

Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 21

Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday, November 21 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 7
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 16 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 16 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 Monday, 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 12, 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. Please try to have this done in November so we can get it to them for December.

**2019 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

The theme for this year's Missions Conference, taken from Romans 10:15, was "Beautiful Feet." While most of us may not consider that part of our bodies as our most attractive feature, yet God views each body part as important and each member of His family as necessary to accomplishing His purposes in the local church and around the world (I Corinthians 12:14-25).

New to the library is THE TORCHLIGHTERS, a series of animated DVDs about heroes of the faith. Each episode presents the story of a true-life hero from Christian history. While intended primarily to instruct and challenge youth elementary age and older, these DVDs would also be profitable viewing for all who desire to learn what God has done through individuals willing to use their "beautiful feet" in spreading His Word and caring for others. In the coming months, look for:

The Gladys Aylward Story

With war raging about her and soldiers closing in, the wounded missionary sets out on the most difficult journey of her life – a 100-mile trek over the mountains to a safe haven. It's not Gladys' own safety that concerns this little woman with big faith, but the safety and well being of the 100 orphaned children in her care. Her strength and faith are stretched to the limit, all for the sake of the children.

The Amy Carmichael Story

As little Preena is snatched away from the most gentle woman she has seen in months, she wonders how she will ever again find a way out of the temple, where she is held against her will, or locate the missionary who wears a cross and serves a different sort of God. Meanwhile, Amy is consumed by the awful truth she has learned about the plight of the "temple girls." Will her determination and faith be enough to free Preena from the powerful customs and superstitions that keep her hostage?

New books from the HEROES FOR YOUNG READERS series about two men with "beautiful feet" are:

Brother Andrew: Taking Bibles to the World
Cameron Townsend: Planting God's Word

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THE 70 WEEKS PROPHECY OF DANIEL CHAPTER 9

PART 1 - THE FIRST 69 WEEKS

Introduction

Daniel learned from Jeremiah's writings that the Babylonian captivity of Israel would end after 70 years.

Daniel 9:2

God had commanded that Israel was to allow the land to rest every seventh year. Leviticus 25:1-4

God warned the Israelites that if they did not observe the Sabbath year of rest for the land, there would be serious consequences.

Leviticus 26:27-35

God kept His word. 2 Chronicles 36:17-21

The people of Israel were removed from the land for 70 years because this is how many times they had not observed the Sabbath year of rest for the land. They had missed 70 Sabbath years over a period of 490 years.

Daniel sought the LORD and confessed Israel's sins.
Daniel 9:3-19

As Israel's punishment came to an end, God decided to determine another 490 years upon Israel to purge Israel from its rebellious ways ONCE AND FOR ALL. He sent the angel Gabriel to tell Daniel about this next 490 years. Daniel 9:20-23

I. SEVENTY WEEKS IS EQUIVALENT TO 490 YEARS

Daniel 9:24

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,....

A. The word "week" [Strong's number 07620] refers to a period of seven something. It is **not** the same word as the **NUMBER** seven. It definitely refers to a period of time consisting of seven something.

B. The word "week" can refer to any period of seven, but requires context to specify which seven to which it is referring. In Ezekiel 45:21, the word "days" is used to specify the length of the feast of unleavened bread.

Ezekiel 45:21

21 *In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven [07620] days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.*

C. The context of Genesis chapter 29 shows the word "week" [07620] standing alone can refer to seven **YEARS**? Jacob had worked seven years for the privilege to marry Rachel. But on his wedding day, he was given her older sister, Leah, instead. Jacob then reached an agreement with Rachel's father to work an additional seven years so that he could also marry Rachel. Laban declared in Genesis 29:27: ***Fulfil her week***, [that is, Rachel's week] *and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt **serve with me yet seven other years**.* In Laban's statement, he uses the word week and the time of seven years interchangeably.

D. The Context in Daniel 9:24-27 indicates that the word "week" must be referring to years.

1. Seventy weeks are determined upon Israel.

Daniel 9:24

24 **Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people**

2. Sixty nine of these weeks transpire between the starting point of this prophecy's fulfillment and the moment when the Messiah is cut off.

Daniel 9:25-26

25 *Know therefore and understand, that **from** the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem **unto** the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks**, and **threescore and two weeks**: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*

The Messiah obviously did not come for **hundreds** of **years** after the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem. Therefore, the word "week" in this prophecy must be referring to "years".

E. Seventy weeks of this prophecy is therefore a period of 490 years. 70 times 7 years = 490 years

II. WE ARE TOLD EXACTLY WHEN THIS PERIOD OF 490 YEARS BEGINS

A. This period of 490 years begins when a commandment is given to restore and to rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

Daniel 9:25

*25 Know therefore and understand, that **FROM** the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem*

B. This commandment was given by Artaxerxes, King of the Persians. (Artaxerxes is the king named in Nehemiah – Nehemiah 2:1)

1. Nehemiah was the king's cup bearer. Nehemiah 1:11
2. Nehemiah was sad about the condition of the city of Jerusalem. Nehemiah 1:1-4
3. When king Artaxerxes noticed Nehemiah's sadness, he enquired about it. Nehemiah 2:2
4. Nehemiah explained his concern about the city of Jerusalem. Nehemiah 2:5
5. So king Artaxerxes commanded that the city of Jerusalem be rebuilt. Nehemiah 2:7-8

C. We know the exact date when this commandment was given by Artaxerxes.

1. The year

a. Nehemiah 2:1 refers to the month Nisan, in the 20th year of Artaxerxes as the time when this king gave the commandment to rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

b. When was the 20th year of Artaxerxes? According to the Encyclopedia Britannica Artaxerxes ruled from 465 to 425 B.C. The Bible says the he gave the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem in his twentieth year. It does not say this was after 20 years, but in his twentieth year. Most Bible interpreters see the twentieth year of Artaxerxes as after 20 years in 445 B.C. Based on the calculations of the 490 years from the command to rebuild Jerusalem to the crucifixion of Christ, the year was more probably 446 B.C. or even 447 B.C. For the sake of consistency in the discussion below, we will use 446 B.C.

2. The Month and the Day

The month Nisan is the first month of the Biblical Jewish calendar. When no day of the month is indicated in Scripture, it always implies the first day of the month. Therefore, Nehemiah's reference to the month Nisan in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes is a reference to Nisan 1, 446 B.C. The Passover in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes would have been on Nisan 14, 446 B.C., The equivalent date on our modern calendar would have been **March** 27, 446 B.C.

If Nisan 14, 446 B.C. was equivalent to March 27, then Nisan 1, 446 B.C. was equivalent to March 14.

Therefore, Nisan 1 in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes in the Bible is referring to March 14, 446 B.C. On our calendar, this is the exact date of the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem

III. A BIBLICAL YEAR IS 360 DAYS

A. There is evidence that other ancient peoples also used a 360 day calendar. For example: the Mayans, the Aztecs, and the Egyptians. The 1859 Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities tells us the Romans were also partial to a 360 day year, paying military wages for only 360 days out of the year. "The setting aside of the last five days agrees with the practice which Herodotus ascribes to the Egyptians of considering the five days over the 360 as scarcely belonging to the year, and not placing them in any month. So completely were these five days considered by the Romans to be something extraneous, that the soldier appears to have received pay only for 360 days".

B. The earliest known Biblical calendar consisted of exactly 30 days in each month. We learn this from the account of Noah's flood.

Noah's flood began on the seventeenth day of the second month of Noah's six hundredth year.

Genesis 7:11-12

The ark came to a rest on the seventeenth day of the seventh month of the same year.

Genesis 8:4

The Bible then describes the time between the seventeenth day of the second month and the seventeenth day of the seventh month as 150 days.

Genesis 8:3

150 days in 5 months is exactly 30 days per month, translating to 360 days in a year.

C. One half of the Tribulation is described as lasting 42 months and as lasting 1,260 days. This is exactly 30 days per month, or 360 days per year.

Revelation 11:1-3; 12:6; 13:5

All of this combines to show that the Biblical calendar is consistently based upon a 360 day year. This is significant in calculating the time between the command to rebuild Jerusalem and the cutting off of Messiah in the prophecy of the seventy weeks.

IV. WE CAN CALCULATE THE EXACT DATE OF THE CUTTING OFF OF THE MESSIAH

A. From the starting date of the 70 weeks to the cutting off of the Messiah there would be a total of 69 weeks, or 483 years. Daniel 9:25: $7 + 62 = 69$

B. The first segment of the 70 weeks is 7 weeks, or 49 years. This is the period of time it will take to rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

Daniel 9:25

25 *Know therefore and understand, that **from** the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem ... **the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.***

(The rebuilding of the city walls can be studied in the book of Nehemiah.)

C. The second segment of the 70 weeks is 62 weeks, or 434 years. This is the time between the completion of the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the cutting off of Messiah. Daniel 9:26. Note: the 62 weeks comes after the first 7 weeks.

The cutting off [03772] of Messiah refers to His crucifixion. Compare Jeremiah 11:19.

19 *But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us **cut him off** [03772] from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.*

Daniel 9:26 says the Messiah will not be cut off for Himself. This is obviously referring to his crucifixion.

D. With this information we can calculate the date of Christ's crucifixion.

The starting date is March 14, 446 B.C., at the command to rebuild Jerusalem. There were 69 weeks, or 483 years from this starting date to the crucifixion of Christ. Based on a 365 day year, 483 years after March 14, 446 B.C. would take us to 37 A.D., too late for the crucifixion of Christ. We must recalculate the 483 years based on a 360 day year rather than a 365 day year.

$$\begin{array}{r} 483 \text{ years} \\ \times 365 \text{ days per year} \\ \hline 176,295 \text{ days} - \text{too many days} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 483 \text{ years} \\ \times 360 \text{ days per year} \\ \hline 173,880 \text{ days} - \text{just the right number of days} \end{array}$$

483 years on a 360 day calendar translates into 173,880 days or 476 years + 140 days on a 365 day calendar. The 483 years of the first 69 weeks of the 70 weeks prophecy means there are 173,880 days from the command to rebuild Jerusalem unto the cutting off of Messiah. Starting at March 14, 446 B.C. and moving forward 173,888 days, we come to April 6, 30 A.D.

This is how it is calculated.

$$\begin{array}{r} 476 \text{ years} \\ \times 365 \text{ days per year} \\ \hline 173,740 \text{ days} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 173,740 \text{ days in 476 years of 365 days} \\ + 119 \text{ leap year days in 476 years} \\ \hline 173,859 \text{ days} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 173,880 \text{ days of the 483 years of 360 days} \\ - 173,859 \text{ days of the 476 years of 365 days} \\ \hline 21 \text{ days remaining} \end{array}$$

From March 14, 446 B.C. to March 14, 30 A.D. is 173,859 days. 21 days after March 14, 30 A.D. is April 6, 30 A.D. This is a true fact: The Passover in 30 A.D. fell on April 6, 30 A.D. Therefore, there is exactly 483 years, or 173,880 days, on a Biblical calendar of 360 days per year between the command to rebuild Jerusalem given by Artaxerxes and the crucifixion of Christ. We should marvel at the exactness of God's prophecy of the 70 weeks.

PART 2 - THE 70TH WEEK

Daniel 9:24-27

I. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TIME FACTORS OF THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY

The 70th week of this prophecy is a period of 7 years. In the text of Daniel 9:24-27, there is no gap between the sixty ninth and seventieth weeks. In real time, there is a huge gap of time between the sixty ninth and seventieth weeks. This gap consists of the entire duration of the church age. The reason for this is that the 70 weeks prophecy has nothing to do with the church and everything to do with Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

A. The sixty ninth week of Daniel's prophecy ended with the crucifixion of Christ. Daniel 9:26. Since the Messiah is cut off AFTER the sixty ninth week, the crucifixion of Christ is the official end of the sixty ninth week.

B. The 70th week will not begin until the antichrist makes a covenant with Israel for one week. This has not yet happened, and so none of the seventieth week has yet transpired.

C. The church age began 50 days after the end of the 69th week of Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy. Acts 2:1-4

D. There is therefore a gap of 50 days between the ending of the sixty ninth week of Israel's program and the beginning of the church's program.

E. There is no overlap of the program of Israel and the program of the church. This is true at the beginning of the church age and at the end of the church age. It is perfectly clear from Acts chapter 2 that from the very first day of the existence of the church, Jewish converts to Christ became members of the body of Christ.

Acts 2:41-47

41 **Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.**

47 **Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

It is also clear from Scripture, that the Rapture must occur before the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy can begin. Under the umbrella of the church there is neither Jew nor Gentile. Galatians 3:28. Under the umbrella of the program of Israel, there is both Jew and Gentile. This was true in the Old Testament, Isaiah 49:6. This will be true in the Millennial Kingdom, Zechariah 8:23. It will certainly be true in the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy, Revelation 7:9, Matthew 25:31-40.

In addition, if the programs for both Israel and the church overlapped in the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy, there would be a **spiritual paradigm disruption**. If Israel' program is reinstated on earth in the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy and the church is still present on earth, what happens to an Israelite when he gets saved? Under the umbrella of the church, all Jews who are saved immediately become part of the church. If this were to happen in the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy, Israel could consist only of unsaved people while the church is present. **In this case**, there would be no Jews to be sealed in the 144,000 yet they are clearly identified as Israeli tribes (Revelation 7:4-8), and are also clearly identified as believers (Revelation 14:1-5). **Also in this case**, there would no one to be identified as the remnant of Israel who has the testimony of Jesus Christ. And yet it is clear that ISRAEL exists, at least

in part, as believing ISRAEL in the Tribulation. (The woman of Revelation 12 is clearly ISRAEL. Revelation 12:17.)

If both Israel and the church are recipients of saved individuals at the same time, this would warp the spiritual paradigm of the church. Clearly, from passages like Revelation 12, Israel exists as a spiritual entity on earth. The only conclusion that can be drawn is that the church must leave the earth prior to the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy to avoid a spiritual paradigm disturbance.

II. THE CONTEXT OF THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY

A. The 70th week of Daniel's prophecy is equivalent to the Tribulation of the end times. The evidence for this is in the text of the prophecy itself.

1. A prince shall come after the Messiah is cut off.
Daniel 9:26
2. The prince that shall come after the Messiah is cut off is the one who makes a covenant with Israel for 7 years. Daniel 9:27
3. The prince that shall come after the Messiah is cut off is the one who causes the sacrifice and oblation to cease in the temple at Jerusalem. Daniel 9:27. Jesus told us this is the abomination of desolation that takes place at the mid point of the Tribulation.
Matthew 24:15.
4. Therefore, the 70th week is the equivalent of the 7 year Tribulation period to come in the END times.

B. The 70 weeks prophecy is determined upon the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

Daniel 9:24

Seventy weeks are **determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city**, ...

1. Therefore, the Tribulation is about Israel and Jerusalem. The 70th week of Daniel's prophecy converts the earth back to an Old Testament context with Israel as the current spiritual body on earth. Israel will reinstate temple worship with all the Old Testament sacrifices being practiced.
2. There will be many believing Jews in the Tribulation period, but they will still be identified with Israel and not with the church. Revelation 12:17

III. THE PURPOSE OF THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY

Daniel 9:24

This is a particular prophecy applicable directly to the nation of Israel and to the city of Jerusalem and NOT a general prophecy about providing salvation for all mankind.

Remember, Daniel received this prophecy after studying the writings of the prophet Jeremiah and learning that the captivity would end after 70 years.

In Daniel 9:24, God outlined six things this 70 weeks prophecy will accomplish. There is something in Jeremiah's writings about each one of these six things.

A. To finish the transgression: The 70 weeks prophecy includes a time of trouble for Jacob to end Israel's transgressions.

Compare Jeremiah 2:8; 2:29; 3:13; 33:1-9

B. To make an end of sins: The 70 weeks prophecy includes a time of trouble for Jacob to end Israel's sins.

Compare Jeremiah 50:19-20

C. To make reconciliation for iniquity: The 70 weeks prophecy includes a time of trouble for Jacob to reconcile Israel **and** the city of Jerusalem with God.

Compare Jeremiah 30:18-22

D. To bring in everlasting righteousness: The conclusion of the 70 weeks prophecy will be to bring in a reign of righteousness in Israel.

Compare Jeremiah 23:5-6; Jeremiah 51:10

E. To seal up the vision and prophecy: The conclusion of the 70 weeks prophecy will be the conclusion of all prophetic matters regarding Israel and Jerusalem.

Daniel 9:24

*24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an **end** [02856] of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to **seal up** [02856] the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*

Note: The word "seal up" is exactly the same as the word "end".

Compare Jeremiah 29:10-14; Jeremiah 31:10-17

F. To anoint the most Holy: The conclusion of the 70 weeks prophecy will be to anoint Jesus Christ as the king of Israel on earth.

Compare Jeremiah 23:5

Conclusion

God still loves the nation of Israel. God still has plans for the nation of Israel. The 70 weeks prophecy given through Daniel has still not be completed. It won't be completed until the Tribulation period of the end times. But when it is completed, Israel will become the crown jewel of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ ON THE EARTH!

While the church will be Christ's bride, wife, and queen, the church will reside in the New Jerusalem and be a glorified spiritual body.

But Israel will be the premier nation on the earth.

It will reside in its promised land.

It will reside in Jerusalem in the promised land.

It will be the nation that all other nations will revere with great awe and respect.

And all of this will come to pass just as soon as the 70th week of Daniel is concluded.

The 70 weeks prophecy is all about Israel and the city of Jerusalem and proves that God is not finished with His chosen people and He has not forsaken the place on earth where He chose to put His Name.

Deuteronomy 12:11; Jeremiah 7:12

Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem when He was on the earth the first time.

Luke 19:41

But in the conclusion of the 70 weeks prophecy, Christ will once again rejoice over that holy place.

Isaiah 62:1-7

3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 ...but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Missionary News



From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home

Peter & Rosa Pinyol

Castellbisbal - Spain

We were able to travel to Rota in Andalusia together with the group of Pensacola Christian College students and collaborate with them in a Vacation Bible School prepared at Bethel Baptist Church. The Lord blessed very much with the fellowship we had with these young people who are a potential to become “Laborers for the harvest” here in Spain. Dr. Carlos Alvarez accompanied them.

This way of viewing the ministry allowed us to do a Vacation Bible School in our own church once we returned with the PCC team. Twenty-three children attended every afternoon during the days of VBS. We distributed invitations and leaflets in the mailboxes of Castellbisbal and had the opportunity to talk with several neighbors who want to send their children to our church activities.

God continues to provide, even with our few resources. The Lord is Faithful. Our church building has become small as we had an increase of people coming to our services lately. We are considering renting a space next to ours to expand. The Bible Institute has expanded on the internet. The work in Tarragona continues with a fund of 50 euros per month that allows me to buy Bibles and brochures. We also cover with leaflets some of the towns with Jewish presence here in Spain. The work continues and the Lord surprises us each day supplying for it and helping us in our weakness.

Bobby & Imee Livioco

Metro-Manila, Philippines

An unsaved lady had been attending our church for months already when she was diagnosed with cancer. This fact brought her to the realization of her mortality, so she asked our church member, who brings her along to church, how to get saved. She has made a profession of faith since and expressed her desire to be baptized where she gave her salvation testimony. She is now going through a series of chemotherapy treatments and reads her Bible regularly. Please pray for her spiritual growth and physical well-being.

We were made aware of a national concern brewing on radio, television, print and social media. Our Philippine President, whom our church regularly prays for, gave some tirade-sounding statements before the press against what, he said, was the “God of the Catholics” by questioning the details of the creation narrative, the divine wisdom in providing Eve for Adam, the details of the Last Supper, etc. All this led our President to conclude that God is “stupid”. Inquiries from friends have led us to put our thoughts in writing and post it on our church and conference Facebook page. Again, we praise the Lord for overwhelming responses and the number of others who ‘shared’ it on their ‘wall’, especially since we made sure the Gospel message would be mentioned there.

We continue praying for the printing of the *Bibles International - Ang Salita Ng Diyos* Tagalog Translation Project. The proofread text has finally been submitted for printing.

We have been asked by brethren from Singapore to serve as one of their weekly online Bible study lecturers which began in August. Please pray for fruit in this ministry as well.

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)

York County, Pennsylvania

With the summer ministries of 5-Day Clubs and Day Camp over, the focus now turns to the Good News Clubs held in the public schools. We praise the Lord that we still have this opportunity in our country to reach public school children with the Gospel.

Forms have to be filled out with the parents signature allowing their child to attend club. The schools no longer allow forms to be sent home with the child from school, but it is available on the school website. However, most parents do not see this opportunity for after-school activity on the website, so it is difficult to let it be known that there is a Good News Club in the school. Pray for parents to see this or for other creative ways to alert parents and children that this is available.

Good News Clubs (GNC) are held after school. Most are held right in the school building, while one club transports the children from the school to a nearby church. During club a Bible lesson is given, a missionary story is told, gospel songs are learned, Bible verses are taught, and there is a review game played to reinforce what was learned in the Bible lesson.

Many of the children reached through GNC have no previous Bible knowledge. Pray for God to enable the teachers to bring the lesson down on the level of children who have never heard this before, and make it simple enough for even the youngest child to understand Jesus love for them and the salvation He has provided for them. Pray for the children to share with their families the things they are learning in club, and that through this means whole families will be reached.

Pray that teachers and helpers will have godly wisdom with any discipline challenges that arise and that Jesus love will shine through them. Pray too for their interaction with the school staff, that they will have a gracious spirit when given the 'cold shoulder' because the school personnel really don't want GNC in their school. May God do a mighty work in York County public schools this year.

By GNC teacher Joyce Moss

Donald & Karen Kilmer

To the Zulu's in South Africa

When I was waiting for my car to be repaired, two Zulu men came into the shop. I handed each of them a Gospel tract and asked if they are Christians. One man said he is, but pointed at the other one and said, "He isn't". The second one pointed back and said, "He goes to church, but needs the Lord".

I said, "Actually, you both need the Lord". I asked them what they thought would happen after death. The man who claimed to be a Christian, said that we go to heaven and become angels. The other man, said that some people believe the dead become demons. I explained that angels are angels, demons are demons, and people are people. People don't turn into angels or demons. However, we will answer to God our Creator. God has made only two places for us after death - Heaven and hell. Because of our sin we deserve to be punished by God in the lake of fire. I read Revelation 21:8 that talks about the lake of fire and also read John 3:36. The unbeliever looked at the so-called believer and asked, "Is that right?" He replied, "Yes, it is in the Bible".

I told them that many people say they believe and go to church, but don't really believe with all of their hearts. We must be willing for Jesus to cleanse us from all sin and give us new life. I repeated Romans 10:9-10 and II Corinthians 5:17, which shows that Jesus brings a new life. The unbeliever looked at the so-called believer and asked, "Is that right?" He replied, "Yes, it is in the Bible".

Too many people want to go to heaven, but want to keep their own way. I asked them if they follow the dead ancestors. The so-called believer said he believes in Jesus, but also contacts the ancestors, just to get advice. (This made it clear that he isn't a true believer.) The unbeliever said he burns incense and talks to his dead mother, so things will go well for him. I read I Timothy 2:5 to show there is only one Mediator between God and man, and it is Jesus, not our dead ancestors. The unbeliever looked at the so-called believer and asked, "Is that right?" He replied, "Yes, it is in the Bible".

"Why didn't you ever tell me this? I've been waiting all my life to hear this message!"

Many Christians know the truth, but stay silent. Ask God to help you speak about the Lord.

Missions Conference

Report

Theme: "Beautiful Feet"

Verse: Romans 10:15 "...how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things."

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 Bill Bowen spoke to the adults while Jim Fry 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 - Bill Bowen, an International Representative for International Partnership Ministries (IPM) has been in 21 countries. He explained what a privilege it is to meet wonderful Christian people all over the world who love the Lord and are serving Him with all their heart in their homeland. He gave a bit of a geography lesson using a world map to show places he has been. The shirt he was wearing was from India where he has been 19 times. He served rice with curry and chicken as a food representative of India.

Tuesday - Jim and Pat Fry shared with us about Servant's Heart Camp Ministry. Jim told us what is at the HEART of Servant's Heart Camp. H - Hearing the Word of God. E - Elimination of worldly influences. A - Away from home in a new setting. R - Reflection on the Word of God and my life in a creation context. T - Trained and godly staff leading unique, organized activities. Pat then served a favorite camp snack - smores. Yum! The original plan was to go outside and play a camp game, but because it was raining they had to switch to plan B and do an inside game - just like when it rains at camp.

Wednesday-. Ken Fielder with World View Ministries and Bible Translation Works reminded us of the Great Commission. The Sender is Jesus, the scope is to every creature, the strategy is to make disciples, and the subject is the Gospel. There are 7,099 languages spoken in the world today and only 670 of them have the whole Bible in their language. 3,100 languages are still unwritten, which makes Bible translation into those languages a long process, and great commitment is needed to see the Word of God completed for them. How great the need!

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies really enjoyed the conversations and food at the tables while some faithful men in the church and the missionary men cared for their children in a separate room.

After the meal Pat Fry spoke from the heart, woman to woman. She gave us a taste of what it is like to be the wife of a camp director and the many hats she has to wear. She actually had hats to represent each of her many responsibilities. She is the head cook for the camp and has to plan the meals, order the supplies, and cook the food. Of course she has help with getting it made and served at meal times. Then of course there is always the clean up, not just of the kitchen and dining area, but she often has to clean cabins and other areas of the camp. She is a life guard, and at other times can be found on the mower or tractor doing other things that just need done in order to keep the camp functional. Her ministry to ladies is another hat she wears as she works with the girl counselors and plans ladies retreats and conferences. She is also a prayer warrior for the camp needs; the staff; the speakers; and the children, teens and families that they minister to. Last, but not least, she is a wife who needs to be a support and help to her husband in whatever way he needs.

The verse that keeps her going is II Samuel 22:33 which starts out "God is my strength". She realizes she cannot do these things in her own strength but needs God's strength each day to accomplish each task that may come her way.

After her devotional we took time right then to pray for her prayer requests and then enjoyed just sitting around talking and asking her more questions. We got Rachelle Krape involved in the conversation too since she also works at the camp. It was an enjoyable time with just the ladies chatting together.

Missions Conference - Adult Sessions

By Austin Morrow

Bill Bowen reminded us that God commands us to not only go out to be His witnesses but also to help them grow as commanded in Matthew 28:19-20. God desires more that we have a close relationship with Him and be tender to His will. It takes sincerity, obedience, knowing God and a heart of willingness. Most people don't want to commit to anything, But God calls us to be fully committed to Him for all our lives. To disciple someone you almost always have to get out of your comfort zone. We need a plan and a purpose. Is our purpose based on earthly things or heavenly things?

Jim Fry shared how God provided miracles to bring about the whole camp ministry. When God gives a gift, the wrapping isn't always pretty, but it's contents are always good as James 1:17 tells us. To see God work you have to go into the battle.

Ken Fielder's challenge was that we have to be willing to be sent. Paul called Timothy, "like-minded". There were three things that made him a wonderful example: he was willing to be sent, willing to make sacrifices, and he had a heart for the mission of God. Paul could trust Timothy. Could that be said of us as well?

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 did a craft to go along with the theme of "Beautiful Feet"

There was also a reminder to bring money for a special project of purchasing more life jackets for Servant's Heart Camp - a camp most of our church children attend for a week in the summer.

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. After class they went on a scavenger hunt to find those missionaries 'beautiful feet' on a poster somewhere in the church.

It was a privilege to have one of the conference missionaries speak to the children each evening on their level.

Spotlight on Tracts

Taken from Bible Tracts, Inc.

Testimony

"Thank you so much for all you do in printing, mailing, and distributing tracts. Your diligence in serving the Lord is much appreciated and blesses so many. I am a college student and I am able to use your tracts in various ways at the community college that I attend. I first began using them because every school day I would get to class about 20 minutes early, and as I passed each empty classroom, I would think of the many lost souls that would fill them throughout the day. So, I began ordering your tracts and distributing them through the classrooms I would pass on the way to my class each morning. Now, I also use these tracts for personal evangelism, and when I feel God tugging on my heart to hand one to a certain person I pass in the hallways each day. Thank you once again."
Illinois

Riding the Religious



Merry-Go-Round

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Merry-Go-Round

"Merry-go-rounds are fun to ride, but they don't take you anywhere. Many people are attempting to reach Heaven by "merry-go-rounds", but it is futile.

Good Works cannot save...

Religion cannot save...

Sincerity cannot save...

If you would die today, would you go to Heaven or are you depending on a "merry-go-round" to get you there? You can ride the "merry-go-round" of good works, religion and sincerity, but they will never transport you to Heaven. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

You need Christ to cleanse you from sin. Good works, religion and sincerity cannot take away sin. It is the blood of Jesus that "*cleanseth us from all sin*" (1 John 1:7)"



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Joyce Moss

Luke Brammer graduated to the primaries class. We will miss him, but know that he will enjoy being in with the other first through third graders.

Our class has been learning about shepherds and what they do for their sheep. Psalm 23 gives us some good examples of a shepherd caring for his sheep. This is the memory work for this quarter, and the children are learning that Jesus is our Good Shepherd and cares for us.

We are also learning some songs and verses for Christmas which the children will recite for the Christmas program.



Primaries

taught by Buck & Cindy Smith

In our class we finished the year with some special lessons on the "Beattitudes". The children memorized Matthew 5:1-12. Daniel, Esther, and Hope were able to recite the entire passage. Skylar worked very hard and almost finished.

We did a variety of creative things to help us learn our verses and to understand God's teaching on this passage.

With the start of the new year and a new series of lessons, we have welcomed Luke to our class.

Juniors

taught by Gerald & Darcy Cook

This year the Juniors will be studying from the Old Testament beginning with the Judges and continuing through the life of Daniel. We've already seen the mercy of God in the book of Judges, as He over and over again rescues His people from their oppressors; even though they constantly turned from His ways. We are so glad God is merciful to us, and pray for the strength to stay strong and not turn from following His Word. Our first memory verses will be I Corinthians 13, where we will emphasize God's checklist for true love.

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This summer the children learned about characteristics of Biblical servants. We saw how Abraham's servant not only obeyed immediately, but he also showed an urgency to complete his task and to not be distracted. Joseph taught us to recognize that God has set our masters over us to accomplish His purpose. Samuel taught us to respond promptly when called. We looked at Moses' initial response to God and learned that we should not question or argue with our Master. We saw Elijah and Naaman obey even when the task was unpleasant. Nehemiah taught us how to deal with those who bully us or try to distract us. Studying about Onesimus showed us how trusting God for salvation can change an unprofitable servant into a profitable one. As we looked at the Centurion in the Gospels we saw that a good servant can be depended upon to complete the task without direct oversight. And lastly, we saw the perfect example of a servant as displayed by Jesus. He, as our Master and is also our best example of a servant who accomplished all that God sent Him to do, all while bringing glory to the Father.



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QUIZZING

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

We are happy to have a new seventh grade quizzier this year, Rebecca Wertz. And of course we are always glad for the returning quizzers who have one or more years of quizzing under their belt now.

We start off our Wednesday evening study with the teens prayer requests. It is good for them to be aware of each others prayer concerns and take time to pray for one another.

After prayer time we read two chapters of the book we are studying just to become familiar with the whole passage. Then we study five verses in detail by explaining what they mean and asking questions from those five verses. The goal for the quizzers is to study one verse a day during the week by writing out as many questions and answers as they can on that verse, and memorizing the verse. The last two days of the week they put the five verses together in memory and are able to quote them. Keeping this pace they can learn the whole book in five verse segments.

Once we have done the 5 new verses in our Wednesday evening practice, we then go back and review the old material so it is not forgotten.

Our book of study this year is James. What a great resource for godly living even in a stressful world. Pray for the teens to be able to put the things they learn from this book into practice in their daily lives as they strive to live for the Lord in their homes, neighborhoods, places of employment and other interactions with people.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

After the summer break we are so excited to start another school year.

This year Mrs. Kanost will teach the beginner class American History. They talked about Christopher Columbus and made horn books on their first day.

Mrs. Smith has gym classes for all three classes. The beginners had fun playing with balloons, paddles, and a parachute in September.

Mrs. Laura Morrow is teaching the youngest class some basic sign language each month. She is also teaching the middle class sign language. They are trying to learn how to carry on a conversation in sign language.

Mrs. Balcom is teaching tree identification to the middle class this year. They did an art project with leaves in September.

The high school class is being taught by Mrs. Darcy Cook. They are learning chemistry in everyday life with a focus on solutions, colloids, and suspensions. They will be talking about how God has designed everything precisely and will look at the chemical formulas of water and peroxide and how one oxygen atom difference makes a different substance. They will also look at the chemical formulas of grape juice, lemon juice, vinegar and vitamin C, and see their similarities and differences. Several experiments will help them to determine what different types of mixtures are...solutions, colloids, or suspensions. They will talk about solubility and concentration and play a game in which the students have to match up the chemical formula with the correct every day substance.

Please see pictures of our younger group's activities on our church website at www.northhillsbiblechurch.org and click on the "Resources" link and find "Current Issue". Then go to "Page 16 - Homeschoolers pics".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Up-coming Events for

Our Missionaries

October



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| 11 | Homeschool Classes | 9-12 AM |
| 17 | TAP Ministry | 8:00 AM |
| 21 | Manor Care Service | 1:45 PM |
| 25 | Homeschool Field Trip | |
| 30 | 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 College
- Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines
 - Fundamental Bible Conference

November



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| 8 | Homeschool Classes | 9-12 AM |
| 11 | Pleasant Acres Service | 1:45 PM |
| 21 | TAP Ministry | 8:00 AM |
| 21 | Thanksgiving Eve Service | 7:00 PM |
| 25 | Prison Ministry | 2:30 PM |
| 29 | Prison Ministry | 8:00 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
- Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong
 - Planting a new church

December



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| 6 | Homeschool Caroling | |
| 8 | Church Banquet | 6:30 PM |
| 15 | Program Practice | 9:30 AM |
| 16 | Christmas Programs | 9:30, 10:45 AM |
| 16 | Manor Care Service | 1:45 PM |
| 19 | TAP Ministry | 8:00 AM |
| 24 | Candlelight Service | 7:00 PM |

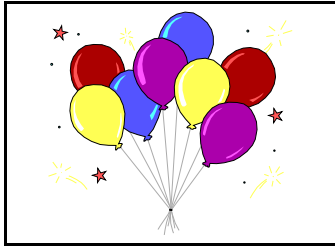
December

- 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, 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 - 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
- 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 - Paul & Dawn Eyer
- 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.

Address Changes



Roger & Nola Perrott
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HONG KONG

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New Phone Number

Roy & Laura Morrow
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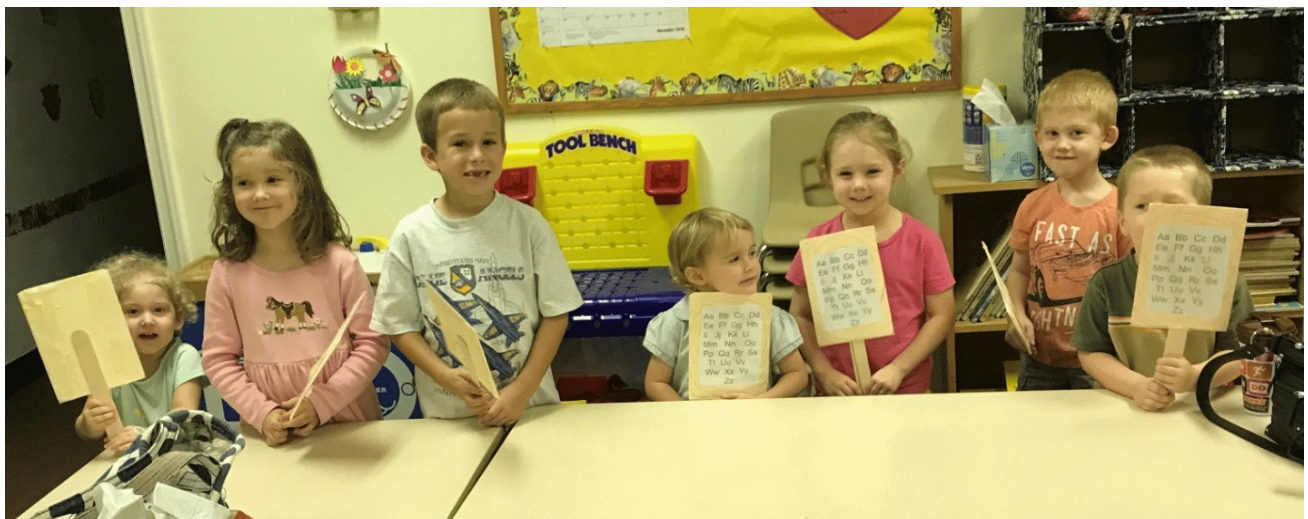
Remember Our Shut-ins

Lorraine Beath, Bob & Marion Frey, Jeannie Geesey, Pam Grove, Shigeko Hall, Gloria Hevner, Olivia Kauffman, Reba Moose, Susan Peters, Reg & Ina Stelfox



Homeschoolers meet together.

This is the younger group doing some of their activities.



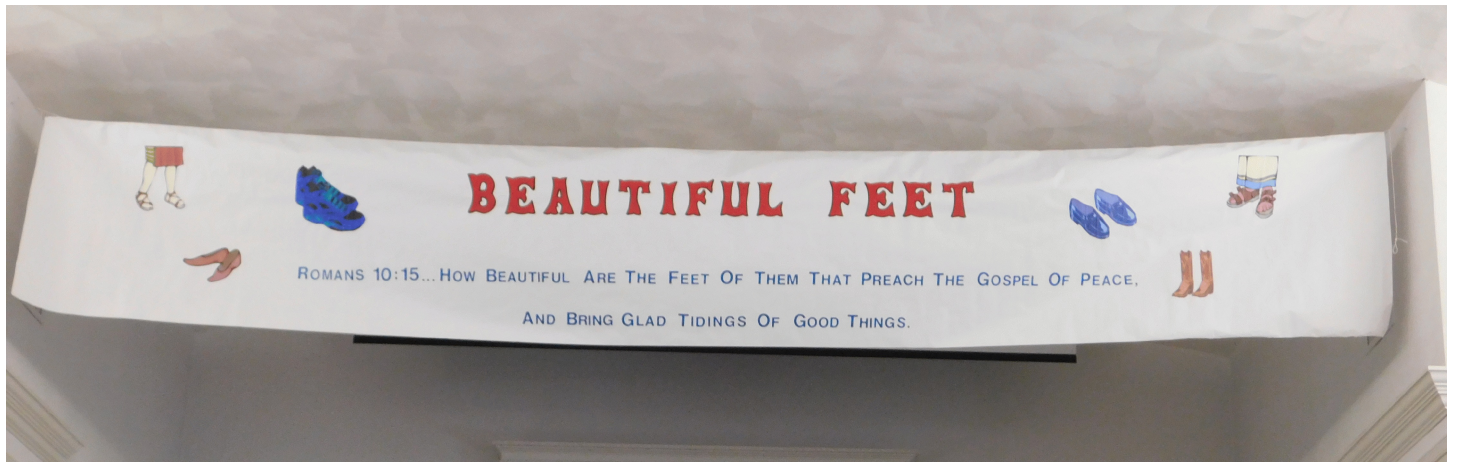
Homeschoolers Co-op



Junior and Senior High activities



Missions Conference Decorations



Our giant sandals.



Hannah and Grace putting up the flag display between the windows.



Missions Conference Decorations

Servant's Heart Camp Cabin

In the Fellowship Hall we like to put something that represents one of the missionaries at our conference. This year, with Servant's Heart Camp represented, we decided to build a camp cabin.



Teens painting the frame and walls of the cabin, then drawing the lines to make it look like a log cabin.



Putting the frame together,



Standing it up,



and attaching the walls.



Almost done.



The outside finished.



The inside- complete with bunk beds, luggage, shoes, and light!

Morning Sessions



Bill Bowen giving a geography lesson.



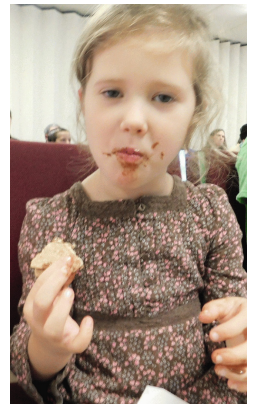
An Indian dish of rice with curry and chicken.



Jim Fry with Servant's Heart Camp.



S'more goodness. Yum!



Gotta love those camp snacks!

| The GREAT COMMISSION – 5 TIMES | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| John 20:21 | The SENDER | Jesus |
| Mark 16:15 | The SCOPE | Every creature |
| Matt. 28:19-20 | The STRATEGY | Make disciples |
| Luke 24:47 | The SUBJECT | The Gospel |
| Acts 1:8 | The SPIRIT | Holy Spirit |



Ken Fielder presents the need for Bible translations to the many people groups who have no Bible.

The Missionaries



Ken, Linda & Emily Fielder
with WorldView Ministries



Bill Bowen with
International Partnership
Ministries



Jim & Pat Fry with Servant's Heart Camp Ministries

Junior Missions Conference



A completed craft with the theme verse for them to learn.
Romans 10:15 "...How beautiful are the feet of them that
preach the Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things."



Showing where in the world our
missionaries live in relation to
where we live.