

# Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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## Theme for 2009: Love His Appearing

Life seems to be taking a very uncertain turn. How will we cope with all the potential changes? In 2 Timothy 4:8, Paul said, *Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.* Loving Christ's appearing apparently had a big impact on Paul's life, and he says that it can have the same impact on ours. This will be the substance of our Sunday morning sermons for 2009.



## Christmas Card Box

The Christmas card box will be available for you to share your cards with one another within the church family. This year there will actually be two boxes. One box will be for the general church family. The other box will be for our shut-ins. Please separate your cards accordingly. Also, please arrange your cards alphabetically to make it easier to sort them. The boxes will be in the narthex until Wednesday, December 17, which is the deadline for submitting your cards. Cards for missionaries and anyone not listed in our current directory should be mailed to them directly.



## Church Family Banquet Friday, December 5 6:30 P.M.

This year we have done something very special for our banquet. We have invited the congregation of Stony Brook Bible Church to join with us. Each church will provide some special music and each pastor will give a short message. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex for attendance and for helping in setting up and preparing the meal.



## Caroling Friday, December 19 6:20 P.M.

This will be a ministry to our shut-ins. Groups of carolers will bring Christmas cheer to our elderly saints. Please sign up to participate.

## Children's Program Sunday, December 21 9:30 A.M.

This will be a unique presentation by our children and young people who will share things they have learned in their Sunday School classes.

## Cantata Sunday December 21 10:45 A.M.

Our adult choir will present a special musical program entitled "Maranatha, The Lord Is Come." Some of our young people will participate in the Cantata with a dramatic reading.



## Candle Light Service Wednesday December 24 7:00 P.M.

This is a very special candle light service with some special sacred music, praising God for sending His Son to save us from our sins.

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Pocket  
Calendars  
Available  
In Narthex



**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*

Thank you to each one who used the library this year. This was a real encouragement. I trust you found the resources available to the congregation both enjoyable and spiritually profitable.

As a reminder to those who have never visited the library, it is located on the lower level of the church across from the restrooms. Someone is available to assist you between Sunday School and Morning Worship, 15 minutes after Morning Worship, and 15 minutes before the Evening Service. If another time is more convenient for you, please let me know and I'd be happy to assist you.

Some new items being added to the library in the weeks ahead include:

## BE SERIES - An Old Testament Study

Be Determined (Nehemiah)  
Be Patient (Job)  
Be Worshipful (Psalms 1-89)  
Be Exultant (Psalms 90-150)

## THE AMERICAN ADVENTURE

The Great Depression  
Starting Over  
The Home Front

## ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Bread From Heaven  
Forgive Us Our Debts

## ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY

Moment of Truth  
The Sky's the Limit

While nothing can replace the "Christmas chapters" in Matthew and Luke as the best source of information about God sending His Son to be our Savior, the library has a number of children's resources available to supplement your Christmas reading and viewing.

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### Our Purpose

Soul winning at home and abroad  
Bible teaching conducive  
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## Dispensation #7

### Kingdom

Each Dispensation has progressively provided an easier resource for man to use in fulfilling God's purpose. What could make man's job easier than grace? How about the visible presence of the King, Jesus Christ? This is exactly what will be provided in the last dispensation of human history. Jesus Christ will physically return to the earth and rule as King from Jerusalem.

It will be a spectacular event when Jesus returns to initiate this new dispensation. Psalm 2 describes this event in some general terms. In verse 1, the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing. In Verses 2 and 3, the vain thing they imagine is that they can successfully set themselves against the LORD and His Anointed (Christ), and that they can break the bands of sovereignty to free themselves from accountability to God. In verses 4-12, God sets His Son upon the holy hill of Zion and the Son possesses the uttermost part of the earth, ruling with a rod of iron.

Matthew 25 describes the judgments of Israel and the nations to set things right in the beginning of the Kingdom, and the prophets of the Old Testament give us glimpses of what life will be like during that reign. Revelation chapters 20 and 21 tell us some significant things about this dispensation as well. For example, it will last for exactly 1,000 years (Revelation 20:2-7). [Hence, we call it the Millennial Kingdom.] Also, Revelation chapter 21 describes the New Jerusalem where resurrected saints will live.

So what is the Kingdom Dispensation all about and why is it the last one?

#### The Resource

The resource, as stated already, is the person of Jesus Christ Himself, and His perpetual personal presence on earth. Zechariah 9:9 identifies Christ as the King in His first coming, *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.* It would have been an acceptable thing unto the LORD if Israel had recognized this at the time, but the Kingship of Jesus

became an obstacle to the Jews when He was on earth. In Mark chapter 15, this controversy is evident in the trial and crucifixion of Christ. In verse 2, Pilate asked Him, *Art thou the King of the Jews?* In verse 9, Pilate offered to release to the people the *King of the Jews*. In verse 12, when they refused Him, Pilate asked the multitude, *What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?* In verse 18, the Roman soldiers hailed Christ as the *King of the Jews*. In verse 26, Pilate had inscribed on the top of His cross *THE KING OF THE JEWS*. And in verse 32, the chief priests of Israel mocked Jesus by crying out, *Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross that we may see and believe.* If only they would have believed! They missed the marvelous truth of the King who shall reign over Israel and the world in the Millennial Kingdom and in all eternity future.

He will indeed come and He will indeed reign. Zechariah 9:10 places Christ on the throne in the Millennium, *And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.* Revelation 19:11-21 describes His glorious descent from Heaven and His magnificent triumph over Satan, the Anti-Christ, and the False Prophet. The Anti-Christ and the False Prophet will be cast into the lake of fire, but Satan will be chained in a bottomless pit. Then Revelation 20:4-6 describes how He will resurrect the saints of Israel's past and of the Tribulation period and reign with them for 1,000 years. Zechariah 14:9 states it definitively, *and the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.*

#### The Responsibility

The responsibility will be a simple one: go up to Jerusalem and worship the King. Zechariah 14:16 says, *And it shall come to pass that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.*

It will be a marvelously tranquil time in the Millennium. Satan will be bound and prevented from any activity (Revelation 20:1-3). Thorns and briars will disappear (Isaiah 55:13; Isaiah 35:1-2). Animals will become non-violent and non-predatory (Isaiah 65:25; Isaiah 11:6). Physical health will dominate (Isaiah

33:24; Isaiah 35:5-6). There will be increased longevity (Isaiah 65:20). Conditions will be right for high productivity (Isaiah 30:26; Isaiah 41:18; Ezekiel 34:26-27). There will be a perpetual growing season (Amos 9:13). There will be an abundance of food (Isaiah 30:23-24; Isaiah 32:15; Joel 2:24). There will be no discrimination (Zechariah 8:23; Isaiah 14:1-2; Isaiah 61:5). There will be no oppression (Isaiah 14:3-6). There will be no fear in travel (Isaiah 19:23-25; Isaiah 35:8-10).

In this amazing environment, there will be an absolute unity in worship (Isaiah 45:23; Isaiah 66:23; Jeremiah 3:17; Malachi 1:11). A universal language will prevail which will serve to enrich this unity (Zephaniah 3:9).

### **The Failure**

In spite of the visible presence of Christ, some will still fail to respond by faith. There will be some who will be dealt with for their failure to worship Christ (Zechariah 14:17-19). But inevitably, there will be many who conform outwardly to the requirement but inwardly remain rebellious.

This will be evidenced at the end of the millennium when Satan is loosed from his prison. According to Revelation 20:7-10, Satan will be able to amass a huge rebellion against Christ *from the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth*. He will gather them together to battle and the number will be as the sand of the sea.

One may wonder how this could happen when Satan is not around to bear influence for 1000 years and Christ is visibly present on earth reigning in righteousness. But the point will finally and emphatically be made that depraved human nature is determined to act like foolish sheep, going astray, each one turning to his own way (Isaiah 53:6). And without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).

### **The Judgment**

There will be a continual judging of rebellious citizens of the Kingdom throughout the Millennium. There will be quick and decisive judgment against all wrong doers (Revelation 12:5; Psalm 72:4-14). Nations will be punished for failing to comply with Christ's law (Zechariah 14:17-19). The death penalty will be enforced (Isaiah 11:4; Jeremiah 31:30).

Then, at the end of the Millennium, there will

be a battle of sorts with a quick and decisive ending. Satan will gather a large rebellion against Christ and the saints. Christ will easily win, Satan will be cast into the lake of fire, and fire from heaven will come down and consume all the rebellious men (Revelation 20:7-10).

This will be followed immediately by the great white throne judgment. The unsaved of all time will be judged and found guilty and condemned to an eternity of punishment in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15). This will be the final judgment.

### **The Remnant**

God had promised Abraham that his seed would possess a land forever. Genesis 17:8 says, *And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God*. In the prophetic context of Ezekiel 37:24-28, this promise is reinforced. Verse 25 says, *And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever*.

It is clear from this language that the future dwelling place for the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will be the exact same geographical location that was originally granted to these patriarchs. It also appears from this, that after the great white throne judgment real human beings will continue to live on the earth. The human body created for Adam in the garden of Eden was perfectly suited for an eternal existence in the earth environment. Sin prevented that from taking place. But once sin is finally dealt with and eliminated as a factor in human life, it is perfectly reasonable to believe that there are happy prospects for human life on earth in eternity future and that God's promises will be literally fulfilled.

### **Conclusion**

In eternity future Israel will be a physical nation on a physical earth inhabited by real human beings. The church, consisting entirely of glorified human beings, will be the bride of Christ, ruling and reigning with Him.

What happens next? About that, we are given absolutely no information in the Bible. But it will have to be wonderful. There will be no sin. There will be only believing, faithful creatures. There will be the

perpetual presence of the glory of God. It will be eternal life to the fullest!

## The Dispensational Concept of Fulfilling the Purpose of God

God's purpose for man is simply stated as this: man is to reflect the image of God as he manages God's property (Genesis 1:26). In each Dispensation, God provided a resource that would assist man in reflecting His image.

**Innocence**, a state of being without contact, exposure or experience with sin.

**Conscience**, an innate perception of the difference between what is morally good and what is morally bad according to the dictates of God, even without a knowledge of God's written law.

**Government**, the right of one man to tell another person what to do (or not to do) with the authority to enforce compliance, with the intention that such government will enforce God's law.

**Promise**, God's declaration, written or verbal, concerning which He intends to do.

**Law**, an explicit statement concerning what God considered to be right and wrong.

**Grace**, the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit which He bestows upon all believers as He indwells them.

**Kingdom**, the personal Kingship of Christ.

Each resource was also designed to assist man in choosing right over wrong because choosing right over wrong is equivalent to reflecting the image of God. Of course, you have to know the difference in order to make the right choice (Isaiah 7:16; Isaiah 5:20).

**Innocence** was the ability to choose right over wrong because right is all you know. It was the familiar in contrast to the strange. (This also characterizes the simplicity one ultimately obtains in Christ resulting from a child-like faith.)

**Conscience** is the ability to choose right over wrong based upon an internal understanding of the difference between the two.

**Government** is the authority of some to enforce right over wrong in others.

**Promise** is an incentive to choose right over wrong because of the blessing that will result from doing so.

**Law** is a written explanation in detail of what God considers to be right and wrong.

**Grace** is an enabling to do the right thing by the direct involvement of the Holy Spirit.

**Kingdom** is the incentive to choose right over wrong because of the personal reign of the righteous King, Jesus Christ, who will immediately and decisively judge all wrong doing.

### Why Choosing Wrong Over Right is the Opposite of Reflecting the Image of God

Reflecting the image of God requires a position of dominion. It cannot be done in a position of submission. According to Genesis 1:26, God's plan was to make man in His own image and likeness and in that image and likeness man was to have dominion over the earth. Thus, dominion was directly linked to the concept of bearing the image and likeness of God.

On the other hand, choosing wrong over right is an act of submission to an authority other than God. In Genesis 3:1-6, a creature was able to beguile Eve and knowingly convince Adam to doubt God's Word. Adam and Eve then relinquished their dominion and voluntarily submitted to the authority of the Serpent.

Choosing wrong over right places men in bondage. For example, Adam and Eve's choice placed them in bondage to fear (Genesis 3:7-8). Cain's choice placed him in bondage to being a fugitive (Genesis 4:12). Men's choices before the flood placed them in bondage to evil imaginations (Genesis 6:12). Israel's choices placed them in bondage in Egypt (Exodus 6:5). And on and on goes the scenario. Ultimately, the choices of mankind place them in bondage to the fear of death (Hebrews 2:14-15).

When a person makes a choice, it appears that he is in control, but when he chooses wrong, he is relinquishing control and submitting to the authority of sin and to the authority of the prince of sin. Jesus

explained in John 8:44 that the children of the Devil are not really doing their own devices, they are really doing the devices of the Devil. Ephesians 2:2-3 explains that those who are dead in their trespasses and sins are entrapped in the course of this world and compelled to follow the prince of the power of the air and the lusts of the flesh. They are in bondage to these things, not in control of them.

Man cannot reflect the image of God when he is submitted to an authority other than God. God Himself never submits to any authority other than Himself. *I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images* (Isaiah 42:8). If a man is going to reflect the image of God, then he cannot be submitted to any authority other than God. To do so is to deny the absolute glory of God.

### **Why Choosing Right Over Wrong is Equivalent to Reflecting the Image of God**

God is absolutely right about everything (Deuteronomy 32:4b; Psalm 92:15; Psalm 145:17a). Therefore, to do right is to reflect God (1 Peter 1:16; Colossians 3:10). To choose right is to reject any authority other than God (Romans 6:16-17).

To be right is to be in a position of authority, control, and dominion. God is right and He is thus the Judge (Psalm 50:6). Those who are right in God, will judge with Him (1 Corinthians 6:2).

### **Why Faith is the Key**

Believing God to the point of excluding everything else provides the standard by which everything can be measured as to whether it is right or wrong. It is imperative for man to believe that it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18; Numbers 23:19). This was the problem that Adam confronted. He failed to believe that it was impossible for God to lie and therefore he disbelieved what God said. 1 Timothy 6:3-5 defines the principle that if anyone consents not to the wholesome words of Jesus Christ, he knows nothing. The ignorance of unbelief always leads to choosing wrong over right. On the other hand, if Adam had believed that what God said was right, then Adam would have made the right choice and not submitted to another authority. It all boiled down to this simple factor: would Adam believe God or not.

Believing God to the point of excluding everything else is necessary to bring an unsaved

person into fellowship with God. First he must believe that God is right when He says *all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23). Next, he must believe that God is right when He says that *the wages of sin is death* (Romans 6:23). Then, he must believe that God is right when He says that His Son, Jesus Christ, satisfied the sin problem (Romans 3:24-26). And finally, he must believe that God is right when He says that faith in Jesus Christ is the only way a person can be saved from his sins (Acts 16:31; 1 John 5:12) and be brought into fellowship with God the Father (Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 10:19). When an unsaved person believes these things in his heart and professes them unto God with his mouth, he is brought into the fellowship of the Body of Christ where he obtains the capacity to reflect the glory of God (Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 1:3-14).


Believing God to the point of excluding everything else is the necessary factor in making all the resources useful in choosing right over wrong. By believing God, my conscience directs me to do right. Otherwise, it will follow a different standard. If Government believes God, it will enforce God's Word. Otherwise, it will make laws based on a different standard. If I believe God, I will wait as long as it takes for Him to fulfill His promises. Otherwise, I will seek welfare from other sources. If I believe God, I will study His Law and follow it. Otherwise, I will ignore it. If I believe God, I will make use of His enabling grace. Otherwise, I will never realize its value. The bottom line is this: I must believe.

### **Conclusion**

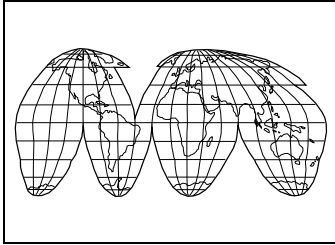
Do you believe that God is right? Do you believe it to the point that you reject every other source of authority in your life?

Do you believe the Word of God? Do you use it to measure everything you do and to guide you in all your choices?

Are you reflecting the image of God? Are you freely doing what is right, cultivating to prosperity each realm of your life, and not living in bondage to any authority other than God?

If you have been born again, you have a conscience, an accountability to authority, a copy of God's written Word which includes both His promises and His Law, and you have the enabling grace of the indwelling Holy Spirit. All of these things work effectively when activated by faith and assist us in fulfilling God's prevailing purpose for us: that we reflect His glory as we live here on earth. This is the dispensational teaching of the Bible. 

## Missionary News



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

## TAP MINISTRY

Teacher Assistant Program  
(Sending Christian Materials Overseas)

Following are some recent letters from recipients in the Philippines after receiving Bibles, hymnals, books on family values, youth and church ministry, and a Wilmington Study Bible.

**“We praise the Lord for your effort,** diligence and concern for the Lord’s work that you were able to send materials. They are very useful in our church. I praise God for your ministry. It is really relevant for local churches. It helps us produce the needed materials for spiritual growth of the children of God. God bless you.”

Pastor Gestosani

**“The materials are very good,** especially the books. We can use them for our first operation of our Mindano Baptist School of Theology. We have so many ministries and the materials you are sending will be a great help to our volunteer teachers and Bible School students, and to our daughter church.”

Pastor Salomon

“At present we have ten families actively involved in the ministry. **With the eagerness of our members and elders to share God’s Word,** especially in the adjacent towns, we are praying for our reading materials, references, and especially Study Bibles which we believe could be of great help for us in elevating our knowledge in sharing the Gospel.”

Pastor Oliveras

## Military Evangelism

**Camp Lejeune, North Carolina**

We have truly been blessed over the past few months. While the numbers are not large we are seeing military personnel come through our doors. **We are encouraged!**

I would like to reprint my autobiography **Overcoming Fear.** We first published this book in 1999. I believe this book will be a great tool to use among the military at Camp Lejeune. I believe it will also be a great way to introduce more people to our ministry and encourage them to get involved.

The Planning and Zoning Office has given us approval to add a 20 foot section to our fellowship building. The only help we need on this project is labor. This addition will give us two additional restrooms with showers. Pray with us that we can find an architect to do the work and that the city will approve the drawing.

**We are excited about the future.** We believe God has great things in store for us.

## Roberto & Imelda Livio

**Philippines**

These are hectic days for us. This is why all the more **we need the power of the prayers of the brethren.**

We are following up on 3-4 of our baptismal candidates, and also a few of our new believers who need follow-up. A police officer who trusted Christ is a real blessing and **his progress in the faith is amazing.** He admits his corrupt past and is now seeing the value of prioritizing faith, family, profession (in that order) since he came to know Christ as Savior.

Another person we are discipling made a profession of faith a few months ago. He has been exposed to many “Christian churches and fellowships”

of various stripes, mostly Charismatic and Pentecostal. **No one had ever sat down to explain to him God's simple plan of salvation.** He said it was his first time to understand the gospel clearly when we showed it to him, so he trusted Christ as Savior. However, other well-known personalities are currently confusing him because he has been invited to go and attend a neo-evangelical mega church and a charismatic church again. Many of them have somehow heard of our ministry and have been giving him the impression that we are "too strict" because of our fundamental/separated stand. Pray with us that he would see the difference while being sensitive to the Holy Spirit and to His Word.

## Marc & Judie Blackwell

**South Africa**

Thanks for your faithful prayer - it is truly appreciated and needed!

Judie enjoys serving together with others with the music ministry of choirs, special music, and piano. Her discipleship and mentoring of teen girls and ladies is rewarding. Many are going forward on their own, serving their Lord so faithfully.

Chris and Marisa, together with Wessel Theron are leading the Tygerberg Ministries forward and their internship goals and ministry competencies are progressing well. **The ordination of Chris Wilhelm was an exciting step forward for the Cape!** Things are quite exciting and challenging for our church planting co-workers.

All of the churches are having visitors attend plus new families join, and attendance increasing in all four new works. Some have been saved, others already saved are enquiring about believer's baptism. Other people are being helped personally and spiritually. Many report **they are making genuine practical application of truth** for the needs of their family lives. Yet others struggle, and we ask for your prayers for them and for us as we seek to encourage and teach.

The translation and publication of *Herald of Hope* and other materials goes forward through the Afrikaans Translation Team that is directed by Chris and assisted by Wessel, plus numerous lay translators. Pray for the Afrikaans Church Planting Team and for our new Cape Regional Church Planting Survey now begun.

Ted Weinberg and his team continue construction in Malmesbury's Swartland Baptist Church and at the camp, Paardeberg Mt. Retreat,

though funds are running out! The Church Ministries Institute continues to advance and in January 2009 we will have three interns training for pastorates. **We thank the Lord for these exciting developments!** Pray for the financial and practical training pressures this brings as well. Pray for my efforts to find churches and individuals and foundations prepared to assist us in these projects. We trust the Lord to provide.

## Roger & Nola Perrott

**Hong Kong**

We are very busily working through our furlough. We moved in late August into the house my brother's church is letting us live in for the year. The children entered into the Christian school here and have enjoyed that.

**The process of setting up all the meetings with churches** that we will visit for the year takes time. We prepared 100 information packets about our work and ourselves and sent them to 100 new churches. Calling all those churches to try to schedule meetings for us to visit them takes 3-4 hours every day for several weeks to get hold of all the pastors. Usually, after all that work, we will get 10-20 new meetings in those churches. Then, we call and schedule meetings in all of our supporting churches. Again, that takes 3-4 hours a day for a few weeks. In the middle of all that, we visit some supporting churches to give reports on Sundays.

**We are praying now about all the expenses of living in the States.** We are still paying our full rent and the bills on our home in Hong Kong. A new family will move in there in December and pay half the rent and the bills for six months. But, there seem to be a lot of one-time expenses hitting us right now. The car that a friend lent us for the year needs four new tires and radiator work done before the winter, but we do not have the funds. In addition, our computer just completely died and we will need a new one. In addition, the washing machine in our house started overflowing and leaking out and the sensor is not fixable. We thought we would need a new one, but **just to remind us that He is still able**, God provided that the same night we discovered the problem. A young family in our church here has a machine they are not using and will lend it to us. We are convinced God will also provide the other things we need.

**The work in Hong Kong continues to go well.** The ten men who come to take turns to preach



while we are on furlough have all been faithful and done well. Our co-workers, Linda and Ares, are doing well at keeping the evangelism going. Seven children were saved this summer. The Bible club is still growing and the teen club is continuing as it was. In October there was a special seminar for the families of our church and center on family relationships taught by Dr. Carson Fremont, a retired missionary from HK. Pray especially for Donny, who is the male leader in our church services now. He is doing well, but it is hard on him. He works very long hours.

Please continue to pray also about our need for a second car. Soon Roger will need to start traveling alone and the family will need to keep the Suburban here in NY. Pray that God will provide someone to lend us a small, gas-efficient car, or provide a way for us to get one.

## Trusting God

The God you trusted in the past  
is the One who's faithful still.  
Trust Him now, with all your heart,  
to be working out His will.  
There's nothing that you're facing  
which takes Him by surprise.  
All the things concerning you  
have not escaped His eyes.  
Wait on God to do His work  
in His time and way.  
The answer may seem slow just now,  
but He will not delay.

Roy Lessin



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

We have been learning Psalm 23, a favorite Psalm of many, and a comfort to know that our Good Shepherd cares for us. Our stories have been about Old Testament Bible characters such as Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Samuel, David and others. Many of these men were also shepherds. All of them were looking forward to the day when God would send a Savior as He promised. That day came when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. How wonderful to know that God keeps His promises.



## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

We have been learning from God's Word about many, many miracles that Jesus performed while living here on earth. In sign language we would sign "A WONDERFUL WORK" for a miracle. These wonderful works, these unusual happenings were performed by the Lord Jesus. They showed His glory and power and pointed people to God.

Our memory work was Matthew 6:9-13 The Lord's Prayer. All the children did a great job memorizing this passage. Charles Balcom, Ian Morrow, Caleb Fetrow, Carleigh Moss, Jonny Kahler, Allyson and Tyler Knuth, Jessica Byers, and Jonathan Kanost each were able to stand in front of their classmates and recite the entire passage.



## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*



We have been having a lot of fun in our class charting Paul's missionary journeys on our wall map. Our recent lessons have been following Paul's second missionary journey, where Paul and Silas were directed by the Holy Spirit to go into Macedonia. We saw Paul and Silas singing at midnight and the Philippian jailer and his family get saved. As we study these journeys, we are constantly reminded of the courage of these first missionaries and their dependence on God. We also see the importance of the support of fellow believers. So the essentials of missionary work are still the same--courage, dependence, and support.



Our class has really been enjoying weekly emails from our missionaries, the Kilmers, about their work in South Africa with the Zulu people.



*Sunday School taught by Mr. Chris Knuth*

In the teen Sunday school class we just finished the introductory section of our study on the Christian Spiritual War we are in. We are now getting into the nuts and bolts of our study, discussing the battle fronts each of us as Christians face daily. Examples being: music, appearance, entertainment, etc.

Sunday night is still a time of coming together as a youth group to interact and learn in a Godly environment. Continue to pray for us.

## Quizzing

*by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss*

Each time we come to quiz practice on Wednesday night we spend some time in prayer. The teens have their own prayer sheet on which are requests they have and want to share with others. It is encouraging to see the types of things the teens are concerned about and to hear them pray for each other.



We are steadily making our way through the book of Galatians. This book seems a bit more difficult to quote when trying to say five verses at a time. Some sections are pretty long and the wording tricky, but the teens are diligently progressing individually in their memorization and



faithful in attending our weekly practice.

Each week we try to learn something in the five verses that we are focusing on that particular night. We recently learned that God does not want us to be hypocritical and act one way with certain people and another way with other people. He wants us to be true to Him and His Word no matter who is around us.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

*by Darcy Cook*

Our homeschool co-op has gotten off to a great start. The younger groups have been enjoying their sign language, art, and gym classes. They have shown some impressive writing skills under Mrs. Smith's guidance. Check out the homeschool bulletin board downstairs, and we're sure you'll agree. Mrs. Balcom led a unit study on the voting process, just in time for the election. The teens' writing classes have involved a journaling through history assignment, literary terms, and writing different kinds of poems.

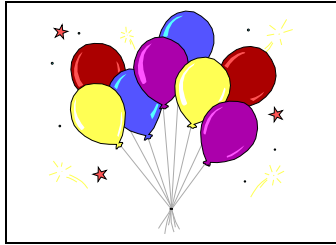


The teens were privileged to have Mr. Norm Breneman teach them about his recycling business, and then they went to his business to see it firsthand. Under Mr. Bryan Flohr's guidance, the teens wired some receptacles and a light fixture; and the light worked when they were finished!



We had our first field trip of the year--the Washington Zoo. We saw so many amazing animals that God created. Two of the day's highlights were when the teens got to watch an orangutan climb a tower and walk above them to another part of the zoo, and when our whole group watched seals being fed and getting their teeth brushed! Everyone had a great time.

## Church Family News



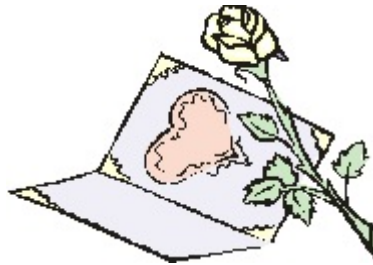
### Happy Birthday

#### December

- 1 - Grace Balcom
- 1 - Manuel Morales
- 5 - **Moises Campos**
- 6 - Doris Knudsen
- 7 - Sarah Byers
- 8 - **Elisabeth Campos**
- 10 - **Anna Pinyol**
- 15 - Joyce Moss
- 16 - Reg Stelfox
- 20 - Julie Boyer
- 20 - Zachery Smith
- 22 - Beth Ann Flohr
- 24 - John Kanost
- 26 - Jonathan Kahler
- 27 - Marian Cosgrove
- 31 - Jeannie Geesey
- 31 - Gabrielle Smith

#### January

- 5 - Donald Tawney
- 9 - Jim Beath
- 10 - Brandon Byers
- 15 - Cindy Smith
- 15 - Lisa Smith
- 16 - Ryan Knuth
- 17 - Lorraine Beath
- 18 - Joe Feltenberger
- 18 - **Eunice Livio**
- 20 - Romaine Feltenberger
- 23 - Chris Knuth



### Happy Anniversary

#### December

- 4 - **Roberto & Imelda Livio**
- 20 - Wayne & Dewanna Laning
- 22 - Earl & Connie Morrow
- 28 - Chris & Heather Knuth
- 28 - Kermit & Cindy Smith
- 28 - Barry & Mary Shelly

#### January

- 11 - Greg & Shirley Beard
- 18 - Woody & Mandy Felty

#### Please Note!

The purpose of printing these lists is to give the church family an opportunity to congratulate one another on these special days. The **bold print** indicates a member of our missionary family.



Don and Mary Snyder are the proud grandparents of Jacob Benjamin Martin born to Melanie and Phil Martin on October 17<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 9lb. 2 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long.



### Address Changes

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## Remember Our Shut-ins



Lorraine Beath, Jean Beck, Bessie Boyer, Jean Boyer, Carl Fair, Pam Grove, Ethel Leib, Dorothy Moore, Harriet Moyer, Ivy Pyle, Treva Shellenberger, Sara Sipe, Frances Smith, Donald and Marian Tawney, Elmira Wise, Mildred Zorbaugh.