

# Rejoicing From the Hills

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

*-Psalm 65:12b-*

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## Theme for 2017



## Power For Living

Ever hear someone say, "I don't know how I am going to get through the day"? Many people struggle with finding the energy to meet the demands of daily living. This imperfect world in which we live can be very taxing to our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual energy. Some people turn to things like energy drinks, while others pursue "spiritual" sources like yoga and meditation. But the struggle continues. They say that an estimated 350 million people of all ages suffer from depression and that depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide.

Are Christians affected by the lack of energy and the inability to get through the day without some means of assistance? When they do not know how to deal with the influences of the world, the flesh, and the Devil, they surely can be.

God has provided something for believers, however, that can make us strong every day. In 2 Corinthians 4:7, the Bible says, *But we have this*

*treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. God Himself, by the presence of His Holy Spirit in our lives is our enabler. While living on this earth, Christians continue to live in earthly bodies that weigh us down, hold us back, and limit our ability to endure the challenges of life. But with the resource of the power of God dwelling in us through the Holy Spirit, our inner man can be strong in spite of the weakness of our flesh. As the Scripture says in 2 Corinthians 4:16, *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.**

The happy condition of a person who is in Christ is that Christ is in us. And Christ has made us the wonderful promise that [we] *can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth [us]* (Philippians 4:13).

This year on Sunday mornings, we will be looking at the New Testament references about power in the Christian life. We will see what God has provided for us so that we can live victoriously every day. We will learn how to overcome our human limitations and access the treasure that dwells within. We will learn how to face the challenges of life with courage and be strong in the LORD. With Joshua we will learn to be *Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest* (Joshua 1:9). 📖

## 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 22

The annual congregation meeting will be held Sunday, January 22 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 2017 and voting on approval of Glenn Hilt as an Elder.

## Ladies Missionary Project

Our church ladies and teen girls will again do a project for our missionaries. We will meet in the fellowship hall to get a mailing ready for Servant's Heart Camp.

The date for this winter project has not been confirmed. Please watch for details coming in the bulletin.

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.

## Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

As we begin a new year, this is a reminder that the library, located in the lower level of the church across from the restrooms, is open each week between Sunday School and Morning Worship, 15 minutes after Morning Worship, and 15 minutes before the Evening Service. If none of these times is good for you, please let me know and I'll be happy to assist you at a more convenient time.

This year the library is introducing a new series for young readers, THE IMAGINATION STATION, which whisks cousins, Patrick and Beth, around the world and back in time. In each book, they learn important lessons about God as they experience a different fictional adventure with actual historical characters. The first three books in the series are:

### Voyage with the Vikings

Patrick and Beth meet an angry Erik the Red, a Viking warrior, who says a God of peace has no place in Greenland.

### Attack on the Arena

The cousins meet Telemachus, who wants to share an important message with the emperor, and all three end up in the famous arena in ancient Rome.

### Peril in the Palace

Patrick and Beth depend on Marco Polo to save them from harm in China when Kublai Khan dislikes their gifts and their message about Christianity.

Also new to the library are two board books by Debby Anderson:

*Jesus Is With Me*

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

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Our Purpose

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

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**RUDIMENTARY PRINCIPLE OF THE  
WORLD #13  
THERE IS NO CONNECTION  
BETWEEN EVENTS IN THE WORLD  
Today, AND IN HISTORY**

**Introduction**

For this subject, there is a word with which we must become familiar. – METANARRATIVE. The word “metanarrative” contains two words. One is “narrative”, meaning “story”. The other is the prefix “meta”, suggesting that this is a big story: an overarching, all encompassing narrative which is providing a comprehensive explanation for and giving a connected meaning to all the individual events of the world and its history.

A Metanarrative places all reality within a common framework explaining and connecting various events in history so that any individual can derive meaning to his own life in light of the overarching, transcendent and universal truth that binds all events of mankind together.

A metanarrative provides consensus between writer and reader, sender and receiver, of some statement of truth. A metanarrative provides an explanation for everything that happens.

Examples of Metanarratives.

**The Feminist Metanarrative**

Patriarchy, the supremacy of men, has systematically oppressed and subjugated women throughout history.

**The Enlightenment Metanarrative**

Rational thought and scientific reasoning lead inevitably toward moral, social and ethical progress.

**The Marxist Metanarrative**

In order to be emancipated, society must undergo a revolution. Every system that oppresses the workers eventually falls and the workers take over. This will happen with capitalism also. Capitalism has an unstable and cyclical nature which alienates laborers who keep the system working. Eventually, capitalism will end with the workers ruling.

**The Islamic Metanarrative**

Muslims view human history as the story of divine contact through prophets like David, Abraham, or

Jesus demonstrating rationally impossible feats for human beings (miracles) as proof of authenticity and sent to every people over time to teach purity of heart so that people may receive the guidance of the one true creator or God. These prophets or their messages are resisted when introduced, and distorted or corrupted over time necessitating new prophets, the final one being Muhammad and the uncorrupted Quran; victory ultimately being for those who have purified their hearts and who have accepted the divine nature of the world.

**Biblical Metanarrative**

The Bible connects all of history together in a metanarrative according to the eternal purpose of God. We will look at this in detail below.

Postmodernism rejects metanarratives. It contends that there are no grand stories which give meaning to all of life and which define what is true.

The term metanarrative was actually developed by Jean-François Lyotard. In his book, *The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge* (1979) he said, "Simplifying to the extreme, I define postmodern as incredulity towards metanarratives". In the book, Lyotard professes a preference for this plurality of small narratives that compete with each other, replacing the totalitarianism of grand narratives. For this reason, *The Postmodern Condition* has often been interpreted as an excuse for unbounded relativism, which for many has become a hallmark of postmodern thought.

For example, **The experience of our founding fathers**, here in the United States, has absolutely no relevance to our experience today.

This is the grounds for reinterpreting the Constitution based on present day values rather than original intent. This is also the basis for re-writing history. What actually happened **then**, they say, is irrelevant **now**. Therefore, we can remold history to conform to the present and by that means give history relevance. OR, we can eliminate history all together.

By Orson Scott Card February 14, 2010  
How to Get Stupid Children

“Practically everyone agrees that American schools are doing a lousy job of teaching history to our children. But there are two opposite views of what the problem is.

A lot of us think the schools are failing to teach our children the roots of the American system -- the Constitution, the great men who founded our republic and brought it through its early struggles,

especially the fight to abolish slavery, the wars and why we fought them, the development of the frontier, the growth of technology.

But there are a lot of other people -- including the entire educational establishment of our state [NC] (and almost every other state as well!) -- that thinks the reason our public-school history teaching is lousy is because we spend way too much time on all that early stuff that nobody cares about anymore, and don't do enough to give our kids the full array of politically correct opinions.

So, here in the great state of North Carolina, they have come up with the perfect solution: Secede from the United States of America, and teach only the history of Politically Correct America.

The way they plan to do this is to stop teaching our 11th-graders any American history prior to 1877. This is not a joke. This is a real proposal from our state Department of Public Instruction.

Let's see ... what does that leave out?

The colonizing of America.

The Revolutionary War.

George Washington.

The ideas leading up to the Constitution.

Alexander Hamilton and the creation of our economic system.

The Monroe Doctrine.

The nation's growth to the west coast.

The Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln and the freeing of the slaves.

The Reconstruction of the South, with the Republican Party forcing the South to accept black voters and office holders.

But look what they're going to keep! Starting at 1877 is a highly significant move, because that means they're going to start with the election of 1876, in which the Republican Party quietly agreed to abandon support and protection of the rights of blacks in the South.

Which means they're going to skip the part of American history where Republicans were solely responsible -- over the bloody opposition of the Democratic Party -- for freeing black people from slavery. You know, that altruistic war where an army composed mostly of white people from the north shed their blood to end the "right" of states to secede from the union so they could continue to enslave other human beings.

Instead, we'll get a picture of America where black people are always oppressed by white people, and only the Democratic Party has acted to give them rights.

(We know this is the goal, since kids even now can get through the study of the 1960s without having a clue that Lyndon Johnson's Voting Rights and Civil Rights acts only passed Congress because of strong Republican support that allowed the override of the diehard segregationists of the Democratic Party.)

When they stop teaching American history before 1877, that will mean that everything that has made America a great, exceptional nation that has inspired and, yes, saved the world repeatedly, and is still the inspiration for true reformers in every part of the world -- all those things will be ignored.

But everything that advances the political agenda of the extreme Left today -- you know, the totalitarian wannabes who prevent anyone who openly disagrees with them from getting tenure at any university they control (which is nearly all of them), and who have completely taken over the teachers' unions and the education establishment almost everywhere.

But, you see, that "narrative" -- the story of Franklin, Paine, Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Hamilton, Jackson, and Lincoln -- is useless to them. It hurts them. It encourages people to think for themselves.

**And the experience of my personal life** has absolutely no relevance to the experience of my public life."

This is why a politician can do immoral things privately, and then claim that it has no effect upon his ability to fulfill the duties of his office.

**The experience of a Christian** has absolutely no relevance to a non-Christian. This is why people's hearts are becoming so hard toward the gospel. And this is why we are being told we have no right to tell someone what they are doing is wrong. They say that the events of individual lives have no connection, no relevance to one another.

The argument is that metanarratives are fundamentally misconceived. According to the postmodernists, belief in a grand narrative is doomed to disappointment. A postmodern person would view the Bible as just a collection of odd stories. Postmodern scholars might say that the biblical text is "a multi-voiced tapestry" that can be interpreted in "myriads of ways." They would see no central interpretive principle at all in the Bible.

## I. THERE IS A BIBLICAL METANARRATIVE

Romans 15:4: *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

1 Corinthians 10:11: *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

1 Peter 1:12: *Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.*

The value of understanding a Biblical Metanarrative:

The magazine Christianity Today once ran an article titled, "I Was a Witch." It is the story of Kimberly Shumate and her ... conversion to Christ. Concerning one particularly poignant moment in her journey, she writes of the power of the Big Story in her life:

As Lisa drove me home, my mind ached as I replayed Scott's words. All the Old Testament and New Testament verses had one oddly familiar voice — one tone, one heart. I wondered, How could a book written by so many different people over the course of hundreds of years fit together perfectly as if one amazing storyteller has written the whole thing? The Holy Spirit began melting my vanity and arrogance with a power stronger than any hex, incantation, or spell I'd ever used. Suddenly, the blindfold I'd worn for almost 30 years was stripped away, and instantly I knew what I'd been searching for: Jesus!

## II. ONE DIMENSION TO THE BIBLICAL METANARRATIVE IS THE REVELATION OF GOD TO MAN

God wants man to know Him. But the only way we can know Him is if He reveals Himself to us. Throughout the course of human history, this is exactly what God has done. The Scriptures make this abundantly clear.

Revealed in the Beginning

Genesis 1:1: *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

Revealed to Abraham

Genesis 15:7: *And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.*

Genesis 17:1: *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*

Revealed to Moses

Exodus 3:14: *And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*

Revealed to the Egyptians

Exodus 7:5: *And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.*

Compare: Exodus 7:17, Exodus 8:22, Exodus 10:2, Exodus 14:4, Exodus 14:18.

Revealed to the Nations

Deuteronomy 4:5-7: *5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. 7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?*

Revealed to King Ahab

1 Kings 20:13: *And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.*

## Revealed in Creation

Psalm 19:1: *1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*

## Revealed through Israel to the World

Isaiah 43:10-12: *10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. 11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. 12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.*

## Revealed to all People

Jeremiah 9:23-24: *23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: 24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.*

Romans 1:19-20: *19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

## Revealed to Israel

At least 64 times in Ezekiel this same statement is made.

Ezekiel 6:10: *And they shall know that I am the LORD, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.*

## Revealed in the Gospels

John 12:44-45: *44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.*

John 17:3: *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

## Revealed to the Church

Ephesians 3:8-10: *8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,*

## In the end men will know!

Revelation 6:16: *And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:*

### III. ANOTHER DIMENSION TO THE BIBLICAL METANARRATIVE IS THE REDEMPTION OF MANKIND

## Declared in the Fall

Genesis 3:15, 21: *15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.....21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*

Genesis 4:4: *And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:*

## Declared in the Passover

Exodus 13:15: *And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.*

## Declared in the Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16:13-16: *13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the*

cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not: 14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. 15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: 16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

#### Declared by the Prophet Isaiah

*Isaiah 1:18: Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*

*Isaiah 52:3: For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.*

*Isaiah 53:4-5: 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

*5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

#### Declared in the Gospels

*Luke 1:67-75: 67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, 68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, 69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; 70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: 71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; 72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; 73 The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, 74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.*

#### Declared to the Church

*Ephesians 1:7: In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

*Titus 2:11-14: 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

*1 Peter 1:18-19: 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

#### Declared in Revelation and the End Times

*Revelation 5:8-10: 8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

#### Conclusion

There is a grand plan. Romans 15:4: *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

It is that grand plan that gives meaning to every individual event: in the world, and in your life. Your life is not just a series of disconnected individual events. Your entire life has meaning and purpose. God uses every experience you have to build your faith, character, usefulness to Him.

Thank God for your whole life. The good and the bad. Knowing this, Romans 8:28: *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* 📖



## Missionary News



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

## Marc & Judie Blackwell

Capetown, South Africa

As a part of our ministry, we have a major role and involvement in **Christian Camping** through the Paardberg Mountain Retreat. In the last season of camps there were 27 who made confessions of faith. Please pray for the pastors and Christian leaders in our churches who are following-up the youth.

We are also committed to preaching and teaching through the **Herald of Hope Ministry** that equips our churches and leaders in an emphasis on “End Times” Study of the Scriptures. Paarl Valley Baptist Church did a three week series. Emmanuel Baptist Church had a seminar on “Revelation”, and Swartland Baptiste Gemeente did “Millennial Kingdom” and “General Prophecy Overviews”. A team of four men also taught an “End Times Basic Bible Prophecy Seminar” showing the difference these truths can make in our living and in our family’s lifestyle, and our witness and hope in a hopeless world. The goals of the seminars is to encourage our independent Bible believing churches to be faithful to their Lord. We hope to encourage faithfulness by giving people a sense of the importance of the Word of God to their relationship with the Lord. We want our people to remember to truly believe the Word of God, and this means they will literally interpret the Scriptures. It is important that every church attender and every believer understand the value of a dispensational understanding of Bible interpretation, and a strong appreciation of their hope in Jesus Christ and His soon return.

We are heavily involved in teaching and training students, pastors and church leadership through the **Church Ministries Institute**. Marc is teaching a weekly “New Testament Studies” in Ephesians with Faith Baptist Church, and a “Church

History” class at Paarl Valley Baptist Church. Community Baptist Church is holding Institute classes on Biblical Counseling Course II.

Pray for our (1) Church Planting and Evangelism, (2) Leadership Training and Mentoring, (3) The Herald of Hope End-Times Seminars, (4) Camping Ministry, (5) Helios-Solar Bible Studies Distribution, and (6) Good Hope Publications Ministries. We are directly involved in these different ways with more than twenty churches and church plants in South Africa. In the last few months 14 people have made professions of faith in Christ. Pray for souls to be saved.

## Teacher’s Assistance Program

### (TAP Ministry)

Harrisburg, PA

(This is a ‘helps ministry’ to Christian workers overseas in supplying them with Christian books, music, Sunday School materials, Bibles, Commentaries, Bible study helps, etc., which they cannot easily attain in their country.)

Psalm 128:1-2 *“Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hand: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.”*

Although the Bible is still the best-selling book in the USA, we wonder how much of God’s Word penetrates and causes people to practice what the Bible directs. We continue to receive letter after letter from foreign countries asking for any type of Bible, even our “spoiled” Bibles. As a small ministry we cannot meet all these requests, especially for requests for more than ten to be sent. We do try to send smaller New Testament Bibles whenever possible. It is wonderful to know that there are people who are clamoring to read, study and learn from God’s way.

Donated material continues to roll in from many sources. Considerable time is spent on the sorting necessary to glean useable material that can be sent overseas due to the high cost of shipping. We are thankful for our volunteer groups who help in the sorting efforts. We covet your prayers.



## Donald & Karen Kilmer

To the Zulus in South Africa

“But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Reaching and teaching children is important. Karen’s Bible club at Fredville is the only teaching these children get from the Bible. Most of them come from broken homes, but that is normal in their community.

If children are not taught God’s truth at an early age it becomes harder to reach them as they get older. Most Zulu children are brought up to believe that the ancestors are the ones who control their lives.

The children are so amazed to hear how people in the Bible lived and how God helped them. They learn that sin was a problem for people then as it is now. They learn that God made a way to forgive sin through Jesus. In the Old Testament time they killed animals at the tabernacle and temple, but today we look to Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, Who died for our sins and rose again.

There was a wonderful blessing recently when I met a young man at the local grocery store. Those of you that have followed our ministry for many years will remember that Karen used to run a pre-school on a sugar cane farm. Luyanda (lou-yand’-uh) was one of Auntie Karen’s pre-school children. He is now out of school and working. He said he is walking with Jesus. This is largely due to the foundation he was given at pre-school. Praise God for the privilege of ministering to children, and for those like Luyanda who are still walking with the Lord.

It is good to thank God for the good things we have. You should even thank God for the house you live in. Some people are homeless and don’t have houses to live in and others live in shacks. Here in South Africa some of the Zulu people live in tin shacks.

One area where we go visiting to tell people about Jesus is a place that means “live well”, but most people there don’t live very well. We are glad we can tell them about a beautiful home in heaven for all those who believe in Jesus and accept Him as their Savior.

Please pray that people will see that they need a home in heaven more than a nice home on earth. Thank you for praying for us.

## Military Evangelism

Jacksonville, NC

When God sent Sgt. Marcus Lanier, one of our faithful regulars, to San Diego for training and a new MOS, the very next week a new visitor came to the Center and stayed. Austin is a young Marine from Texas and loves the fellowship at the Center and attends every service now.

I held a special “Lion’s Den” service one Friday night. Instead of a Bible Study, I opened the service up to any Bible question the Marines had. We sat at the dinner table from 7:30 to nearly 11:00 answering questions and searching the Scriptures. Questions abounded about eternal security, the end times, and what God requires of us. It was a wonderful time!

Recently we took a group of our Marines to the chapel at the MSCS New River to support the planting of a new church service designed to reach out to single Marines on the bases around Jacksonville.

Fast forward two weeks and Pastor Ken Cruz brought nine of his Marines out to the Center for our Friday night service! Having 28 in the service that night was God’s gift!

## Please Remember Our

## Retired Missionaries

Glenn & Cheryl Hilt  
Miriam Rocker  
Len Smith  
Emma Turner

Pray that they will find fulfillment in serving the Lord in many various ways in their later years.

# Peter & Rosa Pinyol

Castellbisbal, Spain

## Mini Camp: Space Camp

The Lord poured abundant blessings as 32 children and 11 adults filled up our church building into a mini camp where we learned about the creation of the universe and stars. The greatest blessing was to see our young people and my own children serve by taking leadership. We now see the results of years spent in preparing the next generation to serve the Lord in the ministry of reaching children with the Gospel.

## Bible Institute

The Bible Foundation (our Bible Institute) has been a blessing. We have received many more students than previous years. To see this group of hungry students learn the Word and desire to serve the Lord has been of great comfort and blessing. This course is very special for us as we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first course.

We have initiated a new program called EMOL Distance Education (Ministerial School On-line). For years I have received many requests from brothers outside of Spain who wanted to follow our classes over the internet. Last year the Lord allowed me to do a course called "Masters On-line". I learned there how to apply many different skills of teaching that have been very handy for this new ministry.

## Evangelizing Tarragona

We have been able to continue evangelizing the city of Tarragona. We used Gospel tracts to cover the upper area of the city. I'm still holding meetings at the University campus and talking to different people there. My prayer is that the Lord will provide a place to meet, that God would open the door and continue to guide us in his perfect will.

## Internet Availability

You may follow us:  
in our Facebook (Peter Pinyol),  
in Youtube (Fundacionbib and pray4spain),  
in Instagram (Peter Pinyol),  
in blogger (the Pinyol Family and pray4spain).  
We want to be in touch and make you a partner in our service to the Lord in Spain.

## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

### Church Banquet

As always, there was an abundance of good food which was served family style. We thank Buck and Cindy Smith for preparing a home-style meal including a variety of desserts.

It was so enjoyable to sit around the table with the festive decorations, and fellowship as we celebrated Christ's birth.

We had the privilege of special music by the Wertz children as they played the handbells.

The speaker was Pastor Andy Hawes of Temple Bible Church. His challenge to us was to not be like Zacharias and doubt God's word when he was told of the birth of John the Baptist, but to be like Mary and willingly be God's servant and accept whatever He brings into our lives.

### Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins

The homeschool group brought joy and Christmas cheer to some of our church shut-ins as they dropped in and sang Christmas carol favorites to those who can't get out and enjoy the season as we can. They visited some nursing homes and some private homes. In the nursing homes there are other people who can hear the carols being sung, and it is a blessing to them as well. The older people especially love to see the children.

The homeschoolers made homemade Christmas cards to send to the shut-ins they didn't get to carol to, and each of the children signed their names to the cards before being mailed.

The Wertz family also did some caroling on their own at another time to some of the shut-ins, and took their handbells along to play a song for them.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

It was a lovely evening with musical specials on the piano, flute, cello and various groups singing. The congregation also enjoyed singing many of the favorite Christmas carols, and then Pastor Moss gave a Christmas message. The evening was concluded with each person in attendance having a candle of their own. The lights were turned off and only one candle was lit. From that one candle a few more were lit by the teens. Then the teens went down the rows and lit one more at the end of each pew. The candle at the end of the pew was used to light the other candles in the row one by one, till all the candles were lit. What a great illustration of how much brighter our world would be if we each let our lights shine.

## Sunday School Class Christmas Program

**Preschool** - These little 2 - 5 year olds amazingly had memorized and quoted all of Psalm 23 in addition to Matthew 1:21 which tells about His name being "Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins". They also enjoyed doing a finger play about Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem and Jesus being born in a manger. They sang a few songs. Some were especially for Christmas and some were ones they had been singing that quarter in class.

**Primaries** - The 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders went back and forth between them quoting Psalm 34:1-13 that they had memorized. What a joy to hear these young elementary aged children quoting these 13 verses about the goodness of the Lord. Then Esther Wertz continued quoting the next verses up through verse 19 that she had learned in addition to the others.

**Juniors** - The 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders appropriately memorized Luke 2:1-16 about Jesus birth and the announcement to the shepherds, in time to be able to recite it for the Christmas program. They also had a bag with a secret element inside with clues to guess what it was. The clues were four Bible stories they had in class that involved water. Inside the bag was a bottle of water.

## Adult Christmas Program

On December 18 during the morning worship service the adults presented us with a variety of music along with narration. The theme was "Maranatha, the Lord is Come", and then the Pastor's message was entitled, "As Sure as He Came, Jesus is Coming Again". Both the cantata and the Bible message reminded us that God kept His promise in sending the Savior the first time, and He will keep his promise that He will come again. What a glorious hope we have of His return.

Luke 2:7 "And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger..."

John 14: 3 "...I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

## Spotlight on Tracts

"Are there really three things that God cannot do?"

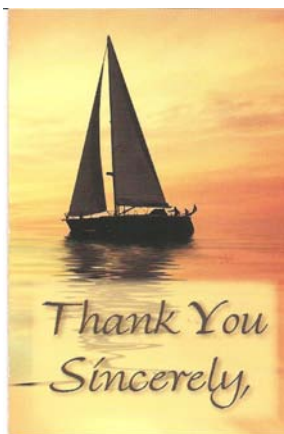


Can't God do everything?

Let's take a look at God's own Word to see what He Himself tells us.

1. God cannot lie.
2. God cannot change.
3. God cannot allow sinners into Heaven."

The title of this tract creates curiosity since we usually think that God can do anything. Keep it handy to give out to cashiers, waitresses, bank tellers, etc. and let God speak for Himself through His Word.



"We so often do not express our appreciation for excellent service.

In fact, the greatest service ever rendered to mankind is frequently overlooked.

The Lord Jesus Christ paid our sin debt for us.

Have you taken time to appreciate His excellent service?"

This is a handy tract to leave with a tip at a restaurant or any where else that someone gives you good service. This little tract has the name and address of our church stamped on it along with the pastor's phone number and the times of our services, making it easy for you to also invite the recipient to come to church.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Joyce Moss*

The Preschool class learned Psalm 23, a favorite of many. They learned about how a shepherd takes care of his sheep, and how Jesus is our Shepherd and takes care of us. Our recent Bible stories had a lot of shepherds in them: Jacob, Joseph, and David the most famous of all. David enjoyed playing his harp and making up songs about his Shepherd. In fact, that is how we got Psalm 23; because David wrote it. The children enjoy singing "Only a Boy Named David". A wolf puppet came out each week and talked about how he would like one of David's sheep for dinner, but David was a good shepherd and protected his sheep. They sang a song with the wolf about David watching his father's sheep, playing a harp, and talking to God.

As the Christmas season approached there were some special things they learned for the Christmas program. It is amazing how much preschoolers can learn. It is good to get this spiritual learning into their hearts and minds at an early age. At our Christmas program practice and party the children made a craft with a shepherds staff about Psalm 23. They enjoyed singing Happy Birthday to Jesus with a cupcake and a lit candle in front of them. It was fun to blow the candles out, and of course, eat the cake too.

## Primaries

*taught by Buck & Cindy Smith*

The Primary class is finishing their study on the Life of David. With the beginning of the new year we will be ready to begin new lessons and they will have to do with Beginnings: Creation.

David and Esther Wertz have completed their memorization of Psalm 34:1-13. Taryne Knuth has memorized verses 1-4 and 2 other verses in the passage. This passage went well with our study on David. David needed to continually be reminded to trust God and go to him before attempting to do things his way and not seeking God first. They will recite

these verses for the program in December. The class will also sing songs expressing the importance of God's Word, looking to him in their day to day walk and living in a way that reflects Christ bringing glory to him.

## Juniors

*taught by Gerald & Darcy. Cook*

As we have been studying the ministry of Christ, our lessons have focused on people whose lives were forever impacted by their meeting with Christ. The disciples lives were forever changed as they left all to follow Christ. Wedding guests got to experience Jesus' ability to control nature. Four men took their sick friend to see Jesus, and he was forgiven and healed. The money changers learned that Jesus wouldn't tolerate their cheating the people and disgracing the temple. Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and left with words that would change his life and the lives of millions of people through the ages. And a Samaritan woman met the Master at a well and left with living water. Now we have joined the millions who have met the Saviour and had our lives forever changed.

Our memory verses for this quarter were Luke 2:1-16 and we are glad to report that Shawn Smith, Hannah Wertz, Grace Balcom, and Rebecca Wertz were all able to quote them.

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This fall, it has been encouraging to see the enthusiasm that the children in Master Clubs have at being used of God. Throughout the month of November the Ambassador class has been learning how to teach a Bible story. One week in December the excitement level was extra high. The children brought their visual aids as Rebecca Wertz taught the class about the 7 days of Creation; Hannah Wertz taught the story of Hannah praying for a son; Grace Balcom taught the story of David defeating Goliath; Hannah Geiselman taught about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace; and Shawn Smith taught about Daniel in the Lion's Den.

Please pray that the children would continue to be excited about serving the Lord.





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## QUIZZING

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

Philippians is a great book to learn and study in depth as the teens are doing this year. Our key verse for the year is Philippians 4:4 *"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice"*. This verse is easy to say, but harder to put into practice than you might think. However, in chapter one we see that Paul rejoiced even while he was in bonds for Christ. And when others preached Christ even of envy and strife in an effort to make things even worse for Paul, he rejoiced that Christ was preached. What a great example for us to follow, and learn to rejoice even when negative things happen.

On January 8<sup>th</sup> in the evening service we will have our quiz demonstration to help get the quizzers ready for the competitions to come, and to give the congregation an idea of what is done in our quizzing events. Our competitions with other churches begin on January 22, then again on February 26 and March 26.

Please pray for the teens as they study and memorize the material for quizzing, that it will not just be head knowledge, but that it will become a part of their daily lives.



## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

In October, the homeschool class went to Brown's Orchard for a field trip. Brown's Orchard gave the children a tour of the place and talked about their farm. After the field trip, they gave us cold apple cider to drink and apples to take along for apple sauce making. We decided to have all the children make apple sauce at the church during our class time in October. Each class took a turn helping with washing, cutting, and grinding the apples. After cooking and grinding they were put in jars for each family to take home.

Also in October, the primaries learned about the 2nd day of creation, God dividing the waters, the atmosphere, clouds, and wind and also tied in the Wright brothers, since they were learning about air. They made a paper airplane and one out of craft sticks. In November, they learned about the 3rd day of creation and plants. They learned about farmers and how things are grown. For a craft, they made a fall wreath with leaves and also made a cornucopia with a variety of foods. Gym involved some stretching exercises and various games, such as dodge ball and duck-duck goose.

The Middle class is continuing to study the seven continents and oceans. In October we discussed what they had learned in the mission's conference about Spain and Hong Kong and learned all the ocean names. We spent some time learning how to draw some Asian animals, and even had time for some review games. The children are really enjoying the giant map of the world Mr. Smith made them. In November, we played a game as we learned about topographic maps and studied the different terrain of South America.

This year the Teen group is studying various areas of science (Chemistry, Biology, Creation science, Environmental and "Gross" sciences). In the October class the teens learned about States of matter and then worked in groups to demonstrate various experiments pertaining to gases, liquids and solids.

In the November class, the students were divided into groups to begin collecting and writing notes for their assigned project fair topics related to our topic of study this year (Vocabulary /Experiments/Famous Scientists). Proper use and handling of microscopes was introduced and the students had time to practice learning to focus on specimens.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### January

8	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
12	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
14	Teen Pizza Party	
16	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
17	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
18	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
22	Congregational Meeting	12:30
22	Teen Bible Quiz Competition	2-4 PM
24	Homeschool Activity	



### February

9	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
15	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
18	Teens Snow Tubing	
19	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
20	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
21	Homeschool Activity	
21	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
26	Teen Bible Quiz Competition	2-4 PM



### March

9	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
12	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
15	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
18	Teen Ice Cream Party	
20	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
21	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
23	Homeschool Field Trip	
26	Teen Bible Quiz Competition	2-4 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 public schools

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

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

Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC  
Bible Studies on base

### February

Friends of Israel  
Two Prophecy Conferences

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

Moss, Sam & Nicole - Uganda, East Africa  
Bible Translation Project

Perrotts, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong  
Panda Project with church leaders coming for a week of intensive Bible study and family camp

### March

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

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

Friends of Israel  
Speaking at Purim Celebration

Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines  
Bible Translation Project

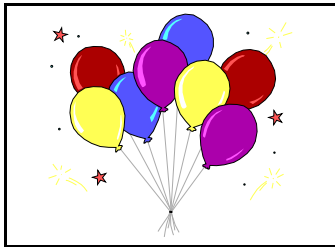
Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain  
Literature Ministry

Remember  
to Pray  
for Your  
Missionaries





**Church Family News**



**Happy Birthday**

**January**

- 9 - Jim Beath
- 9 - Josiah Krape
- 15 - Cindy 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 - **Nicole Moss**
- 9 - **Samuel Moss**
- 10 - Kevin Boyer
- 10 - Pamela Grove
- 11 - Barry Shelly
- 14 - Richard Fetrow Jr.



- 14 - Jonathan Kanost
- 15 - Sonja Breneman
- 15 - Roy Morrow
- 16 - Jennifer 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**
- 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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**Email Address Change**

For our Missionary Moises and Rosa Campos - Please change their email address to: [moises@evangelio.eu](mailto:moises@evangelio.eu)

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Dentist's Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Weatherman's Hymn: *There Shall be Showers of Blessing*  
Contractor's Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*  
Politician's Hymn: *Standing on the Promises*  
Optometrist's Hymn: *Open My Eyes that I Might See*  
Golfer's Hymn: *There's A Green Hill Far Away*  
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**Remember Our Shut-ins**

Lorraine Beath, Mary Cole, Jeannie Geesey, Marlene Gladfelter, Pam Grove, Shigeko Hall, Gloria Hevner, Olivia Kauffman, Reba Moose, Susan Peters, Linda Spahr, Reg & Ina Stelfox

# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

## Christmas Banquet



Cindy and Buck Smith made the meal and decorated the tables.



Enjoying visiting with each other as they arrive.



Singing the familiar Christmas carols together.



Special music and  
a message from God's Word.





# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



Preschoolers making a Christmas wreath with figures from the nativity.



Christmas caroling to the shut-ins.

Homeschoolers signed home-made cards and mailed them to the shut-ins they didn't carol to.



Junior Choir singing a song about the animals in the barn and their gifts to the baby Jesus, and ending with the question:  
“What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I'd give Him a lamb.  
If I were a Wiseman I'd do my part.  
What can I give Him?  
I'll give Him my heart!”

# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Children's Program



Preschoolers quoted  
Psalm 23 and  
Matthew 1:21



Primaries quoted  
Psalm 34:1-13



Juniors quoted Luke 2:1-16



All the departments together sang  
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"  
with the choirchimes accompanying them.



# HOMESCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Making applesauce together. YUM!



Gym class outside. RUN!