

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The dates for the conference will be September 24-28. Our church picnic will be held Saturday, September 24. The missionaries participating in the conference will be with us for the picnic and introduce themselves to us at that time. We will also have the morning sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday again this year at 9:30 AM. So homeschoolers, you may plan your schedules accordingly for September 26-28. Watch for news about the conference as it develops. The teens have already started on the decorations. The theme this year will be "GOING TO THE UNTOLD MILLIONS." 📖



Note: Pictures of our various church activities can be seen on our church website. To find the link to the newsletter, open the NHBC home page at www.northhillsbiblechurch.org 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.

Summer Ministries

Several people in our congregation are helping at **Servant's Heart Camp** this summer. Just this past year the camp was able to purchase its own property, so they do not have to rent facilities for this season. It has been a busy year trying to get construction on cabins done in time for the camping season. They have camp for teens and juniors from July 4th through August 5th.

Another ministry some of our teen girls are involved with is **Child Evangelism Fellowship** of York County. They go out in teams of two and hold Bible clubs in backyards for neighborhood children. Day camp is also offered twice through the summer for children to attend.

A new ministry to us this summer is **Drama Camp** with the Academy of Arts. These teams prepare a play with a godly message to it and go all over the country presenting it in churches, challenging the saved to more godly living and the unsaved to understanding their need of salvation.

Street Meetings in the city of York are also held each Monday evening. A team presents the Word in song and preaching, while others pass out tracts and try to witness to those passing by on the street.

Each of these ministries are bathed in prayer by our congregation, particularly as we meet together on Wednesday nights for prayer.

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

If you're looking for something different to do during the remaining summer months, stop in the library to see if any of our books, cassette tapes, CDs, videos, or DVDs may be of interest. A variety of resources is available for the youngest to the oldest members of our church family.

In the weeks ahead, look for the following new and updated items:

I Will Rejoice

This children's book is based on Psalm 118:24 - "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." The rhymes and illustrations teach how to find joy during each ordinary activity of a child's day from morning until night.

BE SERIES - A New Testament Study

Be Ready (1-2 Thessalonians)
Be Faithful (1-2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon)
Be Confident (Hebrews)
Be Mature (James)

THE CUL-DE-SAC KIDS

Tarantula Toes
Green Gravy
Backyard Bandit Mystery

ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY (CD Albums)

Friends, Family & Countrymen
Out of Control

ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY (DVD Series)

The Last Days of Eugene Meltsner
Escape from the Forbidden Matrix
The Caves of Qumran
Race to Freedom

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Loving His Appearing

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The Waiting Factor

1 Timothy 6:14, 2 Thess. 3:5,
Jude 1:21, James 5:7-11

Introduction

In considering the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, there are two strategic points in time: the point of now, this very present moment in which we are living and breathing, and an unknown point in the future at which there will be a shout, the voice of the archangel and the sound of a trumpet at which we will be raptured into the presence of our Savior. All the time in between these two moments is the subject of this chapter. We do not know how long the time is between these two moments, but we are told what we should be doing during the intervening time.

Until

1. Our life in all this time should be an anticipation.

1 Timothy 6:14

Until is a word that suggests a continuance from the present to a specified time in the future. When God uses the word until in relationship to the coming of Christ, He is telling us that our lives should not be simply a series of punctilious moments in which all we do is live for the experience of the present. This is an unbiblical notion promoted by false religions and false human philosophy. Bhudda said, "Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment." Dale Carnegie said, "Today is life - the only life you are sure of. Make the most of today." But God's word teaches us that the life of a believer should be a continuous progressive action of anticipating what is to come. In 1 Timothy 4:8 the Bible says, *For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.*

1 Timothy 6:19 tells us that instead of storing up material goods here on earth, we ought to be *laying up in store for [ourselves] a good foundation against the time to come....* 1 Timothy 6:14 says we should *keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Even with God's work in us, there is a continuous action of

performing His good work *until the day of Jesus Christ* (Philippians 1:6).

2. What progressive action anticipates Christ's appearing?

In 1 Timothy 6:14, the word "keep" means "to attend to carefully." It does not mean to hide something for safe keeping as putting it in a locked box. Rather, it means to carefully watch something, to pay attention to it in order to keep it safe as in baby sitting. A baby sitter is a person who is responsible for watching a child and protecting it. According to this verse, we are to keep, watch, pay attention to "this commandment." What commandment? The commandment consists of four parts as outlined in the immediate context.

(1) We are to flee certain things (verse 11). We are to flee the desire to be rich which may prevent us from being content (verses 9-10). And, we are to flee the love of money or covetousness which may be a serious hindrance to our faith (verse 10). In other words, we are to flee the tangible, the physical, that which can be touched.

(2) We are to follow after other things (verse 11). We are to follow after righteousness. Righteousness is an action concept and implies doing the right thing. With righteousness, the emphasis is not on what we have but on what we do. We are to follow after godliness. Godliness is demonstrating our respect for God in the way we live. With godliness, the emphasis is not on bringing attention to ourselves and our own accomplishments, but on God and who He is. We are to follow after faith. This is the trusting side of faith. With faith, our confidence is not on what we can do for ourselves, but in what God can do for us. We are to follow after love. Love is choosing to make what ever sacrifices are necessary to benefit others, especially those who cannot help themselves. With love, the emphasis is not on taking or getting, but on giving. We are to follow after patience. Patience is enduring whatever comes in order to remain where we ought to be. A patient person is never in a hurry, but is always willing to wait for as long as it takes. We are to follow after meekness. Meekness is the opposite of impulsiveness. With meekness we do not act impulsively, but order our responses with measured restraint.

(3) We are to fight the good fight of faith (verse 12). We cannot be passive. In 1 Timothy 1:18, Paul charged Timothy to war a good warfare. In verse 19

he explained that warring a good warfare involved holding faith and a good conscience in the struggle against the waves of doubt and disbelief which had caused some to experience a spiritual shipwreck and put away their faith. When the waves beat against a ship and the boat is rocking back and forth, it can be very hard to hold on. When things go badly in life because of sickness, an accident, poverty, hatred, persecution, etc., it may be hard to hold onto your faith and keep your conscience clear. **BUT WE MUST!**

(4) We are to lay hold on eternal life (verse 12). We are to hold onto things of eternity and not allow the things of time and our temporal experience to distract us from the heavenly and spiritual things that matter the most.

3. We are to take this progressive action flawlessly.

We are to keep this commandment without spot (1 Timothy 6:14). We are to flee the desire to be rich and the love of money so completely that we will be entirely free from possible blame. We are to follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness so thoroughly that our spirituality will be totally undefiled. We are to fight the good fight of faith so effectively that our faith will be absolutely unsoiled by doubt and disbelief. We are to lay hold on eternal life so firmly that we will be flawless. The result will be that we will be unrebukeable, allowing nothing to exist in our testimony that would give the enemy ammunition against us or against Christ through us.

The Connection Between Love and Waiting

When you have an appointment with a dentist, it is a good thing if you brush your teeth just before you go. There is a logical connection between these two things. When you have an appointment with a foot doctor, it is a good idea to wash your feet and put on clean socks just before you go. There is a logical connection between these two things. When you invite someone over for dinner, it is a good idea to fix a meal so that when they arrive, you have something to offer them to eat. There is a logical connection between these two things. When you are waiting for Christ to come, there is a logical connection between waiting for His appearing and loving Him.

1. Waiting for Christ involves waiting patiently.

In 2 Thessalonians 3:5, Paul said he wanted the Lord to direct our hearts into the patient waiting for

Christ. Note that he does not just say waiting for Christ. Here he instructs us to wait with constancy, steadfastness, endurance and perseverance, like a tree standing still in the midst of a fierce wind, not bending or twisting, but remaining perfectly still in spite of the forces that come to bear upon it. God knew that it would be a long time until Christ would come for the church and that we would need endurance – that we would need to do more than wait. We would need to wait patiently.

Waiting patiently cannot be a passive action. Consider what Jude had to say in his little letter in verse 21. *Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

Jude describes Christ's coming as the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. There is mercy yet to be applied to us. Delivering us from these bodies which are contaminated with sin will be an act of mercy. Releasing us from this tormenting flesh will be an act of mercy. Depositing us into glorified bodies and ushering us out of time into eternity will be an act of mercy. Jude says that rather than waiting, we should actually be looking for this act of mercy to happen. This should be a continual active looking with constant anticipation. In anticipating Christ's coming, we must be both waiting and looking. We must be patiently waiting for our rescue and we must be actively look for our deliverance. We must not be like Lot who was content to vex his righteous soul with the ungodly things happening around him. We must be like Noah who for 120 years engaged in the activity of building a boat which was all about anticipating his deliverance that was promised.

2. There is a connection between waiting patiently and loving God.

Just as Paul wanted the Lord to direct our hearts into the patient waiting for Christ, he also wanted the Lord to direct our hearts into the love of God (2 Thessalonians 3:5). The phrase "the love of God" as he uses it here could potentially refer to two different things. On the one hand, it could refer to the love God has for us. On the other hand, it could refer to believers exercising the love of God in their relationships with other people. Since believers have already received God's love, and since other verses in Paul's letters to the Thessalonians obviously refer to believers doing the loving, it seems clear that is what he had in mind here. In 1 Thessalonians 3:12 he says, *And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you.* And in 1 Thessalonians 4:9, he says,

But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. So, when Paul says he wants the Lord to direct believers' hearts into the love of God, it appears that he is saying he wants the Lord to teach how to use His love and express it toward other people.

This is something we must work at to be consistent with. Jude 1:21 says that as we look for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming, we need to keep ourselves in the love of God. The word "keep" means to attend to carefully. We must keep ourselves in the love of God because if we do not attend to this carefully we will not consistently exercise the love of God. We do not put children in a classroom without an adult because without adult supervision they will probably act very irresponsibly. So we have to watch ourselves all the time or our flesh will be just as irresponsible as unsupervised children.

How do we keep ourselves exercising the love of God? Love is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). We cannot expect to be successful in doing this on our own. We must yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit so that He may produce the fruit of love in and through us. We must walk in the Spirit so that the fruit of the Spirit may be manifested in us as opposed to the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:16-17). How does a believer walk in the Spirit? Simply put, you walk in the Spirit by walking in His Word, the Bible. As you immerse yourself in the Scriptures and yield your heart to the Holy Spirit that dwells within you, the Holy Spirit uses the written Word to develop within you the character and will of the living Word. Consider the following Scriptural montage: Romans 8:5, *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit [do mind] the things of the Spirit.* John 16:13, *...the Spirit of truth...will guide you into all truth....* John 17:17, *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.* James 1:22, *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

To walk in the Spirit means we learn the Bible and we do what we learn, not as an academic exercise but as a passion of our heart as yielded vessels to the Holy Spirit. And He is love! (1 John 4:8,16). So as we learn to walk in the Spirit, it is only natural that we would learn to express the love of God in our relationships with others.

Would you be embarrassed to go to the foot doctor when you have not changed your socks for a week? We should be embarrassed about the prospect

of meeting Christ at His coming when we have not been exercising His love toward others. This is why we are told to wait patiently for His coming and to be into the love of God all in the same sentence in Scripture.

Fruit Worth Waiting For

Of course, waiting is one of the hardest things we humans have to do, especially in our modern world in which things can happen very fast. If our computer does not bring up things onto the screen at the push of a button, we start getting frustrated very quickly. If someone in front of us at the express checkout has 25 items instead of the limit of 20, we start complaining. If we get behind someone driving five miles an hour under the speed limit, we express our dissatisfaction and look for an opportunity to pass. (Did you ever talk to the driver of another car even though he couldn't hear you?) How are we doing in waiting for the coming of the Lord? James 5:7 says, *Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.* Do we have long patience for the coming of the Lord? Is that a precious fruit worth waiting for?

1. Be Patient Unto

James 5:7 says, *Be patient therefore, unto the coming of the Lord.* The coming of the Lord is our target event. It is like waiting for Christmas. You know it is coming and you are so excited to see what it will be like. But He says we are to be patient all the way from now unto the moment of His coming. The word patience in this text is related to the word longsuffering. This is the longsuffering that is a fruit of the Spirit. Words can have such interesting twists to them. To suffer means to be very uncomfortable in the midst of difficult circumstances. But add the word long to the word suffer and longsuffering is not suffering at all. It is not the ability to suffer for a long time. It is the ability to go a long time without suffering even though the experience is very uncomfortable. As we anticipate the coming of the Lord, we are supposed to remain very comfortable in the waiting process.

Waiting is a large part of patience. In James 5:7, it is illustrated by the husbandman who has to wait for the fruit to ripen. Unripe fruit can upset your stomach. It may have a sour taste, be harder to chew, and be harder to digest. So the husbandman must wait until the fruit is just right for the picking. Christ

came the first time in the fulness of time (Galatians 4:4). The time was just right. People had waited through many generations for the Messiah to come. He came when the time was ripe. So it must be in the fulness of time when He comes again and we must wait patiently unto that moment.

2. Establish Your Heart.

James 5:8 says, *Be ye also patient, stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.* "Be ye patient also" means to be patient like the husbandman who has to wait for the fruit to ripen. In order to do this you must establish your heart. You must fix your heart on one position and be determined that you will not be moved from it – the position of hope in the coming of Christ. We must not be like politicians who change their position every time the polls change. Regardless of what everyone else thinks, or does, or says, we must maintain a fixed position in our hearts. Christ is coming. That is our target event. We must not be turned away from our anticipation of Christ's coming. Our hearts must be established to this position.

After all, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. The word "nigh" can refer to something that is near either in a place or in time. The verb "draweth" or "draweth nigh" (Strong's # 1448) is in the perfect tense which means the coming of the Lord has already drawn near and is in a state of being near having done so. This idea of the coming of the Lord being near is a crucial one. The word "nigh" or "draweth nigh" (1448) is used in a variety of contexts in Scripture that may help us understand the meaning of James 5:8. Matthew 21:34 says *And when the time of the fruit drew near (1448), he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.* The drawing near of the time of the fruit was actually the time for harvest since this was the time the servants were sent to receive the fruit. So in this case, drawing near was equivalent to being ripe. Matthew 26:45 says, *Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand (1448), and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.* In this case, the time was close, but there was still time to sleep. Matthew 26:46-47 says, *Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand (1448) that doth betray me. And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves....* In this case, there was no more time to sleep because as Jesus said the time was "nigh" the actual event to which He referred was already happening. Romans

13:12 says, *The night is far spent, the day is at hand (1448): let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.* In this case, if the night is all but over, day is very close. Hebrews 10:25 says, *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching (1448).* The coming of the Lord is so close, it is as though we can see it coming. Back to James 5:8, if the coming of the Lord was drawing near for James in the sense of the usage of the word noted above, how near is it drawing for us 2,000 years later. This is something we can fix our heart on and be unmoveable concerning – Christ is coming, and He is coming soon!

3. Do not let patience affect your fellowship.

James 5:9: do not hold grudges. Do not express grief by inarticulate or semi-articulate sounds. The term grudge used in this verse means to grunt or huff and puff, to make inarticulate sounds in an effort to express your displeasure. This is so childish and should not exist in the experience of a believer who is being patient unto the coming of the Lord that is drawing nigh. There will be accountability for such actions. James 5:9 warns, *lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.* Note that he says the judge is standing at the door. This indicates how near His coming is drawing. It means we are subject to the imminent return of Christ and the judgement seat to follow. Holding grudges is an example of the kind of thing we will be held accountable for at the judgment seat of Christ and the kind of thing for which we will lose reward when we stand before Him for our personal interview. Holding grudges is contradictory to waiting patiently for Christ's coming.

4. Take the prophets for an example.

James 5:10 tells us to *take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.* Hebrews 11:13-16 explains that these prophets stayed focused on what was to come and that is what kept them going, even though they died before the promise came (Hebrews 11:39). As you read through Hebrews chapter eleven, you understand what all these prophets had to endure. Just a little observation of the life of the Old Testament prophets should be enough to encourage us to be longsuffering in our waiting for Christ to come seeing we must endure so much less than they did.

5. Consider the patience of Job.

James 5:11 admonishes us further to consider the patience of Job: *Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.* The point is, in spite of everything Job had to endure, his suffering did come to a conclusion. It did end. The Lord is not unsympathetic to our suffering here on earth. He is full of pity and He by His very nature is the essence of tender mercy. As the Lord took care of Job in his suffering, He will take care of us in our longsuffering.

Conclusion

We wait patiently for the appearance of Jesus Christ by faithfully keeping His commandments. We do this right up to the moment, until, the trumpet sounds. Our faithful obedience until His coming will be worth it to hear Him say, "Well done."

We should never be embarrassed about the prospect of meeting Christ at His coming. Just as we do not want to be embarrassed with the foot doctor by present stinking feet to him, we should not want to present a life testimony to Christ of failing to love our fellow believers here on earth.

Jesus will come! We must stay focused on that and not give up our anticipation. In the meantime, we must be patient. We must wait with anticipation. We must not be agitated with each other while we wait. We must be constantly conscious of our account to be given at the judgment seat of Christ. We must be faithful to Him and His word UNTIL He comes! 📖

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LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK

ONE DAY I HOPPED IN A TAXI AND WE TOOK OFF FOR THE AIRPORT. WE WERE DRIVING IN THE RIGHT LANE WHEN SUDDENLY A BLACK CAR JUMPED OUT OF A PARKING SPACE RIGHT IN FRONT OF US. MY TAXI DRIVER SLAMMED ON HIS BRAKES, SKIDDED, AND MISSED THE OTHER CAR BY JUST INCHES! THE DRIVER OF THE OTHER CAR WHIPPED HIS HEAD AROUND AND STARTED YELLING AT US. MY TAXI DRIVER JUST SMILED AND WAVED

AT THE GUY. AND I MEAN, HE WAS REALLY FRIENDLY.

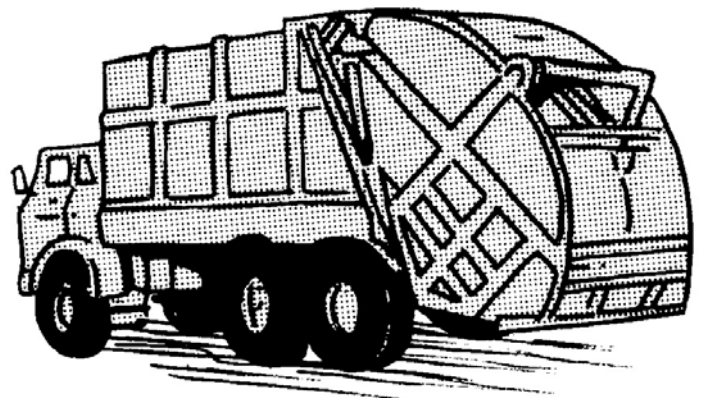
SO I ASKED, "WHY DID YOU JUST DO THAT? THIS GUY ALMOST RUINED YOUR CAR AND SENT US TO THE HOSPITAL?" THIS IS WHEN MY TAXI DRIVER TAUGHT ME WHAT I NOW CALL, "THE LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK."

HE EXPLAINED THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE LIKE GARBAGE TRUCKS. THEY RUN AROUND FULL OF GARBAGE, FULL OF FRUSTRATION, FULL OF ANGER, AND FULL OF DISAPPOINTMENT. AS THEIR GARBAGE PILES UP, THEY NEED A PLACE TO DUMP IT AND SOMETIMES THEY'LL DUMP IT ON YOU. DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY. JUST SMILE, WAVE, WISH THEM WELL, AND MOVE ON. DON'T TAKE THEIR GARBAGE AND SPREAD IT TO OTHER PEOPLE AT WORK, AT HOME OR ON THE STREETS.

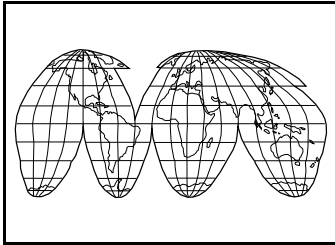
THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE DO NOT LET GARBAGE TRUCKS TAKE OVER THEIR DAY. LIFE'S TOO SHORT TO WAKE UP IN THE MORNING WITH REGRETS. SO:

LOVE THE PEOPLE WHO TREAT YOU RIGHT. PRAY FOR THE ONES WHO DON'T, AND LOVE THEM TOO. LIFE IS TEN PERCENT WHAT YOU MAKE IT AND NINETY PERCENT HOW YOU TAKE IT! HAVE A BLESSED, GARBAGE-FREE DAY!

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Missionary News



From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home

Glenn & Cheryl Hilt

EICM Missionary Pastor, Pennsylvania

Cheryl and I are part of the EICM International ministry team working with a small Bible study group in Lancaster City, PA. We presently meet in a room graciously provided at no cost by a funeral home. My responsibilities as part of the team are to teach Bible doctrine on Sunday nights, attend the services, follow up with contacts, be available for visitation, and help with outreach. We hope to distribute some brochures in this inner city community. We are **seeing some good spiritual growth**. We have had several visitors meeting with us.

The extent of my involvement with the Lancaster City Ministry will depend on how much time I need to give to secular employment due to our support situation.

We have been in God's Waiting Room learning how to **live and walk in the love of God**. His love and desire for us is that we love Him with all our being and glorify Him in all things.

These verses have been very meaningful to us lately: Ephesians 3:17-19 and Romans 11:33-36.

Cheryl is now in the process of slowly healing. She completed four Rituxan infusions to suppress the cancer from growing. She continues to gain strength and resume her normal activities.

I started a part-time job driving a commuter coach. Balancing my job and responsibilities in caring for Cheryl, maintaining our home, and caring for ministry has been a real challenge at times, but **God has been faithful**.

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

Marc & Judie Blackwell

South Africa

Judie and I want to express our genuine thanks for your faithful support in these difficult days of recession and unemployment. Thanks to the Lord for working through each one of you, Judie and I have not faced any personal financial crisis, though we are somewhat under-supported. We are praying for the many who are battling in this time of financial hardship.

Allow me to share the need for daily prayer for the Lord's blessing on our ministry in training **Student-Pastor Interns**. These couples are taking the final steps toward pastoral and church planting ministries.

Church Planting, as we practice it, is a team effort focused on evangelism, discipleship and training leaders. Albert, Dean, Tiny, Cyril, Miles, J.J., Cal, Andrew, Malcolm, and Chris are all South Africans who are already pastoring, and they were trained for ministry, right here in the Cape.

Please pray for our **Church Ministries Institute**. We are busy training pastors for the new works we are 'planting' in Paarl, Malmesbury, and Durbanville-North. Please pray for all our current students: Eric, Mark M, Brett, David and Annalise; and interns: Wessel, Deon and Michelle, Malcolm and Suzanna.

Pray for our **newest converts** - refugees from Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe - now growing through the Malmesbury church-plant. Pray for their "new convert" classes.

Our Paardeberg Mountain Retreat is a vital **Christian camping ministry** in evangelizing and discipling children, youth and families. Pray for the camp director - Malcolm McRobert.

Pray for Judie's **ministry in training** our Pastoral Student's wives. Pray for Judie's health and her ministry in music: singing, choir, and teaching others. Please continue to pray for our family as well.

Please **pray for the salvation** of those we are witnessing to and for new and additional opportunities for us. Pray for the many leaders, families and individuals sharing the Good News on a daily basis throughout the Cape Region.

Brenda Hamme

EICM Mission Secretary

It seems each day brings news of additional political unrest, economic distress, moral decline, and spiritual apathy around the world, in our country, and where we live. Most of us know individuals and families going through a hard time because of the death of a loved one, loss of a job, or a serious health need. Some of you are among them. Without a doubt, we live in challenging days! It is helpful to personalize the psalmist's commitment to begin each day in prayer. God already knows the concerns on our hearts, yet He wants us to look up (not around us) and lift our voices to Him.

I'm thankful **God doesn't limit our prayers** to morning only, but He is available anytime of the day as affirmed in Psalm 55:17 *Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice.* While recent months have found me with a longer prayer list, I am grateful that my petitions can be coupled with thanksgiving to the Lord for His provision as well.

As I read over the reports submitted by EICM's missionaries to our Board of Directors, I am encouraged by all God does in, through, and for them as they faithfully serve Him and their small struggling churches. While the numerical growth may not be as great as any of them desire, the **spiritual growth in individual lives** is encouraging.

As we have been studying and discussing the doctrine of salvation and related topics in Sunday School at my home church, I have been reminded again not only of God's greatest gift to mankind, but also of the privilege I had of hearing the Word of God and accepting Christ as Savior when I was a four-year-old child. That laid the foundation for the years of learning, growing and serving which have followed. The Lord has used and continues to use many of you to impact my life in a variety of ways. I am grateful for your prayers, friendship, example, encouragement, and support. Some personal prayer requests include:

- A heart that listens to God readily.
- Wisdom in setting priorities in and out of the office.
- Effective ministry to the children on Wednesdays.
- His provision for my financial support.

Child Evangelism Fellowship

York County, PA

Will you make your lawn or porch available for a 5-Day Club so the children in your neighborhood will have an opportunity to hear the Gospel message?

A **5-Day Club** runs Monday through Friday in individual homes. These hostesses invite the neighborhood children to come to their home, yard, or porch for one hour each day for a week. CEF provides the teachers to come and teach a Bible story, sing songs, learn verses, and hear a missionary story. After the week-long club is over CEF provides follow up material through mail-in lessons that the children can do on their own at home to continue their growth and knowledge of the Word of God.

Day Camps are also held Monday through Friday. It includes Bible study, crafts, recreation, missionary time, surprises, snack time and lots of fun. This is for boys and girls ages 6-12 years old (children entering 1st grade up through children who have completed 6th grade). Supervision of campers is carefully maintained by Christian leaders. It is dedicated to providing a well-rounded program to meet the spiritual, physical and social needs of boys and girls.

If you would like to participate by hosting a 5-Day Club, or in sending children to a club or Day Camp, please contact the York County CEF office at 757-3212. We encourage all of you to pray for these summer ministries and the teachers, that saved children will grow in the Lord and the unsaved will come to know Jesus as their Savior from sin.

Below is the summer schedule for CEF Day Camps and 5-Day Clubs.

June 12-26 = training of summer workers

July 5-8 = week 1

July 11-15 = Day Camp at Grace Baptist

July 18-22 = week 2

July 25-29 = week 3

August 1-5 = week 4

August 8-12 = Day Camp at CSY

August 15-19 = week 5



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

It was thrilling to hear all the preschoolers quote Psalm 100 together in the children's program. It is just as exciting to hear them recite it individually and to know that these words of Scripture are in their hearts. Those able to recite this passage on their own by memory were: Grace Balcom, Hannah Ortiz, Shawn Smith, Hannah Wertz, Rebecca Wertz, and David Wertz.

We studied the life of Daniel. What a great testimony he is to us of prayer and faithfulness to God in all circumstances. Presently we are learning about Elijah. The children enjoyed "being fed by ravens" with bread and meat as Elijah was, and to see God's caring and protecting hand.

PRIMARIES

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith

Our class has been doing a study on beginnings. We have had several lessons on creation and worked on a stain glass craft to go along with our lessons. We also had a lesson on the beginning of man: God making Adam and Eve in His own image. We studied the beginning of sin: man's dis-obedience to God.

There are few new songs we are singing and learning to sign. Mrs. Snyder will be teaching the children through the summer and she is already able to say and sign their first verse: Genesis 1:1. Way to go, Mrs. Snyder!!! They are also working on John 1:1-3.

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

In our continuing study of the earthly ministry of Jesus, we are constantly reminded of and awed by the power of the One we serve. We studied His power over nature, as He walked on the water and fed over 5,000 with only a few fish and a little bit of bread. We marveled at His power over the human body, as He healed the ten lepers and gave sight to blind Bartimaeus. And we also saw His powerful message of love, as Lazarus was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom, and as a cheating tax collector named Zacchaeus was forgiven and given a new life. Our lessons will now be focusing on the ministry of Jesus from the Triumphal Entry to the Ascension.

We have finished memorizing our verses from John 1 and will be working on verses from the account of Jesus' crucifixion in Matthew 27. Carleigh Moss, Austin Morrow, and Jonathan Kanost were able to quote the verses from John 1. Keep hiding God's Word in your hearts!

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

Praise the Lord for the wonderful work He has done in Master Clubs this year. I am pleased that we had 7 children complete the required badges for this year: Rebecca Wertz, Hannah Wertz, Matthew Kanost, Emma Kay Laning, Jonathan Kanost, Austin Morrow, and Kennedy Bryant. It is amazing to see how excited the children have been each night in Master Clubs.

On May 22, we had a wonderful evening sharing with the church a sampling of what God has accomplished in the lives of the children through Master Clubs. Each Clubber received at least one award and many received multiple awards for their achievements. However, these earthly awards do not compare to the spiritual rewards that God has promised to those that love Him and follow Him. I look forward to what the Lord will do in the lives of the students this summer as they learn together how they can serve their Master as we study the lives of children in the Bible.



Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

Teen Bible quizzing runs through the school year, so we are now into our summer activities. Each Wednesday evening one of the men from the church gives a devotional to the teens, after which we spend time in prayer for our missionaries and needs among our church families and ministries. The rest of the evening is devoted to making the decorations for the missions conference to be held in September.

So far they have worked on the banner with the conference theme, and our large globe motif. The theme this year will be "Going to the Untold Millions", with Matthew 9:36 as the theme verse, which explains that, "when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them..." Hopefully as we work on this theme we will have more compassion on those around us who are "as sheep having no shepherd."

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

Our last field trip in April was to the Hands-On Science Museum in Lancaster. The children really enjoyed the museum. Their favorite part was to build the dam. They had medal blocks the children could use to build a dam in the water. All the kids from three to seventeen were flocking to do that.

In May we had our project fair - the last event of the school year for us. Mrs. Balcom opened us up and then we started the presentations. The Wertz children were first with a poem to recite. There were piano specials by Grace, Hope, and Charles. Jonathan gave a speech on lizards. Charles also gave a speech on beaver dams. He built a diorama to demonstrate. The Berkheiser children sang a song in German. Austin Morrow did a speech on currency

(dollar bills). The older Berkheiser children; Grace, Hope, Sage, and J.J. recited the Greek alphabet and a verse in German. Austin played a piano solo. Henry did a speech on a pen pal he was writing to from Kenya. Hannah Ortiz and Hannah Wertz recited some verses.

All the teens have worked hard all year on a special presentation based on interviews of people from our church. They made a newsletter and video which tells what they learned. Laura Cook did a flute solo. Roy Morrow talked about growing strawberries.

After this part of the program, we saw other projects on the tables. Grace showed us her sunflower plants. Ian had a race track that he had made and signed what it was. Sage made a carpet wall hanging. Hannah Wertz had made a book of recipes with her Mom's help. Rebecca and David Wertz showed us his new toy fire truck. Hannah Ortiz had some pictures to show. Austin had some toy tractors he used to talk about farming.

It was a fun and educational day as we heard what others had been learning about throughout the year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

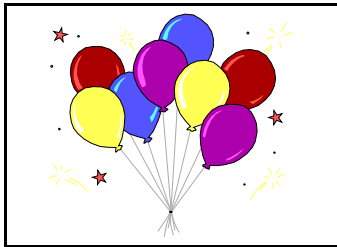
July

4	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
5-8	CEF Club here at the church	1:30 PM
10	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
11	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
11-15	Teens at The Wilds Camp	
11-15	Juniors at Servant's Heart Camp	
18	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
18	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
19	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
24	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM
25	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
25-29	Teens at Servant's Heart Camp	

August

1	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
4	Senior Outing	
8	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
17	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
22	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
29	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
30	Prison Ministry	7:00 PM

Church Family News



Happy Birthday

- 19 - **Daniel Pinyol**
- 21 - Rick Fetrow, Sr.
- 21 - Heather Knuth
- 21 - Mary Snyder
- 23 - Henry (son) Balcom
- 26 - Gerald Cook
- 27 - Jonathan Boyer
- 30 - Hilda Wallace
- 31 - Ginnie Stough

New Church Web Site

The old site is still available, and visitors will still see it if they go to the main site address. To get into the new site, go to <http://www.northhillsbiblechurch.org/wordpress/>

July

- 3 - **Jonathan Livioco**
- 7 - Seth Laning
- 10 - Reba Moose
- 10 - Connie Morrow
- 15 - Joshua Boyer
- 19 - **Rosa Campos**
- 20 - Sharon Blankenship
- 22 - Emma Kay Laning
- 22 - Luke Laning
- 24 - **Anna Joy Perrott**
- 30 - Gail Cook
- 30 - **Deborah Livioco**
- 30 - Susan Ortiz



H a p p y Anniversary

July

- 9 - **Don & Karen Kilmer**
- 18 - Steve & Diane Hildebrand
- 20 - Pastor & Joyce Moss
- 27 - Gerald & Darcy Cook
- 30 - Don & Mary Snyder

August

- 4 - Bud & Mary Collins
- 11 - **Roger & Nola Perrott**
- 22 - Norm & Sonja Breneman
- 25 - Skip & Chris Wise
- 28 - Joe & Romaine Feltenberger

August

- 5 - Todd Chronister
- 5 - Mary Shelly
- 6 - Jessica Byers
- 10 - **Jeremy Pinyol**
- 11 - Ariana Jones
- 11 - Edgar Miller
- 11 - Margery Wilt
- 12 - Natasha Jones
- 12 - Earl Knuth
- 12 - Patsy Knuth
- 12 - **Rosa Pinyol**
- 12 - Ina Stelfox
- 13 - Linda Spahr

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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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".



Our sincere sympathy is extended to Ken Hoffman in the passing of his brother, Philip.

**Remember Our Shut-ins**



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



# Master Clubs Award Ceremony



Rebecca Wertz – Green Bible Badge, Pink Bible Badge, Coloring Award, Three Honors, *Amy Carmichael Biography*



Hannah Wertz – Green Bible Badge, Pink Bible Badge, *Mary Slessor Biography*



Grace Balcom – Great White Bear Badge



Matthew Kanost – Children’s Bible Institute 1 Badge, *Corrie Ten Boom Biography*



Donavan Bryant – Preacher’s Pal Badge



Delaney Bryant – Gold Attendance Star



Ian Morrow – Sunday School Attendance Badge



Charles Balcom –  
Romans Road Badge



Jonathan Kanost – Serving My Master, Gold Crown, Discover Bible Book Badge 8



Kennedy Bryant – Serving My Master, Gold Crown, Discovery Bible Book Badge 4



Austin Morrow - Serving My Master, Platinum Crown,  
Great Bible Stories 6, Gold Crown, Christian Art,  
*10 Boys Who Used Their Talents*

# Children's Day Program



All the departments singing two songs together: *I Will Praise Him*, and *Redeemed*.



Preschoolers - Rebecca, Hannah W., David, Taryne, Shawn, Hannah O, Grace



Primaries - Charles, Ian, Caleb, Jasmine, Allyson, Ryan, Matthew



Juniors - Jonathan, Carleigh, Tyler, Austin

# HOMESCHOOLERS PROJECT FAIR

