

# Rejoicing From the Hills

*"The little hills rejoice on every side."*

*-Psalm 65:12b-*

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## Theme for 2016



### That We Should Be To The Praise of His Glory

Ephesians 1:5,7,11 and 12 say the following:

*5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

*7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

*11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*

*12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.*

The salvation that God has given us in our Savior Jesus Christ is truly amazing. But why did He give salvation to us? Did He give it to us for our sake alone? Or did He give us salvation more for His sake than


for ours?

Ephesians 1:12 says that we who have been redeemed and given an eternal inheritance in Jesus Christ have been blessed in this way so that we should be to the praise of the glory of God. That is, we who are redeemed by the blood of Christ ought to live in such a way that our lives would point to God the Father and to our Lord Jesus Christ and thus bring glory to them.

Our study this year will seek to accomplish two things. First, we are going to study the glory of God. What is the glory of God and how is it manifested to us? The glory of God is multifaceted. God has manifested His glory to mankind in a variety of ways. We will examine many of these so that we may have a greater appreciation for the God who made us and the Son of God who saved us. Second, we are going to examine how our lives can point others to these particular aspects of the glory of God. The hope is that if we live our lives to the praise of His glory, people who observe our lives will see God for who He is and desire to call upon His Name to be saved by His Son.

One particular aspect of this study will be emphasized on the first Sunday of each month when we observe communion. On these Sundays, we will examine God's glory in the salvation He has provided for us.

Please pray that God will use this study in all of our lives to

draw us closer to Him. 

## Please View Our Website

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

## Congregation Meeting January 25

The annual congregation meeting will be held Sunday, January 25 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 2015.

## Ladies Missionary Project February 28

Our church ladies and teen girls will again do a winter project for our missionaries. Saturday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. we will meet in the fellowship hall to get a mailing ready for Servant's Heart Camp.

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.

**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.

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Soul winning at home and abroad  
Bible teaching conducive  
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# Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

As we witness the change of seasons and the unique beauty of each one, believers rejoice in the amazing creation God spoke into being. Two new books in the library, one for adults and teens and one for young children, help to increase our appreciation for the world in which we live.

### Wonders Without Number

The debate whether the world was created with a purpose or conceived from chaos is addressed in David Rives' easy-to-understand book which includes over 170 full color photos. Both those who are seeking answers to questions about the accuracy of the Bible as compared to secular science (evolution) or those who simply want to be encouraged by the truths of Scripture will be enlightened and inspired as this book takes you on a journey through the wonders of the universe.

### God Gave Us the World

Little Cub's trip to a special museum exhibit, "Bears Around the World," sparks a flurry of questions from the young polar bear. As Mama Bear talks with her about the different places where God has put the various types of bears with their different kinds of fur and food, Little Cub is taught to see the vastness of God's wonderful creation, His abilities as an amazing, inventive Creator, and the special place each bear has in God's great big world.

During our Missions Conference last fall, Dr. Robert Congdon expressed his desire in his present ministry to help believers better understand the Scriptures in order to prepare them to live for the Lord, serve Him, and defend their faith in the days to come. His books, all of which are now available, include:

**The European Union and the Supra-Religion**

**Russia and the Ukraine**

**An Appointment with God (Feasts in Leviticus 23)**

**An Alternative View of Election**

**New Calvinism's Upside-Down Gospel**

**Oops! I Thought I was a Four-Point Calvinist**

Visit the library for something to read during the winter months ahead!

## RUDIMENTARY PRINCIPLE OF THE WORLD #5 LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED

### Introduction

The world says, "**LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED.**" Actually, "All You Need Is Love" is a song written by John Lennon of the Beatles. It was first performed by the Beatles on June 25, 1967. It was watched by over 150 million people in 26 countries. The words of the song are very telling.

*There's nothing you can do that can't be done  
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung  
Nothing you can say but you can learn to play the game  
It's easy*

*There's nothing you can make that can't be made  
No one you can save that can't be saved  
Nothing you can do but you can learn to be you in time  
It's easy*

*There's nothing you can know that isn't known  
Nothing you can see that isn't shown  
There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be  
It's easy*

*All you need is love  
All you need is love  
All you need is love, love  
Love is all you need*

Then the world says, "**LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND.**" "Love Makes the World Go 'Round" may refer to any one of numerous songs such as the one popularized by Perry Como in 1958, or the one sung more recently by Madonna on an album from 1986.

So love makes the world go round, and love is all you need. But what is love in the estimation of the world? Here are some worldly points of view.

1. Love is never having to say "I'm sorry".
2. Love is never arguing.
3. Love is...when you see your soul in another person's eyes.

4. Love is unconditional affection with no limits or conditions.
5. One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life: That word is love.
6. Love is waking everyday with that one person on your mind. Love is courageous, breaking all barriers and not caring what people think. It's like a drug that people with money can't buy. It puts you on a high that you don't want to get down from. It makes your problems disappear. It makes life worth living. Love is everything and nothing less. It makes you happy and therefore makes everyone around you happy. Love is contagious.
7. From Emily Brewster: (She's the Merriam-Webster lexicographer tasked with writing the "love" entry for the new edition of Merriam-Webster Unabridged.

Love is complicated. It has a lot of different meanings, and people use it in a surprisingly high number of ways.

We can love things, each other, and ideas. We can show love, give love, receive love, lose love, and even beat love down. A dictionary definition may not help you find love, but it can certainly help you understand all the ways that people use a word that has so much meaning to so many.

8. Love, is what you wake up for, what you strive and live for, love is what makes you smile, laugh, and cry. Love makes you happy. Love is all you have in life that's free, that you don't have to steal or buy. Love is life.
9. Love is like a fire whose flames burn high and heavy at first, and turns into ashes later on....
10. There are still other definitions for love in the world that are sensual, physical, visceral in nature that would be inappropriate to describe here. This is erotic love. The Greek word eros is not used in the Bible.

The world has so many strange and complicated ideas about what love is. But the world's distortion of love is nothing new. The Bible talks about the love that exists in the world and how inadequate that love is.

## I. THE LOVE OF THE WORLD

### A. People love the world.

1 John 2:15

*Love not the world, neither **the things that are in the world**. If any man **love the world**, the love of the Father is not in him.*

People of the world do love the world and all the things in the world. What is in the world?

1 John 2:16

*For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

What kind of love is this? It is hard to believe, but the Greek word says that the love people have for the world is agape love. How can this be? People of the world will sacrifice everything to have as much of the world as they can have. Unfortunately, some Christians will sacrifice their faithfulness to the Lord in order to have the world.

For example,

2 Timothy 4:10:

*For Demas hath forsaken me, having **loved** [agape] **this present world**, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.*

This is what 1 John 2:15 is warning us against when it tells us not to love the world.

And what does loving the world get you?

**Absolutely nothing of value!** As 1 John 2:17 says, *And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof...*

### B. People love themselves.

2 Timothy 3:2,

*For men shall be **lovers of their own selves**, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...*

Here we have a different word for love. It is a combination of the words philo and auto. It means to love oneself, to be too intent on one's own interests, to be selfish. There is a reasonable respect a person is supposed to have for himself and for his body, as in

Ephesians 5:28-29:

*28 So ought men to love their wives as their*

*own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.*

*29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church.*

That is not what 2 Timothy 3:2 is talking about. Rather, a phil-auto love is the selfish struggle of unsaved men to salvage something from a lost condition that they can feel good about, even though they know deep down inside there is no eternal value to what they possess. They refuse to accept God's definition of themselves as sinners, and they replace that with a pretend self worth that makes them feel good about themselves even though their destiny is the eternal lake of fire.

For example, consider all the awards ceremonies the world has for itself. A Google search reveals a list 76 pages long of prizes, medals, and awards for music and movies and everything you can imagine that the people of the world heap upon themselves. But how will a trophy case full of trophies help you when you die and face the Judge?

And what does loving yourself get you?

**Absolutely nothing of value!** It is not that God does not want people to feel good about themselves. It is that God does not want people to have a false hope in their own value that will not gain them anything.

Luke 17:33 says,

*Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.*

### C. People love pleasure.

2 Timothy 3:4 says that the same people who love themselves are also, *traitors, heady, highminded, [AND] **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God***. This time, philo is combined with the word hedonism. **Hedonism** is the doctrine that pleasure or happiness is the sole or chief good in life. This is without regard as to whether or not the pleasure is moral or ethical. If it feels good do it. This was the rallying cry of the 1960's hippie movement.

But consider Romans 1:29-32:

*29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful,*

*proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*

**32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.**

What does loving pleasure get you?

**Absolutely nothing of value!**

1 Timothy 5:6 says,  
*But **she that liveth in pleasure is dead** while she liveth.*

And 2 Thessalonians 2:12 says,  
*That they all might **be damned** who believed not the truth, but **had pleasure in unrighteousness.***

D. People love money.

1 Timothy 6:10 says,  
*For **the love of money** is the root of all evil: **which while some coveted after**, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

Love for money is philo-arguria, a friend of silver, an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or gain. The love of money leads to loving the wages of unrighteousness.

2 Peter 2:15,  
*Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who **loved the wages of unrighteousness.***

This is a violation of the tenth commandment:

Exodus 20:17,  
*Thou shalt not covet....*

For notice what 1 Timothy 6:10 says, *the love of money .... which .... some coveted after.* To covet means to stretch one's self out in order to touch or to grasp something, to reach after or desire something, to give one's self up to the love of something which actually belongs to someone else.

What does loving money get you? **Absolutely nothing of value.**

1 Timothy 6:9:

*But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.*

E. People love people.

God designed for a man and a woman to love each other and to have a family together in a godly household. Even unsaved people can enjoy wedded bliss if they are committed to each other and remain faithful to each other. **But love between two persons can be pursued in a manner unintended by God** and for reasons other than appropriate. Consider the following examples.

1. Shechem loved Dinah.  
**(out of wedlock)**

Genesis 34:1-4

*1 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.*

*2 And when **Shechem** the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, **saw her**, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.*

*3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.*

*4 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, **Get me this damsel to wife.***

2. Samson loved a woman of Timnath.  
**(an unbeliever)**

Judges 14:1-3

*1 And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.*

*2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, **I have seen a woman** in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore **get her for me to wife.***

*3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.*

- (2. Continued) And Delilah.  
(**another unbeliever**)

Judges 16:4

4 *And it came to pass afterward, that **he loved a woman** in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.*

3. Amnon loved Tamar.  
(**He raped her - an immoral act**)

2 Samuel 13:1-4

1 *And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and **Amnon** the son of David **loved her.***

2 *And **Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick** for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.*

3 *But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man.*

4 *And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, **I love Tamar**, my brother Absalom's sister.*

4. David loved Bathsheba.  
(**committed adultery**)

2 Samuel 11:2

2 *And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that **David** arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he **saw a woman** washing herself; and **the woman was very beautiful to look upon.***

3 *And David sent and enquired after the woman.*

5. Solomon loved many women.  
(**Multiple wives: polygamy**)

1 Kings 11:1

1 *But king **Solomon loved many strange women**, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;*

What does loving a man or a woman inappropriately, or immorally get you? **Absolutely nothing of value!**

It cost Shechem his life.

It cost Samson his eyes.

It cost Amnon his life.

It cost David great agony of soul,  
and the life of a son.

It cost Solomon the division of the kingdom  
in the reign of his son.

Neither loving the world,  
nor loving the things in the world,  
nor selfishly loving yourself,  
nor loving pleasure,  
nor loving money,  
nor loving another person immorally,  
will give you anything of value. It is all rooted in how it makes you feel. And the pleasures of this world are so, so temporary.

## BUT THERE IS SOMETHING THAT HAS ETERNAL VALUE.

### II. THE LOVE OF GOD

God so loved the world. In other words, God loved all the people in the world by a great sacrifice.

- A. God's love for us has eternal value.

John 15:13 says,

**Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**

John 10:11 says,

**I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**

John 10:15 says,

**As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

Ephesians 5:2 says,

**And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**

- B. God's love in us has eternal value.

1 John 4:12 says,

**No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

Just imagine what it would be like if God's love were to be perfected in us. The same kind of love God had for us in sacrificing Himself for us, when perfected in us, would mean that **we would then know how to lay our lives down for others.**

As 1 John 3:16 says,  
*Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and **we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.***

C. God's love flowing out of us has eternal value.

1 John 4:11 says,  
*Beloved, if God so loved us, **we ought also to love one another.***

**How** do we lay down our lives for others? **Anytime you deny yourself** in order to make someone else's life better, you manifest the love of God. Jesus said in Matthew 16:24 .... *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

To love as God loves means we must **deny** ourselves our own wants, we must **deny** ourselves our own comforts, we must **deny** ourselves our own choices, we must **deny** ourselves our own privileges, we must **deny** ourselves our own rights,

in order to make someone else's life better. For example, two people go for the same parking place close to the door of the store. Sacrificial love means you would let the other person have the space. Or, there is only one bottle of milk left on the shelf and two people reach for it at the same time. Sacrificial love means you would withdraw and let the other person have it.

Because that is what Jesus Christ did for us.

Luke 22:41-44

*41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,  
42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: **nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.***

*43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.*

*44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and **his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.***

Jesus denied Himself His own wants, His own comfort, His own choice, His own privileges, His own rights, so that we could have forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

### **Conclusion**

Actually what the world needs is love,

but not the love of the world,

and not the love of themselves,

and not the love of pleasure,

and not the love of money,

and not immoral love of one another.

The world needs the love of God.

And we are the ones who can show it to them.

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She is 92 years old, petite, well poised, and proud. She is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed, and her makeup perfectly applied, in spite of the fact she is legally blind.

Today she has moved to a nursing home. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making this move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, where I am employed, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet curtains that had been hung on her window.

"I love it", she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room...just wait." I said.

Then she spoke these words that I will never forget: "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not, does not depend on how the furniture is arranged. It is how I arrange my mind. I have already decided to love it. It is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do work. Each day is a gift, and I will focus on the new day and all the happy memories I have stored away...just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you have already put in."

# Missionary News



*From  
Around  
The World  
and  
Here at Home*

## Teacher's Assistance Program (TAP Ministry) Harrisburg, PA

### Excerpt Notes from the Field

"I am so happy that my prayer is now answered about my need here, and I am so thankful that God used you even though we are far from each other, and we have never met but through prayers. We are now partners in the ministry God has entrusted."

Cebu, Philippines

*Note - We sent Sunday School material for all ages, reference books, Bibles and New Testaments.*

"Ten years after giving my life to Jesus Christ I had a call from God to the ministry here in my village. Initially I resisted, but when God started moving and dealing in my heart I obeyed and went into the ministry. Our church is located in a rural village community of about 8,000 inhabitants. In recent years the village has been greatly stroked by ethnic clashes which has resulted in many deaths and made many children homeless and orphans. Our church is presently the only one which have moved in here despite may oppositions and threats to our lives. Many new converts have now joined us, as it is really been difficult for us since many wanted to stop the Gospel of Jesus Christ from coming in. But they have failed."

Edo State, Nigeria

*Note - We sent giant print Bibles and New Testaments, study material, devotionals, reference books and tracts.*

## Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF of York County)

During the summer months CEF is busy meeting children in homes, yards or porches with 5-Day Clubs. A 5-Day Club is held in one location for a week for ages 5 to 12. Senior-high students, college-age young people and some adults are carefully trained to teach boys and girls. During the club hour the children sing songs, hear an exciting missionary story, memorize a verse of Scripture, participate in a review activity, and listen to a lesson from God's Word. They also do two Day Camps in the summer.

The month of September is consumed with their York Fair ministry. They set up a tent for the children to come in and have their face or hand painted while someone tells them the Wordless Book story. Many teens and parents that are accompanying the children also hear what is being taught to the children. This year 1,070 children came through the tent at the York Fair. Praise the Lord for the children, teens and adults that made a profession of faith.

From October through April their focus shifts again. This time to Good News Clubs held once a week in homes or public schools. This year there were a lot of struggles in getting the information to the public school children that a Good News Club was being held in their school. Some school districts have added new regulations that make it difficult to operate a club in their schools. Presently there are 19 Good News Clubs that have started, with hopes of working things out to get clubs in a few more places. Because some schools will no longer send fliers home with the students letting them know about the club in their school, the attendance is down this year. Pray for wisdom in knowing how to jump these hurdles and for gracious, godly boldness in dealing with the school authorities. Pray for more children to come to the clubs and learn to know the Savior, be faithful in their attendance, gain more spiritual understanding, learn the verses, and become a witness for the Lord in their homes and community.



## Roger & Nola Perrott

On Furlough from Hong Kong

We arrived back in the US safely and are doing well. Everything has been a bit of an adventure. At the last minute we had to ship our household things in a container back to the US, because the family who were to live in our home backed out. So the week before our return we had to get two moving trucks, pack all our things in them, go to the port, and then unpack the trucks at the container terminal warehouse. We then came to the US through Abu Dhabi. That worked out well except for the period of time we thought Roger might miss the last flight. He had to wait until the luggage was all put on the plane before they let him through to boarding.

After arriving in the US, we picked up our van at the airport. We had to put a hitch on it so we could get a U-haul trailer to take our things from New York to South Carolina. The Lord gave us a nice beautiful home in South Carolina. We had to wait to get our container delivered. The trucker almost tipped over the container, so I had to get a tow truck out there to save the container from falling, and get it to our house. Praise the Lord that nothing was broken. Then we could get moved in and get the kids going well on their schoolwork.

We felt we needed some time to rest after moving here as the last eight months had been very hectic. We are now contacting churches to schedule meetings. Pray for meetings to fill up our schedule.

We have heard good reports as to the work in Hong Kong. Three kids were saved in VBS, and another teen girl was saved in the church. She is bringing a friend of hers, whom our co-worker said may be nearly ready to receive the Lord. Continue to pray for Matthew Conrad as he pastors the church in our absence, and for Linda Reynolds, our co-worker for many years, as she teaches the children.

Our mission has recently had another round of teaching house-church pastors from mainland China with 30+ men coming to be trained. This is called the PANDA Project. Pray the Lord will continue to bless these ministries.

## Bobby & Imee Livio

Philippines

We praise God for graciously granting us doors to deliver His message to our mission field. I was asked to preach two messages to a group of young people of five or six Independent Baptist Churches on the subject of sanctification. It was personally encouraging to hear these young people ask thought-provoking questions that reflected their desire to have a clearer grasp of this important doctrine and to live its truth in their daily lives. Many of the pastors that accompanied these young people have recently paid the price of breaking off fellowship from groups that adopt an empire-building philosophy of ministry. So they are seeing the need to go back to the Biblical basics of Christian living.

We praise the Lord for what he did during the Fundamental Bible Conference in Metro-Manila with the theme, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" Revelation 3:11. Our hearts were challenged by the faithful, forthright but compassionate preaching of the truth of God's Word. We were blessed by the warm spirit of unity displayed by those who came. We are thankful to the Lord for the privilege of enabling us to raise high the banner of Biblical truth in our post-modern world, and for empowering all our speakers in the preparation and delivery of His Word. Please pray with us that New Testament churches continually take their stand on the right side of the line while carrying out our Lord's great commission, and that believers' hearts stay revived to unashamedly live out the life-transforming truth of the Gospel as we anticipate His imminent return.

Our next Bible translation workshop is scheduled on January 11-22. We ask you to pray that God grant our Revisionist Team strength to face individual challenges from the enemy, and wisdom that they may come up with a good quality, literal translation for the 25 million Tagalog-speaking peoples while meeting our goals of having the entire New Testament by August 2016.

With Easter coming in the first quarter of the year, I would ask you to already pray with us for preparations for our Family Camp scheduled on March 22-25 and Easter Cantata on March 27.

## Christmas Activities

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### *Christmas Banquet*

We enjoyed a wonderful meal of Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and mixed vegetables. For dessert there were brownie sundaes with a choice of regular brownies, peanut butter brownies or cherry brownies. A special thanks goes to Cindy Smith for cooking and heading up this delicious meal.

The tables were decorated with painted mason jars with candles in them - a lovely creation by Buck Smith. The fellowship around the tables was lively as everyone enjoyed the Christmas atmosphere. Singing Christmas carols together brought our attention back to the real purpose of our meeting together.

We were blessed with special music by the Wertz family. Our speaker was Phil Kissinger who challenged us from the book of Isaiah with the prophecy of Jesus birth.

### *Christmas Caroling*

The homeschoolers headed this up and invited senior citizens to join them since it was done during the daytime. They brought joy to a number of our church shut-ins, and others who heard them in the nursing homes, as they sang the familiar Christmas carols.

### *Christmas Program*

During the Sunday School hour the children's classes presented things they had learned in Sunday School that quarter plus added a Christmas element with their songs.

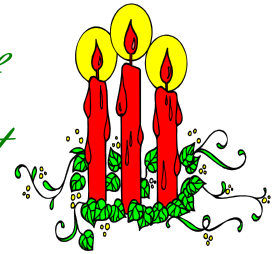
The Preschool Class recited the 10 Commandments they had memorized in the previous three months, and Matthew 1:23 that they had learned for Christmas. They sang a *Happy Birthday* song about Jesus, and a few other songs they had learned, and then joined the other departments in singing *O Come All Ye Faithful*.

The Primaries recited verses from Psalm 121:1-8 and 103:8-15. Their theme was 'Trusting and Obeying God' with Moses' life example.

The Juniors part of the Christmas program focused on the heart of the judges; Samuel, Saul, and David. Israel in the time of Judges had wicked hearts; the judges had weighted hearts; Samuel had a willing heart; Saul had a weak heart; and David had a wonderful heart. The class quoted I Corinthians 13 and sang three songs including, "Speak, Lord," a song about children today responding like Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant hears."

During the Morning Worship Service the adults shared songs and narration from the events of the First Christmas. There was a variety of vocal and instrumental music in praise to the new born King.

### *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*



There were four short sermons mostly emphasizing the Luke chapter two passage. Andrew Cook spoke on "The Humble Birth" in the stable. Dalton Cook spoke on "The Glorious Message" that the angels brought to the shepherds. Nate Moss spoke on "The Rejoicing Report" as the shepherds shared with others what they had heard and seen. And Pastor Moss spoke on "The Biblical Explanation" from Matthew chapter one.

Between each of these messages the congregation enjoyed singing some of the familiar Christmas carols, and we were blessed with some special music as well.

This special service is always anticipated with a bit of excitement as the room is darkened and each persons candle is lit one-by-one. It is a reminder to us to go out into this world darkened by sin and bring the Light of Jesus to those around us. Let us be like those shepherds on the night of Jesus birth and joyfully tell others the true meaning of Christmas.

## Salvation Testimony

*Reading the tract made me realize that someone does love a sinner like me. Jesus died on the cross for my sins because He loved me, and that if I get on my knees and ask for His forgiveness, He would forgive me. I asked Him to come into my heart and life and ever since my life has changed so much. I read my Bible; I pray every morning and every night. I know that the only way to get to heaven is through Jesus Christ. Each day I am growing closer and closer to God. I go to church now, even involved in some ministries at church. My heart is full of joy, peace, and love for others and for life. I have become a whole new person and I love who I am. I am full of life and I would not give up my life that I have with God for anyone or anything. God is my life and He is all I need.*

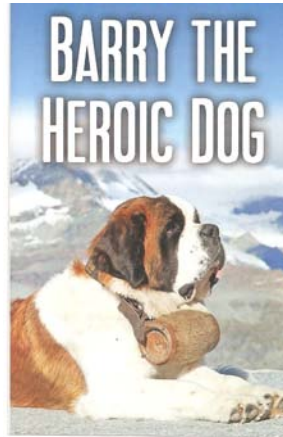
*I am really looking forward to handing out these tracts. I know so many people who are lost, hurting and don't even know God. If just one tract helped me to find God, with prayer and faith in God, one of these tracts will help other people I know that are lost and hurting and who do not know God. With God all things are possible. If I can help lead others to God I am ready. In Philippians 4:13 (it says) "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*

*I have never handed out tracts but I can do it, because I am doing it for God and because I love Him with all my heart, soul, and mind and strength. I want others to have the love, peace and happiness that I have from Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior.*

Mississippi

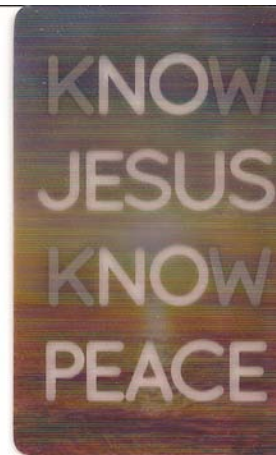
Taken from Bible Tracts Inc.

## Spotlight on Tracts



Barry, a famous St. Bernard dog saved more than forty human beings from being frozen to death high in the Alps. But though he saved many people from tragic death, he lost his own life during his last rescue.

This touching story is used to illustrate how Jesus gave His life for us. Do you know a 'dog-lover' that would appreciate this story? Pick up this tract in our church narthex and share it with someone. It may be just the thing that will help them understand the sacrifice God made for us to be rescued from a tragic eternity.



**Know Jesus, Know Peace**  
**No Jesus, No Peace**

This interesting tract flips back and forth between these two messages on the front.

On the back it asks the question, "Do you know true peace?"

"Peace is made through Jesus in whom we have redemption, even the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:14,20)

Peace is received by being justified with God by faith through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 5:10)

Peace is enjoyed after salvation by the peace God puts in our hearts.

(John 14:27)"

This is a fun card to keep in your wallet or purse to generate conversation about the peace that only comes from above.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

After our series on Moses and the Ten Commandments, we followed with a series on the Tabernacle. We learned about the sacrifices made for sin, washing at the laver, the coverings of the Tabernacle, the furniture inside, and the two rooms in the Tabernacle. The children enjoyed peeking in the 'peep box' to see a display of the inside rooms and furniture.

Naturally the month of December was focused on the events surrounding the birth of Christ. Because Jesus came, we no longer have to offer animal sacrifices for sin. He came to give His life for the final payment of sin. The shepherds and wisemen were so happy to see the Savior, and we are also happy to know Him.



In the month of January we welcome Josiah Krape to our class. As he turns two he graduates from the nursery to the preschool class. He joins us in learning about the days of creation.

## Primaries

*taught by Buck & Cindy Smith*

The Primaries theme has been 'Trusting and Obeying God' with Moses' life example.

Shawn Smith did a great job memorizing both Psalm passages, and David Wertz completed Psalm 121:1-8 and is working on the last two verses of Psalm 103:8-15.

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

We finished our studies of Samuel and Saul, and are now focusing on David. We watched a video of David and Goliath, and are now studying when David became king. We saw David's heart in truly wanting to serve the Lord, as he refused to hurt Saul and waited for God's timing to become king. Each week the kids have a sticker scene of David and Goliath they will be adding to; one side featuring Goliath with his challenge, the other side showing him being defeated.



Four of our students were able to quote all of I Corinthians 13. They were Matthew Kanost, Grace Balcom, Hannah Wertz, and Rebecca Wertz. Well done! Our next memory work is from Matthew 7, where we are warned to watch out for wolves in sheep's clothing and to be a wise man, not a foolish man.

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This fall has been another year of adjustments. The Lord has guided us through changes in leaders and curriculum. I thank the Lord for those who are willing to be involved in this ministry.

The Ambassador class (grades 4-6) has been working on Bible Study badges which include memorizing the books of the Bible by sections.

The Primary class (grades 1-3) has been learning to be kind to each other and to obey those in authority.

The Beginners (ages 4 & 5) are learning that God loves all of us and that we should love Him as well.



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## Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs .Joyce Moss

We are into chapter four in our study of Ephesians. Some of the teens are doing really well in keeping up with the five new verses we do each week. They are encouraged to memorize and write out questions for each of the five verse segments.

The first Sunday in January we will have our quizzing demonstration again in the evening service as we have done in years past. This is to prepare the quizzers for their competitions soon coming up, and to allow the congregation to see what quizzing is about so they can pray better for our teens as they participate in the quizzing events.

Toward the end of the next few months our quiz team will compete with other churches on the book of Ephesians. In January it will be on chapters 1 & 2, in February on chapters 3 & 4, and in March on chapters 5 & 6.

Then in April we will take a Saturday to have our final competition where teams are eliminated to determine the champion for the year. These competitions are fun for the teens as they try to quickly recall what they have been studying. It also provides them the opportunity to meet other teens that have also been studying the same book of the Bible in their churches. It is so encouraging as a teen to know that you aren't the only one who loves the Lord and wants Christ to have first place in your life.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

The primary group is studying animals this year. They learned about mammals, rodents, and fish. The students enjoyed doing a show and tell related to each of the groups and a variety of craft projects.

The middle group is learning about the human body. They have learned about cells and bones and did an edible representation of the inside of a cell and a bone. For gym time, they have been doing a variety of exercises and trying to build endurance to do more each time.

The teens have been learning about math and physics. They have done a variety of experiments involving simple machines and making a bridge structure. For gym, they have played soccer, had a mini track meet, and played 4-square.

In October, the students went to Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland. They enjoyed touring the fort and learning about the significance of the fort during the War of 1812.

In December, they enjoyed Christmas caroling to several of the shut-ins from the church. Nursing homes prefer groups like this to come during the day rather than in the evening. Since it was a daytime event the senior citizens in the church were invited to join the homeschoolers in bringing joy to these elderly people who cannot get out any more. It was a blessing to all they went to, and the shut-ins especially enjoyed seeing the children. They did go to some individual homes, but in the nursing homes, they met in a large room where other residents were also present. So the joy spread to more than just our church shut-ins.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## JANUARY

3	Teen Quizzing Demo	7:00 PM
10	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
14	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
18	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
19	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
23	Teen's Underground Church	4:40-9:30
24	Teen Bible Quizzing Competition	2-4 PM
24	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM
26	Homeschoolers Roller Skating	
31	Congregation Meeting	12:15 PM



## FEBRUARY

11	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
15	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
16	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
17	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
20	Teen's Game Night	5 - 9 PM
21	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
25	Homeschool Storm Chasers Field Trip	
27	Ladies Missionary Project	10:00 AM



## MARCH

10	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
13	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
15	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
16	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
19	Teen Activity	
21	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
24	Homeschool Field Trip to Fire Station	
25	Crucifixion Service	7:00 PM
27	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM
31	Prison Ministry	8:00 PM

# Up-coming Events for Our Missionaries

## January

Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa  
 Church planting in Durbanville, Paarl Valley, Malmesbury, and Tygerberg

Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA  
 Good News Clubs in homes and in schools

Friends of Israel  
 Speaking at annual 'Day in the Prophetic Word' Conference

Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus  
 Megaphone ministry and visitation ministry

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

## February

Friends of Israel  
 Two Prophecy Conferences

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

Perrott, Roger & Nola - on furlough from Hong Kong  
 Ministry to churches here in the States



## March

Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain  
 Evangelistic Bible Exhibits in town halls

Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA  
 Good News Clubs in homes and in schools

Friends of Israel  
 Speaking at Purim Celebration

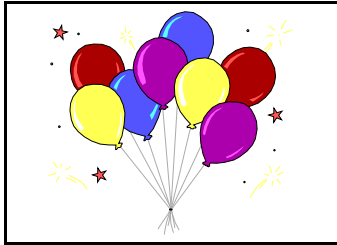
Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines  
 Easter Camp

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

Remember  
 to Pray  
 for Your  
 Missionaries



# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### January

- 9 - Josiah Krape
- 15 - Cindy Smith
- 15 - Lisa Smith
- 16 - Ryan Knuth
- 17 - Lorraine Beath
- 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 - Nathaniel Wertz

### March

- 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 - Gary Zimmerman
- 19 - **Peter Pinyol**
- 20 - **Jonathan Perrott**
- 23 - Lydia Fetrow
- 24 - Amy Kanost
- 24 - **Miriam Rocker**



## Happy Anniversary

### January

- 11 - Greg & Shirley Beard

### February

- 3 - **Marc & Judie Blackwell**
- 9 - Keith & Carol DeMasters
- 12 - Ervin & Sue Kornbau
- 16 - Gene & Sherry Beam

### March

- 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.

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## Address Changes

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Len Smith  
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 Mack, CO 81525

## Remember Our Shut-ins



Lorraine Beath, Mary Cole, Jeannie Geesey, Marlene Gladfelter, Pam Grove, Gloria Hevner, Olivia Kauffman, Susan Peters, Linda Spahr, Reg Stelfox

# *Christmas Banquet*



Lovely table settings.



Cooks and servers busy in the kitchen.



Served family style.

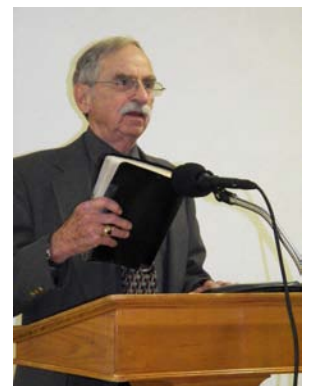


Enjoying fellowship at the tables.



Special music by the Wertz family.

Speaker, Phil Kissinger.







# Christmas Programs



# Homeschoolers at Fort McHenry

