

Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 26

Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 PM. We will sing songs of thanksgiving to God, and praise the Lord together for the blessings we have received throughout this past year. A thanksgiving message will be preached from God's Word. 📖

Church Family Banquet

Friday, December 5
6:30 P.M.

Our annual Christmas banquet will be a special time of fellowship. A special meal is being planned.

There will be a speaker presenting God's Word as we remember Jesus coming to earth to bring us salvation. Please sign up in the narthex to let us know for how many to prepare. There will be an opportunity to give an offering toward the expenses of the meal. 📖



Children's Program

Sunday, December 21
9:30 A.M.

This will be a unique presentation by our Sunday School children who will share things they have been learning in their classes. 📖



Christmas Program

Sunday December 21
10:45 A.M.

A special musical program is being prepared to help us rejoice in the coming of our Savior over 2,000 years ago. It includes the Scriptures and songs that tell us about our Savior's birth. 📖

Candle Light Service

Wednesday
December 24
7:00 P.M.

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



Christmas Card Box

The Christmas card box will be available once again for you to share your cards with one another within the church family.



Please arrange your cards alphabetically to make it easier to sort them. The box will be in the narthex until Wednesday December 10, which is the deadline for submitting your cards. Cards for missionaries and anyone not listed in our current directory should be mailed to them directly. 📖

Old Electronic Donations

Don't throw them out! Donate them to the prison project when you get a new one for Christmas. There is no deadline for these to be donated. You can donate these after Christmas.

Old or Used Cell Phones and Cell Phone Chargers

Here's what to do:

1. Delete all your personal information.
2. Include any accessories that go with it.
3. Put them in the box at the coat rack in the narthex labeled "Donate Your Cell Phones Here".

It does not matter how old the items and accessories are.

**2015 Pocket Calendars
Are Available In The Narthex**

A GOSPEL MESSAGE FOR YOU

Have you asked Jesus Christ to save you? If not, will you accept Him as your Saviour now? The following will explain what you need to do.

1. **ADMIT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.** The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
2. **KNOW THAT GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR YOUR SALVATION.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16
3. **KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF.** "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5a
4. **REPENT OF YOUR SIN.** "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." II Corinthians 7:10. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3
5. **ASK JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE YOU.** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be **SAVED.**" Romans 10:13. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be **SAVED.**" Acts 16:31
6. **CONFESS JESUS BEFORE MEN.** "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be **SAVED.** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10

If you have any questions or would like further spiritual help, please contact us at the North Hills Bible Church. Our phone number is 757-1316.

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Library News

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Plant & Water, God will Give the Increase was the theme for our recent Missions Conference. It is always encouraging to hear about the spiritual fruit God has given our missionaries as they faithfully plant and water.

To learn more about other men and women who devoted their lives to the Lord's service, read the new biographies being added to the library from the HEROES FOR YOUNG READERS and CHRISTIAN HEROES: THEN & NOW series. Where they planted and watered differs greatly, but they all looked to God for the increase.

Mary Slessor: Courage in Africa (1848-1915)

This Scottish woman boldly went to live among unreached tribes where she became the cherished "White Ma" as she taught school, nursed the sick, rescued those in danger, and showed them the life and freedom found in Jesus.

Hudson Taylor: Friend of China (1832-1905)

Even though his blond hair and blue eyes made him appear out of place, he knew God had called him to this ancient land where he faithfully served and firmly established the gospel of Jesus in the hearts of the Chinese people.

Francis Asbury: Circuit Rider (1745-1816)

This English-born man responded to God's call to the American colonies where he devoted his life to ministry, traveling on horseback for more than 300,000 miles to preach to those living on the vast, isolated frontier.

Samuel Zwemer: The Burden of Arabia (1867-1952)

While the spiritual needs of the Muslim world were long neglected by Christian missionaries, he dedicated himself to the tremendous task of advancing the gospel in Arabia, a pledge he kept despite opposition, difficulty, and death.

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The New Jerusalem

Introduction

As believers in Jesus Christ, we look forward to going to heaven when we die, or when the rapture takes place. It will be a marvelous experience to be in that amazing place, but heaven will not be our permanent residence. When Jesus said He was going to prepare a place for us (John 14:1-3), it is likely that He was talking about the New Jerusalem. John's description of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21 and 22 indicates that this too is an amazing place very similar to heaven. It will descend from heaven to the earth, and it will be the permanent residence of glorified believers. It will be filled with the presence and glory of God. As Christ reigns in His kingdom on earth, and as the earthly nations, including Israel, enjoy the earthly life God originally intended for mankind in creation, glorified believers will enjoy the unique features of the New Jerusalem.

The Curse Is Removed

Revelation 21:1

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

When Christ removes Satan from the earth and chains him in the bottomless pit at the conclusion of the tribulation period (Revelation 20:1-3), He also removes the curse from nature. John refers to this here by mentioning a new heaven and a new earth. While many believe that the new heaven and the new earth only come about at the end of the Millennial kingdom, there is prophetic evidence that the curse is removed at the beginning of this thousand year dispensation. Some of this evidence includes:

- thorns and briars disappearing
Isaiah 55:13; Isaiah 35:1-2
- animals becoming non-violent and non-predatory
Isaiah 65:25; Isaiah 11:6
- increased longevity
Isaiah 65:20
- a perpetual growing season.
Amos 9:13

It is curious that John indicates there will be no more sea. This could mean one of two things. Either,

the new earth will only contain land mass and no water surface, rendering the entire earth habitable, or all the land masses of the earth will be brought together as they perhaps were before the flood and the original configuration of the earth's surface is restored as it was before the curse. My personal opinion is that it will be the latter. When Peter refers to the burning of the earth [2 Peter 3:10 - 10 *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up*] it is possible that this consists of a purging of the earth of all that has been contaminated by the curse and a restoration of the earth to its original creative state as in Genesis 1:31 *And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.* (The new heaven likely refers to a cleansing of the earth's atmosphere which is the first heaven. Compare 2 Corinthians 12:2.)

It is in the context of the new heaven and the new earth that the New Jerusalem appears. If the New Jerusalem is going to be the abode of glorified believers on or near the earth, it would seem likely that it would appear at the beginning of the Millennial kingdom, giving further suggestion that the new heaven and new earth occur at that time.

The City is Prepared

Revelation 21:2-3

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

The New Jerusalem comes down from God out of heaven. That means that what we are reading about in Revelation 21:1 through 22:5 is not a description of heaven itself. Rather, this is a description of a large and substantial city prepared to descend from heaven to the earth. It will be heaven like in its characteristics, but it will not be the third heaven where the throne of God the Father resides as described in Revelation chapters 4 and 5.

The city is prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. This does not necessarily mean it is prepared solely for the Bride of Christ, the church. It is likely intended for all glorified people. There will be glorified Israelites that will probably reside there with

the glorified church. But the New Jerusalem is surely intended to be the place prepared by the Saviour for His glorious church.

The city is also designed particularly with the purpose of providing a real presence of God in the neighborhood of mankind living on earth. The New Jerusalem will be the Tabernacle, or place of habitation, for God so that He may dwell with men. As the Shekinah glory of God dwelt in the Temple of the Old Testament, so the Shekinah glory of God will dwell in the New Jerusalem as a real and tangible presence of God the Father in the midst of men.

Tears Are Wiped Away

Revelation 21:4-7

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

For those who will reside in the New Jerusalem, it will be a place of absolute perfection. There will be no tears, no death, no sorrow, no crying, and no pain. These are the former things characteristic of the old earth. But in the New Jerusalem, there will be no evidence of them. The former things of the old heaven and earth are passed away. God makes a formal declaration that He will make all things new and affirms that this is absolutely true.

God will provide the water of life that will sustain our eternal existence. The water of life quenches a person's thirst permanently. Never again will there be a sensation of need for some restorative liquid to quench a man's thirst. Glorified residents of the New Jerusalem will be permanently and eternally refreshed in a filial relationship with God Himself by the water of life. These glorified residents are the overcomers described by John in another place:

1 John 5:4-5 - For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Exclusions From The City

Revelation 21:8

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

God explains that those who have not overcome will have no part in the New Jerusalem or in the water of life. The fearful, the unbelieving, the abominable, the murderers, the whoremongers, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and the liars are representative of those who have fallen short of the glory of God and have failed to overcome by faith in Jesus Christ. Their part will be in eternal death in the lake of fire.

Description of the City

Revelation 21:9-10

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

One of the seven angels, who had carried one of the last plagues on earth, brings John's attention to the bride of Christ, now the Lamb's wife. He does this by showing John the New Jerusalem which he characterizes as "that great city, the holy Jerusalem." Clearly, there is to be a direct connection between the church and the New Jerusalem.

The city, the angel says, descends out of heaven from God. There are different opinions about how far down the city comes, whether it descends all the way to the earth and rests on the land, or that it comes only near to the earth and rests in the air. The argument for it remaining in the air is that the Scriptures while describing its descent never mentions it as actually touching down on earth. The size and nature of this immense structure makes it likely that it will remain in the air, a place for glorified residents,

separate from those who live on earth in the original human flesh.

1. Its Glory

Revelation 21:11-15

11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

The glory of the New Jerusalem is the glory of God Himself. The city is lit up by a stone, John says. This stone has the appearance of a very precious (or expensive) jasper stone, but clear as crystal. Jasper comes in many colors such as purple, blue, and green, but there is also a clear jasper called crystallizusa. John does not say it is jasper, just that it was like a jasper stone. The appearance of the Shekinah glory of God must have merely given John the impression of a jasper stone. For Revelation 21:13 declares that the glory of God is what actually provides light to the city.

2. Its Physical Features

Revelation 21:16-17

12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the

twelfth, an amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

The city is foursquare measuring 12,000 furlongs on each side and in height, giving it the appearance of a cube inside the perimeter walls. A furlong in Bible times was equal to 600 feet. This means that the city measured 1,363.64 miles in each direction. This is one of the reasons the New Jerusalem is not the same as the restored Jerusalem of the Millennium described by Ezekiel. Ezekiel 48:16 gives the dimensions of that city perimeter as 4,500 reeds. A reed was equivalent to 6 cubits or 9 feet. That would mean each side of Ezekiel's restored city will be only 7.67 miles, considerably smaller than the New Jerusalem. In the dawn of the Millennium, there will be two Jerusalems, the restored Jerusalem in the land of Israel, and the New Jerusalem hovering in the air.

The city has great and high perimeter walls. The walls are 144 cubits, or 216 feet, high. The wall is made of jasper and the internal structure of the city is made of pure gold that has the appearance of clear glass.

On each side of the city there are three gates, twelve in all. Each gate consists of one large pearl. Each gate is inscribed with one of the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

The walls have twelve foundations. Each of the foundations is inscribed with one of the names of the twelve apostles. The foundations are made of the following substances and possible colors in succession from the top down:

jasper	purple/red
sapphire	blue
chalcedony	pale blue
emerald	green
sardonyx	brown
sardius	orange/red
chrysolite	golden
beryl	pale green
topaz	yellow green
chrysoprasus	gold green
jacinth	dark blue
amethyst	purple

The streets in the city are made of pure gold. To look at them, they appear as if they are transparent glass.

Characteristics of the City

1. There is no temple in the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:22

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

There is no need for a temple in the New Jerusalem. By saying that the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it, indicates that there is a real presence of God the Father as well as the Lord Jesus Christ. Their personal presence is equivalent to a place of worship.

There will, however, be a temple on earth. Ezekiel 45 and 46 describe the animal sacrifices that will be offered in the Millennial temple. While the temple is not located in the city proper, there is none the less a need for a temple on earth in contrast to the New Jerusalem. The sacrifices will not be for atonement, but for memorials to the sacrifice of the Savior and in honor of all He has done for mankind.

2. The city is filled with Divine light and there will be no night there.

Revelation 21:23

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

On earth, it would appear that the day and night cycle continues since other elements of nature do so. For example, we are told that there will be rain (Zechariah 14:17-18), and the growth of vegetation (Amos 9:13-14). But in the New Jerusalem there will be no night and day, only day. There will be perpetual light provided by the glory of God, presumably the Shekinah glory, emanating from both the Father and the Son. This agrees with the difference between those on earth who are living a normal life in human nature, while the residents of the New Jerusalem will be glorified in nature. People on earth will still need to

sleep, but the residents of the New Jerusalem will not. Thus, no night there.

The kings of the earth will be allowed to visit the city. They will be welcomed as servants of the Lamb who are intent on bringing their glory into the city, no doubt, to honor the King of kings.

3. The city is pure.

Revelation 21:27

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The reason we would conclude that the kings of the earth who visit the city are believers is because nothing will be allowed in the city that might defile it. Only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life will be allowed in. There will, of course, eventually be an accumulation of unbelievers on earth during the Millennium. Only believers will be present in the beginning of the kingdom, but their children and their children's children will have to make their own decisions about faith in Christ. Many will refuse. None of those who do will ever be allowed in the New Jerusalem. Absolute purity will be preserved in the city.

The River of Life

Revelation 22:1-2

1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Another special feature in the New Jerusalem is the river of life. It proceeds out of the throne of God and consists of crystal clear water. On either side of the river and down the middle of it, there is a grove of trees. These are the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruit, apparently, each one corresponding to an earthly month. The leaves from the trees will provide healing for the nations.

This is different from the millennial river that is described in the book of Ezekiel. According to Ezekiel 47:1, that river originates from the temple. The river in the New Jerusalem originates from God's throne. Many assume that Ezekiel's prophecy of a Millennial restored Jerusalem is equivalent to John's description of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21 and 22. One of the reasons for this is the river that both describe. However, the presence of a river in each does not mean that they are the same.

The tree of life is no doubt the same as the plant in the Garden of Eden. Both the water of the river and the vegetation of the trees are described as possessing life. The leaves of the trees are also described as possessing healing qualities. This is a subject that provides for much speculation by commentators. Suffice it to say that God has designed these things with some divine purpose which we will likely not fully understand until we are residents of the New Jerusalem.

Life In The New Jerusalem

Revelation 22:3-5

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

The curse could not possibly exist where the Father and the Son are present. But this is not only referring to the curse that was on the land, but also to the curse of sin as well. While there will still be the possibility of sin on earth during the Millennium, which the Judge will deal with immediately whenever it occurs, there will be no possibility of sin occurring in the New Jerusalem.

The mention of "His servants" in verse 3 is a clear reference to glorified believers in Jesus Christ. He tells us that we will see His face, meaning that we will have perpetual and personal access directly to Christ. What a privilege will be ours in this beautiful city. It will be a joy for us to serve our Lord in His eternal light and reign with Him for ever and ever.

Conclusion

As wonderful as it will be to visit heaven, life in

the New Jerusalem will be equally as rewarding. While its location will be in the vicinity of earth, it will be just like heaven because of the presence of God. In fact, heaven would not be heaven without the presence of God and His throne. So with God and His throne located in the New Jerusalem, maybe it will be heaven for us after all. What more could we want, anyway, than perpetual and personal access to the face of our Savior for all eternity. 📖

Cities

It's been said that the Bible story "begins in a garden and ends in a city." A number of cities mentioned in Scripture have symbolic names. Can you give the proper name? Hint: one appears more than once.

1. The City of David

2. The Cities of the Plain (2)

3. The City of Truth

4. The Holy City

5. Cities of Refuge (6, name 2)

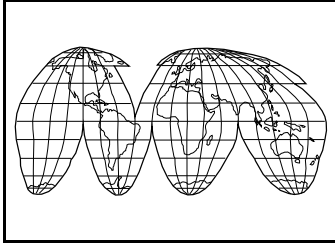
6. The Great City

7. The City of Palm Trees

8. The City of Waters

Answers on page 13.

Missionary News



*From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home*

Teacher's Assistance Program (TAP)

Harrisburg, PA

Some months donations of materials are very lean and other months we get flooded. But praise the Lord for a continuing supply of material delivered to our door. We had a great surprise when a retiring local pastor delivered 169 books and booklets from his library that will be profitable to the ministry. We see so many instances where God provides for this ministry in various ways.

We also received the library from a church that had closed its doors. This week we received a donation from that church as they closed their financial records. It is a great pity to see a once functioning church decide to close, but many brothers and sisters in Christ overseas will benefit on one way or another.

This summer we sent flat rate cartons to the Philippines, India and Nigeria. We also sent a small box of special books to advance ministries for distribution to some national pastors in Asia. Thank you for your continuing support and prayers. Your help makes this ministry successful.

Some prayer requests include:

- For the finances needed to ship materials overseas
- Wisdom to determine what material to keep and what should be discarded
- For the volunteer work groups to continue serving
- That monthly financial support levels will be met
- For continuing supplies of KJV Bibles, hymnals, commentaries, concordances, devotional material and other study books
- For new doors to be opened to use children's Sunday School materials
- That good doctrinally sound reference books and study Bibles will be donated

Child Evangelism Fellowship

York County, PA

It takes a special kind of commitment to be involved in the task of reaching boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ today. We were indeed grateful for our summer workers and for their dedication to the children. Forty-five 5-Day clubs were taught using visual aids, puppets and various learning activities for children ages five to fourteen, reaching 765 children.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood..." Ephesians 6:12. This past summer we taught "Bible Lessons for Life's Battles" at both of our day camps, and the lessons dealt with spiritual warfare. There were 217 children who attended the two Good News Day Camps. God undertook for all of us and gave us a very fruitful summer. We praise God for the many professions of faith that were made.

The York Fair Ministry ran from September 5 to 14. At the tent there were volunteer greeters, people handing out tracts, and others doing face painting as someone else explained the Wordless Book. Each child was given a free packet of material that included a Wordless Book bracelet, a Wordless Book tract, a correspondence course card, and a 'Tell Me A Story Card' that explains how they can go on-line for a story and Bible related activities. We praise God for the 972 children reached at the Fair this year and for the many that trusted Christ as their Savior.

Our Good News Club ministry is beginning in October and goes through the middle of April. Our Teacher Training Class Kick-Off is planned for October 6 and 7. We had 23 clubs in public schools and homes last year with 507 contacts, and hope to add a few more this year. During the club hour the children sing songs, hear an exciting missionary story, memorize a verse of Scripture, participate in a review activity, and listen to a lesson from God's Word. We will be teaching the lives of David, Elijah, and Elisha this school year. Please pray for God's provision of additional teachers and helpers for the Good News Clubs.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We are truly grateful for your partnership.

Don & Karen Kilmer

To the Zulus in South Africa

We have just returned from a one month, 27 state trip. Along the way we got to see some of God's amazing handiwork. We got to spend time with some wonderful believers and servants of God. We were able to minister in a number of churches. We were also able to speak about the Gospel to a number of folks.

This month will be packed with missions conferences. PRAYER: 1) Please pray that the Lord will give us physical and spiritual strength so we can be a blessing to the churches we minister in. 2) Pray that the Lord will guide and help us as we prepare to return to South Africa in November.

There is an important way you can help us, and that is to pray for us faithfully. Here are some areas and Scriptures you can pray through on our behalf.

(These are good verses to pray for any missionary)

Ministry: For God's strength and wisdom as we minister, so we will have fruitfulness for the Lord and boldness as we witness. II Thessalonians 3:1-2 *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you; and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for all men have not faith.*

Physical/Emotional: For safety and good health, as well as freedom from discouragement.

Romans 15: 30-32 *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

Cultural: That the Lord will help us to adapt to new and different situations. Also, for us to have a good understanding of the language and culture. Philippians 1:9-11 *And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*

How to Pray for Your Missionary

(Continued from Don & Karen Kilmer)

Personal: For wisdom and discipline in using our time wisely and keeping the right priorities. For unity with other missionaries we work with or associate with. Ephesians 6:18-20 *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

Family: For us to be the husband and wife God wants us to be, being good examples of Christlikeness. Ephesians 3:16-19 *That He would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

Country: For God to guide the affairs of the country so the doors will remain open for the Gospel. Also pray for more laborers to be sent to the harvest fields. Colossians 1:9-11 *For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.*

Praise: That the Lord is willing to use us. For answered prayer and blessings He has brought our way. Colossians 4:12 *Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*

Please take time to pray these Scriptures on behalf of the Kilmers and other missionaries you know.

Missions Conference Report

Our Missions Conference theme was "Plant and Water, God Will Give the Increase" taken from I Corinthians 3:6. Our decorations included all stages of plants: from just prepared dirt to flowering plants, with the added feature of watering cans.

Church Picnic

We started on Saturday with a picnic where there was an abundance of food to enjoy. There were so many choices you couldn't even try a little bit of everything.

After the meal Missionary Donald Kilmer gave a devotional to the adults while Karen Kilmer addressed the children.

Children and adults then enjoyed playing age appropriate games. Some of the games even including our conference theme of planting and watering.

Morning Sessions

Monday - Don & Karen Kilmer gave us a good start to our morning sessions talking about their field of service to the Zulu tribe in South Africa. They showed us pictures of the Zulu culture and the contrasts seen there between modern cities and tribal areas, rich and poor, and the need for all to be reached with the Gospel. One problem they brought to our attention is that there are many missionaries and evangelists that offer gimmicks in order to get large numbers so they can say that hundreds or thousands were saved. This is not really winning people to Christ. They need to understand true repentance from sin.

Tuesday - Bobby & Imee Livioco, who are nationals of the Philippines and serving the Lord among their own people, presented us with interesting information about their country and its people. They showed pictures of how they were involved in reaching out to those who had been devastated by typhoons and the ministry they had in sharing the Gospel with them. Most of the people are steeped in Catholicism and this often presents difficulty as the truth of God's Word is shared. They challenged us to try their national delicacy called, balut (which is unhatched duck), and there were two brave people willing to try that.

Wednesday - Walt Croom with Military Evangelism

in Jacksonville, North Carolina at Camp LeJune, shared with us the privilege he has in reaching young men and women in the service of our country, with the Word of God. Some need to come to Christ as Savior, and others who are already saved need encouragement in their spiritual lives, and those are their two ministries: evangelism and discipleship. He had us think about the comparisons between soldiers who serve our country and soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Adult Sessions

The missionaries spoke to us about the important job we have as believers to be diligent in planting and watering the Word of God to those around us, and leaving the increase (the results) with God; reminding us that God WILL give the increase as we are faithful in planting and watering. Sometimes we may not see the results in our life time and only eternity will reveal the increase God gives.

Mr. Kilmer used Jeremiah as an example of how God knew him before he was born and the plans he had for him. God has plans for us too, so we don't need to fear peoples reactions, but give them the truth. We must be sure to preach God's truth and not ours, using God's method. God's message is (A) you are a sinner, (B) Jesus died and is the only way, (C) you have to call on Him. When false teaching is evident in those we are trying to reach we may need to up-root, and then plant and water the seed of the Truth, and accept that God is the One who will work in their lives.

Mr. Livioco took us to Thessalonica where Paul planted a church. He started there by discussing and reasoning with them about the Scriptures. Not everyone believed but some were saved, not because of Paul, but because of the power of the Holy Spirit working in lives. The Thessalonian church was persecuted, but that helped them to grow in their faith, and God can use persecution in our lives to grow in many ways and glorify Jesus.

Mr. Croom used Matthew 28:19-20 and asked the question, "Why evangelize?" The answer is twofold; because the world needs Jesus, and because Jesus told us to. No matter where we are Jesus will be with us. God could have used angels to evangelize, but he uses us because we, unlike the angels, have had a redemptive experience. We just need to tell others how we became saved. They need to know that Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Missions Conference (continued)

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies enjoyed a lovely lunch together, being served by the men. The men wouldn't even let the ladies in the kitchen, and they cleaned up afterwards too. The fellowship around the tables was a blessing. Decorations on the tables were from various countries and created some curiosity as to which country they came from.

After the luncheon our missionary, Karen Kilmer, spoke to us about planting the Word of God to others and pointed out from the parable of the 'Sower and the Seed' that the planting conditions aren't always the same. And so it is when we are planting the seed of the Word of God to others - the planting conditions aren't always the same. The ones we are trying to reach may have hardened hearts or be burdened down with the cares of this world, but no matter the conditions we should still plant the seed and allow God to bring the increase.

In conclusion, there was time for questions and answers, and we learned more of what it is like for a lady missionary living in a foreign country and coming home for furloughs.

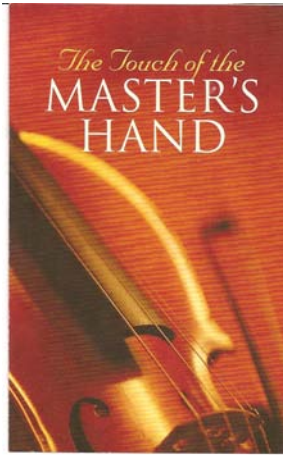
Junior Conference

Grades 1-6 enjoyed sessions with the missionaries at the conference and enjoyed the down to earth manner of the missionaries in answering their questions and explanations of things on foreign fields of service. The children learned the conference theme verse and sang songs with missions emphasis. Perhaps God will call some of them into His full-time service as adults.

The missions project we had this year was to raise money for the Mosses in Uganda to help provide chairs for their church. They have low wooden benches with no backs that are very uncomfortable to sit on. They would like to replace the benches with more chairs. The children were encouraged to do some extra chores at home or for neighbors to earn a little extra money to put toward this project. The offering container was a chicken house made by Ervin Kornbau to represent how the Ugandans raise chickens for food. It was fun to drop money in the slot in the roof and see it go into the egg basket below inside the chicken house.

Spotlight on Tracts

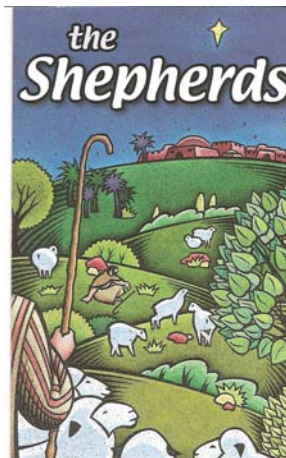
The Touch of the Master's Hand



"Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer thought it scarcely worth his while to waste much time on the old violin, but he held it up with a smile.

"And many a man with life out of tune, and battered and scarred with sin, is auctioned cheap, to a thoughtless crowd, much like the old violin.

"The Master's hand is the only hand that can transform the soul. But first you must trust totally upon God's mercy. Why hold back any longer? Come to the Master today."



The Shepherds

"What the shepherds heard:

"Fear not

"Unto you (personally)

"Is born this day (specifics)

"A Savior..Christ the Lord.

"What the Shepherds did:

"They said, "Let us now go.

"They came with haste.

"Found the babe.

"They made known abroad.

"Glorifying and praising God.

"The message from heaven is still being proclaimed. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1Timothy 1:15)

"Will you believe the message as the shepherds did?"



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

We had three children graduate to the Primaries class this year: Taryne Knuth, Brianna Perno, and David Wertz. We certainly will miss them and the energy they brought to the class songs and verses we learned.

Our new school year has started out with learning a Psalm that is precious to many - Psalm 23. We are learning about shepherds in the Bible, but we know that Jesus is our "Good Shepherd". He cares for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Primaries

taught by Mr. & Mrs. Smith

A big thank you to Mrs. Snyder for teaching the Primary class for the months of June, July and part of August. During that time their memory work was Proverbs 3:5, Psalm 34:3-4, I Corinthians 15:58, I Thessalonians 3:12, James 4:6 and Galatians 6:2. Hannah and Rebecca Wertz, and Shawn Smith were able to recite all the verses. We have begun new memory work, songs and lessons on the Life of Christ.

Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

It is always exciting this time of the year as classes change, and we start a new series of lessons. We would like to welcome Hannah Wertz and Grace Balcom to our class. This year we will be studying the early church, with an emphasis on the ministry of Paul. We have a huge map in our classroom, on which we will follow Paul's missionary journeys and his journey to Rome. Our memory verses for the year will be from Paul's letters, starting with Philippians 4:4-13.

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This summer we have studied the Fruit of the Spirit – Longsuffering, Gentleness, and Goodness. These concepts were a little more difficult to explain to the children as compared to the first three; however, I believe the children understood what they were taught.

We learned that longsuffering isn't just patience. Longsuffering is displayed when we surrender our will to the Lord and accept what He brings our way, even when it is contrary to our own desires. We learned that God is longsuffering to us, "*not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*" (2 Peter 3:9).

Mr. Dalton Cook taught us that gentleness is similar to mildness. We learned that we need to be gentle in our words, actions, reactions, and emotions. We learned that Almighty God is gentle to us.

We also learned that goodness is doing what God expects from us. We studied that God created everything and said that it was very good. His creation was doing what it was intended to do – bringing glory to God. However, man's sin resulted in a condition where "*all have sinned and come short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23). Then we learned that when we trust Jesus as our personal Savior, God sees us as good. Finally, we looked at things the Bible calls good, and how we can practice doing good.

One theme we used this summer was the idea of somebody poking us. We could practice longsuffering by enduring the trial and hoping it would go away; gentleness, by politely asking the offender to stop; or goodness, by doing a kind deed to help the offender.

Please pray that the children would learn to submit to the Lord so that the Fruit of the Spirit can be evidenced in their lives and that they would be faithful in attendance this year.



Please see pictures of our church activities on our website at www.northhillsbiblechurch.org and click on the "Resources" link and find "Current Issue".

Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

Our book of study this year is Galatians. We have two new quizzers joining us this year that have come into 7th grade, Charles Balcom and Allyson Knuth. We are so glad that they have decided to join us in this intensive study of God's Word for the school year.

We begin each Wednesday night with prayer requests from the quizzers and we spend time praying for one another. Then as we begin our study we read two chapters from Galatians just to familiarize ourselves with the book. After that we focus on the next five verses that we haven't covered intently yet. We read the five verses and questions are asked to which the teens jump to answer. When we have exhausted the questions to the new verses, we review over all the previous material to keep it all fresh in our minds.

The teens enjoy the competition of trying to jump first to answer the questions. The goal is for them to study the five new verses each week by writing out their own questions and memorizing those verses by Wednesday night. Pray that the teens will be able to keep on track with this schedule.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

We as parents are thankful to the Lord for the opportunity and strength to continue home schooling our children.

Our group is divided into three classes by grade. Classes and field trips are planned monthly. Students will also participate in the Mission's Conference, Christmas caroling to some of our shut-in church members, roller skating, and a project fair.

The teen class will be studying Health, First Aid and CPR.

Grades 2nd-5th will study Pennsylvania History.

Primary grades will be learning about good health and how to take care of our bodies.

Please pray for us as we continue to educate our children in the admonition of the Lord.

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**People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.**

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block ten times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. "I've circled the block for ten years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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**A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" The father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay", said his father, "So son, what does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy. It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"**

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Answers for Names of Cities on page 7.

1. Jerusalem (Zion), II Samuel 5:5, 7, 9
2. Sodom & Gomorrah, Genesis 13:10, 12
3. Jerusalem, Zechariah 8:3
4. New Jerusalem, Revelation 21:2
5. Bezer, Ramoth, Golan, Kedesh, Shechem, Kiriatharba (Hebron), Numbers 35:6, Joshua 20:7-8
6. Babylon, Revelation 16:19
7. Jericho, II Chronicles 28:15
8. Rabbah, II Samuel 12:27

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER



9	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
15	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
20	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
21	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
23	Homeschool Field Trip	
30	Prison Ministry	8:00 PM

NOVEMBER



9	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
13	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
17	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
18	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
19	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
23	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM
26	Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 PM
27	Happy Thanksgiving Day	

DECEMBER



5	Church Banquet	6:30 PM
11	Homeschoolers Caroling	
15	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
16	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
20	Program Practice	9:30-12 noon
21	Christmas Program	9:30 AM
21	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 PM
30	Prison Ministry	7:00 PM

Up-coming Events for Our Missionaries

October

Colon, Peter & Janis - Friends of Israel
 Feast of Tabernacles celebration banquets
 Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
 Good News Clubs in public schools
 and homes
 Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines
 Fundamental Bible Conference
 Moss, Sam & Nicole - Uganda, East Africa
 Pastors Conference plus
 Intensive Greek Class in the Bible Institute

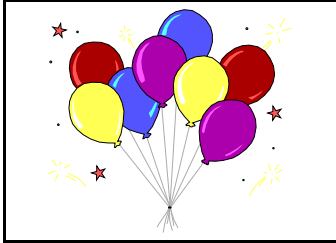
November

Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa
 Church Ministries Institute - apprenticeship
 training
 Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC
 Thanksgiving meal for soldiers
 Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
 Good News Clubs in homes
 and in public schools
 Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong
 Community Youth Center teaching classes
 and Bible stories
 Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain
 Mini-Camp for children - 1st weekend

December

Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain
 Youth Retreat - 1st weekend
 Colon, Peter & Janis - Friends of Israel
 Celebrating Hanukkah with Jewish contacts
 Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
 Good News Clubs in homes
 and in public schools
 Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus
 Extra outreach ministries, with community on
 3 week vacation thru New Years
 Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC
 Christmas meal for marines and open house
 for the community.

Church Family News



Happy Birthday

October

- 4 - Betty Chronister
- 6 - Gloria Hevner
- 8 - Katrina Chronister
- 14 - Wayne Laning
- 15 - Marietta Wertz
- 17 - Dawn Balcom
- 17 - Laura Cook
- 17 - **Levi Moss**
- 17 - **James Perrott**
- 18 - Sue Kornbau
- 19 - Russell Mellinger
- 21 - **Cheryl Hilt**
- 21 - Nathanael Moss
- 23 - Jeanette Scotten
- 26 - Henry Balcom (father)
- 26 - Mary Collins
- 26 - Deborah King

November

- 1 - Holly Mellinger
- 2 - Carolyn Zimmerman
- 3 - Sue Bryant
- 5 - **Peter Colon**
- 5 - **Emma Turner**
- 5 - Elmira Wise
- 11 - Norm Breneman



- 11 - Marley Gross
- 11 - Pedro Ortiz
- 12 - **Marc Blackwell**
- 13 - Rachelle Krape
- 15 - **Leonard Smith**
- 16 - **Abigail Perrott**
- 18 - Tyler Knuth
- 23 - **Judi Blackwell**
- 24 - **Karen Kilmer**
- 25 - Rebecca Wertz
- 27 - **Janis Colon**

December

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



Happy Anniversary

October

- 3 - John & Amy Kanost
- 12 - Henry & Dawn Balcom

November

- 9 - Todd & Betty Chronister
- 10 - Ed & Marian Cosgrove
- 22 - Lester & Joan Fink

December

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

Please Note!

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



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Romaine Feltenberger and the family, in the passing of her husband, Joseph, on August 7th.

Our sympathy also reaches out to the family and friends of Carl Billet on his passing in September.

Remember Our Shut-ins

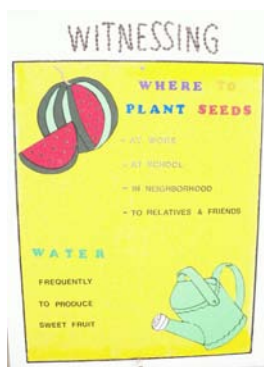
Lorraine Beath, Ken & Mary Cole, Jeannie Geesey, Marlene Gladfelter, Pam Grove, Gloria Hevner, Olivia Kauffman, Susan Peters, Ivy Pyle, Reg Stelfox, Elmira Wise

MISSIONS CONFERENCE DECORATIONS

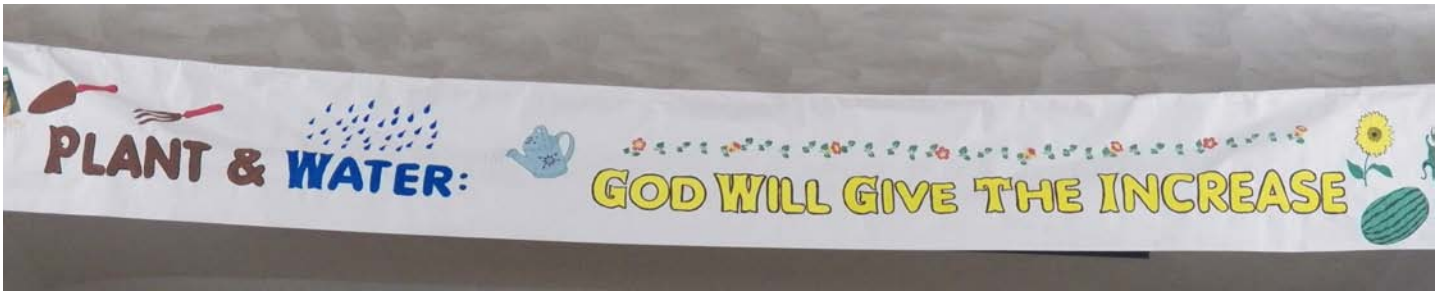
being prepared by the teens



A garden with giant seed packets is encouraging us to be planting the seed of the Word by handing out tracts, witnessing, and helping with church planting projects. There are bird feeders with various tracts in them for people to take and use to plant seeds in the heart of their acquaintances. Watering cans are also seen frequently around the church building, to again remind us to water the seed of the Word that has been planted in the lives of people around us.



MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2014



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JUNIOR MISSIONS CONFERENCE



“Lord, give me a missionary heart. Though I’m young I want to do my part.”



(Our offering container)



“I’ll give and pray to help our missionaries.”



(Finding where our missionaries live)



(Hearing stories)



(‘seeds’ to plant or water with friends)



(learning about other countries)

Morning Sessions



Tasting new things from other countries including balut from the Philippines.



Audience participation.