

# Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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## SUMMER MINISTRIES



Matt and Rachelle Krape will be ministering at Servants 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.

One of our teens, Sarah Fetrow, will also be helping on the operational staff this summer at Servant's Heart Camp. Pray for her first experience in this ministry, to be receptive to all the Lord wants to teach her, and for her to be a blessing on the camp staff.



## 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 8 - 13

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

### July 22 - 27

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

### July 29 - August 2

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

## Children's Day June 2



The observance of Children's Day will be on Sunday, June 2. 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, June 1 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.

# Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

In the weeks ahead, we will celebrate Mother's Day, Children's Day, and Father's Day. God places great emphasis on the family in His Word, which is surely the best source for information on the why's and how's of Christian parenting.

Steven and Teri Maxwell are the parents of eight homeschooled children, most of whom are now adults. Through the years, they together and individually have written a number of books which provide scriptural insights on the home and family. Two of their books are new to the library:

### ***Keeping Our Children's Hearts***

Written for parents of young children to teenagers, this book shares the joys and outcomes of the vital priority of keeping their children's hearts and answers some questions about what parents can do to direct their children toward godliness rather than worldliness, when to begin this process, and what the cost is. The Maxwells believe the key factors in raising children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord are whether or not the parents have their children's hearts and what they are doing with those hearts. This book offers direction and encouragement on this critically important topic.

### ***Preparing Sons to Provide for a Single-Income Family***

In the uncertain economic times in which we live, is it even possible to consider being a single-income family? In today's world of two-income families, this may seem like an impossibility. Christian parents with a willing commitment to properly prepare their sons to one day be responsible for supporting a family will find it helpful to have a purpose and plan. This book provides practical suggestions and direction to parents for working with their sons from preschool age all the way through to adulthood.

The following DVDs, recently added to the library, can be enjoyed by the whole family:

***The Treasure Map*** - Can a mysterious treasure map bring two boys together who are at odds with each other?

***Project Dinosaur*** - Can a ruined science fair experiment lead to a thoughtful evaluation of creation versus evolution?

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# Legalism

No one can deny that the moral standards of our country have greatly changed over the last 100 years. In exactly the same way, no one can deny that the standards by which Christians order their lives have also greatly changed over the last 100 years. There was a time when those who failed to conform to a very strict code of morals, ethics, values, and spiritual standards felt out of place among Christians. Today, those who promote the same old fashioned morals, ethics, values, and spiritual standards are derided by the “in-group” in the visible church as “legalists” who are unloving, out of touch, and out of date.

The question is not whether this change has taken place. The question is why this change has taken place. Has there been new revelation beyond the Bible which has altered the definition of spirituality? For all those previous generations of Christians who lived by a stricter standard, was there some gross misinterpretation of what the Bible taught that led them into such moral bondage? Are present day Christians who promote strict standards really legalists who are attempting to place an unbiblical yoke on fellow Christians? Or, is there a movement in the Church today that is drawing Christians away from true spirituality toward an unsanctified love of this present world?

## What Is Legalism?

### 1. The Accusations

The present day tendency is to apply the lowest common standard to the community of Christians so as not to make anyone uncomfortable. It is reasoned that a very strict standard makes “seekers” and otherwise “good” Christians uncomfortable and if they are uncomfortable they might leave the church or never come to the church in the first place. The group, therefore, opts to lower the standard to be inclusive of as many people as possible in a church gathering so that everyone will want to be there.

When a particular local church, or individual Christian, seeks to maintain a strict standard for Christian conduct or for local church worship, the “comfortable” Christians accuse the “strict” Christians of being legalists. Immediately, the accusation publicly scandalizes those awful dinosauric fundamentalists! How dare they be so rigid and judgmental! The accusation is accompanied by the suggestion that the

worst thing a Christian could ever do is to be specific about what is right or wrong for a Christian.

At issue is a list. “Strict” Christians generally compose a list of things considered to be moral or immoral, spiritual or unspiritual, Biblical or unbiblical. Individual Christians use such lists to govern their own personal growth and relationship with their Lord and Savior. Local Churches use such lists to govern the atmosphere of worship and fellowship as Christians gather at church facilities for these activities. “Comfortable” Christians consider the compiling of such lists as acts of legalism and reject the rigidity such lists suggest.

The accusations then go much further. The accusers claim that legalistic churches are drab, boring, and joyless places. They claim that legalistic persons are grumpy, judgmental, kill-joys. In other words, any person or local church who holds to modesty in dress, traditional standards in music, quiet reverence in worship, and restraint in one’s daily lifestyle is boring. And by being boring, they are ruining the church by draining all the life and the spirit out of it.

The contention is that the grace of God has liberated us from the bondage of lists. Chuck Swindoll has made this case with great emphasis in his book “Grace Awakening.” On page xiv he said, “Be warned, there are grace-killers on the loose! To make matters worse, they are a well-organized intimidating body of people who stop at nothing to keep you and me from enjoying the freedom that is rightfully ours to claim.”

### 2. The Assumed Definition Of Legalism

“Comfortable” Christians assume the definition of legalism deals with the matter of how a Christian lives his life. They see a legalist as one who seeks to impose his own list of do’s and don’ts on other Christians. They claim, instead, that the grace of God has liberated every Christian from any obligation to follow a set of rules prescribed by anyone other than himself. That means if I am comfortable doing a particular thing, no one has the right to tell me I am wrong. I am exercising my freedom in the grace of God to determine for myself what is appropriate or inappropriate in my walk with God. All judgmentalism is therefore legalism.

### 3. The Real Definition Of Legalism

Actually, legalism as it is addressed in the Bible, does not relate to the manner in which a saved person lives his life. Rather, it relates to the manner in which an unsaved person comes to salvation. The real

legalists are those who seek to impose do's and don'ts as prerequisites for a person to be saved.

The term "legalism" is not used in Scripture, but the Bible has plenty to say about a man's relationship to the law. The Law was never intended to be a means by which men obtained life-producing-righteousness. The Law was only meant to be the means by which men became aware of the presence of death-producing-sin. The Jews missed this point entirely and assumed that life-producing-righteousness could be obtained by keeping the Law. Thus Paul confronts the Galatians by saying, *if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law* (Galatians 3:21). But it wasn't! Rather, Paul said, *We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified [declared to be righteous]* (Galatians 2:15-16).

In Paul's day, there were many legalists: those who insisted that a man could not be saved without following the law. This is clearly stated in Acts 15:1, *And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.* That is legalism! A major council was held in Jerusalem with the Apostles and Elders to discuss the matter. A letter was distributed among the churches to clarify the truth that faith was all that was required in order to be saved. They accused the legalists of *troubling you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law* (Acts 15:24).

At the same time, the Apostles and Elders in the first church at Jerusalem thought it was perfectly appropriate to issue a short list of don'ts to these same churches. In fact, this list of "imposed" don'ts was endorsed by the Holy Spirit Himself. They said the following: *For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these **necessary things**: that ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well* (Acts 15:28-29). They offered this list not as a legalistic requirement for salvation, but as a criteria for pursuing sanctification in their Christian walk.

#### 4. The Defense Mechanism For Excusing Love For This Present World

The truth of the matter is, those who don't want to be judged in their Christian lives are those who rebel against the Biblical standards of sanctification. It is not that they want the freedom to make their own list of standards for their Christian walk, it is that they don't want to live by rules. They reject the idea of rules as legalistic so that they may be free to use their liberty in Christ as an occasion to the flesh (Galatians 5:13). The goal of such an approach to the Christian life is described as lasciviousness. Jude said *there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness* (Jude 4). Lasciviousness is the living of one's life without restraint, rejecting the idea of living by rules. The men who promoted such an idea denied the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ (Jude 4). But the people who are influence by this teaching are often unsuspecting, well-meaning Christians who accept the lie as sounding reasonable. However, their ignorance makes them no less guilty of turning the grace of God into lasciviousness.

The argument which turns the grace of God into lasciviousness does sound logical. It goes like this: The grace of God has granted us liberty. Liberty means freedom. We have freedom in Christ. Therefore, no man has the right to bind me to a set of rules! I am free to live my life as I see fit. As long as my conscious does not bother me, no one else should judge me for exercising my freedom in Christ.

It sounds logical, but it is in fact a distortion of the truth. The same grace of God that brought salvation also teaches us that, *denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world* (Titus 2:11-12). It is the duty of a Christian to understand what ungodliness is and what worldly lusts are so that he can deny them. And it is the duty of a Christian to understand how to live soberly, how to live righteously, and how to live godly in this present world. It is not legalistic for an individual or a local church to offer a Biblical description of these matters. And it is not legalistic for a Christian or a local church to offer advice to others as to how well they are doing in these matters.

#### On the Flip-side: What Is Sanctification?

The problem is that legalism has become confused with sanctification. Real legalism is the imposition of a list of works upon a man which he must do in order to be saved. Biblical sanctification on the other hand is a criteria by which a man should live his Christian life. When a Christian composes a list of things he considers to be moral or immoral, spiritual or

unspiritual, Biblical or unbiblical, it is not to suggest that these things are necessary to salvation, but that they are important to our ability to glorify God.

## 1. Sanctification Is The Will Of God

The Bible states this directly: *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification* (1 Thessalonians 4:3). The word "sanctification" is akin to the word "holy." Sanctification is a state of purity in which one is set apart unto God, living a clean, separated life. To be sanctified, a Christian must set a distance between himself and those things which are not compatible with the holy nature of God. At the same time, he must live in a manner that is compatible with the holy nature of God. The Bible says, *But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy* (1 Peter 1:15-16).

It is not legalistic for a Christian to put a distance between himself and the things that do not please God. This is called sanctification. It is not legalistic for a Christian to suggest that other Christians also live sanctified lives. This is exhortation. We live in a day when you can make anything seem to be true just by saying it. However, exhorting others regarding the Biblical standards of spirituality, character development, and ministry involvement is not legalism simply because some people say it is. The Bible calls on us to *exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin* (Hebrew 3:13). It is incumbent upon every one of us to *know how to possess [our] vessel in sanctification and honour* (1 Thessalonians 4:4). Sometimes, a Christian must help another believer know how to make some adjustments in his life to insure this happens. As the Bible says, *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted* (Galatians 6:1).

## 2. Sanctification Involves Don'ts

The Bible is very specific about things that Christians should not do in order to live a sanctified life. It tells us to abstain, to avoid, to flee, to withdraw, to turn away from and to deny certain things. For example:

abstain from pollutions of idols, (Acts 15:20)  
 abstain from meats offered to idols, (Acts 15:29)  
 abstain from blood, (Acts 15:29)  
 abstain from things strangled, (Acts 15:29)

abstain from fornication, (Acts 15:29; 1 Thess. 4:3)  
 abstain from all appearance of evil, (1 Thess. 5:22)  
 abstain from fleshly lusts, (1 Peter 2:11)  
 avoid them which cause divisions and offences  
     contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned,  
     (Romans 16:17)  
 avoid fornication, (1 Corinthians 7:2)  
 avoid profane and vain babblings (1 Timothy 6:20)  
 avoid oppositions of science falsely so called,  
     (1 Timothy 6:20)  
 avoid foolish and unlearned questions, (1 Tim. 2:23)  
 avoid genealogies, (Titus 3:9)  
 avoid contentions, (Titus 3:9)  
 avoid strivings about the law (Titus 3:9)  
 flee fornication, (1 Corinthians 6:18)  
 flee youthful lusts (2 Timothy 2:22)  
 flee the love of money (1 Timothy 6:9-11)  
 withdraw from every brother that walketh disorderly,  
     (2 Thessalonians 3:6)  
 withdraw thyself from people who consent not to  
     wholesome words, even the words of our Lord  
     Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 6:3)  
 withdraw thyself from people who are proud,  
     (1 Timothy 6:4)  
 withdraw thyself from people who know nothing,  
     (1 Timothy 6:4)  
 withdraw thyself from people who dote about questions  
     and strifes of words, (1 Timothy 6:4)  
 withdraw thyself from people who envy,  
     (1 Timothy 6:4)  
 withdraw thyself from people who cause strife,  
     (1 Timothy 6:4)  
 withdraw thyself from people who rail on others,  
     (1 Timothy 6:4)  
 withdraw thyself from people who have evil surmisings,  
     (1 Timothy 6:4)  
 withdraw thyself from the perverse disputings of men  
     of corrupt minds, (1 Timothy 6:5)  
 withdraw thyself from people who are destitute of the  
     truth, supposing that gain is godliness:  
     (1 Timothy 6:5)  
 turn away from men who are lovers of their own  
     selves, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from covetous men, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from boasters, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from proud men, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from blasphemers, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from those who are disobedient to parents,  
     (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from the unthankful, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from the unholy, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from those who are without natural affection,  
     (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from the trucebreakers, (2 Timothy 3:2)

turn away from false accusers, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from the incontinent, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from fierce men, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from despisers of those that are good,  
 (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from traitors, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from heady men, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from highminded men, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from lovers of pleasure more than lovers of  
 God, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 turn away from those who have a form of godliness,  
 but deny the power thereof, (2 Timothy 3:2)  
 deny ungodliness, (Titus 2:12)  
 deny worldly lusts, (Titus 2:12)  
 deny yourself, (Luke 9:23)

### 3. Sanctification Involves Do's

The Bible is also very specific about things we should do in order to live a sanctified life. For example:

follow after things which make for peace, (Rom. 14:19)  
 follow after things wherewith one may edify another,  
 (Romans 4:19)  
 follow after charity, (1 Corinthians 14:1)  
 follow that which is good, (1 Thessalonians 5:15)  
 follow after righteousness, (1 Timothy 6:11)  
 follow after godliness, (1 Timothy 6:11)  
 follow after faith, (1 Timothy 6:11)  
 follow after love, (1 Timothy 6:11)  
 follow after patience, (1 Timothy 6:11)  
 follow after meekness, (1 Timothy 6:11)  
 follow peace with all men, (Hebrews 12:14)  
 follow holiness, without which no man shall see the  
 Lord, (Hebrews 12:14)  
 follow Jesus' steps, (1 Peter 2:21)  
 adorn yourself in modest apparel, (1 Timothy 2:9)  
 obey the truth, (Galatians 3:1)  
 obey your parents, (Ephesians 6:1)  
 obey your masters according to the flesh, (Col. 3:22)  
 obey magistrates, (Titus 3:1)  
 keep under your body and bring it into subjection,  
 (1 Corinthians 9:27)  
 keep the ordinances, (1 Corinthians 11:2)  
 keep thyself pure, (1 Timothy 5:22)  
 keep that which is committed to thy trust,  
 (1 Timothy 6:20)  
 keep yourself unspotted from the world, (James 1:27)  
 keep God's commandments, (1 John 3:22, 5:2)  
 keep yourselves in the love of God, (Jude 1:24)

### 4. Sanctification Is An Important Part of Christian Growth

Actually, the list of exhortations in the Bible concerning the pursuit of sanctification is too lengthy to include here. Sanctification includes both don'ts and do's. The lists that Christians seek to follow in order to grow in sanctification include both the specific statements of Scripture and the practical applications that come from them.

God exhorts us to possess our vessel in sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:4). In other words, we are to get control of our bodies where the nature of our flesh is housed and see to it that it is a place of honor for the resident Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

The failure to do so results in concupiscence (1 Thessalonians 4:5). Concupiscence refers to a willful determination to desire the things of the flesh and the things of this present world. It is characteristic of the unsaved who purposely choose those things which do not please the Lord. Romans 7:8 says, *sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence.* And 1 Thessalonians 4:4-5 says, *That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God.* It is a serious thing for a believer to sin willfully after that he has received the knowledge of the truth (Hebrews 10:26).

When a person is saved, there is a measure of sanctification that happens in his life immediately. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 describes the ungodly character of those who are denied access to the kingdom of God. Then verse 11 says, *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.* 1 Peter 1:2 says that we are *elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit.* And, Jude wrote to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ (Jude 1:1).

Throughout a Christian's life on earth, however, there is the expectation that sin will continually become less evident as he puts off the old man and puts on the new. This is sometimes referred to as a progressive sanctification. This is what is described in such Scriptures as Ephesians 4:20-32, Colossians 3:5-17, and 2 Peter 3:18.

### Judging Is Not Legalism

At the heart of the accusation of legalism is the rejection of criticism. It is not right, say the "comfortable" Christians, for one Christian to criticize another. The idea has spread in today's visible church that anything negative is unbiblical and legalistic. The

message has become that Jesus taught only love and kindness and understanding and tolerance. The impression is given that we cannot be helpful if we are critical.

Positive exhortation is, of course, part of what the Bible instructs Christians, but the Bible also teaches that there is a place for reproof, rebuke and correction. Romans 6:17 tells us what to do with those who cause doctrinal divisions, *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.* 2 Thessalonians 3:6 exhorts us regarding those who walk disorderly in the church, *Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.* Ephesians 5:11 tells us we are to reprove the unfruitful works of darkness. 2 Timothy 4:2 admonishes us to *be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.* 1 Timothy 5:20 says that we are to *rebuke them that sin before all, that others may fear.* Titus 1:13 exhorts us to rebuke sharply the unruly and vain talkers who teach things which they ought not. And, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says that *all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*

In fact, the Bible teaches that it is the duty of mature Christians to help other Christians correct the things that are wrong in their daily walk. Once again, Galatians 6:1 says, *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.* And, 2 Timothy 2:24-26 says, *And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.*

### Conclusion

Is it possible for some Christians to go overboard in their attempt to define sanctification? Yes. Is this legalism? No. Legalism strictly refers to the attempt to apply the works of the law as a necessary prerequisite for salvation. Just because some Christians get a little excessively tedious in defining sanctification doesn't make them legalists.

On the other hand, Christians who insist that every attempt to defining sanctification is legalism are also excessive in the opposite extreme. They ultimately become guilty of lasciviousness and concupiscence and of using their liberty in Christ as an occasion to the flesh. Their lack of sanctification is a serious detriment to preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Real legalism is also a serious problem. It denies the teaching of Scripture that salvation is by grace through faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9). Real legalism denies the truth that by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in God's sight (Romans 3:20).

On the one hand, legalists are trying to convince people that you have to obey certain laws in order to get saved, and on the other hand "comfortable" Christians are trying to convince people that being saved means you have been set free from the need to obey rules. Against this backdrop, preaching the real Gospel becomes a challenge. The truth is that salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone. No one needs to do anything to get saved because Christ has done everything that needs to be done. The only thing left is for us to believe in Christ and trust in what He has done for us in order to be saved. But the truth is also that as a saved person we have been given the righteousness of God and there is an expectation that we live sanctified lives by which we can reflect the holiness of the God who saved us. If our problem as an unsaved person was that we fell short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), then in saving us, Jesus Christ intends that we rise to a level of sanctification which makes it possible for us to glorify God.

As long as "comfortable" Christians misunderstand and equate legalism with sanctification, the church will be greatly limited in its ability to communicate the truth to a lost and dying world. Only when the church can learn the difference between legalism and sanctification, and pursue a righteous life of holiness will the Gospel of Jesus Christ make real sense in the ears of hell bound sinners. 📖



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# Class of 2013

We congratulate three young men on their graduation this year. All three have been actively involved in the church: singing in the teen choir, participating in Bible quizzing, and playing the choirchimes. They have helped extensively with the Missions Conference decorations each year, and been involved in Christian service. We pray God's blessing on each of them as they continue their walk with the Lord into their adult lives.

## Andrew Cook

Hi, my name is Andrew Cook, and I have been homeschooled all my life. I was taught by my mom, and I am thankful for her teaching me. My favorite subject has been

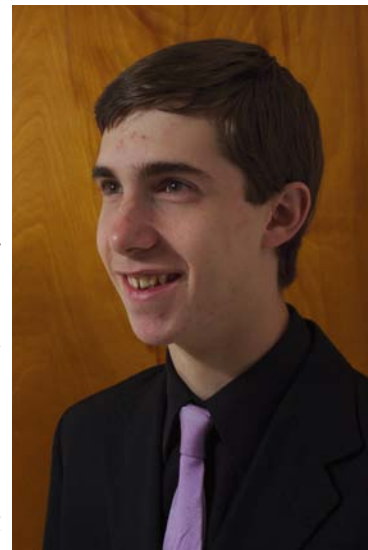


Chemistry; it's a very interesting subject and I really enjoy it (most of it, anyway). As far as college plans go, I don't have specific plans to go to college this year. I have been working at Subway for over 2 years, and I could get more hours come summertime. I believe it was God's will for me to get that job, and He appears to be opening the door for more hours. So for college, I don't have plans right now, but we'll see what happens.

It's kind of hard for me to pick one verse as my life verse, but I would say one of my favorites is James 1:6, "but let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." This verse reminds me that I need to trust God when I pray. When I have a spiritual need in my life and I pray to God for help, I should trust Him because He has promised to give me exceeding abundantly above all that I ask.

## Chris Cox

I can't believe I'm a senior. I'm so excited! I'm currently making plans to go to college to be a mathematics major with a physical education minor. I'm excited to have a collegiate experience (as well as a good bit nervous). Math was always my favorite subject in school. But I think the school where I learned the most important things is Sunday School. After four years of going here to church, my life verse is I John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." It's so nice to have fellowship with a church that is actively walking in the Light, and I thank every member of this church for their kindness toward me. Thank you.



## Carlton Morrow

It's almost hard to believe that I'm finally graduating this year. The time has flown by and at the same time seems so long. After graduation I will continue to work as a farm hand for my cousin and his wife while starting to do some of my own farming.

There are so many verses in the Bible that have helped me throughout my teen years, but two of my favorite are Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." These verses have helped me make some important decisions already in my life.







## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

The Preschool class learned about Jesus suffering for our sins. They saw a real crown of thorns and a huge nail. Their expressions were sad as they heard about Jesus death, but smiles broke out on their faces when they heard that He came alive again. Praise God we have a living Savior who is in heaven now preparing a place for those who have received Him.

For our Scripture memory we are learning John 14:1-6 which tells that He is preparing a place for us, and that He will come again someday. With those promises in mind, we need not let our hearts be troubled.

## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

The primary class has begun lessons on the life of Joshua. We studied how he was God's chosen leader. We will continue our lessons as he leads God's chosen people into the promised land. Joshua was obedient to God and trusting in Him. If only we would trust God fully.

We completed our memorization of Psalm 121 and now have another passage from the Book of Psalms that we are learning. We already know the first five verses but have many more to learn!

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

We have really been enjoying our study of the ministries of Elijah and Elisha. Whether we're studying Elijah calling down fire from heaven or studying Elisha telling a leprous Naaman to dip himself into the Jordan River seven times; we are always thrilled to see the power of God displayed in the lives of these faithful men.

Another thing our class enjoys is hearing about the ministry of some of our faithful missionaries. They really enjoy emails we get from the Kilmers, our missionaries to South Africa; Mr. Kilmer often sends pictures, too, which we all really enjoy. We have also started reading emails from the Mosses in Uganda. So whether we're studying faithful men from thousands of years ago, or reading emails from faithful missionaries of today, we are encouraged to remain faithful!

Congratulations to Charles Balcom and Caleb Fetrow for memorizing the winter quarter verses from Matthew 7. We praise the Lord for faithful students, who memorize the Word of God!

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

In Master Clubs this year we have been learning about some of the disciples. We learned how Jesus called some of them to follow Him, and now we are going through the book of Acts and learning some of the things the disciples did after Jesus ascended into heaven.

It is great to see these children learning that we have decisions to make, and that we can use the Bible and the examples in the Bible as guides to know how to make those decisions.

God's love for us is not a love that  
always exempts us from trials,  
but rather a love that sees us through  
trials.

*Faith is the soul's intake;  
Service is the soul's outlet.*

# Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

What a good year it has been studying the book of James. Teens enjoy competition and it has been fun being challenged to remember the things studied and learned in quizzing this year. Along with the competition with other churches comes the fellowship and friendship of those with like precious faith. What an encouragement it is to see teens from various churches participate whole heartedly in studying God's Word.

New quiz pads and light system with higher tech capabilities was being tried at the end of this quiz year, to see the possibility of switching to this updated version for quizzing. The teens expressed pros and cons. Any new system will take some adjustment for all involved. We will see what the decision is by next quizzing season starting in the Fall.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

The primary class has been learning about different hymn writers, and this month they learned about the life of Fanny Crosby and sang a few of her songs. Their art project was painting the clay pots that they had made previously and they practiced using stencils to make pictures. They also played various games in gym time and enjoyed playing hide and seek in the dark with their flashlights.

The middle class, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders, continued with their theme of weaving. They learned how to make "cording" with a spool loom. This was difficult for them and they will continue to learn more about this weaving technique next month. The students also learned about being "green" and used newspaper and construction paper to weave a place mat. For gym, the students walked to a park and hiked some trails. On their hike, they learned about composting, invasive plants and poison ivy.

The teen class has been doing chemistry experiments this year and this month did experiments to see whether there was a physical or chemical reaction. They did experiments involving heating sugar, salt, magnesium and zinc. They also burned steel wool. They did experiments using copper

sulfate and hydrochloric acid and combined them with other elements to see what reaction they got. For gym, they played ping-pong.

The field trip this month was to the fire station. The group was split up into two groups. The younger group first learned about the ambulance from the EMT's. They learned what equipment they carry, when to call 911, and were reminded about bicycle and car seat safety. They were even able to sit in the back of the ambulance. Next, they learned about the equipment on a fire truck and about fire safety. The older group started with the fire truck and unfortunately were not able to learn about the ambulance because the ambulance had to leave on a call. All of the students seemed to enjoy and learn something new from the field trip.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY



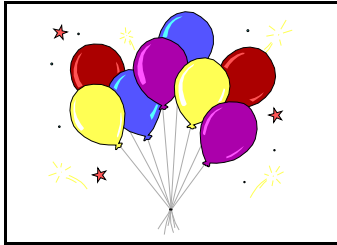
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| 9  | Homeschool Project Fair | 9-12 AM |
| 12 | Pleasant Acres Service  | 1:45 PM |
| 15 | TAP Ministry            | 8:00 AM |
| 20 | Rescue Mission Service  | 8:00 PM |
| 21 | Trustees' Meeting       | 6:30 PM |
| 26 | Prison Ministry         | 2:30 PM |
| 30 | Prison Ministry         | 8:00 PM |

### JUNE



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| 1  | Children's Program Practice     | 9:30 AM |
| 2  | Children's Day Program          | 9:30 AM |
| 3  | Street Meeting                  | 7:00 PM |
| 5  | Missionary Peter Colon visiting | 7:00 PM |
| 10 | Street Meeting                  | 7:00 PM |
| 16 | Manor Care Service              | 1:45 PM |
| 17 | Street Meeting                  | 7:00 PM |
| 17 | Rescue Mission Service          | 8:00 PM |
| 18 | Trustees' Meeting               | 6:30 PM |
| 19 | TAP Ministry                    | 8:00 AM |
| 24 | Street Meeting                  | 7:00 PM |

# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### May

- 2 - Austin Morrow
- 4 - **Silas Moss**
- 5 - Ethan Byers
- 7 - Dalton Cook
- 9 - Sherry Beam
- 11 - Andrew Cook
- 13 - **Nola Perrott**
- 16 - Sarah Fetrow
- 18 - Olivia Kauffman
- 19 - **Roger Perrott**
- 20 - Carol Byers
- 23 - Mary Lambert
- 31 - **Ruth Livico**

### June

- 1 - **Donald Kilmer**
- 3 - Charles Balcom
- 3 - Bryan Flohr
- 5 - Bud Collins
- 5 - **Danielle Livico**
- 7 - Matthew Kanost
- 7 - Taryne Knuth
- 9 - Greg Beard
- 15 - Ivy Pyle
- 17 - Allyson Knuth
- 19 - Gene Beam



- 20 - Shirley Beard
- 20 - **Joshua Perrott** ('06)
- 24 - Kermit 'Buck' 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**
- 16 - Rick & Lydia Fetrow
- 29 - Marley & Gladys Gross
- 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.



Please see pictures of our church activities on our website at [www.northhillsbiblechurch.org](http://www.northhillsbiblechurch.org) and click on the "Resources" link and find "Current Issue".



## Address Changes

SAMUEL & NICOLE MOSS  
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EAST AFRICA

## Remember Our Shut-ins



Lorraine Beath, Jean Beck, Ken & Mary Cole, Joe Feltenberger, Jeannie Geesey, Marlene Gladfelter, Pam Grove, Glenda Hamme, Gloria Hevner, Susan Peters, Ivy Pyle, Sara Sipe, Reg Stelfox, Marian Tawney, Hilda Wallace, Elmira Wise

# Homeschool Field Trips



Seeing the Fire Station,  
Fire Trucks, and  
Ambulance



Grocery Store Tour

The Mechanic Shop



# Homeschool Elementary Group



Learning to weave baskets.



# Homeschool Activities

## Preschoolers Building Skills



## Teens Chemistry Classes



Learning about chemical reactions.



Flame tests.



Hydrochloric acid.