

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 10:30 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 "Vessels for the Master's Use" taken from II Timothy 2:21 "...be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." 📖



(Making props for the conference)

Our Church Website

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



The Matt Krape family will be helping at **Servant's Heart Camp** this Summer. The camp property is in Ramey, PA.

There are four teen weeks:

June 17-22,

July 8-13,

July 15-20,

July 29- Aug. 3.

Juniors who have completed grades 2 through 6 can choose from these weeks:

June 24-28,

July 22-26.

Young at Heart Day for ages 55 and over is June 15 & Aug. 5.

Family Camps are provided on

July 1-3

July 4-6.

There is a Father/Son Retreat

August 15-17,

and a

Men's Retreat September 6-7.

For more information you can send them an email at info@shcm.org or check the web page at www.shcm.org or call (717)808-7992, or write to Servant's Heart Camp P.O. Box 244 Ramey, PA 16671.



Several people in our church are also involved in the **CEF Ministry** by holding 5 Day Clubs in their yards, and some help at the York Fair CEF tent in September.

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

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Our Purpose

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

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Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

Not everyone has enjoyed the liberty and freedom which we often take for granted in our country. Two new books from **THE IMAGINATION STATION** series and a DVD from **THE TORCHLIGHTERS** series share the stories of several individuals whose concerns about slavery in the mid-1800s motivated them, often at great personal risk, to assist those oppressed by this system.

Freedom at the Falls

Join cousins, Patrick and Beth, in 1861 as they ride The Lincoln Special, a train carrying President-elect Abraham Lincoln to northern New York. Mr. Lincoln is troubled because southern states are in an uproar over slavery. When a slave catcher finds out the cousins' friend and runaway slave, Sally, is also on the train, they must help her find a new route to Canada and become "conductors" on the Underground Railroad. Will they be able to keep Sally safe?

Terror in the Tunnel

Join cousins, Patrick and Beth, as they work with detective, Allan Pinkerton to save Abraham Lincoln. The South is in an uproar over the presidential election because Lincoln wants to stop the spread of slavery. The cousins overhear a plot to kill him before his inauguration. Can they, with the help of Pinkerton and the first female detective, Kate Warne, stop the angry men who want to change the course of the nation?

The Harriet Tubman Story

Living under the thumb of slavery's oppressive system, young Harriet prayed ceaselessly that she and her family would be set free. Little did she know God would use her and her resolute faith in Jesus to rescue not only her own family, but also hundreds of other enslaved African-Americans. Discover how Harriet followed God and persevered despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Also new to the library is **THE COPPER SCROLL SERIES**, CD albums which find Jonathan Park and the rest of the Creation Response Team looking for the treasure described in the Dead Sea Scrolls, but not without increasing opposition as they follow clues from one biblical location to the next.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF ANCIENT JEWISH WEDDING CUSTOMS ON THE RAPTURE AND THE SECOND COMING

Part 2

I. THE QADASHIN (KIDDUSHIN) THE BETROTHAL

Note

There are 8 parts to the Betrothal

1. The first step in the marriage process was the formal betrothal arrangement.

Marriages were arranged in Bible times and the betrothal was a binding commitment. As a picture of the church being the Bride of Christ, this tells us that the church is thus betrothed to Christ in a binding relationship. This speaks to our security in Christ.

2. THE CUP OF ACCEPTANCE

In the Betrothal ceremony, the young man would pour a cup of wine for his intended bride-to-be and wait to see if she drank it. If she drank it, she was accepting his proposal. This corresponds to the institution of the Lord's supper and to the necessity of each individual to personally receive Christ as Savior.

3. THE MOHAR – THE BRIDE PRICE

Upon acceptance of the proposal by the bride, the groom paid a Mohar, or bride-price. Jesus Christ bought us with the price of His blood. The blood of Christ is the bride-price – the Mohar.

Then there was a declaration that the price was paid – just as Christ declare from the cross, "It is finished."

4. THE BERYITH – THE COVENANT OF MARRIAGE

Once the bride price was paid, the couple would sign a written marriage covenant. This corresponds to the New Covenant, promised initially to Israel, but also applied to the church.

At the beginning of the 20th century, an actual Jewish marriage record during the period of the return from the Babylonian exile was discovered — the oldest existing marriage contract in Jewish history. The marriage did not take place in Palestine or among the exiles in Babylon, but among the Jews of Elephantine

and Aswan, at the southern border of Egypt. The marriage contract of Mibtachiah [the bride] and As-Hor [the groom] began with a declaration of marriage by As-Hor to Mibtachiah's father.

"I came to thy house for thee to give me thy daughter, Mibtachiah, to wife; she is my wife and I am her husband from this day and forever."

In the New Covenant, Christ declares: This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them (Hebrews 10:16).

5. GIFTS FOR THE BRIDE

Following the betrothal ceremony, the payment of the bride price and the establishment of the covenant, the groom would give gifts to the bride. This is what Christ has done for the church: He gave the gift of the Holy Spirit and Spiritual gifts.

6. THE CHUPPAH – THE GROOM'S PROMISE TO PREPARE A PLACE

After the Betrothal was complete, the bridegroom would make his pledge to prepare a place for the bride. Jesus made such a promise in John 14:1-3. The place Jesus is preparing is the New Jerusalem.

No specific time was set for the groom's return for his bride.

7. THE MIQVEH – THE IMMERSION RITUAL

Prior to the bridegroom coming, the bride would take a ritual bath called a Miqveh. For the church, this corresponds to baptism. We submit to the symbolic ritual of water baptism partly to testify of our salvation in Jesus Christ and partly because of our hope in the resurrection Jesus has promised us in our salvation.

8. THE WAITING PERIOD

While the bridegroom was preparing a place for the bride, the bride had to wait. The waiting period could be as much as 2 years. There is a notation in Josephus' writings that indicates Herod's betrothal to Mariamne was 4 years.

Josephus' Antiquities 13:1

But Messala contradicted them, on behalf of the young men, and all this in the presence of

Hyrchanus, who was Herod's father-in-law (24) already.

Footnote 24

We may here take notice that espousals alone were of old esteemed a sufficient foundation for affinity, Hyrcanus being here called father-in-law to Herod because his granddaughter Mariamne was betrothed to him, although the marriage was not completed till four years afterwards.

During this time the bride would prepare herself for the wedding. The church is presently in this waiting period. And during our waiting for Christ, we are expected to go through a process of sanctification to prepare ourselves for our marriage to Christ.

II. THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY

A. THE BRIDEGROOM COMES

The Father of the bridegroom would decide the time for the wedding to take place. When the bridegroom's father deemed the wedding chamber ready, the father would tell the bridegroom that all was ready and to get His bride. Only the Bridegroom's Father knows the time he will tell his son to go get his bride.

Matthew 24:36 is a reference to the Second Coming, but the principle may apply to the church as well.

36 *But of that day and hour **knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.***

There is a difference, however. Since Israel was given a specific time table in Daniel's prophecy of the 70 weeks, they can know what year and perhaps even what month and maybe even what week the second coming will happen because of the marker for the beginning of the final week, or final seven years of the prophecy.

Daniel 9:25-27

25 *Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.***

26 *And **after threescore and two weeks** shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of **the prince that shall come** shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*

27 ***And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,** and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

So Israel knows when the seven years begins by the establishment of the covenant with the Prince that shall come and will eventually commit the abomination of desolation at the mid-point of those seven years – another time marker. But the church not only does not know the day nor the hour, we don't know the week, the month, or the year.

The bridegroom and his friends would come to the bride's house and get the bride. The groomsmen would run ahead of the groom, sound the Shofar (trumpet), and shout that he was coming. While the bride's father's head was turned, the groom would "steal" the bride.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16 *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven **with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:** and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

17 *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

The Bride had to be ready at a moment's notice, so she constantly listened for her Bridegroom's voice. Solomon's bride to be speaks of this in the Song of Solomon.

Song of Solomon 8:12-14

12 *My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: thou, O Solomon, must have a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.*

13 *Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear it.*

14 *Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.*

B. THE LIFTING UP OF THE BRIDE

The Bride was lifted up and carried to the house of the Bridegroom's Father where the actual marriage ceremony was performed. Lifting up the bride was an

ancient wedding custom wherein the bride was lifted by poles in a carriage, and carried to the house of the Bridegroom's father for the ceremony. In a Jewish wedding ceremony, even today, the bride and the bridegroom are lifted up on chairs.

The church will be lifted up from the earth in the Rapture. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Christ will take us to His Father's house where the actual ceremony of marriage will be performed. Remember that the Bridegroom promised to prepare a place, a Chuppah. The Chuppah is at the home of the Bridegroom's father.

From The Bridal Canopy – Chuppah by Maurice Lamm

The tapestry canopy that we know as chuppah was first identified by Rabbi Moses Isserles (Rema) in the sixteenth century, and we must assume that it was relatively new in his time. The concept, however, is ancient, and the Talmud considers it biblically required for marriage.

(The Talmud is the commentary and writings of the Rabbi's going back as far as the Babylonian captivity.)

What exactly is chuppah?we do know that originally it was the groom's home, or an addition to his father's home into which the new couple moved

Compare John 14:1-2

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

*2 In my **FATHER'S** house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go [to my FATHER'S HOUSE] to prepare a place for you.*

This is why we see the 24 elders representing the church in Revelation chapter 4 and 5.

C. THE MEHEEL – THE WEDDING GARMENT

The Meheel is a white robe – the wedding garment. The Meheel was the robe of the High Priest, the robe of virgins, and the kind of robe David wore when he led the ark of the covenant to the tabernacle. It is used of the nature of the wedding garments worn by a bridegroom and a bride.

Isaiah 61:10

*10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the **robe** of righteousness, **as a bridegroom decketh himself** with ornaments, and **as a bride adorneth herself** with her jewels.*

The church is also adorned in her wedding garment for the wedding ceremony in Revelation 19:8

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

The judgement seat of Christ is where the Bride will be made ready.

2 Corinthians 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1 Corinthians 4:5

*5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: **and then shall every man have praise of God.***

D. THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY

1. The Qadosh (Kiddush) – The Cup of Blessing

The vows made during the betrothal ceremony were completed in the marriage ceremony and sealed with the cup of blessing. The Betrothal was sealed with a cup when the Bridegroom offered a cup to the Bride and the Bride accepted the Bridegroom's proposal by

drinking the cup. The marriage was sealed in the wedding ceremony with a cup of wine to indicate the great joy that would accompany the festive celebration.

This is the blessing pronounced with the cup: Baruch atah, Adony Eloheynu, Melech Ha-Olam. Borey P'ree Hagafen: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine. Amen.

Jesus told the disciples He would drink a cup with them in His **Father's** kingdom.

Matthew 26:29

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

The disciples will be in the church. The Father's kingdom is in heaven. The kingdom on earth belongs to Christ. This is referring to the cup Christ will drink with the church at the wedding ceremony in heaven.

The Communion cup anticipates this cup of blessing.

1 Corinthians 10:16

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

2. THE SEVEN BLESSINGS

Seven blessings are declared upon the Bride and the Bridegroom.

1. Praised are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

2. Praised are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who created all things for Your glory.

3. Praised are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of man.

4. Praised are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who created man and woman in Your image, fashioning woman from man as his mate, that together they might perpetuate life. Praised are You, O Lord, Creator of man.

5. May Zion rejoice as her children are restored to her in joy. Praised are You, O Lord, Who causes Zion to rejoice at her children's return.

6. Grant perfect joy to these loving companions, as You did to the first man and woman in the Garden of

Eden. Praised are You, O Lord, who grants the joy of bride and groom.

7. Praised are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who created joy and gladness, bride and groom, mirth, song, delight and rejoicing, love and harmony, peace and companionship. O Lord our God, may there ever be heard in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem voices of joy and gladness, voices of bride and groom, the jubilant voices of those joined in marriage under the bridal canopy, the voices of young people feasting and singing. Praised are You, O Lord, Who causes the groom to rejoice with his bride.

It is interesting that Christ bestows seven promised blessings on the church in the letters to the seven churches.

Revelation 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:26; 3:5; 3:12; 3:21.

III. THE WEDDING FEAST

A. The "Honeymoon"

The Wedded Couple would spend seven days alone in the Wedding Chamber. The bridegroom would take his bride to the wedding chamber **where they would spend seven days**.

From The Jewish Magazine, a monthly Jewish magazine of all things Jewish, **The Chuppah, Its Need and History: Under the Wedding Canopy**
By Avi Lazerson

After they procured all the necessary items to begin a married life together, they come together a second time. This time it is called the nisu'in, or what we today would call the marriage. (Nisu'in comes from the Hebrew word no'say which means to carry; meaning that the husband was now carrying the burden of the bride, not her father.) She would leave her father's house and go to her husband's home. At this point in time, the husband's place of residence was called the chuppah, it could have been a house or a tent, but **it was a place that the bride and groom could be secluded by themselves. In this chuppah the bride and groom would dwell for seven days.**

This corresponds to the church being in heaven for the 70th week of Daniel – a period of 7 years or one week. The church will be with Christ in the Bridal Chamber of heaven for the seven years while the Tribulation takes place on earth.

B. The Wedding Feast

At the end of the seven days, the groom would bring his wife out and introduce her to the community. The bride and bridegroom would then participate in a feast with friends and family. There would be joyous celebrating during this feast. The feast would conclude the wedding celebration.

This corresponds to Christ and the church returning to earth at the end of the Tribulation. Revelation 19:6-9

Why does God arrange just a 1,000 year kingdom when Israel was promised an eternal kingdom? (Revelation 20:4). The Millennial Kingdom serves a dual purpose. It establishes the BEGINNING of Christ's eternal reign over Israel and the world and it serves as the wedding feast for the marriage of Christ and the church.

C. The Wedding Guests

Israel is always depicted as the wedding guests for the marriage of Jesus Christ in the parables He told while He was here on earth. For example: the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-10. In this parable, the bride is never mentioned. It is only said that the bridegroom comes and the virgins are waiting to be wedding guests.

The parables about Israel as being wedding guests are put in the context of the Millennial kingdom.

Matthew 22:2

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

Matthew 25:1-10

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Conclusion

We, the church, are the bride of Christ. We have been betrothed, and it is a binding relationship. Those of us who are in the church are participants in the bride of Christ because we have received the cup of blessing in the betrothal ceremony. This is not to say that we are saved if we take communion, but rather we are saved if we trust in the blood of Christ. As Jesus expressed it back then, the cup of juice merely represents symbolically His shed blood which He sprinkled upon the mercy seat of the cross.

Christ has paid the bride price with His blood. He has made a covenant with us. He has given us gifts. And we are waiting for Him to come. We don't know when He will come, but when He does, there will be a shout and a trumpet blow and we will know it is the Bridegroom coming for us.

In heaven, the judgment seat of Christ will make us ready. Christ will adorn us with our wedding garment, the marriage ceremony will take place, and Christ will show us the place He has prepared for us. We will stay with Christ in heaven for seven years.

In the Second Coming we will return to earth with Christ to be introduced to the world as the wife of Christ to enjoy our wedding feast with saved Israel as our wedding guest.

WHAT A FUTURE IS IN STORE FOR US!



Note

References are available to support this information about ancient Jewish wedding customs.

The Nervous New Pastor

The new preacher at Dry Gulch Community Church was so nervous about delivering his first sermon that he'd not gotten much sleep for several nights. Matter of fact, he was so tired he could barely make it up the steps to his pulpit. Fortunately, he found his text and began preaching. But nervousness soon overtook him, and the outline flew right out of his mind. Now, in Bible School he'd been taught that if a lapse of memory occurs, it is wise to repeat your last point. And so he did. "Behold," he quoted, "I come quickly," but his mind was still a blank. He tried one more time, still no memory of what was to come next. Another attempt, but no results. Finally, he stepped way back, made a lunge toward the pulpit, shouted out, "Behold, I come quickly," tripped, and fell into the lap of a little old lady in the front row. Flustered and embarrassed, he picked himself up, apologized profusely, and started to explain what had happened.. "That's all right, young man," said the kindly old lady. "It was really my fault. You warned me three times that you were on your way down here. I should have just gotten out of your way."

Missionary News



From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)

York County, PA

Peter & Rosa Pinyol

Castillebisbal, Spain

Pastoral Ministry

Several of the brothers in our congregation were taken to the hospital for different reasons: operations, illnesses, emergencies, etc. As a missionary, the work in the hospital always offers opportunities for witness of consolation and love.

The way the Lord supplies for our ministry is always a blessing and something that surprises us. We had the opportunity to receive an offering to help in the construction needs of the prophets chamber and also several things that needed to be fixed in our church building. We encountered problems in the water pipes that go through the building. The pipes are broken, so now we are forced to do the whole new installation and will have to do work in our church building. But the Lord knew this need and He was preparing the way and providing.

Family Counseling

I do not always share this in my letters, but pastoral work among families is one of our ministerial burdens. We have been working with three families who are experiencing a real storm. Satan is attacking homes, and I have a great burden to do everything possible to help establish strong Christian families and homes based on the Word of God.

Preparations

We have already begun preparations for the summer camps and the visit of the Pensacola Christian College group. We are very excited and expectant of what the Lord will do these months in our church and ministry.

CEF is reaching the children in York County in various ways all year long.

Summer Ministry

During the summer months a team of missionaries have two weeks of training and then go into neighborhoods to hold 5-Day Clubs. These are held in people's homes or yards of those who have volunteered to invite their neighborhood children to come for an hour each day for a week. They are taught a Bible lesson, hear an exciting missionary story, learn Scripture verses, sing songs, and participate in a review activity. Visual aids, puppets, and various learning activities are used.

Also a week of Day Camp is offered where the children have several hours each day to be saturated with the things of the Lord.

Fair Ministry

In September, during the York Fair, a tent is set up where children can come in with the adult that is accompanying them and hear the Wordless Book story, while someone paints on their hand or face. When they leave they are given a packet with a Wordless Book bracelet and other goodies. At this event children and adults hear the Gospel message.

School Year Ministry

From the middle of October to the middle of April, Good News Clubs are held in the public schools after children are dismissed from school for the day. Some clubs are held in nearby churches if the school doesn't allow the club to be held in the school building, and a few are held in homes. The schedule and activities for this is very similar to the 5-Day Clubs that are held in the summer.

Camp Testimonies

I like the preachers at camp. The food is great and the devotion times are always eye opening. I appreciate how the counselors are always ready to listen and help.

First of all the thing I like about camp is listening to the speaker, because it's very important to listen to the speaker. Second, I like being with friends and chat with them. Third, I like the games. It's good to keep me busy playing with friends. Better than being bored and do nothing. Fourth, I like lying on bed and rest from a long day.

I really like camp. They have a lot of good messages to us and I've really learned a lot. I really like all the games we play. I like playing in the lake. They have very good food to eat.

I love going to camp every year because the counselors are very friendly and take time to talk with everyone in their cabin and get to know them. Each year the preachers are very good and give me a lot to think about. Mrs. Fry's cooking is also very good.

Nursing Homes Ministry

By Glenn Hilt

The North Hills Bible Church is involved with two Nursing Home Ministries: the Pleasant Acres Nursing and Rehabilitation Center every other month and the Manor Care Kingston Court Nursing and Rehabilitation Center the alternate months.

Helpers from North Hills Bible Church bring the residents out from their rooms to the meeting area, and are also involved in participation of the services. We are so thankful for the faithfulness of our young adults in helping with music and pushing the patients wheel-chairs, and for the men in the church who are willing to do the speaking.

We are thankful to the Lord for the joy of ministering to those who are not able to get out and go to church each Sunday.

Spotlight on Tracts



“How many birthdays have **you** had? I don't mean how many times have you blown out candles or gotten a year older, I mean, how many times have you **been born** ?

What does it mean to be born again? It has to do with *spiritual* life.

Being born again is all about having our sins washed away and receiving new life from God.

Have you had your second birthday?”



“Are there really 3 things that God cannot do? Can't God do everything?

1. God Cannot Lie

This may seem rather obvious or even a trick answer, but nevertheless absolutely true.

2. God Cannot Change

This is another characteristic which is unique to God alone.

3. God Cannot Allow Sinners Into Heaven

Jesus spoke in John 3:3,5 “Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God...”

Is there a way to get to heaven?

In John 14:6 Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”

If you have repented and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, then you may know that you have eternal life. I John 5:13”



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Joyce Moss

The Preschool Class learned all of Psalm 100 and presented it on Children's Day. How precious to hear these little ones recite a whole chapter in the Bible! It is amazing how much preschool children really can learn. They easily learn other things, so it is our duty to put God's Word into their minds and hearts as well at an early age.

They have enjoyed singing the *One Way* song while holding up a miniature 'One Way' sign on one side, and JESUS on the other side to remind us that Jesus is the only way to heaven. *Jesus Loves the Little Children* is another favorite song. They hold up pictures of children from different lands, but they don't see the color of the skin, they see the color of the clothing. So pictures were made up with children wearing the color clothing of their nationality - American Indians wearing red, Chinese children wearing yellow, etc. That makes it a whole lot easier to know when to hold up their picture when we sing "Red, brown, yellow, black and white".

Primaries

taught by Buck & Cindy Smith

We have followed the life of Moses as he spent 40 years as a prince in the land of Egypt. The next 40 years he lived as a shepherd in the land of Midian and his final 40 years leading the Israelites in the wilderness up to the promised land. Moses learned to trust and obey God in every phase of his life. Now as the people are ready to enter the land of promise, we will get a glimpse of the life of Joshua. Not only will Joshua need to trust and obey God, but God tells him to be strong and of good courage. Along with teaching these Godly character traits, the children have memorized passages from Psalm 103:8-15 and Psalm 139:1-12 and 23,24. We have also focused on being living testimonies and being a witness for Christ.

Juniors

taught by Gerald & Darcy Cook

We are now studying the book of Daniel. Daniel and his three friends are such a great example to our students and to all of us on how to live a non-compromising life. A lot of exciting, unusual, and miraculous things happen. Exciting to see three young men who were thrown into a fiery furnace, who got to see our Lord, and came out without even the smell of smoke on them. Exciting to see Daniel given the interpretation of a dream and given prophecies that have been and are yet to be fulfilled. What is more exciting than a hand writing on a wall; or an angel shutting the mouths of lions and protecting Daniel? Yet, we often have to remind ourselves that we serve the same God and what He does for us is just as exciting. We may never be in a fiery furnace; we may never see a hand writing on a wall; and we may never be in a den with hungry lions, but our God is in our hearts and in our lives, doing what needs to be done for us. First, He saved us, and now He protects us, guides us, and walks with us every day. We should be excited about the God we serve!

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

Recently in Master Clubs the ambassador class has been learning about being good stewards of the things God has placed in our care. We emphasized that all we have comes from God. First, we looked at our time. Since the children are finished with schooling for the year, we talked about using our time wisely and not wasting it. Next, we looked at people. God has placed people in authority over us and we need to respect them and listen to them. He has also placed us in authority over others. We learned that we must not abuse the responsibility, but we should lead as a servant. We also looked at finances and saw that God wants us to remember He has given us money to use for Him. We recognized our responsibility to tithe, save, and give to those in need. Finally, we looked at property. God has given us things that we need to use properly. We saw that when we borrow things from others, we need to return them in good condition. We also saw that we need to care for the animals God has placed in our care.



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QUIZZING

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

The quizzers ended the year well in the book of James. Congratulations to Hannah and Rebecca Wertz for quizzing out in every quiz! Congratulations to Grace Balcom for quizzing out three times and Charles Balcom for quizzing out once.

Now with the quizzing season over for the school year, the teens Bible study is in the book of II Samuel for the summer, with men from the church bringing the devotional each week. After the Bible study, time is spent in prayer.

The rest of the Wednesday evening for the teens is spent in preparing props for the Missions Conference in September. This year the theme is "Vessels for the Master's Use" taken from II Timothy 2:21 "...he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work."

They are all working on painting a ceramic 'vessel' to use as part of the display. The guys are also working on creating a large 'vessel' for the front of the sanctuary using chicken wire, covered with paper mache and then painting it.

Downstairs in the fellowship hall we emphasize one of the fields represented by the missionaries at the conference. For this the girls are working on an African safari mural with some 3-D figures.

Working on these props for the conference gives the teens greater anticipation for the conference and excitement about missions in general.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

This April, the teen class finished off their classes with some light experiments. The middle class finished their studies on trees, and the beginner class learned about the first American flag.

Our field trip for the month was the Lancaster Science Factory.

Our project fair was in May this year as usual. We started off our day with speeches. Elisabeth and Abby Wertz were first this year, and they recited Psalm 100. Daniel Wertz read two stories he wrote. Shawn Smith's speech entitled, "Combat Can Be Fun" was about wrestling. David Wertz talked about Tigers. Matthew Kanost told the group about his scrapbook project he did for history class, "How to Make a Scrapbook." Sage Berkheizer presented a speech about catapults.

The middle class had some conversations in sign language to show us how much they've learned this year.

The musical numbers were as follows: Esther played, "Lead On Oh King Eternal, on the piano. Hannah and Rebecca Wertz did a violin duet, "It Is Well With My Soul." Shawn Smith treated us to a trumpet solo, "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Ode to Joy." Grace, Hannah, and Rebecca played "I Will Follow" using violins and ukulele.

At this point we went to the back of the room which is more for experiments and things to show. Ian Morrow did two different experiments for us. The first was called, "Floating Raisins." Carbonated water is poured into a glass. Raisins added will start to float to the top and then fall back down, but the gas inside the glass causes them to float again. For the second experiment Ian placed Styrofoam peanuts on a plate. He added acetone to the plate which causes the peanuts to melt. Hannah Wertz showed us her sewing projects. Grace Balcom had a diorama from her Envirothon studies which included different trees and even a stream. Luke Brammer had a Lego plane he built himself. Hope Brammer displayed several art projects she did. Shawn Smith also had art projects and some trophies to show.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Up-coming Events for

Our Missionaries



July

14	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
14	Ice Cream Social	7:30 PM
17	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM



August

18	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
21	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM



September

8	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
12	Homeschool Classes	9:00 AM
18	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
21	Church Picnic	12 noon
22	Missions Conference	9:30 & 10:45 AM 6:30 PM
23-25	Missions Conference	10:30 AM 7:00 PM

July

- Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa
Camp ministry
- Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
Summer 5-Day Clubs & Day Camp
- Friends of Israel
Prophecy Conference
- Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong
Camps for children and teens
- Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Castillebisbal, Spain
Bible Institute Intensive Week
Children's Camp & Youth Camp

August

- Campos, Moises & Rosa - Castellar, Spain
Tract Ministry in Castellar and surrounding
- Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus
Discipleship Sessions and Bible Studies
- Livioco, Bob & Imee - Philippines
Bible Studies in Mandaluyong City,
Pasig City, Primerose Properties, and
Globe Telecom
- Moss, Sam & Nicole - Uganda, East Africa
Bible Translation Project
- Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Castillebisbal, Spain
Family Camp

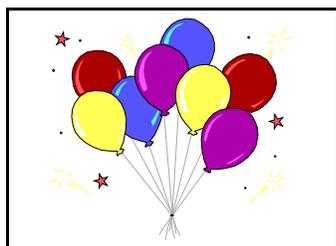
September

- Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa
Men's Breakfast Outreach Ministry
- Friends of Israel
Teaching on "Messiah in the Day of
Atonement"
Preaching on "Fall Festivals of Israel"
- Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC
Ministry to overnight accommodations for
military guests
- Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong
Church Planting & Leadership Training

Remember to Pray
for Your Missionaries



Church Family News



Happy Birthday

July

- 5 - Phil Kissinger
- 7 - Seth Laning
- 10 - Connie Morrow
- 19 - **Rosa Campos**
- 20 - Hope Brammer
- 22 - Emma Kay Laning
- 22 - Luke Laning
- 24 - **Anna Perrott**
- 25 - Shawn Smith

August

- 5 - Todd Chronister
- 5 - Mary Shelly
- 11 - Liberty Brammer
- 11 - Margery Wilt
- 12 - Earl Knuth
- 12 - Patsy Knuth
- 12 - **Rosa Pinyol**
- 12 - Ina Stelfox
- 19 - Abigail Wertz
- 21 - Rick Fetrow, Sr.
- 21 - Mary Snyder
- 23 - Henry Balcom (son)
- 23 - Tim Harwood
- 26 - Gerald Cook
- 27 - Elizabeth Wertz
- 31 - Ginnie Stough

September

- 1 - Gladys Gross
- 1 - Daniel Wertz



- 2 - Ed Cosgrove
- 5 - Dawn Eyer
- 6 - Richard Waltemyer
- 7 - Andrew Fetrow
- 10 - Robert Frey
- 10 - Ken Hoffman
- 10 - Don Snyder
- 17 - Lester Fink
- 18 - **Roberto Livio**
- 19 - Brian Hilt
- 22 - Ian Morrow
- 26 - Susan Peters
- 29 - **Glenn Hilt**
- 29 - Hannah Wertz



Happy Anniversary

July

- 9 - **Don & Karen Kilmer**
- 9 - Phil & Gloria Kissinger
- 20 - Roy & Laura Morrow
- 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

September

- 27 - Jim & Shigeko Hall

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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Special Attention to our Church Elders and Trustees

Elders:

Pastor Moss, Greg Beard, Gerald Cook, Glenn Hilt, John Kanost, and Don Snyder

Trustees:

Earl Knuth and Rick Fetrow



Remember Our Shut-ins

Lorraine Beath, Bob & Marion Frey, Jeannie Geesey, Millie Geisler, Pam Grove, Shigeko Hall, Gloria Hevner, Susan Peters, Delores Shields, Reg & Ina Stelfox

Homeschoolers Activities



TEEN BIBLE QUIZ TEAMS



They actually quizzed against each other in one quiz. North Hills was bound to win that quiz !!



Children's Day



All the children together sang *REDEEMED* at the beginning to start the children's program.

The Preschool Class, in the front row, quoted all of Psalm 100 together. Even the very smallest child knew it by memory. They sang the *One Way* song and held up one way signs. They also sang *Jesus Loves the Little Children* and they each had a picture of a child to hold up as they sang "red, brown, yellow, black and white".

The Primary Class quoted two passages: Psalm 103:8-15 and Psalm 139:1-12 & 23-24. They also sang I John 2:15-17. They had a missions theme and the children's outfits each represented a different country. They sang *Jesus Loves the Little Children* in Creole, *Jesus Loves Me* in Chinese, and *God Is So Good* in Zulu.

The Junior Class, in the back row, quoted Matthew 7:15-27 and James 1: 19-27. After sharing some other things they had been learning in class they had fun acting out the story of Shadrack, Meshack and Abednigo who were cast into the fiery furnace, but God delivered them so that not even the smell of smoke was on them.

To conclude the program the children all sang together the song, *I WILL PRAISE HIM*.

Sunday School Classes



Preschoolers



Primaries



Juniors



Quizzing



Charles, Matthew, Ian, Hannah, Rebecca, Grace

These six quizzers memorized the book of James this year and received certificates for their accomplishment. They each gave a testimony as to their favorite verse in James.

Charles - James 4:10 “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up.”

Reminds us that God uses the humble.

Matthew - James 4:17 “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”

Know and do what you know is good.

Ian - James 4:15 “For that you ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.”

We are not in control. God is.

Hannah - James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

When you don’t know what to do, ask God.

Rebecca - James 3:8 “But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”

It’s hard to control the tongue, but God can help us use our tongue for good.

Grace - James 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

It is easy to stray from the Lord. Stay alert.

Master Clubs



Master Clubs meet on Wednesday nights for the elementary aged children.



In the Ambassador group:

Shawn received these awards: Home helper, Scripture memory 3, Do unto others, God's creation, Daily devotions, Bible reading and Bronze crown.

David received these awards: Scripture memory, First aid, Do unto others, New Testament themes, Around the world, Home helper, Bible reading, Crown.



In the Scouts group:

Esther received these awards: Red star, Sunday School attendance, Loving my church, Above and beyond, Jesus and me.

Hope received these awards: Red star, Sunday School attendance, Above and beyond, Jesus and me.



In the Spotters group:

Daniel received these awards: Gold star, David badge, Good soldier, Above and beyond.

In the Lookouts group

Luke received these awards: White stars, Sunday School attendance, Good Savior, Good shepherd, Preacher pal.

In the Little Lambs group:

Elisabeth received these awards: Bible badge, 3 honors, Noah's ark, and a ribbon for completing the book