

Rejoicing From the Hills

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


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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 27


Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday, November 27 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 6

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 22

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 22


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

**Tuesday
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.



P l e a s e arrange your cards alphabetically to make it easier to sort them. The box will be in the narthex until Wednesday December 11, 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.

**2014 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

A recent addition to the library is **Read-Aloud Bible Stories Vol. 4**, the final book in this series for younger children. Included are these familiar and often favorite stories from the Old Testament:

"Joseph and His Brothers"
 "The Baby in the Basket"
 "Joshua and the Big Wall"
 "David and the Biggest Man"
 "Jonah and the Big Fish"

Also new to the library is **A Call to Something More**, the latest CD album from ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY, which includes these stories:

"Your Servant Is Listening"
 "No Chemistry Whatsoever"
 "The Friend Formula"
 "More Than a Feeling"
 "Repent After Me"
 "Big Trouble Under the Big Top"
 "Life Expectancy"
 "The Pilot"

The exciting, action-packed adventures from MR. BUTTON FAMILY VIDEO are now available on DVD. All six stories teach Bible truths, moral values, good old-fashioned integrity, and character-building principles.

**Ambushed! / In Search of Dudley Dumpling
 Lost in Silver Canyon / The Red Bicycle
 Hoodwinked! / Hidden Treasure**

At this Thanksgiving time, I want to express my gratitude to those of you who borrow the resources the library makes available to our church family. As a reminder, there are a number of children's books, cassette tapes, CDs, videos, and DVD's which may be of interest to your family as you prepare for Christmas and the celebration of our Savior's birth.

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The Necessity of the Virgin Birth

There are two realms of life: the realm of the infinite and the realm of the finite. Only God lives in the realm of the infinite:

He is infinite in existence – He is eternal.
 He is infinite in knowledge – He is omniscient.
 He is infinite in power – He is omnipotent
 He is infinite in space – He is omnipresent.
 He is infinite in wisdom – He is omniscient.
 He is infinite in love – His love is everlasting.

All the attributes of God have the same infinite nature.
 There are no limits to God in any of His being.

Everything God has created lives in the realm of the finite, including us – human beings. We are limited in a great many ways: in time, in knowledge, in power, in space, in wisdom, etc.

There is a dilemma we face as finite creatures, and this dilemma is a paradox. We are capable of causing a problem with infinite consequences, but totally helpless in resolving the problem. To illustrate, consider: one man with one strike of a match can start a raging forest fire, but that same one man cannot put out a raging forest fire by himself. In the same way, the sin of one man can generate eternal consequences, requiring eternal retribution, but that same one finite man cannot resolve those eternal consequences.

Even before He created man, God observed in His infinite foreknowledge how man would produce these infinite consequences. He saw that Adam and Eve would sin. He saw that Cain would kill Abel. He saw the wickedness of man before the flood. He saw the arrogance of man at the tower of Babel. And, so on.

God was also aware before the foundation of the world that man would be unable to do anything to resolve these infinite consequences. He saw that man's imagination was wicked (Genesis 6:5). He saw that man's heart was desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9). And He saw that none would do good (Romans 3:12).

God knew that if the problem of man's sin was

to be resolved, He would have to intervene. But how could God intervene?

The Necessity of the Virgin Birth

In order to intervene and resolve man's sin problem, God would have to enter the realm of the finite and represent humanity Himself. God is the only infinite person there is. He is, therefore, the only one capable of dealing with infinite consequence. But to deal properly with the infinite consequences of man's sin, the infinite God would have to enter the realm of the finite. Philippians 2:6-7 describe the eternal Son of God as being in the form of God, and not thinking it robbery to be equal with God. Thus Jesus Christ, in the realm of the infinite, was equal with God because He is God. But then, He *made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men*, and thus entered the realm of the finite.

How could the infinite God enter into the realm of the finite and become a man? There were several potential problems to overcome in order to do this. First, God could not be perceived as a spirit creature who had merely indwelt a physical form. Christ had to come in the flesh (1 John 4:2-3). Otherwise, His death and resurrection would not have been a real experience. Second, God could not be perceived as an alien from another world who just showed up on planet earth. He had to be "all of one" with humanity (Hebrews 2:11). Otherwise, His death and resurrection would not have been a true representation of the human race. Third, a pre-existing eternal person who had no beginning because He always was had to begin to exist. Jesus clearly existed before He was born of Mary. He declared, *Before Abraham was, I am* (John 8:58). Jesus prayed to God the father, *And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was* (John 17:5). The eternal nature of Jesus Christ is illustrated with the background of Melchisedec, who was *without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life* (Hebrews 7:3). So before His conception in the womb of Mary, Jesus existed in eternity. But, for human beings, conception is the beginning of their existence. So for Jesus to take on human nature, there had to be a definite beginning, a conception and a birth, just like all other human beings. Fourth, God could not be contaminated with the sin that had ravaged the human race. David confessed, *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me* (Psalm

51:5) and Ephesians 2:3 explains that by our very nature, men are sinners. But God cannot sin, or else He ceases to be God. And, if He did sin, He would be an imperfect substitute for the human race, rendered incapable of resolving our sin problem.

The one and only solution to all of this was the virgin birth. In the infinite wisdom of God, He formulated a plan whereby His eternal Son would assume human nature through a miraculous conception which would take place by a work of the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin. It was thus more than a miraculous birth. There had been other miraculous births such as Isaac and John the Baptist. This would be a miraculous conception, not achieved by normal human relations as the other miraculous births were, but by a work of the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin. Mary affirmed that she was a virgin (Luke 1:34) and the angel Gabriel affirmed that the conception would be a work of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35, Matthew 1:20).

The virgin conception of the human nature of the eternal Son of God was without human agency. The Bible states clearly that Joseph did not know Mary until after the birth of Jesus (Matthew 1:25). Jesus did not need to be procreated. He did not need to come into being because He always existed in eternity. He only needed a medium to enter the human race. In the genealogy of Jesus Christ listed in Matthew 1:2-16, in each generation it says the father begat the son: Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob, etc. But when it comes to verse 16 and the record of Jesus birth, the word begat is not used. It does not say that Jesus was begat by Joseph. It says, *And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus*. This is because no human agency was used in the conception of Jesus' human nature. Jesus was the only begotten of God the Father (John 3:16), but not the begat of Joseph. Jesus' human nature was conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary by a miraculous work of the Holy Spirit without human agency.

By this virgin conception, the infinite and eternal Son of God entered the realm of the finite as a real human being. The Bible describes it in this way.

Hebrew 10:5

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Galatians 4:4

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

Hebrews 2:16

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

The virgin conception and birth of the eternal Son of God was necessary so that He could take on human nature without being touched by the sin nature of the human race while at the same time He could be the perfect representative of mankind in order to resolve man's sin. Thus the infinite God became a finite man. He was not a phantom. He was not an alien. Though He had a real existence from eternity past, He began to be man when He was miraculously conceived in Mary's womb by an act of the Holy Spirit. He became a real human being – our Brother, yet totally free from sin. And in His work on the cross, He successfully eliminated the infinite consequences of our sin.

The next time you think about the baby in the manger at Christmas time, think about this: God did a very amazing thing in figuring out how to have His infinitely eternal Son enter into the realm of the finite. It was the virgin birth that facilitated this in such a way, that Jesus was able to be as a perfect lamb, bearing our sins in His body on the cross and satisfying the righteous demands of a Holy God with regard to our sins. Apart from this amazing miracle, there would be no salvation. How profound are the words of 1 Timothy 3:16, *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh.*



Roger & Nola Perrott

Hong Kong

We hope you will continue to pray for us here. We sense God at work, so we need you to pray even more now, so Satan cannot hinder the work.

We had a new neighbor family in our village go all the way to church with us. They are very excited about coming to our church. The husband is not saved yet, but is interested. Roger may soon start a Bible study class with him. The wife is a believer. Her family life growing up was very difficult and she has emotional scars as a result. She wants to study the Bible with Nola. We have other neighbors in our village that we have gotten to know and may try to start a cell group study and invite all of them.

A few weeks ago we also had another unsaved couple visit our church. They are close friends of a member of our church. They have had some struggles in the past also, and we have prayed for them for a long time, so pray they will return and we can reach them with the gospel.

Also an unsaved husband of one of our church ladies has come. Pray for him to get saved. Thanks so much for praying. Our co-worker, Linda, also has shared the gospel with several unsaved ladies recently.

We hope you will pray also for a mom of one of our teenagers, and a single lady who used to attend church, that both of these ladies will get saved.

Biblical Ministries Worldwide-Hong Kong is involved in church planting in the New Territories region of Hong Kong. Our methods of evangelism are varied, in an effort to reach people where they can be found and to bring them into closer contact with Christians.

Our church is named Hebron Fundamental Baptist Church. We have regular Sunday services on Sunday morning, which include two prayer meetings, Sunday School for all ages, and a worship service. Roger leads and teaches all of those in both English and Chinese. In addition, Nola and another lady share the responsibility for Junior Church during the worship service. We also have a weekly Children's Bible Club on Fridays, which Roger teaches in English and Chinese. Nola is the helper for that club. Our children are also very involved in the Bible Club and Sunday School classes.

Child Evangelism Fellowship

York County, PA

I never get tired of children's sincerity. Their honesty ranges from questions such as, "Am I real?" to prayers like a seven year old girl. She attended 5-Day Club this summer. She received the Lord as her Savior the first day, and the change was apparent throughout the week. Day after day, she came back for counseling and told me about her home life. She wanted to pray for her baby brother who had died. She wanted to tell me about her stepfather's abuse toward her mother. Most importantly though, every day she would ask, "Can I pray for my step-dad?" She would then bow her small head, "God and Jesus? I hope that my step-dad stops hurting my mom. And could you please tell him that you love him even though he doesn't love you? Amen."

Watching her pray for him gives a whole new perspective to Christ's love for us. Romans 5:10 reminds us that when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son. Jesus showed Himself to be the ultimate good Samaritan by loving us when we were His enemies.

Meeting this seven year old girl was just one of the summer highlights. The summer missionaries did an incredible job reaching 697 children in 43 clubs, and saw many make decisions for Christ. The day camp also made a way to reach 216 children and help some of them find their way to God. At the York Fair ministry it was so exciting to see God work. Thank you so much for your support and prayers; you do so much to reach the children.

Because He first loved us, Julia Lenington

Prayer Requests:

- Remember pastors as they follow-up unchurched children that were reached through the York Fair Ministry and Summer Ministry.
- Ask that many children will be reached for Christ in Good News Clubs during this school year.
- Praise God for our faithful Good New Club teachers and helpers. Pray that this will be a very fruitful year.
- Pray that clubbers will be a testimony at home and in their school, and that they will diligently learn their memory verses.
- Pray for children in club to be attentive and invite friends to come.
- Pray for Lisa as she directs the work and deals with the school districts in getting After School Good News Clubs in as many schools as possible.

Missions Conference

2013 Theme - "Fishers of Men"

Theme Verse - Matthew 4:19 "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men".

Church Picnic

Our conference started on Saturday with a church picnic. Besides being blessed with an abundance of physical food, we were also blessed with spiritual food as missionary Manuel Moyano from Uruguay spoke to the adults through an interpreter, Daniel Lembeck. Mrs. Joyce Moss took the children under a tree for their devotions and got them thinking about our conference theme. After the devotionals there were games for all the age groups. Mrs. Darcy Cook had guessing games as usual. There were games on paper at the tables for the adults, and all the Sunday School classes had more active, fun games to play out on the grass. The fellowship was a blessing, and the weather was lovely with the rain holding off until after the picnic was over.

Adult Sessions

Missionary Manuel Moyano from Uruguay spoke only Spanish and so for each of his sessions a young man, Daniel Lembeck, interpreted for him. He gave very interesting insight to our conference theme.

Missionary Nang Lyan Kap from Myanmar and Missionary Victor Ho from Hong Kong also spoke in our conference. Nang Lam Cing spoke to the ladies at the Monday luncheon, with her husband interpreting for her.

The conference was different with having translators speaking in a lot of the sessions. It was a good reminder that Christ came to all mankind and wants us to be 'fishers of men' all over the world, to every tongue, people group and language.

Application of the Theme

Part of our decorations included a fishing boat in the front of the sanctuary. People were encouraged throughout the conference to think of one person that God would want them to witness to this year in an effort to bring them to Christ. They were given a 3x5 card to write that person's name on, and put the card in the fishing boat to show their commitment to be a 'fisherman' for that particular 'fish' this year. We are praying for the 'fishermen' to use the best 'bait' in bringing their 'fish' to the Lord for eternal salvation.

Morning Sessions

Monday - Some folks from our congregation took a missions trip to Spain this summer, and they took our first morning session to tell us about that mission field. Each one that went on the trip told something they learned and experienced. This was the first missions trip that Greg and Shirley Beard, and Dawn and Henry Balcom had ever been on and so it was a real eye-opener for them to see first hand the culture and ministry of our missionaries in Spain. Nate Moss had been to Spain before and gave us some history. The group had gone for a work week and were involved in helping with the maintenance of the camp. The ladies had worked in the kitchen at the camp and they made a Spanish dish for us to taste that was very similar to an egg omelet.

Tuesday - The Kaps from Myanmar shared pictures of their ministry. Their region of Myanmar is a bit isolated from the rest of the country. Mr. Kap either walks or uses a motorbike to get to distant villages. He has a well established Bible Institute there that many come to from distances away. Rice was served a special way like they do in the Kaps region of Myanmar.

Wednesday - Manuel Moyano along with his translator, Daniel Lembeck gave us some insight into not only the culture of Uruguay, but also the Jews that he ministers to in particular. God has blessed Manuel with good reception by the Jews, enabling him to have a work among these chosen people. We enjoyed some Jewish Hallah bread with honey and a taste of chicken empanadas.

Junior Missions Conference

During the evening adult sessions the children in grades 1-6 had their own session. They learned the conference theme verse, sang songs, heard from some of the missionaries at the conference, and had a missionary story about a boy in Taiwan. A missionary our church supports is in Hong Kong, and one of the missionaries that spoke at the conference was from Hong Kong, so this story had much in common with what these missionaries deal with in their country, including the culture and idol worship, which was unfamiliar to the children in the Junior Missions Conference. The story contained many illustrations of how to be a "Fisher of Men" and the "bait" that was used to help bring friends and family to Jesus.

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

Reasons To Use Gospel Tracts

Using good-quality Gospel tracts gives every Christian a simple and effective way to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

1. Tracts can get inside homes and stay there. You can't.
2. Tracts never lose their temper or become involved in arguments.
3. Tracts never flinch or show cowardice.
4. Tracts can stick to the point without compromising.
5. Tracts never get discouraged.
6. Tracts are willing to be sent anywhere.
7. Tracts can work 24 hours a day.
8. Tracts are not expensive.
9. Tracts can be read many times over.
10. Tracts contain portions of Scripture, which God will use and bless (Isaiah 55:10,11).
11. Tracts can be used without fear.
12. Tracts have unlimited patience.
13. Tracts are a great way for Christians to fulfill the Great Commission by sharing the Gospel often and widely.
14. Tracts are easy to give to another person with a smile and some encouragement to read them.
15. Tracts explain the Gospel clearly and simply so that the reader can make a decision to trust Christ (if he is at that point in his understanding and personal desire to believe).
16. Tracts go anywhere with you - work, school, vacation, shopping, repair shop, eating out, etc.
17. Tracts can accomplish their purpose anytime - day or night, winter or summer, good time or bad, right now or later.
18. Tracts can take advantage of a special event or activity - elections, sports, etc. - by taking that interest and relating God's truth to it.
19. Tracts inject spiritual truth through specialized Gospel messages during seasons such as Christmas, New Year's, Easter, etc.
20. Tracts are proven to work.

Taken from - Moments With the Book

Spotlight on Tracts



"Count your blessings! Take the time - today - to create a list of everything for which you are thankful.

What types of things will you put on your list?

I hope that when your list is complete, it will contain the most important blessing of all - eternal life.

Have you received this gift of God's grace? We **need** to receive it, we **can** receive it, and we may **know** we have received it.

It's a good thing to be thankful. It's a better thing to thank God for your blessings. But the best thing of all is to know Him personally and experience the joy of Him washing away your sins, making you fit for Heaven, and giving you a brand new life in Him!"

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."



"Who is He?"

"His birth was contrary to the laws of life; His death was contrary to the laws of death. No miracle is so inexplicable as His teachings and His life.

He commanded no wealth.

He built no church. He founded no schools. He organized no army. He wrote no books, and yet, after 2000 years, He is the One central figure of all human history.

His death on the cross was the crime of all crimes, but no other price than His infinite agony on the cross could have made possible our redemption.

Sin never touched Him. Corruption could not claim His body.

His name blossoms on the pages of history like the flowers of a thousand springtimes' blossoming.

What thinking person can keep from exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!"



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

We are studying the life of Moses and the Israelites. Along with this series we are learning the 10 Commandments. Stories in the series illustrate what the commandments mean and help the children understand what God wanted the Israelites and us to know. God made it very clear that "sin has to be punished". All of us have sinned, but God provided One who came to take the punishment for our sin. He, Jesus, never sinned and so He is the only One who can take our sin away.

We sing lots of songs in class. The children right now are especially enjoying the song "Praise Him". They hold up visuals for "Praise Him in the morning, praise Him in the noon time, praise Him when the sun goes down". A good reminder to praise God all throughout the day.

Primaries

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith

Our lessons this year begin, "In the beginning". We have started in the Book of Genesis. For several weeks we have been studying creation and had various projects that went along with those lessons. The children have worked hard, are good listeners, and are always anxious to participate in answering questions.

Our memory verses were Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1-3. Both passages start out with "In the beginning". Everyone thought that these were very easy to memorize but there was an added challenge. You not only needed to memorize and be able to say the verses but you had to be able to sign them.

Our entire class was successful in saying and signing their verse. Congratulations to Grace Balcom, Hannah Wertz, Hannah Ortiz, Rebecca Wertz, Luke Laning, and Shawn Smith. A job well done and pleasing to God!

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

We have begun our study on Jesus' coming to the earth to live among us, so He could be our Savior. Our lessons, so far, have covered His birth through His first miracle at the wedding in Cana. It is so easy sometimes to lose our sense of wonder when we study Jesus' coming and the different events of His earthly ministry. We have heard them and read about them and studied them; yet as we told our students, we should never lose our excitement or say, "I've heard this before." Our desire this year is for our students to not just learn the facts, but to realize that Jesus did all this for each one of us; for because God loved the world, He sent His Son. How exciting! How humbling! How much we owe Him!

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This fall in Master Clubs, the Little Shepherds are learning about how God loves us and our responsibility to love Him as well. The children are memorizing verses such as Ps. 18:1 "I will love thee, O Lord, my strength." And Ps. 9:1 "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart."

The Primary classes are being taught through the book of Psalms. The children are working diligently at learning their verses and completing projects related to showing the love of Jesus to their friends and neighbors.

The Ambassadors class is growing both in number and in knowledge. The children are finishing up a badge helping them remember where to find selected Bible stories. They are also working at memorizing verses related to their personal walk with God.

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*Note: Pictures of our various church activities can be seen on our church website. To find the link to the newsletter, open the NHBC home page at [www.northhillsbiblechurch.org](http://www.northhillsbiblechurch.org) and click on the "Resources" link in the navigation menu at the top of the page. The current newsletter is always the first text link at the top of the Resources page, just below the navigation menu. The link says "Current Issue" and is just below the opening paragraph about Rejoicing from the Hills.*





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## Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

This year the teens are studying the book of I Peter. We are learning that because we have great salvation we should show our gratefulness by girding up the loins of our mind, and being holy as He is holy. We should not fashion ourselves according to the world, but obey the truth and love one another with a pure heart fervently. We are discovering that there are some big challenges to live up to in our Christian lives, but we don't have to do it alone. With the grace of God we can "offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ".

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

by Amy Kanost

**The Beginners Class:** In September the beginner class began a study of the continents with study of Europe. The children are also learning a song to help them memorize the names of the continents. Their story and craft time focused on the country of Germany. In October the class moved to the continent of Africa. They studied the animals, climate, and landscape of all of Africa. The children had a brief prayer time for some missionaries in Africa. The craft was giraffe clothes pins to take home.

**The Middle Class:** This year the middle class is studying plants. We started September with leaf identification. The children learned to identify leaves by their shape.

In October we started to talk about different types of trees and classifying leaves by type of tree and type of leaves. They learned the difference of compound and simple leaves. For our craft, the children drew a whole forest including the canopy, the understory, and the forest floor. Their forest is all put together on the bulletin board.

**The Junior/Teen Class:** The Junior/Teen class has been reviewing basic sign language each month. They played a game to test how many signs they could remember. This year, their class is studying Pennsylvania State History. They had to complete a map of Pennsylvania by identifying rivers, mountains, and cities. In October, they played crab soccer for gym.

**Field Trip:** Our first field trip was to visit The Burning of the Bridge Diorama in Wrightsville.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### NOVEMBER

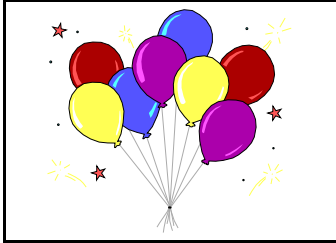
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| 10 | Pleasant Acres Service   | 1:45 PM |
| 14 | Homeschool Classes       | 9-12 AM |
| 18 | Rescue Mission Service   | 8:00 PM |
| 19 | Trustees' Meeting        | 6:30 PM |
| 20 | TAP Ministry             | 8:00 AM |
| 24 | Prison Ministry          | 2:30 PM |
| 27 | Thanksgiving Eve Service | 7:00 PM |

### DECEMBER



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| 6  | Church Banquet              | 6:30 PM    |
| 15 | Manor Care Service          | 1:45 PM    |
| 16 | Rescue Mission Service      | 8:00 PM    |
| 17 | Trustees' Meeting           | 6:30 PM    |
| 21 | Children's Program Practice | 9:30-12 AM |
| 22 | Children's Program          | 9:30 AM    |
| 22 | Christmas Program           | 10:45 AM   |
| 24 | Christmas Eve Service       | 7:00 PM    |
| 31 | Prison Ministry             | 7:00 PM    |

# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### November

- 1 - Holly Mellinger
- 2 - Carolyn Zimmerman
- 3 - Sue Bryant
- 5 - **Peter Colon**
- 5 - **Emma Turner**
- 5 - Elmira Wise
- 11 - Norm Breneman
- 11 - Marley Gross
- 11 - Pedro Ortiz
- 12 - **Marc Blackwell**
- 13 - Rachelle Krape
- 15 - **Leonard Smith**
- 16 - **Abigail Perrott**
- 18 - Tyler Knuth
- 23 - **Judi Blackwell**
- 24 - **Karen Kilmer**
- 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
- 25 - Kyle Dettinger
- 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 Livio**
- 22 - Russell & Holly Mellinger
- 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.

## Congratulations



We are happy to extend our congratulations to Nathaniel and Marietta Wertz on the birth of Elizabeth Hope. She was born on August 27, 2013 and weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces. She joins siblings Hannah, Rebecca, David, Esther, and Daniel.

## 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



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## Fishers of Men





# Master Clubs

Master Clubs meets on Wednesday evenings for grades pre-k through 6<sup>th</sup>. The children can earn badges on their vests, for Scripture memory, attendance, projects, and various other things according to age group. The club night consists of an opening with songs, game time, and book time.



GAME TIME



BOOK TIME



