

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."
-Psalm 65:12b-

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Bible Conference March 25-28

Conference Theme

Setting the Stage for the Final Act of History With Dr. Robert Congdon



Conference Subjects

The sermons will consist of the following topics.

9:30 AM Sunday School:
Let's Define Atonement

This lesson counters a very current teaching that many Christians are hearing from John Piper and others.

10:45 AM Sunday service:
Foundation: Setting the Stage
This will lay a foundation for all the messages.

6:30 PM Sunday service:
World Government: Setting the Stage

7:00 PM Monday service:
Islam: Setting the Stage

7:00 PM Tuesday service:
Israel: Setting the Stage

7:00 PM Wednesday service:
Church: Setting the Stage

Conference Speaker

As an international Bible teacher and speaker, **Dr. Robert Congdon** has conducted numerous pastoral seminars, taught at several Bible institutes and authored theological articles and two books. In his teaching, he stresses the need to better understand the Scriptures and the Author of the Scriptures in order to prepare to serve the Lord in the days to come. The purpose of *Congdon Ministries International* is to inform, warn, teach and assist churches in the US, Britain, Europe and Canada to contend for the faith and thus to avoid pitfalls that spiritually destroyed the churches in Europe.

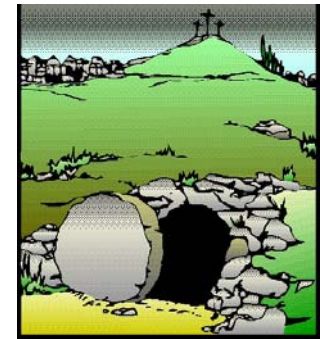
You are welcome to visit his website at www.congdonministries.org.

Coming Events



Crucifixion Service

Friday, April 6
7:00 PM



Resurrection Service

Sunday, April 8
10:45 AM

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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

While Library News usually features new items, this time let me remind you about the many resources which continue to be available to our church family. There are books, cassette tapes, CDs, videos, and DVDs for all age groups and interests - Bible study, doctrine, missions, Christian living, biographies, fiction, and more.

Among the many books in the children's section, the library has a number of series, even some for very young boys and girls. These series cover a wide range of interesting and helpful topics. Some of them are:

Beary Patch Bears (fruit of the Spirit)
 Alice in Bibleland (Bible stories)
 Tales From Schroon Lake
 Children's Bible Basics (doctrine)
 Smoky Mountains Storybook (money)
 The Cul-de-Sac Kids
 Moody Family
 Young Cousins Mysteries
 Janette Oke's Animal Friends
 Grandma's Attic
 Alex
 The American Adventure (history)
 Christian Heroes: Then & Now (biographies)
 The Scripture Sleuth
 Sugar Creek Gang
 Trailblazer Books (biographies)
 Mandie Mysteries
 Bonnets and Bugles (history)
 The Time Navigators
 Danny Orlis
 Golden Filly
 The Sowers (biographies)
 Creation Adventure
 Kidsboro

In the months ahead, look for more books from The Cul-de-Sac Kids and Moody Family, plus books from a new series - Read-Aloud Bible Stories.

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Trichotomy

The Three Parts of Man

Body, Soul, and Spirit

Introduction

The word nature refers to the essential qualities, or attributes, which constitutes what a thing is. God has a Divine nature as referred to in 1 Peter 1:4, while James 3:7 refers to the nature (kind) of beasts, and birds, and serpents, and things in the sea, as well as the nature of man (referred to as “man - kind”). The suggestion is that the nature of each of these is distinct from all the others.

Scripture describes the nature of animals as including both physical characteristics and instinct. In Matthew 23:37, a hen is described as gathering her chicks under her wing. The hen senses danger and instinctively gathers her little ones under her wings for protection. However, animal instinct is not the same thing as conscious thought which is possessed by mankind.

The nature of man includes both physical characteristics and non-physical characteristics. Ecclesiastes 3:18-20 compares the physical characteristics of mankind with those of animals and finds them to be very much alike, *I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.* They are not identical, however, because 1 Corinthians 15:35-44 makes a clear distinction between the flesh of animals and the flesh of mankind. In part it says, *All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds* (verse 39). The non-physical characteristics of mankind are altogether different from the nature of animals. Ecclesiastes 3:21 explains that the spirit of man goes upward after his body dies, while the spirit of the beast goes downward to the earth. Even though the body of

both dies a similar physical death, there is an entirely different outcome for the spirit of each after death.

The Bible identifies three parts to the nature of man – one physical and two non-physical. They are designated as body, soul, and spirit. In order to understand the true nature of man, we must get to know the characteristics of each of these three parts.

The Characteristics of Man's Body

1. Man's flesh is different from the flesh of animals. God states emphatically that *all flesh is not the same flesh* (1 Corinthians 15:39). In fact, it has pleased God to give to every seed his own body (1 Corinthians 15:38), so that *there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds* (verse 39). Thus in Genesis 1:21, 24, and 25, God describes how he created each kind of animal to bring forth after their kind. So much for theistic evolution, or any other kind of evolution. God says he specifically gave each kind of creature their own physical nature and he designed them so that in reproduction, they would always produce exactly their same kind.

2. Man's terrestrial body is different from celestial bodies. Man and animals are not the only creatures that exist in the universe. There are celestial creatures such as angels, cherubim, seraphim, and the honorable beasts who sing the praises of God around His throne. Man's terrestrial body differs from the celestial bodies of those angelic beings (1 Corinthians 15:40).

3. Man's resurrected body will be different from his current body. Man's body is sown as a natural body. It will be raised as a spiritual body. It is sown in corruption, dishonor, and weakness. It will be raised in incorruption, glory, and power (1 Corinthians 15:42-46).

4. The natural body of man has several characteristics. The body of mankind is a living soul (1 Corinthians 15:45). Man is not a one dimensional creature. He is more than a highly evolved instinctive beast. Job made a distinction between the instinctive consciousness of animals and the breath of man. *Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind* (Job 12:9-10). The breath of mankind is the breath of God breathed into him at creation. It is this breath that gives life to man's body and makes him a conscious

person instead of just an instinctive animal (Genesis 2:7).

The body of man is natural (1 Corinthians 15:46). The word "natural" refers to that which requires breath. Physical man lives in a physical environment in which breathing fresh air is required for the survival of the flesh. Man shares this in common with brute beasts. The word "natural" also refers to the sensations experienced by the flesh through the five senses – seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and touching.

The body of man is earthy (1 Corinthians 15:47-48). In other words, man's body is made of the earth. It is interesting to note that God created the elements of the earth and then from those formed the body of mankind. Man's body is made of the physical elements of the dust of the earth. When man dies, his body returns to the dust from which he was made (Genesis 3:19; Psalm 104:29; Ecclesiastes 12:7).

The body of man consists of flesh and blood (1 Corinthians 15:50). In describing how Jesus took on human nature, Hebrews 2:14 says, *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death....* It is important to note that this is different from the way Jesus described His glorified body after the resurrection when He explained why He was not a spirit apparition that the disciples were seeing. He said, *Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have* (Luke 24:39). When Jesus took on human nature, his body consisted of flesh and blood. When his body was glorified in resurrection, it consisted of flesh and bones. Five times in Scripture, man's body is referred to in the terms of "flesh and blood." Only once is the body of man referred to in terms of "flesh and bones." It appears that in the resurrected body, there will be no blood even though it will be a tangible, physical body. It will therefore not be natural in the sense that it will not require the natural air of the earth's atmosphere in order to survive. For now, the life of the body is in the blood because it is through the blood that life sustaining oxygen is carried to every cell in the physical body of mankind.

The body of man is corrupt (1 Corinthians 15:50). The word corrupt refers to something that is in the process of perishing. Though there is physical growth through the first part of a man's life, there is still

a constant process of decay. As the body makes new cells, old ones are constantly perishing. At some point, growth ceases and the body struggles to maintain sufficient healthy cells to sustain a productive life. Eventually, this becomes impossible and aging becomes evident. Finally, the body loses the struggle and it perishes.

It was not God's original intent for the body of mankind to be corrupt. The changes that God enacted in the consequences for man's fall into sin indicate what man's physical nature was like before the fall when it was without sin. In Genesis 3:16 God said to the woman, *I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children.* It appears from this that bearing children in a body without sin would have been much less painful. In Genesis 3:17, God said to the man, *Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee...in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread.* The natural world over which man was supposed to have dominion would offer profound resistance to mankind after the fall, making man's physical labor very difficult. In a world without sin, man's labor would have been without perspiration and without sorrow. In Genesis 3:19 God told mankind he was taken out of the ground, *dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.* Without sin, there would have been no process of aging and no death. How much better things would have been for man's physical body had he not sinned.

Nevertheless, because of sin, man's body is corrupt and that is our present condition. There is hope, however. 2 Corinthians 5:8 says that when a man is absent from the body he is present with the Lord. Of course, that is contingent upon a man being born again. God had said to Adam and Eve that in the day they would eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would surely die (Genesis 2:16). From the record of Scripture it is obvious that even though physical death became a consequence of sin, Adam and Eve did not die physically in the day they ate of the forbidden fruit. Something non physical must have died and it is that non physical part that needs to be born again in order for a man to enjoy the happiness of being absent from the body and present with the Lord.

So, what is the non-physical nature of mankind?

The Characteristics of the Non-Physical Nature of Mankind

The Bible teaches us that the non-physical nature of man is an entirely separate entity from his physical body. In Matthew 10:28, Christ refers to those who are able to kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. If man's body can die but his soul remain alive, his soul must be something very different from and very independent of his body. 2 Corinthians 4:16 says, *but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.* This is an amazing statement. It is telling us that while man's physical body suffers the effects of corruption and is in a constant state of decay, our inner being can be completely immune from the effects of corruption and actually experience improvement on a daily basis. God made an additional distinction between the outward and inward man when He cautioned Samuel regarding which one of Jesse's sons he would anoint to be king. In 1 Samuel 16:7 God said, *Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.* There are certain aspects of the non-physical nature of mankind that are unobservable by the natural senses. These may be perceived by other people to some limited degree as an individual expresses outwardly what is on the inside. But God has the ability by His divine senses to see directly the things of the inward man.

Man's non-physical nature is very different from the instinctive nature of animals. Proverbs 12:10 refers to the life of a man's beast. The word "life" in this verse comes from Strong's number 05315. It is the same word, *nephesh*, that is used in Genesis 2:7 where God breathed the breath of life into man, and his body became a living soul. The word *nephesh* (05315) refers to that part of a physical being which animates him, which makes him or it a living creature. It is the word in creation that refers to the animation of all living creatures, including every beast of the earth, every fowl of the air, and every creeping thing on the earth wherein there is life (*nephesh*) (Genesis 1:30). Ecclesiastes 3:21 and 12:7 teach that the life sustaining spirit in an animal's body goes into the earth along with its body at the time of death. But for mankind, these two things have very different destinies. Man's body returns to the dust of the earth while his spirit returns unto God.

Man's non-physical nature consists of two

parts: soul and spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 identifies all three parts of man's nature: body, soul, and spirit. Hebrews 4:22 makes it clear that the soul and the spirit are very distinct and separate entities. The living word of God has the ability to divide between soul and spirit. It may be difficult for mankind to perceive or understand the distinction between these two things because both are intangible. But the Bible helps us understand the difference.

There is an important reason for us to identify the difference between soul and spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14-15 says, *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.* The word *natural* here is Strong's number 5591, *psuchikos*. It refers to a soulish man who is not born again. His spirit is dead to God. As a result, he cannot receive the truth that is taught from God's word by the Holy Spirit. On the other hand, he that is spiritual is the one whose spirit has been born again and has a connection with the Holy Spirit of God (verse 12). The born again spiritual man is the one who has the ability to receive the teachings of the Holy Spirit. Without distinguishing between the soul and the spirit, and without understanding how each of these parts of our inner man work, we will not be able to discern whether we are receiving man's wisdom soulishly or God's wisdom spiritually.

Another important reason for understanding the difference between the soul and the spirit has to do with the preservation of life itself. According to Luke 17:33, a man might seek to preserve his life soulishly instead of spiritually. This will always have a tragic end. Any soulish attempt to preserve life, will end in the loss of life every time it is tried. However, if a man is willing to give up his pursuit of soulish preservation for the sake of believing in Jesus Christ, he will live forever (Luke 9:24). In the parable of the rich man who built many barns to please his soul, Christ said, *Soulish life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.* The sooner we learn that truth, the sooner we can understand the true nature of mankind.

The Characteristics of Man's Soul

Soulishness is a human-earth-material world focus. It is in the soul that experientialism, existentialism, and materialism lodge. The Bible connects the soul to the physical act of eating (Leviticus 7:20) and lusting after food (Deuteronomy

12:15). It also connects the soul to the intangibles of earthly experience such as bitter envying and strife in the heart which leads one to lie against the truth. James 3:15 calls this earthly, sensual, and devilish wisdom. The word "sensual" is the word that is also translated "natural" as in the "natural man" of 1 Corinthians 2:14. It is Strong's number 5591 and it comes from Strong's number 5590 which is the word translated "soul" 58 times in the New Testament. It is the word from which we get the English term "psychic." Thus the soul is that part of the inner man that utilizes the thoughts of the mind in order to pursue experiences that will satisfy the five senses of the body.

The soul likes to indulge in experiences guided by the sensual lusts of the flesh. This only spells trouble. Proverbs 21:10 says, *The soul of the wicked desireth evil.* Ecclesiastes 6:9 explains, *Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.* Solomon in his humanistic pursuits erroneously came to the following conclusion: *There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour* (Ecclesiastes 2:24). In wiser days, Solomon was given to write: *And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite* (Proverbs 23:2). The word "appetite" is Strong's number 05315, which is translated "soul" 475 times in the Old Testament. The proverb suggests that physical appetite or desire is related to the soul and we must be extremely cautious when we sense the intensifying of soulish desires pushing our bodies to do things that can be potentially destructive in our lives.

Misguided indulgence has the real potential to damage the soul. Proverbs lists numerous activities that have a seriously detrimental affect upon the soul. For example, adultery destroys the soul (Proverbs 6:32), sinning against the wisdom of God wrongs the soul (Proverbs 8:36), refusing instruction does despite to the soul (Proverbs 15:32), and friendship with angry people lays a snare to the soul (Proverbs 22:24-25).

It is the soul that ultimately suffers death as a result of sin. Ezekiel 18:4 says, *the soul that sinneth, it shall die.* It is the soul that accompanies the body to the place called hell. Matthew 10:28 says *And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.* The Bible repeatedly makes the point that no man can deliver his own soul from death. Psalm 89:48 says, *What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the*

hand of the grave? Psalm 22:29 says, none can keep alive his own soul. And, Ecclesiastes 8:8 says, *There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death.*

The Characteristics of Man's Spirit

Spirituality is a God-heaven-truth focus. Colossians 3:1-11 perfectly describes the contrast between a spiritual focus and a soulish, earthly focus: *1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.*

The Spirit is man's connection to God. Proverbs 20:27 says, *The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.* Through man's spirit, God is able to give guidance and wisdom. As He says in Job 32:8, *But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.* This gives sense to a number of other statements in Scripture regarding our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Jesus said the Spirit would guide us into all truth (John 16:13). The Bible also says that the Spirit witnesses with our spirit *that we are the children of God* (Romans 8:16). He is able to do this because man's spirit is the place of the inner man which is conducive to that connection. The natural or soulish man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:14) because they are spiritually discerned. The natural man is the man whose spirit has not been born again. It is only when a man's spirit is born again by faith in Jesus Christ that he will be able to receive the spiritual light of God. Thus 2 Corinthians 4:6 says, *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the*

light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. This facilitates then our ability to worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

Spirituality is taking on the character qualities produced in the spirit of man by the Holy Spirit of God. We are instructed in Romans chapter 8 to walk after the Spirit and to mind the things of the Spirit because to be spiritually minded is life and peace (Romans 8:1-6). As we are then led of the Spirit, we are able to mortify the deeds of the flesh (Romans 8:13-14) and see the righteousness of the law fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4). This is manifested by the expression of the fruit of the Spirit in our daily walk (Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:9).

An active spirit in man which is walking in the Spirit of God is able to dominate and control the flesh. Galatians 5:16 makes this abundantly clear: *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.* This is an emphatic statement. The person who walks in the Spirit of God will be able to successfully resist the lusts of his own flesh all the time.

An active spirit in man which is walking in the Spirit of God is also able to dominate and ennoble his soul. The flesh convinces the soul that it can only be satisfied if it indulges in the material world. The spirit counters this by convincing the soul that real contentment comes from truth. Proverbs 2:10-17 explains that when wisdom enters the heart, knowledge is then pleasant to the soul. The result is discretion and understanding that delivers a person from the influences of worldly people and sinful activities.

The result is that an active spirit in man nurtures and provides health to his own soul. Proverbs 11:17 says, *The merciful man doeth good to his own soul.* Also, *The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul* (Proverbs 13:25). *The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul* (Proverbs 16:17). *He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul* (Proverbs 19:16). And, *So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off* (Proverbs 24:14).

Conclusion

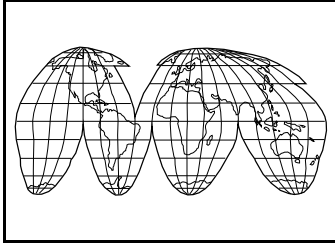
By virtue of being alive, man is soulish. Genesis 2:7 tells us that when God breathed life into

man, he became a living soul. 1 Corinthians 15:45 says that *The first man Adam was made a living soul.* As such, we are naturally of the earth and earthy (1 Corinthians 15:47). We know we are alive and we feel very attached to the material world in which we live. Ecclesiastes 2:24 says that *there is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour.* But at the same time, a purely soulish man is dead. He is dead in his trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1-2). Everyone of us has sinned (Romans 3:23), and everyone of us is a living dead person in our natural soulish state. And none of us can save ourselves in the day of death (Ecclesiastes 8:8).

But God also formed a spirit within man (Zechariah 12:1). It is this part of man that died in the fall. God told Adam and Eve that in the day they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would surely die (Genesis 2:17). It is obvious from the record of Scripture that they did not die physically. Physical death became an ultimate consequence of their sin, but was not the immediate evidence of their sin. It was the spirit in man that died and thus made him to be dead in trespasses and sins even while he continued to live soulishly upon the earth. Thus the dead spirit of man was subjected to all the filthiness of an unrestrained soul and body (2 Corinthians 7:1). In Christ, however, the spirit of man is once again made alive. It is the spirit of man that is born again when a person receives Jesus Christ (John 1:12; John 3:3-7). It is in the spirit that a man is joined to the Lord in salvation (1 Corinthians 6:17). It is in Christ that the spirits of just men are made perfect (Hebrews 12:23). It is because of a born again spirit that we are able to walk in the Spirit of God and receive from Him the things of truth that make us able to glorify God (Romans 8:1-4; Galatians 5:16; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16).

There is a clear distinction between a man's soul and his spirit. Knowing this can make all the difference in whether our body is used to indulge the sinful nature of the flesh or to glorify God. May 1 Thessalonians 5:23 be the guiding principle of the lives of all believers until Jesus comes: *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.* 📖

Missionary News



*From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home*

Len & Marie Smith

Fort Collins, Colorado

Bible Studies by Mail are reaching people world-wide. Read what students write.

"Thank you for this opportunity to learn, grow and develop spiritually in the Lord's Word. I would like to ask for prayer for my marriage and our reunion again: for the Lord's will regarding my marriage, family, career and life. I pray for postage, so I may continue to mail in my lessons. God bless and thank you. (Praise the Lord, God has answered her prayer for postage. Pray she truly casts all her cares upon the Lord, with thanksgiving and total surrender. Pray she has His joy.)

An inmate shared: "When I arrived here in jail, I didn't know anything about one needing to be born again. I started reading the Bible and realized one needs to be born again to belong to God's family. I was born again on February 24, 2011 and I'm growing in His Word." (Praise God, His Word is a one road map clearly showing how to get from earth to heaven! Pray he accepts the judge's decision as God's will. Pray he is joyful.)

A 70 year old lady mailed in an enrollment slip. How did she get it? We don't know. She wrote: "I love studying the Bible. I want to do all your courses." (Praise God, He has called BSBM to send studies to whoever asks, and He is enabling us. Pray she strives to finish her race well for God. Pray her family and friends are touched spiritually.)

Responding to a question an inmate wrote: "Yes, the Lord Jesus has entered my heart...it is His will that I am here in jail. I know very well He put me

here to show me His great power." (He is in a cell-pod with several other inmates who are also studying our courses. They call their pod their church. Praise the Lord for His working!)

Moises and Rosa Campos

Olot, Spain

Our hearts are burdened in seeing the spiritual coldness and the materialistic approach of most people. We want to honor Christ and do the best we can to live in such a way that our lives may show the simplicity and truth of the gospel. We cannot but thank the Lord for His goodness to us, His care, His mercy and his guidance. We thank Him for:

- Bible Exhibits and preaching in Avila, Lebrija and Salou.
- Men's fellowship from different churches.
- Ladies Bible studies at home.
- Bible studies at other people's homes every week.
- Youth camps and other activities for the young people.
- Trip to Germany with the young people to work in a Christian camp.
- Baptism of growing Christians.
- The constant joy of teaching Sunday School to some precious little children.
- The hand of God working in the hearts of people.
- And the list goes on and on...

Moises had the blessing of receiving a Master's degree in Pastoral Studies after more than five years of work. We also had the joy of attending Irene's graduation ceremony for her degree in Business from a University in Barcelona. She now has two more years to get a post-grad in Administration. Our little girls are not little anymore!

Receive our deepest words of gratitude for your faithfulness in making our ministry possible through your support and prayers. We thank God for you.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Of the North Hills Bible Church

PRISON MINISTRY - by Ken Hoffman

The ministry at York County Prison is blessed of God to bring hope to many in hopeless situations through the preaching of the Gospel. Present inmate population numbers between 2,000 and 2,400. We are having about 15 meetings a year with average attendance of 15-30 with usually two to four individuals indicating their desire to trust Christ or seek further spiritual help.

As can be imagined there are many different needs among these inmates. A good example is a 26 year old Russian Jew who had dealt a million dollars a year in drugs and had gotten saved before coming to York Prison. At the urging of fellow inmates he attended a Sunday afternoon service where the speaker happened to be a Russian. At the conclusion of the service the inmate asked the speaker to disciple him, which he agreed to do on the condition that he really was serious about learning the Bible. This took place for some months and upon his release, this former inmate, went to California with the intent of leading those involved in his former life of sin to the Lord. After some time there he went to Brooklyn, NY and is now on staff of Chosen People Ministry leading Jewish people to the Lord.

Another blessing is hearing the inmates sing in the chapel services, some with excellent voices and volume. We go with expectation as to what the Lord will do in these services as the Gospel is preached.

PLEASANT ACRES NURSING HOME -

by Bud Collins

North Hills Bible Church has had Pleasant Acres church services for more than 30 years in their Chapel. Services consist of hymns, Scripture, prayer, special music, testimonies, a Bible message and an invitation to receive Christ as one's Savior and Lord. Not many respond to these invitations, but some do.

Christian residents express their thanks for a Bible message. Kurvin, a blind man who has been here several years, always expresses his thanks for the service.

Lately our services have been packed out. There is literally no more room in the Chapel without exceeding the maximum allowed in the room. However, residents who do not make it to the Chapel can see and hear the

service in their rooms since it is broadcast on closed circuit TV within the building.

Years ago before the days of closed circuit TV, there was a particular lady who liked to come to the church service. She wanted to attend, but, even though she could not talk, she made me understand that she needed her lipstick on first. Since there was no one immediately available and it was close to service time, I volunteered. She was a little shocked, but passed me the lipstick and I applied it. After she checked my job with her compact mirror, she agreed to go, and was laughing all the way to church.

We almost always need help to move the residents to the Chapel (most are in wheelchairs). If you are available to help, please speak to Bud Collins. PS. Most residents won't require you to put their lipstick on them first!

MANOR CARE NURSING HOME - by Buck Smith

This nursing home ministry is a worship service held bi-monthly, February through December on the third Sunday of the month. Don Scotten leads a team which assists in transporting residents to the service, musical ministry, and opportunity to encourage and bring understanding by the Word of God. The response has been that of a thankful attitude and some have received the gift of eternal life that Christ has provided to all who believe.

Following one Sunday service, Fred, an 80 some year old Roman Catholic, had questions regarding the message of grace alone, by faith alone, in Christ alone. Later, in his room he made a decision to trust Jesus as his Savior. When we returned for the following months service, we were told Fred had passed into eternity. What a wonderful gracious God we serve!

RESCUE MISSION - by Don Snyder

North Hills Bible Church holds a gospel meeting at the York Rescue Mission on the third Monday of each month at 8:00 PM.

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 taking turns.

The people express their thankfulness for our coming and at times share the struggles they are going through.

If you would like to be involved in this ministry in some way you are very welcome to do so.

A very special thanks to all of you that take part in this service to the Mission in one way or another.



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

Creation is such a fun series for our Preschoolers. We are learning the Days of Creation and enjoying crafts and special treats along with the series. The children were given bean seeds back in December and they have been watching God make them grow roots and stems.

We are learning our colors too. The Wordless Book has five colors to help us understand God's plan of salvation. Even preschoolers can grasp these concepts and apply them to their own lives by accepting Jesus as their Savior, or if they have already done that they can share God's plan with their playmates using the colors of the Wordless Book.

Primaries

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith

In our class we are continuing our lessons on the Life of Christ. We have looked at Jesus as He gathered together his disciples. Many people were seeking out Jesus for many different reasons. We learned how Jesus came into the temple and was very displeased with the way the people were using God's house. We learned of Nicodemus and how he came to Jesus by night, and the Samaritan woman who spoke with Jesus and went away rejoicing in having found "The Living Water".

We are singing songs to learn all of the disciples names. We have also been working on "The Lord's Prayer" in Matthew. So far, Hannah Wertz, Grace Balcom, and Jasmine Moss were able to recite the entire passage. Ian Morrow was also able to sign this passage.

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

Our lessons are now focusing on the ministry of Paul, emphasizing his missionary journeys. We have a big map on our classroom wall, where we are plotting the journeys of Paul and the cities and areas in which he ministered. There are so many exciting events during these years of Paul's ministry, so many times of trouble and

persecution from those who refused to believe the gospel. But there were so many times of joy and excitement as people were converted, and their lives were changed; people like Lydia, the Philippian jailer, and believers in every city. Then there was Paul's message at Mars Hill, where he preached to them of the one true God, in the middle of all their statues to idols. We look forward to our continuing study of these journeys.

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

Wouldn't it be great to travel around to various countries, visit many states, and get paid to do it? Sometimes our children hear stories of missionaries and they have similar thoughts. However, having Sam and Nicole Moss and family with us this past December has given the children in Master's Club a new perspective of the responsibilities of missionaries. This January we spent one week learning a little more about missionaries and the country of Uganda.

After playing futbol, also known as soccer in the US, the children heard the story of Mary Slessor, missionary to Calabar, Nigeria. Mary Slessor had to risk her life in order to share the Gospel with the natives. She protected the young, old, and women against immoral heathen practices. The children learn that sometimes the missionaries face difficult situations in order to share the Gospel with others.

The children also learned about the country of Uganda. They were surprised that almost half the population was age 15 and younger and that life expectancy was far less than that in our own country. They also learned that there are more Americans age 65 and older than the entire population of Uganda.

Finally, the children made a Ugandan flag out of construction paper, on the backside of the flag they pasted the prayer card for Sam and Nicole Moss. As they constructed their flag, they were reminded of the Wordless Book and how the flag of Uganda could be used as a witnessing tool. The flag has red, gold, and black stripes with a Crowned Crane in the center of a white background. They learned that the black reminds them that everyone sins, the red that Jesus shed His blood to save them, the white background reminds them that His blood will wash away their sin, and the gold reminds them of Heaven. The prayer card on the back reminded them to pray for their missionaries.

Hopefully the children have a clearer understanding of the work of a missionary, and maybe someday God will call some of them to share the Gospel in some foreign field. Please be praying for our young people that they will have a tender heart to serve their Master.



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

Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

The last Sunday in January we had our first competition for the year. We have three new quizzers this year and they started the day with a bit of nervous anticipation. As the day went on and their quiz team was doing well, the nervousness turned into excitement. We had eight quizzers all total, which was two teams each with a substitute. Both teams won 5 and lost 2 of their competitions. The ones in which they lost they were 'neck-n-neck' with the opposing team through the whole quiz, making it exciting and ending with really close scores.

The January quizzing event showed them the value of studying the material (chapters 1 and 2 in I John), and encouraged them to work just as hard the next month on chapters 3 and 4.

It is fun to study and be ready for the competitions, but hopefully we are also learning to apply the things in I John to our personal lives.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

Our younger homeschool students are continuing to study the days of creation. They studied days 4 and 5. The kids in kindergarten through grade 2 made a craft with birds and fish on it and read about insects. They have also started "God made me" books, which will include pictures and information about themselves.

Grades 4 - 6 did a craft on the planets and went outside to act out the rotation of the planets and the earth around the sun. They studied the beaks of birds, examined a horseshoe crab, and made a craft of birds in flight. They also were learning the sign language signs for common animals.

The teen boys are making great progress on their wood-working projects. Carlton has been painting his airplane; and Andrew, Henry, and Austin are now staining their shelves.

Gym classes are also being held for all classes. The group also enjoyed going roller skating in January.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

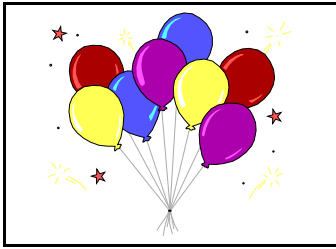
MARCH

8	- Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
10	- Teen Activity	4-8:30 PM
11	- Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
19	- Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
20	- Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
21	- TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
22	- Homeschoolers Field Trip	
25	- Teen Bible Quizzing Competition	2-4 PM
25-28	- Bible Conference	
25	- Sunday School	9:30 AM
	- Morning Worship	10:45 AM
	- Evening Service	6:30 PM
26	- Monday Service	7:00 PM
27	- Tuesday Service	7:00 PM
28	- Wednesday Service	7:00 PM

APRIL

6	- Crucifixion Service	7:00 PM
8	- Resurrection Service	10:45 AM
12	- Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
15	- Manor Care Service	1:30 PM
16	- Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
17	- Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
18	- TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
26	- Homeschoolers Field Trip	
28	- Final Quiz and Youth Rally	1-8:30 PM

Church Family News



Happy Birthday

March

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

April

- 1 - Linda Goodling
- 5 - **Brenda Hamme**
- 5 - Ervin Kornbau
- 7 - **Elijah Moss**
- 8 - Bill Knudsen
- 8 - Barbara Lenhart
- 15 - David Wertz
- 19 - Caleb Fetrow



- 21 - **Imelda Livioco**
- 23 - Darcy Cook
- 23 - Sarah Sipe
- 24 - Mike Frey
- 25 - Rose Lindstrom
- 29 - Delores Shields



Happy Anniversary

March

- 4 - Mike & Becky Frey
- 7 - Don & Jeanette Scotten
- 19 - Bill & Doris Knudsen

April

- 8 - Reg & Ina Stelfox
- 11 - Matt & Rachelle Krape
- 18 - **Peter & Janis Colon**
- 26 - **Glenn & Cheryl Hilt**

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.



Our deep sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ethel Leib in her passing on December 24, 2011. She was 101 years old.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Rojean Keller in her passing on February 10, 2012.

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Phone Number Changes

Len & Marie Smith's phone number has changed to Colorado 970-690-0245.

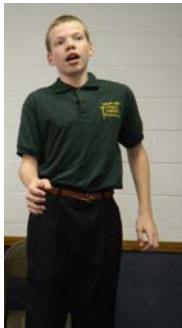
Remember Our Shut-ins



Lorraine Beath, Jean Beck, Bessie Boyer, Jeanie Geesey, Pam Grove, Gloria Hevner, Harriet Moyer, Ivy Pyle, Sara Sipe, Marian Tawney, Hilda Wallace, Elmira Wise.

TEEN BIBLE QUIZZING

The teens are quizzing on I & II John. Their competitions with other churches has begun for the year.



MASTER CLUBS



In the opening the pledges are said, they sing a few songs, and awards are handed out to those who have earned badges.



During 'Book Time' children get individualized attention.



Homeschool Support Group



Younger Group - up through third grade.



Middle Group - fourth through sixth grade.



Teen Group - seventh through twelfth grade.



Ladies Missionary Project Day



Servant's Heart Camp mailing - you start with boxes of materials and stuff them in envelopes. 731 letters ready to go!



Some of our church hymnal bindings were fixed.



We signed cards for all our missionaries to let them know we pray for them. We also took time to pray for each of our missionaries.



300 paper Wordless Books were made.



Felt Wordless Books were cut, and most were taken home to be sewn together.

