

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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Theme for 2014



For 2014 we will be studying under the theme of "A Biblical World View". One definition describes a world view as "the set of beliefs about fundamental aspects of reality that ground and influence all one's perceiving, thinking, knowing, and doing." A Biblical world view would then be the set of beliefs derived from the Bible which shapes our perceiving, thinking, and knowing about the fundamental aspects of reality and what we should do as a result.

In our study, we will consider such things as why the world is here, why people do what they do in the world, and what God's plan is for the world now and in the future.

There are many different world views in the world today. There is the naturalism world view which claims that the physical universe is the only reality, that man is a chance product of evolution, and no objective values or morals exist. There is the pantheistic world view which claims that the spiritual dimension is the only reality, that truth is an

experience of unity with "the oneness" of the universe, and that everything is a part of God. There is the postmodern world view which claims that reality is "socially constructed", that tolerance, freedom of expression, and refusal to claim to have the answers are the only universal values, and that individuals are not autonomous and free.

With so many people holding to world views like these and others, it is no wonder our world is in such a state of confusion and uncertainty. But as Christians, we must be careful not to allow these false world views to influence the way we perceive, think, know, and do.

Throughout this next year, we will consider what the Bible has to say about reality and what the place of this world is in that reality.

Please consider inviting folks to attend these Sunday morning services where we will be talking about these very important and relevant issues. 📖

Congregation Meeting January 26

The annual congregation meeting will be held Sunday, January 26 after the morning service. If the weather is bad it will be held the following Sunday.

The agenda will consist of accepting the budget for 2014. 📖

Ladies Missionary Project

February 22

Our church ladies and teen girls will again do a winter project for our missionaries. Saturday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. we will meet in the fellowship hall to get a mailing ready for Servant's Heart Camp.

We will also be making Wordless Book crafts for some of our missionaries who have requested them.

Time will be spent in prayer for all of our missionaries and then we will have lunch together and continue our fellowship as we enjoy the dish each lady brings to share.

If the weather is bad we will meet the following Saturday.

Please View Our Website

Please see pictures of our church activities on our website at www.northhillsbiblechurch.org and click on the "Resources" link and find "Current Issue". On our website you can also see our current announcements, download literature and sermons, get our contact information and learn all about us.

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

New to the library is the DVD, **Treasures of the Snow**, based on the book of the same title by Patricia St. John. High in the Swiss Alps, little Danny disappears. When he is found -- alive, but seriously injured -- his sister, Annette, vows revenge. Lucien, who caused the accident, escapes to the forest where he is taken in by a godly old woodcarver. Lucien wants to make amends, but will Annette learn to forgive him?

Miss St. John, who for over 27 years served as a missionary nurse in Morocco, was also a prolific English writer whose books recount the stories of children facing challenging and dangerous situations, and through them, learning spiritual lessons. During the winter months, you may want to read one or more of her books. They include:

The Tanglewoods' Secret
Treasures of the Snow
Star of Light
Rainbow Garden
Three Go Searching
Where the River Begins
The Secret at Pheasant Cottage
The Runaway

Beginning this year, books from the JUNGLE DOCTOR SERIES are being added to the library. These gripping adventures and fascinating fables are based on the real-life experiences of Australian missionary doctor, Paul White, in pre-World War II Tanzania. Although he only served there for a few years due to his wife's severe illness, God has used these books to encourage others towards missions. Look for a new book from this series each month. The first three are:

Jungle Doctor and the Whirlwind
Jungle Doctor on the Hop
Jungle Doctor Spots a Leopard

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The Truth About The Sabbath Day

Introduction

Occasionally, it is possible to hear a Christian refer to Sunday as the Sabbath. It is commonly understood that the Jews worship on Saturday which according to the Bible is called the Sabbath Day. When the church was started in the New Testament, they began worshiping on Sunday. We know Christians changed the day they worshiped, but the question is whether or not Christians still worship on the Sabbath day, by transferring the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday.

This has all kinds of implications. If Sunday is the new Sabbath day, do the rules for the Sabbath in the Old Testament law also apply to Sunday? If Sunday is not the Sabbath day, then how should Christians treat Sunday? Is Sunday just another day in the week, or is it a special day like the Sabbath day? And, why do Christians worship on Sunday anyway? Didn't God establish Saturday as the day of worship? Why did God make the Sabbath day so important in the Old Testament, and what should it mean to us today as Christians?

The Sabbath Day From the Beginning

God created everything in six days. This is recorded in Genesis chapter one. In the beginning God created an empty universe in which He placed the earth, yet unshaped, as a water covered sphere hanging silently in a vast dark space (Genesis 1:1-2). On the first day God created light (Genesis 1:3-5). On the second day God made the firmament (Genesis 1:6-8). On the third day God brought forth dry land and created vegetation (Genesis 1:9-13). On the fourth day God created the sun, moon, and stars (Genesis 1:14-19). On the fifth day God created sea life and birds (Genesis 1:20-23). On the sixth day God created the other animals and mankind (Genesis 1:24-31).

On the seventh day God rested. Understanding this is vital to understanding the very heart of the concept of the Sabbath as God teaches it in the Bible. God did not rest because He was tired. The core idea of the Sabbath has absolutely nothing to do with the idea of resting because you are tired. God

never gets tired. He is almighty (Revelation 21:22). He never sleeps; in fact, He never even slumbers (Psalm 121:3-4). So why does the Bible say that God rested on the Sabbath day? The answer is within the verse that makes this statement. The full verse (Genesis 2:2) says, *And on the seventh day **God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*** Please note, first the verse says, "God ended his work." Then the verse says, "He rested ... from all His work." This is saying exactly the same thing in two different ways. The word rest in this verse is from Strong's number 07673, shabath, (a word that is related to "Sabbath," Strong's number 07676). Strong's dictionary defines this word, 07673, as meaning "to cease, to desist (from labour), to put an end to." In other words, this word "rest" simply means to stop what you are doing. It does not mean to seek repose and relief from exertion. If God had rested in that sense, He would have used another word to describe His action. Such as a word that is used just a few chapters away in Genesis 8:9 *But the dove found no **rest** <04494 [manowach]> for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark....* In contrast, 07673 is also used in Genesis chapter 8, in verse 22, which says, *While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not **cease** <07673>.*

In the very beginning, God established the Sabbath day as a memorial to the fact that He stopped His work of creation on that day. He will continue this theme in the Old Testament law. Then, when Christ completes the work of redemption, God will explain the significance of the Sabbath day in relation to the concept of salvation.

The Sabbath Day In The Old Testament Law

The word "Sabbath" does not appear in the Bible until Israel is long gone out of Egypt and is across the Red Sea on dry land. The first reference is in Exodus 16:23 where Moses informs the people for the first time that *To morrow is the rest <07677> [i.e. observation] of the holy sabbath <07676> unto the LORD.*

God then established the Sabbath day officially in the law, including its observance as one of His ten primary commandments – Exodus 20:8-11

- 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 *But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:*
 11 *For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

Please note the emphasis of the Sabbath as God outlined it for the people of Israel in the fourth commandment. This was to be a day in which they did no work. They were to work for six days and then on the seventh day they were to stop working in exactly the same way that God stopped His work of creation on the seventh day in the beginning.

Throughout the law, God emphasized this matter of stopping work as the intent of the Sabbath.

Exodus 31:13-16

13 *Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths <07676> ye shall keep: for **it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.***

14 *Ye shall keep the sabbath <07676> therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for **whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.***

15 *Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath <07676> of rest <07677> [observation], holy to the LORD: **whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath <07676> day, he shall surely be put to death.***

16 *Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath <07676>, to observe the sabbath <07676> throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.*

Exodus 35:2

Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath <07676> of rest <07677> [observation] to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

Leviticus 23:3

Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath <07676> of rest <07677>

[observation], an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath <07676> of the LORD in all your dwellings.

Deuteronomy 5:14

But the seventh day is the sabbath <07676> of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.

This last verse is only one of two places where a different word for rest is used in conjunction with the word Sabbath (the other being Exodus 20:11). This word is 05117, nuwach, meaning, at its root, "the absence of spatial activity." This is in perfect harmony with the idea of simply stopping work.

In no place in Scripture is there a word connected to the Sabbath that suggested the intent of the Sabbath was to take repose and recover from being tired. There are numerous Old Testament words that could have been used for such a purpose:

04494 - manoach, repose, come to rest

04496 - manuwchah, quietness, resting place

08252 - shaqat, to lie still

07599 - sha'an, to be at ease

07901 - shakab, to lie down

07931 - shakan, to settle down

But not one place in the Old Testament will you find any one of these words, or words like them connected with the word 07676 Sabbath.

The reason for this is that the intent of the Sabbath was not primarily to give the people a day of relaxation. The intent of the Sabbath was for the people to stop working just as God stopped working in the beginning. While a secondary benefit for men in stopping work is that they get to repose, relax and recover from exhaustion, God had a much more significant lesson to teach the people in the Sabbath day by their ceasing from work.

Exodus 31:13 and 17 is the key. Both of these verses specify that the Sabbath day is a sign between God and the nation of Israel. Verse 13 is quoted above, verse 17 says, *It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.*

[Uh oh! The Bible says God was refreshed on the seventh day. He must have been tired after all that work of creation and needed to be revived and refreshed. Really? The word refreshed is the word 05314, naphash. It is the verb form of the noun 05315, nephesh, which means "soul, or breath." 05315, nephesh, is the word used in Genesis 2:7 where the LORD God breathed the breath of life into man; and man became a living soul. When God stopped the work of creation, He was refreshed only in the sense of His breathing a sense of accomplishment in having finished His work. To suggest that God needed to be refreshed in the sense of recovering from fatigue is contrary to the nature of God.

There are two places where this word, refreshed (05314) is used in reference to people on the Sabbath day. As noted above, the secondary effect for men in not working on the Sabbath is to give them the opportunity to repose and relax and in that sense be refreshed, or take a breath. But this in no way detracts from everything else the Bible teaches about the intent of the Sabbath. These two references cannot overwhelm the many references that emphasize the cessation of work on the Sabbath day as the most significant matter. And it can never be said that God was tired after six days of creative work, requiring Him to take repose to recover His strength.]

God told Israel that the Sabbath day was a sign. In other words, the Sabbath day was not to be the primary object of man's attention. The Sabbath pointed to something else. The Sabbath was only a token, or shadow (Hebrews 8:5, 10:1; Colossians 2:16-17) of that which is real in substance. Of what was the Sabbath a sign?

The law was all about working in order to achieve righteousness. Besides the ten commandments, the Jewish authorities identified a total of 613 specific laws within the Mosaic code that had to be adhered to. God made it very clear that none of these laws were optional and that in order to achieve righteousness through the law a person had to keep all of His commandments.

Leviticus 26:14-16

14 ¶ *But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do **all** these commandments;*

15 *And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will*

*not do **all** my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:*

16 *I also will do this unto you ...*

The affirmation that all meant all is actually found in the New Testament in James 2:10 which says, *For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.* This is a reflection of Deuteronomy 27:26 which says, *Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.*

The point was that God knew man could not keep all of His commandments perfectly and that righteousness could never be obtained by man through work. Thus the point of the Sabbath was to show man he needed to stop trusting in his work and obtain righteousness from God through faith. Israel as a nation never got this point. This is explained in Romans 9:30 to 10:10.

30 ¶ *What shall we say then?...*

31 *... Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.*

32 *Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;*

33 *As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

1 ¶ *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.*

2 *For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.*

3 *For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*

4 *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

5 *For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.*

6 *But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise...*

9 *That 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.*

10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

11 *For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

Verse 11 points out that the Scripture says men are to believe on the Messiah. What Scripture says that? Are there any Old Testament Scriptures that say that? How about ...

Isaiah 28:16
*Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: **he that believeth shall not make haste.***

Or,

Jeremiah 17:7
Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

God also made it clear in the Old Testament that He was looking for more than just a simple compliance to the law through the self righteous works of man. In Hosea 6:6, God said to Israel, *For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings* (compare 1 Samuel 15:22 and Isaiah 1:11). Just as the Sabbath was a sign, so was every other element of the Mosaic law. The Old Testament sacrifices were not to be a means of salvation for mankind, but a sign that pointed to the real sacrifice of the Messiah that was to come and was to provide real mercy to all who would believe. Rest to the people of God would not come through the activities governed by the law, but by faith in the ultimate sacrifice of God Himself in the person of the Messiah.

The Sabbath In The New Testament

This brings us to the New Testament explanation of the real intent of the Sabbath day. It is found in Hebrews chapter 4 verses 1-11. In verse 4 it says, *For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.* Then in verse 10 it says, *For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.* Here again, and this time in the New Testament context, the point is made that man is to stop working just like God stopped working on the original seventh day. In this cessation of work, there is a rest(ing place) to be found. (The word rest in Hebrews chapter 4 comes from Strong's number 2663, katapausis. The root word 3973 pauo means to cease and to desist. Thus, this resting place is a place where a person can stop working.)

Israel, in the Old Testament, never found that rest because they never got the point of faith. Verses 2 and 6 in Hebrews 4 say,

2 *For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.***

6 *Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached **entered not in because of unbelief.***

We are therefore admonished in the New Testament to make the right effort to enter into that rest. *Let us labour therefore* (says verse 11) *to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.* The labor, or effort, referred to here is not one of works, but one of faith. For verse 3 says, *For we which have believed do enter into rest...*

Thus, the intent of God resting on the seventh day in creation was to provide a picture of the rest, or cessation of work, one can have for eternity through Jesus Christ. This rest(ing place) is given to a person when he stops striving to earn salvation by his own works (which is unbelief) and instead receives the gift of salvation through faith. This is something that a believer may enjoy everyday of his life. And thus, for the New Testament believer, everyday is a Sabbath day of rest in the Lord because there is never another day in our lives that we must work to obtain God's favor. When Jesus declared on the cross, "It is finished," all our labor was finished for us, and through faith, there remains only rest for the people of God.

This is the reason today's Christians worship on Sunday and not on the Sabbath day. Jesus Christ arose from the dead on a Sunday, the first day of the week. We worship in triumph of the victory Christ secured for us in His demonstration of power over death and in celebration of the rest we have from all our worthless works. We do not worship in reclining fear, but in victorious hope. Jesus met in triumph with his disciples on the first day of the week (John 20:19). Paul preached to the disciples in Troas on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). Believers are instructed to set aside their offerings unto the Lord on the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:2). And, John called it the "Lord's Day" (Revelation 1:10). This first day of the week is not a transference of the Sabbath day to Sunday, nor is it a rejection of the Sabbath day by New Testament believers. Sunday is a new day of worship for those who have found rest in Jesus Christ. The

Sabbath, as one day of the week, is no longer needed as a sign, because the real thing has come and every day is a Sabbath of rest from our unprofitable good works in the salvation we have received through faith in Jesus Christ.

This answers the question that is raised about the fourth commandment – *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.* How can Christians in the New Testament claim to obey the ten commandments if they worship on Sunday? A true believer today has the privilege of honoring the Sabbath every day of his life as he rests from trusting in unprofitable good works as a means to obtain salvation and as he rests in the work of Jesus Christ who did everything on our behalf that needs to be done. God makes it very clear in the New Testament that observing a day is not the crucial matter. He said, *Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ* (Colossians 2:16-17). So the Sabbath day is only a shadow of things to come. It is not the real thing. The rest we have in Christ from our unprofitable works is the real thing. And we enjoy this real thing, not just on Saturday, the Sabbath day, and not just on Sunday, the Lord's day, but every day of our lives.

Conclusion

Many Christians today treat Sunday as if it were the Sabbath day and think that we ought to apply the Old Testament law regulations to Sunday. This would be legalistic and improper. This does not mean that we should treat Sunday just like any other day of the week. It just means that we should not force people to behave a certain way on Sunday because of some legal regulation. Sunday is a special day. It is the Lord's day. Believers should honor the day because they love the Lord and want to worship Him. It should be a priority in a believer's life to set Sunday aside so that they can fellowship with the Body of Christ, and worship the Savior in gratefulness for the rest we have in Him. This should happen, not because it is a religious law to do so, but because this is the desire of the heart of those who believe.

But as regards the Sabbath, we should recognize that we have rest from our unprofitable good works every day of our lives. And we should live every day with a sigh of relief, with the refreshing that comes from knowing Jesus did all our work for us, and with the understanding that all we need to do is rest in Him.

Have you found rest in the Savior? It is simple. Jesus did all that needs to be done in order to satisfy God the Father regarding our sin and our death. He suffered in our place, He paid the price of our redemption with His blood, He died our death, and He triumphantly arose from the dead. Believe this in your heart. Confess your sin and sinfulness to God the Father and proclaim to Him your faith in His Son. Receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, and you will find rest in Him. Then every day will be a Sabbath day for you, too. 📖



A Prayer for the New Year

By Lucile Calhoun Stewart

Our dear God of love and care,
Another year of our lives has passed.
Please take from our hearts the burdens we bear
Of the "luggage" we held so fast.

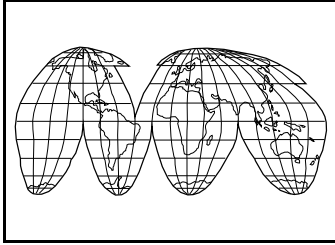
Resentment, envy, self-pity, and pride,
Help us forget all our fear.
Help us to put away things that abide
To hinder the joys of this year.

May we put behind us all of the old
To make room for the new ahead.
The New Year is filled with days of gold,
If we look for the good instead.

No more of the luggage of the past;
A new year beckons us on.
Please help us to make it a better one
Than the old year that is gone.

We pray for Your guidance and care
In all that we undertake.
Please help us to follow You everywhere
Through this bright New Year, for Christ's sake.

Missionary News



*From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home*

Peter & Rosa Pingol

Spain

I am writing in order to inform you, but above all, in order to thank and give glory to the Lord for everything HE has done in the ministry of Spain. We wanted also to express our deepest gratitude to each of you for your continuous help and support in our lives.

Church Planting. We lost several families, and that brought sadness to our hearts, yet, we have seen new visitors in the services and an increase in the contacts. The work we are doing in order to reach others is beginning to give fruit, and we rejoice in that.

We had baptism services. It was a very special occasion as our daughter Anna was baptized. We also had Danni and Andres obeying the Lord in this important decision. The church building was packed with people; some people were outside in the street watching the service through the door of the church. The Gospel was presented in a very clear way through the message, the music and the testimony of those that descended into the waters.

Bible Studies At Homes. The different groups in the homes are continuing with their activities. Actually the group at Tarrasa has decided to meet in one church that we were helping in this town. The group at Barbera has increased and Francisco, one member of our congregation, is leading a group of ladies and doing a good job. The work at Moia needs our prayers. We would like to see more fruit of the seed planted in the area during these years. The group of Valls, Tarragona is looking for place to meet. Sometimes they come to Castellbisbal, but it is too far for them. I am praying for a meeting place in the city of Tarragona, where

we could establish a point of testimony and Bible studies. I have several contacts in that city that have expressed their desire of having a Bible study, but I need God's direction in this matter.

Evangelism. Our objective this year is to reach again the towns around Castellbisbal. Please pray that the Lord will guide us and provide what is needed.

Fundacion Biblica. We began again the Bible Institute. There is a good group of students. We continue recording in video tape our classes and uploading them to our youtube channel. Some of the young people from our church that have studied in the local university asked me if we could meet there for Bible Studies. We are going to meet on Tuesdays. We called this project "Fundacion Biblica on Campus". They are going to invite some of their friends for the Bible Study. Please pray that the Lord will give us fruit.

Camps. I have thought and prayed much for this ministry. I think we are in need of important changes in this ministry. We want to honor the Lord in anything that we do, and we need a lot of wisdom. Please pray that the Lord will give us direction. We want to continue emphasizing the ministry among children and youth in our local church and we will need an effort toward that direction.

Military Evangelism

Camp LeJune, Jacksonville, NC

Here in Jacksonville, we are seeing growth in the lives of the young marines. Bible study at the base chapel is going well, as are our Bible studies and weekend ministry at the center. The ladies ministry is also going well. I am continuing to do some counseling. Our daily radio minute message program is continuing to go forth.

Hopefully, over the next few months I will conclude my book project - "Exceptional Americans". Pray for me that I will remain focused. I believe this will be a good book to give to unbelievers to help them see what God can do through His grace in the lives of ordinary people.

Don & Karen Kilmer

In South Africa, to the Zulus

We have been reaching out at a place in the greater Durban area called Bulington. There is no gospel preaching church of any kind in this particular area. We had four at our Bible study last week, but no South Africans. Two ladies from Mozambique who got saved a few months ago were there, and two unsaved men - one from Zimbabwe and one from Malawi.

The one man always has questions, but resists getting saved. He thinks he must clean up his life first and then come to Jesus. This is an idea people in many cultures have. I used to face this same type of thinking in America at times. True salvation comes by understanding that I can do nothing to remove my sin and save myself, but I cast myself upon Jesus asking Him to cleanse me from my sin (Titus 3:5 ; Romans 10:9-10).

Last week my Bible study concentrated on Satan's deception of telling people to wait to get saved. I highlighted a recent accident in a nearby town where a large truck hit six vehicles, killing 23 people. Some were young and some were old, but none of them had a chance to think about getting saved when the truck hit the vehicle and killed them.

Karen also used the accident when witnessing to a security guard at the local bank. She saw him reading the paper with a picture of the accident. She mentioned to him that life is uncertain, and he agreed. She asked him if he had been killed in the accident what would happen to him after death? He said he wasn't sure. She gave him a tract encouraging him to accept Jesus as his very own Savior.

Challenges: One night, at 2 a.m. I got a text message on my cell phone from a man I have been discipling: "Pastor Don, I hope you will understand this. I have done everything to be responsible and useful in life. Nothing succeeded. Life is unfair. I give up."

I had just taught him about the life of Joseph and how life is indeed unfair. God doesn't deal with fairness as man sees it, but He allows situations in our lives to use us in a certain way. It is much like sports trainers who train people according to the sport. Not all people in sports are put through the same circumstances. They are trained according to how they will be used.

The man calling me had made it through one trial, but soon afterward decided to reject the Bible and go back to worshipping the dead ancestors. False worship is a great challenge we face in Zulu culture.

This is one reason it is important to reach children, so that early in life they can hear the truth and get understanding before the deceitfulness of sin hardens their hearts. (Hebrews 3:13).

Teacher's Assistance Program

(TAP Ministry) Harrisburg, PA

We have been working hard to make room on our shelves for newer material and to glean what we can from older Sunday School material. Children's Sunday School material always have great pictures that help to tell the story and can be used in many ways. Donations of VBS material had to be gleaned and sorted in order to send. We receive many requests for VBS material from Bible College students who work in VBS programs in their churches while in college.

We were visited by a national missionary couple from Spain who we had met and helped with books six years ago when they were in the States. It was a great reunion learning how the Lord was working in their ministry and how the books were used in their spiritual growth and in their Bible Institute. They spent about two hours this visit and again pulled various reference books, VBS and Sunday School materials for their use. We helped send four larger cartons to them after they returned to Spain. They will translate much of this material.

We have been trying to fill requests from pastors, students, and various Christian lending libraries. We have been swamped with request letters from Nigeria. Everyone wants free Christian literature over there. Pray for discernment that we are able to fill the honest ones who will use the material for their study and growth and not sell it. Our cost per carton to send is \$77.95.

We continue to receive requests from several Bible seminary students in India and the Philippines. In the last several months we have sent out nine cartons to the Philippines, three to Malawi, three to Nigeria for national pastors, nine to a Bible Institute in India, one to Ghana for a national pastor, and five to Spain.

We were able to visit our favorite used book sale in Lancaster county and gleaned 355 books and 202 booklets for the ministry. The price we paid for all that material averaged out to \$0.11 per item.

Thank you for making this ministry profitable for our brothers and sisters in Christ in other countries.

Roger & Nola Perrott

Hong Kong

Church: The church is named Hebron Fundamental Baptist Church. It has regular Sunday services on Sunday morning which include two prayer meetings, Sunday School for all ages, a worship service and children's church. Roger leads and teaches all the adult services in both English and Chinese. Nola and others share the responsibility for Junior Church during the worship service. There is also a weekly children's Bible club on Fridays, which Roger teaches in English and Chinese. Nola is the helper for that club with 15 to 20 children attending regularly.

Community Center: This is in Tai Wai New Village. It is basically a youth center where activities, games, and classes are provided for young people. A Bible lesson is included at the activities. Many teens and children hear the Gospel, and it provides many contacts for witnessing. Roger teaches three English classes per week, and helps kids with homework three days a week. This center has provided many contacts with the village residents, which are used to provide opportunities to share the Gospel. In addition, activities are planned for the village people like the Christmas Eve Musical Concert which many unsaved people attended.

Bible Study: Roger has helped in writing notes for this. It has now been published and is being distributed in mainland China and in Hong Kong. Pray that it will help in stabilizing believers and helping churches take a fundamental stand.

Our Mission in Hong Kong: It has been decided to start a new ministry of inviting leaders of churches in mainland China to come to Hong Kong for a week of intensive study. Roger will teach a family camp in February, and then in May we will have men in the ministry from the north come down to study Ephesians with Roger, and Discipleship with our co-worker. Pray that the Lord will use this effort to bless the churches up north and increase the work of the Lord in China. Pray for funds to come into our mission for this Panda Project so that we can help pay for the men's stay in camp when they come here for this special time of learning and fellowship.

Child Evangelism Fellowship

Eastern Pennsylvania

What is impacting today's youth?

Recently, our Harrisburg newspaper told about some of the things happening in our downtown area in early morning hours. The crowd, fueled by alcohol, gathered in a tightly packed, three block space - energy increases, numbers grow, and voices get louder. It doesn't take much imagination to figure out what kind of sinful activity comes next.

As I read about this, I thought, *Were any of these young people ever exposed to the Gospel? Had they ever been in one or more of our ministries? Do any of them know Jesus as their Savior?*

My heart cries out to God to protect today's children from the evil choices Satan wants them to make and from the sinful examples that they see day after day.

The only hope they have to break away from a sinful lifestyle is found in the Word of God.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word... Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (Psalm 119:9,11).

Teaching God's Word to the children is a high and holy calling, and we are grateful for this God-given privilege. We give special thanks to God and to you for joining us by your prayer support and financial gifts.

For the children, Rita L Lobwell

Children are always looking forward to receiving gifts for their birthdays or at Christmas, but the best gift that any child or adult can receive is the gift of salvation. Jesus provided this free gift for us, but it cost Him everything.

Thirty-five children have prayed to receive the Lord in our After School/In School Good News Club ministry since October and have received this most important gift.

One little girl named Eden, after placing her trust in the Lord, shared, "this boy on my school bus told me that I was going to hell." I told her now that she had prayed to receive Jesus as her Savior, she could tell him that she was going to heaven. She was so thrilled with this realization that she came over to me and gave me a big hug. For me that day I was on the receiving end and I received a special gift from Eden. Please pray that even more children will receive the best gift ever.

Because He Came, Lisa Garlick

Reasons and Ways to Use Gospel Tracts

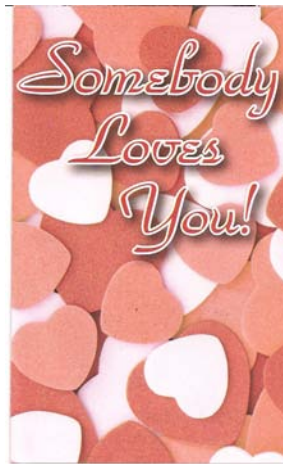
(Continued from the last issue)

21. Tracts often get read by more than one person.
22. Tracts are "portable" - carry them in your pocket, purse, planner, notebook or laptop bag.
23. Tracts are also portable when used for large outreaches. Just one person can pack and carry several thousand tracts.
24. Tracts can be used in quantity, multiplying your witnessing opportunities.
25. Tracts can be distributed as part of your normal routine.
26. Tracts are available in a variety of designs and formats to suit your tastes and preferences.
27. Tracts address subjects that are current as well as topics that are timeless.
28. Tracts give God's point of view about life and death issues.
29. Tracts get their point across in an easy-to-read, brief format suited for a generation raised on sound-bites, e-mails, and texting.
30. Tracts cross educational hurdles and are available on various "grade" levels.
31. Tracts can communicate in languages you don't speak.
32. Tracts cross age and gender differences.
33. Tracts don't require a degree, special giftedness, training or experience to use.
34. Tracts never compromise their message.
35. Tracts cross socio-economic barriers.
36. Tracts may contain the only portion of God's Word some people have ever read.
37. Tracts never get tired.
38. Tracts give their message when the reader is ready to receive it.
39. Tracts continue to repeat their messages as often as necessary.
40. Tracts cross ethnic and cultural barriers.

Taken from Moments with the Book

Spotlight on Tracts

(Please find these tracts in our church narthex)



Somebody Loves You

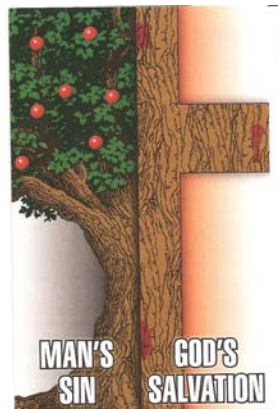
Stock up on these tracts to hand out in the days leading up to Valentines Day. The tract takes off on the verse, "Casting all your care upon Him; for **He careth for you.**" I Peter 5:7

"He (the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Creator of all things and the Savior of all who believe on Him)

Careth (with a depth of love measured only by the untold suffering He bore as the sin-bearer of Calvary's cross)

For you (a sinner by nature and practice, but on whom He wants to save and have with Himself forever)."

Oh the blessing to be able to share Christ's love with others during this time of year.



Man's Sin God's Salvation

The Lord God gave a commandment to man in the Garden of Eden. As the story continues, man disobeyed God which led to the sinfulness of all people. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

The Bible tells us there is a penalty of sin. It also tells of God's love for sinners and His call to repentance.

This tract asks - "Man's sin or God's salvation: which is for you?" We can have the assurance of salvation and eternal life through His Son, Jesus.

Many people are searching for this truth. You know God's solution for man's sin. Please pass it on to others so they too can know.



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

Our year starts out with a series on creation. What a wonder when we stop to think about all the various things God created for us to enjoy: the stars, the plants, birds, fish, animals, the different landscape, the bodies of water, etc.

Along with this series the children have done a project to attract birds this winter. They smeared peanut butter on pine cones, and then rolled the pine cones in bird seed. Yarn was attached to hang outside for the birds to enjoy this little treat. As the birds come to feed, the children can see some of God's creation up close. They enjoy telling the others in class what birds they have spotted.

Primaries

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith

Primary class continues to study "Beginnings". The beginning of man and the beginning of sin. We have also turned our eyes to faithful men who loved God and were willing to be "obedient". We studied about Enoch, who walked with God.

We learned of Noah, who in spite of ridicule was willing to be faithful and built the ark. We also studied the consequences of disobedience. Along with these lessons the children are working on verses from the book of Romans.

In our class we have also been working hard on a song that covers all the books of the old testament. It is very challenging. It covers the book as well as the content of each particular book.

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

As we continue our study of the ministry of Christ here on the earth, many of our recent lessons have dealt with various people and their interaction with Christ. We see Jesus' love and compassion as he healed the paralyzed man, the nobleman's son, and blind Bartimaeus. But Jesus' concern was not only for a person's physical life, but more importantly for man's spiritual life. He met with Nicodemus, telling him, that he, like all of us, needs to be born again. Jesus went through Samaria, so He could show the Samaritan woman how He could give her living water. He called His 12 disciples, so He could equip them to continue His message of love and hope after He returned to heaven. And now He calls us to do the same, being a disciple, telling others of Him.

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This fall has been exciting in Master Clubs. Since the Lord directed many missionaries to our church this fall, we decided to extend our usual Missionary emphasis from one week to the entire month of November. Nate Moss introduced the children to the Spanish language, by teaching John 3:16 and "Jesus Loves Me" in Spanish. We also learned a little about the ministry of the Campos family in Spain.

Our missionaries are good examples of servants of our Master. Please encourage the children in our church to open their hearts to the leading of the Lord, and their eyes to the mission field around them.



Please see pictures of our church activities on our website at www.northhillsbiblechurch.org and click on the "Resources" link and find "Current Issue".

Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

As the quizzers head into the new year they get to demonstrate the things they have been learning from I Peter so far this school year. The first Sunday night in January they will do a demonstration in the evening service. Then the last Sunday of each month January, February, and March they will be involved in competition in the afternoon from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. with other churches. This is always an exciting time, not only because of the competition, but also to meet with other young people and have fellowship with them. We will be hosting the February competition at our church.

Our church is privileged to have teens who are willing to dedicate their time to learning a portion of God's Word so intently. Some of them do studying on their own at home, write out questions to the verses being studied, and memorize it in five verse sections. Then we have practice every Wednesday night to reinforce what they have been learning.

Our competition schedule is as follows:

January 26 - Sunday 2:00-4:00
 at Harvest Bible in Lancaster on I Peter 1-2
 February 24 - Sunday 2:00-4:00
 at North Hills Bible in York on I Peter 3-4
 March 30 - Sunday 2:00-4:00
 at Temple Bible, Elizabethtown on I Peter 1-5
 April 26 - Saturday
 The final competition and youth rally will be held at 1st Baptist in Lebanon on I Peter 1-5

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

Beginner Class:

In November this class continued their continent study with North America. They focused on several books pertaining to the Pilgrims and the Indians. They made brown paper bag Pilgrim puppets and used their hand print to make a Mayflower scene.

Middle Class:

In November the students learned another characteristic to help in the identification of trees using the margin and veins of leaves. We learned about the history of paper making and the process of making paper. Did you know that during our colonial times, paper was made from rags and Ben Franklin was a rag buyer? We then used old newspapers, junk mail and school papers to make new paper.

Junior/Teen Class:

This class continued increasing their sign language skills. Time was spent in reviewing as well as adding new signs. To add some interest we played some games to hone our ability to read signs. We also continued our study of Pennsylvania history by covering information on PA's native Indian tribes. We worked on information with regard to their dress, food and some native animals.

In November, all three groups had their respective gym time.

In December, classes were not held but the group went Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins. That was enjoyed by the young people as well as those to whom they ministered.

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**A little girl was diligently pounding away on her father's word processor.**

**She told him she was writing a story.**

**"What's it about?" He asked.**

**"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Up-coming Events for Our Missionaries



### JANUARY

|    |                               |          |
|----|-------------------------------|----------|
| 5  | Teen Bible Quiz Demonstration | 6:30 PM  |
| 9  | Homeschool Classes            | 9-12 AM  |
| 12 | Pleasant Acres Service        | 1:45 PM  |
| 20 | Rescue Mission Service        | 8:00 PM  |
| 21 | Trustees' Meeting             | 6:30 PM  |
| 22 | TAP Ministry                  | 8:00 AM  |
| 23 | Homeschool Field Trip         | 9:00 AM  |
| 26 | Congregational Meeting        | 12:15 PM |
| 26 | Teen Bible Quiz Competition   | 2 - 4 PM |

### January

Colon, Peter & Janis - Friends of Israel  
 Speaking at annual 'Day in the Prophetic Word' Conference

Moss, Sam & Nicole - Uganda  
 Two weeks of teen camp

### February

Blackwell, Marc & Judie - South Africa  
 Returning to the field after furlough

Colon, Peter & Janis - Friends of Israel  
 Two Prophecy Conferences

Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines  
 Heart's Banquet with seven other churches

Moss, Sam & Nicole - Uganda  
 One week intensive Greek class - 8 hours teaching per day  
 Two week music class in the Bible Institute

Perrotts, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong  
 Church leaders from mainland China coming for a week of intensive study and family camp



### FEBRUARY

|    |                             |          |
|----|-----------------------------|----------|
| 13 | Homeschool Classes          | 9-12 AM  |
| 16 | Manor Care Service          | 1:45 PM  |
| 17 | Rescue Mission Service      | 8:00 PM  |
| 18 | Trustees' Meeting           | 6:30 PM  |
| 23 | Teen Bible Quiz Competition | 2 - 4 PM |
| 27 | Homeschool Field Trip       | 9:00 AM  |

### March

Colon, Peter & Janis - Friends of Israel  
 Speaking at Purim Celebration

Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines  
 Easter Camp

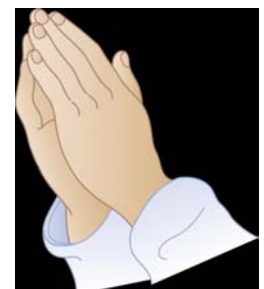
Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain  
 Two day Mini-Camp



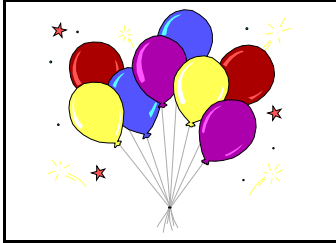
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**Remember  
 to Pray  
 for Your  
 Missionaries**



# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### January

- 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
- 26 - Shigeko Hall
- 29 - Jim Hall

### February

- 4 - Matthew Krape
- 5 - **Andrew Perrott**
- 5 - Tanisha Smith
- 6 - Paul Grove
- 7 - Pat Rudisill
- 9 - Earl Morrow
- 13 - Joan Fink
- 13 - Vernon Shields
- 15 - Glenda Hamme
- 15 - Nathaniel Wertz



### March

- 1 - Donald Scotten
- 9 - **Samuel Moss**
- 9 - **Nicole Moss**
- 10 - Kevin Boyer
- 10 - Pamela Grove
- 11 - Barry Shelly
- 14 - Richard Fetrow Jr.
- 14 - Jonathan Kanost
- 15 - Sonja Breneman
- 15 - Roy Morrow
- 17 - Ruth Warner
- 18 - Pastor Moss
- 18 - Marian Tawney
- 18 - Gary Zimmerman
- 19 - **Peter Pinyol**
- 20 - **Jonathan Perrott**
- 23 - Lydia Fetrow
- 24 - Amy Kanost
- 24 - **Miriam Rocker**
- 28 - Carlton Morrow



## Happy Anniversary

### January

- 11 - Greg & Shirley Beard

### February

- 3 - **Marc & Judi Blackwell**
- 12 - Ervin & Sue Kornbau
- 16 - Gene & Sherry Beam

### March

- 7 - Don & Jeanette Scotten
- 19 - Bill & Doris Knudsen

### 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.

## Remember Our Shut-ins



Lorraine Beath, Jean Beck, Ken & Mary Cole, Joe Feltenberger, Jeannie Geesey, Marlene Gladfelter, Pam Grove, Glenda Hamme, Gloria Hevner, Susan Peters, Ivy Pyle, Sara Sipe, Reg Stelfox, Marian Tawney, Hilda Wallace, Elmira Wise

# Christmas Banquet



Preparations in the kitchen.



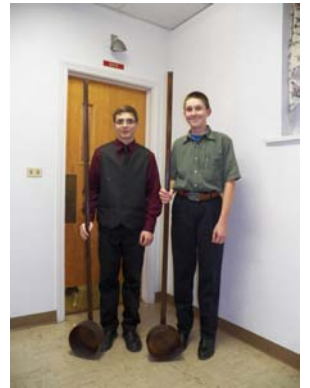
Waiting patiently.



The teen servers.



Enjoying the meal and fellowship.



Taking up the offering.



Our speakers: Chris Cox, Andrew Cook, Dalton Cook, and Nate Moss.



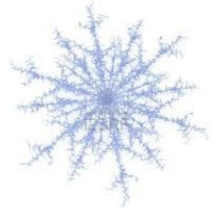
Special music.



Singing Christmas carols.



# Homeschoolers Go Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins





# Christmas Programs



The Preschoolers (in the front row) sang several songs - some Christmas songs plus others they had learned in class. They quoted the 10 Commandments from memory. They recited a poem about Jesus coming, and also Luke 2:11.



The Primaries class quoted the Books of the Bible. They have been learning about the beginning and recited Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1-3. They have also been learning about salvation and have started learning the 'Romans Road' and quoted the first three verses for that: Romans 3:23, 6:23, and 5:8.



The Juniors quoted Luke 2:1-16 and sang several Christmas songs. They also did a part on telling the Christmas story using candy...example; smarties stood for the wisemen, almond joy reminded us of the tidings of great joy, gold coins for the gifts of the wisemen, a candy cane for the staff of the shepherds.



All three departments together sang "*Angels We Have Heard on High*".



The Junior Choir and the Choirchimers presented a song together entitled, "God is King". (Sorry, not all of them got on the picture.)



# Preschool Sunday School Class



We have learned about the Tabernacle and had a display in the classroom.



Learning about the golden candlestick.



Sharing the bread at the Table of Showbread.



David, Daniel, Taryne, Esther



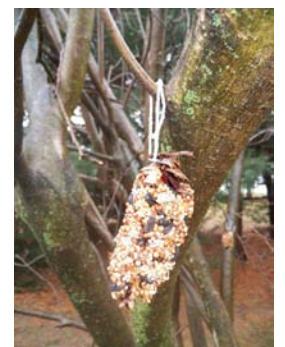
Christmas Program Practice.



'This Little Light of Mine' craft.



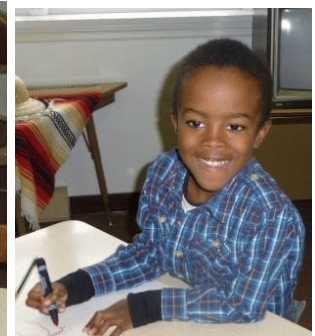
We had fun making a pinecone bird feeder craft for our creation series. First we spread peanut butter on the pinecones, then rolled them in bird seed. Later we attached string so they can be hung out on a tree for the children to watch the various birds God made come and enjoy their special treat.



## Primaries Sunday School Class



Grace, Rebecca, Hannah W., Shawn, Hannah O.



The Primaries are given 'homework' to do that pertains to the lessons they have in class.



# Junior Sunday School Class



Caleb, Emma Kay, Allyson, Matthew, Charles, Ian, Ryan, Seth

The map behind them is about the events in the ministry of Christ. They learned where special events took place as they studied them each week.

They had a special day for Thanksgiving when they made turkeys out of cups and feathers. The kids had to stuff the bird by spelling out things they were thankful for using crackers and cookies with letters on them.

