

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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SUMMER MINISTRIES



Matt and Rachelle Krape will be ministering at Servant's Heart Camp this summer. Please pray for the Krapes as they minister to young people and families in the various camps. Contributions to support them financially in this endeavor will be accepted through North Hills Bible Church. Please use an offering envelope for the offering plate, or mail your contribution to the church and designate it for the Krapes.

CEF 5-Day Clubs

Child Evangelism Fellowship of York County would be thrilled for you to volunteer your lawn or porch for one of their teams to come and teach a 5-Day Club to the children in your neighborhood this summer. Please contact Lisa Garlick at 717-757-3212 for more information, or to schedule a week that they can come to your home.

CAMP INFO

Our young people attend Servant's Heart Camp in the summer. They are exposed to the teaching of God's Word and are given the opportunity to have a lot of fun in an environment which the parents can trust. Please pray for our youth as they attend camp this summer. Pray that the Lord will use this experience to draw them closer to Him, and to help them have more receptive hearts to His will for their lives.



Camp weeks are also offered throughout the summer for families and senior citizens.

The camp is in Ramey, Pennsylvania. To find out more, or to register, please go to www.shcm.org or info@shcm.org. You may also contact them by phone at 717-808-7992.

Young at Heart day is offered to senior citizens on June 8.

Teen Camps

June 11-16

or June 25-30, or July 16-21

Junior Camps

June 18-22,

or July 9-13, or July 23-27

Family Camps

July 2-4, or July 5-7

Children's Day June 10



The observance of Children's Day will be on Sunday, June 10. On this day during the 9:30 Sunday School hour, there will be a special children's program. All classes will be combined for this occasion.

The rehearsal for this program will be held on Saturday, June 9 at 9:30 AM.

On June 10th in the 6:30 evening service there will be the Master Clubs closing program and achievement recognition. Also Teen Bible Quizzing certificates will be awarded for Scripture memorization, and the teens will be giving testimonies.

Please plan to attend and bring relatives and friends for these special services.

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Please see pictures of our church activities on our website at [www.northhillsbiblechurch.org](http://www.northhillsbiblechurch.org) and click on the "Resources" link and find "Current Issue".

**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 additions to the library in the coming weeks will bring new adventures into the lives of the younger members of our church family, but can also be enjoyed by all who are young at heart.

Join Penny Gordon and her good friend, Jasper "Sherlock" Jones, as they piece together clues to help prevent or solve crimes in the **SHERLOCK JONES, JUNIOR DETECTIVE** series of books.

*The Assassination Plot*  
*The Willoughby Bank Robbery*  
*The Missing Diamond*  
*The Phantom Airplane*

New from **THE IMAGINATION STATION** series are two books which will take cousins, Patrick and Beth, on separate adventures to two very different locations and times in history - Patrick to Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD and Beth to the jungles of Ecuador.

*Doomsday in Pompeii*  
*In Fear of the Spear*

Look for new albums in **THE WINDS OF CHANGE** series from the **Jonathan Park Audio Adventures** as the Park and Brenan families face a hurricane in Florida, travel to the Middle East to learn about the Tower of Babel, and form the Creation Response Team to help solve the disappearance of a well-known creationist, all while facing many new changes in their own families.

*The Eye of the Storm*  
*The Temple of the Moon*  
*The Midnight Prowler*  
*The Wilderness Express*

Coming soon will be the new **ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY CD** album, *Under the Surface*, which includes six stories about heroes, secrets, and more!

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Soul winning at home and abroad  
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## Turning The Other Cheek and/or Self-Defense

There is a general presumption that Christians are to be non-violent because of Jesus' statement about turning the other cheek.

Matthew 5:39

*But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.*

For centuries, there have been some Christians who have subscribed to a total non-violent response to all threats upon their lives. Then, in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, some philosophers and religious leaders founded The New Thought Community. Spiritual teachers within the New Thought Community viewed Jesus Christ as the greatest teacher of metaphysics that ever lived. (Metaphysics is a philosophy about abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity and time.) The New Thought Community interpreted Jesus statement about turning the other cheek as advice to always walk away from confrontation. They said violence begets violence and so a person should break the cycle of violence by refusing to retaliate. A non-violent reaction, they insisted, is the only way to obtain a desirable outcome in any potential altercation. To them, the principle weapon of non-violence is dialogue. Through dialogue, we ought always to provide our opponent with a way to remove himself from the confrontation with honor and dignity.

Non-violence (and the influence of the New Thought Community) is advocated today in a number of Christian orientations, such as the Quakers, the Anabaptists, various Catholic orders, and some Christian authors and philosophers who subscribe to metaphysics, positive thinking, the law of attraction, the life force philosophy, and/or creative visualization. But for Christians, the question should always be, "What does the Bible say?"

In this time in which we live, there are very present violent threats issued and/or carried out almost every day. Mass shootings occur all too often in schools, churches, and other public places. Violent crimes are on the rise in many of our cities and defiance of law and order is increasing exponentially. While most of this is not directly related to attacks on Christians for their faith, our violent culture does cause us to pause

and ask, what is an appropriate response for a Christian if our life, and the lives of our loved ones, and the lives of our church family are threatened and in immediate danger? Must we turn the other cheek and simply be victims of such violence, or can we defend ourselves and our loved ones and still be righteous in the eyes of God?

### What Did Jesus Really Mean By "Turning The Other Cheek"?

It is always important to notice all of the specific words God chooses in the statements He makes in Scripture. For example, in Matthew 5:39, Jesus says, *whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek*. Why does Jesus specify the cheek as being struck and why does He specify the right cheek?

In Biblical times, if you wanted to insult someone, you struck them on the cheek. Job mentions this in Job 16:10: *They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me*. In 1 Kings 22:24, a man named Zedekiah sought to shame the prophet Micaiah by striking him on the cheek: *But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?* In Psalms 3:7, David said God had embarrassed all his enemies by this means: *Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly*. And in Jeremiah's lamentations, he suggests that a hopeless man may as well submit to the reproach of his enemies by exposing his cheek to him: *He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach* (Lamentations 3:30).

In New Testament times, Roman soldiers were primarily right-handed. When they struck an equal on the cheek, they would use the palm of their right hand and strike him on his left cheek. When they struck a person they considered to be beneath them, such as a slave, a servant, or a Jew, they would use the back of their right hand and strike them on their right cheek. It is this to which Jesus refers in Matthew 5:39.

In Matthew 5:39, Jesus was instructing those who were victims of a shaming and not of a violent beating. If a Roman soldier, or anyone else for that matter, were to strike you on the right cheek with the back of their hand, it was a gesture intended to cause embarrassment, making a statement that you are

beneath them and not worthy of their respect. By Jesus saying “*turn to him the other also*”, He was saying, turn to him the *left* cheek, exposing the cheek that declares, “I am not ashamed of who I am.” Jesus was actually encouraging believers to stand up for themselves and not accept humiliation as if they were nothing more than human debris.

### **What Does the Bible Teach About Retaliation?**

Given what Jesus actually meant by turning the other cheek, He does not suggest in that statement that we should strike the other person on *their* cheek. That would be retaliation. Retaliation is the act of angrily harming someone because they have harmed you.

God makes it plain that retaliation is not a proper conduct for a representative of Jesus Christ. He says in Romans 12:18-21,

*18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*

*19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

*20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.*

*21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

As Christians, we are to make every possible effort to live peaceably with all men. While this recognizes that it may not always be possible, we are to strive toward this goal. If someone refuses to live peaceably with us, God says He will deal out the appropriate vengeance and repay them for their unpeaceable deeds. God also acknowledges that we may have enemies. But He says our approach toward our enemies should be to meet their needs rather than to make them worse. This approach, He says, will have the effect of heaping coals of fire on their heads (compare Proverbs 25:21-22). In other words, kindness toward our enemies is intended to cause them the pain of regret for wanting to harm us.

There is clearly a difference between the vengeance of retaliation and the vengeance of justice. Vengeance is the infliction of pain on another in return for an injury or offense. Vengeance is retaliation when it proceeds from malice or resentment. But vengeance is justice when it issues to a man what is prescribed by the law as an appropriate punishment. Justice is to be administered only by those who have the proper authority to do so. Both justice and retaliation may

inflict upon a guilty person exactly the same consequence, but the vengeance of justice is right while vengeance of retaliation is wrong.

While God has granted civil government the right to issue justice to and upon men for their criminal behavior, God reserves the right for Himself to issue justice to those who would do harm to His people. It is therefore not the place for a Christian to retaliate against our enemies or even to administer just vengeance upon our enemies. We have not been granted that authority. That authority has always been and remains the property of God Himself.

### **What Does The Bible Say About Self-Defense?**

But there is also a difference between just vengeance and self-defense. In both justice and retaliation, the aim is to inflict harm upon the attacker. In self-defense, the aim is to protect yourself and your loved ones from being harmed. These are two very different things.

So what does the Bible say about protecting yourself and your loved ones from being harmed?

1 Timothy 5:8 says that a man who does not provide for his family is worse than an infidel. But what is involved in this providing? The word “provide” comes from Strong’s number 4306 (ἰδύμι) meaning to perceive before, to foresee, to think of beforehand, to take thought for, or to care for. It does not particularly mean to provide financially, though in the context of 1 Timothy 5:8, this is probably what it is primarily referring to. The implication, however, can appropriately be carried to a broader sense of planning ahead to provide for your family in every way. This would include not only their financial well being, but their personal safety as well.

### **Defending Against Thieves**

In the Old Testament, God acknowledges in the Law the right of a man to provide protection for his home and his property.

Consider Exodus 22:2-3

*2 If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him.*

*3 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.*

This describes a thief who has broken into a man's home and the homeowner in defense of his property has smitten (struck) the thief. The blow is so significant in verse 2 that the man has died. In such a case, the homeowner is not to be held accountable for the thief's death. If (as in verse 3) the thief survives the blow of the homeowner, there will be serious consequences for him after his recovery from his injuries, but the homeowner is still exonerated.

This is not retaliation. This is self-defense. For defending his property, and his life, a man is not held accountable for the harm he has inflicted on the criminal.

In the New Testament, Jesus Himself gave justification for a man being prepared to defend his home and his property. In Luke 12:39 He said, *And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.* Obviously, not suffering, or allowing, a thief to enter your home would require some means of self-defense.

### Defending Against Attackers

When Nehemiah was overseeing the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, he was aware of those who were unhappy with this project. He provided for the safety of the workers by having each one armed.

Nehemiah 4:16-18

*16 And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.*

*17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.*

*18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.*

These Israelites under Nehemiah were not going to attack anyone. They were simply prepared to defend themselves in case anyone attacked them.

Jesus actually instructed His disciples to arm themselves.

Luke 22:35-36

*35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.*

*36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.*

This was soon before they would go to the Mt. of Olives where Jesus would be arrested in preparation for His crucifixion. He draws a contrast between the time He sent them out two by two to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and their present circumstances. In that first event, Jesus sent them out without purse, or script, or shoes. But now He says, they should take their purse and scrip with them and if they did not own a sword, they should buy one, even if it meant selling their garment. It is obvious He did not mean for these swords to be an aggressive weapon, for when Peter used his sword in this manner, cutting off the ear of the High Priest's servant, Jesus rebuked him. The only other conclusion we can come to about this then is that Jesus meant for these swords to be used as a means of self-defense.

### The Principle of Self-Defense

There are several references which support the principle of self-defense.

Psalm 82:3-4

*3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.*

*4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.*

Luke 11:21

*21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:*

The principle of self-defense is promoted in the Book of Esther. While one law, which could not be changed, allowed Gentiles to kill Jews on a particular day, another law allowed them to defend themselves.

Esther 8:11

*11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,*

The principle of self-defense is also taught in the concept of the armour of God in Ephesians chapter six.

Ephesians 6:11-18

11 *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

12 *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

13 *Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

14 *Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

15 *And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

16 *Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

17 *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

18 *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

The armour primarily consists of defensive devices: a belt to confine loose clothing, a breastplate to protect the heart, shoes to provide for sure footing, a shield to give confidence and a helmet to protect the mind. The armour does, however, also include an offensive weapon, a sword. But this too is a device of self-defense as demonstrated by Jesus Himself when He was tempted by Satan and used the sword of the Word of God to fend off the wiles of the Devil.

While the armour of God references a defense against spiritual attacks, it agrees with the general principle of self-defense which God teaches elsewhere in Scripture. We are not to be aggressive in retaliating against our enemies, but we certainly have Biblical justification for defending ourselves.

The Book of Proverbs instructs us to be strong and not shrink at the intimidation of our foes.

Proverbs 24:5-16

5 *A wise man is strong;*

[physical, personal, social, political strength]  
yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

God will notice if we fail to defend the helpless.

10 *If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.*

11 *If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;*

12 *If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?*

So would-be attackers beware.

15 *Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:*

16 *For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.*

### The Ultimate Sacrifice of Self-Defense

It could be, that by placing our own lives in danger to defend others, we may have to pay the ultimate price of laying down our own lives. This should not be sought or taken lightly, but if it is necessary, it is a noble thing.

Jesus said in John 15:13, *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

### Where Is The Balance?

#### We Need To Use Discernment

Elihu, Job's youngest friend gives us some good advice:

Job 34:4

4 *Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.*

Judgment in this verse is equivalent to discernment. Discernment means the ability to make wise decisions. We need to have discernment in our preparations for self-defense so that we will do as much as we ought to, but not more than we should.

Hebrews 5:14

14 *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

Exercising ourselves in spiritual matters as taught by the Word of God will strength our ability to know what we should or should not do in all matters of life. It will, therefore, include the matter of self-defense. Thus, we must understand the spiritual principles of the word of God to insure that we are prepared to act responsibly in defending ourselves, our property, and our loved ones.

David's prayers in Psalm 119 are certainly applicable to this matter of discernment in appropriate action regarding self-defense:

Psalms 119:34

*34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.*

Psalm 119:66

*66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.*

Psalms 119:169

*169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.*

### **We Need To Trust God Above All Else**

God teaches us to be prudent.

Proverbs 14:8

*8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.*

Proverbs 14:15

*15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.*

Prudence means that we look both ways before we cross the street. This is meant both literally and metaphorically. But while the prudent man looks both ways before he crosses the street, he does cross the street. And in crossing the street, he places himself in a vulnerable position. While he did what he could to prepare for his journey across the street, he trusts God to be his protector in the actual journey.

Providing for self-defense means we must make certain preparations. Looking both ways can mean

providing locks for our doors, alarms for our entrances, video surveillance for our properties, training in self-defense techniques, and maybe even the purchase of weapons.

But none of this should ever take the place of our trusting God as the One who will ultimately protect us. He is our Shield and Defender.

Psalms 28:7

*7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.*

Psalms 7:10

*10 My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.*

There are many testimonies of God's preservation of men's lives in spite of the dangerous situations in which they found themselves. For example, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were delivered from the fiery furnace, Daniel was delivered from the mouths of the lions, and Paul was delivered from shipwreck. But there are also examples in which God allowed men to be martyred for their faith, such as Stephen in Acts chapter 7 and John the Baptist. God's will for each one of us is different. But God always has a plan.

### **Conclusion**

There is a balance we must seek in the matter of self-defense. There is sufficient evidence in Scripture that tells us God approves of our making the necessary preparations to defend our property, our lives, and the lives of our loved ones. But self-defense is nothing like an aggressive attack in retaliation for what we consider to be unjust harm done to us. The principle of self-defense suggests that we look both ways before we cross the street, but that while we are crossing the street, we trust God to protect us along the way. We must seek the wisdom of God in discerning when we should feed our enemies and when we should protect our lives. Maybe it is not always easy to know the difference, but the more we rely upon God and the more we know of His Word, the better able we will be to react responsibly to every potential threat. 📖

## Missionary News



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

## Donald & Karen Kilmer

To the Zulu's in South Africa

It is amazing how God gives us contacts with various people as we reach out here in South Africa. Sometimes we don't see certain people for long periods of time, then God puts us back in touch with them again.

The Brian Smith family arrived in our area to begin church planting work. Having looked at various areas on a survey trip earlier, the Lord put a certain area, called KwaNdengezi, on their hearts. This is a place where we held a Bible College course over 10 years ago. We contacted a lady who was involved in the course and she was happy to open her home for a Sunday afternoon Bible Study. We hadn't seen her in almost 10 years, but she was thrilled to open her home for the Lord's work.

**Answered Prayer:** Sometimes we have to wait for prayers to be answered and at other times God answers quickly. One day a young man, named 'O' called to say the chief demanded money for the land their house was on, since they never paid the proper fee for the right to use the land. They then paid him the fee. In a Zulu tribal area the chief is the ruler who oversees land use. He promised to give a receipt later, but didn't give one. Without the receipt there is no proof they have the right to use the land, but if they press the chief too hard he could make life hard for them. 'O' was asking for prayer as they weren't sure what to do. After hanging up I prayed and asked the Lord to intervene. Within an hour 'O' called back to say the chief sent someone to their house with the receipt!

**Another Answered Prayer:** This particular morning I wanted to preach at a school. The weather report was calling for rain, and when it rains here there is no opening assembly. The school doesn't have a hall and so when the student body meets they stand out in the open between classrooms.

When I got up in the morning it was only cloudy, so I drove to the school. When I got close to the school it started to rain, but soon stopped raining. I prayed, asking the Lord to hold the rain long enough for me to preach to the students. After getting to school it started to rain again and thunder was rumbling all around us. However, it soon stopped and when the bell sounded for school to start the students gathered outside. I preached to them and then they went to their classrooms. I got in my car and left and went no more than 1/2 mile when it started to rain and it continued to rain the whole day.

**The Blessing of Unanswered Prayer:** Sounds strange doesn't it? Sometimes God has reasons greater than our desires as to why He doesn't answer certain prayers. Pastor Bheki, Brother Smith and his son Josiah helped me replace a tin roof on Pastor Bheki's house. Pastor Bheki called to say the new roof had some leaks. I asked the Lord to stop or greatly slow down the rain, but it only got worse. Grabbing a few tools and a raincoat I headed to his house. We were able to fix the leaks, which were mostly screws that hadn't been fully tightened. The raincoat helped a bit, but I still got wet; however, I must say I am very thankful for raincoats!

After the job was done I saw three reasons why the Lord didn't stop the rain for me this time. 1) We needed the rain to see exactly where the leaks were. 2) Working in the rain helped me have more compassion on those who often have to walk in the rain. Many here don't have cars and have to walk long distances to work or school, even in the rain. 3) To help others see that I really do care. It is easy to pretend to be a good Christian when things are good, but when difficulty comes others can see if we are serious about what we say we believe.

May God keep you strong for Him.

## Bobby & Imee Livioco

Philippines

What a blessing to have finally finished our work for the Tagalog translation project, the *Bibles International - Ang Salita Ng Dios!* While present translations are based on the Latin, Spanish, English and one based on a Greek text but translated by an ecumenical Bible Society, this one is the first literal translation to our vernacular from the Greek text done by those within Fundamental circles - a partnership project with Bibles International in Michigan and a number of local nationals. Ours has now been submitted for layout and printing. Praise the Lord for His sustaining and enabling grace on the translation team! Keep praying for us as we establish distribution points to get copies of these to the estimated 25 million Tagalog speaking peoples.

We thank the Lord for brethren who prayerfully and financially supported our project to put our paper entitled *The Gay Agenda in the Light of Reason, Research and Revelation* published. We were able to get this available to every delegate at *The 28th Fundamental Bible Conference in Metro-Manila*. Please pray with us that the Lord would use this booklet to inform, equip and/or expose many, including government leaders in our House of Representatives, not only to the Biblical arguments of this ethical issue, but more importantly, to the claims of Christ and the power of the Gospel to deliver from sins's penalty, power and ultimate presence. A copy of this may be found at our church website: [www.foundationbaptistchurch.org](http://www.foundationbaptistchurch.org).

We praise the Lord for our Christian Apologetics class held in Baguio City. Feedback has been so encouraging that some missionaries (many of whom come from the Mountain Province) who attended, started suggesting that this class should be taught in different parts of the archipelago. Understanding what Christians believe and why we believe them is always edifying regardless of one's career or calling. Since we had pastors, missionaries, students, teachers, professionals, and government workers, the discussions were lively and engaging. Pray with us as we ask the Lord for more open doors to teach this class module in order to equip more brethren in other fields to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." I Peter 3:15

## Roger & Nola Perrott

Hong Kong

Now that we have joined Central Missionary Clearinghouse, we feel the Lord is leading us to do more than we did before to effect Hong Kong and the Christians there for the Lord.

- We will go back to start a church in Tai Wai by using contacts with teens and young adults we know there
- and by starting a new tutorial center to meet new young families.

However, we also feel we can do more.

- So, we intend to set up a new website and Facebook page called the Biblical Christian in Hong Kong.org. This will be to both inform our supporters and believers in Hong Kong.

- We will write a weekly blog that will explain what a biblical disciple of Christ is and address issues Christians face in Hong Kong.

- We will also offer seminars on biblical discipleship for both church leaders and the laity.

- We will also offer seminars on various biblical topics that effect believers in Hong King.

- You will be able to keep informed by reading the blog weekly.

- We will also translate it all into Chinese for the people there.

- We know of many conservative churches in Hong Kong that are very weak in their teaching that could use this kind of help.

- We intend to send you letters to chronicle the success of this work.

- In addition, we will travel at times into China to visit house churches there to teach them the same seminars and train leadership both practically and academically. We already have several friends in China who have asked us to come and many other contacts to pursue along this line,

- and then at times arrange for pastors to come to Hong Kong for further training.

- Church planting will still be our main work, but we want to extend the impact of biblical discipleship as widely as we can.

Lastly, pray that the Lord will supply the still needed supporters to help send us back to Hong Kong. We have recently had several new churches start supporting us, praise the Lord. We have scheduled a lot of other meetings and still are seeking more for the time up till we hope to leave in early April. Thanks so much for praying for us.

## Marc & Judie Blackwell

Capetown, South Africa

Pray as we Herald the Living Hope in these END-TIMES from the Cape of Good Hope. Our “*End-Times*” Bible Conference ministry visited one of the Cape’s oldest (27+ years) Independent Baptist churches. We were blessed by this faithful congregation. Hopefully, we encouraged them to “look up”.

Deon Janse van Rensburg and I are visiting and surveying potential areas for church planting. There are so many possibilities! In one area the mass of white roofed houses in this district will be the focus of our Gospel witness and much of our attention over the coming weeks. Your prayers for us to have spiritual effective and Spirit-filled life changing witness will be appreciated! Be praying for all three regions being targeted. Please pray for the expansion of this Team Outreach Project. Pray that an additional couple or two would join Deon and Michelle Janse van Rensburg in a long-term Evangelism and Church Planting Team in surveying and witnessing.

The Paardeberg Mountain Retreat Camp and Conference Ministry sees hundreds of children flowing through the camp during camp season. July is the concentrated camp ministry lead by the 20's age group and a few married couples. Pray for the South African director Malcom McRobert as he plans and directs all of this. When camp is not in session the facilities are used for retreats throughout the year and conferences for the local churches to attend to be strengthened and encouraged.

The Church Ministries Institute is for apprenticeship training. Young adults learn to take leadership and are being involved more deeply in evangelism outreach. It is also through this ministry that student preachers develop.

Prayer binds us together in true teamwork! Would you pray with us as we do soul-winning, discipleship and training, and encouraging leaders. Pray for Marc’s writing and teaching through the Church Ministry Institute. Pray also for Judie’s music ministries, and mentoring and encouraging ladies.

## Military Evangelism

Jacksonville, NC . Dave Mason, General Director

Mason is a young Marine fresh from Boot Camp stationed at Camp Johnson. I was given his name through a ministry connection network we have helped establish in Jacksonville. I called him, and when I picked him up for a Friday night meal he had his friend Kevin with him. “Can he come?” “Of course he can”, I told him. That night the two cautiously walked around the Center, enjoyed their first home cooked meal in months, played pool and ping pong with our regulars, and engaged in the Bible Study. As I dropped them off in time for their nightly formation, they paused before getting out of our ministry van. “Thank you, Mr. Dave. This was the best night I have had since I joined the Corps.” said Mason. “Me too!” said Kevin. They have been coming every week since. Mason recently texted and asked for the name of a few Gospel books I had recommended. He was ordering them online and praying they’d help him grow in his faith.

We are so excited about the direction of the Lord for Military Evangelism. The future is rife with challenges, which means it is also full of opportunity! Thank you for partnering with us to reach our Military with the Gospel. We are planning a building expansion for this year that will greatly improve our ability to minister to our Marines.

Walt Croom has announced his retirement from Military Evangelism. I can’t begin to tell you how grateful we (I and all the board members, past and present) are for the leadership Walt provided this ministry for over 30 years. Walt introduced me to this ministry, became a close friend, and in 2007 asked me to take a position on the board of Directors. I have treasured his friendship over the years, and to be recommended by Walt to take over as he transitioned out, was an honor. I want to thank Walt for his graciousness as he ends his time with Military Evangelism. These Last two years we have worked side by side. Walt has always offered his opinion, advice and instruction without expectation. He has allowed me to grow into my position without trying to stop me from making changes that I saw necessary for the ministry to move forward. He has never had anything but the best of intentions for the continued growth of Military Evangelism.

# Class of 2018

## Spotlight on Tracts



**Jonathan  
Kanost**

My favorite verse is Mark 9:24 “And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”

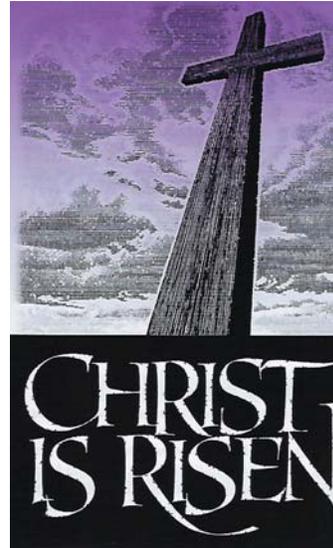
This may seem like an odd choice, but to explain why I like it I need to get into the context. Jesus had just come down from the mount of transfiguration, and he returned to find his disciples speaking with some scribes. Jesus asks what they are talking about, and finds that a man has brought his afflicted child. Some believe the boy to have been epileptic while others think he was actually possessed by a demon, although that's irrelevant to my point. Jesus is informed that his disciples were unable to cast out the spirit. Jesus then expresses his disappointment, but asks that the boy be brought unto him.

When the father asks for help Jesus replies, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” The next verse is the one I quoted at the beginning. The thing that makes this my favorite verse is what comes next. Jesus casts out the spirit, and pulls the boy up by the hand.

The reason I love this verse is because I find myself in the father's position constantly, not to say I have a demon possessed son. Its just that I often ask, “Lord I believe, help thou mine unbelief.”

My faith is weak, and I have no idea what to do with my life. It's not fun to admit, but I need to know that God can work with the little faith I do have.

As far as the future goes, it's in His hands. I'm considering my options, and taking it one day at a time.



### “The Resurrection of Christ is:

Proof of the deity of Christ.

An integral part of the Gospel.

The seal of the finished work of Christ.

Essential for salvation.

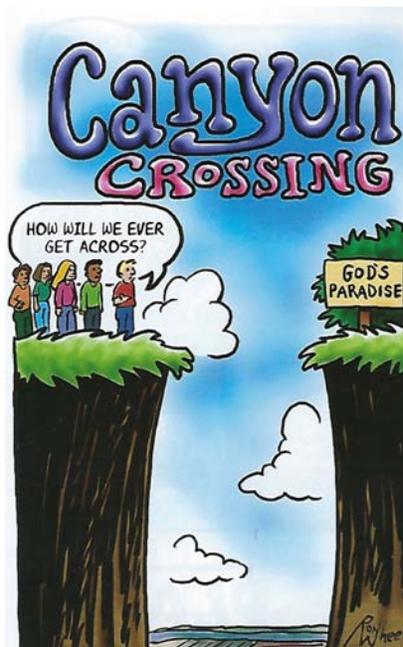
Evidence of the believer's justification.

Vital for possession of eternal life.

Guarantee of the believer's resurrection.

The reason for the believer's hope.

The assurance of the sinner's judgment.”



**Canyon Crossing** is a tract done in cartoon format with a similar message as **The Bridge**. It shows people trying to get to God's Paradise through good efforts, good morals, education, psychology, and religion. None of these are enough, but God made a way to get to Him. We have to walk across His bridge of trusting in Christ to save us.

Both of these tracts can be found in our church narthex tract display.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Joyce Moss*

The preschoolers started off the year learning about the days of creation. We had a project that included all the days of creation. It was an aquatic vase with a fish inside and a plant on top. Day 1, the project needed light. Day 2, there was water in the vase. Day 3, a peace lily on top and rocks in the bottom represented 'dry land and plants'. Day 4, sun is needed for the plant to thrive. Day 5, they each had a betta fish in their vase. Day 6, a person is needed to take care of the fish and plant. Along with this series their snacks also represented the day of creation we were talking about that week. It has been fun learning about creation.

The memory work this quarter was the Wordless Book. Children at this age are delighted to let you know that they know their colors. It is exciting for them to learn the meaning of each color of the Wordless Book and be able to tell someone else what it means.

## Primaries

*taught by Buck & Cindy Smith*

Our class continues in our studies from God's Word. We are learning about Jesus ministries of healing and helps. We acted out our lesson on Jesus healing Jarius's daughter.

The class wore blindfolds and we attempted to do some writing, eating and even walking around all the while not being about to see. Yes, our lesson then was about Blind Bartimmaeus.

Mothers were bringing their children to Jesus but the disciples wanted to send them away. In this lesson we learned what Jesus had to say about that. We had a sword drill and every time I taught part of the lesson, we stopped gave a reference and whoever found it first read right from the Word exactly how Jesus responded. This was really exciting and all the children did a super job finding the verses very quickly. They also were able to see that we are not just telling them a story but they were reading what Jesus had to say.

John 15:7-14 are the verses that the class is currently working on. Hope Brammer was able to say all of them. Daniel and Esther Wertz almost have them. They

each have two that they don't quite have completely memorized (and they are not the same two) but it won't be long.

We enjoy each week anticipating what the Lord has in store to teach us. We have so much to learn of Him

## Juniors

*taught by Gerald & Darcy Cook*

As we continue our study of the ministry of Paul, we have started charting his missionary journeys on our big wall map. We have also been looking at some current pictures of some of the cities and often see ruins of places that Paul may have visited on his travels. God surely used him in some unique and exciting ways...from riots in Ephesus to an earthquake in Philippi that released him and Silas from bondage, but more importantly released the Philippian jailer from spiritual bondage. We are heading to Athens next.

Our class had a lot of fun when the Smiths invited us to join them for a special class, where they picked out hearts with Bible verses on them, then had a sword drill to find those verses. Each verse was an attribute of God, so after they found the verse; they had to identify the attribute. They all did a really good job and had a lot of fun! We will be joining the Smiths again for a celebration of Resurrection Sunday.

We are now working on memorizing the entire chapter of Romans 12.

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This winter the primary class has been learning about prayer. God frequently instructed the disciples to ask anything of Him and He will do it. The children have been excited to see some of their prayers being answered. Why did God tell his disciples to pray? Jesus answered this question in the book of John in two ways: that the Father may be glorified in the Son (John 14:13), and that your joy might be full (John 16:24). Often as adults we forget that God does desire to answer our prayers; but we, unlike children, do not want to "bother" him with simple things. Jesus said in Matthew that "except we come as little children, we cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

The ambassador class has been working on a Discovery Bible Study Badge. To complete this badge they have read through four booklets regarding God's Forgiveness of Sin, Saved Forever, Obedience to Authority, and The Lord's Supper. Each teaching required the children to memorize a Bible verse as well.



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## QUIZZING

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

This was the first year for three of our quizzers (Grace, Hannah G., and Hannah W.) to compete in Bible quizzing competition. Since we had enough teens to have two teams we divided them up in different ways. Sometimes we had a Jr. High and a Sr. High team. Sometimes we had a girls team and a boys team. We also did other fun combinations. They compete against each other on Wednesday nights in quiz practice. This helps them prepare for competition with other churches. The day of a competition, their nerves mount as the time approaches for them to display how much they remember from their studies and if they can process it faster than those on the other team.

We were excited toward the end of January to get a new set of quiz lights. It was a little bit of a challenge to deal with the technical side of the new system, but that was eventually learned. Our old set was quite worn and not working well. The new set is like the ones used in the competitions with other churches, and it is a benefit to our quizzers to be able to practice with the same type of system.

It was a pleasure to host the February quiz competition at our church. What a thrill to see the sanctuary filled with teenagers ready to quickly recall the things they have been learning from I John, as they then spread out to four different rooms in the church for the competition. These young people are the next generation of church leaders and it is a blessing to see them diligently studying God's Word.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

In the end of January we had our very first 'stay-in' field trip. We played board games, made homemade ice cream, played shuffle board, and made crafts.

February classes were snowed out so we moved them to the end of the month and skipped our field trip.

The Beginner's Class practiced good telephone manners including how to answer the phone and what not to do when our parents are on the phone. In March we talked about how to behave in the car and in church. We also made Thank You notes.

The Middle Class had recorder lessons for music. They are working on "May Jesus Christ Be Praised." Sign Language class went over how to sign "Amazing Grace" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus." They practiced breathing correctly for singing. The Middle Class also studied the life of Fanny Crosby. They reviewed musical instruments listening to "Peter and the Wolf." Gym the last two months was jump roping skills.

The teens have art with Mrs. Balcom and speech with Mr. Berkheiser. In February, the teens had to give a eulogy. Mr. Berheiser talked about why they might need to share at a funeral in the future. The teens had to give a eulogy of someone they know and share how God used that person in their lives. For March they brought their Bibles to class as Mr. Berkheiser is teaching them how to give a devotional. He told them to find a main theme, points, and or illustrations. Each student will have to present something to the class. For Art class February through March the teens have continued to finish projects including water color painting, wood burning, stencil making, and gimp weaving.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Up-coming Events for

### Our Missionaries

#### April



|    |                          |          |
|----|--------------------------|----------|
| 1  | Resurrection Sunday      |          |
| 12 | Homeschool Classes       | 9-12 AM  |
| 15 | Manor Care Service       | 1:45 PM  |
| 18 | TAP Ministry             | 8:00 AM  |
| 21 | Final Quiz & Youth Rally | 1:00 PM  |
| 26 | Homeschool Field Trip    | 10:00 AM |

#### April

Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain  
 Easter Family Camp  
 Friends of Israel  
 Passover Evangelistic Banquets  
 Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus  
 Good Friday service largest church attendance  
 all year  
 Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines  
 Easter Camp

#### May



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|----|-------------------------|---------|
| 12 | Teens Mini Golf         | 1-4 PM  |
| 13 | Pleasant Acres Service  | 1:45 PM |
| 16 | TAP Ministry            | 8:00 AM |
| 17 | Homeschool Project Fair | 9:00 AM |
| 27 | Prison Ministry         | 2:30 PM |
| 29 | Prison Ministry         | 7:00 PM |
| 31 | Prison Ministry         | 8:00 PM |

#### May

Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa  
 The Mutli-lingual Church Planting Team  
 Friends of Israel  
 'Shavuot' (Pentacost) Outreach Banquet  
 Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC  
 Day Trips with a devotional for military  
 personnel  
 Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong  
 Church Planting & Leadership Training

#### June



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|----|--------------------|---------|
| 4  | Street Meeting     | 7:00 PM |
| 11 | Street Meeting     | 7:00 PM |
| 17 | Manor Care Service | 1:45 PM |
| 18 | Street Meeting     | 7:00 PM |
| 20 | TAP Ministry       | 8:00 AM |
| 25 | Street Meeting     | 7:00 PM |

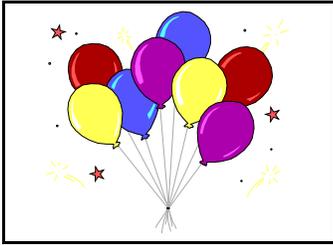
#### June

Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA  
 Summer Missionary Training  
 Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC  
 Evangelistic Dinner and Bible Study  
 Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain  
 Two day Mini-Camp  
 Vacation Bible School

**Remember  
 to Pray  
 for Your  
 Missionaries**



## Church Family News



### Happy Birthday

#### April

- 1 - Linda Goodling
- 2 - Luke Brammer
- 4 - Paul Eyler
- 5 - **Brenda Hamme**
- 5 - Ervin Kornbau
- 7 - **Elijah Moss**
- 8 - Bill Knudsen
- 15 - David Wertz
- 19 - Caleb Fetrow
- 21 - **Imelda Livio**
- 23 - Darcy Cook
- 25 - Rose Lindstrom
- 29 - Delores Shields

#### May

- 2 - Austin Morrow
- 5 - **Silas Moss**
- 7 - Dalton Cook
- 9 - Sherry Beam
- 11 - Andrew Cook
- 13 - **Nola Perrott**
- 16 - Sarah Fetrow
- 18 - Olivia Kauffman
- 19 - **Roger Perrott**
- 23 - Mary Lambert
- 24 - Justin Morrow



#### June

- 1 - **Donald Kilmer**
- 3 - Charles Balcom
- 3 - Bryan Flohr
- 5 - Bud Collins
- 5 - **Danielle Livio**
- 7 - Matthew Kanost
- 9 - Greg Beard
- 19 - Gene Beam
- 20 - Shirley Beard
- 20 - **Joshua Perrott**
- 24 - Buck Smith
- 26 - Mildred Geisler
- 28 - David Fetrow



### Happy Anniversary

#### April

- 8 - Reg & Ina Stelfox
- 11 - Matt & Rachelle Krape
- 18 - **Peter & Janis Colon**
- 25 - Tim & Becky Harwood
- 26 - Glenn & Cheryl Hilt

#### May

- 3 - Gary & Carolyn Zimmerman
- 31 - Nathaniel & Marietta Wertz

#### June

- 1 - Paul & Pamela Grove
- 4 - **Moises & Rosa Campos**
- 4 - Bryan & Beth Ann Flohr
- 4 - Earl & Patsy Knuth
- 16 - Rick & Lydia Fetrow
- 20 - Dalton & Katrina Cook
- 29 - Marley & Gladys Gross
- 29 - Vernon & Delores Shields

#### 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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### Remember Our Shut-ins

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

# TEENS BOWLING ACTIVITY



# Homeschool Co-op Scenes of the younger age group



# TEEN BIBLE QUIZZING

The quizzers were excited to get a new light system. The old one was quite worn and not working well. You have to be able to deal with a little more technology with the new one, but it will be an advantage for the quizzers to practice on the same kind of set that is used for the competitions.



Mrs. Moss happily receiving the new set from Mr. Fry. Out with the old paddles (top picture) and in with the new pads (bottom picture).

Our two teams for 2018.



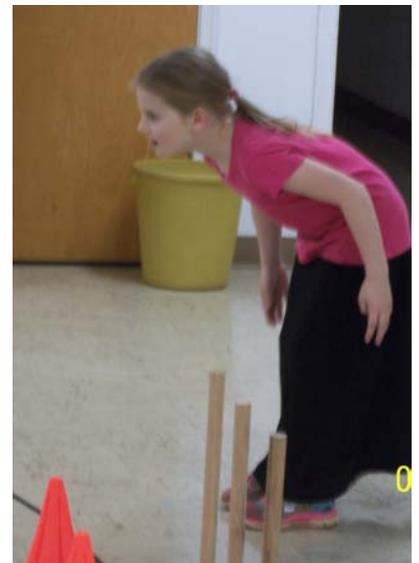
Charles, Ian, Jonathan, Matthew Grace, Hannah W, Hannah G.



"Quizzers ready?"



# MASTER CLUBS



# TEENS GYM NIGHT



# Homeschoolers Roller Skating Outing

