

Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22

Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday, November 22 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 8
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 17
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 17
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

Sunday, 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 13, 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. 📖

Missionary Christmas Offering

If you would like to make an additional contribution to our missionaries this Christmas, you can put your offering in a church envelope and mark it for the missionaries Christmas. Or you could mail your designated gift to the church address with a note attached that it is for the missionaries Christmas offering. Any additional amount will be much appreciated by the missionaries at this time of year when they have extra expenses, and many of them have to be away from family and friends.

2018 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

This year's Missions Conference theme poses an important question for each of us to consider – "How Shall They Hear?" Through the years, God has used many individuals to communicate the gospel message and the truths found in His Word to folks all around the world.

In the weeks ahead, look for new books from the HEROES FOR YOUNG READERS series which share the life story of men whom God used to tell others about Him.

William Carey: Bearer of Good News (1761-1834)

At the time when most Christians never considered the millions of people in other countries who didn't know Jesus, he dedicated his life to bringing the Good News to people who had never heard it. He went to India and spent his life translating the Bible into their native languages.

Jonathan Goforth: Never Give Up (1859-1936)

In faraway China, despite danger and ridicule, he and his wife opened their home to thousands of Chinese visitors and never tired of telling others that even though we've made ourselves God's enemies, He has made a way for us to be His friends.

Nate Saint: Heavenbound (1923-1956)

While flying his plane over the jungles of Ecuador, helping other missionaries reach the people with God's great love, he longed for the feared Auca Indians to know God. He and his friends died trying to befriend them, but six years later, some of the Aucas became Christians.

Loren Cuninghame: Making God Known (1935-)

When he traveled all the way from his home in California to remote villages in Africa, he began to fulfill his longing to tell the whole world about God's love. Today thousands of young people have joined him in his mission to spread the gospel and help the poor.

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

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Male and Female Created He them

Gender issues have become a dominant part of the social landscape in our time. Feminism has for the longest time challenged the Biblical roles for men and women and in the process has successfully blurred the whole spectrum of gender identity issues. The consequence has been the socially acceptable rise of homosexuality and, in more recent times, transgenderism. These issues have become so forceful today that Christians must deal with them directly, or we will soon lose our Biblical integrity regarding the identity and roles of men and women as God intended them to be.

Modern Feminism began with the suffrage movement of the 1800's. Originally, the states only allowed white male property owners to vote. By the 1830's most states had extended this right to all white men above the age of 21 regardless of their economic status. Black men were granted the right to vote in 1870 by the Fifteenth amendment to the Constitution, but this was not uniformly enforced until the voting rights act of 1965. The first official meeting to discuss women's rights in America took place at Seneca Falls, New York in 1848. Women did not receive the right to vote, however, until the adoption of the Nineteenth amendment to the Constitution in 1920.

Once the suffragettes accomplished their goal of voting rights, women in America turned their attention to other issues. World War II was a big help to them. As men went off to war, women were needed in the factories to keep production rolling in order to provide supplies for the U.S. military as well as to provide for the necessities of folks at home. Once women had the freedom to work outside the home in a socially acceptable way, they were not prepared to give up that freedom when the war ended.

Since World War II, the snow ball of women's rights and the devices of Feminism has grown exponentially, not only here in the United States, but around the world. Today, there are women who run businesses, women who hold public offices, women who pastor churches, and women who press for more and more dominance in every area of life.

Unfortunately, the movement against the Biblical definitions for men and women in society has not stopped with an increase of activity by women in all aspects of society. Some women not only want to be in charge; they also want to de-masculinize and feminize men. This has contributed to the blurring of gender identity throughout our culture and has provided a platform for homosexuality to come out of the closet and for transgenderism to rise out of the dust.

Homosexuality has been around since the Biblical days of Sodom. However, in modern times it was mostly mentioned in undertones and kept out of public view. Some point to a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, New York in 1969 as the catalyst for homosexuals to "come out of the closet." The Stonewall Inn was serving alcohol illegally without a license, but it was also patronized largely by homosexuals. The crowd inside started throwing bottles at the police and the disturbance spilled out into the streets. It became so unruly that the New York riot police had to be called out to bring a halt to the riot. Several homosexual activist groups emerged out of this event and the impact on American culture has been profound.

Transgenderism is the latest participant in the march against the Biblical definitions for male and female. A transgender person is one who identifies with or expresses a gender identity that differs from the one which corresponds to the person's sex at birth. This concept first came to public attention in the 1950's when an American GI returned from foreign service in Denmark and went through the surgical change from male to female. Transgenderism has been slower to obtain full public acknowledgement than homosexuality, but it has finally reached that pinnacle today. In fact, our society has become so obsessed with showing an acceptance of this issue that we have been pressed to accept open bathrooms for those who "identify" with a sex that is different from their biological reality. And even children are being encouraged to choose an identity with a sexuality that was not given them at birth.

What are we as Christians supposed to do with all of this? For us, the answer to every issue is found in the Bible. The Word of God is the source of truth on every issue and God has clearly defined the distinction between men and women and masculinity and femininity in the Scriptures.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF CREATION TO THE ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN

First of all, God created man and woman as equals. In Genesis 1:26-28 says,

26 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.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 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 sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

The significant thing to notice here is the pronouns. In verse 27, God says “in the image of God created he him, male and female created he THEM.” In verse 26 He says, “let THEM have dominion.” In verse 28, God “blessed THEM” and God said “unto THEM” be fruitful and multiply.

From the use of the pronoun THEM, the Scripture teaches us that God created both man and woman in His image, gave both man and woman the commission of dominion over the earth, and gave both man and woman the responsibilities of being fruitful, multiplying, replenishing the earth and subduing it. Of course, the use of the word THEM also suggests that man and woman are to do all of this together. And thus at the end of chapter two, a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife and the two together shall be ONE flesh (Genesis 2:24).

But the second thing to observe in the creation of man and woman is that God assigned different roles to each one. To man there was assigned special responsibilities as the first one created. To woman was assigned the role of helper.

The God Given Role For Men

God makes a point about man being created first and woman second. In 2 Timothy 2:13-14 God said,

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

As the first one created, the man was given responsibilities of leadership, protection, and care for women. From the verse above, clearly men have been granted roles of authority. In other places he is referred to as the head. For example, 1 Corinthians 11:3 says, *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.* But this headship is not intended to be a dictatorship over women. Instead, it is meant to be a role of responsibility for the welfare of women. In Ephesians chapter 5, men are instructed to love their wives in the same way Christ loves the church. Christ first loved the church by sacrificing Himself for it, even to the death, and then does everything necessary to mold the church into perfection. This is the example men are to follow in the treatment of their wives.

Ephesians 5:23-28

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

Thus this model for men’s treatment of women means that instead of forcing women to make their husband’s lives as comfortable as possible, men are to do the sacrificing to insure that their wife’s lives can become as spiritually fruitful as possible. By implication, these principles can be applied then across the spectrum of men and women in society.

The God Given Role For Women

To balance this role for men, God assigned to women the role of the helper. This is expressly stated in Genesis 2:18: *And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.* The word “help” is plain enough. It means simply, “one who helps.” It means “to aid, to assist, to lend strength, to provide support, to relieve when in difficulty, want, or distress.”

Please note that the reason God created woman was because God observed it was not good for man to be alone. Man needed help. The responsibilities God laid upon his shoulders were too much for him to bear alone. While man, as the first one created, would continue to bear the weight of leadership, woman was made to provide a support base of help so that man could be successful in the performance of his responsibilities.

The word help as it is used in Genesis 2:18 in no way suggests a role of lesser importance for women compared to men. It is exactly the same word that is used to describe some of the activities of God Himself. Consider the following.

Psalms 33:20

*20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our **help** and our shield.*

Psalms 70:5

*5 But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my **help** and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.*

Psalms 115:11

*11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their **help** and their shield.*

Psalms 121:1-2

*1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my **help**.*

*2 My **help** cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.*

Psalms 146:5

*5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his **help**, whose hope is in the LORD his God:*

In creation, women were granted just as much opportunity to reflect the glory of God as men were, just in a different role. Remember, men and women were created with equality in the image of God and in the human commission of exercising dominion over the earth together. Man is to do this in the role of leader while women are to do this in the role of helper. But both are necessary together to provide a complete picture of God Himself and to be a proper reflection of His glory.

THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN THE RIGHTEOUS DIRECTIVES OF GOD

The Biblical roles for men and women is only part of the issue. The other part is the definition of what it

means by creative nature to be a man or to be a woman.

Physical appearance is definitely part of the issue. God says that there are two things about a person's physical appearance that are distinct to their gender: clothing and hair styles. Regarding the matter of cross dressing, God could not make a plainer statement on the issue. Deuteronomy 22:5 says,

5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Regarding hair styles, God is equally clear on His intended distinction between the appearance of men and women. 1 Corinthians 11:4-15 explains this.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

Man as the leader is to have his head uncovered in prayer. Woman as the helper is to show her acceptance of this role by having her head covered. The natural covering that God has provided is her hair. Thus a woman's hair is to be long enough to be considered a covering. God then says that nature teaches us this principle by one simple thing. It is not a shame for a man to go bald or to shave his head. It is, however, not acceptable for women to do this. From ancient cultures to the present day, men have unashamedly borne bald heads in public without embarrassment. But if women lose their hair for any reason, they are much more comfortable in public by wearing a wig or in some fashion at least to cover their head. Thus even nature teaches us that there is to be a distinction in the physical appearance between men and women.

God's Directives For Manhood

God rejects any form of femininity in men. Among those who do not inherit the kingdom of God are the effeminate. 1 Corinthians 6:9

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

The word effeminate refers to a man who is soft like a woman and portrays himself with feminine characteristics. God rejects this altogether and expects men to be fully masculine in their presentation of themselves to society.

Men are to be the aggressors in their relationships with their wives. Genesis 2:24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

Men are to exhibit strength. Proverbs 24:5 **A wise man is strong**; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

Men are to be diligent and not lazy. Proverbs 12:27 *The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.*

Men are to have integrity. Proverbs 20:7 **The just man walketh in his integrity**: his children are blessed after him.

Men are to be overcomers. Proverbs 21:22 **A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty**, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

Men are to be gentle and caring toward women. 1 Peter 3:7 *Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, **giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life**; that your prayers be not hindered.*

Men are to be full of godly character. 1 Timothy 3:1-13 gives the qualifications for those who would serve as elders and deacons in the church. It sets the standard for all men as to the spiritual character God intends for men to exhibit in their Christian lives.

God's Directives for Womanhood

God describes womanhood in terms of modesty, sobriety, and chastity. They are to be focused on their homes as places of love and respect. They are to emphasize inward godly character more than the glamour of physical attractiveness. They are to be reverentially devoted to their husbands and they are to lovingly care for their children.

Titus 2:3-5

*3 The aged women likewise, that they be in **behaviour as becometh holiness**, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;*

*4 That they may teach the young women to be **sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,***

*5 To be **discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands**, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

1 Timothy 2

*9 In like manner also, that women **adorn themselves in modest apparel**, with **shamefacedness and sobriety**; not with **broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array**;*
*10 But (**which becometh women professing godliness**) with good works.*

1 Peter 3:1-6

*1 Likewise, ye wives, **be in subjection to your own husbands**; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;*

*2 While they behold your **chaste conversation** coupled with fear.*

*3 **Whose adorning** let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;*

*4 But **let it be the hidden man of the heart**, in that which is not corruptible, **even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit**, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

*6 **Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord**: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.*

Ephesians 5:33

*33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and **the wife see that she reverence her husband.***

At the same time, women can be just as hard working and diligent as men. The women of Proverbs 31 are busy, productive, and accomplished both in their homes and in their communities.

God's rejection of homosexuality

God makes it very clear that homosexuality is against the nature he created for humanity.

Romans 1:24-25

*24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through **the lusts of their own hearts**, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*

*25 **Who changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

*26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their **women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:***

*27 And likewise also the **men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly**, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.*

Leviticus 18:22

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

Leviticus 20:13

13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Conclusion

God created mankind as male and female.

Genesis 1:27

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

God is the one who forms each baby in the womb and assigns all the parts of the body, including the determination of the gender.

Psalm 139:14-16

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

A rejection of your God given gender is a rejection of God Himself. The person who cannot accept the gender with which they were born, is guilty of Romans 1:21. They refuse to glorify God as God, they are unthankful, and they are vain in their own imaginations.

God intends for romantic relationships to be restricted to one man with one woman for life.

Matthew 19:4-6

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

1 Corinthians 7:1-2

1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

Regardless of how far men go in corrupting what God has created, it is incumbent upon God's people to uphold the truth of God's Word regarding these things. We must not succumb to the pressures of a corrupt human society and change our values to be acceptable to men. We must stand on the truth. And as unpopular as it may become, we must live the truth without shame. Let us as God's people be the men and women He intends us to be and together reflect His glory as He intended us to do. 📖

Missionary News



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

Samuel & Nicole Moss

It was such a blessing that Sam & Levi were able to spend one final month in Uganda for the final stage of the transition in the ministry there in Arua. Levi and I (Sam) rode through the night on the truck that was transporting the Prettyman's belongings from Kampala to Arua. What a trip that was! Thankfully, it tired us out enough that we didn't have much trouble changing time zones and sleeping when it was time to sleep! We spent some time helping the Prettymans get settled, and Levi was able to introduce their children to life in the African bush a bit. I was thankful for the opportunity to spend many hours with both Phil Prettyman and Ben Smith getting them up to speed on where things are currently in the ministry there.

In the end, the Lord led us through much prayer to divide up some of the ministry responsibilities between these two men. Bro. Ben was installed as the Pastor of Victory in Christ Ind. Baptist Church, and Bro. Phil was given the responsibility of overseeing the ministry property and other aspects of the ministry there. It has been such an encouragement to our hearts to see these two Spirit-filled men and their families committing themselves to this work of God, and to see the nationals welcome them wholeheartedly! We have every confidence that God will use them mightily to reach the West Nile Region of Uganda, and beyond! They are seeking the Lord to organize a regularly scheduled Bible Institute program by next year. This is something we had prayed for throughout our time in Uganda, but because of lack of help in the ministry were never able to see come about. We trust God will use these missionaries to grow the work in much needed ways!

Another blessing and encouragement to our hearts was the youth camp we had the privilege to help with just five days after returning from Uganda. Sam was asked to be the camp missionary at Iowa Bible Camp, and had four sessions with 57 children grades 3 through 12 in which to share about missions. The Lord was working powerfully through the evangelist and the Bible teacher and softening these tender hearts yet more. In Sam's last session, an invitation was given to testify of a willingness to yield their lives to the Lord to serve Him however He would choose. It was absolutely overwhelming to see no less than 40 of these young people surrender themselves to serve Christ! Our prayer is that God would continue to give us such opportunities to share the burden and need for missions in foreign lands, while we seek to continue fulfilling the Great Commission here in our own needy land!

TAP Ministry (Teacher's Assistance Program)

We picked up material from a church in Carlisle, PA and one morning we found nine various sized boxes of donated books in our drop-off cabinet. The office floor is getting pretty crowded with various boxes of donated material. I've been able to sort through some of the material, but it takes a long time to go through book donations.

Four USPS flat rate cartons were packed and sent out to : 1 - India, 1 - Nigeria, and 2 - Philippines. We also sent out two boxes of books to ministries in the USA. One was for a prison ministry in Kentucky. The other was sent to West Virginia to a pastor who will be handing them out to pastors in Viet Nam.

At the used book sale we go to in August near Lancaster, PA we always find a large supply of doctrinally sound reference books.

Thanks for keeping this ministry available to national pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and Bible Institute/Seminary students desiring doctrinally sound materials to help further the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Missions Conference

Report

Theme: "How Shall They Hear?"

Verse: Romans 10:14 "...how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Church Picnic

The Saturday picnic was the kick-off to our Missions Conference with our missionaries present. There was an abundance of food and overwhelming variety. After good fellowship at the tables the missionaries were introduced, and then Joe Risinger spoke to the adults while John Combest spoke to the children. The rest of the afternoon was spent enjoying games for all the ages. The children and teens had fun playing their games out in the open, exercising their limbs; while the adults stayed under the pavilion, and Darcy Cook had games to exercise their thinking abilities.

Morning Sessions

Monday - John and Emily Combest presented the ministry to the Republic of Congo. They explained where it is located in Africa, and the difference between it and the Dominican Republic of Congo (DRC) which is much larger. Missionaries have been on the coast and in the capital city, but the Combests want to go farther inland where there is no Gospel ministry. They have served a year in Uganda under Sam Moss to get accustomed to African culture, and they showed pictures of some of the bugs the Ugandans enjoy eating and how they catch them.

Tuesday - The Rodney Myers family presented the ministry in Tanzania. Rodney showed pictures of the Datooga Tribe in their colorful attire, and other interesting pictures of the land and culture. Their girls, Moriah and Cherith, demonstrated how the girls and ladies use their cloth as different articles of clothing or wraps. Son, Jamison, wrote a Bible verse on the board for us to learn in Swahili, and Rodney also taught a song. Lynn made and served Chi tea, with various spices in it, that many enjoyed.

Wednesday - Joe and Lindsay Risinger presented the ministry in Uganda. They showed many pictures of the

people and culture. Of course, the main reason for going to a foreign field is for the people - to teach them about the Savior that came to save them from their sin. This is a country where 50% of the population is under the age of 15. So a children's ministry is of utmost importance. This young generation needs to be reached with the Gospel as they will be the next adults to lead their people in the true worship of God, and not other false religions of the land. Lindsay Risinger served samples of a typical meal made up of cassava, beans and peanut sauce.

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies really enjoyed the conversations at the tables as they delighted in being catered to by some faithful men in the church with servant's hearts that served them. After the meal all of the missionary ladies spoke briefly from the heart, woman to woman.

Emily Combest who served with her husband in Uganda for a year with the Sam Moss family, is now planning to go to the Republic of Congo. She shared with us how God answered prayer and protected them, almost like putting a bubble around them and their baby who was born over there.

Lynn Myers, who ministered with her husband in Tanzania for many years, challenged us to rely on God's strength in our weakness. She experienced the fact that God is with us - not out there somewhere - during times of difficulties. God is faithful to us, so we should remain faithful to Him.

Lindsay Risinger is on deputation with her husband to go to Uganda. She shared how one of her favorite verses helped her, "Delight thyself in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart", and how she was challenged to pray for God's desires to be in her heart. She in turn challenged us to ask God to give us His burden.

The Lord spoke to all the ladies present about taking time to not just pray for the missionaries, but to pray in particular for the missionary wives and the struggles they face, the inconveniences they endure, the burdens they bear, raising a family on a foreign field, being submissive to God's will, being a supportive wife to her husband and the ministry, and doing it all with a joyful heart.

Missions Conference - Adult Sessions

By Austin Morrow

John Combest pointed out that the message and the receiver do not change, but the messenger does change. He can be the weak link. Are we a weak link in getting the message out to those who would receive it? Do we just believe *'in'* God, or do we believe God?

Rodney Myers reminded us that the church should be different from the world, founded on Christ, going out into the world and making disciples to continue God's work. God puts us in situations for a reason. But it is up to us whether or not we let Him use us. If we don't, we will miss out on a great blessing.

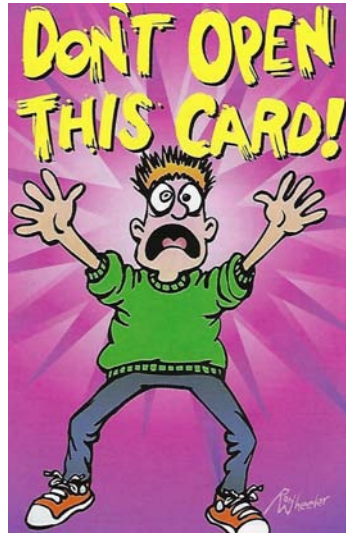
Joe Risinger explained that Peter was an unlearned man who was empowered by the Holy Spirit to do great things. He still struggled, but he learned, grew and changed. Others could see Jesus in him. Can the World see Jesus in us? We need to be ready always to do whatever God calls us to do. We need to speak for the Lord and not be silenced even in the face of resistance.

Junior Conference

The elementary children had separate meetings in the evenings of the conference and focused on memorizing the theme verse and what it means. They also did a craft to go along with the theme of "How Shall They Hear?" by making a paper megaphone. It was also a reminder to bring money for a special project of getting a megaphone for the Kilmer's megaphone ministry in South Africa. The songs they sang were all missions related. They also enjoyed helping to find on the globe where our missionaries are serving and pray for some of their specific requests.

It was a privilege to have the conference missionaries speak to the children each evening on their level. Even at this young age they can learn to recognize opportunities that God gives them to speak a word for the Lord, and many of them accepted the challenge of handing out tracts during the week so that more people can 'hear' the Gospel message.

Spotlight on Tracts



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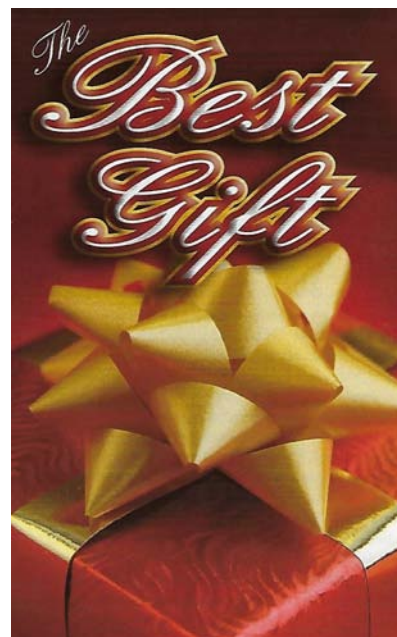
NOW YOU DID IT!

"You weren't supposed to open this card!

" You disobeyed the instructions!

"Disobeying the rules is everywhere...even on a small scale like opening this card. In fact, disobedience is a trait that characterizes ALL PEOPLE.

The tracts goes on to explain Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned..." and shares the plan of salvation. Take a few of these catchy tracts to give out to others you think will disobey the instructions.



"Once again it is the season for the giving of gifts."

This tract explains that a gift was promised long ago in the garden of Eden.

That promise was kept when God gave the gift of His Son, Jesus, on that first Christmas night.

This gift has been accepted by millions already and the reader can accept this eternal gift too.

This is the best gift anyone can receive at any time of year. Please keep these on hand for sharing with others this Christmas season.



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Joyce Moss

The Preschool Class welcomed Abigail Wertz as we said “good-bye” to her brother, Daniel, who graduated to the Primaries Class.

This Fall we are doing a series on Moses and the Tabernacle. Along with this we are learning the 10 Commandments. The children learned about the plagues that God brought on Egypt, and how they were led out of Egypt by God’s pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. We sing the song “How Did Moses Cross the Red Sea” and get some wiggles out by doing the motions. As they traveled through the wilderness with the Israelites, the children got to enjoy some ‘manna’, and were reminded that God doesn’t like to hear us complain. A Tabernacle display in the room helps the children understand better as we talk about each part of it.



With Christmas approaching we are also learning songs and verses about that First Christmas.

Primaries

taught by Buck & Cindy Smith

The Primaries have welcomed Daniel Wertz into our class with the start of our lessons on the Life of Christ. We are working on memorizing a passage of scripture from Matthew and have enjoyed praising the Lord through learning some new songs and sign language.

Juniors

taught by Gerald & Darcy. Cook

This year we will be studying the book of Acts, emphasizing the ministry of Paul. Come check out the large wall map on which we will be tracing Paul’s missionary journeys and his voyage to Rome.

We will also be studying the fruit of the Spirit and the armor of God. Our class is working on memorizing Phiippians 4:4-13.

We would like to welcome David Wertz to the Junior class.



Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This summer we learned lessons from the lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We saw that God’s timing is not our timing. God promised Abraham a son. Abraham expected God to fulfill this promise in a few years, but after 10 years, Abraham began to help God by suggesting his servant be his heir. When God rejected that idea, Abraham tried to solve the problem by fathering Ishmael. This too was not God’s plan. Finally, after 25 years, Isaac, the son of promise, was born. We learned to be patient waiting for God to keep His promises, because His timing is perfect.

We welcome Elisabeth Wertz to Master Clubs this fall, as Grace Balcom, Hannah Geiselman, and Hannah Wertz move into the teen group.



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QUIZZING

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

We are so excited to have three girls join our team this year. Welcome to our seventh graders: Grace Balcom, Hannah Wertz and Hannah Geiselman.

The books of I and II John are our focus for this year in quizzing. The key verse that we will quote each week is I John 2:28 "And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." That should be a goal for each of us; to live in a way that we will not be ashamed when Christ suddenly appears to take us home.

Each Wednesday evening we start off with praying for one another and the specific requests each one has. Then we read two chapters of the material we are studying for quizzing. Next we focus on five new verses each week, learning the meaning of the verse and doing questions and answers for each verse. As a question is asked the quizzers try to be the first one to jump up to give the answer. They are sitting on padded seats attached to a panel of lights. Whoever is the first one off their seat, their light comes on, and they get to give the answer. Some quizzers are quick enough to jump before the question is finished being asked. In that case, they have to finish the question before giving the answer. When we have gone through the five new verses in this way, then we go back over old material and review.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

The homeschool group started off this year with being challenged to two things. The Missions Conference theme this year is, "How Shall They Hear". So the first challenge was to hand out tracts to help others around them to 'hear' the Gospel message. Secondly, they were challenged to give toward the project of raising money for the Kilmers to get another megaphone for their ministry in the Valley of 1,000 Hills to the Zulus in South Africa, so more people will be able to hear God's plan of salvation for them..

This year the teens are experiencing Speech Class led by Mrs. Berkheiser, and Art Class led by Mrs. Balcom. In September they were instructed and practiced various water color techniques. They will be using these for a project. They also had introduction to speech and were asked to give an impromptu speech.

The middle group is learning music led by Mrs. Wertz with Mrs. Brammer assisting. They are also having gym class with Mrs. Smith. In their first class they started learning the instruments of the orchestra and are learning to play the recorder. They are also learning sign language.

The youngest group is learning health skills from Mrs. Kanost, and sign language from Mrs. Cook with Mrs. Smith assisting. They talked about courtesy and manners; specifically how we treat each other at home. Then they had craft time, gym time, story time, and playtime.

Their first 'Field Trip' was to Tanzania, Uganda and the Republic of Congo, in September, by way of the morning sessions of the Missions Conference. The morning sessions are informal with some fun interaction with the missionaries teaching songs or Bible verses in the language they use in their field of service. They see pictures and handle curios from the various countries. If they are brave enough they get to try some food the missionaries have prepared that is typical to their country as well. It is quite an interesting multi-cultural experience.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Up-coming Events for

Our Missionaries



October

12	Homeschool Field Trip	
15	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
16	Life Path Christian Ministry	8:00 PM
18	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
26	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
31	Prison Ministry	7:00 PM

October

- Friends of Israel
 - Feast of Tabernacles celebration banquets
- Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
 - Good News Clubs in public schools
- Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa
 - Teaching in Bible Institute - 1st week each month
- Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines
 - Fundamental Bible Conference



November

9	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
12	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
15	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
20	Life Path Christian Ministry	8:00 PM
22	Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 PM
26	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM

November

- Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa
 - Church Ministries Institute - apprenticeship training
- Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
 - Good News Clubs in public schools
- Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC
 - Thanksgiving meal for soldiers
- Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain
 - Vacation Bible School

December

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



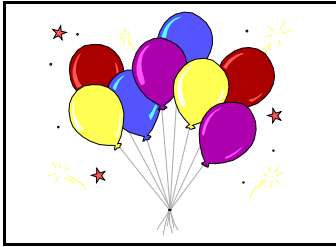
December

8	Church Christmas Banquet	6:30 PM
16	Children's Program Practice	9:30 AM
17	Christmas Programs	9:30 & 10:45 AM
17	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
18	Life Path Christian Ministry	8:00 PM
24	Candlelight Service	6:30 PM

Remember to Pray for Your Missionaries



Church Family News



Happy Birthday

October

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

November

- 2 - Carolyn Zimmerman
- 5 - **Peter Colon**
- 5 - **Emma Turner**
- 7 - Becky Harwood
- 11 - Norm Breneman
- 11 - Marley Gross
- 12 - **Marc Blackwell**
- 13 - Rachelle Krape
- 15 - **Leonard Smith**
- 16 - **Abigail Perrott**



- 23 - **Judie 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
- 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 - Earl & Connie Morrow
- 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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Address Changes



Moises & Rosa Mari Campos
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(Barcelona) SPAIN

Matt & Rachelle Krape
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Houtzdale, PA 16651

Nate & Aeryn Moss
3556 Marietta Ave.
Silver Spring, PA 17601

Sam & Nicole Moss
307 E. South Street
Corydon, IA 50060

Remember Our Shut-ins



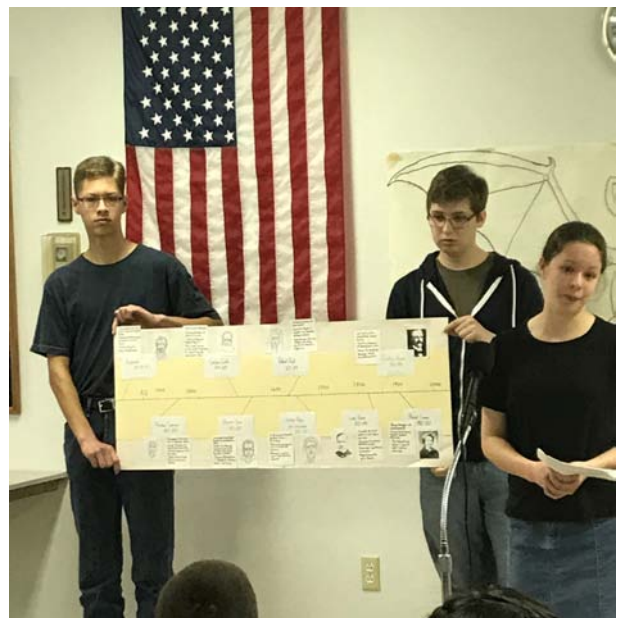
Lorraine Beath, Jeannie Geesey, Pam Grove, Shigeko Hall, Gloria Hevner, Olivia Kauffman, Reba Moose, Susan Peters, Reg Stelfox

Homeschool Classes

The homeschoolers generally meet twice a month - once for combined classes and once for a field trip.



They learn to work together on projects and also give speeches to the group.



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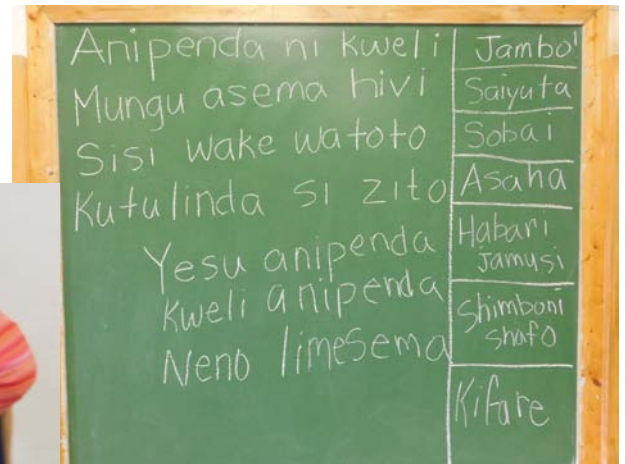
Morning Sessions of Missions Conference



John, Emily, & Lydia Combest going to the Republic of Congo



Rodney, Lynn, Shawn (not pictured), Jamison, Moriah, Cherith Myers family represented Tanzania



Joe, Lindsay, & Joseph Risinger going to Uganda



Junior Missions Conference



Sitting African style on a bamboo mat or backless benches.



They did a craft to go along with the theme, "How Shall They Hear", which was also a reminder of our conference project to purchase a megaphone for a missionary ministry.



Singing missions songs.



Finding fields of service on the globe.



Praying for missionaries.



Hearing from each of the missionaries.