

# Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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## SUMMER MINISTRIES



Matt and Rachelle Krape will be ministering at Servant's Heart Camp this summer. Please pray for the Krapes as they minister to young people and families in the various camps. Contributions to support them financially in this endeavor will be accepted through North Hills Bible Church. Please use an offering envelope for the offering plate, or mail your contribution to the church and designate it for the Krapes.

## CEF 5-Day Clubs

Child Evangelism Fellowship of York County would be thrilled for you to volunteer your lawn or porch for one of their teams to come and teach a 5-Day Club to the children in your neighborhood this summer. Please contact Lisa Garlick at 717-757-3212 for more information, or to schedule a week that they can come to your home.

## CAMP INFO

Our young people attend Servant's Heart Camp in the summer. They are exposed to the teaching of God's Word and are given the opportunity to have a lot of fun in an environment which the parents can trust. Please pray for our youth as they attend camp this summer. Pray that the Lord will use this experience to draw them closer to Him, and to help them have more receptive hearts to His will for their lives.



Camp weeks are also offered throughout the summer for families and senior citizens.

The camp is in Ramey, Pennsylvania. To find out more, or to register, please go to [www.shcm.org](http://www.shcm.org) or [info@shcm.org](mailto:info@shcm.org). You may also contact them by phone at 717-808-7992.

**Young at Heart day** is offered to senior citizens on June 15 and August 5

### Teen Camps

June 17-22, July 8-13, July 15-20, or July 29 - Aug. 3

### Junior Camps

June 24-28, or July 22-26

### Family Camps

July 1-3, or July 4-6

## Children's Day June 9



The observance of Children's Day will be on Sunday, June 9. On this day during the 9:30 Sunday School hour, there will be a special children's program. All classes will be combined for this occasion.

The rehearsal for this program will be held on Saturday, June 8 at 9:30 AM.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> in the 6:30 evening service there will be the Master Clubs closing program and achievement recognition. Also Teen Bible Quizzing certificates will be awarded for Scripture memorization, and the teens will be giving testimonies.

Please plan to attend and bring relatives and friends for these special services.

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Please see pictures of our church activities on our website at [www.northhillsbiblechurch.org](http://www.northhillsbiblechurch.org) and click on the "Resources" link and find "Current Issue".

**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

During April, we will take time to remember Christ's crucifixion and celebrate His resurrection. The following books and DVDs may be helpful in sharing these truths with children:

**God Gave Us Easter**  
**The Story of the First Easter**  
**Sunrise Hill**  
**The Tale of Three Trees**  
**What Does Love Look Like?**  
**The Messiah Comes**  
**Worthy is the Lamb**  
**He is Risen**

In the weeks ahead, look for two new books about family for younger children:

**God Loves Daddy & Me**

This book serves as a reminder of God's love for daddies and their little ones. It celebrates loving fathers, precious children, and the God who loves them all.

**God Gave Us Family**

Little Pup's wolf family is on their way to a special reunion, one with lots of cousins, games, and fun! He learns about the different families God brings together, how special each family is, and that we need to love the family God gave us.

Also, look for these new CD albums:

**Trial By Fire** from ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY, which covers the themes of jealousy, family togetherness, the Trinity, deceit, family, and the danger of lies.

**THE VOYAGE BEYOND SERIES**, which finds Jonathan Park and the Creation Response Team meeting an eccentric explorer, Alexander DeMarcus, who appears to have a passion for marine life and exploring the ocean depths, but the team soon realizes this mysterious explorer has something even bigger in mind.

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## THE IMPLICATIONS OF ANCIENT JEWISH WEDDING CUSTOMS ON THE RAPTURE AND THE SECOND COMING

### Part 1

#### Introduction

God uses the marriage metaphor in Scripture to illustrate the spiritual relationship between Himself and Israel. Israel is called the "wife" of God in the Old Testament: Jeremiah 3:14, *Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you.* Unfortunately, many of the references that call Israel God's wife, speak of her unfaithfulness. For example, Jeremiah 3:20, *Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.*

God also uses the wedding metaphor in Scripture to illustrate the spiritual relationship between His Son and the church. And thus the church is called the Bride of Christ: 2 Corinthians 11:2, *For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.* Also, Revelation 21:9 *And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*

In the Gospels, Israel is always the friend of the Bridegroom, or the wedding guests – never the Bride. This can be seen in the parables of the Wedding Guests in Matthew 22:1-14 and the 10 Virgins in Matthew 25:1-13. Also, John the Baptist calls himself a friend of the bridegroom. John 3:29 *He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.*

In the Gospels, the Bride is never identified. This is because the church had not yet been revealed. But the wedding customs of ancient Israel (not modern day Israel) give us some insight not only into the Spiritual relationship of Christ and the Church but also into the order of events regarding the Rapture and the Second Coming.

There are three phases to an ancient Jewish wedding/marriage.

1. The Betrothal
2. The Marriage Ceremony
3. The Wedding Feast

#### I. THE QADASHIN – THE BETROTHAL

There are 8 parts to the Betrothal

1. The Formal Betrothal
2. The Cup of Acceptance
3. The Bride Price
4. The Covenant of Marriage
5. Gifts for the Bride
6. The Groom's Promise to Prepare A Place
7. The Immersion Ritual
8. The Waiting Period

#### A. The first step in the marriage process was the formal betrothal arrangement.

The following is based on information from the Jewish Encyclopedia.

1. Marriages were arranged in Bible times.

Qadashin means to sanctify to set apart to an exclusive purpose. This term was used to describe the nature of a betrothal between a man and a woman. Several Biblical passages refer to the negotiations requisite for the arranging of a marriage, which were conducted by members of the two families involved, or their deputies, and usually required the consent of the prospective bride (if of age);

1. Jacob made a formal agreement to work seven years in order to marry Laban's daughter, Rachel. Genesis 24
2. Samson's father went down to Timnath and made formal arrangements for Samson to marry a woman of the Philistines. Judges 14:2-7

2. The betrothal was a binding commitment.

When the agreement had been entered into, it was binding upon both the groom and the bride, who were considered as man and wife in all legal and religious aspects, except that of actual cohabitation. The root ("to betroth"), from which the Talmudic abstract ("betrothal") is derived, must be taken in this sense; i.e., to contract an actual though incomplete marriage.

There are Biblical examples in which the betrothed woman is directly designated as "wife". For example, 2 Samuel 3:14, *Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me.*

**In strict accordance with this sense the rabbinical law declares that the betrothal is equivalent to an actual marriage and only to be dissolved by a formal divorce.** Consider Matthew 1:19 and Joseph and Mary: *Then Joseph her husband*

*being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.*

This corresponds to our security in Christ. Our betrothal to Christ is not a casual relationship that can be dissolved at the whim of the bride. **It is binding.**

2 Corinthians 11:2, *For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused [betrothed] you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.* Compare Romans 8:31-39.

### 3. The Betrothal Ceremony

From the Jewish Encyclopedia (1906)

Betrothal in its legal sense ("erusin") is performed in the following manner: After the ordinary benediction over wine, the person performing the ceremony continues as follows: *"Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us with Thy commandments and given us commandments concerning forbidden connections, and hast forbidden unto us those who are merely betrothed, and permitted unto us those lawfully married to us through 'canopy' ["Chuppah"] and 'betrothal' ["Kiddushin"]. Blessed are Thou, O Lord, who sanctifiest Thy people Israel through Chuppah and Kiddushin,"* after which the groom hands to the bride a ring or some object of value (not less than a peruah, the smallest current coin), saying, *"Be thou betrothed unto me with this ring [or object] in accordance with the laws of Moses and Israel"* ("kedat Mosheh we-Yisrael").

### 4. The church is thus betrothed to Christ.

In arranged marriages, it would not be unusual for the chosen woman to be someone the young man had never met. While many Jews are part of the church, it would come to be that the majority of the body of Christ would be made up of Gentiles – strangers to God's people of old.

## B. THE CUP OF ACCEPTANCE

1. In the Betrothal ceremony, the young man would pour a cup of wine for his intended bride-to-be and wait to see if she drank it.

This cup represented a blood covenant. If she drank it, she was accepting the proposal and they would be betrothed. Even though she was chosen by the young man's father, the bride still had to accept the proposal.

2. This corresponds to the institution of the Lord's supper.

Matthew 26:27-28

**27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;**

**28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

The disciples would not have understood the concept of the church at this time. The concept of the church was not revealed until the church actually was instituted on the day of Pentecost. However, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 make it clear that this was intended by Christ to be practiced by the church and was thus instituted for the benefit of the church.

It must also be noted that each individual must personally receive Christ to be part of the Bride of Christ. John 1:12, *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* Drinking the cup in communion symbolizes your personal acceptance of Christ's invitation to salvation and a betrothal relationship with Him.

## C. THE MOHAR – THE BRIDE PRICE

1. Upon acceptance of the proposal by the bride, the groom paid a Mohar (04119), or bride-price. In Genesis 34:12, this word is translated "dowry".

It was something of value, usually coins. The bride was very careful with that payment, not to loose the coins. Those coins were placed on a headpiece, part of the bride's garment that she would wear during the betrothal ceremony. The bride then kept these coins as security insurance for herself in case something would happen to the bridegroom and the marriage could not be consummated. The corresponding thing today would be the giving of a diamond ring.

The Bridegroom's garment was adorned to show what the Bride Price had purchased. This illustrates the price of blood that Christ paid to redeem His church.

Revelation 19:13

**13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.**

The adornment of the church illustrates what the Bride price of Christ's blood purchased.

Revelation 19:7-8

**7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.**

**8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

2. This is what Christ has done for the church.

a. The Holy Spirit is our primary gift and is the earnest, or down payment, or pledge, of our inheritance.

Ephesians 1:13-14

*13 ...ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

*14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

Ephesians 4:30

*30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

1 John 4:13

*13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*

b. Spiritual gifts are part of this as well.

Ephesians 4:8-11

*11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

1 Corinthians 12:7-10

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

*8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;*

*9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*

*10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*

## F. THE CHUPPAH – THE GROOM'S PROMISE TO PREPARE A PLACE

1. After the Betrothal was complete, the bridegroom would make his pledge to prepare a place for the bride.

The Chuppah today is a canopy under which a Jewish couple stands during the wedding ceremony. In ancient times, it was the place the bridegroom prepared for his bride.

Psalms 19:5

*5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of*

*his chamber [chuppah], and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.*

The bridegroom would say, "I have to go, I'm going to prepare a place for you at my father's house" (the Chuppah or bridal chamber).

2. Jesus made such a promise in John 14:1-3.

John 14:1-3

*1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

*2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

*3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

a. Jesus was saying this to the disciples just before His crucifixion.

b. Once again, the disciples did not understand the concept of the church.

c. We believe it is appropriate to apply this promise to the church, however, because there is a special place that is prepared for the bride of Christ.

Revelation 21:1-2, 9-10

*1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

*2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*

*10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*

3. No specific time was set for the groom's return for his bride.

She would have to be ready at a moment's notice. And thus, no where in Scripture can you find any indication as to the timing of the Rapture.

## G. THE MIQVEH – THE IMMERSION RITUAL

1. Prior to the bridegroom coming, the bride would take a ritual bath called a Mikvah (Yiddish for Miqveh).

Mikvah was a ritual immersion in “living waters” in a pool called Mayim Chaim (a spring of waters). This symbolized the cleansing and purity of the bride in preparation for the consummation of the marriage. The Hebrew word Miqveh (04723) also means “HOPE”.

2. For the church, this corresponds to baptism, water baptism only being a symbol of spiritual baptism into Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:38

*38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

Romans 6:3-5

*3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

*4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

*5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:*

1 Corinthians 12:13

*13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

We submit to the symbolic ritual of water baptism partly to testify of our salvation in Jesus Christ and partly because of our hope in Jesus Christ and in the resurrection He has promised us in our salvation. Thus we are dipped into the water to symbolize our immersion into Jesus Christ and we are brought up out of the water to symbolize our hope in the resurrection.

## H. THE WAITING PERIOD

While the bridegroom was preparing a place for the bride, the bride had to wait. In ancient times, this might be as much as two years. During this time the bride would prepare herself for the wedding. She

would make blankets and other useful things for her household.

The church is presently in this waiting period.

1 Corinthians 1:7

*7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

1 Thessalonians 1:10

*10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

2 Thessalonians 3:5

*5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.*

And during our waiting for Christ, we are expected to go through a process of sanctification to prepare ourselves for our marriage to Christ. **In 1 Thessalonians chapter 4, this is expressed just before a description of the Rapture is given.**

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

*3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

*4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;*

## Conclusion

In accordance with ancient Jewish wedding customs, particularly as regarding the Betrothal: our marriage to Christ has been arranged. We are in a binding betrothed relationship with Christ. We are in that relationship because we have personally received Christ. Jesus Christ paid the bride price with His blood on the cross of Calvary. He has granted us a new covenant and written His laws of righteousness upon our hearts. He has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit and through the Spirit, many other spiritual gifts. He has gone to heaven to prepare a special place just for us, His bride. We have been immersed into Him and thus cleansed and sanctified by the cleansing power of His blood and we symbolize this with being baptized into water. And we are now in the waiting period, not knowing when He might come to receive us unto Himself, but ready and waiting anxiously for when that special moment will occur.

To be continued.....

**II. THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY**

**III. THE WEDDING FEAST**

## Missionary News



**From  
Around  
The World  
and  
Here at Home**

## Teacher's Assistance Program

(TAP Ministry)

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

### Excerpts from recent letters:

*"Thank you for the box you sent...the Nave Bible is so very good for study, the small old and new Bible I gave it to my wife as a birthday gift to her. We are very happy you are a part of the ministry here. We like the small Bibles (N.T. with Psalms and Proverbs) to give schools for our school ministry, and we give the Bibles to the police. We have Bible study in the police station every Monday."*

Pastor Joliben Carreon, Cebu, Philippines.

*"My great pleasure is to preach the WORD and lead God's people into life of worship. I have a burning desire to share the Gospel through preaching and personal evangelism. I have a hard time collecting materials for my studies and ministries due to lack of finances. I have great expectations in TAP Ministries as I have read through the testimonies of several ministers around the world near and far who were blessed through your ministry. I humbly request you to extend your helping hand in providing materials."*

Elson Thanglunmang...and a student of Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Kerala, India

Elson enclosed a long list of desired books for his studies. We had 13 of the books he requested! This letter is indicative of the many letters we receive each month from Bible Seminary/Institute students who need study materials. We try to provide the specific book, author, or comparable topics to meet their needs.

*"First of all I would like to say thank you very much for the materials that you send to me. I am very happy as I used these materials for my ministry and I praise God for your ministry. Thank you for the goodness of God that He uses your ministry to help other Christians who are unfortunate to buy books, as I am one of them."*

Kimberly Burn - Nabunturan Baptist Bible College & Seminary, Philippines

This letter is a good example of the many thank you letters we receive from Bible College students who we have been able to help in their studies and call to future ministry work.

*"I am greeting you in the name of Almighty God. I am a convert Muslim who has just completed Bible School and needs your support with Bibles and Commentaries. I have a fellowship in a small community"*

From Cape Coast, Ghana

We sent a KJV Scofield Reference Bible, Wycliff Bible Commentary, Bible Doctrine and Christian Growth topic books, KJV Bibles and pocket NT's.

*"I express my sincere gratitude for the ministry. What your ministry is doing is amazing and so helpful, and also a great blessing. I asked for some books, and your ministry helped me a lot by sending the books that I was really in need of but could not afford. I thank God for your ministry. I am a teacher in a small Bible College here in Kerala, India"*

Chapu Kamei

He requested 11 books by author. We had six on our shelves and added five alternate authors of the topics he requested.

We send cartons of Bibles, topical books, Sunday School materials, reference materials, periodicals, devotionals and other assorted materials to India, Malawi, Ghana, Nigeria, and the Philippines on a regular basis. Volunteers help to sort materials while others pack boxes. Volunteers are always needed to help in this process. Thank you for making this ministry possible. We covet your prayers for the work of this ministry.

# Donald & Karen Kilmer Bobby & Imee Livioco

## On Furlough from South Africa

We survived the trip to the States! Furlough is always a hectic transition. We have to wrap up ministry and household things in South Africa. This time the Lord brought another missionary family to stay in our house and take care of our home for us. A special thank you to the Smith Family.

The Lord raised up a Zulu man and his wife to continue the ministry while we are in the States. In the past I have mentioned a young man named 'Excellent'. Please pray for strength and wisdom for 'Excellent' and his wife 'No' as they carry the ministry forward. (Her full name is Nontobeko, but 'No' for short.)

After wrapping things up in South Africa and landing in the States there are many things to do here as we once again set up a household. I never fully understood Christ promising 100 fold in this life to those who leave family and things to serve Him (Mark 10:29-30), until I became a foreign missionary. Through brothers and sisters in the Lord we have access to houses and lands and family in Christ in many places. Thank you to those of you who have helped us and housed us and taken care of us and those who will yet do so while we are here in the States.

Praise God for the provision of a vehicle. Even though the bank in South Africa refused to give us the money taken from our account, (our bank account in South Africa was hacked and the bank isn't willing to refund all of the money) the Lord provided enough funds for us to get a vehicle. We found an SUV that should serve us well. A special thanks to all who gave to this need.

Pray for our schedule to fill in as we still have openings into September. Pray for the Lord to provide more monthly support for the work in South Africa. Pray also for the Lord to give strength to Excellent and his wife and protect the work in South Africa. And pray for the Lord to open hearts to His truth as the Gospel goes out both here and abroad.

## Philippines

What a joyous privilege to be able to show our love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by serving Him - all made possible because He first loved us (I John 4:19). This fresh and biblical perspective of Calvary certainly motivates us to stay on track, and by His grace, until we finish our course.

I met a new friend who happens to be a lawyer heavily involved in anti-crime activities. He, in turn, introduced me to a pastor active in getting business, religious, and political leaders together. On our second acquaintance he invited me to speak at their Capitol Christian Leadership Breakfast Fellowship on the subject of leadership. While I was initially hesitant, I finally decided to use this as a platform for the Gospel. At the said breakfast, I was introduced to their President, who was a former member of our House of Representatives. She graciously enlightened me that the purpose of their group was to encourage righteous leadership with their theme verse quoted from Proverbs 14:34. When my opportunity came to preach the Word, I thought it best to introduce myself first and give a personal testimony of my conversion from Roman Catholicism to Christ. I turned them to the Scriptures to underscore the fact that God places a premium on leadership and that true spiritual and righteous leadership that is pleasing to God is only possible through a vital union with Jesus Christ made possible through the miracle of the new birth. We are thankful for the opportunity and the encouraging responses. Pray with us that the Gospel would take deep root and bear fruit in their hearts

How thankful we are for the numerous opportunities He has given us to plant the seed and preach His whole counsel found in His Word through radio, print and social media, plus other doors of opportunity. We know only eternity will reveal the number of lives that have been touched and saved. Pray with us that the Lord be continually pleased to use us as we rely on His grace to be faithful to him until He comes.



## Teen Activities

Led by Dalton & Katrina Cook

The 2018-2019 teen activity season has led to some of our largest groups yet. Ranging from 14 - 25 teenagers, we have been busy with new activities as well as old favorites.

We decided to trial a teen/family night at the church to bring everyone together for food and fellowship. It was a great experience to meet some of the future teenagers as well as talk more with the parents that do not attend North Hills.

The most popular activity for the teens, Underground Church, took place in November. Each year we have strategized to change the layout of the game to add variety. Many of the teens have never experienced the original underground church version that we played as teenagers, so this concept was mixed into the game this year and very well received.

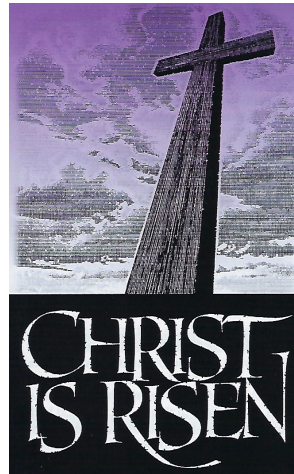
In the past three years as youth leaders, we have had the privilege of meeting up with Calvary Independent (quizzing opponent) for several activities each year. The teens especially love the extra interaction with quizzing/camp friends throughout the year.

Upcoming activities for the year include a first time "escape the room" experience and hiking.



Young people practicing for nursing home ministry.

## Spotlight on Tracts



"The resurrection of Christ is...  
 Proof of the deity of Christ,  
 An integral part of the Gospel,  
 The seal of the finished work of Christ,  
 Essential for salvation,  
 Evidence of the believer's justification,  
 Vital for possession of eternal life,  
 Guarantee of the believer's resurrection,  
 The reason for the believer's hope, and  
 The assurance of the sinner's judgment."

Guarantee of the believer's resurrection,  
 The reason for the believer's hope, and  
 The assurance of the sinner's judgment."



"Eggs, bunnies, and candy?  
 What is Easter really about?  
 Why celebrate someone's death?  
 Did Jesus really rise from the dead?"

What does this mean for me?"

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25

Both of these tracts are available in our narthex.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Joyce Moss*

We started off the year with learning the days of creation. They had songs, crafts and snacks that went along with this series.

Their memory work was John 14:1-6. How wonderful to know that our hearts don't need to be troubled and that God has given us the promise of a home in heaven.

The triumphal entry began the lessons on the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection. The children enjoyed waving palm branches for the triumphal entry. They ate bread in class as the Last Supper was taught. For the crucifixion the children saw a BIG nail and a real crown of thorns made from a thorn bush. What a sad day when Jesus was crucified, but He did it for His great love for us. How happy to know that the story didn't end there, but that He rose again.

The children were given an empty tomb activity to do at home with their family.

## Primaries

*taught by Buck & Cindy Smith*

In our class we have continued in our study of Moses as he leads God's people on their journey through the wilderness. We see the miracles that God performed in meeting the needs of the people. How they repeatedly promise to trust and obey every day is a lesson we all are challenged with. We have focused on the repeated grumbling and complaining of the people. We have emphasized that God is pleased when we have thankful hearts and are trusting and obeying him day by day.

The children have been working on memorizing Psalm 103:8-15. Hope Brammer and Daniel Wertz have completed this passage. Esther Wertz is almost finished.

## Juniors

*taught by Gerald & Darcy. Cook*

Elijah is an interesting man to study. He seems invincible in his faith and power amongst the people of Israel. He wasn't afraid to tell Ahab it wasn't going to rain for a long period of time. He wasn't afraid to sit by a brook and eat food brought to him by ravens. He wasn't afraid to ask a widow woman to feed him before she fed herself and her son. He wasn't afraid to confront the wicked prophets of Baal. He wasn't afraid to ask God to send down fire from heaven. He wasn't afraid to think a little cloud could produce a lot of rain. But then we see him sitting under a tree, afraid for his life, and wishing that God would just take him out of the world. How is this possible? The answer is in the book of James. He was a man subject to like passions as we are. Yes, he was strong in faith. Yes, he was powerful among the people of Israel. But he was also capable of being in despair and wanting to give up. We tell our students often to think about the fact that there are so many things God could have chosen to tell us about an individual's life, so what He chose to include in His Word is there for us to learn from. We learn from Elijah how to be strong, how to have faith, and how to cry out to God when we are tired and worn and need His encouragement. Praise God for the examples He has given us in His Word and what we can learn about our own walk with the Lord through these men and women.

We say, "Job Well Done", to Shawn and David for learning their winter quarter memory verses!

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

The primary class in Master Clubs has been learning about the difference between God's perspective and man's perspective. God sent Samuel to the house of Jesse to anoint the next King of Israel. Jesse's eldest son looked kingly to Samuel, yet God refused him. Finally, a ruddy young shepherd boy, David, was called in from the field. He was probably filthy from being in the fields. Perhaps Samuel saw David in the fields, prior to entering Jesse's home, and thought that he was just a servant, surely not the chosen king. However, God sees the hearts of men. He knew that young David would choose to follow him.

As an illustration, the children were able to break open geode stones. Geodes look similar to ordinary rocks; however, inside are beautiful crystals.



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## QUIZZING

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

The first half of the year is spent in learning the material. This year it is the book of James. The second half of the year we add competitions to our schedule. Our teens were very encouraged as they did well in the competitions with other churches.

The competition is challenging and fun, but it is also the goal to be able to put God's Word to use in practical ways in their everyday lives. After each Sunday afternoon competition some of the teens give testimonies in the evening church service. It is a blessing to hear how they have tried to apply the things they are learning in their study. Not only do a few of them give testimonies each time but that same evening they sing in the evening service as a musical special and play choirmimes for the offertory. It makes for a long, exhausting but enjoyable day being saturated in God's Word and then praising Him through music at the end of the day.

The last Saturday in April is the final competition of the year when the teens spend a whole afternoon competing against other teams and are eliminated as they lose. Finally it is narrowed down to the top three teams. Each team has to lose two times before being eliminated. The quiz masters and judges are very particular that the answers must be exact. It is very intense and at times nerve wracking. But finally in the end a team emerges as the victor. But really, all the teens who study God's Word this intently are winners in God's eyes. It is so encouraging to see teens willing to make this kind of commitment.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

This February the Beginners class studied the American Revolution. They also made battle drums. This month they will talk about the Founding Fathers a bit more and finish the subject about America's Independence. The children will make their own Declaration of Independence.

The middle class is beginning to apply forestry terminology to identify specific trees in Pennsylvania. They also are using a tree key to identify specimens.

The teen class continues to do Chemistry with Mrs. Cook. Most recently the teens learned the difference between physical and chemical reactions. They did experiments at home, and the results were discussed in class. The students did five experiments: one for each of the five evidences of chemical reactions. For formation of gas the teens made elephant toothpaste which had an odor. For change in color they used sodium carbonate and phenolphthalein. For production of heat or light the teens split into groups then combined chemicals to determine whether there was an endothermic or exothermic reaction. Lastly they experimented with combined sulfate and sodium to show that two liquids can combine to form a solid.

Mrs. Smith continues to teach gym to the younger classes. Last month she had the children use a sheet square for playing ball and dragging each other.

Mrs. Laura Morrow teaches sign language to the younger classes. In February she taught the middle class signs for things around the house and in different rooms. They were learning to make sentences in sign language. The youngest class is learning common words and reviewing those each month.

Our February field trip day included a visit by our local fire department. They even let the younger children sit in the fire trucks. After they left, we let the children have a day of fun. We had cup cake decorating, crafts, and board games.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# Up-coming Events for

## Our Missionaries



### April

- 11 - Homeschool Classes 9:00 AM
- 17 - TAP Ministry 8:00 AM
- 19 - Crucifixion Service 7:00 PM
- 21 - Resurrection Service 10:45 AM
- 21 - Manor Care Service 1:45 PM
- 25 - Homeschool Field Trip
- 27 - Final Quiz & Youth Rally 1:00 PM

### April

- Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain  
Easter Family Camp
- Friends of Israel  
Passover Evangelistic Banquets
- Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus  
Good Friday Service - largest church attendance all year
- Livioco, Bob & Imee - Philippines  
Easter Camp

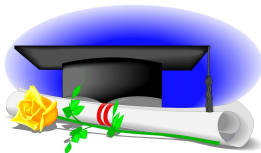


### May

- 12 - Happy Mother's Day
- 12 - Pleasant Acres Service 1:45 PM
- 15 - TAP Ministries 8:00 AM
- 23 - Homeschool Project Fair 9:00 AM

### May

- Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa  
The Mutli-lingual Church Planting Team
- Friends of Israel  
'Shavuot' (Pentacost) Outreach Banquet
- Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC  
Day Trips - with a devotional for military personnel
- Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong  
Church Planting & Leadership Training



### June

- 3 - Street Meeting 7:00 PM
- 8 - Children's Practice 9:30 AM
- 9 - Children's Day Program 9:30 AM
- 10 - Street Meeting 7:00 PM
- 16 - Happy Father's Day
- 16 - Manor Care Service 1:45 PM
- 17 - Street Meeting 7:00 PM
- 19 - TAP Ministry 8:00 AM
- 24 - Street Meeting 7:00 PM

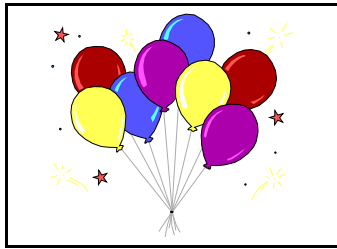
### June

- Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA  
Summer Missionary Training
- Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC  
Evangelistic Dinner and Bible Study
- Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain  
Two day Mini-Camp  
Vacation Bible School

**Remember  
to Pray  
for Your  
Missionaries**



## Church Family News



### Happy Birthday

#### April

- 1 - Linda Goodling
- 2 - Luke Brammer
- 4 - Paul Eyler
- 5 - **Brenda Hamme**
- 5 - Ervin Kornbau
- 7 - **Elijah Moss**
- 8 - Bill Knudsen
- 15 - David Wertz
- 19 - Caleb Fetrow
- 21 - **Imelda Livio**
- 23 - Darcy Cook
- 25 - Rose Lindstrom
- 29 - Delores Shields

#### May

- 2 - Austin Morrow
- 5 - **Silas Moss**
- 7 - Dalton Cook
- 9 - Sherry Beam
- 11 - Andrew Cook
- 13 - **Nola Perrott**
- 16 - Sarah Fetrow
- 19 - **Roger Perrott**
- 23 - Mary Lambert
- 24 - Justin Morrow

#### June

- 1 - **Donald Kilmer**
- 3 - Charles Balcom
- 3 - Bryan Flohr



- 5 - Bud Collins
- 5 - **Danielle Livio**
- 7 - Matthew Kanost
- 9 - Greg Beard
- 19 - Gene Beam
- 20 - Shirley Beard
- 20 - **Joshua Perrott**
- 24 - Buck Smith
- 26 - Mildred Geisler
- 28 - David Fetrow



### Happy Anniversary

#### April

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

#### May

- 3 - Gary & Carolyn Zimmerman
- 31 - Nathaniel & Marietta Wertz

#### June

- 1 - Paul & Pamela Grove
- 4 - **Moises & Rosa Campos**
- 4 - Bryan & Beth Ann Flohr
- 4 - Earl & Patsy Knuth
- 16 - Rick & Lydia Fetrow
- 20 - Dalton & Katrina Cook
- 29 - Marley & Gladys Gross
- 29 - Vernon & Delores Shields

#### 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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#### New Email Addresses

Roger & Nola Perrott  
[rperrott5885@gmail.com](mailto:rperrott5885@gmail.com)

Donald & Karen Kilmer  
[zulukilmer@gmail.com](mailto:zulukilmer@gmail.com)



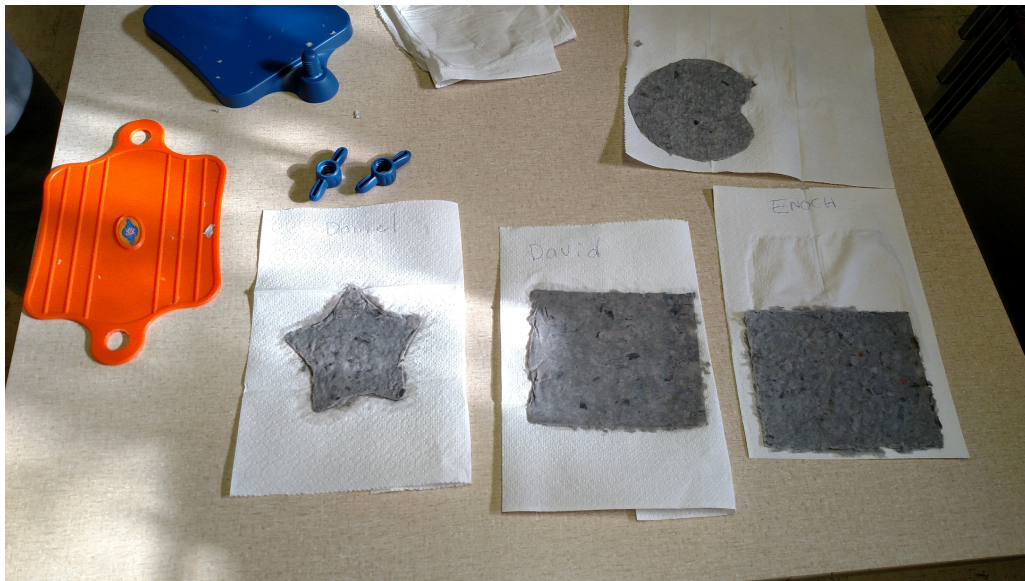
### Remember Our Shut-ins

Lorraine Beath, Bob & Marion Frey, Jeannie Geesey, Millie Geisler, Pam Grove, Shigeko Hall, Gloria Hevner, Susan Peters, Delores Shields, Reg & Ina Stelfox

# Homeschool Middle Group Makes Paper



To make paper shapes, shredded newspaper was soaked in water for several days. Then a small amount of shredded newspaper and plain gelatin was added to a hand mixer. (The gelatin is supposed to keep the ink from bleeding.) The mixture was put into a shallow bin; then it was scooped into the template with a screen underneath to drain out the water. The water was further squeezed out with a press, and then the paper was laid on paper towels to dry. They will write on it during the next class.



Homeschoolers

Fire Safety

Field Trip



# LADIES MISSIONARY PROJECT DAY



We started off with our missionary, Karen Kilmer, speaking to us. It was interesting to hear of some of the culture of the Zulu's in South Africa and how challenging that makes it at times for the believers to live a biblical lifestyle. It was helpful to hear, woman to woman, how we can pray more effectively for our missionaries and those they minister to.



Two of our ladies worked on mending some of our worn hymnals and then joined the others in making Wordless Book zipper pulls for our missionaries.



On the tables were the rings for the zipper pulls, the plastic lacing that would be used, and beads arranged in the order they were to be put on to tell the Wordless Book story.



The yellow bead represents heaven - where everyone wants to go. The black bead represents the darkness of sin in our hearts that prevents us from going to heaven. The red beads tells of Jesus blood shed for our sin. The white for the cleansing we can receive. And the green to remind us to grow to be more like Jesus each day as we wait for His return.



They were able to make 300 zipper pulls, and enjoy conversation as they worked.



Then the zipper pulls were counted out by 50's and put into bags for the missionaries to take and use in their ministry to children, which are usually used as prizes. Pray that the children who receive them will

then be able to use this tool to tell others the meaning of the Wordless Book story and God's way of salvation.





# TEEN BIBLE QUIZZING



Grace, Charles, Hannah, Matthew, Rebecca, Ian  
North Hills Bible Church Quiz Teams



It's truly wonderful to see our church filled with teenagers from various churches around the area participating in an exercise of quickly recalling the Scriptures they have been studying - the book of James this year.



Listening intently to the question.....and be the first to jump.....and answer correctly.....

....before the other team does.



# Teens Bowling Activity

