

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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Missions Conference September 24-28

Our annual missions conference will take place September 24-28.

The theme will be "Going to the Untold Millions" based on Matthew 9:36, "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

We have arranged the conference so that it will coincide with our Church Family Picnic. We have invited the missionaries for the conference to be with us during the picnic on Saturday, September 24 so that we may visit with them and get to know them before the preaching sessions begin.



The conference missionaries will include the Livioscos who serve in the Philippines, the Maaloufs serving in Lebanon, and the Bowens sharing about Europe as a mission field - Norway in particular.

This year we will once again have the morning sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 10:30 AM. There will also be a luncheon for the ladies on Monday at 12:30 PM.

Please pray for the conference and plan to attend all the sessions.

Church Family Picnic September 24



Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 24. This will be the day for our church family picnic at John Rudy Park. Once again we will be in the Bluebird pavilion. A map of the park will be provided showing the location of this pavilion.

We will share our lunch at 12:30 PM. Arrive about noon and bring your own meat to cook on a grill. Also bring a hot or



cold dish to share. Hot grills, condiments, beverages, and all paper products will be provided. Devotions will follow lunch at about 1:30 PM. This will be the unofficial beginning of our missions conference so some of the missionaries will be with us and share during the picnic.



Games are being planned for all age groups. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this day of recreation and fellowship with one another. Please remember our testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ and please dress modestly.

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

**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 our upcoming Missions Conference is "Going to the Untold Millions." For many years, missionaries have been faithfully sharing the gospel around the world, some in places where the message has been readily received and others in very difficult places and at great personal risk. The library has a number of books and some videos and DVDs which recount the blessings and challenges of missionary service.

Also look for two new DVDs which provide insight into the hardships individuals in some countries, particularly in the Middle East and China, face after they accept Christ as Savior.

### ***Behind the Sun***

After Samir Majan, a young man born and raised a Muslim in the Middle East, receives a degree from a university in Chicago, he begins his trip back home with fear and concerns. He knows persecution and trouble lie ahead because he has done something unthinkable while in the States - become a Christian.

### ***The Eastern Bride***

Pete de Jaeger, a young globetrotting South African business consultant, is unaware of the pressures fellow Christians are under in the Middle East and in China until a business trip to the Middle East finds him in the middle of a family crisis. He is quickly awakened to the fact that Christians in both countries face real-life persecution for following the Lord.

Some new missionary biographies from CHRISTIAN HEROES: THEN & NOW include:

***Loren Cunningham - Into All the World***

***Elisabeth Elliot - Joyful Surrender***

***Jim Elliot - One Great Purpose***

***Isobel Kuhn - On the Roof of the World***

***Rachel Saint - A Star in the Jungle***

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Our Purpose

Soul winning at home and abroad  
Bible teaching conducive  
to Christian Living

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# Loving His Appearing

Chapter Twenty Five

## The Sanctification Factor

1 John 3:3; 2 Timothy 1:12;  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

### Introduction

Why do we take a bath? Why do we wash our clothes? Its simple, what happens if we do not take a bath or wash our clothes? When I was in college I worked at United Parcel Service. For a time it was my responsibility to fuel up the big Mack trucks, check the oil, wash them, and then hook them up to the trailers for dispatch. One semester while I had that job, I had a class at 7:10 AM. My shift at work was 2:30 to 6:30 AM. Needless to say, there was not enough time to get back to the campus after work and clean up for class. So I had to wear my dirty work clothes, which reeked of diesel fuel and oil, to class. There was always a large circle of empty seats around me because no one wanted to sit close to me with those smelly clothes. That is why we take baths and wash our clothes. Uncleaness compels the clean to separate themselves from the unclean. God is clean. So He wants us to be clean and to separate ourselves from the filth of this world. According to 1 John 3:3, to assist us, God has provided our hope in the coming of Christ as one very powerful purifying agent in our lives as believers.

### **Our Purifying Agent**

#### **1. The Old Testament Parallel and Illustration**

The phrase “purifieth himself” is used just a few times in the New Testament. John uses the phrase twice (1John 3:3 and John 11:55). Twice the phrase is used in the book of Acts (Acts 21:24 and 21:26). The need for cleansing or purifying is not a concept that is newly presented in the New Testament, however. It was something the Israelites had been familiar with for a long time.

In the Old Testament, the saints had to be purified in order to participate in the Passover. This is what John refers to in John 11:55, *And the Jews' Passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify*

*themselves.* The law of Moses also prescribed cleansing or purifying for a variety of things, including touching anything that was legally unclean (Leviticus 22:4-7), a medical condition called a “running issue” (Leviticus 15:13), and impurities in the flesh (Leviticus 7:21; Numbers 19:13,20). All of these conditions of uncleanness hindered worship and fellowship. Anyone who was unclean had the potential to contaminate the temple and so they were required to be cut off from the congregation, and thus from access to the temple, until such time as they were purified.

#### **2. The New Testament Principle**

Impurities in the Christian’s life also hinders worship and fellowship. In 1 Corinthians 11:27-30, Christians who are guilty of some impurity in their lives and who participate in the Lord’s Supper are considered to be doing so unworthily. In other words, they should not participate because of the uncleanness that is in their life. These impurities can consist of things that offend other believers (1 Corinthians 11:17-22) or of things that offend God (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). To deal with such matters of uncleanness, the believer is instructed to *examine himself...for if we would judge ourselves we should not be judged* (1 Corinthians 11:28 and 31). By examining himself and purging the impurities before he participates in the Lord’s supper, he may do so worthily to the glory of God – *so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup* (verse 28).

Because of how serious this is, God provided our hope in glorification as a purifying agent in our lives (1 John 3:3). He says that every man that has the hope of the coming of Christ in him, purifies himself. Verse two says that this hope consists of the knowledge that *when He shall appear, we shall be like Him.* Christ is pure, so that when we see Him, we will be pure also at that time. But we do not have to wait until the arrival of Christ to experience some cleansing in our lives. Just knowing that He is coming has the affect of purifying us now.

Here is how our hope in the coming of Christ works as a purifying agent as outlined in the 1 John context:

1. We know that He is righteous. 1 John 2:29.
2. So being born of Him and doing righteousness go together. 1 John 2:29.
3. Christ was manifest to take away sins. 1 John 3:5.
4. Transgressing the law is sin. 1 John 3:4.
5. So, if Christ is righteous, and He was manifested to

take away our sins, we should be doing righteousness and not transgressing the law (sinning) when He comes because there is the potential for being ashamed before Him at His coming. 1 John 2:28.

6. In other words, thinking about seeing Christ face to face stops us from doing impure things so that we won't be embarrassed when we see Him face to face.

In everything we do, think, or say, we should ask ourselves this question: Do I want to be doing this, thinking this, saying this at the very moment the trumpet sounds and I find myself raptured into the presence of Christ.

### Why I Am Not Ashamed

Consider a child who attends a school where all the students wear uniforms. At school, everyone is dressed alike and everyone is comfortable. But this child lives in a neighborhood where other children do not wear uniforms to school. When this child comes home from school wearing his uniform, the other children in his neighborhood make fun of him. It comes to embarrass him to be seen outside of school in his uniform, so when he leaves school to go home, he wears a long coat that hides his uniform. This illustrates how Christians can be comfortable and confident in the company of other Christians, but when they are out in the world they often hide their faith from those who would make fun of them for it.

#### 1. What would I be ashamed of?

I might be ashamed of the testimony of Christ, as 2 Timothy 1:8 suggests, *Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.* What is the testimony of our Lord? His purpose and grace were given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began (verse 9). It was manifested to us by Christ through His work on the cross (verse 10). According to this purpose and grace He abolished death, brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, and saved us and called us with an Holy calling. In other words, the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ is that He conquered death for us on the cross and saved us to fulfill the purpose of God in eternity. This is not a popular subject among the unsaved, and we might be ashamed to speak of it openly lest we be criticized or made fun of.

#### 2. What would make me ashamed of His testimony?

Verse 8 mentions the afflictions of the gospel. By openly identifying ourselves with the testimony of our Lord, we may well subject ourselves to suffering persecution (the afflictions of the gospel). These afflictions may consist of hardship, evil, or distress resulting in extreme pain and anguish either mentally, emotionally, or physically. Fear of experiencing such afflictions may be enough to cause us to shrink at the thought of any public identification with the testimony of Jesus Christ.

This is why 2 Timothy 2:3 implores us to *endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.* Paul testified of his *suffering trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds* (2 Timothy 2:9). He understood exactly what he was suggesting to Timothy. He had personally participated in the afflictions of the gospel and knew first hand that suffering affliction for Christ was better than experiencing shame from failing to do so. Being made fun of for our faith may seem to be too hard to endure and we may want to put a coat on in public, hiding our faith uniform which identifies us with Christ. But we must realize that the shame that comes upon us for doing so causes greater consequences than the ridicule of the unsaved.

#### 3. How do I avoid being ashamed?

How do I readily take part in the afflictions of the gospel? In 2 Timothy 1:12, Paul said he was not ashamed. What made the difference for him? He said he knew there is a day coming that makes the difference for him. By using the phrase "against that day" he says he is leaning on that day. It is the thing that he rests upon as one leans against a wall. It holds him up and keeps him from falling. He expects to find mercy of the Lord in that day (2 Timothy 1:18). He anticipates receiving a crown in that day (2 Timothy 4:8).

He said he committed something to Christ as he leans upon that day. He made a deposit, a trust, a thing consigned to Christ's faithful keeping. What had he committed to Christ against that day? Peter explains that those who *suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator* (1 Peter 4:19). So Paul says that he is persuaded that God is able to keep what he has committed to Him (his soul) against that day. That is, he is convinced that God is able to protect his soul and preserve it unimpaired all the way

to the day of the rapture. Peter testified that we are kept by the power of God (1 Peter 1:5). This word keep or kept is the same word used by Peter in 1 Peter 2:15 to tell us that God “saved” Noah in the ark. If He can keep Noah safe in the ark, He can keep us safe until the rapture.

#### 4. Why am I persuaded?

Paul was persuaded of this because he knew WHOM he had believed. The WHOM is the one who existed before the world began, who abolished death, and who brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Knowing God so personally gives us the confidence to trust Him no matter what. This is why Paul was so intent on growing in his knowledge of Christ as he expresses it in Philippians 3:8-10, *Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.*

How long will it be until that day? How many afflictions might we have to endure until then? How tempted will we be to put on the coat and hide our identity with Christ to avoid these afflictions? How can we endure the afflictions of His testimony and not be ashamed against that day? The answer to all these questions is simple – KNOW WHOM! An empty profession is no good. An empty claim of knowing Christ is easily shown to be worthless by the testimony of a man’s behavior (Titus 1:16), and in the end it does not help us. We must know Him for real! Jesus said Himself that eternal life consists of knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent (John 17:3). Failure to know Him has dire consequences (2 Thessalonians 1:8). But by knowing the Divine Person to WHOM I have committed the keeping of my soul, I am able to make it to the rapture, unashamed, even though I may have to endure the afflictions of the gospel.

#### Breaking Our Attachment To Corruptible Things

1 Timothy 6:8 says, *And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.* How many of us are content with food and clothing? How many of us

are content with the basic necessities of life? Do you live in a house? Do you have multiple rooms in your house? Do you have more chairs than the number of people living in your house? Do you have multiple ways of cooking – stove, microwave, gas grill? Do you have things that serve no purpose, you just derive pleasure from looking at them? Do you have more clothes than you can wear from wash to wash? Do you have things with which to entertain yourself – games, puzzles, sporting equipment, television, etc.? All of us have lots of things. In fact, most of us have much more than we really need for survival.

We live in a material world and we have become attached to this material world – all of which is corruptible! So the question is, based on 2 Timothy 4:8 which exhorts us to love His appearing. Which do we put more energy into – obtaining things in this material world or preparing for the rapture?

In our glorification, in our life after the rapture, in our life in the presence of Christ as His bride, things are not going to be the same as they are here and now. To love Christ’s appearing means that we prefer what is coming to what is now.

#### 1. The Race Metaphor

The Bible uses the race metaphor to illustrate the Christian life. This connection is made in 1 Corinthians 9:24 which says, *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.* When it says “so run,” it is not suggesting our participation in track and field sports, but in the pursuit of excellence in our Christian lives. Verse 25-27 that follow make this clear: *And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

Other places in the New Testament also exhibit this metaphor.

Hebrews 12:1: *...let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*

Galatians 2:2: *...lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.*

Galatians 5:7: *Ye did run well....*

Philippians 2:16: *...that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain....*

Even in the context of the exhortation to love Christ's appearing, the race metaphor is manifested. 2 Timothy 4:7-8 says in full, *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.* Paul anticipated a crown as given by a judge at the end of a race to be granted to Him when he saw the Lord because he had finished the course of his race.

The race metaphor describes a progression of movement with the intent of reaching the finish line and winning the prize. As 1 Corinthians 9:24 explains that for winning a race, one receives a prize, Paul expected a crown for finishing his course.

The race metaphor also declares that runners must be temperate if they hope to win. 1 Corinthians 9:25 says, *And every man that striveth for the mastery (or hopes to win the prize) is temperate in all things.* This is the same term as temperance that is found in Galatians 5:23 as part of the fruit of the Spirit. Temperance is the exercising of control. It is a figure drawn from athletes who in preparing themselves for the games abstained from unwholesome foods, wine, and other physical pleasures. In 1 Corinthians 7:9 it is translated "contain." Temperance is thus the ability to contain oneself within well disciplined limits of behavior. Does a runner sit in a chair, and eat fast food and sweets until it is time to run the race? Does he then get out of the chair, run the race, and win? No! To win a race requires a great deal of discipline and training which requires temperance to accomplish.

Consider what people will do in order to obtain a corruptible crown in a race here on earth. They will be temperate in all things! Yet for all that effort, all they receive is a fragile crown of leaves, made of the boughs and leaves of olives, laurel, and parsley – a crown that will last a few hours before it wilts and disintegrates. It is the same in our modern world. Men will go to great lengths to obtain corruptible material possessions. They will go through years of training, work long hours, put themselves into massive debt, just so they can have stuff that symbolically makes them feel successful. Yet in the end, they leave it all behind.

## 2. The Application


The crown awarded at the end the believer's race is incorruptible – 1 Corinthians 9:25, *Now they do*

*it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.* Is an incorruptible crown better than a corruptible one? The corruptible crown is merely a crown of leaves that withers and dies quickly. An incorruptible crown consist of the rewards we experience in our eternal glorification. There simply is no comparison.

The way a believer runs the race of the Christian life should reflect the value of that incorruptible crown. If an unsaved person will be temperate in all things in order to obtain a corruptible crown, shouldn't a saved person be temperate in all things and beyond in order to obtain an incorruptible crown? We must believe that the incorruptible crown is worth the effort. 1 Corinthians 9:24 exhorts us, *So run, that ye may obtain.* Run in such a way that shows you want the prize. A runner that casually jogs in a race and comes in last did not really want to win. We ought to want to win the prizes, the rewards, that God has offered us in our glorification for faithfulness to Him now. We ought to run so that we may obtain. In order to do this successfully, we must be temperate in all things. As 1 Corinthians 9:26-27 puts it, *I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

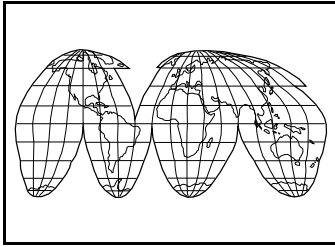
## Conclusion

Do you really love Christ's appearing? For which of these two things do you put forth the most effort – corruptible crowns or incorruptible crowns – or no crowns at all? Maybe you do not care about material things, but neither are you pressing toward the finish line either. Maybe you are running the wrong race, striving for a prize that is only temporary. Rather, let the Holy Spirit build spiritual temperance in you so that your Christian life will be disciplined and your heart will love His appearing as you run toward the finish line.

Our hope in Christ's coming will have a purifying effect upon us. The rewards we will experience by participating in the afflictions of the gospel will overshadow and dispel any ridicule that could potentially embarrass us and cause us to hide our identification with Christ in public places. Being temperate in all things will ensure a positive personal interview at the judgment seat of Christ. All these things add up to this: if we truly love Christ's appearing and we really are looking forward to seeing Christ, then we ought to be making every possible effort to live clean, disciplined, sanctified lives for Him now. 



## Missionary News



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

### Donald & Karen Kilmer

South Africa

**The Unexpected** - Bheki, our Zulu pastor, took a taxi. (A South African taxi is a 15 passenger mini bus). His wife was waiting for him, but he didn't arrive. She called to say she was worried. A few minutes later, the police called our house to say he was at the police station over a half hour away. When I got there, the police said a taxi had dropped him off. When he got out, he couldn't stand. He fell, tried to get up, and fell again. In fact, he was falling all over the place, even hitting his head on some bricks. He had blood on his shirt and on his head, along with a nice lump.

The police said he acted drunk but had no alcohol on his breath. He couldn't tell them who he was or where he was from. He apparently had been drugged and robbed as most of his money was missing along with his cell phone. He laid on a bench and slept for about half an hour. The first phone number he could remember was ours and so the police called us.

Since he was on the way to see his brother, I took him and his wife to his brother's house. While there, I got to witness to his brother who is not saved.

**The unexpected always gives us some way in which we can serve God.**

We ask your prayer for two situations here in South Africa. A 16 year old girl who used to come to our church, but recently has just visited now and again, was killed in a car accident. Some family members are unsaved and the parents are in real pain as they were in the mini bus with her and saw her die. Please pray for our Zulu pastor, Bheki, and me as we minister to the family.

Also a man in his 30's has been coming to church quite often in the past 3 months, but admits he is not saved. Please pray for God to draw Miyelo (me-yellow) to salvation.

Later - Thank you for praying for Miyelo (me-yellow). On Sunday he spoke to me saying he wanted **to receive Jesus as his Savior**. I discussed with him what salvation is and what it means to be a Christian. He understood and called on the name of the Lord! Please continue to pray that he will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Roberto & Imelda Liviooco

Philippines

The Lord opened a Bible study at prime Rose Properties, an office close to our area. The manager is a professing Christian and a relative of a church member. There were about 15 who came that night, and a number of them raised their hands to receive Christ as Savior. We would appreciate your prayers as **we minister to these new converts**.

In the providence of God, we visited our cardiologist for a regular check up. There, we found out from our doctor's secretary that an unfamiliar hospital requested for my father's records with them. On our way home, to our shock and dismay, Eunice called us to inform us that my uncle made a long distance call from the US to inform us that my father passed away. We are eternally grateful that God's grace is always sufficient. I take comfort in the fact that my father, while under our care, made a profession of faith back in 1998 before his multiple heart by-pass, and that the committal service I conducted was used of the Lord to expose the gospel to those who shared our grief.

Our scheduled Couple's Fellowship finally pushed through. It was postponed a week later due to my father's internment. This three hour event was a fitting time for a marriage tune-up. Please pray with us that the biblical principles we taught, learned and discussed **would be applied** in our homes and families.

## Roger & Nola Perrott

Hong Kong

Our five churches here in Hong Kong had our annual joint sports day. We had two fathers of children in our church go with us. It was good to get to know them and see them enjoy themselves. These men are unsaved, though their wives and kids come to our church. Pray that Eric and Thai will get saved as I follow them up.

On Sunday, we had a young father attend our church for the first time. His wife and daughter have come for three weeks, mainly to expose their daughter to English we think, but we are glad to have them for any reason. The young Dad, Cupid, is the brother of a member of our church, and someone I taught English and witnessed to many times several years in the past. He did not listen to the service, so next time pray he will stay and listen.

Our **community center** summer program is Monday to Thursday, in which 19 children come to our church daily from 1:00-6:00 p.m. for English, art, Bible, and game times. The last week of July we expanded it to a VBS. We have had 25-30 children come to that every day for an evangelistic Bible story, games, memory verses, songs and handcraft times. This year we tried to do it using only the people of our own church as helpers. We usually have a lot of kids in both these and many contacts with new families, so pray for these outreaches. Jon and I also schedule lunches with the husband of the contacts, so **pray for an effective outreach**.

## Peter & Rosa Pingol

Spain

For a week we had been preaching and teaching in the city park. The young people of our church were very helpful in preparing and working on a VBS that ran every afternoon. The last Saturday a total of 74 children participated in the different activities. **The joy came** on Sunday morning when four teenagers came to the services at church as they were invited during the week.

We were able to speak with several parents and some of them expressed their gratitude for our

work with the children. We had the opportunity to speak to them about the Savior. The city came to "see how we were doing" and we had the opportunity to give the gospel to a policeman that showed a lot of interest in what we believed. Pray for him please.

**One of our goals** is to see one day the Spanish churches supporting more and more missions. We had a month dedicated to missions. We taught about the need of reaching even beyond our "Jerusalem". The Lord brought several speakers that were a blessing for our congregation. The Lord richly blessed the special emphasis in missions. Our church building was decorated with things from different countries. We pray that our hearts will be filled with love for the work of the Lord in different countries around the world.

## Len & Marie Smith

New Mexico

We praise the Lord that we are seeing **spiritual growth as well as numerical growth**. Several have been saved recently and two baptized.

We are presently praying for a larger building. We continue to pray for new people to attend and God is answering prayers. Our church van needs to make two trips some Sundays.

Taking cookies and an invitation to new people in the community is beginning to have results. Thank the Lord for both spiritual and numerical growth.

**Bible Institute on the Internet** - The preparation of the courses continues. As we finish a lesson, we put it up on the internet. Four semesters are now finished. I am presently working on a few courses in Spanish. I believe there could be a greater response to the Spanish courses. You may check us out at our web site: [www.sbti.info](http://www.sbti.info).

**Pray for God's guidance and provision** of funds to continue. Those who finish Bible Studies by mail will now be given opportunity to study online in our Bible Institute. I use the Bible Institute courses in my Sunday School class. I project the lessons on the wall. The students enjoy the interaction of the lessons and, of course, the review questions and STEP TEST questions.



# TAP Ministry

Teacher Assistance Program  
(sending materials overseas to Christian ministries)

## Shipping Update

Ninety-four USPS flat-rate cartons were mailed to the following countries: 29 to the Philippines, 27 to Ghana, 6 to India, 17 to Nigeria, 6 to Malawi, and 9 to South Africa. In total 264 cartons weighing 6,988 pounds were packed and distributed. The USPS has again raised the rate of sending a large flat-rate carton of up to 20 pounds overseas to \$58.50 in January of 2011. The Lord continues to provide great reference books that are so badly needed by national pastors and missionaries. Since the beginning of the year we have averaged 9 cartons a month sent to foreign missions. Thank you for making this work possible.

## Letters from the Field

"I work with evangelism and a church planting movement that lately we restored back 13 dying churches and installed a Pastor's Training Institute. We are in much need of resources for our references on teaching." Pastor Pergil in the Philippines. (We sent two cartons of Bibles and various reference books on prayer, local church, life of Jesus, Bible commentaries and tracts.)

"I am interested in becoming a partner in the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am a Ghanaian currently living in South Africa. I want to answer the call into ministry. Could you please send me a study Bible, motivational and other Christian books that will increase my faith in the Lord." Kelvin in South Africa. (We sent a study Bible, various topics on Christian faith, Bible dictionary, Bible handbook and other useful reference materials.)

# Military Evangelism

Walt and Judy Croom in Jacksonville, North Carolina

"**He gives power to the faint**, and to them that have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall utterly fall. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 41:31)

It recently occurred to me that I am no longer

a young man. I can't walk as far, I get out of breath quicker, and even my mental acumen is waning. This has been a busy summer caring for Judy and Joy as they recover from surgery, and trying to manage things around the center. But God has been good in providing the extra strength and some additional help the Lord sent our way.

Our Bible studies on the base and at the center are going well. The Lord is constantly **sending new people our way** and providing us with real opportunities to minister. Shelly is continuing to lead the Women's Fellowship Group and is seeing good results.

Do continue to pray for us as we labor here in Jacksonville and as Karl and Gladys labor in Daleville, Alabama. Thanks so much for all you do for us. You are a blessing.

# Emma Turner

One of the highlights of my summer for several weeks was helping in the preparation for our church's mission team going to Botswana. The missionaries invited the team to come to conduct a VBS and evangelistic services. Praise the Lord for their safe return, all the rich blessings, and especially for the 20 children and adults who trusted Christ for Salvation.

Our Ladies Class has been meeting with all the adults and young people for the summer for a special study, so the regular teachers have had a break. Soon now the classes will meet as usual. For several years I have had the privilege of helping with the teaching in the Ladies Class as an assistant to the Pastor's wife. We believe now that the Lord has provided just the right one to take my place. This lady, besides being younger, attends the Bible Study in my home and has a real hunger for God's Word. She seems delighted with this opportunity to serve the Lord.

I am expecting my son and his wife from Houston to visit in September. Sometime after that my family from north of Chicago plan for me to visit with them. In the meantime, the Missionary Conference at our church will be the end of September. I am working on the first three chapters of Revelation for our **Bible Study in my home**. There is the Seedline Ministry that I help with and neighbors that we are still witnessing to and praying for them to be saved. Your prayers mean so much. Thank you deeply.

# Summer Ministries

## Testimonies

Wow, this has been the best summer of my life! I'm so glad that God directed me to this incredible ministry. Going into CEF, I really had no idea what to expect, and there were definitely countless challenges along the way; but God taught me so much through the many experiences that He placed along the way. The power of prayer is truly amazing, and it's been incredible to see God's goodness as He always provided a solution. I've been greatly blessed to witness so many children come to Christ. I'm grateful for all your prayers, encouragement, and support as I pursued this ministry with CEF. Whether it was the first or last salvation decision of the summer, it never grew old seeing another child come to Christ. This has been an opportunity that I will never forget.

Katrina Chronister

What a blessing and delight it was to serve the Lord this summer at camp. We were able to see the hand of the Lord at work in so many ways. We thought that there was no way the campers were all going to be able to be in cabins this year. It was exciting to see the two girls' cabins get occupancy permits on the Friday just before camp was to begin. There were many good decisions made by campers this year. There were also many decisions for salvation. It was a delight to hear of these as we went about the duties that we had. The Lord watched over and gave wisdom in dealing with any of the medical needs that came up. One of the weeks of Junior camp I dubbed "bandaid week". I never went through so many bandaids in one week! Praise the Lord, nothing major! It was a good summer and we appreciated and thank all of you who prayed for us.

Buck, Cindy, Tanisha, and Shawn Smith

This has been such an amazing summer! I am so thankful to God for giving me the opportunity to work with CEF once again and having the chance to see many boys and girls receive Jesus as their Savior. Many kids I had the chance to teach this summer had never heard of Jesus, and it was so awesome to get to teach them about who He is. I had the wonderful privilege of using the wordless book to lead a little boy to the Lord while at training school in June. The look on his face when he realized Jesus could save him from his sins was incredible, and it reminded me why I'm working with CEF. I thank God for allowing me to work with CEF, and who knows, maybe I'll be back next year! Thank you all for your prayers!

Laura Cook

There is no way that we can share all that happened this summer in a few short sentences. We saw the Lord work in a mighty way. Although we did not have utilities on the property, the campers had hot showers, lights in the cabins (while the generators were running), and flushable toilets. We praise the Lord for His goodness in helping us to get the property ready for summer camp. During camp we saw the Lord work in our own hearts as well as in the hearts of many campers. During the last week of camp, Miss Rachel had 10 campers in her cabin, five of whom accepted the Lord or made assurance of their salvation during camp. Matt was Activities Director again this year which means he was in charge of the campers. He tells them where to go, explains how to play the game, leads at meal time etc. Rachelle's main jobs were taking pictures/videos and working in the office. She created a final scoring power point each week. At the very end, the power point reveals the winner of the entire week. We enjoy working at camp and are thankful that the Lord continues to allow us to serve Him at Servant's Heart Camp. We enjoy working at camp and are thankful that the Lord continues to allow us to serve Him at Servant's Heart Camp.

Matt and Rachelle Krape

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## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

The Preschool class has started a series on the life of Moses. Of course, with children this age, one of the favorite stories in the Bible is the birth of Moses and how his mother put him in a basket to save him from the wicked Pharaoh. They also enjoyed learning about the 10 plagues. Suddenly, in place of Mrs. Moss's staff there was a fake snake. When the plague of flies was mentioned, the children scrambled to pick up the fake flies that had suddenly fallen in their laps and on the floor. Yes, God showed His power! There was sadness mingled with joy on the children's faces as they learned of the Passover. Sorrow for those who lost their firstborn, but happiness when Pharaoh finally said the Israelites could go.

Over the summer we have been learning the importance of prayer and have used each finger on our prayer hand to remind us of things to pray for. We also learned a verse for each one.

## PRIMARIES

*taught by Mrs Snyder*

In addition to studying Creation and man's disobedience to God, we have been learning about Enoch, the man who walked with God, and went to Heaven without dying, and recently finished a series on Noah and his obedience to God regarding the building of the ark, which took 120 years to build, the preaching of the Word in the midst of all the ridicule from the people living around him, and how God kept them safe throughout the flood. They've been memorizing, Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1-3. Welcome back Mr. & Mrs. Smith.

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

We are finishing our year's study of the earthly ministry of Christ. One thing we really wanted the students to remember as we studied Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and death was that Jesus did all of this willingly for US! He told

Peter in the garden during His arrest that He could call for 12 legions of angels. He told Pilate that nobody could take His life from Him. How we rejoice in Jesus' love for us!

As we start a new school year, our lessons this year will be on the book of Acts, the ministry and missionary journeys of Paul, an overview of Paul's letters the General Epistles, and the armor of God from Ephesians 6. We will be charting Paul's journeys on a map on our wall. Our students will be memorizing verses from Romans, Philipians, and Ephesians.

One of our students, Austin Morrow, will be moving on to the teen class. Austin has memorized all of the verses during the three years he has been in our class, and we will miss his enthusiastic singing and participation. We are excited to be welcoming Charles Balcom, Allyson Knuth, and Caleb Fetrow to our class.

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

*A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify, A never-dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky.*

*To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill, O may it all my powers engage, To do my Master's will.*

*Arm me with jealous care, As in Thy sight to live, And O Thy servant, Lord, prepare, A strict account to give.*

*Help me to watch and pray, And on Thyself rely, Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.*

This summer the children in Master Clubs have been learning the song *A Charge to Keep I have*. As we have been studying the children of the Bible, it is interesting to see the different ways we can apply, not only the lesson, but also this song to our lives. We have studied how Isaac was obedient even unto death, he didn't question his fathers command. Joseph did not hold a grudge against his brothers although they sold him into slavery and wanted to kill him. Miriam demonstrated responsibility as she watched over Moses in the river. Samuel recognized God speaking to him. David trusted God to deliver him from the lion, bear, and Goliath. Naaman's servant girl knew a man of God who could help Namaan be cleansed. Joash obeyed the High Priest and was considered a good King. Esther knew when to speak and when to remain silent, waiting on God's timing. The boy Jesus not only memorized scripture but he meditated on it and was able to hold a question and answer session with the doctors of the law. The boy who gave up his lunch to Jesus saw Him use what little he had to do a great work. The servant girl who opened the door for Peter was excited that God had answered their prayers. Timothy studied God's Word as his mother and grandmother taught him. These lessons have aided the children in knowing that they should glorify God through serving others, keeping their lives right with God, and trusting in Him to meet their needs.



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## Camp Testimonies

Camp was great! When I went to the Wilds I didn't expect it to change the way I thought about life and God. I decided that it was time to deepen my bond with the Lord and to get rid of my sinful habits. Thank you God!

I thought that doubting my salvation was something I'd just have to live with. During a message on eternal security and assurance, Pastor Shetler explained that a consequence of living the wrong way is a lack of assurance. God showed me that I need to work on my patience and also spend more time getting to know God by reading His Word.

At camp I made a decision to be a good steward of all I have learned and try to apply all I have heard this week.

**The week at camp one thing God spoke to me about was being a more godly example wherever I am and try to reflect my Savior more.**

This week I made a decision to be a better witness at work. I have also made a few decisions about changing the way I think and act through acknowledging to God that some things I do don't please Him and I need to change them.

**Wow! God is so good! Going to the Wilds was super! The Lord convicted me of not honoring and obeying authority and rules. With God's help I want to honor my parents and those in authority.**

The messages were fantastic! Pastor Jim Shetler was the speaker, and one night he spoke about bitterness. God showed me that I have been bitter towards someone, and so I made a decision to forgive the one I have been bitter towards.

*My first teen camp was a lot of fun. Our speaker was Sam Mills. His messages were really powerful to me, but the most powerful was on Wednesday night. That service was about pride and God showed me that I needed to deal with all of the pride in my life and get rid of it.*

I learned a lot this year at camp. Something that really was important to me was that I need to have devotions daily. Satan will try to prevent me from doing so but with the Lord's help I will do my devotions every day.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

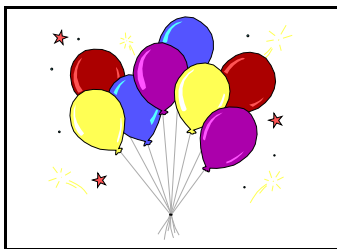
### SEPTEMBER

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|-------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7     | Quizzing & Master Clubs start | 7:00 PM                    |
| 8     | Homeschool Classes            | 9:00 AM                    |
| 11    | Pleasant Acres Service        | 1:45 PM                    |
| 19    | Rescue Mission Service        | 8:00 PM                    |
| 20    | Trustees' Meeting             | 6:30 PM                    |
| 21    | TAP Ministry                  | 8:00 AM                    |
| 22    | Homeschoolers Field Trip      |                            |
| 24    | Church Picnic                 | 12 noon                    |
| 25    | Prison Ministry               | 2:30 PM                    |
| 25-28 | Missions Conference           |                            |
|       | Sunday -                      | 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM, 6:30 PM |
|       | Monday - Wednesday -          | 10:30 AM, 7:00 PM          |
| 29    | Prison Ministry               | 8:00 PM                    |

### OCTOBER

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|----|--------------------------|---------|
| 13 | Homeschool Classes       | 9:00 AM |
| 16 | Manor Care Service       | 1:30 PM |
| 17 | Rescue Mission Service   | 8:00 PM |
| 18 | Trustees' Meeting        | 6:30 PM |
| 19 | TAP Ministry             | 8:00 AM |
| 27 | Homeschoolers Field Trip |         |

**Church Family News**



**Happy Birthday**

**September**

- 1 - Gladys Gross
- 2 - Ed Cosgrove
- 6 - Richard Waltemyer
- 6 - **Marie Smith**
- 7 - Allison Boyer
- 7 - Andrew Fetrow
- 8 - Bessie Boyer
- 10 - Robert Frey
- 10 - Ken Hoffman
- 10 - Don Snyder
- 15 - **Irene Campos**
- 17 - Lester Fink
- 18 - **Roberto Livio**
- 19 - Brian Hilt
- 22 - Ian Morrow
- 24 - Treva Shellenberger
- 26 - Susan Peters
- 28 - Jean Beck
- 28 - Hannah Ortiz
- 29 - Dorothy Moore
- 29 - Hannah Wertz
- 29 - **Glenn Hilt**

**October**

- 1 - Bob McKinley
- 4 - Betty Chronister
- 6 - Gloria Hevner
- 8 - Katrina Chronister



- 12 - Charity Ezzell
- 14 - Wayne Laning
- 15 - Marietta Wertz
- 17 - **James Perrott**
- 17 - Laura Cook
- 17 - Dawn Balcom
- 18 - Sue Kornbau
- 21 - Nathanael Moss
- 21 - **Cheryl Hilt**
- 23 - Jeanette Scotten
- 26 - Mary Collins
- 26 - Deborah King
- 26 - Henry Balcom (father)



**H a p p y  
Anniversary**

**September**

- 4 - Joseph & Carol Byers
- 8 - Pedro & Susan Ortiz
- 13 - Edgar & Beverly Miller
- 15 - Jonathan & Natasha Jones

**October**

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

**Please Note!**

The purpose of printing these lists is to give the church family an opportunity to congratulate one another on these special days. The **bold print** indicates a member of our missionary family.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to one of our senior citizen shut-ins, Bessie Boyer, on celebrating her 100th birthday! God's richest blessings on you Bessie.

**Remember
Our Shut-ins**



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

Master Clubs Enjoy Game Time Outside in the Summer

The obstacle course was a fun challenge.



Hannah going up the ramp.



Donovan going down the other side.



Austin trying to run on the round pipe.



Rebecca stepping in the tires.



Charles going under the saw-horse.



Ian going over the hay bail.



Delaney going under and over.



Grace on the balance beam.



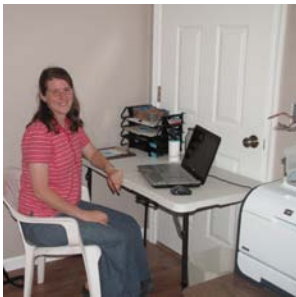
Jonathan finishing the course.

Summer Ministries

Working at Servant's Heart Camp



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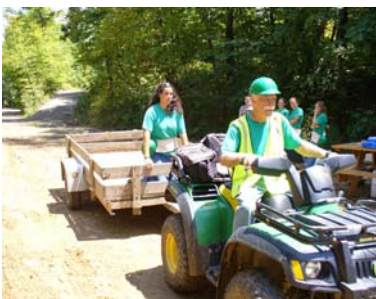


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Cindy was very thankful for the wonderful kitchen facilities that we had in the tractor trailer. It was equipped with a grill and fryers so the campers were treated this year to grilled burgers and homemade french fries!

Shawn did well and each week enjoyed the campers. He made new friends with the children of the various speakers that were there this summer.



Buck helped in many different ways. Many days were very challenging as some days he was unable to get any relief from the back pain that he had. He continued to reassure me that he was okay and that I was to continue in the work that the Lord had for us to do.



Tanisha had various responsibilities: from emptying trash cans, to visiting the compost pile, making sure there were big bottles of water where they were needed. Then she needed to be assisting at various free time activities and helping in the kitchen. At times you could hear her say, "More dishes, you make too many dirty dishes!" Yes, she washed dishes, dried dishes and put away dishes, only to find out that we already made them dirty again.

Summer Ministries

Holding 5-day clubs with Child Evangelism Fellowship



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Katrina Chronister

Academy of Arts Drama Team

Jonathan Boyer traveled with the drama team this summer and helped with the lights.



Our Teens and Juniors at Servant's Heart Camp



Arriving

First year memories!



The elite kitchen



The new cabins - Three days before campers arrived we were given occupancy permits for the final cabins.



Registration



Fancy transportation to the cabins



Inside the cabins, mattresses on floor



Ping-pong in the game room



The rustic dining hall (left)

The beautiful lake (right)



The Wilds Camp



The climbing wall and other challenges at the Summit.



The famous steps.
(Somewhere around 108 steps)

Made it to the top to meet with my friends!



Come on guys,
show your muscles!
(left)

Mid-week "family
reunion". (right)



Big ball games. (left)

Getting harnessed up for
the scary giant swing ride.
(right)

