

# Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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## Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Wednesday, November 23**

Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM. We will sing songs of thanksgiving to God, and praise the Lord together for the blessings we have received throughout this past year. A thanksgiving message will be preached from God's Word. 📖

## Church Family Banquet

**Friday, December 9**  
6:30 P.M.

Our annual Christmas banquet will be a special time of fellowship. We have invited Stonybrook Bible Church to join with us again. A special meal is being planned.



There will be a speaker presenting God's Word as we remember Jesus coming to earth to bring us salvation. Please sign up in the narthex to let us know for how many to prepare. There will be an opportunity to give an offering toward the expenses of the meal. 📖

## Children's Program

**Sunday, December 18**  
9:30 A.M.

This will be a unique presentation by our Sunday School children who will share things they have been learning in their classes. 📖



## Christmas Program

**Sunday December 18**  
10:45 A.M.

A special musical program is being prepared to help us rejoice in the coming of our Savior over 2,000 years ago. It includes the Scriptures and songs that tell us about our Savior's birth. 📖

## Candle Light Service

**Saturday**  
**December 24**  
7:00 P.M.

This is a very special candle light service with some special sacred music, praising God for sending His Son to save us from our sins that night long ago. 📖



## Christmas Card Box

The Christmas card box will be available once again for you to share your cards with one another within the church family. Please arrange your cards alphabetically to make it easier to sort them. The box will be in the narthex until Wednesday December 14, which is the deadline for submitting your cards. Cards for missionaries and anyone not listed in our current directory should be mailed to them directly. 📖



## Old Electronic Donations

Don't throw them out! Donate them to the prison project when you get a new one for Christmas. There is no deadline for these to be donated. You can donate these after Christmas.

## Old or Used Cell Phones and Cell Phone Chargers

Here's what to do:

1. Delete all your personal information.
2. Include any accessories that go with it.
3. Put them in the box at the coat rack in the narthex labeled "Donate Your Cell Phones Here".

It does not matter how old the items and accessories are.

**2012 Pocket Calendars**  
**Are Available In The Narthex**

**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

Thank you to each one who has visited the library this year and to those who have donated books and DVDs to share with our church family. I trust the resources we have available are helpful in your walk with the Lord.

Recent additions to the library include:

## ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY

***Clanging Cymbals ...and the Meaning of God's Love***, the latest CD album, explores some of the aspects of what love means and is inspired by the Apostle Paul's description in I Corinthians 13.

## MOODY SCIENCE CLASSICS

***Dust or Destiny*** - marvel at some of the world's most astonishing natural wonders.

***Voices of the Deep*** - discover unknown facts about the "silent deep" which is not so silent after all.

***Windows of the Soul*** - have questions about your five senses answered by watching unusual experiments.

## BE SERIES - A New Testament Study

***Be Hopeful*** (1 Peter)

***Be Alert*** (2 Peter, 2-3 John, Jude)

***Be Real*** (1 John)

***Be Victorious*** (Revelation)

## THE CUL-DE-SAC KIDS

***Tree House Trouble***

***The Creepy Sleep-Over***

***The Great TV Turn-Off***

As a reminder, the library has a number of children's books, cassette tapes, CDs, videos, and DVDs which may be of interest to you and your family as you prepare for and celebrate Christmas. Also available on DVD is ***A Christmas Carol***, an original and thought-provoking production by The Academy of Arts.

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Soul winning at home and abroad  
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# Loving His Appearing

Chapter Twenty Six

## The Crowns

James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4; 2 Timothy 4:8

### Introduction

Driving a long distance is a challenging task. Sitting in one position in a car for hundreds of miles can be hard on the body. Focusing on the road and the other drivers can be hard on the eyes and the mind. The motivation for enduring the trip would be the destination. Wanting to get to your destination keeps you going until you finally arrive. But what if there is no destination? What if you were going to have to drive and drive and never stop? That is not an inviting prospect. What if the destination is a tragedy? What if you were driving toward a very bad experience? Would you be anxious to get there? Probably not, which means the trip would be totally miserable. But what if the destination is a wonderful experience? The drive, no matter how challenging, would be worth it when you finally arrive at your desired destination.

Thus is the scenario of a Christian enduring the challenges of life here on earth. The ride is not very pleasant most of the time. But the destination keeps us motivated to stay on course and keep going. The destination, of course, is to be with Jesus wherever He is. We will arrive at that destination in the rapture. There will be many wonderful experiences related to our arrival. One of these experiences will be when Christ adorns us with the crowns He promised He would award to us when we stand before Him.

### **The Crown of Life**

James 1:12 - *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

#### **1. The crown of life is promised to all who love God.**

The Bible says that unsaved sinners are "haters of God" (Romans 1:30). Just try mentioning God or Jesus in a public place. There is outrage. You

can talk about the Moslem's god Allah, or Buddha, or any other of a number of pagan gods, and no one seems to care. But talk about Jesus and it is the greatest religious bigotry that can be imagined by a pluralistic society. Jesus warned His disciples about such hatred in John 15:22-24, *If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.*

It is saved people who love God. 1 Corinthians 8:3 testifies that it is those who are known of God that love Him. 1 John 4:7-19 explains God's love for us and our reciprocal love for Him, stating emphatically that *we love Him, because He first loved us*. The greatest commandment is to love the Lord thy God. In Matthew 23:37-38, *Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.* But we cannot love God without first understanding His love for us. According to 1 John 4:8, *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.* The passage continues, *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins* (verses 9-10).

Consequently, our love for God is not some great benevolent accomplishment on our part. It is merely a reasonable response to the benevolent love God has bestowed upon us. The crown of life is bestowed upon all who respond to God's love and love Him because He first loved us.

#### **2. The crown of life is immortality and incorruption.**

Right now we remain in a body of death. Paul asked in Romans 7:24, *O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? As we remain in this body of death, we groan, waiting for the redemption of our body* (Romans 8:23).

The redemption of our body is called glorification. Glorification will occur at the time of the rapture when *this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality* (1 Corinthians 15:54). Immortality means to live perpetually without ever facing the prospect of

death. In corruption means to be entirely free from the aging process. This is the change that will come to our bodies in the rapture.

This crown of life is a badge of victory. It is the same kind of crown one wins for winning a race. It is a stephanos crown (1 Corinthians 9:25). This is the kind of crown they put upon Christ at the time of His crucifixion (John 19:2-5). His tormentors thought they were abusing Him and humiliating Him and winning the victory over Him. But when God inspired His word to record the event, He called the crown of thorns a crown of victory because in His suffering, bleeding, and death Jesus Christ triumphantly defeated sin!

There is another kind of crown referred to in the Bible. It is a crown of royalty, a diadem crown. This is the kind of crown that Christ will be wearing when He returns to earth at the end of the tribulation period (Revelation 19:12). In fact, there will not just be one crown, but many crowns upon His head indicating that He is the King of kings and Lord of lords (verse 16).

Christ is both victor and royalty in the crowns that He wears. For believers, the only kind of crown we are said to wear is the crown of victory, whether it be the crown of life, or the crown of glory, or the crown of righteousness. These are all crowns of victory won for us by Jesus Christ.

### **3. The crown of life is motivation to endure.**

There is a connection between the crown of life and suffering for Christ here on earth. James 1:12 says, *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.* Revelation 2:10 says, *Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*

The crown of life is not a reward for suffering, because according to James 1:12 all who love God have been promised the crown of life. No man can earn life through suffering. Life comes only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. But all who truly love God with all their heart and soul and mind will no doubt be willing to suffer as they bear the testimony of His Name.

Thus when suffering comes upon a believer who loves God, the crown of life which awaits him

becomes his motivation to endure the suffering. Not everyone will suffer the extreme circumstances predicted in Revelation 2:10. That verse says that "some of you" will be cast into prison. None of us knows whether we will be part of that "some." But if that opportunity arises in our lives, we can endure such suffering because we know what awaits us at our destination. If we keep our focus on Jesus Christ, we can endure whatever suffering comes our way, for in Hebrews 12:2 we are told that Jesus *endured the cross, despising the shame* – all for the *joy that was set before Him!* Christ knows how to endure the most severe suffering. Christ lives in me (Galatians 2:20). So, *I can do all things* [including enduring suffering for His Name] *through Christ which strengtheneth me* (Philippians 4:13).

The journey will not be as difficult for some of us as it will be for others. For those who do face the path of suffering for the Name of Christ, the enduring will be a little easier because they know what is coming at the end the journey. But if you want your journey to end with the crown of life, you must love God! What does it mean to love God? 1 John 5:3 says, *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.* 1 John 3:23 says, *And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ.* It is the saved that love God, because we understand that He first loved us. To those who love Him by believing in His Son Jesus Christ, God promises to grant the crown of life.

### **The Crown of Glory**

In 1 Peter 5:1, Peter addressed the elders of the church, *The elders which are among you I exhort.* He described himself as an elder, as a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and as a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed. Then he instructed the elders to be responsible saying, *Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock* (verses 2-3). To motivate them to faithfulness in these things, Peter told the elders about a blessing that awaited them at Christ's coming, *And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away* (verse 4).

The crown of glory is mentioned in the context of the faithful service of "overseers" or elders. But there is Biblical evidence that this victorious crown of

glory is not exclusively reserved for elders in the church.

## 1. God's Original Intent for Mankind.

In Genesis chapters one and two, God laid out his commission for mankind in creation: *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth (1:26). And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (1:28). And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it (2:15).* So, man was made responsible for having the oversight of all that God had created on earth. He was to be fruitful in bearing children and multiplying men on earth. He was to fill the earth, bring it into subjection, and prevail over it. He was to till it, work it, preserve it, protect it, care for it, and have charge of it.

In Psalm 8 God characterized man's commission with some additional insight. Man was made a little lower than the angels, but was crowned with glory and honor (verse 5). But how was man crowned with glory and honor? David proclaimed, *Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet (verse 6).* According to this, dominion for man on earth is equal to being crowned with glory.

God's original intent for mankind was that he reflect the glory of God here on earth. As God is over all that is, man was to be over all that is on earth. As God exercises sovereign dominion over all creation, man was to exercise dominion over all the earth. In so doing, man would be a vivid illustration on display in all of the universe and in heaven for all to see and for all to use in seeking to understanding the glory of God.

## 2. Glory Not Yet Realized.

This is reflected upon in Hebrews chapter two. In verse 7, God references His words from Psalm 8 where He described man as being made a little lower than the angels and being crowned with honor. He repeats Psalm 8:6 where David declares that God put all things in subjection under man's feet (Hebrews 2:8). But then He states that *now we see not yet all things*

*put under him (Hebrews 2:8b).* With this statement, David referred to the glory of man being lost in the fall. As a result, *the glory of man [is at the present time] as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away (1 Peter 1:24).* Psalm 103:15-16 describes man's fallen glory in similar terms, *As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.* According to Psalm 103, iniquities, diseases, and destruction have turned the glory of man into a withering, dying flower – except for the mercy of God: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies (verses 2-4).*

## 3. Glory Restored.

Man lost his crown of glory when he fell into sin at the prompting of the serpent in the garden of Eden. *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned (Romans 5:12).* Thus, sin is defined for us as falling short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

God showed mercy on us however, by sending His Son to rescue us and restore us to glory. Hebrews 2:8-10 tells us that while we do not see man now enjoying the glory to which He was intended in creation, we do see Jesus who became a man in order to restore us to glory by tasting death for every man.

Actually, restoration to glory was part of the original plan. 1 Corinthians 2:7 says, *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.* Before the world ever came into existence, God not only planned to crown man with glory and honor in creation, but He also planned to restore man to glory after he fell into sin. Romans 9:23-24 states, *And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles.* So, when God created man in His own image, He already had a plan to restore man to that same glory of dominion.

This restored glory is obtained in salvation. 2 Timothy 2:10 says, *Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.* In

salvation, the Holy Spirit changes us into the image of the glory of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18). All the suffering we experience in this present world prepares us for the glory that is to come (2 Corinthians 4:17). *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory* (Colossians 3:4).

Restored glory also has a present application. At present we see not yet all things in subjection under the feet of mankind (Hebrews 2:8). We do not presently possess the full image and glory of God because we have not yet been glorified. We remain in these bodies of death that are contaminated with the sin nature. But we are heirs – *heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together* (Romans 8:17). We may live triumphantly now because we know glory is waiting for us in Christ. So Romans 8:18 declares, *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.*

Man's intended purpose was to have dominion. Therefore, in creation, he was crowned with glory and honor. In the fall, man became as withered grass and falling flowers. But Christ restored us to the glory God intended for us before He ever created the world. When we will be ushered into the presence of Christ at the rapture, all of us who are in Christ, not just the elders, will once again be crowned with glory and honor – to the glory of God who made us and rescued us.

### **The Crown of Righteousness**

We still hold to the conviction that there are such things as right and wrong. Not everyone agrees though. A philosophy student wrote a paper in which he argued that there are no objective, universal moral principles. The paper was well written and he expected to get an "A". When he turned in his paper to the professor, the professor took one look at it and used his red felt pen to mark a big 'F' with a notation, "I do not like blue covers." The student protested. "That is not fair! This is not just! I shouldn't be graded on the color paper I chose for the cover but on the content of my paper!" The professor answered, "Did you argue in this paper that there are no objective moral principles such as fairness and justice?" "Yes," the student replied. "Well," said the professor, "I do not like blue covers and according to your own argument there is no objective moral principle that says I must. The grade will remain an 'F'. Suddenly the student realized that he really did believe in

objective moral principles. Right and wrong are realities! So, do we always do the right thing? Do we always say the right thing? Do we always make right decisions?

### **1. Christ rescued us from a state of unrighteousness.**

Romans 3:10 declares, *There is none righteous, no, not one.* Romans 3:23 echos, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* Contrary to the desired opinion of lost men, there is no spark of goodness in unsaved people. Rather, *the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?* (Jeremiah 17:9). *There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood: destruction and misery are in their ways: and the way of peace have they not known: there is no fear of God before their eyes* (Romans 3:11-18). Consequently, *the wages of sin is death* (Romans 6:23).

In salvation, Jesus Christ counters all the unrighteousness of man by bestowing His own righteousness upon those who believe in Him. Romans 3:21-22 says, *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.* According to this statement, God offers His righteousness "unto all." That is, it is available to everyone. He then places His righteousness "upon all them that believe." Believers still have no righteousness of their own, but they now possess the righteousness of God which enables them to live righteously to the glory of God. The key is faith. God declares a man to be righteous on the basis of faith which he exercises in place of the righteousness which he does not have and cannot obtain on his own. As Romans 3:28 says, *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.* And Romans 4:3-5 describes how this worked for Abraham, *For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justified the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

## 2. Christ has given us the capacity to do righteousness now.

What were we before we were saved? Unrighteous! (Romans 3:10). What are we now that we are saved? According to 1 Peter 2:24, we are dead to sins so that we should live unto righteousness. This verse says that we were healed by Christ's stripes. The healing that is ours in Christ is the healing of our unrighteousness. We were trapped in unrighteousness and thereby compelled to do wrong. Christ broke that bondage and gave us the freedom to do right.

There is, of course, some limitation to our doing right in the present as we continue to live in these bodies of death. Do we always do the right thing now? No! But there is a significant difference between the unsaved and the saved here on earth. Unbelievers do not see any need or reason to do the right thing because they refuse to accept their accountability to God. Therefore, immoral activities are accepted as normal. Believers, on the other hand, acknowledge their accountability to do the right thing before God. They have the capacity to understand the difference between right and wrong. They have a desire to do right. And while believers do not always make the right choices, they are more susceptible to the sensation of guilt because they want to please God and they know they have not when they do wrong.

In Romans 7:15-25, Paul describes the struggle a believer goes through in dealing with the conflict between righteousness and unrighteousness in his life. He declares that he wants to do good (verses 19,21,22). But he laments that he ends up doing the very thing he does not want to do (verses 15-16). Then he decries, *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not* (verse 18). So, he cries out, *O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?* (verse 24). Finally he rejoices in the answer – *I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord* (verse 25).


We may struggle now, but in the end, just as Jesus Christ has freed us from the bondage of unrighteousness, He will also free us from these bodies of death. In glorification, we will be the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21) without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, and we will be holy and without blemish in Christ (Ephesians 5:27).

## 3. Christ has promised us a crown of righteousness.

*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing* (2 Timothy 4:8).

One of these days, a spectacular thing will happen. Jesus Christ will come in the air and rapture His church out of this world (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). At that time, all believers will receive glorified bodies as described in 1 Corinthians 15:53 when *this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality*. In heaven, each member of the bride of Christ will then be adorned with robes of righteousness. Isaiah 61:10 says, *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels*. This experience of Israel is similar to the experience of the bride of Christ as described in Revelation 19:7-8, *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints*.

If Christ rescued us from unrighteousness and if He intends to give us a crown of righteousness in the future, what do you think He expects of us now? 1 John 3:10 says, *In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother*. However, 1 John 2:1 says, *if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous*. In other words, sin should be the exception in a believer's life and not the rule. God expects us to live righteously now because He has given us His own righteousness to enable us to do so. If we do sin, Jesus Christ stands ready to testify that He died for our sins and the matter has been dealt with. We should not, however, take advantage of this advocacy and purposely indulge in unrighteousness, for that would not glorify God or honor our Saviour who paid so much to free us from unrighteousness.

Let us thank God that we will be delivered from this body of death through Jesus Christ (Romans 7:24-25). And let us live a life that demonstrates our gratefulness by making a great effort to live as righteously as we can to the glory of God. 



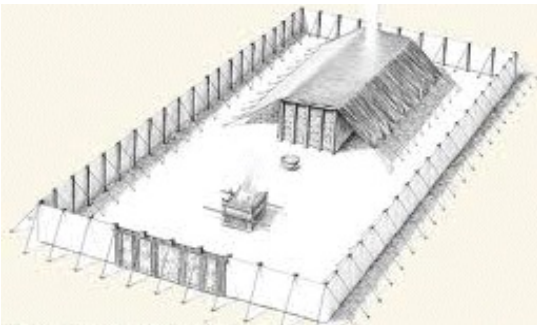


## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

Following the series of Moses and the Ten Commandments, the preschoolers are learning about the Tabernacle in the wilderness. The Tabernacle was like a tent church for the Israelites. Each part of it represented how Jesus would someday come and be the atonement for our sin. We no longer have to offer animal sacrifices, because God kept His promise and sent the Savior to die on the cross to take the punishment for sin - once! There is a Tabernacle display set up in their room to help them visualize it better, and each week we discuss another part of it.

Along with this series they are learning the Ten Commandments. They will recite this along with some things related to Christmas at the children's Christmas program.



## PRIMARIES

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

The Primary class is studying the Life of Christ. We have begun with the first Christmas which covers the promise of the Savior. We have learned of the shepherds visit to the baby and followed the wise men as they later found the young boy Jesus. We are currently learning a little about Jesus as he helped his earthly father, Joseph.

We have begun our year memorizing Matthew 2:1-11. The children are doing a good job and are about half way through this passage. They have also been challenged as we do our singing we attempt also to learn how to sign the songs.

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

This year we are studying the book of Acts and the missionary journeys of Paul. Our recent lessons have dealt with the first five chapters of Acts, where we studied Jesus' ascension, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the believers, the healing of the lame man at the temple, the jailing of Peter and John, and the lies of Ananias and Sapphira.

Jesus told His followers that the Holy Spirit would give them power to be witnesses for Him. We saw the boldness of Peter, the one who had once denied his Lord, preach on the day of Pentecost and thousands were saved. Peter and John with confidence told the lame man at the temple to rise up and walk.

The believers were confident and refused to quit preaching about Jesus, even after Peter and John had been arrested. They, as Barnabas, were willing to sell what they had; serving the Lord and helping others was more important. As believers today, we have that same power; so we must have that same boldness and that same confidence to teach, preach, and tell others of what Jesus has done.

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

Master Clubs has started well this year. We are excited to see how God will use the lessons to prepare the children to be better servants for our Master. I am thankful for all those teachers and helpers that display the servant attitude we are trying to teach to the children.

We thank the Lord for the 13 children who attend regularly. Please pray that they will continue to have a heart willing to learn how they can please their Master.





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".

# Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

The teen Bible quizzing this year is on the books of I and II John. On Wednesday evening we take time to first of all pray for each other. The teens share their prayer requests and then pray for the person sitting beside them. Each week we study the next five verses and review what we have learned up to that point.

The quizzers sit on seats with a light system attached to it. When asked a question from the verses we have studied, the teens stand up to answer. The first one up is the only light that goes on and they get to answer. If their answer is incorrect, the person sitting in the corresponding seat on the other team may try to answer. They are awarded points for correct answers, and of course the idea is to end the quiz with the most points. It is a fun competitive way to learn. Naturally it is easier to know the answers if they do some study on their own at home - which is highly encouraged.

# HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

This year our homeschool group is divided into four groups.

Our teens consist of four boys and thanks to Mr. Snyder they are able to learn some woodworking skills. They enjoy learning to use the woodworking tools to make shelves and a WWII era airplane.

The younger children are learning the Days of Creation this year with a science theme. We are doing a lot of fun experiments with the Middlers and

also learned some sign language for the main vocabulary words for Day One. The children learned that light is very important to help them see as they tried to draw with the lights off. Water and food coloring were used to teach them about the primary and secondary colors. They learned about matter and discovered that air has weight by weighing a blown up balloon.

The Primary class learned about light and dark by playing hide-and-seek in the dark. The nursery children sometimes join this group for activities. They had fun making their own kaleidoscopes during their art time. They also used food coloring put into water to paint pictures. A display of some of the art work of the children can be seen on the bulletin board inside the side door at the church.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER



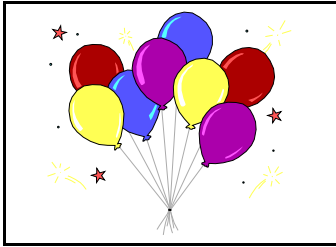
<b>13</b>	<b>Pleasant Acres</b>	<b>1:45 PM</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>TAP Ministry</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Rescue Mission Service</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Service</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>27</b>	<b>Prison Ministry</b>	<b>2:30 PM</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Prison Ministry</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

### DECEMBER



<b>1</b>	<b>Senior Outing</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Christmas Banquet</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Manor Care Service</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Cantata Practice</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Children's Program Practice</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Teens Game and Fun Night</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Program</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Christmas Program</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Rescue Mission Service</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Candlelight Service</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Merry Christmas</b>	

## Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

## November

- 2 - Carolyn Zimmerman
- 3 - Sue Bryant
- 5 - **Peter Colon**
- 5 - **Daniel Colon**
- 5 - **Emma Turner**
- 5 - Elmira Wise
- 8 - Carol McKinley
- 11 - Norm Breneman
- 11 - Marley Gross
- 11 - Pedro Ortiz
- 12 - **Marc Blackwell**
- 13 - Rachele Krape
- 15 - **Leonard Smith**
- 16 - Carleigh Moss
- 16 - **Abigail Perrott**
- 18 - Tyler Knuth
- 23 - **Judi Blackwell**
- 24 - **Karen Kilmer**
- 24 - Harriet Moyer
- 25 - Rebecca Wertz
- 27 - **Janis Colon**

## December

- 1 - Grace Balcom
- 5 - **Moises Campos**
- 6 - Doris Knudsen
- 7 - Sarah Byers



- 8 - **Elisabeth Campos**
- 10 - **Anna Pinyol**
- 15 - Joyce Moss
- 16 - Reg Stelfox
- 20 - Julie Boyer
- 21 - Esther Wertz
- 22 - Beth Ann Flohr
- 24 - John Kanost
- 27 - Marian Cosgrove
- 31 - Jeannie Geesey
- 31 - Gabrielle Smith



## Happy Anniversary

## November

- 9 - Todd & Betty Chronister
- 10 - Ed & Marian Cosgrove
- 22 - Lester & Joan Fink

## December

- 4 - **Roberto & Imelda Livioco**
- 22 - Earl & Connie Morrow
- 28 - Chris & Heather Knuth
- 28 - Kermit & Cindy Smith
- 28 - Barry & Mary Shelly

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 the family and friends of Treva Shellenberger in her passing on October 15, 2011.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Nathaniel and Marietta Wertz on the birth of Daniel Paul on September 1, 2011 at 12 noon. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long. He joins siblings Hannah, Rebecca, David, and Esther.

## Remember

## Our Shut-ins



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



# Preparations for the Missions Conference



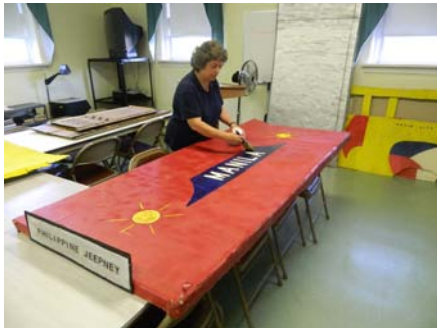
Cutting out the Jeepney.



One side cut out & painted.



Painting the Jeepney roof.



Painting details on the Jeepney.



Adding the hood ornaments.



Attaching the wheels.



Getting the 'people' on board.



The driver and dashboard.



The passengers in the back.



Painting the globe.



Painted people to go around the globe.



Attaching the people to the globe.

# Missions Conference Decorations



Bulletin board noting times of services and activities.



Bulletin board emphasizing our theme song.



The globe with people from around the world.



Various flags of the world displayed.



The banner with the theme for the conference.

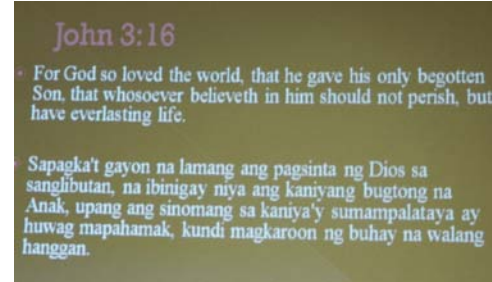


The front of the sanctuary with the theme and parts of the theme verse.



# Missions Conference Morning Sessions

We learned about the Philippines, the country of Lebanon, and Norway.  
We heard songs and Bible verses in other languages and tasted some foreign foods.



John 3:16 in Tagalog (Philippines)

The Liviocos from the Philippines



Fady Maalouf from Lebanon.



Sweets from Lebanon.



Trying foreign foods can be fun.



Open-faced sandwiches of Norway, and Bill Bowen giving a 'geography' lesson.

# Homeschoolers do Science Experiments for the Days of Creation



Air takes up space.



Air has weight.



Bubbles of air make pictures of outer space.



Henry learning to use woodworking tools.



Mr. Snyder teaches Austin woodworking skills.



Andrew take a hand at woodworking.