

# Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

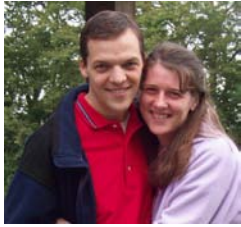
-Psalm 65:12b-

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## SUMMER MISSIONARIES



Matt and Rachelle Krape will be ministering at Servant's Heart Camp this summer. Matt will be taking a leave of absence from his job so that he may dedicate his summer to serving the LORD in this camp ministry. Please pray for the Krapes as they minister to young people and families in the various camps. Contributions to support them financially in this endeavor will be accepted through North Hills Bible Church. Please use an offering envelope for the offering plate, or mail your contribution to the church and designate it for the Krapes.



Buck, Cindy and Tanisha Smith, will also be serving the Lord at Servant's Heart Camp this summer. Pray for them as they continue in their walk with the Lord, as well as in their ministry to young people or helping on operational staff.



Three of our young ladies; Katrina Chronister, Laura Cook, and Emily Sutter, will be working as summer missionaries with Child Evangelism Fellowship of York County. They will be helping to conduct 5-Day Clubs or helping in Day Camps from the first week in July through the second week in August. Their Summer Missionary Training School runs June 13 - 26. Pray that they will reach many children for Christ.



Jon Boyer will be traveling with the Academy of Arts Summer Drama Teams helping in the area of stage lighting. Pray for these teams as they seek to evangelize the lost and edify believers.

## CAMP INFO

Our young people attend two different camps in the summer. At each of them, they are exposed to the teaching of God's Word and are given the opportunity to have a lot of fun in an environment which the parents can trust. Please pray for our youth as they attend camp this summer. Pray that the Lord will use this experience to draw them

closer to Him, and to help them have more receptive hearts to His will for their lives.

### July 11-16

Some of our teens will be attending The WILDS Camp in North Carolina.

### July 11-15

Some of our Juniors will be attending Servant's Heart Camp.

### July 25-29

Some of our teens will be attending Servant's Heart Camp.

## Children's Day May 22

The observance of Children's Day will be on Sunday, May 23. On this day during the 9:30 Sunday School hour, there will be a special children's program. All classes will be combined for this occasion.

The rehearsal for this program will be held on Saturday, May 21 at 9:30 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.

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

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

At the end of May, we observe Memorial Day. While holidays are generally joyful times spent with family and friends, this holiday should also include a time of reflection with gratitude to God for the men and women who gave their lives through the years that we might have the freedoms we so often take for granted in our country.

New to the library are two biographies which recount the experiences of an American man and a Dutch woman whose lives were greatly affected and changed by the events of World War II.

**Jacob DeShazer: Forgive Your Enemies**

As one of the famous Doolittle Raiders who first attacked Japan after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Jacob's dangerous mission led to his capture as a prisoner of war. Beaten, malnourished, and alone in his cell, he was given a Bible - and far away from home, this American soldier became a Christian. After the war, he returned to Japan where he served his former enemy for thirty years as a missionary. His testimony of forgiveness and reconciliation provides a powerful gospel message.

**Corrie ten Boom: Keeper of the Angels' Den**

How true her elderly father's words were the quiet evening before Hitler's madness descended on Holland. Suddenly Corrie's ordered life was lost in the insanity of war. With bravery and compassion, her family and many other Dutch citizens risked everything to extend God's hand to those innocents marked for certain execution in a world gone mad. Her life of determination, faith, and forgiveness in the face of unimaginable brutality and hardship is a stunning testimony to the sustaining power of God.

Also, look for another biography and some DVDs from MOODY SCIENCE CLASSICS in the weeks ahead:

**C.S. Lewis: Master Storyteller  
Facts of Faith  
Professor and the Prophets  
Ultimate Adventure**

# Loving His Appearing

Chapter Twenty Three

## Hope That Is Hope

Romans 8:24-25

### Introduction

*For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it (Romans 8:24-25).*

Why did God make the rapture of the church so mysterious? He told us in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 what is going to happen, but no where does He tell us when it is going to happen. In fact, the timing of the rapture is so mysterious that controversy rages within the church as to its occurrence in relationship to other end time events. God purposely withheld information about the timing of the rapture because He wants us to hope for it. If the vision of its occurrence is too clear, we will not wait in hope, but easily occupy ourselves with other things until we know it is close. Scripture says that we do not hope for what we can see. But He wants us to hope for the arrival of Jesus Christ when He will receive us unto Himself, so it must remain mysterious to enhance our anticipation of this momentous event.

### **OUR LIVELY HOPE**

A forty year old man who is in perfect health has the prospect of living another forty to fifty years. He comes to you and says, "I have included you in my will. I have set up a trust fund to guarantee that when I die you will receive this inheritance." You think to yourself, "Great, fifty years from now I will be set – but what about now?"

We have a guaranteed inheritance in Christ. We look forward to the time we will receive that inheritance. But what does our hope do for us now? 1 Peter 1:3 tells us we have a lively hope. Our hope is very active and very much a part of the dynamics of an effective Christian life here on earth.

### **1. The Possession Of Hope**

God sets hope before us. Hebrews 6:18 says, *that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have led for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.* God set our hope before us in the same way we might set a present in front of another person. All we have to do is reach out and take possession of it. This is the meaning of the term "to lay hold of." When we flee for refuge to the cross of Christ and receive Him as our Saviour, we are laying hold of, or taking possession of, the hope that He sets before us.

This hope is not just in this life. God warns us not to listen to those who deny the resurrection of Christ, reasoning that *if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable* (1 Corinthians 15:19). *But, according to 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, now is Christ risen from the dead and by His resurrection the bonds of this life are broken.* Our hope goes far beyond this life!

According to Colossians 1:5, our hope is laid up for us in heaven. Something has been laid aside for us in that wonderfully mysterious place called heaven and it is there, waiting for us.

### **2. The Content Of Hope**

Our hope consists of an incorruptible inheritance. *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.* (1 Peter 1:3-5). Something that is incorruptible does not decay. It is imperishable. Something that is undefiled is unimpaired, unlike an old computer that keeps getting slower and slower. Something that fadeth not away is always fresh and new. To be reserved is to be taken care of, watched, and guarded. To be kept is to be protected. The lively hope that God has set before us is imperishable, unimpaired, and always fresh and new. He is taking care of it for us by watching it and guarding it. He is also protecting us so that nothing can prevent us from coming into our inheritance when it is time.

Our hope consists of eternal life. *That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life* (Titus 3:7). We have a one hundred percent guarantee that we will live for ever. That is our hope. That is our assurance. That is our security provided by the power of God Himself.

Our hope consists of glory. *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory* (Colossians 1:27). *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us* (Romans 8:18). What is glory? – splendor, brightness, excellence, dignity, majesty, an exalted state. Like the brilliance of the angels bearing the glory of God because they have just come from His presence, so we in our inheritance will have the privilege of bearing the glory of God for all eternity.

Our hope consists of the return of Christ. We live in expectation of the wonder of seeing Him face to face. *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ* (Titus 2:13).

### 3. The Liveliness Of Hope

Our hope causes rejoicing. Romans 12:12 speaks of our *rejoicing in hope*. In our vernacular English, we might express it as being whistling happy, though true rejoicing is not a surface emotion but an inward assurance. Rejoicing is an expected activity of any true believer. And rejoicing in our hope of the glory of God is a vital part of the every day demeanor of a person who stands in the grace of God by faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 5:2).

Our hope makes us unashamed. Because we possess the love of God, which He shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, we have the boldness to openly live in the hope of the imminent return of Christ (Romans 5:5).

Our hope causes us to abound. As we believe in God and trust in Christ, He fills us with joy and peace which makes it possible for us to abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit, not being hindered by the sadness of this depressed world (Romans 15:13).

Our hope grants us patience. In the confidence and assurance that our hope will turn into reality, we

are able to relax in the present to the point of it being noticeable by others (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Our hope gives us an anchor. *Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure [certain and confirmed] and stedfast [unmoveable]...*(Hebrews 6:19).

## OUR THREE DIMENSIONAL HOPE

People try to compartmentalize the elements of their lives. Politicians say, "What I do in my personal life has no effect on how I do my job as an elected official." Christians say, "This is my religion and this is my personal life" – as if the two do not intersect, like two never touching parallel lines.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 says, *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*. He proposes that while we are anticipating the arrival of Jesus Christ to rapture us out of this world, our sojourning in this world should be characterized by sanctification in our whole being – spirit and soul and body. In each of these parts of our lives, He desires that we be preserved blameless so that there be no cause for censure, condemnation, or fault finding in us. It seems like a tall order, but Scripture tells us how this is possible.

### 1. Keeping My Spirit Faultless Unto His Appearing

*The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly* (Proverbs 20:27). In other words, the spirit of man is God's search engine (as in a computer) by which God can see everything that is going on inside of us. At the same time, the spirit of man is the USB port by which God can enter information into us as well. As Job 32:8 says, *But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding*.

The danger for us is that we might be overexposed to the elements of this world and vex our spirit. This is what Solomon did. He talked about it in the book of Ecclesiastes where he repeatedly said, *this also is vanity and vexation of spirit*. Vexation is a combative environment in which it is impossible to relax. By indulging in everything the world had to offer (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11), Solomon became restless and was constantly unsatisfied. The word vanity is used 79

times in all of the Bible. Thirty one of those occur in the little book of Ecclesiastes. His indulgence in the world had such a profound impact on king Solomon, that he actually bowed to the wishes of his heathen wives and worshiped their false gods (1 Kings 11:4).

How do we keep our spirit without fault and without vexation? According to Isaiah 66:2, we must keep our spirit poor and contrite before the Lord: *...but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.* To be poor is to be needy, weak, wretched. To be contrite is to be lame from having been beaten. To come before the LORD as one who has been beaten down and made weak by our own sinfulness is to come in all honesty, recognizing the true nature of our inner self. The alternative is a haughty spirit which God will never honor (Proverbs 16:18). But God will always listen to and help those who acknowledge their own neediness and absolute dependence upon God.

## 2. Keeping My Soul Faultless Until His Appearing

The soul gives liveliness to the body (Genesis 2:7). It is related to the functions of the body like eating (Deuteronomy 12:15). It is also related to the conscious will of man (Proverbs 13:19). The soul is the inward part of us that gives us all the sensations of being human. We are not just physical beings, we are also soulish beings. As Proverbs 16:24 says, *Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.*

Just as our spirit can be vexed, so can our soul be vexed. Lot experienced this in Sodom where he was vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked and in constantly seeing and hearing their unlawful deeds vexed his righteous soul every day (1 Peter 2:7-8). Yet in spite of the vexation, he developed an attachment to the environment of unlawful deeds. When God sent his angels to remove Lot from Sodom before its destruction, Lot lingered and was reluctant to leave.

How do we keep our soul without fault and without vexation? We must abstain from the fleshly lusts which war against the soul (1 Peter 2:11). We can do this by the fruit of temperance which the Holy Spirit wants to produce in us (Galatians 5:22). We must also be detached from this present world by hoping for what is to come. We do this by setting our affection on things above and not on things here on earth (Colossians 3:1-3). We must remember that our

hope will keep us anchored if we get to the right spiritual place in our daily walk.

## 3. Keeping My Body Faultless Unto His Appearing

*The body without the spirit is dead* (James 2:26). The body is just a vehicle by which we move about in this physical world. We are only allowed to use this body. We do not own it. You see, the body is for the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:13-20). We are not our own. We were bought with a price and we therefore have an obligation to glorify God in our body and in our spirit which both belong to God (verses 19-20). We are to yield the members of our body as instruments of righteousness unto God (Romans 6:13).

The danger is that we might use our body for fornication (1 Corinthians 6:13). That is, we might join our body to something other than God or that which pleases Him. Conforming our bodies to this world (Romans 12:1-2) poses serious dangers to the pursuit of God's perfect will for our lives.

How do we keep our body without fault? We must present our body to the Lord as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1). A sacrifice is something that dies. How can our body be a living dead thing? We must die to the interests of the body itself as it desires to join itself to the ungodly practices of this world. In order to be faithful in this, we must reprogram our mind to think spiritually rather than to think physically. We can do this if we constantly remember that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19).

### HELP TO HOPE

We are waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ, that is, His arrival in the clouds in the air at which time we will be raptured up to Him. But waiting is hard. Have you ever been waiting in line for something and just given up because the wait was too long? Or perhaps you did not get out of line but in your impatience you became irritable and complaining. Some things you just cannot do yourself. For example, to remove a screw from a piece of wood, you need the help of a tool – a screw driver. Waiting for the coming of Christ is something that we cannot do ourselves either. We need the help of the Holy Spirit to wait for the rapture. As Galatians 5:5 says, *For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.*

## 1. We Are Waiting

Galatians 5:5 says ...we...wait.... Waiting implies anticipation or expectation, the belief that something really will happen. We ought to be believing that the rapture really will happen and we ought to live every day of our lives in expectation of it so that we will not be surprised by it when it happens. Suppose you are sitting in a room and you have no expectation that someone else will enter the room. When someone does enter the room, you are so engrossed in what you are doing that you do not notice them. They start to talk to you and you jump – frightened by the unexpected presence of someone else. This should not be our experience at the rapture. Rather, we should be waiting for Jesus to come. We should expect Him to arrive at any moment. We should know that when He does arrive, there will be a shout, there will be the voice of an archangel, and there will be the sound of a trumpet. None of it should startle us because we are anticipating it.

## 2. We Are Waiting For The Hope Of Righteousness

Remember, hope involves something we cannot see (Romans 8:24-25). The hope of righteousness indicates there is something connected to righteousness that we have not yet seen or experienced. What is the hope of righteousness? The promise is that at the rapture we shall be in the likeness of His resurrection (Romans 6:5). We therefore wait for the redemption of the body (Romans 8:23) at which time we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:2). The hope of righteousness which we cannot see now is the glorification of the body at the rapture. This is what Christ made possible by causing grace to reign through righteousness unto eternal life. This is what we wait for!

## 3. We Are Waiting For This By Faith

*Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen* (Hebrews 11:1). Just as all those mentioned in Hebrews chapter 11 believed in the trustworthiness of God's promises, and just as Abraham staggered not at the promises of God, we must trust that what God promised He is able also to perform (Romans 4:20). That means that we will never entertain the thought that it will not happen and we will actively live in expectation that it will. For example, a father is away on a trip and tells his child he will be home in a few days. The child plays, but with an ear constantly tuned to the door knob, waiting

to hear it turn indicating his father's arrival. No matter how involved he gets in his play, that child is ready to hear the door knob turn and see his father come home. So our heart should be anticipating the sound of the trumpet indicating the arrival of our Lord and Saviour. No matter how involved we may get with the affairs of our present experience, we should be always ready to hear the sound of His coming.

## 4. We Are Waiting Through The Spirit

In Galatians 5:5, the word "Spirit" is in the instrumental case. This means that the Holy Spirit is the instrument, the tool, by which we are able to wait. This also means that we need His help to wait just like we need the help of a screw driver to remove a screw from a piece of wood. Ephesians 1:13-14 tells us that the Holy Spirit is *the earnest, or down payment, of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession*. He seals us unto that day (Ephesians 4:30) and keeps us by His power unto the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:5). We have the wonderful comfort that we are not left to fend for ourselves as we wait for our Saviour.

## Conclusion

Our hope which is laid up for us in heaven, has a profound impact on the quality of our living now in this life. It makes us a rejoicing person. It makes us unshamed of our faith. It makes us abound in anticipation. It makes us patient in our present circumstances, It anchors us so that we are unmoved by all the unsettling events around us. On September 15, 2008, hurricane Ike tore through the city of Gilchrist, Texas. Every house in one neighborhood was leveled – except one. Why did that one house remain while all the others were lost? It was apparently built differently from all the rest, so that it could withstand the storm. That is the way with a believer in Jesus Christ who is anchored in His hope. We are built differently than other people. We are able to withstand the storm of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and patiently wait for that hope we have in Christ which God has so graciously set before us. Reach out and take possession of it. Live your life in hope.

As we keep our spirit humble before the Lord, and as we abstain from the lusts of this world, and as we yield our bodies as instruments of righteousness unto God, we show God we love the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. If we let our spirit float up to the heights of pride, or if we indulge in all the desirable

things of the world, or if we let our bodies fit into the mold of this world, we show God we love this place more than we love leaving it to be with Him.

Which message do you want to send God? Are you willing rather to be absent from the body and present with the Lord? (2 Corinthians 5:8), or would you rather be absent from the Lord and present in this world? Do you really love His appearing?

Don't fool yourself. Waiting for Jesus to come is not something you can do yourself. It is easy to become impatient and say, *where is the promise of His coming?* (2 Peter 3:4). But the Holy Spirit helps us to hope and to wait for what has been promised. It is like someone who sits beside you in church and when you begin to fall asleep, they poke you to keep you awake. The Holy Spirit will help us stay focused as we wait for the rapture.

*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost* (Romans 15:13). Wear that helmet, the hope of salvation (1 Thessalonians 5:8) every day and keep your eyes upon Jesus Christ who is our hope (1 Timothy 1;1). Keep looking for that blessed hope (Titus 2:13), and while you are doing so live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. 📖

## ELDER NOTES

The Elders met twice since the last issue of Rejoicing From the Hills, on March 22 and on April 21. All Elders were present for each meeting. Each meeting began with the reading of a chapter in the Bible. This was followed by a review of the needs of our church family and a season of prayer during which each Elder participated and prayed for individuals as well as the agenda before us.

The Trustees reported that they replaced the timer in the water heater and did other maintenance around the church. Curtains in the stairwells will be replaced. Money for the new curtains will come from the Memorial Fund and the Special Projects Fund.

The Trustees have elected to switch our church facility to an alternative electricity supplier. We are switching from Met Ed to a company called Glacial Energy. We believe this will save us hundreds of dollars on our electric bills this year.

We will encourage contributions for those in our church involved in summer missionary endeavors including those working at Servant's Heart Camp. Mary Snyder will be substitute teaching the Primary Sunday School class while the Smiths are serving at the camp this summer. We will send a contribution from the church to Servant's Heart camp to help with their start up expenses at their new property and encourage members of our church family to do so as well.

With concern about the use of electronic devices during our worship services, we have established the following policy:

### **Policy on Use Of Technology Devices During Worship Services**

In order to preserve the reverence of our worship services on Sunday mornings and on Sunday evenings, we request that no communication devices, computers, cell phones, or any other electronic devices be turned on or used during these services. Video recording equipment may be used from the balcony. On special occasions when it is desired to take photos, we request that cameras be used without flash.

We also established two policies that will be added to our Missions policies.

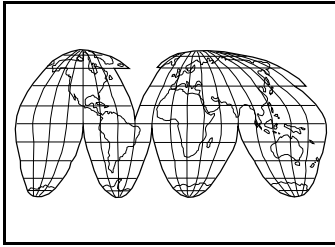
### **Policy on Missionary Support for Widows and Widowers**

Any missionary whom we have supported financially for at least ten years and whose spouse has gone home to be with the Lord will continue to be supported throughout their on going ministry and throughout their retirement as long as such support is needed and as long as funds are available. The amount of support may be adjusted to reflect any change in the nature of their ministry and the nature of their needs. Each case will be considered on an individual basis.

### **Policy on Support for Retired Missionaries**

Any missionary whom we have supported financially for at least 10 years and who retires from active missionary ministry will continue to be supported throughout their retirement as long as funds are available. The amount of support may be reduced so that we may keep the maximum amount of support money possible directed toward active missionary ministries. 📖

## Missionary News



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

# Len & Marie Smith

Las Cruces, New Mexico

**Bible Studies by Mail** grows each year in its outreach to new students. Some have asked how many students we have. We have about 800 students and send out about 4,000 lessons a month. Len corrects about 160 lessons each month. Thanks to about 18 other volunteers the lessons get graded and new lessons sent out. About 25 decisions for Christ are made each month. Praise the Lord! Len also serves on the board of directors and serves as the treasurer. He also helps clean bugs out of the computer programs.

### Read what two students wrote.

"I am in inmate at Calloway, Colorado. When I was in Jail in Kentucky, I got your address off of the internet and asked you to send me your free Bible study correspondence course for myself and three friends. Thank you so much."

"Thank you for helping me overcome forgiveness. And yes, I did receive Christ as my Savior in the first lesson. Thank you for the tracts enclosed in the lesson. They have helped me forgive those who have hurt me so much. Thank you for keeping me in your prayers. May God bless you."

**The Bible Training Institute** is more advanced and is on a post-high school level and is to be studied on a home computer. The lessons are downloaded via the internet on to a personal computer. They are studied on the computer and then the test is sent to the Institute via the internet.

Continue to pray for Len and the men helping him as they prepare the lessons in programmed style for this Bible Training Institute.

# TAP Ministry

Teacher's Assistance Program  
"Sending Gospel literature to the mission field."

### Focus on the ministry

"But if our gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." II Corinthians 4:3-4. Lost (unsaved) people are blinded by the work of Satan to have them use their minds less in reading, studying and applying God's Word to their lives. Satan wants people to be held in darkness away from the "Good News" of Jesus Christ that will bring His glorious light unto them. Our ministry strives to provide Gospel literature to God's servants who will in turn use it to bring the light of the Gospel to penetrate the gloom of unsaved, blinded people.

We had 253 volunteers this year to help sort material donations. These groups vary in size from two to ten workers. We praise the Lord for the continuing faithfulness of our volunteers.

### Letters from the field

"Your ministry has been a great blessing to our church. Thanks and may God bless your ministry. Please we need some more for our library. Please continue to help us." Pastor John in Nigeria (We sent two separate mailings to this pastor that included Bibles, various reference books, magazines, cassette tapes and tracts.)

"Brethern, I am a teacher of the Bible in my local church in central part of Ghana. I am asking your ministry to support me of Christian materials. I need a study Bible and also books on prayer, evangelism, counseling and evangelism tracts." Brother Shamo in Ghana. (We were able to send a new Scofield Study Bible, reference books in various topics including God, Jesus Christ, prayer, counseling, the Holy Spirit, biblical principals, and tracts.)

"I am very happy to receive the books. These books are going to help me and the Bible School students." Pastor Chisale in Malawi (We sent a carton of reference books, Christian magazines, and devotional material.)



## Don & Karen Kilmer

South Africa

A young man, named Philani (pea-la'-knee) came by the church one day as I was leaving. He thanked me for **preaching the truth** at his brother's funeral. He said, "I still remember that you challenged us to think about our lives and accept the truth before it is too late." He also thanked me for giving him "a paper about the gospel." As I was driving to town one day, I saw him walking along the road. I had given him a ride to town and on the way gave him a gospel tract. He said he read it and hasn't forgotten the message. He still is not saved and struggles with alcohol, but knows his life is on the wrong track. He also explained that he is sick, meaning he has HIV, which is a common problem here.

In town yesterday I saw a JW, named Spain, who lives in our tribal area. He said he wanted to come and preach at my church. I told him that we don't let someone preach unless they **agree with Bible doctrine**. I told him here-in lies a problem as the Watchtower teaches false doctrine. I told him the Watchtower teaches a false way of salvation. He claimed that salvation comes through Jesus. I agreed, but said the Watchtower adds to what the Bible says, because salvation is only in Jesus, not in Jesus plus something else. The Watchtower teaches that one must believe on Jesus and join their organization and do good works; however, the Bible says in 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." At this point he said, "Ok, that is enough. Just go. We are finished here. I have nothing more to say to you." Only God can open the eyes of Spain to see the way of salvation clearly.

We baptized three adults. It was a blessing to see them **obey the Lord** and testify to their salvation in Christ.

A special thanks to all of you who help support us in our ministry. You are a blessed part of our ministry, for without your help we would not be able to be here to preach, teach, disciple and win souls to the Lord.

**Pray for wisdom** in discipling people and for more missionaries to work among the Zulu people.

## Robert & Imelda Livio

Philippines

It was encouraging to hear that we have some regular **radio listeners** tuning in to our early Saturday morning broadcasts. A lady called the station while I was playing a musical number from one of our church CDs. She knew I had started a series on Genesis two weeks earlier but missed our broadcast the week before. Although she claims to be Roman Catholic, she expressed her appreciation for our careful approach to the biblical text and said this was the kind of radio program she was looking for. Please pray that she would come to Christ and trust Him solely for her salvation.

Our church held its first **Men's Fellowship** at a function room of a restaurant. Twenty men showed up. We praise the Lord again for the encouraging feedback we got from them and from some of their wives. Please pray with us that God would raise male biblical and spiritual leadership in our church and our homes.

A church couple introduced us to their friend diagnosed with cancer of the lymph nodes. The doctors predict that he has one more year to live. We praise the Lord that he **trusted Christ as Savior** that evening while admitting to his sinful lifestyle. He has committed himself to reading the Bible regularly, a weekly Bible study and attending our church after his chemotherapy treatments in the hospital. As of this writing he is still confined and we anticipate his discharge in the next couple of weeks. Please pray for him.

This March the Lord opened a **Bible study** at an office close to our area. The manager is a professing Christian and a relative of a church member. There were about 15 who came that night and a number of them raised their hands to receive Christ as Savior. Again, we would appreciate your prayers as we minister to these new converts.

**Couples Fellowship** - The chaplains and pastors of our video Bible classes at the Air Force Base (together with their wives and the couples from their churches) joined us for this event. This three hour event was a fitting time for a marriage tune-up. Please pray with us that the biblical principles we taught, learned, and discussed would be applied in our homes and families.

# Class of 2011



**Katrina Chronister**

I'm not quite sure where the time has gone, but the years of dreaming about graduation are no longer necessary. I am absolutely ecstatic to be graduating! I have been blessed with amazing parents, who made one of the best choices ever: to educate me at home.

As far as interests, I have been involved in a broad range of activities. At the age of five, I began taking figure skating lessons, thus beginning my love for the sport that I still enjoy today. Additionally, I have participated in Bible quizzing for six years, which has equipped me with a better understanding of God's Word. There is one particular verse that I discovered through quizzing that has had a tremendous impact on me. Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us..." I love this verse because it is a constant reminder that God is able to go far beyond what I understand or ask of Him. In regards to my decisions for the future, God has blessed me in just this way by providing solutions that were exceeding abundantly above what I asked or expected. In the fall, I am planning to attend Penn State Mont Alto where I will be majoring in the physical therapy program. I'm eager to see how the Lord continues to lead me in this new phase of my life.



**Laura Cook**

Wow, it's hard to believe my school years are almost over! Time sure does fly! I'm very excited to be finishing, but also a bit nervous about what's next. At this time I have no plans to attend college, but if God wants me

there I know He will show me where to go. But in the meantime, I will be working this summer with CEF again and I am really looking forward to it. In the fall, my plans are to find a full time job wherever God directs me.

A verse that has had influence on my life comes from one of the books I memorized during my years of quizzing. Ephesians 3:20 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." This verse reminds me that God can do anything, He can do things

that I would never imagine doing myself. Anything I ask, He can do and will do it better than I would be able to. I know that God has plans for my life after graduation, and I need to look to Him at all times for what He wants from me.



**Erika Felty**

First off, I can't believe my high school career is coming to an end! I've been so blessed through it all. My plans this fall are to attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia and major in social sciences. Through the years, I have come to love the verse, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another; even a God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32. This verse has shown me the kind of person I strive to be, and the importance of living a godly life. I want to thank the church family for all their prayers and support as I start this new chapter in my life.



**Roy Morrow**

After graduation I plan on continuing to work on my uncle's farm for at least a year. After that I'm not sure yet. We'll have to wait and see where God leads.

My favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 24:16 "A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again; but the wicked shall fall into mischief." This verse has just encouraged me - whether in giving up a sin in my life, or in trying to succeed in something - it has encouraged me to keep going.



**Brandy Shoff**

What I'm planning to do after high school is work for a while and save up enough money to go to nursing school to become an LPN. I love to help people, so that is why I want to be a nurse. My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 55:6 "And I said, oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away and be at rest." This is my favorite Bible verse because it reminds me that one day I will fly away and be at rest in the Lord.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

The children were learning about Jesus trial and suffering before His crucifixion. As they listened to how Peter denied Jesus because he was too scared to admit that he knew Him, the children gasped, "He told a lie!" And then as they realized Peter's shame and how much it hurt Jesus that Peter denied Him, the children's little faces were overcome with sorrow and some even had tears trickling down their cheeks. Oh, that we all would have that tenderness, and feel Jesus pain when we disappoint Him.

We are in the middle of learning Psalm 100. The children enjoy doing the motions as we learn each new verse. They are anxious to say this Psalm at our Children's Day program on May 22 and also sing some of their favorite songs.

## PRIMARIES

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

What a joy it is to gather together to praise the Lord. We have been singing and signing several new songs. All of the children have been doing a great job participating. We have begun a series of lessons on the life of Joseph. There again the children have been really listening and are able to answer when asked questions. We have all been challenged as we witness the good testimony that Joseph maintained even in the midst of all the trials in his life. It was clear to see that "God was with him".

We have also been working on learning the Books of the New Testament. How excited everyone was when Ian Morrow got up and was able to sign all of them without any help whatsoever. Charles Balcom was able to say them all and was a real help to everyone as we were learning them. Jasmine Moss had them all memorized way before we finished them as a group. One week Matthew Kanost's mother told us he was ready to say his and we had to inform her that he had already said them along with Caleb Fetrow the week before. She hadn't realized that he already knew them! Allyson Knuth said "I like to sing them because

it is easier to remember them that way". After Ryan Knuth finished saying them, he was so excited that he was able to remember them. After he sat down and looked at them up on the wall his comment was, "Wow, that is really a lot to remember isn't it?" To which we replied, "Ryan you did a good job and that is very pleasing to the Lord".

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

We've finished our study of the parables and are continuing our study on the earthly ministry of Christ. Our recent lessons have reminded us so much of the love and compassion Jesus has for others. These included the Samaritan woman, the nobleman whose son was sick, the children who loved to be with Jesus, Jairus' daughter, and the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' robe to be healed. What compassion and love Jesus showed to each of these as He gave the Samaritan woman living water, as He gathered the children in His arms, and as He healed the others of their sicknesses! Jesus said that others would know that we belong to Him, because of the love we would have toward others; just as He has.

Jonathan Kanost, Austin Morrow, and Carleigh Moss were able to quote the verses from the parable of the seed and the sower. Our new memory verses are from John 1.

## Master Clubs

*Director - Nathaniel Wertz*

Praise the Lord for his wondrous works. It is amazing how God has worked in Master Clubs this year. I am very pleased with all the verses the children have memorized. Some of the students have already quoted all the verses required for this year, others are very close. Hiding God's Word in the hearts of these children will remain with them much longer than the games they play or even the friendships that they make.

I would like to encourage you to plan on coming to church Sunday evening, May 22, to hear and see what the Lord has done in the lives of the children in our church. Come to encourage the next generation in seeking and knowing the Lord. Remember to pray for the children and teachers as they continue giving their best for Him.



## Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

It's been a learning time as we have studied the books of Philippians and III John this year. We realize even better that there are so many things we need Christ's help to do and overcome. It has been encouraging to hear the quizzers choose a verse we have studied and explain what it has meant to them in present day situations. We have been doing this on Wednesday nights before we review our quiz questions.

What an exciting day was April 30 as our quizzers got together in the morning and read each chapter and then quizzed about a half hour on that chapter as our review. Then in the afternoon we went to meet our competitors from other churches - friendly competition of course! As the afternoon wore on, teams were eliminated. In the evening was the annual teen rally with fun games, supper and a speaker.

Our three teams to participate in the final competition were as follows: (using Bible birds as our team names) Eagles team - Andrew Cook, Laura Cook, and Chris Cox; Ravens team - Carlton Morrow, Katrina Chronister, and Roy Morrow, with Emily Sutter as the substitute; Doves team - Henry Balcom, Jon Boyer, and Brandy Shoff, with Sarah Fetrow as the substitute.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

The students age 2 through 6th grade continue learning about how our country became a nation. In March, Valley Forge was the topic. The children learned about the hardships the soldiers

experienced while learning how to be soldiers under the command of Von Stueben, a Prussian Military leader. The 3rd - 6th graders made three point hats and made "fire bread". This "bread" which was a staple for the soldiers, was made from flour and water and baked on rocks at a campfire. (We had a cold and rainy day in which we substituted the campfire with the oven) YUM!! The homeschool group will be visiting Valley Forge in May.

The 7th through 12th graders continue to progress on their newsletter documenting the interviews which occurred this year with various interesting members of the church. Look for this future publication. In addition to writing, these students have been learning about various professional trades and were challenged with a introduction to plumbing during a two hour class with Matt Krape.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

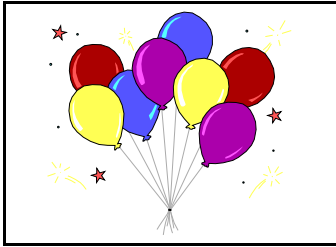
### May

5	Senior Outing	8:30 AM
8	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
12	Homeschoolers Project Fair	9:00 AM
16	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
17	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
18	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
21	Children's Program Practice	9:30 AM
22	Children's Day Program	9:30 AM
22	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM
31	Prison Ministry	7:00 PM

### June

2	Senior Outing to Lake Tobias	
6	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
13	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
15	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
20	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
20	Rescue Mission Meeting	8:00 PM
21	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
27	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
30	Prison Ministry	8:00 PM

### Church Family News



### Happy Birthday

#### May

- 2 - Austin Morrow
- 5 - Ethan Byers
- 7 - Dalton Cook
- 9 - Sherry Beam
- 11 - Andrew Cook
- 13 - **Nola Perrott**
- 13 - Ilene Shoff
- 16 - Sarah Fetrow
- 17 - Diane Hildebrand
- 18 - Olivia Kauffman
- 19 - **Roger Perrott**
- 20 - Carol Byers
- 23 - Mary Lambert
- 31 - **Ruth Livio**

#### June

- 1 - **Donald Kilmer**
- 3 - Charles Balcom
- 3 - Bryan Flohr
- 5 - Bud Collins
- 5 - **Danielle Livio**
- 7 - Matthew Kanost
- 7 - Joel Knuth
- 7 - Taryne Knuth
- 9 - Greg Beard
- 15 - Ivy Pyle



- 17 - Allyson Knuth
- 19 - Gene Beam
- 19 - Ethel Leib
- 20 - Shirley Beard
- 20 - **Joshua Perrott** ('06)
- 23 - Becky Frey
- 24 - Kermit Smith
- 26 - Mildred Geisler
- 28 - David Fetrow
- 30 - Joseph Byers



### Happy Anniversary

#### May

- 3 - Gary & Carolyn Zimmerman
- 22 - Kevin & Julie Boyer
- 31 - Nathaniel & Marietta Wertz

#### June

- 1 - Paul & Pamela Grove
- 4 - **Moises & Rosa Campos**
- 4 - Bryan & Beth Ann Flohr
- 4 - Earl & Patsy Knuth
- 8 - **Len & Marie Smith**
- 13 - Howard & Pat Rudisill
- 16 - Rick & Lydia Fetrow
- 29 - Marley & Gladys Gross
- 29 - Bob & Carol McKinley
- 29 - Vernon & Delores Shields

#### 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 sympathy is extended to our missionary, Bobby Livio, in the passing of his father on March 10, 2011.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Pastor Moss in the passing of his mother on April 9, 2011.

## Remember Our Shut-ins



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

# Congratulations

NEW ARRIVAL



*Address Changes*



*Phone Number Changes*

# Senior Outing to Herr's Snack Factory



All enjoyed the fresh (still warm) chip samples on the tour, and many took advantage of the “oops” chips that were discounted.



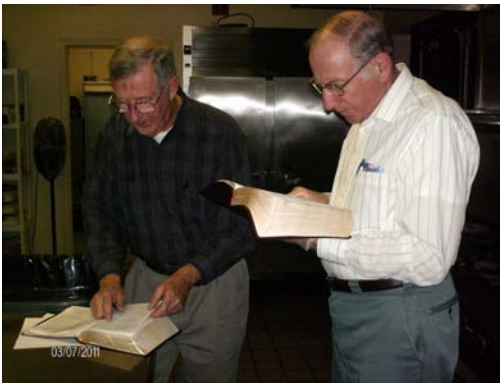
A video explained the history of Herr's.



Make Herr's yours!

# Rescue Mission Ministry

Once a month our church provides spiritual and physical food to those at the Rescue Mission.



Providing the spiritual food through music and the preaching of the Word.



Providing the physical food.





# QUIZZERS

# 2010-2011



Carlton

Roy

Jon

Chris

Andrew

Henry

Laura

Emily

Sarah

Katrina

Brandy

# Homeschoolers Field Trip to the Police Station



There was instruction inside and information to remember in the classroom, but...  
The exciting part was when they got to be up close and personal with the police car!



The Men's Bible Class meets every other Saturday morning at 9:00 AM.



Presently they are learning the doctrine of Israel - past, present and future.



The Ladies had two projects this year to work on together.



Some worked on mending our worn church hymnals and pew Bible bindings.



Others worked on getting a mailing ready for Servant's Heart Camp  
- folding letters and stuffing envelopes.

# Master Clubs



“Chariot Races” in game time.



Learning about the Passover and applying “blood” on the doorposts.



They love to sing!  
The teens can hear them all the way over in their classroom -  
even with the doors shut :-)

