

Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25

Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday, November 25 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 4
6:30 P.M.

Our annual Christmas banquet will be a special time of fellowship. 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 20
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 20
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

Wednesday
December 23
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 10, 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.

2016 Pocket Calendars
Will Be Available Soon

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

Our Missions Conference theme, "The Harvest Is Plenteous, The Laborers Few," is as relevant today as when Jesus shared those thoughts with His disciples. Even though many men and women have served as laborers in His harvest fields through the years, there is still much work to be done both at home and abroad.

In the weeks ahead, look for several new books about how God has used individuals committed to Him to reach out to those around them, some in ways they never imagined.

Called for Life

When Dr. Kent and Amber Brantly went to Liberia as medical missionaries in 2013, their goal was simple - to tell people about God and to serve people in a way that would bring them to know Him. Just months after they arrived, the Ebola virus erupted in West Africa. After six weeks of intense battle trying to help others survive one of the most horrifying and deadly infectious diseases on earth, the doctor himself was diagnosed with Ebola. Much of what transpired after that made international headlines when he was evacuated to Atlanta for treatment. The Brantlys share how God led them into missionary service, sustained them through Kent's life-threatening illness and remarkable recovery, and used their faith to inspire people around the world to trust in Him.

HEROES FOR YOUNG READERS

Jim Elliot: A Light for God

Betty Greene: Flying High

David Livingstone: Courageous Explorer

Ida Scudder: Healing in India

JUNGLE DOCTOR SERIES

Jungle Doctor Goes West

Jungle Doctor Sees Red

Jungle Doctor's Case Book

Looking ahead toward the end of the year, there are a number of books, cassette tapes, CDs, videos, and DVDs related to Thanksgiving and Christmas available which may be of interest as your family prepares to celebrate these holidays.

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RUDIMENTARY PRINCIPLE OF THE WORLD #4 EVERYONE SHOULD PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE

Introduction

This comes from the website, whitehouse.gov.

Under the current U.S. tax system, a number of millionaires pay a smaller percentage of their income in taxes than a significant proportion of middle class families. **Warren Buffett, for example, pays a lower effective tax rate than his secretary, and that's not fair.** A full 22,000 households that made more than \$1 million in 2009 paid less than 15 percent of their income in income taxes — and 1,470 managed to pay no federal income taxes on their million-plus-dollar incomes, according to the IRS. And, **the very wealthiest American** households are paying nearly the lowest tax rate in 50 years— some are paying just half of the federal income tax that top income earners paid in 1960. But **the average tax rate for middle class families** has barely budged. The middle 20 percent of households paid 14 percent of their incomes in 1960, and 16 percent in 2010.

What is the Buffett Rule?

The Buffett Rule is a simple principle that everyone should **pay their fair share** in taxes. No household making more than a \$1 million should pay a smaller share of their income in taxes than middle-class families pay. For the 98 percent of American families who make less than \$250,000, taxes should not go up.

How would [the Buffett Rule] make sure everyone pays their fair share? The Buffett Rule would limit the degree to which the best-off can take advantage of loopholes and tax rates that allow them to pay less of their income in taxes than middle-class families.

Anyone who does well for themselves should do their fair share in return, so that more people have the opportunity to get ahead—not just a few.

The Fair Share economic doctrine has created a debate in our country about what is really fair as far as personal finances are concerned. What is a fair share? Who is responsible to pay a fair share? Is it fair that the top 1% of wage earners pay 38% of the total tax burden? Is it fair that the top 10% of wage earners pay 70% of the total tax burden? Is it fair that

the top 51% of wage earners pay 100% of the total tax burden leaving 49% of Americans who pay no income taxes whatsoever? More importantly, what does the Bible teach about economic policy for a nation? For an individual?

I. IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IT MUST BE FINANCED FROM THE PEOPLE.

A. When the Israelites asked for a king, God gave these words of caution for Samuel to give to the people.

1 Samuel 8:10-18

*10 And Samuel told all **the words of the LORD** unto the people that **asked of him a king**.*

*11 And he said, **This will be the manner of the king** that shall reign over you: He will take your **sons**, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.*

*12 And he will **appoint him captains** over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to **ear his ground**, and to **reap his harvest**, and to **make his instruments of war**, and instruments of his chariots.*

*13 And he will take your **daughters** to be **confectionaries**, and to be **cooks**, and to be **bakers**.*

*14 And he will take **your fields**, and **your vineyards**, and **your oliveyards**, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.*

*15 And he will take **the tenth of your seed**, and **of your vineyards**, and give to his officers, and to his servants.*

*16 And he will take **your menservants**, and **your maidservants**, and **your goodliest young men**, and **your asses**, and put them to his work.*

*17 He will take **the tenth of your sheep**: and ye shall be his servants.*

*18 **And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king** which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.*

B. God does not make a statement about the fairness of government taxation, only the reality of it. So Jesus declared that we should pay taxes to a federal government.

Matthew 22:17-21

17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.

20 *And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?*

21 *They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, **Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.***

So what is **FAIR** taxation? The answer today is the same as it was in the first century. What is on your money? Who issued you that currency? Therefore, render unto Caesar....

II. A WISE GOVERNMENT WILL RECOGNIZE THE LIMITS OF WHAT THE PEOPLE CAN BEAR.

A. Consider what it took to finance Solomon's administration.

1 Kings 4:22-28

22 *And **Solomon's provision for one day** was **thirty measures of fine flour** (188 bushel), and **threescore measures of meal** (375 bushel),*

23 ***Ten fat oxen** (5,000 lbs of meat), and **twenty oxen out of the pastures** (5,000 lb), and **an hundred sheep** (5,000 lbs of meat), beside **harts**, and **roebucks**, and **fallowdeer**, and **fatted fowl**.*

26 *And Solomon had **forty thousand stalls of horses** for his chariots, and **twelve thousand horsemen**.*

27 *And **those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.***

28 ***Barley** also and **straw** for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.*

Things haven't changed much. Today, it takes considerable resources to run a government. For example, it costs the United States for one year \$15.4 billion to run the White house and Congress; \$19.0 billion to run the federal courts; \$11.0 billion to run the general services of the federal government. This is a total of **\$45.4 billion** just for the basics of our United States government. Besides this there is the military and all the other services provided by the government. The total budget for 2014 is \$3.8 trillion. This is \$11,875 for every man woman and child in the country. Not for every family, for every individual. Equal distribution of the taxation would mean the tax bill for a family of four would be \$47,500.

B. Rehoboam broke the back of an over burdened economy.

1 Kings 12:1-15

1 *And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.*

3 *.....And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,*

4 ***Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.***

5 *And he said unto them, Depart yet for **three days**, then come again to me. And the people departed.*

12 ***So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.***

13 *And **the king answered the people roughly**, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;*

14 *And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, **My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.***

15 *Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.*

Rehoboam's failure broke the nation in two. It fragmented the people of Israel for multiple hundreds of years.

What could happen today if the tax burden becomes overbearing in the United States? News Max reported last October regarding a poll taken October 9-13, 2014, showing how many people distrust the government of the United States. Just 19 percent of Americans say they trust Washington to do what's right most of the time. "The share of the public saying they are angry at the federal government, which equaled an all-time high in late September (26 percent), has ticked up to 30 percent," the Pew Research Center analysis noted. "Another 55 percent say they are frustrated with the government. Just 12 percent say they are basically content with the federal government."

Just keep in mind that the United States is not identifiable in any Biblical prophecy. Does she fragment and become irrelevant? Probably. As I was typing this, I kept reversing my letters on the keyboard and typing the **UNTIED** States instead of the **UNITED** States. Perhaps this illustrates how little it would take for this country to go from being united to being untied.

C. What are the legitimate costs of running a government? Are all the expenses of the United States government appropriate?

The Federal Budget of the United States

1%	General Government Administration Executive, Legislative, Judicial
1%	Police, Firemen, Prisons, Public safety
1%	Miscellaneous Agriculture, Pollution, Energy, Manufacturing, Waste, Communication, etc.
3%	Transportation
3%	Education
6%	Debt management (Interest)
<u>22%</u>	<u>Defense</u>
37%	Total (About \$1.35 trillion)
11%	Welfare
25%	Pensions
<u>27%</u>	<u>Healthcare</u> (Medicaid, Medicare, Obamacare)
63%	Total (About \$2.3 trillion)

How much of this is Biblically based? What does God say about forced charity? What does God say about redistribution of wealth? What does God say about income inequality? What does God say about economic activity in human society?

III. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN HUMAN SOCIETY?

God teaches this principle: there is **reward** for effort, and there is **no reward** for laziness.

A. Consider Luke 10:7, *And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: **for the labourer is worthy of his hire.***

B. Contrast this with 2 Thessalonians 3:10, *For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that **if any would not work, neither should he eat.***

C. Then consider the parable of the Talents.

Matthew 25:15-29

19 *After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.*

20 *And so **he that had received five talents** came and brought other five talents, saying, **Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.***

21 *His lord said unto him, **Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few***

things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 ***He also that had received two talents** came and said, **Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.***

23 *His lord said unto him, **Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.***

24 *Then **he which had received the one talent** came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:*

25 *And **I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.***

26 *His lord answered and said unto him, **Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:***

27 *Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.*

28 ***Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.***

29 ***For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.***

The key is that the one who had not, had not **because** he was wicked and slothful, and the one who had was given more **because** he was faithful and did well. While this is teaching a spiritual principle of faithfulness to the Lord it also shows God's view of how economic activity should work in human society. Faithfulness and achievement through doing well should be rewarded. Laziness should not be rewarded. The irresponsible should not be financed by the responsible.

IV. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT CHARITY?

A. We must first determine who really **needs** help.

There is a difference between people who do not have because they are lazy **and** people who do not have because they truly cannot help themselves. It is imperative that we have discernment enough to make this distinction between the various people who ask for help. We should then have compassion on the truly poor, helping them as we have opportunity and according to our ability to do so. This is Biblical.

Galatians 6:10

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

1 John 3:16-17

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

*17 But **whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need**, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*

Those of us who have reaped the eternal benefits of the gospel should show our gratitude by compassionately sharing this world's good as an illustration of God's compassion to us in Christ.

B. There was a tithe in the Old Testament designated for the poor, BUT THIS WAS NOT A FEDERAL TAX.

1. It was to be given every three years.

Deuteronomy 14:28-29

*28 **At the end of three years** thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:*

*29 And **the Levite**, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and **the stranger**, and **the fatherless**, and **the widow**, which are within thy gates, shall come, and **shall eat and be satisfied**; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.*

2. **It was a voluntary gift.**

All tithing in the Old Testament was based on the voluntary participation of each individual. **Tithing was not a tax.** There was no civil penalty for not paying the tithe. NO BIBLE VERSE CAN BE SHOWN FOR SUCH A PENALTY! **There was only a spiritual penalty** for the individual and collectively for the nation for failing to love God enough to give to His work.

Malachi 3:8-10

*8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, **Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.***

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you

the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

C. The Book of Acts is a model for **voluntary benevolence** not for government sponsored forced charity.

This was purely a voluntary act. No government, or church administration levied a compulsory action to do this

Acts 4:34-35

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

D. 2 Corinthians 8 is a model for **voluntary benevolence**, not for government sponsored forced charity.

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

*2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty **abounded unto the riches of their liberality.***

*3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power **they were willing of themselves**;*

*4 **Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.***

*5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but **first gave their own selves to the Lord**, and unto us by the will of God.*

6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

*8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to **prove the sincerity of your love.***

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

10 And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

*11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; **that as***

there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.

12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:

What does God mean by “equality”? The word as it is used in 2 Corinthians 8:14 means equity, **fairness**, what is equitable.

Here is God’s idea of fairness:

1. When you have a surplus and a brother in Christ has a need, you help him. 2 Corinthians 8:14

2. And then when he has a surplus and you have a need, your brother in Christ can help. 2 Corinthians 8:14

3. This should only be according to what you can afford. 2 Corinthians 8:12

4. This is not intended to put a hardship on one person in order to relieve another. 2 Corinthians 8:11

5. This is a totally voluntary program except that if you voluntarily promise to help someone in need, you ought to keep your promise. 2 Corinthians 8:8,10

E. There is no Biblical evidence that civil government has been empowered by God to force its citizens to be charitable through the redistribution of wealth. Having said that, there is this.

1 Peter 2:13-16

13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

Conclusion

A government has the right to tax its people to finance its administration. The Bible supports this. People should be compassionate toward the poor and provide for those who are truly needy. The Bible teaches this. Government has not been given a

Biblical mandate for the redistribution of wealth. The Bible teaches that if any wealth is redistributed it is to be done voluntarily by those who possess the wealth. And yet, the Bible teaches that we as Christians should submit ourselves to every ordinance of man INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES. So, the difficult part for us is to balance our submission to government taxation and at the same time maintain our compassion for the truly needy.

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

2 Corinthians 9:6-9


6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

We must avoid the reactionary tactics of the Israelites to the oppressive hand of King Rehoboam. Work through the legal system. Vote. Speak to your representatives in government. Express your concerns civilly. But – understand that in the end, simply transforming human government into a reasonable institution does not get more people into heaven.

We have a testimony to bear (1 Peter 2:15). However we respond or react to our government and its policies we must always keep in mind the integrity of the testimony of Jesus Christ. For we are HIS ambassadors – 2 Corinthians 5:20. And our citizenship is in heaven – Philippians 3:20. 

Missionary News



*From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home*

Peter & Rosa Pingol

Spain

Many things have happened since my last prayer letter but one thing is the most important; the Lord has been faithful. It is our joy and privilege to serve Him and our gratitude is towards Him and to all of you that pray and support our ministry.

Reaching Others

- David asked me for a Bible. We have been talking much with this young man who needs the Lord.
- On Sunday we spoke a long time with Vanesa, a mother of two children in great trouble. The social service is taking her children away from her as she is not able to take care of their needs. It was sad to see her tears. We tried to bring her to the saving knowledge of our Lord. I gave her a Bible.
- Anna is a member of the cancer group I joined. She had cancer and she is still fighting with it. We had a good conversation about her need of the Lord.
- Nuri is my cousin. She also suffered cancer in the bones and now the doctors have found cancer on her liver. She lives in Tarragona, is one of the contacts we have in that city. Please pray for her salvation.
- A group of children from our neighborhood I have helped in several activities that the English School and gym in town organized. I was able to talk to them about creation.

Weddings and a Funeral

- It was a joy to be able to preach in the wedding of one of the young ladies that were under our ministry. We also were invited to two other weddings from two more girls that came for several years to our youth group. I felt I was getting old, but what a blessing to

see what the Lord did in the lives of these three ladies. - We also had a loss in our congregation as one lady died. We had visited her in the hospital and had prayer with her. She made a profession of faith and in the last three weeks at the hospital we saw changes in her life as she was trusting in the Lord in those final hours. I preached at the funeral with the relatives, most of whom are Christians. It is one of those things difficult to do as a missionary, but also it is part of our service for the Lord.

Christian Literature Ministry

I have finished another book. I wrote it thinking of the young people as it deals with the relationships of courtship. I am now finishing another one dealing with modesty. I enjoy writing as I see also a huge need in the Spanish speaking countries of good Christian literature.

Tarragona

I continue having a burden for the city of Tarragona, one hour from us. I would like to have a monthly Bible study there, but we need the leading of the Lord. I have several contacts, but we will need a place to meet and also the provision from the Lord to go there. Just pray for this. We will see what the Lord will do.

Marc & Judie Blackwell

Capetown, South Africa

Our ministry is focused on a truly biblical and yet agile ministry. Facing challenges of biblical illiteracy and spiritual lethargy, we design our ministry to meet these needs. Pray for our next project, a series of strategic discussions and long-term planning for **new Church Planting efforts** in the Cape. You are our prayer team. Please pray with us for the salvation of souls, the growth of our Christians, and spiritual strength for our leaders!

The Cape of Good Hope Ministries all work together to prayerfully phase and develop a sound understanding of Truth among those we serve. Missionary ministry requires a high level of thought or design. 1st, those without Christ need to hear the message of redemption in Christ: sin, righteousness

and judgment (John 16:8-10). 2nd, new believers must receive guidance in the growth phases of life in Christ (II Peter 3:15-18, Jude 20-23). 3rd, maturing believers learn to divide and share in short phases of work and frequent learning reassessments (II Timothy 2:15-26).

Pray with us as we train leaders to resist compromise and remain focused on biblical strategies through our **Church Ministries Institute**. Pray for our Herald of Hope Ministry as we give attention to "End Times" local church courses. This dispensational teaching ministry (together with four other missionaries and pastors) encourages hearts in regards to Christ's soon return to rapture His saints, followed by Daniel's prophecy of the tribulation period. We also explain the second coming of Christ to inaugurate His literal 1000 year kingdom on earth, the Great White Throne Judgment, and the unfolding of eternity with the promised new heavens and new earth.

Donald & Karen Kilmer

South Africa - to the Zulus

2 Corinthians 6:2 "...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

"SIN IS DESTRUCTIVE!" This came from Joe at Burlington during our most recent Bible study there. Joe is unsaved and living in sin, but sees the truth; however, he won't open his heart to accept the truth. He is bound in sin and presses on without God's help. Please pray for Joe and God's work in his life.

Mr. Body - One of my Bible Institute students asked me to visit his father, who is unsaved. His name, by interpretation, is Mr. Body. His isn't a nobody, but a somebody! I visited Mr. Body at his rural village. Getting there was easy for those who are used to African traveling. You use landmarks and when you get close you start asking for the exact location by the family's name.

My student drew me a map with landmarks. Fortunately, there are a number of schools in the area, so off of the main road, just after a certain school I turned onto a gravel road. Then I had to drive for an unspecified distance of 10 to 15 minutes, which was much shorter than I expected, as it was only 4 or 5 minutes. So after driving by the next school and turning around I studied the map again.

The hand drawn map showed that next to the school was a small gravel road, then a small shop, then a small gravel road next to a car wash. I missed the car wash the first time as it was just a wooden makeshift shelter with a handwritten sign that said, "CAR WASH."

The washed out road looked a bit doubtful, but actually improved after a short distance. It was narrow, but clearly well used. After about a mile, the road really narrowed and I decided it was time to ask where somebody lived. A young man was walking down the road toward my car.

Now the problem was that I don't speak the Tsonga language in that area; however, I had been told that Mr. Body speaks Zulu. I waved to the young man approaching me and said, "Mr. Body."

He pointed beyond the house that was behind us, but down another road. I reversed and turned down the next dirt road. Stopping at the first house on this road I got out of the vehicle and waved to the two men I saw in the dirt yard. Many people don't keep a grass yard as they don't have lawnmowers. It is easier to take out all grass and weeds than to try and keep grass cut. The downside of this is that it creates a lot of dust.

A man approached me and I said, "Mr. Body." He just nodded in agreement. Again I said, "Mr. Body." And again he nodded in agreement. Ok, I might be slow to take hints, but then, in Zulu, I asked if he was Mr. Body. He smiled and nodded in agreement once again.

He is a very pleasant man and as we discussed spiritual things he agreed that the Bible is the Word of God (John 17:17). He agreed that God is the Creator and that after death we must answer to Him (Romans 14:12). He agreed that we are barred from heaven due to our sin (Romans 3:23). He agreed that Jesus paid our debt of sin on the cross and rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

I read and explained the story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16. This was to help him understand that our dead ancestors can't help bring us to God. One of the amazing things about this story is that the rich man knew about repentance, but never repented. I explained to Mr. Body that only Jesus can bring us to God and we must receive His forgiveness now, while we are still alive (2 Corinthians 6:2). He agreed to all of this, but said he wants more time to think. He is struggling to leave the worship of his dead ancestors.

Moises & Rosa Campos

Spain

Baptism

We had a day of great rejoicing, as four new believers of our congregation were baptized in camp Ebenezer, in obedience to God's Word. Many visitors were touched by the simple but at the same time unusual ceremony, by the clear testimonies and the preaching of the Gospel.

We are aware of the difficult time in which we live, of the many-fold temptations that Satan will use to make them disobey, of the deceitfulness of man's own heart, but we know that the power of God can keep them till the end. Please, pray for them: Patricia, Ismael, Jonatan, Cecilia.

Bible Expo

(Reflections expressed by a co-worker, Kevin Kenny, on the Bible Exhibits that Moises presents)

We would ask you to pray for the many souls that go through this wonderful Bible expo: a really nice collection of Bibles and a run-through with upright panels on the formation of the Bible, it's archaeological supports, and translations into Spain's languages. Our brother and mission co-worker, Moisés Campos, has a wonderful ministry tool. This is the fourth time we have hosted the expo and it is always a tremendous blessing.

Kevin did a 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. schedule on Friday, Saturday and Monday. On Sunday we opened the expo in the morning until 1:30 p.m., and in the evening we ran our church group through the panels to give everyone a feeling for our wonderful Book called the Bible. Having real, original 16th and 17th century Bibles on hand that they could touch was a real treat!

It's hard to describe the joy of witnessing to person after person, hour after hour, and to find openness in many of them to God's Word. Every day always had a couple of intense hours of explaining the unique nature and power of the Scriptures as well as presenting the Gospel.

Please pray for the seeds planted in hearts.

Missions Conference Report

Our Missions Conference theme was "The Harvest is Plenteous, the Laborers Few" taken from Matthew 9:37-38. Our decorations included harvesting equipment and a 'fruit and vegetable stand' loaded with a bountiful harvest.

Church Picnic

The kick-off to our conference was a Saturday picnic where the missionaries were introduced. This year they were: Charlie & Bo Frink from New Zealand, Mike & Marie Brunk from South Africa, and Robert Congdon from Britain. There was lots of food to go around and fun games for preschoolers through adults. Charlie Frink spoke to the adults about what God is looking for in a man who will stand in the gap. His points were: Grow Up, Stand Up, Step Up and Speak Up. Marie Brunk spoke to the children about the 10 lepers and reminded them that God wants us to say "thank you".

Morning Sessions

Monday - The Brunks from South Africa did a power point presentation called "Lessons from the Animals of Africa". They also presented their prayer card with questions about their ministry, showed us their currency called the 'rand', and spoke of their national figures. We were treated with malva pudding (a yummy dessert) along with rooibos tea.

Tuesday - Rob Congdon spoke to us about current events in Russia, Europe and the Middle East and how it fits into biblical prophecy. He has written books concerning Calvinism, election, the millennial generation, Russia & the Ukraine, European Union and others. To learn more you can go to www.CongdonMinistries.org.

Wednesday - The Frinks had New Zealand A-Z nature cards they shared with us. We had a miniature cricket game set up in the fellowship hall which they tried to teach us how to play. There was also a replica of the office wing of their parliament building called 'the Beehive' which they told us about. We all enjoyed touching the soft possum skin (not like our opossum). They shared some candy straight from New Zealand called chocolate fish and jaffa.

Adult Sessions - by Austin Morrow

Charlie Frink -The disciples were obedient to Jesus trusting His command to get in the ship. We, like them, need to 'get in the ship', trust Jesus, and not be concerned about what is coming. If we are walking in His will, we will have times of suffering. That is promised. On the stormy sea, Peter trusted Jesus' command to get out of the ship. We shouldn't be concerned about what others are doing, or be content to do the average, but go wherever God calls us into His service.

Mike Brunk - We need to be careful how we face persecution. We should expect it, and seek to glorify God in it. We need to be praying for our persecutor and realize there are purposes for the persecution.

Rob Congdon - The book of Revelation can be looked at as a guide for Christians and help us prepare for what is coming. We as the church need to be preparing ourselves as the bride of Christ. We have a short time and need to be spreading the Gospel and praying.

Ladies Luncheon

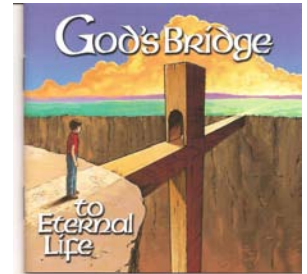
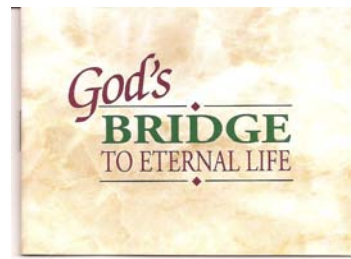
Both Bo Frink and Marie Brunk spoke to the ladies after a nice meal and good fellowship. Bo challenged us to be lights in this world of darkness. Marie got us to thinking about what we as ladies are doing for the Lord. Both of them helped us understand the role of a missionary wife a little better.

Junior Conference

The children heard the "Parable of the Apple Pickers" and learned its meaning. There are many people still in sin that need to be told the way of salvation, and not many people want to do that job. God needs each of us to do our part in 'harvesting' the many lost souls, and not to just stay in our comfort zones. Along with this theme they enjoyed doing two crafts, and learned the conference theme verse.

The missionaries at the conference also presented special lessons for the children. It is always interesting and thought provoking to hear the missionaries speak of things in the countries in which they serve, and how they try to reach the people around them.

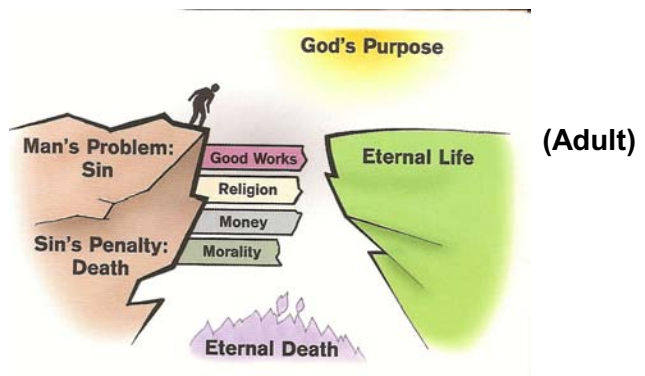
Spotlight on Tracts



God's Bridge to Eternal Life

The booklet pictured on the left is the adult version and the one on the right is the children's version.

This is a very good booklet to have on hand to explain the plan of salvation. It goes step by step helping them understand: 1. God's purpose for man, 2. Our sin problem, 3. The punishment for sin, 4. Our good works fail (pictured below), 5. Christ's payment, 6. Our pardon and, 7. God's promise of eternal life.





Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

The Preschool Class is happy to welcome Elisabeth Wertz who just turned two in September. She joins our class in learning about Moses and the Ten Commandments. This series has visible objects for the children to relate to such as 'Moses rod'; the Ten Commandments written on slate stone; a rubber snake that comes up in the story with Pharaoh and also the serpents in the wilderness; 'manna' (unleavened bread in small pieces), and along with the plagues they saw locust shells, plastic flies, and a frog puppet.

The children enjoy singing "How Did Moses Cross the Red Sea" and are learning to say the Ten Commandments for their Scripture memory work.

Primaries

taught by Mary Snyder

The Primary Class studied the "Life of Christ": The Triumphal Entry, The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Judgment Hall, The Crucifixion, The Resurrection, Emmaus and the Upper Room, Breakfast on the Shore with Jesus and The Ascension.

The Main points were: "Nothing in this world compares to the new life that Jesus offers. He wants us to serve others and repent of our sins. To see without God's power, it is impossible to do God's will. Jesus died to take away the sin of the world and even though He was innocent He willingly suffered for those who were guilty." Our three regular students memorized, "The Lord's Prayer." Our fourth student was at camp with his parents, the Smiths.

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

It is always a fun and exciting time of the year, when we start our new series of lessons and welcome new students to our class. So, welcome to the Junior class, Rebecca Wertz! This year we will be studying the Old Testament from the Judges through the book of Daniel. We've already studied some of the book of Judges and have seen the bad pattern Israel had throughout the years...serving idols, then being punished by God through the people around them, then crying out to God, and God sending them a deliverer in the form of a judge. Oh, how the grace and mercy of God are seen time and time again! Aren't we glad for the grace and mercy of God in our own lives?

Our memory work this year starts with the memorizing of I Corinthians 13.

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This summer has been exciting as we finished our series on the Fruit of the Spirit. An understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in us to produce these fruits encouraged the children that they too can bear fruit. We learned that faith comes from hearing the Word of God. We also learned that without faith we cannot please God.

In the study of meekness, we learned that we don't have to be weak to display meekness. We learned that we can show meekness by being humble, but not timid. Jesus and Moses were the Biblical examples of meekness that we studied. Our study of temperance focused on being under control. With positive Biblical examples of Daniel and Jesus, we learned the importance of memorizing scripture to defeat temptations when they come. We also saw that our failure to exercise temperance will affect others in addition to ourselves with examples like Achan.



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Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

We are happy to welcome Ian Morrow as a new quizzer this year. We welcome back Charles Balcom, Jonathan Kanost, Tyler Knuth, Allyson Knuth, and Austin Morrow who all were quizzers last year.

We are studying the book of Ephesians in five verse segments. Each Wednesday evening we work on the next five verses and review the previous verses. We do this mainly in question and answer form. The teens are challenged to memorize those five verses during the week on their own at home and write out questions and answers for each of those five verses. When they quote the verses to an adult at church it counts as points toward a scholarship to summer camp.

We also take a few minutes at our Wednesday practice to pray for each other and the requests they have for others.

Our key verse this year is Ephesians 5:10 "Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord". Each week as we study we try to apply this verse and see how God wants us to prove what is acceptable to Him. We found right off in chapter one verse four that He wants us to live our Christian lives in a way that is holy and blameless. We won't ever be perfect here on earth, but this is what we should be aiming at and getting closer too as we mature in Christ. That is the reason He has us here on earth - to be that example to others.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

Home schooling became legal in Pennsylvania in the late 1980's. Since then many families have followed their belief that God gave parent's the duty to educate their children and to... "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord". Ephesians 6:4

This year our Co-op has seven families with 25+ students between preschool and 12th grade.

Our co-op has four classes - Nursery, Primary (preschool to 1st), Middlers (2nd - 6th) and Teens. We meet for classes the second Thursday of the month and have an educational field trip on the fourth Thursday. In May the students have a project fair which highlights what they have learned in their own home school.

Each year we plan classes with a topic based on student needs. Our teen class will be learning about blueprints and the math involved, and later in the year will be working on logic problem solving. Our middle class will be learning about the human body and the primary class will be learning about various groups of animals.

We look forward to an exciting year of learning and growing... "in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ". II Peter 3:18

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*There is no such thing as a "self-made" man. We are made up of thousands of others. Every one who has ever done a kind deed for us, or spoken one word of encouragement to us, has entered into the makeup of our character and of our thoughts, as well as our success.*

Author Unknown

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## Up-coming Events for Our Missionaries

### OCTOBER

|    |                        |         |
|----|------------------------|---------|
| 8  | Homeschool Classes     | 9-12 AM |
| 18 | Manor Care Service     | 1:45 PM |
| 19 | Rescue Mission Service | 8:00 PM |
| 20 | Trustees' Meeting      | 6:30 PM |
| 21 | TAP Ministry           | 8:00 AM |
| 22 | Homeschool Field Trip  |         |
| 29 | Prison Ministry        | 8:00 PM |



### NOVEMBER

|    |                          |         |
|----|--------------------------|---------|
| 8  | Pleasant Acres Service   | 1:45 PM |
| 12 | Homeschool Classes       | 9-12 AM |
| 16 | Rescue Mission Service   | 8:00 PM |
| 17 | Trustees' Meeting        | 6:30 PM |
| 18 | TAP Ministry             | 8:00 AM |
| 22 | Prison Ministry          | 2:30 PM |
| 25 | Thanksgiving Eve Service | 7:00 PM |



### DECEMBER

|    |                        |         |
|----|------------------------|---------|
| 4  | Church Banquet         | 6:30 PM |
| 10 | Homeschoolers Caroling |         |
| 15 | Trustees' Meeting      | 6:30 PM |
| 19 | Program Practice       | 9:30 AM |
| 20 | Christmas Programs     | 9:30 AM |
| 20 | Manor Care Service     | 1:45 PM |
| 21 | Rescue Mission Service | 8:00 PM |
| 24 | Christmas Eve Service  | 7:00 PM |
| 25 | Merry Christmas        |         |
| 29 | Prison Ministry        | 7:00 PM |
| 31 | Prison Ministry        | 8:00 PM |

### October

- Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA  
Good News Clubs in public schools and homes
- Friends of Israel  
Feast of Tabernacles celebration banquets
- Kilmer, Donald & Karen - South Africa  
Teaching in Bible College - 1<sup>st</sup> week
- Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines  
Fundamental Bible Conference

### November

- Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa  
Church Ministries Institute - apprenticeship training
- Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA  
Good News Clubs in homes and in public schools
- Kilmer, Donald & Karen - South Africa  
Teaching in Bible College - 1<sup>st</sup> week
- Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC  
Thanksgiving meal for soldiers

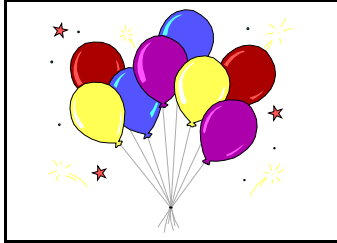
### December

- Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain  
Youth Retreat - 1<sup>st</sup> weekend
- Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA  
Good News Clubs in homes and in public schools
- Friends of Israel  
Celebrating Hanukkah with Jewish contacts
- Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus  
Extra outreach ministries during community Christmas vacation
- Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC  
Christmas meal for marines and open house for the community.

**Remember  
to Pray  
for Your  
Missionaries**



# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### October

- 4 - Betty Chronister
- 6 - Gloria Hevner
- 8 - Katrina Cook
- 14 - Wayne Laning
- 15 - Marietta Wertz
- 17 - Dawn Balcom
- 17 - Laura Morrow
- 17 - **Levi Moss**
- 17 - **James Perrott**
- 18 - Sue Kornbau
- 19 - Russell Mellinger
- 21 - **Cheryl Hilt**
- 21 - Nathanael Moss
- 26 - Henry Balcom (father)
- 26 - Mary Collins
- 26 - Deborah King

### November

- 1 - Holly Mellinger
- 2 - Carolyn Zimmerman
- 3 - Sue Bryant
- 5 - **Peter Colon**
- 5 - **Emma Turner**
- 11 - Norm Breneman
- 11 - Marley Gross



- 12 - **Marc Blackwell**
- 13 - Rachele 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
- 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



## Happy Anniversary

### October

- 3 - John & Amy Kanost
- 12 - Henry & Dawn Balcom

### November

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

### December

- 4 - **Roberto & Imelda Livioco**
- 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.

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## Congratulations



Congratulations to Nathaniel and Marietta Wertz on the birth of their seventh child, Abigail Charity, on August 19. She weighed 6.13 pounds and was 19 inches. She joins her siblings Hannah, Rebecca, David, Esther, Daniel, and Elisabeth.



## Remember

## Our Shut-ins

Lorraine Beath, Mary Cole, Jeannie Geesey, Marlene Gladfelter, Pam Grove, Gloria Hevner, Olivia Kauffman, Susan Peters, Linda Spahr, Reg Stelfox

# MISSIONS CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER

## THE HARVEST IS PLENTEOUS, THE LABORERS FEW

Matthew 9:37-38



Painting the banner.

Decorations to go with the theme.



Building the prop (fruit/harvest stand)



The finished product.



Harvesting equipment decorated the window sills.



# Church Picnic



# Kids Session during Ladies Luncheon



# Morning Sessions



Mike & Marie Brunk from South Africa.



Tasty South African Malva Pudding for us to sample.



Rob Congdon telling how current events relate to biblical prophecy.



Charlie Frink teaching us how to play a New Zealand sport called 'cricket' and the teen boys trying it out on a miniature version in the fellowship hall.



The soft fur of a New Zealand possum - very different than our American opossum.

# Junior Missionary Conference



Singing songs that go along with the conference theme.



Using a globe to show where our missionaries live in relation to where we live.

Hearing from the missionaries themselves.



Doing crafts that go with the theme verse.

