

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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Theme for 2019

The Mind of a Servant



Philippians 2:5-7

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Isaiah saw the glory of Christ when he saw the LORD sitting upon a throne high and lifted up (John 12:39-41; Isaiah 6:1-10). This is why we know that Jesus was perfectly justified in thinking that it was not robbery to be equal with God. He was in the form of God, of the very essence of God, and an equal member of the Triune Godhead (Colossians 2:9).

This is what makes it so remarkable that Jesus was willing to take upon Him the form of a servant. While on earth, He told His disciples that if you want to be great, you have to be a servant.

Mark 10:43-44

43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:


44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

Jesus set the standard for this in what He did in coming to earth and gave Himself as a sacrifice to save mankind from their sins.

Mark 10:45

45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The Gospel of Mark is often described as the Gospel that show Christ as a servant. This year we are going to be studying the Gospel of Mark (and a few other passages of Scripture) and observe Jesus Christ's testimony of being a servant.

According to Philippians 2:5, there was a mind in Christ Jesus that made it possible for Him to leave the glories of heaven and come to earth to serve mankind. This year, we will seek to understand this mind so that this same servant mind can be in us as well. 

Please View Our Website

Please view some more pictures of our church activities on our website at

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

Congregation Meeting January 27

The annual congregation meeting will be held Sunday, January 27 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 2019.

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 is Saturday, February 16 at 10:00. If the weather is bad we will meet the following Saturday.

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.

Video Bible Classes

Robert Congdon is providing video Bible Classes on the internet. He has invited Pastor Moss to partner with him in this endeavor. For those with low Internet speeds, you can view a low definition signal at <https://youtu.be/YAL6zuSkBOE> and for those wishing high definition video, go to www.CMI-TV.org.

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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Library News

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In the coming weeks, look for two new Jonathan Park Audio Adventures:

THE EXPLORER'S SOCIETY SERIES

The Creation Response Team has been challenged to a "Battle of the Worldviews" on national TV. Their competition is the Explorer's Society - a group of evolutionary scientists who have become famous for their cutting-edge scientific discoveries. Join these two teams as they contend against one another at Niagara Falls, the Canadian wilderness, Mount St. Helens, the freezing arctic of Ellesmere Island, the depths of the sea, and a German dinosaur graveyard! The CD albums in this series include:

Dangerous Falls

Journey Into the Blast Zone

The Arctic Adventure

Finish Strong

THE JOURNEY NEVER TAKEN SERIES

The mysterious appearance of the Polar Star medallion sends the Creation Response Team on a scavenger hunt unlike any other. Join Jonathan, Jessie, and the CRT as they uncover the true history of Charles Darwin and his colleagues, all while pursuing cryptic clues around the globe in search of a promised treasure! The CD albums in this series include:

The Mystery of the Polar Star

Trail of Clues

The Search for the Beagle

Hunt for the Priceless Treasure

Also being added to the library are two new books from THE IMAGINATION STATION series. Join cousins, Patrick and Beth, as they travel to Japan and New York City back in 1923.

Inferno in Tokyo

Madman in Manhattan

THE DAY OF THE LORD

Introduction

In the last article, we connected the 70th Week of Daniel's prophecy with the Tribulation Period of the end times. Both of these events last for seven years. Both of them place the abomination of desolation at their mid point. Both of these events happen at the same time.

The events of the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy are all about Israel. Zechariah describes it as a time of purging for the nation.

Zechariah 13:8-9

8 *And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.*

9 *And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.*

The events of the Tribulation period of the end times include all the events of the 70th week of Daniel as well as events that effect the entire world. Revelation 3:10 describes it as *an hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world.*

So there is the 70th Week of Daniel's prophecy. There is the Tribulation period to come upon the whole world in the end times. AND NOW – we come in our study to the term **“the Day of the Lord.”**

“The Day of the Lord” is a term we often hear used in the context of the end times and particularly in relationship to the Tribulation period, or the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy. What is the Day of the Lord?

How does it relate to the end times?

What does it tell us about the Tribulation?

What does it tell us about the timing of the Rapture?

The term “The Day of the Lord” is used alone 23 times in Scripture. Twice, 2 of those appearances are in the same verse. So there are 21 different verses in the Bible where the term “the Day of the Lord” appears.

The term “The Day of the Lord” also appears 6 other times with the qualifiers of “anger”, “wrath”, “vengeance”, or “sacrifice”.

Isaiah 34:8

8 *For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.*

Lamentations 2:22

22 *Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about, so that in the day of the LORD'S anger none escaped nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.*

Zephaniah 1:8

8 *And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.*

Zephaniah 1:18

18 *Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.*

What we will find is that this is the particular characterization of all of the uses of the term “the Day of the Lord.”

I. THE DAY OF THE LORD IS A DAY OF GOD'S ANGER, WRATH, AND VENGEANCE.

A. Consider Isaiah's description.

Isaiah 13:6-13

6 *Howl ye; for **the day of the LORD is at hand**; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.*

7 *Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:*

8 *And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.*

9 *Behold, **the day of the LORD cometh**, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.*

10 *For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.*

11 *And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the*

arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

B. There is not one reference to the Day of the Lord that is positive or pleasant. The following references are typical.

Joel 1:15

15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joel 2:11

11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Amos 5:18-20

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

This is extremely important. The Day of the Lord is all about **GOD'S** wrath, **GOD'S** anger, **GOD'S** vengeance, and **GOD'S** indignation.

II. THERE IS MORE THAN ONE DAY OF THE LORD.

A. Jeremiah relates the Day of the Lord to a specific historical event in which Nebuchadnezzar was used by God to judge Pharaohnecho of Egypt.

Jeremiah 46:1-14

1 The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles;

2 Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaohnecho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, and put on the brigandines.

5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed and turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: for fear was round about, saith the LORD.

6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

7 Who is this that cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

8 Egypt riseth up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, and will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians, that handle and bend the bow.

*10 For **this is the day of the Lord GOD** of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.*

13 The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.

Compare 2 Kings 24:7

7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

Context is extremely important in interpreting Scripture. When we talk about the Day of the Lord, we must be sure that we are properly representing the context. The fact that the term "the Day of the LORD" is applied to an event in which one Gentile group fights against another Gentile group indicates that God at times uses unbelievers to inflict His wrath and indignation on people.

B. Isaiah relates the Day of the Lord to the Tribulation.

Isaiah 2:10-21

10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

11 *The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*

12 For **the day of the LORD** of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

17 *And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*

19 *And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.*

20 *In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;*

21 *To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.*

Compare Revelation 6:12-17

12 *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;*

15 *And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;*

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:*

17 *For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

Isaiah 2:17-20

19 *And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.*

20 *In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;*

- B. The day of God
2 Peter 3:12
- C. The day of visitation
Isaiah 10:3
1 Peter 2:12
- D. The day of His fierce anger
Isaiah 13:13
- E. The day of evil
Jeremiah 17:17-18
- F. A day of trouble
Isaiah 22:5
Zephaniah 1:15
- G. A day of wrath
Ezekiel 7:19
- H. The day of indignation
Ezekiel 22:24
- I. Jacob's trouble
Jeremiah 30:7

Once again, this is extremely important. The Day of the Lord is all about **GOD'S** wrath, **GOD'S** anger, **GOD'** vengeance, and **GOD'S** indignation.

IV. THE TIMING OF THE DAY OF THE LORD IN THE END TIMES.

The Day of the Lord in the end times comes as a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

1 *But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.*

2 *For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*

3 *For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

III. THERE ARE OTHER TERMS THAT MAY REFER TO THE SAME EVENTS AS THE DAY OF THE LORD.

A. That Day

This term appears in 219 verses of Scripture. Not all of these references are prophetic. Some, however, are prophetic. Consider the passage we looked at in Isaiah chapter 2

1. How does a thief come? Is there any notification whatsoever that a thief is coming? Do they call ahead and tell you they are coming? Is there any preparation they make that is visible to you? **NO!** A thief's arrival is completely unexpected. A thief's arrival is a total surprise. A thief's arrival is sudden and shocking.

2. How does the Day of the Lord come as a thief? It comes without any notification. It comes without any means of preparing for it. It is completely unexpected. It is a total surprise to the entire world. It comes suddenly and shocks the world.

1 Thessalonians 5:3

*3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then **sudden destruction** cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

Sudden = Unexpected, Unforseen
Destruction = Ruin resulting in death

3. What event brings the Day of the Lord as a thief? It has to be an event that is totally unexpected. It has to be an event for which there can be no preparation by the world. It has to be an event which **SUDDENLY** brings destruction on the world.

Thus, the beginning of the Day of the Lord in the end times cannot begin exactly at the same time as the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy **because**, the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy is the signing of the covenant between the Antichrist and Israel. This is not the kind of sudden event that will bring sudden destruction in the world. In fact, this covenant will be a peace agreement between the Antichrist and Israel that is supposed to last 7 years. (It will only last three and a half years because in the mid-point, the Antichrist will break the covenant and seek to annihilate Israel.) A peace agreement between parties is not anything like a thief in the night.

Would this mean that the first half of the 70th week of Daniel and the Tribulation are NOT part of the "Day of the LORD"? If the first half of the Tribulation is not part of the Day of the Lord, what event in the middle of the Tribulation or beyond would come on the world as a thief? The major event in the mid-point of the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy and the Tribulation is the abomination of desolation which is not committed by God, but Satan. It is not perpetrated upon the whole

world, but only upon Israel. Besides too many things will have transpired on earth already so that **SUDDEN DESTRUCTION** will not be possible at the mid-point of Tribulation. More destruction, yes. But not **SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED, THIEF LIKE DESTRUCTION**.

If you are going to say, as some do, that God's wrath is not part of the first half of the Tribulation, then you cannot say the first half of the Tribulation is part of the Day of the Lord. **Because:** The Day of the Lord is all about **GOD'S** wrath, **GOD'S** anger, **GOD'S** vengeance, and **GOD'S** indignation. The Day of the **LORD**, after all, the day of the **LORD!**

The only event that will come upon the whole world without any notification, without any means of preparation, completely and unexpectedly as a total surprise to the world that will cause sudden destruction and chaos on the earth is the Rapture. The Rapture is discussed in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 immediately preceding the statement about the day of the LORD in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3. 1 Corinthians 15:52 tells us the Rapture will happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye (one third of a second). That is about as sudden as it can get. And the immediate and sudden removal of potentially hundreds of millions of people from the earth will cause such sudden destruction on the earth that we cannot even imagine it. The only reasonable conclusion is that the Rapture is the event that initiates the Day of the Lord upon the earth. The Day of the Lord is more than just the 70th week of Daniel, or the Tribulation period, but includes all of the events on earth from immediately after the Rapture of the Church to the beginning of the Millennial kingdom.

V. THE NATURE OF THE DAY OF THE LORD.

A. The Day of the Lord begins similar to the first labor pain of a woman with child.

1 Thessalonians 1:3

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

God uses the first labor pain of a woman with child to illustrate the suddenness of the beginning of the day of the Lord. God uses the labor pains of a woman with child to illustrate the nature of the events in the Tribulation period.

B. Thus Jesus characterized the first half of the Tribulation as the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:8

8 **All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

Beginning = The first in a series

Sorrows = the pain of childbirth, travail pain, birth pangs

In that the word “sorrows” is plural this is referring to more than just the very first labor pain, but the early labor pains that are a little less frequent and a little less intense. The very first labor pain is similar to the sudden beginning of the “Day of the LORD”. The early labor pains are similar to the events of the first half of the Tribulation period.

C. The Day of the LORD is characterized by the final birth pangs at the time of delivering a child.

Isaiah 26:17

17 *Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.*

The later and more intense labor pains will be similar to the events of the second half of the Tribulation period and the latter part of the “Day of the Lord”. In light of this, the second half of the Tribulation is described as the GREAT tribulation.

Matthew 24:21

21 *For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

Compare Joel 2:31, Acts 2:20, Malachi 4:5

Conclusion

The Day of the Lord is all about **GOD’S** wrath, **GOD’S** anger, **GOD’S** vengeance, and **GOD’S** indignation. The Day of the Lord in the end times will include the sudden destruction that will come on the world as a result of the Rapture, the events that will take place between the Rapture and the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel’s prophecy, (which includes the invasion of Israel described in Ezekiel 38 and 39), and it will include the entire Tribulation period including the battle of Armageddon.

The wonderful thing is that the coming of the “Day of the LORD” will not surprise us who are in Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:

4 *But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.*

5 *Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.*

6 *Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.*

7 *For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.*

8 *But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*

9 *For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,*

10 *Who died for us, that, whether we*

wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

Verse 10 is the key to understanding the intent of verses 4-9. With the statement of “whether we wake or sleep”, God directly connects all of this in chapter 5 with the description of the Rapture in chapter 4.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

13 *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are **asleep**, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

14 *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which **sleep** in Jesus will God bring with him.*

15 *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are **alive and remain** [wake] unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are **asleep**.*

16 *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the **dead in Christ** shall rise first:*

17 *Then we which are **alive and remain** [wake] **shall be caught up together with them** [sleep] in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: **and so shall we ever be with the Lord.***

The Rapture event will initiate the Day of the LORD in the end times. **Praise God, that we will be delivered from it.** 📖

Missionary News



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

Military Evangelism

Jacksonville, NC

Please be in prayer for many of our Marines who have left for deployments and Duty Station Changes. Several have also finished their time in the Marine Corp. It is our prayer for them to get plugged into a ministry where they will continue to grow in the Lord while serving our country all over the world.

We are getting closer to our goal to build an addition connecting our buildings. I have met with the architect and we are on track for the zoning and permits we will need to start construction. Our goal is to break ground the first of the year. We are trusting God that He will provide the financial need before we break ground. Our troops are excited at the prospect of our expansion. They are already volunteering to help.

I am searching for a General Contractor with a North Carolina license who will work with us and our budget. Pray with us that we find the right man. We will be issuing the call for work teams to come down and help us build.

We have had dozens attending our Dinner/Bible Studies every week. The spiritual hunger and growth among our men is amazing. Weekly they come in telling of how they are sharing the Good News with their fellow Marines. While we continue our outreach, we look forward to reaching more Marines and Naval Corpsmen with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Roger & Nola Perrott

Hong Kong

Thank you so much for praying for us. We need God's wisdom and power so much. We realize that more all the time. Our container arrived from the USA the week before the typhoon, so we had to scurry to get everything in the house. We brought things to use in church when we can rent a place, but we couldn't do that yet, so Nola had to get really creative with finding ways to store everything. Because houses here have no closets or storage space, we really need to get a storage shed.

A good friend in Hong Kong invited us to meet a business man friend. This man is a Christian and wanted to help in our planning. He agreed to seek places where we could start a church and teach English. We want to investigate every possibility, so we can then pray for clear guidance. We met a new young missionary who wants to help us with evangelism. Perhaps he can work together with Jonathan and me to start more than one church, or perhaps the Lord will provide more workers. Another church also offered to help us evangelize. What a blessing friends are in the Lord's work!

We have contact with a man who works in the best translation company in Hong Kong that can perhaps help us to translate the two discipleship books we will use. Perhaps he can also translate our website.

We will be visiting or leading Bible studies at least 20 hours a week. Pray for several old friends we have had contact with who still are not saved. Pray also for all our new neighbors and new contacts as we witness to them. Pray for the Lord to quickly open hearts. Pray for the power of the Spirit for us. Thanks so much.

Moises & Rosa Campos

Castellar, Spain

Greetings from Castellar. We've had opportunities to minister in various areas with camps, teaching regular Bible studies in our church and hosting many people in our home. Here are some prayer requests regarding our ministry:

- **Wisdom, boldness and discernment** in our conversations with unbelievers. We can feel a constant spiritual coldness and apathy any time that we tell others about our faith. Rosa is working a few hours in a school as an English teacher, but she is not allowed to talk about God with the children, although all the teachers know about her faith. Pray that some doors will be opened to be able to have meaningful conversations.

- **Bible studies** with Diego, a young man with a strong desire to be in the ministry. He drives one hour on his day off to sit for three hours and study the Bible with Moises.

Marcos is a 27 year old young man who is beginning to come out of drugs after some years of deep involvement. His parents are believers and he has heard the Gospel his whole life, but he has difficulties understanding basic truths. Moises has begun to meet with him to learn to "Walk and Talk".

- **Teen Meetings** are every last Saturday of the month at our church. It's an interesting group (some from our church, some from other churches, some unbelievers), but they seem to enjoy being together. Alfredo and Arantxa are ministering with them. While the teen meeting is going on, we are meeting with their parents in our home. Recently the topic we talked with the parents about was "Being Parents of A Teenager: time of opportunity or frustration?" We pray that God will use these times to be a blessing both for the teens and the adults.

Pray for our little congregation to grow numerically and spiritually.

Marc & Judie Blackwell

Capetown, South Africa

"Anywhere - so long as it is FORWARD". These words represent the theme of famed missionary, Dr. David Livingstone. We join in this timeless and highly motivational goal as we look forward to our future service for the Lord Jesus Christ and His church.

As church planters we are committed to evangelism, discipleship, biblical counseling, leadership training, and encouraging understanding of the end times and its challenges that we all face. We are thankful to minister as church planting evangelists or 'missionaries' that serve the Lord, and represent our supporting local churches.

Our ministry is now increasingly one of support, counsel, encouragement, and preaching around End-Times Themes and Biblical Distinctiveness. All of this is on a weekly basis among our nine more mature congregations. We also assist (behind-the-scenes or by pulpit supply) with the most active Cape Church-Planters. Marc is also teaching two or three 10 week courses, and some Modular Courses in the three regional Bible Institutes in Durbanville, Blue Downs and Paarl.

Please pray for our youtube ministry entitled *Conversations of Faith from 2nd Corinthians* and *A Conversation from the Gospel of John*.

We invite you to pray once a week for these current requests:

Week 1 - Preaching and outreach efforts in support of a new church plant.

Week 2 - Church Ministry Institute. Teaching and writing new course material.

Week 3 - Judie's music ministry and ministry of encouraging ladies.

Week 4 - Herald of Hope literature, and seminars in local churches.

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 chicken breast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and fruit cup along with cobbler and ice cream for dessert.

It was so enjoyable to sit around the table with the festive decorations that Gerald and Darcy Cook and Laura created, and fellowship as we celebrated Christ's birth. Each place setting had a candy cane and a fill in the blank Christmas Carol game.

We had the privilege of special music by the Wertz family. All joined in singing several Christmas carols.

Pastor Moss read the story "The Gift of the Magi". He then spoke about how the Christmas spirit is in our willingness to sacrifice for others like Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice for us.

Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins

The homeschool group and some senior citizens 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. 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.

Sunday School Class Christmas Program

For our children's program the children present things they have been learning in class since September. Some of the verses and songs presented

had to do with Christmas and some did not.

It is always a pleasure to see and hear what they have been learning in class. Each department participated separately, and then for the conclusion of the program all the departments sang together, "Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel".

Preschool

These little 2 to 5 year olds amazingly had memorized and quoted all of Psalm 23, a favorite of many, in addition to Luke 2:11 which tells that a Savior was born in the City of David. They also quoted a poem about the Babe that was born in Bethlehem. How glad we are that He came as a baby so long ago. They sang a couple songs they had learned the past few months in class and some Christmas songs also.

Primaries

The 1st - 3rd graders had memorized Psalm 121 verses 1 through 8 and quoted it.

They chose to act out the story of Moses in Egypt and the plagues that God brought upon the land as Pharaoh hardened his heart. This was one of the lessons they had this past quarter that had an impact on them. Daniel played the part of Moses. Luke played the part of Pharaoh. Esther and Hope played the part of the Egyptians. The costumes that Mrs. Smith made for this were very realistic.

They included the water turning to blood, the plague of frogs, and went on depicting each of the plagues and showing what a mighty God we have!

They also sang a few songs they had learned in their Sunday School class.

Juniors

The 4th - 6th graders did their part of the program with Shawn and David doing a news program about the things they learned in class.

Weather - God sent a storm during the battle with Deborah, Barak, and Sisera.

Sports - Samson's athletic feats...carrying the gate, tying the foxes tails, and "fencing" with the jawbone of the donkey.

Entertainment - the book of Ruth. Together they quoted I Corinthians 13.

This Day in History - they acted out when God called Samuel, and he thought it was Eli.

Past Headline - Saul became the first king of Israel.

Breaking News - David kills Goliath.

Traffic alert - the Valley of Elah, because the Israelite army is pursuing the Philistines.

Community news - David and Shawn have been asked to sing at the victory party that night. (The boys sang two songs about David in the Old Testament.)

See pictures on page 17.

Adult Christmas Program

On December 16 during the morning worship service the adults presented us with a variety of music along with narration.

We were blessed with a flute and a cello number, then after two songs by the congregation, the narration began and was then interspersed with songs by the choir, solos and duets, and one song by the Junior Choir. It followed the story starting with His name being Immanuel; to the weary travelers; to the night when the Holy Child, the King of Kings was born. It continued with the angel's pronouncement to the shepherds, and at the end included Simeon in the temple, and the visit by the Wisemen. Marietta Wertz did a remarkable job as she accompanied all of it on the piano.

The message by Pastor Moss entitled "Whosoever" emphasized how God loved the world by giving His Son for all. Whosoever is all inclusive. He came for the religious like Zacharias, the young singles like Mary, the skilled carpenters like Joseph, the rulers like Herod and Caesar, the business man like the innkeeper, the outdoors men and those on night shift like the shepherds, the elderly like Simeon and Anna, troubled people like all Jerusalem, hypocrites like the Chief Priests, the wealthy and highly educated like the Wisemen, and all who are willing to hear. And that includes you too.

Christmas Eve Candelight Service

It was a lovely evening with musical specials by children, teens and young adults on the piano, flute, violin, choirchimes, and various groups singing. Children read the narration and some of them dressed up to represent the part that was being narrated. The congregation also enjoyed singing several of the favorite Christmas carols. It was a pleasure to have the Christmas message delivered by our missionary, Donald Kilmer, who had just arrived from South Africa to the States for furlough.

The evening was concluded with each person in attendance having a candle of their own. The lights were turned off and only the light of the candles shone. What a great illustration of how much brighter our world would be if we each let our lights shine for the Lord.

Spotlight on Tracts

Mark tells a story about four friends who brought their friend to Jesus. He couldn't walk, so they carried him on a stretcher. When they got to the house where Jesus was teaching, they couldn't get near the door because of the crowd. So they climbed onto the roof, hoisted their friend up, took the roof apart and lowered their friend on the stretcher in front of Jesus. After meeting Jesus, their friend didn't need the stretcher anymore. Jesus healed him, and he walked out on his own! (Mark 2:1-12)

Common sense would have the friends say to their paralyzed friend; "Sorry, too crowded, we'll have to try some other time." Or; "We'll never get to see Jesus...look at this crowd. Let's go home."

But these friends would not be stopped; they hauled, improvised, lifted, and lowered. And when Jesus was finished, they celebrated.

What are you willing to do to introduce your friend to Jesus? If you met someone in need of Jesus in a mall parking lot, would you give him a tract?

A tract can introduce a reader to Jesus. As with the four friends, you might not have to do anything more than make the introductions. Jesus will take it from there, offering forgiveness, healing and wholeness. All that's left is the celebration.

As with the friends, you many face some obstacles in your ministry; scorn, ridicule, security guards, the expense of tracts and postage. Are you going to let them stop you from introducing people to Jesus?

When you give a tract, you aren't just 'witnessing', you are introducing the reader to Jesus. You are giving him a key that, should he choose to use it, will open the door to abundant life and eventually, heaven. A tract given in love and faith is an immensely powerful and holy tool.

That's why you need to pray about your tract ministry. Pray that the Spirit will guide you to the right person and open the reader's heart to a relationship with Jesus.

Taken from The Tract League



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Joyce Moss

The Preschool class has been learning about shepherds and what they do to care for their sheep. We have learned from Psalm 23, which was the Scripture memory for this last quarter, that Jesus is our good Shepherd and cares for us too. It was exciting to know that Psalm 23 was one of the songs David wrote when he was a shepherd.

The class also learned some Christmas songs, a poem, and a verse to share in the Christmas program.

At the class Christmas party they did some Christmas crafts and then a project to go with our creation series we are doing at the beginning of the year. They took pine cones and smeared them with peanut butter, then rolled them in bird seed, and attached a string to hang on their trees at home. God created birds on day five and now the children can watch the birds come to their pinecone feeders.

Primaries

taught by Buck & Cindy Smith

The primary class is continuing in their study of the Life of Moses. We have begun at the time of Moses birth. We are now up to the point where God has revealed to Moses that he has chosen him to lead his people, the Israelites, to the land of promise.

For the Christmas program the children shared how God used Moses. In contrast they also showed how the Pharaoh of Egypt, refused to hear the Word of God increasing the hardness of his heart.

We want the children to realize the need to have a heart that is tender for God. We want to desire to hear and know God and allow Him to lead in our lives. Unlike Pharaoh, who increasingly hardened his heart and turned from God.

All of the children in class have memorized Psalm 121:1-8. Great job Luke, Daniel, Hope and Esther!

Juniors

taught by Gerald & Darcy Cook

Our Junior class really enjoys doing special things with the Primary class. We met together for the Missions Conference and learned from Mrs. Pat Frey about the various hats she wears at Servant's Heart Camp. The kids made "prayer cabins" to put prayer requests in for our missionaries. We also joined classes for Thanksgiving, where our lesson was a reminder that there must be a receiver of our thanks; which, of course, as Christians is the Lord. Then the kids colored a verse, Psalm 136:1, "Give thanks to the Lord," and put it into a frame, which they decorated.

Our class has finished studying the book of Judges and the reign of Saul and have begun our study of King David. We can learn so much as we study the lives of these people, as we see how they responded to God and how He worked in their lives. We are continually reminded through these lessons of the importance of obedience to God and His Word and work in our lives. Shawn Smith and David Wertz were able to quote I Corinthians 13. Our next memory verses are Matthew 7:15-27.

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

Thanksgiving is a time of year that we pause to give thanks to God for what He has done for us. One of the greatest gifts that we have received is the gift of salvation. In November we spent some time as a group learning about and praying for Child Evangelism Fellowship. We learned to be thankful for the many volunteers that help present this gift to many children.

The children in Master Clubs got to hear part of a missionary story that is being taught in our local public schools during Good News Clubs. Few of our clubbers have ever participated in a Good News Club. We also spent some time creating Wordless Book zipper pulls for CEF to distribute to children.

The Ambassador class has been learning to become godly young men. We looked at one character trait about overcoming the wicked one, which was based upon I John 2:13, 14. We saw that the children knew God, but young men had experience depending on God to overcome their enemies. King David boldly faced Goliath because he had seen God's strength in overcoming the lion and the bear.

We continue to study character traits of godly young men through the life of King David.



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QUIZZING

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

We are excited to be starting our competitions with other churches in January. In order to help prepare for this we will have a quizzing demonstration in our evening service the first Sunday in January at 6:30. Then we will be going to New Bloomfield for competition on January 20th and quizzing on James chapters 1 and 2. In February we will be thrilled to host the competition here at our own church on the 24th and quiz on James chapters 3 and 4. March will take us to Lebanon to compete on James chapters 1 through 5.

We have been going at a steady pace in our Wednesday night practices since September, and focusing on five new verses each week. We have just about made our way through chapter 3 and ready to start on chapter 4. The teens are encouraged to memorize five verses each week, and if they keep up the pace, they too will soon have the first three chapters under their belt and be starting to memorize chapter 4.

We have two teams this year plus a substitute. What a blessing to have teens that are willing to put in the time and effort to be faithful in coming to quiz practice on Wednesday evenings, and to study God's Word on their own at home. Pray for them to be able to make application to their daily lives of the things they are learning in James this year.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

For October the Beginner Class (age 2-7) learned about the American Indians. We talked about some different tribes in North and South America and how they were similar and different. The children made wigwams out of paper. In November, we talked about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving. Our craft was Christmas cards for our Shut-ins.

For the Middle Class, the children have continued to learn terminology in our study of trees to assist with identification which included margins, veinage, leaf arrangement and more. Leaf rubbings were done to clearly visualize parallel, pinnate and palmate veinage. How exciting it was to see their eager faces using the information we had learned to identify a tree leaf using a Tree Key Guide. They have also learned the importance of trees and animals in the balance of nature that God established.

We have been blessed to have Mrs. Smith to do gym classes for the younger classes each month. She comes up with very creative ideas for the little ones and the middle class had a blast playing kick ball in November.

Mrs. Laura Morrow continues to teach the two younger classes a little Sign language each month. After learning how to introduce yourself in October, they learned how to ask a person's name and, "How are you?" in Sign Language. In November, Mrs. Morrow taught the children how to sign their own names and added some verbs to their vocabulary. They practiced the signs for "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" for the Christmas program.

The teen class with Mrs. O'Beary and Mrs. Cook continued to learn about combustion. We talked about the combustion triangle, which are the three things needed for combustion...oxygen, heat, and fuel. We did several demonstrations and experiments. Our first thing we did was light corn chips on fire to show all three things needed for combustion were present. We put candles under different size containers and timed how long it took for the candle to go out. We blew out candles and relit them without touching the wick by lighting the gaseous wax. We gathered carbon dioxide in a jar by combining vinegar and baking soda, and used it to put out a candle. We relit a bamboo stick by putting it in a combination of peroxide and yeast, which produce oxygen. We showed that alcohol is flammable. Then we set fire to a dollar bill, which did not burn because it was covered in alcohol, which absorbs the heat energy before the dollar bill can be consumed. We finished by watching a video on how a combustion engine works.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Up-coming Events for

Our Missionaries



January

6	Bible Quiz Demonstration	6:30 PM
10	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
13	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
16	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
20	Bible Quiz Competition	2:00 PM
24	Homeschool Field Trip	
27	Church Business Meeting	12:05 PM

January

Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa
 Church planting in Durbanville,
 Paarl Valley, Malmesbury, and Tygerberg
 Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
 Good News Clubs for kids in public school
 Friends of Israel
 Annual 'Day in the Prophetic Word'
 Conference
 Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus
 Furlough Ministry
 Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC
 Bible Studies on base
 Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong
 Church Planting & Leadership Training



February

14	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
16	Ladies Missionary Project	10:00 AM
17	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
20	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
24	Bible Quiz Competition	2:00 PM
28	Homeschool Field Trip	

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
 Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong
 Community Tutoring Center helps kids with
 homework and teaches Bible story



March

10	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
14	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
20	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
24	Bible Quiz Competition	2:00 PM
28	Homeschool Field Trip	

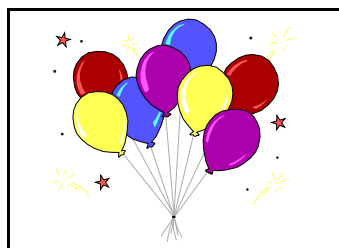
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Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain
 Evangelistic Bible Exhibits in town halls
 Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
 Good News Clubs for kids in public school
 Friends of Israel
 Speaking at Purim Celebration
 Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines
 Bible Translation Project
 Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain
 Two day Mini-Camp

Remember
 to Pray
 for Your
 Missionaries



Church Family News



Happy Birthday

January

- 9 - Jim Beath
- 9 - Josiah Krape
- 15 - Cindy Smith
- 17 - Lorraine Beath
- 18 - **Eunice Livioco**
- 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 - Rachel Hollingshead
- 9 - **Nicole Moss**
- 9 - **Samuel Moss**
- 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



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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Address Change



Furlough Address
 Dec. 2018 - Oct. 2019
 for
 Don & Karen Kilmer
 865 Hill View Road
 York, PA 17406

Phone # 717-371-3357

Congratulations



Jeremiah James Krape was born to Matthew and Rachele Krape on October 25. He was 9 pounds and 20 ½ inches. He joins siblings Josiah and Joel.

Remember Our Shut-ins



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

Junior Choir

Enjoyed singing about the armor of God.



Hope, Elisabeth, Esther,
The belt, the breastplate, and helmet,

Shawn, David, Luke, Daniel
The shoes, the shield, the sword, praying always.



Ready to sing Christmas songs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



The Preschool Class did a creation project of putting peanut butter on pine cones and then rolling them in bird seed to hang in trees at their house so they can watch the birds, that God created, come to their homemade feeders.



The Primary Class acted out the story of the plagues in Egypt. Daniel played the part of Moses, Luke played Pharaoh, Esther and Hope played the part of the Egyptians. They did a great job depicting each of the plagues. What a mighty God we have!



The Juniors, David and Shawn, reviewed the lessons they have been having in class by doing a news cast. They presented us with the weather, traffic alert, sports, this day in history, entertainment, breaking news, past headline, and community news.

The group that went **CHRISTMAS CAROLING** and bringing cheer to some older folks.



The lady in the wheelchair in front is Lorraine Beath who will be 100 years old in January.

Homeschoolers Beginners Group



Showing the wigwams they made.



Story time

ADULT CHRISTMAS CANTATA

