries.
- Continued attention to the Afrikaans ministries, projects and teams.

We trust you know that we truly appreciate your prayer and financial support and never take you and your interest in our ministry -‘for granted’.

## Military Evangelism

Camp LeJeune - North Carolina

**We rejoice in what God is doing** here in Jacksonville. We are continuing to make some inroads. The Lord continues to give opportunities to counsel and witness. Our prayer is for a great harvest of souls in the coming months and years.

**Pray for new opportunities** here at Camp LeJeune. Pray with us that the Lord will raise up a couple to assist us here. As you know, ‘many hands make light work’.

Also **pray with us about overseas** opportunities. If our overseas outreach ministry is to continue we need additional funds and a couple to assist us here in Jacksonville. Simply pray that the Lord's will be done.

We have been blessed to have a few of our supporters visit us while they were en route.

We would like to offer a hearty ‘thank you’ for co-partnering with us in ministry. There is just no way we could do what we do without your help.

## Roger & Nola Perrott

Hong Kong

**We are back in Hong Kong** again after our furlough to the States. We had to do quite a bit of cleaning and throwing things away. The house was actually in fairly good shape, but all the stuff we had stored was full of spiders and bugs, so we ended up having to throw half of it away and cleaning the rest thoroughly.

We are now fully acclimated back to Hong Kong: getting the kids into school and our **full schedule in the ministry**. Roger is team-teaching a Bible Institute class, leading Bible Club and Teen Club on Fridays, teaching Sunday School, preaching on Sundays, along with visiting in the village regularly



and starting a men's monthly fellowship. We are also planning an outing and church-wide fellowship. Pray God will use all this to lead people to Christ and strengthen believers.

In our VBS we had four kids raise their hands to **show a desire to get saved** and another little boy did also in Bible Club. Pray those five will really understand, and that we will reach their families also. We went to a birthday for the fifth little boy and got to know his parents better. Pray we can reach them for Christ.

We have decided to start a church-wide visitation program in addition to the visitation we ourselves do. Pray that the believers will respond and help.

## Brenda Hamme

EICM Secretary - Mt. Joy, PA

**“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”** Isaiah 55:8-9

I am grateful for the thoughts of God which are recorded in His Word, for the ability to read them, and for the Holy Spirit's presence which uses them to comfort, challenge, and correct when needed in my life. It's through my trust in His thoughts that I learn to accept His ways, even those which are sometime difficult to understand.

As seen in EICM International's logo, the Bible is the foundation of every aspect of our ministry. As we direct churches and individuals to God's thoughts, it is our prayer that they will **understand and then implement His ways** in their local assemblies and in their personal lives.

Several months ago, Mother and I were asked by EICM's Missionary Pastor at Stonybrook Bible Church if we would go with him to visit a Haitian family which has been attending services regularly. The elderly mother-in-law, who has been in the States for only a few years, doesn't speak English, so the primary purpose for our visit was to share **some thoughts from God's Word with her in Creole**. We were grateful for the opportunity to

meet this family and trust that our 'rusty' language skills were somehow used of the Lord to accomplish His ways during this visit.

As I reflect on all the Lord has done for me though the years, it is with humble thankfulness that His thoughts and ways are higher than mine. Please pray that I would be mindful of this truth each day, whether it is filled with blessings or challenges, as I seek to live for and serve Him.

## Peter & Janis Colon

Friends of Israel - Florida

### Surprise Guest

An actual descendant of Dr. Rossvally came to one of our film showings. She came with her husband and was impressed with the interest in her ancestor. I met her before and shared the story. It was a great evening. In our premiers many have purchased a personal copy to show with unsaved folks.

### Prayer

In October, I'll be teaching the book of Zechariah for the weekly Hebrew Christian Fellowship. I did write a commentary on the book a few years back. So this will allow me to update the material.

I saw my doctor about my protein level being a bit high. To my dismay, my lab results, done weeks before, weren't sent in, so will have to wait some more. I had my two year anniversary of my bone marrow transplant on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Praise

The August conference was well attended. I was encouraged by the attendance and the high interest.

In the past three years we lost some financial support due to hard times falling on churches and individuals. But the Lord is good. We recently added new supporters that have made up the loss.



Did you notice the nice sunflowers at the side of the church this summer? There is a story behind them. They are planted there each year by Debbie King who voluntarily weeds the flower beds at the church. She plants them in memory of her granddaughter, Hannah King, who went to heaven May 9, 2004 at the age of four.

Hannah and her father, Andy King, had planted sunflowers just before the accident. The sunflower pictured on the left is from the seeds of that original planting.

We appreciate Debbie's contribution to making our church property more lovely.

### Thanksgiving Thought

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, thank you Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, thank you Lord, that I have the strength to rise. Many are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, thank you Lord, for my family. Many are lonely.

Even though the routine of my job often is hard, thank you Lord, for the opportunity to work. Many have no jobs.

Even though I grumble and moan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you Lord, for life.

## Master Clubs

by director: Nathaniel Wertz



We are excited about the start of our second year with the Master Club program. We have seen some growth in the faithful children and in our staff.



The Beginners Class taught by Mrs. Felty and Miss Hamme welcome Grace Balcom, Ryan Knuth, and Hannah Wertz. The Primary Class taught by Mr. Moss, Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Morrow, and Miss Smith welcome Delanie Bryant and Seth Laning. The Ambassador Class taught by Mr. and Mrs. Krape welcome Jonathan Kanost and Tyler Knuth. Mr. Wertz has joined us as the new Master Club Director.



The theme verse Matthew 23:10 says "... for one is your Master, even Christ." The children are learning how to be better servants for Christ through Bible teaching, Bible memorization, Bible reading, and practical training.





## PRESCHOOLERS

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

How did Moses cross the Red Sea? Did he swim? Did he fly? Did he sail? No! No! God blew with His wind, and through the sea He made a path. The children not only enjoy singing this song but also enjoy learning



about Moses. Our stories about Moses continue as we climb the mountain to receive the 10 Commandments and follow the Children of Israel through the wilderness. We are also learning about the special Tabernacle and all that it involves.

Along with this series the children are learning the 10 Commandments as their memory work. Can you say them in order by memory?

## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

Our class has just finished a series of lessons on discipling the Christian child. We began our lessons with one on death. We talked about what happens to our body-house and our life-spirit.

We talked about our life-spirit and whether theirs would be with Jesus when they die.

We talked about eternal life and knowing for sure that you are saved. We learned that we are able to have victory over sin and that it spoils our friendship with God. To stay in step with God we learned that we need to trust and obey Him.

God wants to speak to us and so we learned that we need to spend time reading our Bible. We also learned that God wants us to speak to Him and so it is important that we spend some time every day praying to God.



We were working on memorizing John 15:7-14. We would like to encourage you to continue to work with your child helping them to learn their verses.

We only had two children this time who completed these verses. Congratulations to JONATHAN KANOST and CARLEIGH MOSS! GREAT JOB!

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

Fall is always a fun time as we welcome new students to our class; welcome Tyler Knuth, Jessica Byers, and Jonathan Kanost! We are excited about what the Lord can do in the lives of our students this year as we finish our study of the New Testament books from Philippians through Revelation. Our lessons this year will also include Samuel, David, Elijah, Elisha, Esther, Nehemiah, and Ezra.

We have also begun a new set of verses this quarter; we are going to memorize I Corinthians 13. Each week as we study these verses, we

are reminded of God's great love for us and how we must show that love to others. We certainly don't want to be sounding brass or tinkling cymbals!





*Sunday School taught by Mr. Chris Knuth*

The new year is off and running. We welcomed some new teens this year. We also began a new 35 week study on the book of John in regards to the life of Christ. This study will, I believe, be very profitable for the spiritual growth of all of us.

Proteen meetings on Sunday night have also restarted. They continue to be a fun, learning time where the teens draw closer as a group.

Thank you for all your prayers and support as we work together with God's help to help the teens grow in the Lord.

## Quizzing

*by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss*

The teen Bible quizzers are now back into full swing with their Wednesday night practices. This year we are studying the book of Ephesians. Amazingly, on the first night of practice, some of the teens came with the first five verses already memorized! What a great start to the year.

We have a couple of teens that are new to quizzing this year. Sometimes it can be a little overwhelming at first, but teenagers find it enjoyable to study God's Word using this form of competition.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

*by Dawn Balcom*

Each school year there are many rewards along with difficulties, doubts, and challenges encountered. At our first group class on September 10<sup>th</sup>, parents

and students were challenged to consider why their family was home schooling. The following are excerpts from the parents:

-we want them to be taught biblical truths along with their academic subjects.

-we want our children to be taught the TRUTH. God's Word is TRUTH. Any teaching that refuses to acknowledge God and His Word ultimately leads to errors and lies.

-we want to thread a godly message into all our subjects.

-we are able to modify and adapt the curriculum to meet each child's needs and interests.

As parents of home schooled children, we want to teach them when ...sitting, walking, lying down and when they rise up. (Deut.6:7) Home schooling allows us to do this.

Highlights of our First class:

The Kindergarten group enjoyed mixing up a batch of plaster to make their own hand print plaque.



Students grade 2-6th made wind socks from 2-liter soda bottles. They participated in a writing class. Samples and letters of thanks to the church family are displayed on the bulletin board next to the sharing corner.

The high school group had a car maintenance class with hands on participation.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## OCTOBER

- 1 - Senior Outing
- 8 - Homeschool Field Trip 10:00 AM  
(to Indian Steps Museum)
- 16 - Teens Farm Festival 5-9:30 PM
- 18 - Manor Care Service 1:30 PM
- 19 - Rescue Mission Service 8:00 PM
- 20 - Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM
- 21 - TAP Ministry 8:00 AM
- 22 - Homeschool Classes 9-12 AM
- 29 - Prison Ministry 8:00 PM

## LOOKING AHEAD



Please mark your calendars now for these activities in December.



## DECEMBER

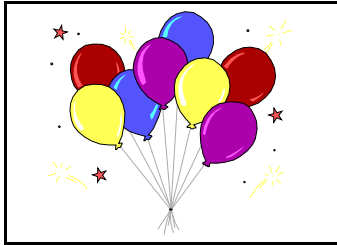
## NOVEMBER

- 5 - Senior Outing
- 8 - Pleasant Acres Service 1:45 PM
- 12 - Homeschool Classes 9-12 AM
- 13 - Teens Mazes & More 5-9:30 PM
- 16 - Rescue Mission Service 8:00 PM
- 17 - Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM
- 18 - TAP Ministry 8:00 AM
- 22 - Prison Ministry 2:30
- 25 - Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 PM
- 26 - Happy Thanksgiving

- 11 - Christmas Banquet 6:30 PM
- 17 - Homeschooler's Go 9-12 AM  
Christmas Caroling
- 19 - Cantata Practice 8:00 AM
- 19 - Children's Program Practice 9:30-12 AM
- 19 - Teen's Christmas Celebration 5-9:30 PM
- 20 - Children's Program 9:30 AM
- 20 - Cantata 10:45 AM
- 24 - Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM



# 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 - Logan Jones
- 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**
- 27 - Regis Lageman



## 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 family.



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## Remember Our Shut-ins

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