

Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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Church Family Banquet Friday, December 10 6:30 P.M.


Our annual Christmas banquet will be a special time of fellowship. We have invited Stonybrook Bible Church to join with us again. A special meal is being planned.



Our speaker will be Pastor Mervil Stambaugh from Pond Bank Independent Church near Chambersburg. Pastor Stambaugh's wife is Pastor Moss' sister. Please sign up to let us know for how many to prepare. There will be an opportunity to give an offering toward the expenses of the meal. 




Children's Program Sunday, December 19 9:30 A.M.

This will be a unique presentation by our children and young people who will share things they have learned in their Sunday School classes. 




Christmas Program Sunday December 19 10:45 A.M.

A special musical program is being prepared to help us rejoice in the coming of our Savior over 2,000 years ago. Some of our young people will participate by presenting a dramatic reading of the Scriptures that tell us about our Savior's birth. 




Candle Light Service Friday December 24 7:00 P.M.

This is a very special candle light service with some special sacred music, praising God for sending His Son to save us from our sins. 



Christmas Card Box

The Christmas card box will be available once again for you to share your cards with one another within the church family. Please arrange your cards alphabetically to make it easier to sort them. The box will be in the narthex until Wednesday December 15, which is the deadline for submitting your cards. Cards for missionaries and anyone not listed in our current directory should be mailed to them directly. 

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Available
In Narthex

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.

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Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

At this time of year, may we be mindful of God's many gifts to us, including His GREATEST GIFT - sending His Son to be our Savior. You will find a number of children's Christmas books, cassette tapes, CDs, videos, and DVDs in the library that may be of interest to you and your family as you celebrate this special event.

New to the library is the latest CD album from ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY, *Cause & Effect*, which includes the following stories:

"The Mystery of the Clock Tower"

"Wooton's Broken Pencil Show"

"Stage Fright"

"Fast As I Can"

"Opposite Day"

"The Owl-napping"

"Square One"

"A Thankstaking Story"

"An Agreeable Nanny"

"The Malted Milkball Falcon"

"Grandma's Christmas Visit"

Also new to the library this month is *Mandie and the Cherokee Treasure*, the second DVD based on characters from the MANDIE BOOK MYSTERIES. When Uncle John forbids her from joining the dangerous quest to keep an old promise, Mandie, her newfound mother, and two friends take matters into their own hands. They try to protect her stubborn uncle by following him when he heads to Lost Antler Cave-Mine to retrieve a hidden treasure. Will that be Mandie's most difficult challenge?

The remaining DVD's in THE ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE BIBLE series are now available:

Solomon

Esther

Elijah

Elisha

Daniel

Have a blessed Christmas!

Loving His Appearing

Chapter Seventeen

In Light Of The Presentation

2 Corinthians 11:1-4

Introduction

In a visit to Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain, Michelle Obama made big news by touching the Queen. Mrs. Obama presumptuously put her arm around the Sovereign's shoulder. Some called it a gesture of warm affection while others declared it to be a violation of regal protocol. One British commentator said, "In monarchies, there is sacredness that surrounds the person that is perhaps not known in republics."

What surrounds the person of an earthly sovereign may be debatable among men, but without controversy, there is a sacredness that surrounds the person of God, and there is a divine protocol required when one comes into His presence. It is true that as believers in Jesus Christ we have direct access to God. We have *boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus* (Hebrews 10:19). But that does not mean we may treat this privilege casually.

At the rapture/resurrection event, there will be a protocol in keeping with the honor and dignity of the Most High God. In 2 Corinthians chapter 11, the apostle Paul referred to a presentation he would make of those saints to Christ. The idea of a presentation of saints being made to Christ is also mentioned elsewhere in the New Testament. The word "presentation" refers to a bringing into the presence of, to be shown to, to be offered to, to be given to, to be placed at one's disposal. The language of Scripture thus suggests that such a formal presentation will be involved in our meeting with Christ upon this wonderful rapturous event.

A Series Of Presentations

Scripture indicates that a series of presentations will occur in the presence of Christ:

1. Men will present other men to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2

...that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Colossians 1:28

...that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

2. Christ will present the church to Himself.

Ephesians 5:27

...that He may present it [the church] to Himself a glorious church....

3. Christ will present believers to the Father.

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight....

Jude 1:24

Now to Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy....

4. The Father will present us to Himself.

2 Corinthians 4:14

Knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

The Presentation As a Chaste Virgin

1. The Godly Jealousy of a Spiritual Mentor

Paul expressed the godly jealousy of a spiritual mentor when he wrote to the church at Corinth. He said in 2 Corinthians 11:2, *For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy.* The word jealous is related to the word zealous. To have a godly jealousy is to be zealous in the pursuit of a good thing, to desire something earnestly, to exert oneself for another that he may not be torn away from the truth. This was the nature of Paul's passion for the Christians at Corinth.

He had made a considerable investment in their lives. He said (verse 2), *For I have espoused you to one husband.* The word espoused was used of carpenters fastening beams and planks together in the building of a house. To be espoused meant there had

been a permanent connection made between the pieces of wood in the structure of the house. The word then was transferred to the concept of marriage and referred to a permanent connection made between two individuals that had been pledged to each other to be married. Biblical espousing corresponds to the present day engagement to be married, but the Biblical version is very different from the present day version. Present day engagements may be easily broken simply by one of the parties declaring that it is dissolved. But in Bible times, the seal of an espousal was no different from the seal of a marriage covenant. It is in this sense that the church has been espoused to Christ. A divine seal has been placed upon this relationship (Ephesians 1:13-14 and 4:30), which makes it permanent and indissoluble.

Those who have been instrumental in bringing folks into this espoused relationship with Christ have a sense of responsibility for the enhancement of that relationship while we are waiting here on this earth. Hebrews 13:17 tells us about those that watch for our souls, *as they that must give account* [future tense verb], suggesting that such an account will be given in a presentation to Christ.

There is also the hope of fruit from nurturing such a relationship of this espousal to Christ. In 1 Thessalonians 2:19, Paul said, *For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?* So Paul expected that when he and the Thessalonian believers stood in the presence of Christ, he would experience a sensation of rejoicing to see their reception by the Savior.

2. The Chaste Virginity of the Church

His godly jealousy toward his spiritual children, and his hope of rejoicing in the presence of Christ was rooted in Paul's desire to present the church as a chaste virgin to Christ. The word chaste indicates purity, something that is not stained, soiled, tarnished, or disgraced. The term virgin is used of either a man or a woman and also describes a condition of purity in which a person has been untouched by another. For the church to be a chaste virgin means that its purity is of such completeness that the church is spiritually untouched by some defiling agent.

3. The Potential Defiling Agents

Paul then describes for us the potential defiling agents that may spoil the chaste virgin status of the

church. In 2 Corinthians 11:3 he says, *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.* The serpent, he says may be the perpetrator of the spoiling of the church by the following means.

He may beguile a Christian as he beguiled Eve in the beginning, misleading the mind, causing one to come to a conclusion based on a false representation. He said to Eve, "this fruit is perfectly safe to eat" when in fact it was not. Believers may be beguiled today to think that it is perfectly safe to indulge in certain things in this world when in fact those very things may have deadly consequences.

He may spoil a believer with subtilty, the playing of tricks. As a practical joke, some have used an ice cream scoop and dished up a bowl of butter. It may look exactly like ice cream and in appearance it may fool most who look at it. It is only after you partake that you find out it is not what it appears to be but then it is too late. The butter is already in your mouth. And if the butter is rancid, it is even worse. This is the kind of trickery the Devil likes to play on believers in spiritual activities.

He will attack the mind and seek to corrupt it. The mind here refers to mental perception, or the way we think about things. The word "corrupted" is an ethical term, referring to something unclean being put into something clean and thus defiling it. For example, a child may roll around in the mud and then change into clean clothes without taking a bath. His dirty body will defile the clean clothes. For the way we think about things to be corrupted means that the Devil will take pleasure in causing purified minds to think about things that are unclean. When the bad thoughts are put into good minds, the result will be a Christian who has a hard time keeping his mind on the things of the Lord.

He will seek to destroy the simplicity we have in Christ. The term "simplicity" means something that is free from hypocrisy. It is single in its focus and contains nothing contradictory. Through beguiling, subtilty, and the corrupting of our minds, the Devil works very hard at destroying our simplicity in Christ in order to make as many hypocrites as possible, for he delights in the destruction that is caused to Christ's reputation here on earth through the lives of hypocritical believers.

4. The Nature of the Defilement

In 2 Corinthians 11:4, the apostle Paul explains the nature of the defilement that results when the Serpent's beguiling works. He says that it results in the corruption of the doctrine of the church: *For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

The corruption of doctrine serves the Devil's purposes in blinding the minds of unsaved people to the light of the glorious gospel (2 Corinthians 4:1-4). If the church buys into another Jesus, another Spirit, and another gospel, then it will preach things that are not true and cannot save.

Unfortunately, we see too much evidence in the church today that the Devil has been successful. Consider this other gospel preached by Robert Schuler.

"To be born again means that we must be changed from a negative to a positive self image.... Sin is any act or thought that robs myself or another human being of his or her self-esteem. And what is hell? It is the loss of pride that naturally follows separation from God – the ultimate and unfailing source of our soul's sense of self-respect. 'My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?' was Christ's encounter with hell. In that 'hellish' death our Lord experienced the ultimate horror – humiliation, shame, loss of pride as a human being. A person is in hell when he has lost his self-esteem.... The cross sanctifies the ego trip. For the cross protected our Lord's perfect self-esteem from turning into sinful pride.... Christ is the ideal One, for he was self-esteem incarnate.... Jesus never called a person a sinner.... Rather he reserved his righteous rebuke for those who used their religious authority to generate guilt and caused people to lose their ability to taste and enjoy their right to dignity.... I have no right to ever preach a sermon or write an article that would offend the self-respect and violate the self-dignity of a listener or reader. Any minister, religious leader, writer, or reporter who stoops to a style, a strategy, a substance, or a spirit that fails to show respect for his or her audience is committing an insulting sin. Every human being must be treated with respect; self-

esteem is his sacred right.... I don't think anything has been done in the name of Christ and under the banner of Christianity that has proven more destructive to human personality and, hence, counterproductive to the evangelism enterprise than the often crude, uncouth, and unchristian strategy of attempting to make people aware of their lost and sinful condition."

A simple response to this is what Scripture says: *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) and For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life though Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23).* Yet how many people have been denied the gift of God by the other gospel preached by such beguiled men as Robert Schuler?.

Or consider the other Jesus portrayed in the prayer of Rick Warren. Mr. Warren was selected to pray at the inauguration of Barak Obama. Here is the conclusion of that prayer: "I humbly ask this in the name of the one who changed my life – Yeshua, Isa, Jesus." His intention was to be inclusive and he fulfilled his purpose. But in the process, Mr Warren equated Jesus with the false god of Islam. Yeshua is the Old Testament equivalent of name Jesus. There was no harm there. But Isa is the Islamic name for Jesus. Islam teaches that Isa (Jesus) was a created human being, a prophet of Mohammed. If Isa is the one who changed Rick Warren's life, that may explain why he is so beguiled about the gospel. In leading people in a conversion prayer, Mr. Warren suggested the following: "Dear God, I want to know your purpose for my life. I don't want to base the rest of my life on wrong things. I want to take the first step in preparing for eternity by getting to know you. Jesus Christ, I don't understand how, but as much as I know how I want to open up my life to you. Make yourself real to me. And use this [teaching] in my life to help know what you made me for." After leading people to pray this prayer, Mr Warren announced, "Now if you've just prayed that prayer for the very first time I want to congratulate you. You've just become a part of the family of God."

The gospel according to Rick Warren does not include sin, the cross, the blood, or the death and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It does not include repentance or faith or belief in the resurrection. It only involves some mushy submission to a yet unknown purpose God has for one's life. Literally tens of thousands of people or more have been subtly corrupted with this false gospel.

One more example of a beguiled preacher is Brian McLaren, a proponent of the emergent church movement. Here is his idea of the gospel.

"I don't think we've got the gospel right yet. What does it mean to be 'saved'?....I don't think the liberals have it right. But I don't think we have it right either. None of us has arrived at orthodoxy.... Tony [Campolo] and I might disagree on the details, but I think we are both trying to find an alternative to both traditional Universalism and the narrow, exclusive understanding of hell [that unless you explicitly accept and follow Jesus, you are excluded from eternal life with God and destined for hell].... What if Jesus' secret message reveals a secret plan?....What if he didn't come to start a new religion – but rather came to start a political, social, religious, artistic, economic, intellectual, and spiritual revolution that would give birth to a new world?.... The church's fixation on the death of Jesus as the universal saving act must end, and the place of the cross must be re-imagined in Christian faith. Why? Because of the cult of suffering and the vindictive God behind it.... Instead of being God's big message of saving love for the whole world, the gospel became a little bit of secret information on how to solve the pesky legal problem of original sin. I must add, though, that I don't believe making disciples must equal making adherents to the Christian religion. It may be advisable in many circumstances to help people become followers of Jesus and remain within their Buddhist, Hindu, or Jewish contexts."

The Bible tells us something entirely different from this.

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

John 1:12

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.

1 Corinthians 12:13

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.

1 Thessalonians 1:9

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.

1 Peter 2:21

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

The Bible gives no secret message. Its message is very clear and plain. Jesus Christ is the only person whose name is able to render us saved. When we believe on his name and receive Him as our Savior, we are given authority to become a child of God. Everyone who receives Jesus as Savior is put into one spiritual body which means anyone who is in Christ has turned from any other religious persuasion they previously had followed. And the life of a follower of Christ includes sacrifice and the accompanying suffering of those sacrifices which serves to demonstrate the love of Christ to a lost world. To preach anything else, such as what Mr. McLaren suggests, is another gospel and subtly corrupts those who hear it.

If the church is going to be a chaste virgin in Christ, it must purify itself from all of the corruption of unsound doctrine. As God magnifies His Word above His Name (Psalm 138:2), we too must reverence the purity of what God has said as much as we reverence the Person of God Himself.

5. The Substance of Chaste Virginitly in Christ

Sound doctrine, therefore, becomes the substance of our chaste virginitly in Christ. We are implored in 2 Timothy 1:13-14 to *hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.* Other Scriptures also encourage us in the same thing.

Philippians 1:27

Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

1 Thessalonians 5:21

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Titus 1:9

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Revelation 22:18-19

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

1 Timothy 3:16 tells us that the mystery of godliness is without controversy. It says that *God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.* There is no controversy about this. It is to be believed by everyone.

John 3:16 emphatically declares the heart of the gospel. *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.* The verses following this in the context make it very clear that there is no alternative to believing in Jesus Christ to be saved from perishing for eternity.

Verses in the book of Romans blaze a clear and simple path to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 10:9 and 13


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. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

1 Peter 1:18-19 unequivocally describes the means by which mankind is redeemed from his lost estate. *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

Philippians 2:10-11 makes a profound declaration about the preeminence of Jesus Christ which He enjoys alone and shares with no other. *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

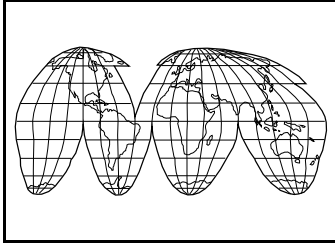
Conclusion

This is our chaste virginity in Christ: the unaltered truth of the Word of God. In preparation for our presentation unto the Savior, we must carefully rid our hearts of the impurities of human imaginations and insure that what we believe and what we follow and what we obey is the pure truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. For the truth sets us free from all impurities and makes us pleasing unto our God. Buy the truth and sell it not (Proverbs 23:23) because those who will give account and who will present us unto Christ have no greater joy than to hear that their spiritual children walk in truth (3 John 1:4). 

Pictures of our church activities may be viewed:

To find the link to the newsletter, open the NHBC home page at 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.

Missionary News



*From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home*

Brenda Hamme

EICM Secretary - Mt. Joy, PA

"...He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper..." Psalm 121:3-5

In the above verses, the Psalmist writes about an attribute of God - He does not sleep. I realize this is part of His omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence, but this aspect of the Lord's watchful care has come to mind a number of times during the past few months.

Recently I've been reminded several times that the Lord's watchfulness includes the EICM office itself. He was not asleep the weekend some young boys got into the vacant office space on the floor above us, because of a faulty door lock, and then entered our office through the shared emergency exit. They stole the regular coke (no diet!), and \$1.00 from the soda reimbursement cup in the refrigerator, and the Hershey Kisses from the candy dish, but did no damage to anything in the office. God kept all of our computers, printers, other office equipment, furniture, and files intact for which we are extremely grateful. He also protected everything from water damage when leaks occurred twice in the vacant office upstairs and the water heater rusted through in our storage closet.

Many of you pray for my safety as I commute between York and Mount Joy. One morning I was stopped at a stop sign when my vehicle was hit from behind by a small SUV. Thankfully the driver wasn't going fast so neither of us was hurt and the only damage was a minor scratch on my vehicle's rear bumper. God kept me safe.

Shortly before the fall programs at my home church began in September, I learned that some changes were taking place in Master Clubs on Wednesday nights, and I was asked to lead the Beginner class, teaching four and five year olds their lesson each week, and mentor the young lady helping me as she begins to work with boys and girls. I would appreciate your prayers for sufficient preparation time, effective communication, and fruitful ministry among the children.

As I seek to care for the various responsibilities the Lord has given me, I'm truly thankful that He does not sleep. He is watching over me at all times.

Glenn & Cheryl Hilt

Interim Pastor - EICM

We have completed the Interim Pulpit Supply ministry at Grace Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant Mills, PA, in Snyder County. For two years, we have made this long drive almost every week. The church has now called a pastor. We have been blessed greatly of the Lord in ministering to this rural local assembly. We trust the Word of God has been planted and growing in the hearts of the people.

We have begun assisting EICM with a ministry in Lancaster City, PA. The mission is working with a small group of people called Central Baptist Church, a store front church started some years ago. After prayer, evaluation, and survey work, EICM is seeking to help this struggling ministry revitalize a testimony for the Lord in Lancaster. This will be a challenging work that can only be accomplished through God's divine guidance. This ministry will involve a lot of evangelism and discipleship work.

Due to our low support level, I have taken a part-time job driving a commuter coach several hours in the morning and afternoon each day during the week.

We really praise the Lord for all our faithful prayer partners and supporters. God has promised He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Len & Marie Smith

New Mexico

Bible Studies by Mail continues to be one of our ministries. Read what one student writes.

“Hello, This was an awesome series. I most enjoyed the teaching on how to be a witness to others. I also enjoyed the last lesson on heaven and what we should expect. I can’t wait, the excitement of being with Christ forever! I have dedicated my life to His Word and work. It’s the least I could do after all He did for me!

We have a new brother in Christ. He gave his life to Christ last week. He was part of a Satanist group. I showed him the Scriptures these lessons have taught me, and he saw he was wrong and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Please send him beginning level Bible studies, as he can’t read or write very well. The church here is working with him and reading the Word to him. He had a bad upbringing, a dysfunctional home, a father that abused him, drugs, etc. So please pray with us for him.”

Check us out at: www.biblestudiesbymail.org.

Military Evangelism

Walt Croom - North Carolina

Things are going reasonably well here at Camp Lejeune. We are now preparing for the coming year. We are running a deficit that we are hoping we can eliminate before years’ end.

We have a Christmas banquet activity planned and an open house. We are also hoping to do a few day trips between now and the end of the year.

We are thankful for the souls we have seen come to the Lord this year and for those I have been able to counsel.

We are thankful for our Bible study and those who attend. Do continue to pray for us as we look to the Lord for His guidance and blessing.

Emma Turner

Retired - TAP Ministry

My heart is warmed thinking of you, and I am grateful for your prayerful support.

I am still a little numb from the delight of having all my family here for about a week to celebrate my 80th birthday. There were 33 of us, including four great-grand babies from 3 - 6 months, and four others from 2 - 6 years. The group came from as far as Albuquerque, NM; Houston, TX; Chicago area, Arlington, VA, and various parts of PA. One of the grandchildren was the "official photographer". You can imagine what a fun time it was, and I was encouraged to see each generation taking the responsibility of teaching the next generation the things of the Lord.

All of this came shortly after I had spent five weeks with family in the Chicago area. It was good being with them and fitting into their busy lives and church activities. Now I'm just getting back into my teaching responsibilities at church in the ladies class. We're doing a series of lessons based on Prov. 31, Titus 2, and women of the Bible. There is a list of questions that each one works on during the week, and we all seem to be finding it helpful. Some of the ladies are very responsive and walking close with the Lord. We all need prayer in applying the lessons.

I do enjoy working with the Seedline group each month in putting the Gospel of John and Romans together in different languages. We've been able to increase the amount we prepare for the missionaries because more workers are coming in to help.

Praise the Lord for my widow friend that keeps bringing her 5 grandchildren ages 4 - 15 to church. Another one now has trusted Christ, so that leaves the 4 and 7 year old yet to do so. So far their parents have shown no interest, so keep praying.

Pray for my neighbor, who continues to resist the Lord. Pray that he will let me come again and just simply read the Scriptures to him. He has not been well and he can't seem to think of anything but his sickness.

Thank you for your encouragement. May the Lord give added grace, strength and wisdom in your labors for Him.

TAP Ministry

(Sending Christian Materials Overseas)

Praise the Lord for His continued provision and use of this ministry in His service. We have been very busy the past two months packing material and sorting the great load of donated items. A lot of the material comes as loose pages and pamphlets that have to be assessed for further use.

We sent two cartons to the Philippines, two to Nigeria, two to Ghana, and two to South Africa through USPS. We also sent eight large boxes (255 pounds) to Bible students in India through Glad Tidings - India. Six large boxes (180 pounds) were selected and taken by missionaries going to Uruguay. Seven large boxes (167 pounds) will be sent to Zambia through International Partnership Ministries. One box was taken by a missionary working in England. Sixty-one boxes of books (2,083 pounds) were also given to Glad Tidings - India for their distribution in that country.

We give thanks to God for your continued faithfulness to the work of this ministry.

Roger & Nola Perrott

Hong Kong

Pray for our people. I have started my preaching series on how the Bible says to solve certain common problems like guilt or bitterness. With school back in full force, people have been busy and miss church. Several people in our church seem to be struggling a bit right now. Their bosses are making ridiculous demands on their time and so they have been spotty in their church attendance. In these hard times, bosses in Hong Kong require more work of their employees. Some even think their boss is out to get them to retire early so they can hire someone who will have a lower salary. Support them in your prayers. Pray also for the unsaved men that I am working with to develop their understanding of the gospel and their need of Christ. Pray that I can really become their friends.

The work is going well in some areas. The Friday fellowships for kids and teens have grown recently to the largest we have ever seen. The unsaved teen boys were back in teen club last week. Pray that the kids will understand and be saved as I share the gospel; especially the teen boys we have been working with for two years or more.

Pray about ideas we have for the ministry, that the Lord will guide us to know His will in all things. The Area Director from our mission is in Hong Kong for his annual visit to encourage us missionaries, keep us accountable for the work, and strategize about the future of our work here. We need wisdom in planning for the next year, for the next five years, and for more long-term goals.

Nola's Dad has arrived in Hong Kong to live with us. He is in the active stage of Alzheimers. We and the people here have been excited about having him come. Two ladies have come to live in our home to help us take care of him and all the other needs here in our home. Things are going well and he tells us he is so happy to be here with us. Thank you for praying for us.

Moises & Rosa Campos

Spain

We had many visitors at our baptism, and among them at least four were in need of salvation. Before they left, we gave to each of them a bag with a New Testament and some gospel tracts. The gospel was preached with clarity, and the service was a blessing to all.

After the Sunday morning service we had dinner together at the camp. Three of the men who are coming from time to time were also there, and the good day of fellowship was an excellent time to get to know them better.

Pray for our daughter, Elisabeth, and another girl, Veronica, who are being trained to teach a Sunday School class in the near future. We thank God for their willingness and their love for children.

On December 4-7 will be our Youth Retreat. The theme will be NETS, and we will be dealing with several areas of influence and relationships where the young people are involved.



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

The children have been working on learning all of Psalm 23. How exciting for preschoolers to have memorized a whole chapter in the Bible! They will be reciting this for the Children's Christmas program. They are also learning some songs and poems for the Christmas season.

Along with learning Psalm 23 we have had an emphasis on Bible shepherds. As we learn the Christmas story, shepherds again come on to the scene. We never get tired of hearing this story every year of how God announced the arrival of His precious Son into the world to save sinners.

Primaries

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith

Our class has just completed a series of lessons from God's Word on "End Time" events. We began with the Rapture. We also covered the Judgement Seat of Christ, Tribulation, Millennium and Eternity with Christ. We put together a time line to help us learn and to have a tool to share these things with others.

We continue to work on some new songs. Our class has been doing a great job learning to be able to sing and sign these songs.

We are working on memorizing I Thessalonians 4:16-18. We are also learning the Books of the Old Testament. We are trying to learn them so that we will be able to find them in our Bible.

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

Our recent lessons on the earthly ministry of Christ have included the temptation in the wilderness and some of Jesus' first recorded miracles. We learned the importance of knowing the Bible, so we can resist temptation.

Then we were reminded that our Creator Savior has control over His creation; changing water into the best juice anyone had ever tasted, healing a man whose friends had to open the roof to get him in, and giving a paralyzed man by a pool the strength to walk. In these events we see the tender heart of our Savior towards those in need; in contrast to the scene at the temple, where Jesus is angry at those who would make His house a den of thieves!

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, and went away having heard the words of Christ that still change the hearts of those who will believe on Him...God so loved the world! We rejoice in His compassion and love for us.

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

These past couple of months have been exciting in Master Clubs. It is amazing to see how God works in what appears to be difficult circumstances. The children have been memorizing verses and obtaining badges. The teachers are focusing on helping each child do their very best.

Recently we had a night that introduced the children to the Perrotts, a missionary in Hong Kong. Each clubber was assigned a child in the Perrott family to make a Thanksgiving card which we then sent out with a picture of the Master Club participants.

The clubbers in the Ambassadors class are learning how to teach a Bible Story. Each child had to read selected stories from the Bible and then prepare and teach one lesson using flannel graph. Please pray for them that they will continue to have a desire to teach others about the Bible.



Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

We have worked our way into chapter two of Philippians and are preparing for our quiz demonstration in the evening service on the first Sunday of January. Several teams of teenagers will demonstrate how Bible quizzing is done. It is exciting to watch as they are asked questions on the book of Philippians, and to see who will be the first to jump and answer the question.

This demonstration is practice for the competitions with other churches that will start the last Sunday in January. It is one thing to jump and answer questions during practice in the teen room on Wednesday nights. It is quite another thing to be able to concentrate well and think fast when there are spectators staring at you!

We praise the Lord for the diligence of these teens to study God's Word intently throughout the school year. Even if they aren't fast at jumping, the books they study in this manner will stick with them. "God's Word will not return to Him void."

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

The Homeschoolers have had a busy fall season. The children from preschool to 6th grade are learning the making of our nation.

The youngest group had a tea party when they learned about the Boston Tea Party and made lanterns when they learned about Paul Revere's ride. Toilet paper rolls were made into soldiers for the

Battles of Concord and Lexington.

The 2nd through 6th graders made and drank tea made from fresh tea plants when learning about the Boston Tea Party, and hand dipped candles when they learned about Paul Revere's Ride. Pictures and stories were written about the Battles of Concord and Lexington.

The teen group have been practicing their interview skills with various people in the church including Miss Brenda and Mrs. Glenda Hamme and their time in Haiti, Mr. Gross as a business man, and Mr. Ken Hoffman shared about growing up and his Christian life.

Our October field trip was to Flinchbaugh's Fruit Farm in Hallam. We learned how to identify peach, apple, and pear trees by their leaves. Each child had an opportunity to pick an apple. We also visited the bee hives and learned the importance a bee plays in the production of fruit.



Pictures of our church activities may be viewed:

To find the link to the newsletter, open the NHBC home page at 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.

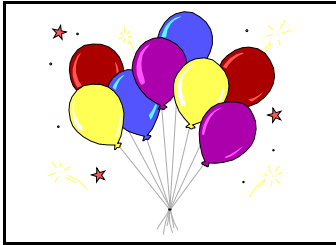


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

2	Senior Outing	
4	Men's Bible Class	9:00 AM
7	Elders' Meeting	6:30 PM
9	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
10	Church Family Banquet	6:30 PM
16	Homeschoolers Caroling	9-12 AM
18	Cantata Practice	8:00 AM
18	Children's Program Practice	9:30 AM
19	Christmas Programs	9:30 AM
19	Manor Care Service	1:30 PM
20	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
21	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
25	MERRY CHRISTMAS	

Church Family News



Happy Birthday

December

- 1 - Grace Balcom
- 1 - Manuel Morales
- 5 - **Moises Campos**
- 6 - Doris Knudsen
- 7 - Sarah Byers
- 8 - **Elisabeth Campos**
- 10 - **Anna Pinyol**
- 15 - Joyce Moss
- 16 - Reg Stelfox
- 20 - Julie Boyer
- 21 - Esther Wertz
- 22 - Beth Ann Flohr
- 24 - John Kanost
- 27 - Marian Cosgrove
- 31 - Jeannie Geesey
- 31 - Gabrielle Smith



Happy Anniversary

December

- 4 - **Roberto & Imelda Livioco**
- 22 - Earl & Connie Morrow
- 28 - Chris & Heather Knuth
- 28 - Kermit & Cindy Smith
- 28 - Barry & Mary Shelly

Please Note!

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



Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sue Bryant in the passing of her mother, Clara Flowers, on October 15, 2010.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

The November 2011 issue of the church directory is now available for your use.

Remember Our Shut-ins



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

Preschool Sunday School Class 2010-11



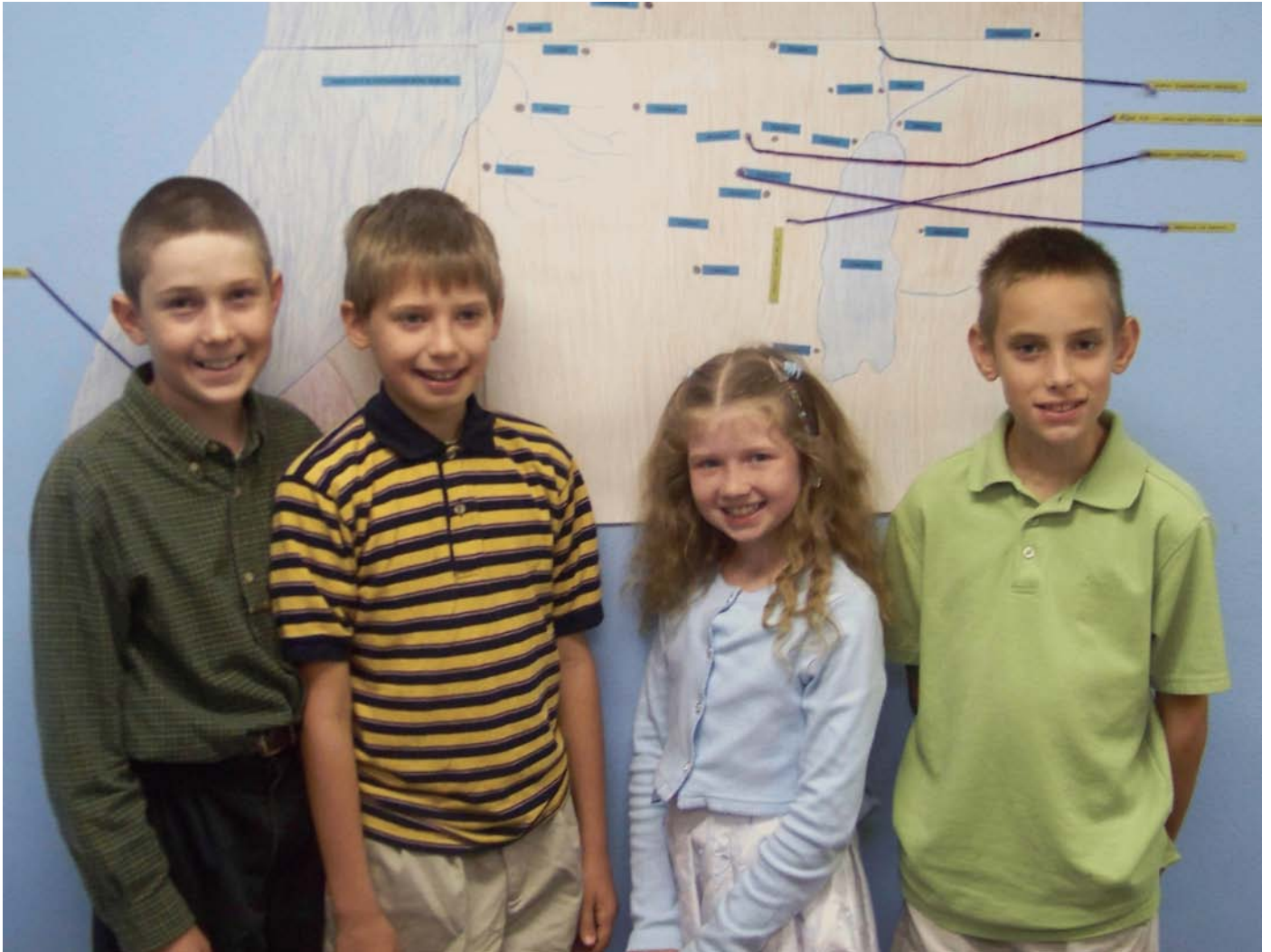
Rebecca, Hannah W., Luke, Hannah O., Grace
Blayze, Taryne, David, Shawn, Mason

Primaries Sunday School Class 2010-2011



Seth, Charles, Ian, Allison
Matthew, Jasmine, Emma Kay

Juniors Sunday School Class 2010-2011



Austin, Jonathan, Carleigh, Tyler

Teen Sunday School Class 2010-2011



Chris, Andrew, Jon, Roy, Carlton
Henry, Laura, Brandy, Katrina

Homeschool Support Group 2010-2011



Morrow family, Balcom family, Berkheiser family, Kanost family, Cook family, Wertz family

Master Clubs 2010-2011



Junior Choir 2010-11



Charles, Jonathan, Austin
Matthew, Carleigh
Grace, Jasmine
Hannah, Rebecca

Teen Choir 2010-2011



Jon, Andrew, Laura, Tanisha

Chris, Carlton, Roy, Henry, Ilene, Sarah