

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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Missions Conference September 21-25

Our annual missions conference will take place September 21-25.

The theme will be "Fishers of Men" based on Matthew 4:19 "...Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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 21 so that we may visit with them and get to know them before the preaching sessions begin.

The conference missionaries will include **Nang Lyan Kap from Myanmar** formerly known as Burma,



Manuel Moyano from Uruguay,



and **Victor Ho from Hong Kong.**



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 21



Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 21. 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 as 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

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# Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

The theme for our upcoming Missions Conference is **Fishers of Men**. Just as those whom Jesus called away from their boats and other professions to follow Him were dependent on His direction and provision as they shared the gospel, so have been the many other men and women from all walks of life whom He has called since that time to become "fishers of men" in their communities, their cities, their countries, or around the world.

The library has books about the life story of many of these faithful servants of the Lord, including the biography of Wilfred Grenfell, an English doctor who became a "fisher of men" to fishermen on the deadly North Sea and then among the very poor fishing communities of the wild, remote Labrador coast.

Look for these new biographies in the HEROES FOR YOUNG READERS and CHRISTIAN HEROES: THEN & NOW series.

### **Adoniram Judson: A Grand Purpose**

Even imprisonment could not steal the hope of America's first foreign missionary as he translated the Bible for the people of Burma (Myanmar).

### **Gladys Aylward: Daring to Trust**

Learn about her time as a "foot inspector" and how she brought a group of refugees through the country of China when it was attacked.

### **Paul Brand: Helping Hands**

He influenced faith and medical communities as he strove to rebuild the lives of those destroyed by leprosy in India as the first surgeon in the world to use reconstructive surgery to correct the deformities of leprosy in the hands and feet.

The library also has DVDs and videos available to increase your knowledge about those who have been faithful "fishers of men" through the years.

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#### Our Purpose

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

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## What Happens When A Person Believes The Gospel?

The Gospel is very simple. Jesus Christ did for us what we could not do for ourselves. We could never resolve either sin or death by our own efforts. We are hopelessly and utterly and eternally separated from God because of our sin. But Jesus Christ singlehandedly satisfied God the Father regarding the sin of all mankind through the act of His death which includes the shedding of His blood. *He is, therefore, the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world* (1 John 2:2). Jesus Christ also conquered death for us through His resurrection. So we say, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead* (1 Peter 1:3). The only thing left for us to do is believe that Jesus Christ has done these things for us. As Paul said to the Philippian jailor in Acts 16:31, *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.*

So what happens when a person believes the Gospel? How does faith come to a person? What is the spiritual transaction that takes place in the moment a person believes?

### 1. How does faith come to a person?

Faith is the primary element needed for a man to have a relationship with God. As Hebrews 11:6 says, *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.* The reason for this is that God has chosen to accept faith from man in place of the righteousness he does not have and cannot obtain on his own. The Bible plainly states that man cannot see God without holiness (Hebrews 12:14) or purity of heart (Matthew 5:8). *But all have sinned and come short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23), and all of man's righteousnesses are worth nothing more than filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). As a result, man can never stand before God by his own merits. In fact, every effort of man to do so only makes his problem larger (Romans 4:4) adding to his debt against God because his works are selfishly motivated. Before the foundation of the world, God decided within Himself that He would apply His grace to specific people so that they could overcome their sinful condemnation. Those He chose to be recipients of His grace were those who chose to believe the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ. Second

Thessalonians 2:14-15 states, *But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

But how does faith come to a person? Romans 10:17 says, *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* This means that faith comes to a person when he hears the Word of God with comprehension. The introduction of this truth is an important clarification for mankind who typically depends on the sense of sight in order to believe. The Jews require a sign (1 Corinthians 1:22; John 6:30). But even Gentiles who purportedly require wisdom to believe in something rely upon visual confirmation for that wisdom to be palatable to their thinking. Kittel's Theological Dictionary explains,

"In Greek mysteries and Gnosticism, more stress is laid on apprehension of God by seeing. Hearing can lead astray, not seeing. If some revelation is by hearing, the true mystery is known to sight" (Volume 1, page 34).

Thus for God to say that faith comes by hearing, He informs man that his typical pursuit of faith through visual confirmation is actually short sighted and inadequate for that kind of faith to count before Him. Real faith, God declares, comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

The idea is that when a person hears the Word of God, the opportunity to believe is presented to him. To say that faith comes by hearing is not to say that a person automatically believes upon hearing the Word of God. Rather, upon hearing the Word of God with comprehension, the individual has a choice to make. The opportunity to believe is presented, but the individual must decide to accept belief and assimilate it into his thinking. Then having believed what he has heard to be true, he must then decide whether or not to trust it. For faith has two dimensions: belief and trust. Both must be applied in the hearing of the Word of God for faith to result in salvation.

Scripture makes very clear that faith is the choice of the individual who hears the Word of God. John 3:16 is a prime example, *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.* Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish. The whosoever is the one who

does the believing. The Scripture does not say, "Whosoever should not perish believeth in Him." Scripture puts the responsibility for believing upon the whosoever. This is taught repeatedly in Scripture. In John 12:46, *whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.* In Acts 10:43, *whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.* In Romans 10:11, *Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.* And in 1 John 5:1, *Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.* Consider also the statements made in John 3:36, John 1:12, John 5:24, John 6:40, John 6:47, John 11:25-26, John 20:31, Acts 8:37, Acts 16:30-31, Romans 5:2, Romans 10:9-14, Galatians 2:16, and Hebrews 10:39. The responsibility for hearing is clearly upon the person who hears the Word of God.

Salvation is thus conditional upon the faith of the individual. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Without faith it is impossible to be saved, for only those who believe are born of God.

This dynamic of faith coming to man by hearing is a direct contradiction to the Reformed Theology contention that faith is imputed to man irresistibly following regeneration. Daniel Spratlin writes,

"God regenerates us and then we believe, and hence regeneration precedes our conversion."

R. C. Sproul says,

"Regeneration is not the fruit or result of faith. Rather, regeneration precedes faith as the necessary condition for faith....Any cooperation we display toward God occurs only after the work of regeneration has been completed ... Regeneration must occur first before there can be any positive response of faith."

Scripture does not agree with this. The word "regeneration" appears only twice in Scripture (Matthew 19:28, Titus 3:5). Its corresponding terminology, "born again," appears three times (John 3:3, John 3:7, and 1 Peter 1:23). But the concept of regeneration is taught in many places in the Bible. For example, 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* The idea of being a new creature in Christ corresponds to the idea of being born again and that is an integral part of salvation.

But the question is raised: when is a person made a new creature? Before he believes or after? Consider the following verses of Scripture.

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

Romans 4:5 *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

Ro 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Romans 9:30-32 *What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law.*

Romans 10:9-10 *That 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.*

1Corinthians 1:21 *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

Galatians 3:22 *But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*

Ephesians 1:13 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

Consider the key phrases in each of these texts:

to everyone that believeth,  
to him that believeth,  
if thou shalt believe in thine heart,  
believeth unto righteousness,  
save them that believe,  
given to them that believe,  
after that ye believed,  
saved through faith.

In everyone of these verses, faith comes first.  
 In Romans 1:16, faith comes before salvation.  
 In Romans 4:5, faith comes before righteousness.  
 In Romans 5:1 faith comes before justification.  
 In Romans 9:30-32 faith is a prerequisite to the obtaining of righteousness.  
 In Romans 10:9-10, confession of the mouth and believe in the heart come before righteousness and salvation.  
 In 1 Corinthians 1:21 faith comes before salvation.  
 In Galatians 3:22 faith comes before the promise is given.  
 In Ephesians 1:13 the sealing of the Holy Spirit happens after belief.  
 And in Ephesians 2:8-9 salvation comes through faith.

In order to say that regeneration comes before faith, you would also have to say that a person is born again before he is justified, before he is declared righteous, before he is saved, before he has peace with God, and before he has the seal of God (the Holy Spirit) upon his life. Because clearly in the above cited texts faith is a prerequisite to each of these things. How can a person be born again before he is justified and declared righteous? In that case, if a born again person died before he believed, he would be an unjustified, unrighteous, unsaved person who has never believed. So would he go to heaven or not? It is a preposterous thought.

The Bible is plain enough. When someone hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ, faith comes and presents itself to the hearer. The hearer then chooses whether or not to believe what he has heard. We understand this is what is meant by Romans 10:17 because of what Romans 10:14 teaches: without hearing, there will be no believing.

## 2. What happens when a person believes the Gospel?

Romans 10:14-15 gives a very important order of events in the presentation and acceptance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. First someone is sent. Second, the sent one preaches. Third, someone hears. Fourth, the one who hears believes. And fifth, the one who believes calls on the name of the Lord.

The preaching of the Gospel is imperative to the process, because Romans 10:14 says so in the rhetorical question, *How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?* The fact that preaching is

necessary for hearing, and hearing is necessary for believing in Christ contradicts the belief that man was unconditionally and irresistibly chosen to salvation. If a man has no choice in the matter as one of the elect and is going to be saved by divine decree no matter what, why then is preaching an issue? Hearing would not be necessary for faith because faith would be imposed following regeneration which supposedly happens in the moment of God's choosing, not in the moment of man's choosing. But the Scripture clearly says preaching is necessary because hearing is a prerequisite to faith. It does not say that regeneration is a prerequisite to faith, it says hearing is a prerequisite to faith. *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God* (Romans 10:17).

When the Gospel is preached someone hears it. In hearing the Gospel, there are some clear choices being presented to the individual. He must choose first to actually listen and seek to comprehend the substance of what is being preached. Having heard with comprehension, he must then decide whether or not he believes it to be true. Once he acknowledges the truthfulness of what he has heard, the hearer then must decide what he will do with the truth. Will he trust it or reject it?

Clearly, the Bible teaches that a person must choose to believe the Gospel. The Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas what he must do to be saved. The answer was, *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house* (Acts 16:30-31). It was the jailer's choice. Believe or don't believe. But if he wanted to be saved, he had to believe. Was Paul suggesting that this man was born again but not saved? How could Paul possibly know that the jailer was one of the elect? What was the point of the instruction to the jailer to believe in order to be saved? It was to make the point very clear. The jailer had a choice, just like every person who hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The choice is to believe it or not to believe it.

When a person hears the Gospel and believes it, what happens next? He must confirm that belief by confessing it with his mouth and by calling upon the name of the Lord. Romans 10:8-10 explains, *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That 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.*

And verse 13 says,

*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

It is not merely a thoughtful affirmation that the Gospel is true that brings salvation to a person. It is a verbal declaration of trust in the Gospel of receiving Christ that results in salvation. In fact, according to John 1:12, regeneration is based on the individual's choice to receive Christ. It says, *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* First the person receives Christ by believing on His name, then God gives him the authority to become (to come into existence as, to be born as) a son of God.

When we declare our belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and proclaim our trust in it for salvation, and receive Christ by calling on the name of the Lord, God then saves us. In saving us, God does several things.

First, God sanctifies us. One sense of the word sanctification is cleansing. In 1 Corinthians 6:11, after listing in verses 9 and 10 a number of evil things that keep people from inheriting the kingdom of God, says, *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.* In the very moment of our declaration of belief and trust in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit applies the blood of Christ to our lives and purges our conscience from all the dead works that separated from God (Hebrew 9:14) and cleanses us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9) and from all sin (1 John 1:7). We are now clean before the Holy Heavenly Father and ready for justification.

Second, God justifies us. Justification occurs when God declares a person to be righteous. Romans 4:5 says, *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.* To be justified by faith and have our faith counted for righteousness means that God declares us to be righteous on the basis of our faith which we exercise in Jesus Christ in place of the righteousness which we do not have and cannot obtain on our own. In justification there is total forgiveness for our sins and a complete removal of our condemnation because of sin. Romans 8:1 says, *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.*

Third, God regenerates us. It is not that regeneration happens spatially after justification. Rather, in the act of declaring us to be righteous, the immediate effect is the new birth of our spirit, which died in Adam in the moment of the fall. In regeneration we become the new creature of which 2 Corinthians 5:17 speaks. And 1 Peter 4:6 explains, *For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.*

Fourth, God seals us. To do this God indwells us in the person of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 John 3:24 and 4:13). The residence of the Holy Spirit within us acts then as the seal of God upon our lives (Ephesians 1:13 and 4:30). The seal in this case is not like a lock and key, though the effect of it is the same. Rather, the seal is a signature of authority. The seal in Biblical times was similar to a modern day stamp. In stead of being pressed with ink, the ancient seal was pressed in wax to leave the "signature" of the one sealing a thing. When Jesus' tomb was sealed, it was marked with the stamp of the Governor Pilate. The presence of the seal meant that no one could open the tomb without the approval of Pilate, unless it was a person that ranked higher than the governor with more authority than he possessed. The effect of the seal of God upon our lives is the same. No one can remove us from our salvation in God unless they have more authority than God. Since no one does, the seal of the Holy Spirit makes us eternally secure in our Savior.

Fifth, God baptizes us. This is not a water baptism. Water baptism is only a symbol of real baptism. This is a spiritual baptism by which the Holy Spirit places us into the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:13 says, *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.* The word "baptize" was not translated in the King James Version of the Bible. It is a Greek word that was simply carried over into English. If it had been translated, the verse would have read, "For by one Spirit are we all immersed into one body." The only way the word baptize can be translated is "to immerse." The meaning is that when the Holy Spirit indwells us, He in turn immerses us, or places us, into the body of Christ. Thus 1 John 4:13 says, *Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.* Romans 6:3-4 teaches the same concept: *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his*

death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. To be baptized into Jesus Christ, and to be baptized into His death is to be immersed into Jesus Christ and immersed into His death, not by means of water baptism, but by means of the Holy Spirit. The implication of the Romans 6 passage is that we are also immersed into Christ's resurrection at the same time so that even though we have not yet been physically resurrected, we may even now walk in newness of life and spiritually enjoy the benefits of resurrection liberty from eternal condemnation (Romans 6:4-6).

Once again, it is not as though there is any lapse of time between each of these things God does. They all happen in the moment of salvation. It is just that there is a logical order or sequence to these things which happen so quickly in succession it is as though they all happen at once.

It is also important to note that salvation happens in just one moment of time. It is not something someone grows into. It is a singular event that happens in a very specific moment of time. As Paul said to the Philippian jailer, *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved* (Acts 16:31). In the very moment you believe, God saves you.

### Conclusion

When someone hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they have a choice to make. When someone hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the opportunity to believe is presented to them. If they choose to believe what they have heard and if they choose to trust what they have believed, the Holy Spirit immediately sanctifies them, God the Father justifies them, the Holy Spirit regenerates them, indwells and seals them, and immerses them into the body of Christ. It is such an amazing moment when this occurs to an individual that *there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth* (Luke 15:10).

Have you heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ? If not, please read the following, and then make your choice.

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Why Use Tracts?

For Some, The Only Way

It's a wonderful thing that the story of the grace of God can be compressed into a few hundred words and printed on a piece of paper. It's even more wonderful when you consider that masses of people will not listen to a Christian broadcast on radio or TV. Neither will they enter a church or discuss spiritual things with a Christian.

You've probably heard the common reply, "I don't believe in discussing politics or religion."

Did you know that millions of people have this attitude? Multitudes cannot be reached by any other method than gospel tracts. Why? They have closed their hearts and minds to all public gospel approaches. Only the private door is open.

A person sitting in an airport will read the tract they find on their seat, yet they would stubbornly refuse to discuss the same truths with a witnessing Christian. Or a person may find a tract in a hotel lobby or a restaurant booth. In that secret moment the Holy Spirit can deal with them about Christ.

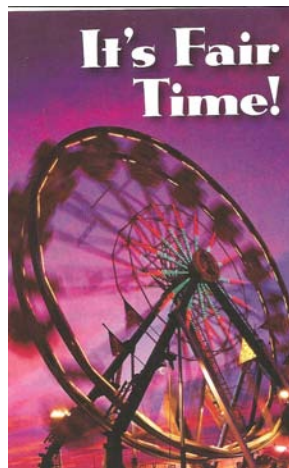
A whole segment of humanity cannot be reached in any other way. This means that the tract ministry is as vital as any form of evangelism. These people can be reached in a private moment with a tract that tells the message of Jesus Christ.

Many people have been deceived into thinking that tract ministry is not that important. Without realizing it, many Christians are despising one of the choicest ministries for our day of hit-and-run living. Once a believer begins to use gospel tracts, he finds how tracts reach people that he will never even meet face to face. Leave one in a public place, and the Holy Spirit will have someone ready who needs this approach—a person you'll never see until we reach Heaven. There is no substitute for the "hidden treasure" concept of Matthew 13:44. Some people just have to find Christ by themselves.

Arm yourself with these silent evangelists, and you'll contact souls beyond the reach of any public evangelist. For some it's the only way.

—C. S. Lovett (Taken from Moments With The Book)

Spotlight on Tracts



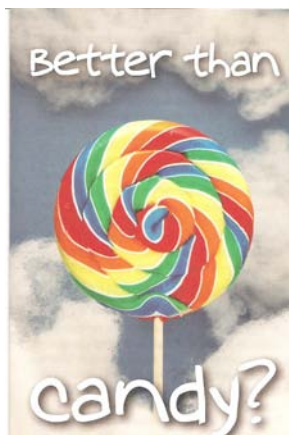
It's Fair Time!

"World Fairs and City Fairs, County Fairs and State Fairs - its time for them all! The displays, the excitement, the food, and the activity attract thousands.

"Fair time is a fun time, and who doesn't like to have fun?"

However...shouldn't we be concerned about where we are going? Whether we realize it or not, we are all traveling to eternity."

This is a great tract to take with you to the Fair this year and help people to think about where their final destination is. Please pick these tracts up from the church narthex and share them with others during Fair time.



Better Than Candy

Kids, teens, adults, everyone likes candy! But did you know there is something even better than candy?

"What is better than candy, more beautiful than a butterfly, and full of more love than you have ever known? No, I'm not talking

about fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies, I'm talking about Heaven! Heaven is much better than anything we have ever seen or known."

This tract asks, "Will I be there?" It explains how we can know that we will be in this wonderful place in eternity. It concludes, "Trust Jesus as your Savior today, and you will have something much better than candy."

Ask someone if they like candy and then hand them this tract at Fair time, or anytime. Appropriate for young and old alike.



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

We are in a series on the life of Moses. It started with baby Moses in a basket and seeing how God protected him. We had a special snack that day that consisted of a 'basket' made of a waffle bowl. Marshmallow cream was our water proofing for inside and outside the basket, ½ a banana for the baby, fruit roll up for the baby's blanket, and pretzel sticks for the bulrushes. It was messy but the children enjoyed the edible craft. God had great plans for Moses when he grew up which the children are learning in the following lessons.

Primaries

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith

In the primary class the children completed their lessons on the life of Joshua. For the summer they had the privilege of Mrs. Snyder teaching their class. She lead them in a study on the life of David. As we have returned to class we have continued with David's life.

David was a man after God's own heart. Finally David was anointed king of all of the land of Israel. David learned many lessons in his life. He especially learned that it is always wise to wait on God.

In our class the children were memorizing Psalm 139 verses 1-18 and verse 23 and 24. What a challenging passage. Before leaving for camp the children recited verses 1 through 14. They had the last 6 verses to learn throughout the summer. I would like to report that Hannah and Rebecca Wertz were able to say this entire passage. Hannah to the best of my knowledge recited it word perfect! Rebecca did so with very little help. We are talking about 20 verses! What a great job! How that must please the Lord!

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

We've finished our series of lessons on Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, where we saw how God works in the lives of His people. God may not ask us to build a wall like Nehemiah, or teach the people like Ezra, or save our people like Esther; but whatever He asks us to do, He will give us what we need to complete the task. As we prepare for a new school year, we look forward to starting our lessons on the earthly ministry of Christ. We have already put up our map of Israel, where we will be charting the events and places involved in our lessons. Our first memory verses will be Luke 2:1-16.

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This summer has been a great summer for the children in Master Clubs. Our leaders have worked diligently to teach the children about the Fruit of the Spirit. In June, Mr. Cook taught us about the fruit of Love. The children learned that true love is not a feeling but an action towards someone for their benefit without thought of oneself. Examples from the life of David, Jonathan, and Saul showed true love versus hatred.

In the month of July, Mr. Moss taught us about the fruit of Joy. He taught that true joy cannot be easily taken away. Although similar to happiness, joy is deeper and founded upon God. We learned that true joy is not an outward feeling but an inward comfort knowing that God is with us all the time.

In the month of August, Mr. Wertz taught about the fruit of Peace. He showed through the life of Christ about peace versus division. We learned that due to the fall of man in the Garden of Eden division had ruled the world but God had a plan to bring true peace. Through the birth of Christ we see the peace of the Messiah on earth, through His life we learned that He brought division to separate the true believers from those who thought they were good enough, through His death he brought peace with God because the debt of sin was paid, and through His return He will restore true peace on earth.



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Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

This summer the teens were busy getting the decorations ready for the Missions Conference. With the theme "Fishers of Men" they built a fishing boat similar to biblical times and stationed it upstairs. Downstairs they built a fishing boat like what is used in Myanmar, one of the countries that is represented in our conference. With nets, fish, shells and an assortment of smaller boats on display throughout the church you can't miss the theme. The 18 foot banner in the front of the sanctuary and the scrolls with the conference verse also capture attention. The bulletin boards depict the challenge to do as the Scripture exhorts and 'fish for men' by handing out tracts and speaking to others about the Lord. It has been a blessing to learn that some of our teens are already in the habit of handing out tracts. May their example encourage others to do the same, that we all may be active in 'fishing for men'.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

We as parents are privileged to home school our children. The North Hills Bible Church Home School Co-op will meet on the 2nd Thursday for classes and the 4th Thursday for a field trip.

Classes: The teen group (6th-10th grade) will be studying Pennsylvania History. The Middle group (2nd-5th) will have a science theme and learn about

Forestry, Aquatics and Birds. The Primary group will be learning about the seven continents. Art, song time and prayer will be included to highlight the theme.

Field trips planned: USA Army Heritage and Education Center, Roller skating, Cross Wallace Mill, Sturgis Pretzel and Wilbur/Lititz and the Hans Herr House.

Please pray the children and parents as the new school year starts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

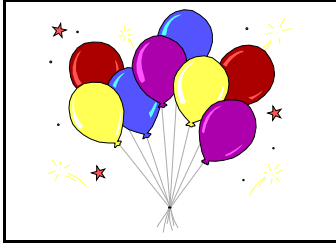
4	Quizzing and Master Clubs start	7:00 PM
8	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
8	Choir Practices and ProTeens start	5:00 PM
12	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
16	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
17	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
18	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
21	Church Picnic	12 noon
22-25	Missions Conference	
22	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM
23-25	Conference Morning Sessions	10:30 AM
23-25	Conference Evening Services	7:00 PM
26	Homeschool Field Trip	



OCTOBER

6	Victor Ho from Hong Kong preaching	
10	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
15	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
16	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
20	Marc Blackwell from South Africa preaching	
20	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
21	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
24	Homeschool Field Trip	
27	Manuel Caceres from Argentina preaching	
29	Prison Ministry	7:00 PM
31	Prison Ministry	8:00 PM

Church Family News



Happy Birthday

September

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

October

- 4 - Betty Chronister
- 6 - Gloria Hevner
- 8 - Katrina Chronister
- 14 - Wayne Laning



- 15 - Marietta Wertz
- 17 - Dawn Balcom
- 17 - Laura Cook
- 17 - **Levi Moss**
- 17 - **James Perrott**
- 18 - Sue Kornbau
- 19 - Russell Mellinger
- 21 - **Cheryl Hilt**
- 21 - Nathanael Moss
- 23 - Jeanette Scotten
- 26 - Henry Balcom (father)
- 26 - Mary Collins
- 26 - Deborah King



Happy Anniversary

September

- 4 - Joseph & Carol Byers
- 8 - Pedro & Susan Ortiz
- 27 - Jim & Shigeko Hall

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 Roy Morrow and Laura Cook on their marriage on July 20, 2013.

Their new address is:

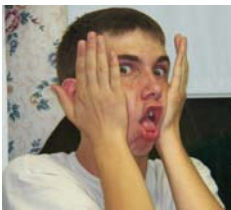
Roy and Laura Morrow
1932 Valley Road
Seven Valleys, PA 17360

Remember Our Shut-ins



Lorraine Beath, Jean Beck, Ken & Mary Cole, Joe Feltenberger, Jeannie Geesey, Marlene Gladfelter, Pam Grove, Glenda Hamme, Gloria Hevner, Susan Peters, Ivy Pyle, Sara Sipe, Reg Stelfox, Marian Tawney, Hilda Wallace, Elmira Wise

THE WILDS CAMP



SERVANT'S HEART CAMP



Missions Conference Preparations

Fishers of Men

Matthew 4:19 “...Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”



Bulletin boards show the theme Fishers of Men and using tracts as “bait” in telling our friends and acquaintances about the Lord.



Building fishing boats to go with our theme. Boat on right is to represent Mynmar fishing and trapping. One of our missionaries will be from Mynmar, formerly known as Burma.

