

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The dates for the conference will be September 26-30. Our church picnic will be held Saturday, September 26. The missionaries participating in the conference will be with us for the picnic and introduce themselves to us at that time. We will also have the morning sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday again this year at 10:30 AM; so homeschoolers, you may plan your schedules accordingly for September 28-30. Watch for news about the conference as it develops. The teens have already started on the decorations. The theme this year will be "The Harvest is Plenteous, the Laborers Few." 📖



(Making props for the conference)

Our Church Website

www.northhillsbiblechurch.org

On our church website you can find out all 'about' us: our history, our times of services, our doctrine and convictions, and a link to an explanation of our ministries.

On the 'news' link a calendar of events and announcements are kept current along with a listing of special events.

If you click on the 'Resources' link you will find this issue of *Rejoicing From the Hills* and previous issues with the addition of pictures of our various church activities. It is here too that you will find many of Pastor Moss's writings on a wide variety of Christian interest topics available for online reading and download. Messages preached at North Hills Bible Church are available on audio disc or for download as MP3 files. Many Sunday School lessons, Bible Classes, and special programs are available.

Contact information is also provided on the website.

Summer Ministries



Several people in our congregation are helping at **Servant's Heart Camp** this Summer. Camp is held on their own property in Ramey, PA. It was a busy Spring getting the various utilities in place and ready for use this Summer at the camp. The theme this year for teens and juniors is "Adventure on the High Seas".

There are three teen weeks: June 15-20, July 13-18, and July 20-25. Juniors who have completed grades 2 through 6 can choose from three weeks: June 22-26, July 6-10 or July 27-31. Young at Heart Day for ages 55 and over is June 12. Family Camps are provided on June 29-July 1 and July 2-4. There is Men's Retreat September 11-12, and Ladies Retreat October 29-31.

For more information you can go to INFO@SHCM.ORG or WWW.SCHM.ORG, or call (717)808-7992, or write to Servant's Heart Camp P.O. Box 244 Ramey, PA 16671.

Street Meetings in the city of York are held each Monday evening throughout the summer at 8:00 PM. A team presents the Word in song and preaching, while others pass out tracts and try to witness to those passing by on the street.

Each of these ministries are bathed in prayer by our congregation, particularly as we meet together on Wednesday evenings for prayer.

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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

During the summer months, consider taking some time to read a book, listen to some cassette tapes or CDs, or watch a video or DVD. The library has something for everyone in the family, whether you're interested in learning more about the Bible, developing Christian character, exploring the past, or simply looking to "get away" for a while. Enjoy an old favorite or check out one of these items.

New DVDs from THE ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT:

The Righteous Judge - recreates the events that surround Jesus in teaching the principles of love, forgiveness, and righteous judgment. As Jesus confronts the Pharisees and forgives a woman, He thereby teaches us of God's mercy and grace. Caiaphas, who unrighteously judges a blind man as sinful, is contrasted against the gratitude of the blind man when Jesus freely heals him.

The Messiah Comes! - shares how Jesus cleanses the Temple, but finds the people not willing to have Him cleanse their hearts. Even His disciples struggle to understand His earthly mission and expect Him to deliver them from Roman rule. Following His death, Jesus visits some disciples on the road to Emmaus. Afterwards they finally gain their understanding: Jesus delivers all from the bondage of sin and death, giving hope of eternal life through His atonement.

New CDs from ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY:

On Earth as It Is In Heaven
In Your Wildest Dreams
The Big Picture
Danger Signals
Countermeasures

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RUDIMENTARY PRINCIPLE OF THE WORLD #3 THE NAME OF GOD IS NOTHING SPECIAL

Introduction

While God Himself is not very popular these days, His name can be heard almost everywhere. The phrase, "Oh my God" is one of the most common exclamations in the English language. It can be heard in the most mundane television programs. It can be heard on news channels. It can be heard in the grocery store. It can be heard at sports events. It can be heard even in church – in casual conversation.

And now that text messaging and Twitter, and Facebook, and Linked-in, and Instagram, and Pinterest, and YouTube, and all the forms of social media are abbreviating how we speak, the newest form of using God's name is in the abbreviation OMG.

I was aware of the three letter slang expression but it really hit me how common it had become when I saw it on a billboard in gigantic print. Unfortunately, many people are ignorant about what they are saying. Consider the following from ABC News Nightline which aired September 23, 2009. The segment was titled, **Does Texting 'OMG' Amount to Blasphemy?** It was presented by Talesha Reynolds.

As texting and instant messaging became a way of life, a shorthand lexicon emerged to save time and stress on fingers. Acronyms like LOL and TTYL replaced "laughing out loud" and "talk to you later." The letters OMG replaced "Oh, My God." Or did it?

There's debate on what the G in OMG really means. Does it stand for "gosh," or "God"? If it stands for "God," is using it a sin?

John Donvan spoke to a group of high school students from the Washington Hebrew Congregation youth group in Bethesda, Maryland, about OMG and how it relates to the third commandment, which says, according to the King James version of the Bible, "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Exodus 20:7).

There are various interpretations of the commandment, but it is commonly defined as using the Lord's name casually or irreverently. Saying "Jesus Christ!" in any way other than in praise is one example.

For a vast number of American teens, OMG has replaced the exclamation mark. "You don't think that you're saying 'Oh, my God,'" said Rachel Edelman, 15. "You're just thinking 'Oh!' like it's a surprise. OMG. **It's nothing to be thought about.**"

Lexi Levin, 18, describes herself as "an avid OMG user in text," and she thinks using OMG is a long way from "Oh, my God." To her, it's akin to golly, gee and gosh. "That's kind of how I think about it. I don't know if that's a fair way to think about it. **But it's how I make myself feel better.**"

This illustrates how ignorant people are these days. It also represents how little regard people have for God's name. And more than that, it is a reflection for how little regard people have for God. For hundreds of years, people have looked for ways to use God's Name in vain, but make themselves feel better about it. Words like golly, gee, and gosh date back to at least the 1700s, and have served for a long time as euphemisms for the word "God." To suggest that saying OMG is nothing more than saying golly, gee, or gosh is just pure ignorance.

The word "gosh" can be traced to 1757 as an altered pronunciation of the word "God." "Gosh" probably comes from "gosse", which is a mid-sixteenth century euphemism for "God."

The word "Golly" as a euphemism for God was first recorded in 1775, in a source that refers to it as "a sort of jolly kind of oath, or asseveration much in use among our carters, and the lowest people as a euphemism for God"

The word "gee" showed up in 1895 as an exclamation of surprise, but also as a euphemism for the name "Jesus." The term "gee whiz" can be dated to 1871. An earlier form of the term can be traced to 1851 as gee whillikens. According to The Word Detective, people were using the word "Jerusalem" as an exclamation so they would not be heard using the name "Jesus" in vain. "Gee whillikens" then became a euphemism for the word "Jerusalem." "Gee whillikens" was then shortened to "gee whiz." All of this was an attempt to camouflage their using God's Name, or Jesus' Name in vain. Their intent was still the same, but the appearance was more palatable to society.

The thing to recognize is that when words like "gee," "gosh," and "golly" entered into our vocabulary, they were consciously invented as camouflage for using the Name of God in vain. Is it possible that people using those words today are totally unaware of what they are saying? Of course. But is ignorance

free pass for breaking the law? Some years ago I was driving through a part of the state with which I was completely unfamiliar. The speed limit was 55. I was traveling at 55 miles per hour. The road surface was new, smooth, and very wide, with very nice shoulders. There were very few houses along the road. It looked like I was still in the country, but I did not realize I had passed into a "city limit" and I missed the sign that said the speed limit was 45. When I was stopped by a policeman, my ignorance did not convince him to give me a pass. He gave me a ticket instead. In exactly the same way, we should not accept ignorance as an excuse for using God's name in vain by way of euphemistic terms like "gee," "gosh," and "golly."

What part should exclamations have in our vocabulary? Is it appropriate to use God's name as an exclamation? One person claimed that every time they say "Oh my God" they are praying. Really? An exclamation is a sharp or sudden cry: a word, phrase, or sound that expresses a strong emotion. This leads us to our consideration of this egregious rudimentary principle of the world – i.e., the Name of God is nothing special and I can therefore use it as a casual or irreverent expression of my emotions, **without any consideration of how it makes God feel!**

I. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT HIS NAME?

A. God's Name is equal to His glory.

God declares that His Name is connected directly to His glory.

Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Psalms 83:18

That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

God's name is special because God is special. He is the only God there is. There is no one remotely like Him. **AND – HE IS OVER ALL!** God's name should be respected because of Who God is.

I made a goof one time when I was about to have surgery on my knee. I was already starting to fade a little bit and they were wheeling me toward the operating room. Someone asked me who was doing my surgery and instead of saying Dr. I said the doctor's first name and last name. The response was

– we say Doctor around here. I felt bad about what appeared to be disrespect for a doctor who had an excellent reputation.

Doctors should be addressed respectfully because of the importance of their responsibility. Judges also. Can you imagine going into a court of law and addressing the judge like this: "Hi ya Joe!" I think not. You will respectfully address the judge with "Your Honor" or you will probably be found in contempt of court.

If people deserve respect, God certainly does. Yet even Christians are losing this principle. There was a time when there was a decorum in our speech, especially in the church, by which we showed respect to people to whom or about whom we were talking. We would refer to people as Mr..... or Mrs..... or Pastor But Christians today seem to equate **respect** with being **impersonal** and being IMPERSONAL in their minds will just not do. We have to be on a first name basis with everyone, including with Pastors. The consequence of this point of view is that it leads to a very casual attitude toward God and carelessness in the use of His name. I was properly corrected for failing to show respect to a doctor's title. Anyone who fails to show the proper respect to God by the misuse of His Name is equally deserving of correction.

B. God's Name is to be feared.

Malachi 4:2

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

The word "fear" in this context means reverence and respect. This involves more than just saying words. Respect for God's Name involves holding the highest regard for the Person of God in one's heart.

Psalms 86:11

Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

God is not satisfied with mechanical exercises. He desires instead an action that comes from the heart as something a person really believes and holds to be true. For example, He told Israel the following:

Hosea 6:6

6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

This same principle applies when it comes to the use of God's Name. He desires real respect and not just words.

C. There is great benefit in honoring God's Name.

Malachi 3:16

*Then **they that feared the LORD** spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and **that thought upon his name.***

The greatest benefit to anyone who bears proper respect to God's Name is the favor of God. He is so pleased with those who think on His Name with respect that He not only remembers them in His thoughts, He actually makes a written record of them in a book in heaven.

D. God does not take it lightly when His name is disrespected. Consider the following verses.

Malachi 1:6-10

*6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, **where is mine honour?** and if I be a master, **where is my fear?** saith the LORD of hosts unto you, **O priests, that despise my name.** And ye say, **Wherein have we despised thy name?***

*7 **Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar;** and ye say, **Wherein have we polluted thee?** In that ye say, **The table of the LORD is contemptible.***

*8 And if **ye offer the blind for sacrifice,** is it not evil? and if **ye offer the lame and sick,** is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.*

*10neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. **I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD** of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.*

Israel disrespected God's Name by offering God poor quality sacrifices. We are guilty of the same today if we offer God less than the very best from our lives. Even as Christians, we show disrespect to the Name of our Saviour if we fail to demonstrate the glory of God in the way we live. God does not take lightly such disrespect to His Name.

Deuteronomy 28:58-68

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that

*thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, **THE LORD THY GOD;***

59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

Etc.

Every use of God's name should be a respectful one. **BUT ESPECIALLY BY HIS OWN PEOPLE!!!!!!**

E. God's Name is to be excellent in all the earth.

Psalm 8:1

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Here in this realm where man has been given dominion, man assumes his own name to be excellent. Consider the people at the tower of Babel in Genesis 11:4: let us make us a name. But man would not have a name if God had not given him one. It is our duty as human beings to acknowledge the excellence of God's Name, and to humbly recognize that what we have on earth is a blessing from God, and nothing more.

The error man makes is to refuse to acknowledge God to be God. Romans 1:21 and 22 says,

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

The way men glorify Him not as God today is by abusing His Name in such public and unashamed ways.

II. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT USING HIS NAME?

A. Don't pollute my Name.

Jeremiah 34:15-16

15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

*16 **But ye turned and polluted my name,***

and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

God had made a law that every seventh year, servants were to be released from their financial debt and go free (Jeremiah 34:12-14; Exodus 21:2). The Israelites had refused to observe this. Thus by defiance against the law of God, they had polluted God's Name. God's own people communicate to the world that God's Name is nothing special because we do not honor God with our lives when we don't do what is right in His eyes.

1. We do this by making a promise in God's name and not keeping that promise.

Leviticus 19:12

*And **ye shall not swear by my name falsely**, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.*

2. We do this by claiming God said something when He did not say it.

Deuteronomy 18:20

*But **the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak**, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.*

Jeremiah 14:14

*Then the LORD said unto me, **The prophets prophesy lies in my name**: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.*

3. We do this by using God's name in vain.

Exodus 20:7

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Some try to excuse the casual use of God's name as not a violation of this commandment. Or, we cover ourselves by using a euphemism for the Name of God. If we are not REALLY saying God's NAME then we are okay, right?

If we fail to use God's Name respectfully, what

else can we expect from the world? If the name of God is nothing more than an exclamation to us in ordinary conversation, how can we expect anything more from the world? If Christians say things like "Oh my God," or "gee," or "golly," or "gosh," or OMG, how can we expect anything more from the world? Christians must set the example of absolute respect for God's Name.

B. God says we are to sanctify His Name.

Isaiah 29:23

*But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall **sanctify my name**, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.*

This is the opposite of "Thou shalt not....." It means to set apart as sacred, to honor as sacred, to observe as holy. In other words, not only are we to avoid the negative use of God's Name, but we are to actively use God's Name in a respectful manner.

C. How do we sanctify God's Name?

We sanctify God's Name by using it respectfully in general conversation. For example, instead of just remarking that it is a nice day, we could say that it is a nice day that God has made. Or, when someone complains about the weather, we could say that we are glad God is in control. In this way, we show respect for God and His Name in casual conversation rather than minimize the value of God's Name by using it as a casual expression.

We should always use God's Name respectfully. We should never camouflage God's Name in casual, irreverent expressions. We should honor God's Name in everything we do or say.

III. DO WE RESPECT GOD ENOUGH TO HONOR HIS NAME?

A. Our approach should not be to find some way to express ourselves without actually saying God's Name.

We should not even contemplate whether or not OMG is okay because it is not actually saying God's Name.

We should be seeking ways to actually bring honor to God's Name in our speech and in our activities. According to The History of the Bible Part 2, The Ancient Page, in Old Testament times,

"many of the rules for copying the Scriptures dealt with the character and heart of the scribe himself. A scribe had to speak and sing aloud each word as he wrote it. They washed their hands before each writing session, not just to make them clean, but rather to prepare the heart and mind for performing the holy act of writing the Word of God. They also prayed before each session. Writing a Torah is a "mitzvah," a holy act. Before writing "Jehovah," the name of God, the scribe had to clean the pen and wash their entire bodies in a "mikveh," a pool of natural running water. In writing the Scriptures, scribes were careful to show great reverence and respect, even centuries before the Hebrew Scriptures were canonized, showing that from the earliest times these writing were recognized as God's Word."

- B. This should be our attitude toward the Name of God and His Son Jesus Christ.

Psalms 86:12

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

- C. The following are things we ought to remember about the importance of God's Name.

1. A man must call on the Name of the LORD in order to be saved.

Psalms 116:13

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

2. The Name of Jesus is the only Name given whereby we can, and must, be saved.

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

3. God forgives us for His Name's sake.

1 John 2:12

I write unto you, little children, because your

sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

4. In fact, many of the things God does, He does for His Name's Sake.

1 Samuel 12:22

For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

Psalms 23:3

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalms 106:8

Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

Isaiah 48:9

For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

Conclusion

We cannot expect much from the world regarding God's Name. They clearly demonstrate it means nothing more to them than an exclamation to express their emotions without even a thought of whether or not it shows respect to God.

But as God's people, We should promote respect for God's Name in everything we do and say. In the end, God will honor those who have honored His Name.

Revelation 2:1-3

1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

The integrity of God's Name is at stake in the way we live our lives and in the way we speak to the people of this world. Honor His Name! 📖

Missionary News



*From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home*

Child Evangelism Fellowship

York County, PA

"This is the happiest day of my life!" Samuel has been attending the After School/In School Good News Club sporadically the past two years. Samuel always looked so downcast. He came to club one day and didn't act like he wanted to be there. By the end of club, Samuel wanted to pray to receive Jesus as His Savior. He had the biggest smile on his face when he responded to the gospel invitation. He told me, "I'm a serious person, but today is the happiest day of my life!" What a thrill! This nine year old boy's life was transformed. Please pray that more children will pray to receive the Lord.

The above story happened in Good News Club during the school year when we have clubs in the public schools at the end of the school day. Now that summer is here our emphasis changes to 5-Day Clubs and Day Camps.

5-Day Clubs are instructive, free and fun. Senior-high and college-age young people have been carefully trained to teach boys and girls between the ages of five and fourteen. There is no charge for the children to attend. During the club hour, the children sing songs, hear an exciting missionary story, memorize a verse of Scripture, participate in a review activity, and listen to a lesson from God's Word. Visual aides, puppets and various learning activities are used.

Now is the time to combat juvenile delinquency. One of the best ways to do this is to get the Word of God into the hearts of the boys and girls. Psalm 119:11 says, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." The clubs are held an hour a day for five consecutive days on

playgrounds, lawns, porches, or anywhere a group of children might be gathered.

There are two **Day Camps** scheduled this summer. The first one is at Christian School of York on July 13-17. The second one is at Grace Baptist Church on August 3-7. Both of them run Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and includes Bible Study (in the book of Nehemiah this year), crafts, recreation, missionary time, surprises, snack time and lots of fun.

Day Camp is for ages 6 to 12 and only costs \$25.00 for the entire week. We are dedicated to providing a well-rounded program to meet the spiritual, physical and social needs of boys and girls, and the camp is carefully maintained by Christian leaders.

We have four girls who will be involved in these summer ministries full time, and your prayers on their behalf are greatly appreciated: they are Caitlyn, Nicole, Katie and Samantha.



If you know of children that would like to attend either a 5-Day Club or Day Camp and would like further information, please call CEF at 717-757-3212. If you would like to hold a club in your yard to reach your neighborhood children, please call the above number also.

Your prayers for these summer ministries are greatly needed to overcome obstacles the 'enemy' may try to put in our path to squash any possible lasting fruit. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12.

Roger & Nola Perrott

Hong Kong

We are encouraged by how things are going. Jonathan and I recently had two really good opportunities to share the Gospel with unsaved Chinese. We have also passed out a large number of tracts in the village of our church. We are getting a large number of Gospel of John with the Bridge tract in the front, to pass out. We are asking our church members to each pass out at least twenty to people they know. We will also pass them out to all the families and children of our center, and to our village, and the church's village. Then we will start on the entire Tai Wai area. Pray that the Lord will use this effort to give us many chances to share the Gospel.

Grandpa Skewes passed away and fifty people came to the funeral where we shared how the Lord used him in his service to churches over the years and things he did and said. We wanted to really give a relaxed testimony of how God uses everyday Christians and gives hope and certainty about eternity. Everyone who came said it encouraged them. Funerals here tend to be very sad or very ritualistic, and we did not want that. The Lord helped us. Not only was it a blessing to care for grandpa, but we were blessed in many ways. We as a family learned so many things and all have grown in the Lord in many areas. We will miss Grandpa, but all have the blessed assurance of knowing that he is safe in the arms of Jesus enjoying now a perfect life forever.

The Panda Project continues. In May the 16 pastors were encouraged to bring their wives with them. The teaching in the morning was on Marriage and Family in Ministry, and then a biblical Exposition of Acts at night for the men only. As we teach basic doctrine and answer the men's questions, we are reminded of why we are holding these classes. These men, like the enthusiastic preacher Apollos in Acts 18:26, need someone to expound "*unto them the way of God more perfectly.*" The classes are not easy for them since some had not had opportunity to even finish high school. The need is great, and it is a privilege to be part of God's plan to meet that need.

We are in the process of preparing for a furlough. We hope to go to the US in the late summer and start visiting churches in the Fall. Pray that we can finalize arrangements for our home and our church leadership here during our absence.

Military Evangelism

Walt & Judy Croom in Jacksonville, North Carolina

Friday night Bible Studies are well attended. We are thankful for those that have made salvation decisions and for those who are growing in the Lord. God is good. Currently we are looking at the men and women recorded in chapter eleven of Hebrews. We looked at Abel. It's interesting to note that the type of sacrifice Abel offered to the Lord revealed that he was a man of faith. Our actions always reveal our faith and the depth of our commitment. Anybody can talk the talk, but not everybody walks the walk. Abel was a genuine article. We are attempting to make the point as the writer of Hebrews also does, that imputed righteousness was added to their account because of their faith. They were people of faith because of what they believed not because of what they did. But because of their faith they chose to be obedient to their heavenly Father.

The pain that we experience in life helps us better enjoy our current blessings. My mountain top experience is more deeply appreciated because of my valley experience. Even though it is hard to say, "thank you, Lord" when we are going through difficult times, we can say "thank you" and truly mean it, if we fully understand that our 'dark nights' are only a prelude to 'sunshine' that is just around the corner. As Winter precedes Spring, and sunshine follows rain, we more fully appreciate one because of the other. The Psalmist wrote, "*Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning.*"

We lost four of our regulars. Please pray that Dusty, Reggie, Grace and Greg will have a safe and profitable deployment. If all goes well they should rejoin us in the month of August. We are thankful that Peter just returned from California after a five month deployment.

There are three things we hope to raise funds for. Please pray with us about these things and if you are in a position to help, that too would be deeply appreciated. We desperately need to replace one of our vans. It exceeds 200,000 miles and is beginning to give us some problems. We also need to replace our printer in the office. We are looking for a good commercial grade printer that will last for a number of years. We also would like to purchase a utility building that we can use as a storage unit. We have received some money, but not enough yet to purchase such a building.

Bobby & Imee Livioco

The Philippines

The Pope's visit to our country in January this year has brought unprecedented media hype. Because of this, we started a series of messages from the book of Galatians on Sunday mornings to provide our people a clearer more strategic grasp of the Biblical Gospel and to guard them against the heresy. We praise the Lord for the encouraging feedback from the church brethren, many of whom felt the need to raise a voice to clarify the doctrinal confusion. We praise the Lord for two new attendees who trusted Christ as Savior.

We praise the Lord for the good spirit displayed by the brethren at our second regional conference held outside Metro-Manila in Baguio City. Feedback has been very encouraging that some pastors from Ilocos North have started talking of bringing the conference there. We ask your prayers as we try to be sensitive to the needs of our field and the Spirit's leading to open doors.

We have had two Bible translation workshops this year. We have been encouraged to see the team collectively move forward to get the koine Greek New Testament translated into Tagalog. Current estimates show one-fourth of our country's population are Tagalog-speakers. We finally have the initial printing of John and Ephesians out for distribution. Lord willing, we project that the entire New Testament will be ready for printing and public distribution by next year. Again we covet your prayers to get an accurate rendering of God's Word into the hands and hearts of our people. Our next Bible translation workshop is scheduled on June 1-12. We ask you to pray for wisdom as we seek to come up with a good quality, literal translation that the 25 million Tagalog-speaking peoples can use and consider as "The Word of God" in our native tongue. Please pray that we can meet our goals to have a sample copy of the entire New Testament by early 2016.

I have been invited to teach a Master's level class on "Apologetics" in India in July. What a privilege to have a part in shaping lives of pastors in other fields as well! It will be exciting to see what God is doing there. Please pray for us as we make preparations for this class and visit a field we haven't been to before.

We are truly grateful to the Lord for your partnership in our ministry. Only eternity will reveal the many lives you have touched because of your prayers.

Outreach Ministries

of North Hills Bible Church

Nursing Home Ministries - by Glenn Hilt

The North Hills Bible Church is involved with two Nursing Home Ministries: Pleasant Acres and Manor Care Kingston Court.

I, Pastor Glenn Hilt, was asked to take the leadership of these Nursing Home Ministries. This means I must see that there is a piano player, song leader, speaker, special music, and personal testimonies, and especially helpers to bring the people to the services. Many of the people need help turning the pages of the song book and turning the pages of the Bible. There is a great need for people to help in all of these positions. Here is a really good way for those who are looking for a way to serve the Lord that is very rewarding and it is not intimidating. The people in these Nursing Homes are always looking for friendship and interaction with friendly people. What a great way to demonstrate the love you have for the Lord Jesus Christ. Please let us not neglect those who seem to be castaway and forgotten.

What is the Lord asking you to do to be a part in helping in this ministry?

Rescue Mission Services - by Don Snyder

NHBC holds a gospel meeting at the York Rescue Mission the third Monday of each month. We have a time of singing, prayer, scripture reading, special music and then a message from God's Word with a clear presentation of the plan of salvation. After the service we provide a snack in the dining room for those that were in the service. The food is provided by our three adult Sunday School classes. The people express their thanks for our coming and also for the food. If you would like to be involved in this ministry in some way you are very welcome to do so. We should also pray for these people as they go through many struggles in their lives. A very special thanks to all of you that take part in this service to the Mission in one way or another.

Street Meetings - by Ken Hoffman

We are thankful for the freedom that makes it possible for street meetings to be held. We use a folding street pump organ on which is placed the American and Christian flags. We sing Gospel songs, distribute Gospel tracts, some go door to door, some talk to people in the immediate area, all can pray. We would like more to be involved. Pray about it.

Prison Ministry - by Ken Hoffman

The prison ministry is blessed to have seven faithful men who bring good Gospel preaching to the prisoners. Also a faithful Christian lady as pianist. Attendance has been lower lately. We look for that to improve.

Do's & Don't's of Gospel Tract Ministry

DO pray over the tracts and ask God to anoint you, the tract, and the recipient.

DON'T place tracts anywhere that could give a bad name to the Gospel.

DO greet each person who receives a tract with a smile and a pleasant thought.

DON'T put tracts into U.S. Post Office Boxes. This is against the law and a poor way to minister the Gospel.

DO choose your tracts carefully as to subject so they will be helpful to those who receive them.

DON'T give a tract to every person you meet. Use discernment as to who may be receptive to the Gospel.

DO follow the leading of the LORD.

DON'T leave tracts lying in public or business places. Always ask for permission to distribute tracts. Some businesses and communities consider this littering and it is also against the law.

DO pray over the tracts before you leave home, asking for the leading of God to witness and carry the tracts to persons of His choosing.

DON'T distribute tracts in parking lots or shopping malls without the owner's or manager's permission.

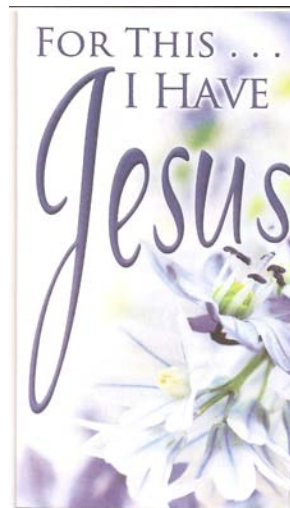
DO be prepared to follow up with an explanation and counseling based on the Word.

DON'T place tracts where they are legally prohibited.

DO be prepared and willing to witness or pray on the spot with respect.

(Taken from Gospel Tract Society, Inc.)

Spotlight on Tracts



This is a great tract for encouragement. Jesus is there for every situation in life. "Abide in Me, and I in you" means to simply say in every circumstance, "For This I Have Jesus".

Jesus is there for every trip you have to make, for every sorrow, for every illness, for every decision, for wisdom for every detail in legal matters that need attention, for every fear and disappointment, for finances, misunderstandings or other trials. Please consider using this tract for yourself as a reminder of His daily presence and to include with birthday, anniversary or other types of cards you send out to friends or relatives as a way of encouraging them too.

BOBBY'S BOUGHT BACK BOAT



This is a cute tract to keep in your purse or wallet to have handy to give out when you meet kids this summer. It is an attractive pamphlet with a story about a little boy who made a boat, lost the boat, and then later saw it in a store window. He wanted his boat back, but in order to get it back he had to pay the store owner for it. It helps children understand the concept of how Jesus made us, and how we are lost in sin, and so Jesus came and paid an awful price to buy us back. Help some child understand God's gift of salvation by reading this interesting story geared to their level.



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

The Preschool class has finished learning all of Psalm 100. Esther and Daniel Wertz were able to quote this chapter by memory. Congratulations!

Song of Solomon 2:12 says "The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come." Some recent crafts we made were a bird house out of a milk carton, and a flower note holder. The children got to color and decorate their milk carton bird houses. We had various birds hanging from the ceiling in the classroom, and the children pointed out the ones they had seen recently. We are grateful for the seasons and the enjoyment each new season brings.

This summer we are doing a series on Elijah and Elisha and learning the Finger Prayer List.

Primaries

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith

In our class we have been studying some of the events that took place in the later ministry of Jesus. Jesus stills the storm and heals the lepers. Jesus always has time for the people. He tells them of Lazarus and the rich man. There are many that follow him wanting to hear him and wanting his help. But there are so many that continue to go their own way.

Shawn Smith, as well as, David and Rebecca Wertz were able to recite all of the memory verses.

I John 2:15-17

Psalm 86:11-12

Exodus 4:12

Matthew 5:1-12

John 15:7-14

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

We have finished our study of the ministry of Paul and have started our study of the fruit of the Spirit. The kids have had fun trying out some new fruit each week.

With each lesson, we see more and more how the world's views on these characteristics are so opposite of what God wants us to produce in our lives. The world calls lust, love; fleeting pleasures, joy; getting my own way, peace; and tolerance for sin, longsuffering. But the Bible tells us love is kind and does not seek her own; joy is not determined by circumstances, but by a heart fixed on God; peace is knowing that God is in control; and longsuffering is not being easily "fired up", knowing that God is merciful to us. And as we studied the fruit of gentleness and goodness, we learned that gentleness should be our heart attitude and goodness should be in all of our actions, because our goodness comes from God. We look forward to our next lessons on the remaining fruit, then we will be studying the armor of God.

We would also like to say "job well done" to Hannah Wertz, Grace Balcom, Matthew Kanost, and Ian Morrow for earning scholarships to Servant's Heart Camp by doing devotions, memorizing Scripture, faithful attendance, and Christian services.

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This summer we are studying the final three Fruit of the Spirit. Mr. Moss is teaching the subject of faith; what it is, where it comes from, and what we do with it. Mr. Andrew Cook will be teaching the subject of meekness. Mr. Wertz will be teaching on the subject of temperance. It is interesting to see the children's reaction as they find out what activity they will be doing to go along with their lesson for each week.

Please pray that the teachers will be able to explain the fruit in a way that the children will understand. Pray that the children will be able to put into practice the things they are learning.



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Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

We ended our Bible quizzing season on the book of Galatians in a final competition with other church teams. This year we placed 4th and we are so grateful for the teens that are diligent to study God's Word.

Through the summer we have different men in the church come and speak to our teens on Wednesday nights (this year on the life of Joseph). We have prayer time together, and then with the remaining time we work on the props and decorations for the Missions Conference in the Fall. A banner with the theme "The Harvest is Plenteous, the Laborers Few" is made, and the key verse for the conference will be displayed on scrolls at the front of the church: Matthew 9:37-38 *"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into His harvest."*

The decorations in the sanctuary will go along with our harvest theme. Note: last year our theme was 'Plant & Water', and this year 'The Harvest'.

In the Fellowship Hall we will have decorations that depict something from one of the countries represented by the missionaries attending the conference. The countries of missionary service that we will be hearing about this year are New Zealand, Britain, and South Africa.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

In April, we finished off our lessons for each class. The teens finished their health class, the middle class their PA history, and the younger class the study of the body. Our field trip was to the Dover Waste Water Treatment facility. The children learned about how they clean the water, what kinds of things they find in our water, and ways we can help keep our water clean and safe.

In May we had our annual project fair. Below is the summery of that event:

Presentations:

Many of the children played piano pieces including: David Wertz, Nathaniel O'Berry, Matthew Kanost, Justin Berkheiser, Hannah Wertz, Shawn Smith, and Austin Morrow who also did a piece on the guitar. Hope and Grace Berkheiser did a piano duet.

Speeches were given by: Rebecca on Benjamin Franklin, Sean on birds, Shawn on 'The Last Safe House', Jonathan on Theodore Roosevelt, and Matthew on George Washington. Shawn recited "On the Underground Railroad." Esther and Daniel recited "The Friendly Cow."

From the high school class Ian, Austin, Grace, and Sage, taught us some life saving skills like the Heimlich and how to recognize a stroke..

View of Students Displays:

The Middle class had an interesting display showing vehicles they had made out of cardboard and discussed what they represented. They made a wagon, steamboat, bicycle, steam engine, canal, and car. Austin discussed the German alphabet. Hannah had a map of PA. Grace made a diorama. Charles told us about medal detecting. Jonathan had an experiment using potatoes or lemons to power a clock. Nathaniel had a solar oven.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JULY

6	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
12	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
13	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
20	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
20	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
21	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
26	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM
27	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
30	Prison Ministry	8:00 PM



AUGUST

3	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
10	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
16	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
17	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
17	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
18	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
24	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
31	Street Meeting	7:00 PM



SEPTEMBER

10	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
13	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
15	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
21	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
26	Church Picnic	12 noon
27	Missions Conference	9:30 and 10:45 AM 6:30 PM
27	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM
28-30	Missions Conference	10:30 AM & 7:00 PM
29	Prison Ministry	7:00 PM

Up-coming Events for Our Missionaries

July

Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa
Camp ministry

Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain
Children's Camp 1st week
Youth Camp 3rd week

Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
Summer 5-Day Clubs, and Day Camp

Colon, Peter & Janis - Friends of Israel
Speaking at Prophecy Conference

Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong
Camp

Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain
Bible Institute Intensive Week

August

Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain
Family Camp - 1st week
Teen Work Camp - 2nd week

Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
Summer 5-Day Clubs, and Day Camp

Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus
Discipleship Sessions and Bible Studies

Moss, Samuel & Nicole - Uganda
Returning to Uganda after their furlough

Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines
Bible studies in Mandaluyong City, Pasig City,
Primerose Properties, Globe Telecom

September

Colon, Peter & Janis - Friends of Israel
Teaching on "Messiah in the Day of
Atonement".
Preaching on "Fall Festivals of Israel".

Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
York Fair Ministry

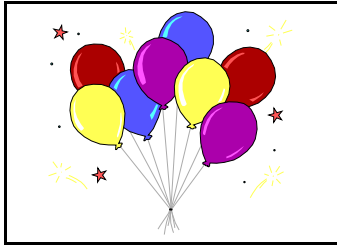
Military Evangelism - Walt Croom, Camp LeJune,
Overnight accommodations for military guests

Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain
Vacation Bible School

**Remember
to Pray
for Your
Missionaries**



Church Family News



Happy Birthday

July

- 7 - Seth Laning
- 10 - Reba Moose
- 10 - Connie Morrow
- 19 - **Rosa Campos**
- 20 - Sharon Blankenship
- 22 - Emma Kay Laning
- 22 - Luke Laning
- 24 - **Anna Perrott**

August

- 5 - Todd Chronister
- 5 - Mary Shelly
- 10 - **Jeremy Pinyol**
- 11 - Margery Wilt
- 12 - Earl Knuth
- 12 - Patsy Knuth
- 12 - **Rosa Pinyol**
- 12 - Ina Stelfox
- 13 - Linda Spahr
- 19 - **Daniel Pinyol**
- 21 - Rick Fetrow, Sr.
- 21 - Heather Knuth
- 21 - Mary Snyder
- 23 - Henry Balcom (son)
- 26 - Gerald Cook
- 27 - Elizabeth Wertz
- 31 - Ginnie Stough



September

- 1 - Gladys Gross
- 1 - Daniel Wertz
- 2 - Ed Cosgrove
- 6 - Richard Waltemyer
- 7 - Andrew Fetrow
- 10 - Robert Frey
- 10 - Ken Hoffman
- 10 - Don Snyder
- 15 - **Irene Campos**
- 17 - Lester Fink
- 18 - **Roberto Livioco**
- 19 - Brian Hilt
- 22 - Ian Morrow
- 26 - Susan Peters
- 29 - **Glenn Hilt**
- 29 - Hannah Wertz



Happy Anniversary

July

- 9 - **Don & Karen Kilmer**
- 20 - Roy & Laura Morrow
- 20 - Pastor & Joyce Moss
- 27 - Gerald & Darcy Cook
- 30 - Don & Mary Snyder

August

- 4 - Bud & Mary Collins
- 11 - **Roger & Nola Perrott**
- 14 - **Samuel & Nicole Moss**
- 22 - Norm & Sonja Breneman

September

- 27 - Jim & Shigeko Hall

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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Remember Our Shut-ins



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

CHILDREN'S DAY



The Preschoolers quoted Psalm 100.



The Primaries quoted:

I John 2:15-17

Psalm 86:11-12

Exodus 4:12

Matthew 5:1-12

John 15:7-14



The Juniors talked about various places Paul went on his missionary journeys, and acted out when the snake bit him after the shipwreck.

They quoted Romans 12.



All the departments together sang *Blessed Assurance* to start off the program, and *Every Moment of Every Day* to close the program.

MASTER CLUBS



As they learned about missionaries this year they also learned about the different languages and all sang *Jesus Loves Me* in English and then in Spanish.



Each one received badges (awards) for things they had accomplished this year. This was Ian Morrow's last year in Master Clubs and he received the most awards. He also did the books of the New Testament in sign language, demonstrating one of the things he learned this year.



Rebecca Wertz is moving up to the older group next year and she quoted the Romans Road, which is a list of verses in the book of Romans that explains the way of salvation.

It was encouraging to hear the things the children had learned from the Scriptures. We heard about the practical project they had done which teaches them to apply the things they are learning like helping neighbors, writing to missionaries, doing kind deeds, and giving their testimony.

Homeschool Project Fair



CPR



Piano duet



Speeches



Demonstrations of vehicles



Electricity



German



Metal detecting