

# 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 21-25. Our church picnic will be held Saturday, September 21. 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 23-25. Watch for news about the conference as it develops. The teens have already started on the decorations. The theme this year will be "Fishers of Men." 📖



(Teens painting a prop)

## Our Church Website

[www.northhillsbiblechurch.org](http://www.northhillsbiblechurch.org)

On our church website you can find out all 'about' us: our history, our times of services, our doctrine and convictions, and a link to an explanation of our ministries.

On the 'news' link a calendar of events and announcements are kept current along with a listing of special events.

If you click on the 'Resources' link you will find this issue of *Rejoicing From the Hills* and previous issues with the addition of pictures of our various church activities. It is here too that you will find many of Pastor Moss's writings on a wide variety of Christian interest topics available for online reading and download. Messages preached at North Hills Bible Church are available on audio disc or for download as MP3 files. Many Sunday School lessons, Bible Classes, and special programs are available.

Contact information is also provided on the website.

## Summer Ministries



Several people in our congregation are helping at **Servant's Heart Camp** this summer. Camp will be held on their own property in Ramey, PA. It has been a busy year getting construction on cabins done and trying to get permits for various utilities at the camp. The theme this year for teens and juniors is

"Riding the Railroad".

There are three teen weeks: June 17-22, July 8-13, and July 22-27. Juniors in grades 2 through 6 can choose from three weeks: June 45-28, July 15-19 or July 29-August 2. Family Camp is also provided on July 4-6, Young Adults Retreat August 9-10, and Men's Retreat September 13-14.

For more information you can go to [INFO@SHCM.ORG](mailto:INFO@SHCM.ORG) or [WWW.SCHM.ORG](http://WWW.SCHM.ORG), or call (717)808-7992, or write to Servant's Heart Camp P.O. Box 244 Ramey, PA 16671.

**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.

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**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

Psalm 104:24 states, "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches." Regardless of our financial situation, God's riches in creation are available for our enjoyment and often our amazement.

New to the library is the third and final DVD from the CREATION PROCLAIMS series. In **Silent Hunters**, you'll come face-to-face with some of the world's most ferocious, mysterious and at times, hilarious creatures and learn how God is reaching out to mankind by making Himself known in unmistakable ways through:

Alligators  
Archerfish  
Boa Constrictors & Pythons  
Mountain Lions  
Rattlesnakes

The wonders of creation are not limited to the animal kingdom. The amazing complexities of the biological systems in the human body are explored in this short, easy-to-understand book, **Made in His Image**. Learn about these and more:

Breath of Life  
Balancing Body Temperature  
From Solar Energy to Human Energy  
Melanin, the Sunblock That's Just Skin Deep  
Bone, an Engineering Marvel  
Immune Systems, the Body's Security Force  
Life-Giving Blood  
The Connecting Power of Hands  
Baby's First Breath

Among the stories included in **Read-Aloud Bible Stories Vol. 3**, is "How God Made the World." With large pictures and few words, the days of creation are illustrated and explained for younger children. Other stories in the book include: "Noah's Big Boat," "God Gives His People Bread to Eat," "Daniel and the Lions," and "Baby Jesus and the Good News."

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Our Purpose

Soul winning at home and abroad  
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## What Is The Gospel?

What is the gospel? It seems like this should be one of those rhetorical questions where the answer is obvious. Doesn't the Bible tell us plainly what the gospel is? It does, but the Bible also warns about those who would preach another gospel (Galatians 1:6-9). There is an interesting thing about the word "another" as it is used in the Bible. Sometimes it refers to another of the same kind. Other times it refers to another of a different kind. In the case of Galatians 1:6, Paul is referring to another of a different kind of gospel. Not the same as the one he preached when he was in the Galatian churches and not the same as the one he was given by revelation from God (Galatians 1:10-12).

Unfortunately, we are still dealing with gospels that are being preached today that are a different kind from the one the Bible actually teaches. Too many people, Christians included, are not discerning enough to recognize the difference. Just hearing the word "gospel" or some other Bible words is enough for many people to accept what is being preached as truth. But this is the trick. False teachers use Bible words to camouflage their false doctrine and deceive their listeners to draw them into error.

Every believer should be knowledgeable about the truth of what the gospel is. With that knowledge should come conviction and with conviction should come a determination to reject false teaching and preserve the truth as it was given from the beginning.

### The Basic Bible Gospel

According to the Scriptures, the Gospel has two primary parts. First, Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3). Second, Christ rose again the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:4). Many take from this passage in 1 Corinthians 15 that the Gospel has three parts: "the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ." Verse 4 does make note of the fact that Jesus was buried after His death. But Verse 5 also makes note that Jesus was seen after His resurrection. This would appear to give the Gospel four parts, yet the phrase "according to the Scriptures" is stated only twice. Taking all of this into consideration, our understanding of the text should be thus – 1. According to the Scriptures, Jesus Christ died for our sins. The evidence that He actually died is that He was buried. 2. According to the Scriptures, Jesus

Christ arose from the dead. The evidence that His resurrection was real is that He was seen, first by Cephas, then by the twelve, then by a crowd numbering above 500 brethren at once, then by James, then by all the apostles, and finally by Paul.

Instead of saying the Gospel consists of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, it would be highly appropriate and quite correct to say that it consists of the death, burial, resurrection, and post resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ. Christ's death and burial is the first part of the Gospel, and His resurrection and post resurrection appearances is the second part of the Gospel.

### 1. Jesus died in order to deal with the problem of sin.

The Bible states the problem very simply: *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23). Sin, according to this Scripture, is anything that falls short of the glory of God. To fall short of the glory of God is bad and unacceptable. All mankind has come short of the glory of God. Every person that has ever lived or ever will live has sinned. By falling short of the glory of God, we are condemned (John 3:18) and cannot see God. According to Matthew 5:8, only the pure in heart can see God. And according to Hebrews 12:14, only those who have holiness shall see the Lord. Even the simplest mind can understand that if you have fallen short of the glory of God, you certainly do not have either purity of heart or holiness. You therefore cannot see God, but you will be separated from Him forever.

No man has the ability or the means to deal with the problem of sin. This is because once you fall short of the glory of God, you automatically possess a depraved nature. Romans 3:10-20 describes the nature of sinners:

*10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

*11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*

*12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

*13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:*

*14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:*

*15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:*

*16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:*

17 *And the way of peace have they not known:*  
 18 *There is no fear of God before their eyes.*  
 19 ¶ *Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.*  
 20 *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

Verse 12 states the primary problem of a depraved nature: no one does good. Verse 20 states the consequence of this depraved nature. It is impossible for a sinner to do enough good works or to obey enough laws to compensate for their falling short of the glory of God. Once a person falls short of the glory of God, he can never regain the glory of God by his own efforts. The glory of God is that He is without flaw and without fault. God is never inconsistent, never contradicts His own nature, and never comes short of His own glory. Therefore, it only takes one flaw in a human being to fall short of God's glory. This is why James 2:10 says, *For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.* By virtue of the fact that no human being is God, it is impossible for him to be like God. From the moment that God created mankind, it was inevitable for man to sin and come short of the glory of God. Once he sinned, it would be impossible to erase the fact that he had sinned. From that moment forward, that sin is on the record. It is a fact that cannot be ignored or erased. Therefore, no man could ever regain the glory of God by his own efforts because he cannot undo the sin he has committed.

It was necessary, therefore, for someone else to deal with the matter of sin on behalf of mankind. Before creation took place, God foreordained Jesus Christ to be the redeemer (1 Peter 1:20). Romans 3:20-26 explains God's plan.

20 *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*  
 21 *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;*  
 22 *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*  
 23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*  
 24 *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

25 *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*  
 26 *To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*

God set forth Jesus Christ to be a propitiation through faith in his blood. This means that the blood of Jesus Christ which flowed from His body as He was hanging on the cross propitiated, or satisfied, God regarding man's sin. This resulted in the remission of man's sins and the justification, or declaring to be righteous, of all who believe in Jesus. Going to the cross, Jesus Christ bore our sins in his own body (1 Peter 2:24). He redeemed us with His precious blood (1 Peter 1:19). And, He died for us the death we should have died because of our sin (Romans 5:8). This satisfied God the Father so fully with regard to our sin, that He is willing to declare any individual to be absolutely and completely righteous (justified) just for believing in Jesus Christ and trusting in what Christ has done for him.

Thus in His death, Jesus successfully resolved the problem of sin.

## **2. Jesus arose from the dead in order to deal with the problem of death.**

Sin is what man has done, but sin also has a consequence: *For the wages of sin is death* (Romans 6:23). Because all have sinned, all die. As Romans 5:12 expresses it, *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.* God warned Adam and Eve about this at the very beginning. He told them that in the day they would eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would (fall short of His glory and) surely die (Genesis 2:17). Thus death became mankind's second problem. While sin and death are inseparably linked as one causes the other, they are also distinct in that one is an action and the other is a consequence. For this reason, each of these problems had to be dealt with distinctly. While it is true that when Adam and Eve sinned they automatically died, it would not be true that as soon as Christ resolved the matter of sin, mankind would automatically be made alive. The evidence of this is in 1 Corinthians 15:13-19.

13 *But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:*

14 *And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.*

15 *Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.*

16 *For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:*

17 *And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*

18 *Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.*

19 *If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.*

It was not sufficient for Christ to die for sin and then just melt back into His pre-incarnate state as Jehovah on the throne (as in Isaiah chapter 6). There had to be a real, physical resurrection on the part of Jesus Christ in order to conquer death. Jesus Christ was risen from the dead to a real physical but glorified body. In one of His appearances to the disciples, Jesus declared, *Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have* (Luke 24:39).

The Scriptures thus declares:

20 ¶ *But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*

21 *For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

22 *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

23 *But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.*

It is true that Jesus Christ was not the first person to be raised from the dead, but His resurrection was different from all the others. There are several examples of resurrection recorded in Scripture including Lazarus whom Jesus called forth from the grave after being dead for at least four days. But Jesus is called the firstfruits because He is the first one to be raised from the dead in a glorified body. All the others who were raised from the dead were merely restored to the same physical existence they had before they died. Consequently, they were destined to die again. But Jesus Christ was raised in a glorified body. The effect of this was that He would never again be subject to death. Romans 6:9-10 explains, *Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*

Because of Christ's resurrection, anyone who believes in Him can have the same experience He did. Jesus expressed this to Martha as she was mourning the death of her brother, Lazarus. He said, *I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die* (John 11:25-26).

Of course, Jesus in His resurrection conquered more than just physical death. There is also a spiritual death associated with sin. This is apparent in the event of Adam and Eve's first sin. Obviously, Adam and Eve did not die physically in the day that they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God talked with them later that same day in the garden (Genesis 3:9-19). God put them out of the garden (Genesis 3:23-24), and Adam and Eve continued to live for many years afterwards. They had many children (Genesis 5:4), and Adam's days were 930 years before he finally died physically (Genesis 5:5). So, either God was wrong and Adam and Eve did not die in the day they ate of the forbidden tree, or they died in another way than physical. In fact, there is another kind of death, a death that leaves man alive physically, but existing in a state of spiritual death. This was the condition of Adam and Eve. In the very day that they ate of the forbidden tree they died spiritually. The evidence of this is that they first felt the sensation of guilt and became conscious of the change in their spiritual condition (Genesis 3:7) seeking to cover it with meager fig-leaf aprons; and second that they sensed the separation from God sin causes, feeling the need to hide from the voice of God in fear (Genesis 3:10), and seeking to hide the shame of their exposed guilt in the nakedness of their bodies.

This is spiritual death. It is separation from God. One who has come short of the glory of God cannot enjoy fellowship with God in His glory. It is impossible. Only those who are pure in heart and who possess holiness can see God. All others are cast away from the presence of God.

The spiritually dead thus follow a depraved course in life. Ephesians 2:2-3 explains, *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

The first sin sets in motion a pattern of sinning. All efforts at doing good are futile as Romans 14:23 explains, *for whatsoever is not of faith is sin*. Good works in a depraved person is always self oriented and therefore only adds to one's spiritual debt rather than reducing it. Romans 4:4-5 explains it this way, *Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness*. In other words, the only way a man's spiritual debt and his spiritual death can be remedied is by believing in Jesus Christ and trusting in what He has done in His death and resurrection. Otherwise, a grim future awaits those who fail to trust in Christ and who persist in seeking their own way.

The end of spiritual death is not merely an existence in some mundane place apart from the glory of God. Rather, the end of spiritual death is the extreme opposite of the glory of God – eternal suffering. When a spiritually dead person dies physically, he immediately goes to hell. Jesus described hell as a place of torment in a flame (Luke 16:24), where even one drop of water from the tip of a person's finger would have the effect of cooling one's tongue (Luke 16:24). Yet the person remains perpetually and endlessly conscious (Matthew 25:46). It will be a place of great darkness and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 22:13).

This is only a temporary condition, however. There is something even worse to follow. Revelation 20:11-15 describes the scene of the great white throne judgement.

*11 ¶ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.*

*12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

*13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*

*14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

*15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

As was prophesied in the Old Testament, even the spiritually dead will be resurrected (Daniel 12:2),

but their resurrection will only result in the second death (Revelation 20:14). The second death occurs when death and hell are cast into the lake of fire. If hell is an unquenchable place of torment, one can only imagine how horrible the lake of fire must be. The evidence that people are not consumed by the flames of the lake of fire comes from the presence of the Beast and the False Prophet in that place. Revelation 19:20 says that *these both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone*. Revelation 20:1-7 records the passing of 1,000 years after that event. At the end of that 1,000 years, Satan himself is cast into the lake of fire where Revelation 20:10 says the beast and the false prophet are. In other words, one thousand years after being cast into the lake of fire, the beast and the false prophet are still there. They have not been consumed, they continue to suffer in the flames and they will do so for all eternity. And so it will be with all the spiritually dead who fail or refuse to believe in Jesus Christ and trust in His death and resurrection.

But eternal suffering does not have to be the experience of any human being. Jesus suffered this for us and then overcame it by arising from the dead. First, Jesus suffered the death that was necessary because of sin. No, Jesus never sinned. He was absolutely pure. In Him is no sin (1 John 3:5). He knew no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21). He did no sin (1 Peter 2:22). And He was tempted in all points like as we are yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15). But Jesus was made to be sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21) and bore all our sins in His body on the cross (1 Peter 2:24). As a result, Jesus experienced a mysterious thing we may never be able to understand – the eternal Son of God was forsaken by the eternal Father. The Father and the Son are equal partners with the Holy Spirit in the Godhead. They together are three persons but one God. Yet somehow God the Father was able to forsake God the Son as He hung on the cross in His humanity. This effectively fulfilled the spiritual death that was necessary because of sin. The thought of this is so mysterious that we may never be able to grasp how two members of the triune Godhead could be separated, but the words of Jesus on the cross are profoundly clear. He was forsaken by the Father and only after that experienced physical death. In his physical death, Jesus did not go into a soul sleep, but went to the same place that the beggar Lazarus went and spent three days with those saints who were waiting for their release from the place of waiting to go into the presence of God. At the end of three days, Jesus did the second thing that was necessary to complete salvation – He arose from the dead. As



death has no more dominion over Him, neither would it have dominion over anyone who would believe and trust in His death and resurrection. As Romans 6:5 says, *For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.* Romans 8:11 says, *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

And thus in His resurrection, Jesus successfully resolved the problem of death.

### Conclusion

In speaking to Martha at Lazarus' funeral, Jesus put forth the crucial question: *"Believest thou this?"* (John 11:26). Why does Jesus pose this question?

In the Bible, believing is clearly the one and only condition upon which the Gospel will be applied to an individual. Romans 3:22 makes a very emphatic statement in this regard: *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.* God as always chooses His words with great specificity. First He says the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ is "unto all." The Greek words are *eis pas*. *Eis* (Strong's number 1519) means unto, to, toward. *Pas* (Strong's number 3956) is all inclusive, everyone, the whole. By saying the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ is "unto all," God is saying that it is presented to or made available to every human being – no exceptions. He then says that this righteousness of God which is offered unto all is "upon all them that believe." The Greek words are *epi pas*. The word *pas* is the same, but now God uses the word *epi* (Strong's number 1909) to say that when a person believes, the righteousness of God is placed upon or on him. In other words, God offers justification through Jesus Christ to everyone, but He actually gives justification only to those who choose to believe. There is no discrimination on this point. Everyone who believes is granted justification by faith. Romans 4:5 says, *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.* The bestowal of the righteousness of God upon those who believe has the effect of purifying the believer's heart and making him holy before God. Thus the separation from God is removed and grants *boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus* (Hebrews 10:19).

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

Jesus' question now comes to you, O Reader – do you believe this? If so, will you now call upon the name of the Lord, declare your belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and receive Him as your Savior? Simply pray a prayer similar to this,

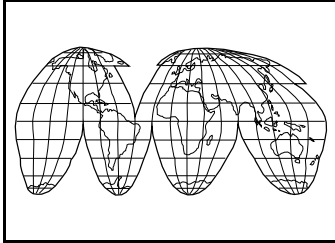
"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I know that I cannot save myself from eternal separation from You and eternal suffering. But I now believe that Jesus Christ has satisfied you regarding my sin and that He has conquered death for me. I trust what Jesus Christ did and receive Him as my Savior. I thank you for the promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Name I pray, Amen.

This is the promise of God – *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* (Romans 10:9-10).

If you have received Christ as your Savior, we would like to help you grow in Him. Please let us know of your declaration of faith in Jesus Christ so that we can encourage you in the truth of the Word of God. 📖



# Missionary News



*From  
Around  
The World  
and  
Here at Home*

## Don & Karen Kilmer

to the Zulu's in South Africa

At children's Bible club a 10 year old boy got saved. His name by interpretation is "I am good". Thankfully he understood that he wasn't good enough to get to heaven without the forgiveness and cleansing Jesus gives through His death and resurrection. He put his trust in the Lord and prayed asking for salvation and a new life in Christ.

I made a seven hour trip to another Province to teach at a small Bible college called Solid Rock Baptist College. This is the first year that they have full time students. I spent the week teaching them how to teach children. It was a busy but very good week with morning classes and opportunities to preach in two churches. The one church is in a Zulu area, so I preached to them in Zulu. This area has a mix of languages. During the week, a neighbor died. I went with the Zulu pastor to visit the family. A group of folks from another church arrived at the same time. A service was held right there at the home. Two of us preached in Zulu, and four other languages were used. No one spoke in English, but a couple of songs were sung in English. Afterward, I chatted to some of the young people who were there, and they admitted that they are confused about the truth. They think they are okay because they go to church. I explained the gospel again emphasizing that it is by faith, not works.

During the week of Bible College, I also helped with outreach in two areas. The one area was interesting as people were stopping their cars and asking for gospel tracts. I preached to 800 students at a technical college and went to a primary (elementary) school where the two college students

taught the children and put to practice what they had learned in class. It is exciting to see others trained and then putting the training to good use.

On Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> we had a special service to install Pastor Bheki as the senior pastor at the Bible Church of Embo. Two weeks earlier the members voted to accept him as their pastor of the church. We will now move on and work in other areas. We have started reaching out into three new areas and will see how the Lord leads. Please pray for Bheki and the people in this transition for them, and for us as we reach out in new areas.

## Teacher's Assistance Program

Also known as TAP Ministry - Harrisburg, PA

Praise the Lord, we were able to pack and mail out 15 cartons of material before the rate increase by USPS. We sent out other cartons after the rate increase. These mailings included one to Ghana, eight to Nigeria, seven to the Philippines, one to Jamaica, and one to Florida, USA. We were able to send a carton of children's Bibles to a new missionary contact in Jamaica and also some Sunday School material to a new church plant in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Since the cost of a first class stamp only rose one cent, we expected the flat rate international carton would increase only a few dollars. Unfortunately, the USPS rate increased \$17.00 per carton for a total of \$77.95. This unexpected cost increase will really cut into our financial ability to send cartons this year. We will have to be very selective in choosing what request letters to fill.

Our mailing total for 2012 was 174 cartons sent for an average of 14.5 cartons per month. Ninety-one various sized boxes of books were also given to Glad Tiding-India for their discernment and fruitfulness in their ministry to various Christian works in India. We give thanks to God for His continued blessing and for our gracious supporters who made all of this possible.



## Bobby & Imee Livio

Philippines

Imee and I had a chance to visit Hong Kong and meet Pastor and Mrs. Lewis Kong and visit their ministry at Grace Bible Church. The Kong's are prospective IPM missionaries. So, please pray with us as IPM leadership seeks the Lord's direction and will regarding the prospects of partnering with this couple.

I received a phone call from a mother of one of our members. We haven't seen her for quite some time despite her professed conversion experience years ago through our ministry. The call was prompted by some unresolved family problems. This unfavorable circumstance opened the door for us to meet her husband and four other children and to open God's Word before them once again. We rejoice that the three meetings we had with them resulted in strained relationships scripturally resolved and each family member's dysfunctional past openly repented of. This mother also raised her hand for salvation at the end of one church service. She prayed to receive Christ as personal Savior. Our last meeting with the family was a prayer time of confession of sin and weeping where they also prayed for their other siblings to see the light of God's Word. Praise the Lord! This must be the finger of God! Please pray that this family would continue in the Word.

We had the privilege of bringing the Gospel to over 200 guests during a wedding of two of our young professionals. It was also an opportunity to reconnect with their immediate family members, most of whom have acknowledged the positive transformation of the new couple since their conversion to Christ. They have shown respect for our Biblical beliefs and their interest to know more was obvious as they raised a number of relevant questions related to the Christian faith. Most are serious Roman Catholics while others have been influenced by new age thinking. Pray that God would allow the seed of His Word to take deep root and bear fruit in their lives as well.

After being in four wakes in three weeks, one gets the impression that the Lord may be teaching some important lessons - the brevity of this life and the certainty of death. Amid the grief of the loss of loved ones, we are thankful that we have the blessed hope in Christ. We were privileged to bring this message of hope and comfort in Christ's resurrection in two of these wakes to people from different walks of life, perhaps some who have never set their foot inside a Bible-preaching church, but get the chance to hear the Gospel only on such occasions.

## Moises & Rosa Campos

Spain

We want to share with you some of the activities in our ministry.

We had our **Ladies Fellowship**. Our guest speaker opened her heart to us about our need to choose "the good part, which shall not be taken away from us". The songs, games and testimonies were about the same theme. We all enjoyed the good time of fellowship around the Word of God.

A mother and her two children were **baptized** in obedience to the Lord. What a moment of rejoicing for all of us! Pray for Nuri, Daniel and Maribel in their daily walk with Jesus.

The **Married Couples Dinner** was held in Dubra's home. It was the first time that two unsaved husbands were present at a dinner like this, and we pray that the message and fellowship were a testimony to them.

Some news about the **radio ministry**: one of our neighbors has been the first one from the town of Olot to personally mention to us that he is listening to our radio program. This means that some people, whom we don't know are listening to the good news of the Gospel. But God does know who they are and what they need, and we pray that the Lord will work in their hearts for salvation.

## Marc & Judie Blackwell

South Africa

Christianity often goes looking for new answers when the fact is, we have often only forgotten the essentials. We can 'complicate' the simple. As your evangelist to South Africa allow me to encourage you to remain faithful to the simple message of Good News in Christ Jesus, the Lord.

I know that post-modernism is accepted as today's philosophy of choice. The result of this choice is that almost everyone you meet is convinced that there is (i) no true Truth, (ii) that there is no need for personal commitment, (iii) that immorality is 'OK' and, (iv) that most all of our choices should be accepted as "cultural freedom" or one's "personal right". So, then- what can we say or do? We must remain honest, sincere and concerned ... 'speaking the Truth in love'.

We can continue trusting the Spirit of God to convict (John 16:8-11) men of: (i) their sinfulness, and their (ii) need of placing their faith in Christ's substitutionary atonement for their sin and guilt; by receiving Christ as the only basis for their 'right standing' before God; (iii) and - of their need to seriously consider the consequences related to God's judgment of Satan and those serving him. Salvation is available to all who repent (who turn "around" and away from their sinfulness) and receive Christ as their Savior, by faith alone.

Pray for the salvation of new families and the on-going discipleship of other families. Please pray for our leadership training ministry and for the new churches being planted and others being planned.

## Peter & Rosa Pingol

Spain

I am leading a Bible study in a town called Terrasa, and other Bible studies at homes have started in Cerdanyola, Valls, Barcelona and Ruby. It is our prayer that one day we will be able to see a group of churches planted in every one of these towns. I also have a big burden for the city of Tarragona. We have the first contacts of several believers there. We are in need of prayer for direction from the Lord. How can you help? Praying, interceding, and helping us to go there. We are in need of Gospel tracts, as well as New Testaments in the Catalan language.

I am sure that one of the keys of the establishment of churches in a new mission field is the training of the nationals for the ministry. Since we started the Fundacion Biblica seven years ago, we have received an average of 20 students each year. These students came from our own local church and from other churches in the area. Our motto was to train nationals in the local church. The students are not looking just for a degree, but for spiritual learning that will fit them for the ministry. We have built a small library, a video-studio, and a classroom. The Lord provided all these things for us. Several pastors have helped us in the teaching. We would like to reach other parts of Spain through this ministry of teaching. Video recordings are uploaded to our channel of internet every week. Messages in mp3 and articles written in our web page are receiving thousands of visits each month.

# Spotlight on Tracts

These tracts, along with others, are available in the narthex for you to distribute.

## *America - God Shed His Grace on Thee*

This patriotic tract is great for handing out to people around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as we celebrate our nation's independence. It says "...the greatest single source of political inspiration for our founding fathers was the Bible."

The tract presents numerous quotations from the founding era (1760-1805). It concludes, "For America's continuing survival and world leadership, we must recapture the founders' vision of the importance of God's Word and His gospel for this nation."

Consider picking up some of these tracts or other patriotic tracts in the narthex to share this holiday. Give them to cashiers, restaurant waiters, and others you may meet.

## *The Matchless Pearl*

"...Rambhau, an Indian pearl diver, appeared and clambered onto the dock, grinning. 'Look at this one, sahib,' said Rambhau, as he took a big oyster from between his teeth. 'I think it will be good.'"

The missionary had tried for many years to help Rambhau to understand God's free gift of salvation. But Rambhau insisted...

"No, shaib. As I've told you so many times, it's too easy. That is where your religion breaks down. Perhaps I am too proud, but I must work for my place in heaven."

What happened so that..."Great tears were rolling down the face of the old man. The veil was lifting. He understood at last."

Read it for yourself to see the wonderful way the free gift of salvation is so clearly presented, and then pass it on to someone else. Maybe they too will understand for the first time.

Be sure to take plenty of these especially if you are going to the beach this summer.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

The Preschoolers have completed their memorization of Psalm 100 and were able to quote it for the Children's program.

For our summer lessons we are doing a series on Elijah and Elisha. These two men of God were great examples of prayer, so along with this series the children are learning the finger prayer list. Each finger on our hand reminds us of someone to pray for. We have a verse for each one that shows us from scripture that we should pray for each of these. Children can learn at a young age to take their needs and the needs of others to God in prayer. How exciting then to see God answer.

We learned how the prophets of Baal prayed and got no answer, but when Elisha prayed to the true and living God, He answered. Elisha's prayer for rain was answered too. With these events from Scripture the children are gaining knowledge that we pray to a God that will hear and answer our prayers.

## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

For the first part of the year the Primary class studied the life of Joshua. They learned that a "soldier of the cross" needs to obey the trumpet call of God, stand in God's strength, put on the Gospel armor and watch unto prayer. On Children's Day they showed how we as soldiers should "Stand Up for Jesus." This was their Children's Day theme. "To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be; he, with the King of glory, shall reign eternally." The class has memorized Psalm 139:1-14 and will continue memorizing the remaining verses of Psalm 139. We now turn our thoughts to study the life of David for the summer months.

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

We are really enjoying the study of our book of Daniel. What an example to our students of young men who chose to live for God at a young age! They learned at a young age to make good choices, and God blessed them and used them in a heathen land.

Our prayer for our students is that they, too, will learn to make good choices at their young ages, and that God will use them to make an impact on those around them.

Congratulations to Ian Morrow, Charles Balcom, and Caleb Fetrow for saying our Matthew 7 verses. Now we are working on Isaiah 53:1-7 and I John 5:12 and 13 for the summer, as we study the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

It was great to see all the clubbers and families attend our Closing Service. The children worked hard and were rewarded accordingly.

This summer, Master Clubs is beginning a three year summer program focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit. In June, we are learning about Biblical Love. The children are already beginning to understand that love is not a feeling; it is an action. We must choose to love someone or something. The Bible has many examples of true love. Mr. Dalton Cook taught the children that the greatest example of love is found in Christ. Christ left the beauty of heaven, the position at God's right hand all because He loved us, His enemies. Not only did He leave heaven, but He also came to die on a cross and bear the agony of rejection in order to pay a price we could not pay ourselves. True love is doing what is best for another person although it may be painful for us. We also learned that David and Jonathan displayed true love. David approached Goliath without regard to his own life, because David loved God and could not bear to see Goliath blaspheme Him. Jonathan also risked his own life before his father in order to help David dwell in safety. These examples help confirm in the children the true meaning of love. Please pray that the Fruit of the Spirit may be present in each of our lives.



## Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

We went to the final competition for this quizzing year with great excitement. It was the last year for three of our quizzers who were graduating, and they really wanted to be the champions their senior year. Competition was tough as always, but in the end, by God's grace, our team came out on top. Their smiles were big as they walked away with the certificate. May they keep the book of James in their hearts and on the tip of their tongues always. Congratulations is extended to them for a job well done! (See picture on page 14)

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

In **April** the beginner class finished off their study of music with a class about instruments. We had real instruments for the children to see and touch. The middle class finished up weaving projects they had started the month before. The high school class finished their chemistry study with a flame test. They watched how things burned.

The field trip was a hike at Joseph Raab Park.

In **May** each year we have our annual Project fair. The first part of the program was a combination of speeches and musical numbers. Hannah Wertz, David Wertz, and Shawn Smith recited poems. Speeches were presented by Grace Balcom on horseshoe crabs, Jonathan Kanost about David Livingstone, Charles Balcom about ice fishing, Andrew Cook on the periodic table, Austin Morrow on Bishop Nicolason, Henry Balcom on civic duty, Rebecca Wertz quoted Matthew 11:28-30 and

Matthew 22:36-39 and read a story she wrote about a ladybug. Grace Berkheiser, Hope Berkheiser, Justus Berkheiser, Austin Morrow, and Ian Morrow played a piece on the piano.

Then there were demonstration presentations. Matthew Kanost, Hope and Sage Berkheiser showed dioramas. Shawn Smith, Matthew Kanost, Hannah, Rebecca, David, and Esther Wertz showed art work and crafts. Grace Berkheiser, Jonathan Kanost, Andrew Cook, Carlton and Ian Morrow had projects they had worked on to show and explained how it works.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

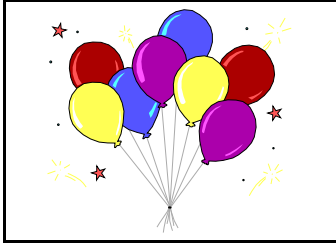
### JULY

1	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
8	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
8-13	Teens at the Wilds Camp	
14	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
15	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Rescue Mission	8:00 PM
16	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
22	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
22-27	Teens at Servant's Heart Camp	
28	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM
29	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
29- Aug.3	Juniors at Servant's Heart Camp	
30	Prison Ministry	7:00 PM

### AUGUST

4	Missionaries, Pinyols will be here	
5	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
12	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
18	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
19	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
19	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
20	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
21	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
26	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
29	Prison Ministry	8:00 PM

# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### July

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

### August

- 5 - Todd Chronister
- 5 - Mary Shelly
- 6 - Jessica Byers
- 10 - **Jeremy Pinyol**
- 11 - Margery Wilt
- 12 - Earl Knuth
- 12 - Patsy Knuth
- 12 - **Rosa Pinyol**
- 12 - Ina Stelfox
- 13 - Linda Spahr
- 19 - **Daniel Pinyol**
- 21 - Rick Fetrow, Sr.
- 21 - Heather Knuth
- 21 - Mary Snyder



- 23 - Henry Balcom (son)
- 26 - Gerald Cook
- 30 - Hilda Wallace
- 31 - Ginnie Stough



## Happy Anniversary

### July

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

### August

- 4 - Bud & Mary Collins
- 11 - **Roger & Nola Perrott**
- 14 - **Samuel & Nicole Moss**
- 22 - Norm & Sonja Breneman
- 28 - Joe & Romaine Feltenberger

### 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.



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".



## Remember Our Missionary Family in Prayer

- Blackwell - South Africa
- Campos - Spain
- Colon - Friends of Israel
- Hamme - EICM in PA
- Hilt - EICM in PA
- Kilmer - South Africa
- Livioco - Philippines
- Moss - Uganda
- Perrott - Hong Kong
- Pinyol - Spain
- Rocker - Retired
- Smith - RSBC Colorado
- Turner - Retired
- Child Evangelism of York County
- Military Evangelism - NC
- Teacher's Assistance Program

## Remember Our Shut-ins



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



# Quizzers Win Final Championship On The Book Of James

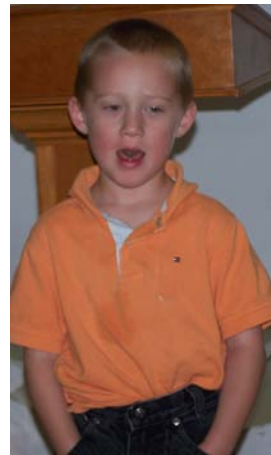


Chris, Kyle, Carlton, Jonathan, Andrew, Sarah, Austin, Henry, Mrs. Moss



# Homeschoolers Project Fair

Our church homeschool support group ended the year with a Project Fair where some gave speeches, some played an instrument, some showed and explained a project they did in school this year.



# Children's Day Program



The program started with all the departments together singing *O Say But I'm Glad*. The program ended with the story of "Old Man Kline" and all the children singing *Saved By Grace Alone*.



The Preschoolers quoted all of Psalm 100.



The Primaries presented the Christian Soldier and quoted Psalm 103:8-15 and Psalm 139:1-8.



The Juniors quoted Matthew 7:15-27, and depicted the story of the fiery furnace from the book of Daniel.





# Master Clubs Closing Program

Master Clubs is the material we use on Wednesday evening with the elementary children. They earn badges for attendance to club and to Sunday School, memorizing verses, learning Bible facts, doing kindness projects, learning about missions, and other Christian growth exercises.



For the closing program they sang a song, some said verses, and some got awards.

