

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."

-Psalm 65:12b-

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 27

Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday, November 27 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 6
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 22
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. 📖



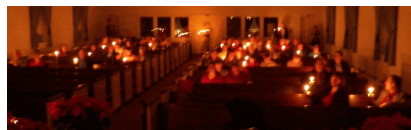
Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 22
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

**Tuesday, 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 12, 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. 📖

Missionary Christmas Offering

If you would like to make an additional contribution to our missionaries this Christmas, you can put your offering in a church envelope and mark it for the missionaries Christmas. Or you could mail your designated gift to the church address with a note attached that it is for the missionaries Christmas offering. Any additional amount will be much appreciated by the missionaries at this time of year when they have extra expenses, and many of them have to be away from family and friends. Please try to have this done in November so we can get it to them for December.

**2020 Pocket Calendars
Will Be Available Soon**

A GOSPEL MESSAGE FOR YOU

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

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

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

Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

Our recent Missions Conference sermons which were based on the theme, "Vessels For The Master's Use," served as a reminder that God wants us to make ourselves available to Him every day of our lives. New to the library are several DVDs from **THE TORCHLIGHTERS** series which recount the true-life story of individuals who truly were faithful vessels for their Master's use.

The William Tyndale Story

In 1535, he is being pursued across Europe by King Henry VIII, not because of any crime he committed, but because he is translating the Bible into English for the common people. He has to work in secret, move from town to town to avoid capture, and allude enemies that are lurking around any corner.

The Adoniram and Ann Judson Story

In 1912, this young couple become the first foreign missionaries from the United States. When they are turned away from India, they go to Burma, where professing Christ could mean certain death. Adoniram is thrown into prison by the ruthless king, leaving Ann and their unborn child to wonder if they will ever be reunited or if their Bible translation, the only one of its kind, is lost forever.

The Eric Liddell Story

All of Scotland is eager for their running celebrity to bring home a gold medal in the 100-meter race during the 1924 Olympics. When he makes the decision not to race on Sunday because of his religious convictions, he is labeled a disgrace and traitor, yet God uses this to prepare him for service as a missionary to China during World War II.

The Jim Elliot Story

Since his youth, he had been preparing to share the gospel with those who had never heard. In 1956, as he and four other young American missionary men try to befriend members of the Auca tribe in the jungles of Ecuador, they are mercilessly killed. God uses their tragic death to open doors for some of their family members to share the gospel with this tribe (now Waodani) and become friends with their killers.

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ITS ALL ABOUT BEING A FAMILY

Introduction

The family is under such an assault today. It is being subjected to all kinds of characterizations and definitions. Miriam Webster says: "Family is often encountered in legal use, but even within the jargon of the law it is not restricted to a single meaning. In many legal contexts, family denotes 'individuals related by blood, marriage, or adoption,' but in others the definition may be somewhat broader, encompassing groups of individuals not related by these things. (Emphasis mine.)

Michelle Blessing, a Mental Health Professional says: "One definition is 'a fundamental social group in society typically consisting of one or two parents and their children.' Another definition is 'Two or more people who share goals and values, have long-term commitments to one another and reside usually in the same dwelling.' In addition to a more universal family definition, there are also plenty of people who consider a group of friends to be family, and adults who consider pets -- from goldfish to horses -- as defining members of the family unit".

They have a term now for people, or animals, you consider to be family to whom you are not actually related by blood or marriage or adoption: it is "fictive kinship". The word "fictive" means you are able to engage in imaginative invention. The word "fictive" is very much related to the word "fiction". To be fictive means you have the ability to make things up. Fictive kinship is imagining people to be family to whom you are not related by blood, marriage or adoption. Fictive kinship is pretending. Like a child pretending to be a fireman or a cowboy, adults pretend to be related to people to whom they are not related by blood or marriage or adoption. They literally call this fictive kinship as if this kind of kinship is real.

But as Christians, we have real spiritual kinship even with people to whom we are not physically related by blood, marriage, or adoption. And we are not pretending.

We are real brothers and sisters in Christ,

BECAUSE:

- we are spiritually related by the blood of Christ,

- we are spiritually engaged to be married to Christ and
- we are spiritually adopted into the family of God.

We don't have to pretend, **it is real**.

And being real, our spiritual family relationship in Christ implies how we are to treat each other within the body of Christ. For the family model in human society is purposely used by God to illustrate our spiritual family relationships in Christ.

I. FROM WHERE DID THE IDEA OF THE FAMILY COME?

In eternity, two members of the Triune Godhead identify themselves by the terms "Father" and "Son".

A. One of God's names is the everlasting Father.

Isaiah 9:6

6and his name shall be called *Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

The word "everlasting" means "of continuous existence for ever. God is the Everlasting Father because His very existence is in a place called "eternity".

Isaiah 57:15

15 *For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place...*

Everlasting eternity is a place, and it is the place where God dwells. He inhabits eternity. Thus, God the Father has always been the Father and always will be the Father.

And the Son will bear the Name of the Father because He is the express image of the Father.

Hebrews 1:1-3

1 *God...*

2 *Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,*

3 *Who being...the express image of his person,*

B. By virtue of creation, God is the father of us all.

Malachi 2:10

10 *Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?...*

- C. In that God is an everlasting Father, He has also had a son in eternity.

Proverbs 30:4

*4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and **what is his son's name**, if thou canst tell?*

Acts 13:33 confirms for us that Psalm 2:7 is an Old Testament reference to God's Son, confirming that Jesus Christ was God's Son long before He came to earth.

Psalms 2:7

*7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son**; this day have I begotten thee.*

Acts 13:33

*33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.***

II. THERE HAS TO BE A REAL FAMILY FOR THE FAMILY TO SERVE AS A MODEL FOR REAL SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS .

- A. God ordained mankind to be a reflection of His glory.

God created mankind in His own image. And in His wisdom, God decided to make two people necessary to give a complete picture of His image.

Male	and	Female
Father	and	Mother
Head	and	Help

Genesis 1:26-27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

*27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; **male and female created he them.***

- B. Thus, a man is called "father", a woman is called "mother", and their offspring are called "sons" [and daughters] or "children".

By comparison, animals bring forth after their "kind".

Genesis 1:21, 24, 25

*21 every living creature ... brought forth **after their kind**,*

But man brings forth in his image, after his likeness just like God made us.

Genesis 1:26

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 5:1-3

- 1 **This is the book of the generations of Adam**. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;*
- 2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.*
- 3 And **Adam lived** an hundred and thirty years, **and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image**; and called his name Seth:*

- C. Right from the very beginning, Adam acknowledged the terms of family relationships.

Genesis 2:24

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

*24 Therefore shall a man leave his **father and his mother**, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

Question

How did Adam know about father and mother? How did Adam know about parentage and children? He wasn't born as a baby. Eve was made out of one of his ribs. He didn't leave his father and mother to cleave to his wife, because Adam did not have an earthly father and mother.

Answer

The only place this knowledge could have come from is from God Himself. God taught Adam the concepts of father and mother. The concept of the family came directly from God. God defined the family. God made the family. And, therefore, no human being has the right to change the definition of the family.

The family by God's definition consists of a father, a mother, sons, and daughters who are all related by **blood, marriage, or adoption**. It is important to note that God endorses the concept of adoption as a legitimate part of the family definition by using this concept as a model for part of our relationship to Him.

Ephesians 1:5

*5 Having predestinated us unto **the adoption of children** by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

III. JESUS USES THE FAMILY MODEL TO DESCRIBE REAL SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS.

A. Jesus had a real family on earth.

Mark 3:31

31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

1. Mary was Jesus' mother and Jesus was Mary's firstborn.

Luke 2:7

*7 And she brought forth her **firstborn** son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

Firstborn implies others to follow.

2. Mary had other sons, who were Jesus' brothers.

Note the distinction the Bible makes between Jesus' brothers and his disciples.

John 2:12

*12 After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and **his brethren, and his disciples**: and they continued there not many days.*

3. And so, Jesus had brothers and sisters in a real earth family relationship.

Galatians 1:19

*19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save **James the Lord's brother**.*

Mark 6:3

*3 Is not this the carpenter, **the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us?***

4. Joseph was known as Jesus' "father."

Matthew 13:55

*55 Is not this **the carpenter's son**?...*

John 6:42

*42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, **the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?** ...*

- B. Jesus used the occasion of his real earthly family coming to see Him to use the real human family as a model for real spiritual family relationships.

Mark 3:32-35

- 32 *And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.*
- 33 *And he answered them, saying, **Who is my mother, or my brethren?***
- 34 *And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!*
- 35 ***For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.***

Question

What did Jesus mean by doing the will of God?

Answer

It begins with faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

John 6:39-40

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 ***And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.***

C. Our real spiritual family relationship is based on the **blood** of Christ, our betrothal for **marriage** unto Him, and our **adoption** into the family of God.

1. The blood of Christ

1 Corinthians 6:120

20 ***For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.***

1 Peter 1:18-19

18 *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things,.....*

19 *But **with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

Ephesians 2:13

13 *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are **made nigh by the blood of Christ.***

2. Our Betrothal to Him

2 Corinthians 11:2

2 *For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have **espoused** you to one husband, that I may present you **as a chaste virgin to Christ.***

3. Adoption

Ephesians 1:5

5 *Having predestinated us unto the **adoption** of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

D. Being equally bought with the blood of Christ, we are made brothers and sisters in Christ.

There are multiple references to Christians being brethren. In fact, there are 133 verses from Romans to Jude that use this term "brethren" in reference to Christians. And there are also sisters in Christ as Romans 16:1 refers to "Phebe our sister". Note that the word "our" in Romans 16:1 is plural, making Phebe a sister to the whole church.

E. And so we are instructed to treat each other within the body of Christ as family.

1 Timothy 5:1-2

1 *Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him **as a father**; and the younger men **as brethren**;*

2 *The elder women **as mothers**; the younger **as sisters**, with all purity.*

The key word here is "intreat". This is the same word that is applied to the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives and is translated "comforter" (John 14:16; 14:26; 15:26; 16:7).

Intreat means to call to one's side, to speak to, to admonish, to exhort, to entreat, to beseech, to strive to appease by entreaty, to console, to encourage, to strengthen by consolation, to comfort, to instruct, and to teach. All of these are functions in normal family relationships. All of these are things we should do to serve one another in the body of Christ.

Conclusion

So what is implied by family relationships? We often talk about sibling rivalry. And the Bible even seems to address this.

Proverbs 17:17

17 *A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

Proverbs 18:24

24 *A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*

But there is something about family ties that bind people together no matter what. I might not get along all the time with my brother, but if you mess with my brother, you are messing with family. And that is a serious matter.

God the Father and God the Son are the real examples about family relationships. Jesus said, *I and my Father are one* (John 10:30). Then Jesus prayed that we would be just like them: *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one* (John 17:22).

The phrase "one another" aptly describes exactly how we should be treating one another within our real spiritual family.

Romans 12:10

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another

Romans 14:13

Let us not therefore judge one another

Romans 15:7

receive ye one another

Romans 15:14

admonish one another

Romans 16:16

Salute one another

1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14

Greet one another

Galatians 5:13

serve one another

Galatians 5:15

be not consumed one of another

Galatians 5:26

not ... provoking one another

Galatians 6:2

Bear ye one another's burdens

Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13

Forbearing one another

Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13

forgiving one another

Colossians 3:16

teaching and admonishing one another

1 Thessalonians 4:18

comfort one another

1 Thessalonians 5:11

edify one another

Hebrews 3:13; 10:25

exhort one another

Hebrews 10:24

consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works

Romans 13:8; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22;

1 John 3:11; 3:23; 4:7; 4:11; 4:12; 2 John 1:5
love one another.

If we would learn to treat each other in the body of Christ in this way, what a wonderful family the church would be!

Solomon tells us in Ecclesiastes that two or more are much better off working together as a unit than any individual would be on his own.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9 *Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.*

10 *For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.*

11 *Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?*

12 *And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

We can stand strong in this world if we stand together in our local church, and look out for one another, and see ourselves as we really are in Christ – **FAMILY!**



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Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn.

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
6. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
7. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
8. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
9. I did not object to the object.
10. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
11. They were too close to the door to close it.
12. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
13. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
14. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
15. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
16. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

## Missionary News



From  
Around  
The World  
and  
Here at Home

## Marc &amp; Judie Blackwell

Capetown, South Africa

## RUNNING WITH PATIENCE

We believers, living in this age of New Covenant grace (Hebrews 8-10) have been mandated to 'run' after the lost on behalf of Christ! Just as He ran after rebellious and disobedient Adam and Eve, so too, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came into the world to offer His Kingdom to Israel and then sought after...or ran after...all humanity. (John 1:10-12 and 3:1-18)

Pray for God's grace that we will run with patience the 'life race' that is set before us.

As much as I understand 'running'...it is: to pursue or run proactively as servants of the purposes and priorities of God, and to do this to the benefit of those who were and are created in the very image of God.

Patience is not an option, but a life 'statement of faith'. Hebrews 12:1 "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us!"

II Corinthians 4:1-12 and Jeremiah 12:5 both discuss the challenges well. If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, wherein thou trusteth, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

So please pray for us! Pray that we will be faithful, joyful, confident as runners- running after those who are both running from and all the while still searching after the Lord. Pray for all seeking out the lost.

## Roger &amp; Nola Perrott

Hong Kong

The protests and civil unrest in Hong Kong has been in the news a lot. Our focus is on the kingdom of God, not this world. One attack was near our home, but it seems to have been randomly done and we still feel safe.

Pray the Gospel cause will be able to continue freely. So far, that has been no problem. Pray also that what is happening will cause more people to turn to the Lord. I feel they are losing hope about the future of their earthly home.

## Payer Requests

1. For the salvation of several people I shared the Gospel with at an education fair I took part in. Continue to pray for V., J., and the lost people whose children we teach.

2. For Bible studies to begin soon in Pok Fu Lam Gardens and in Tai Wai. Pray for many to agree to participate. The study in the businesswomen's building has not come about yet. Pray that people will join in all three of these studies.

3. For the funds that are still needed for the translation of the discipleship books and website. The first discipleship book's translation is nearly done, with proofreading and editing it yet to be done before printing. We still need money for the translation and then some additional funds for the initial printing.

4. For the place for our church to meet. The man who lets us use the place in Central for a small rent on Sundays may soon move out due to his taking another job.

5. Pray for the three ladies who have all agreed to a Bible study. One of them is a Christian who wants to help us and who will join the study so she can learn how to lead one. The other two ladies seem to be unsaved and have trouble fitting it into their schedule. Pray they will make time.

## Donald & Karen Kilmer

On Furlough from South Africa

Our meetings in churches have gone well. Most weeks we have been in two or three churches. Uncle Don was the speaker at a Bible Camp in Ohio, while Auntie Karen helped in the kitchen. Uncle Don has spoken in many conferences and Auntie Karen has spoken to ladies groups and helped with the children. We have gone from Pennsylvania right across the country and back!

Another wonderful opportunity came when a friend gave Don his air miles to fly to Puerto Rico and preach at Puerto Rico Baptist College. This is a Spanish speaking ministry that has students from right there in Puerto Rico but also from Mexico, Columbia, Peru and Brazil. It was a real blessing to minister to them and be ministered to by them. What tremendous attitudes they have as they serve the Lord and prepare for future ministry.

Preaching through an interpreter reminded me of our early days among the Zulu people when I used an interpreter.

### Praise

- for three children who saw their need of salvation and prayed to receive Christ as Savior,
- for safety in travel while driving over 10,000 miles in one month alone,
- for the kindness shown by so many as we travel,
- for an increase in support,
- Karen's 6-month check-up after the removal of her kidney, showed all is well.

### Prayer

- for the Lord to work in hearts and lives as we continue to travel and minister in churches,
- for the additional support needed,
- we are also praying that some churches might consider taking on the Solid Rock Baptist Institute in South Africa to build a needed dormitory for students,
- for Excellent to have continued wisdom and strength as he leads the church at Fredville, South Africa in our absence.
- for the Lord to raise up more laborers to reach the Zulu people for Christ.

## Junior Missions Conference

The elementary children had separate meetings in the evenings during the Missions Conference and focused on memorizing the theme verse and what it means. It was a pretty long one this year with some big words: II Timothy 2:21 "... be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work." Each word was put on a 'vessel' and each 'vessel' was quite different from the others. Each of us are unique and God want to use us for His purposes.

They did a craft to go along with the theme of "Vessels for the Master's Use". It was a 'vessel' that they could paint and take home to remind them to be good vessels that God can use to reach out to others.

The children were informed ahead of time what the special project was this year, and encouraged to earn some extra money to help purchase tracts and New Testaments for the Pinyols in Spain to use in reaching out to the many towns around them that have no Bible believing church. Then at the conference they got to drop their special offering in a chicken coup. (See pictures online)

During our sessions the songs they sang, with gusto, in the Junior Conference were all missions related. They also enjoyed helping to find on the globe where our missionaries are serving and pray for some of their specific requests. When they prayed for a missionary they also got one of their prayer cards to take home along with the special request.

Posters around the church had our missionaries and pictures of their ministry. The children had fun finding the 'vessels' on the pictures that the missionaries use in their ministry.

It was a privilege to have one of the conference missionaries come in each evening and speak to the children on their level about missions. Praise God for elementary children who are willing to learn about missions and have their hearts prepared for future service for our Master.

# Missions Conference

## Report

**Theme:** Vessels for the Master's Use

**Verse:** 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."

### Church Picnic

The Saturday picnic was the kick-off to our Missions Conference with our missionaries present. There was an abundance of food and overwhelming variety. After good fellowship at the tables the missionaries were introduced, and then Donald Kilmer spoke to the adults while Matthew Smith spoke to the children. The rest of the afternoon was spent enjoying games for all the ages. The children and teens had fun playing their games out in the open, exercising their limbs, and enjoying a fun time together.

### Morning Sessions

**Monday** - Donald and Karen Kilmer who minister with the Zulus in South Africa had us taste some Zulu food. It was boiled bread (which they showed us the unique way in making it) and taro root. We learned '*Jesus Loves Me*' in Zulu and learned how to make some of the click sounds in the Zulu language. They greet each other differently in South Africa so the Kilmers taught us how to shake hands like a Zulu and taught us to say 'Hello' in Zulu. We did a matching game and tried to match overseas English with American English words. And then of course the reason they are missionaries there is to reach people for Christ. They demonstrated witnessing to a Zulu person and some of the things they might say.

**Tuesday** - The Matthew and Amanda Smith family ministering in Colombia, South America made Colombian Arepas for people to taste with queso fresco cheese. They used this time to talk about Colombia - it's diversity of geography, history and modern conflict, missionary work in the country, and the need for church planting. Also, they gave us some specific ways to pray for the country. They taught us to sing '*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*' in Spanish as well.

**Wednesday** - The Moyano family who are from Uruguay, South America and have been ministering there especially to the Jewish population presented their ministry and how the Lord is leading them now to go to Spain to minister to the Jewish people there.

### Ladies Luncheon

The ladies really enjoyed the conversations and food at the tables while some faithful men in the church and the missionary men cared for their children in a separate room.

The tables were set with Fall colors and there was a 'vessel' at each place setting since our theme for the conference is "Vessels for the Master's Use". It was a candle holder with a tea light in it. We also want to be 'lights' for our Master.

After the meal, the ladies heard from the two missionary ladies at the conference.

Karen Kilmer explained how we may have preconceived ideas of how God wants to use us, when instead we should be asking God how He wants to use us and be open to stepping outside our comfort zone. Sometimes things happen that we didn't have planned, but we are God's vessel, and we need to trust Him that He allowed it for some reason - to be used to touch others lives and give testimony of God's goodness - be His vessel. She challenged us to look for opportunities to be a vessels for Him as I Corinthians 5:58 says to "...be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..."

Amanda Smith gave her life testimony and how even in times with a rebellious heart God always brought her back to Him. She read from Proverbs 3:11-12 "...despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of His correction; for whom the Lord loveth He correcteth..." She shared how after going to Bible College the Lord allowed her and her husband to help in starting a new church. It was during this time that the Lord put a burden on their hearts for Spanish speaking peoples. They prayed for God to send laborers to these people and soon realized that God was answering by wanting them to be the answer to their own prayer and be missionaries to Colombia.

## Missions Conference - Adult Sessions

Don Kilmer's message challenged us to be a **Fit** Vessel. God wants you to be a clean vessel, but first of all you have to be saved. When we have found God's forgiveness then we can share that with others who need it too.

Secondly, you need to be a pure vessel, "sanctified", and depart from iniquity. We need to purge ourselves, and not keep holding onto sin in our lives. Don't let love for self or some sin keep you from service for Christ. There is a battle in the heart to turn from sin to the Lord and be renewed in your spirit.

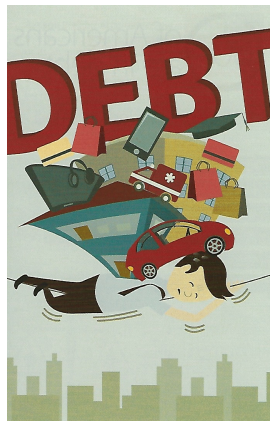
Third, you need to be prepared, to have a willingness to learn and grow in good works, not showing bitterness or anger. God brings things into our lives so we can touch other lives - be a vessel. Avoid the things that tempt you, and resist it by quoting a verse of Scripture, filling your mind with the Word of God. If you follow righteousness, faith, charity, and peace you will be kept busy for God and be used of Him the way He want to use you.

Matt Smith spoke on the parable of the pounds from Luke 19:11-28. Jesus gave this parable about a week before He was to go to the cross. He gave this parable to clarify for the disciples that his first coming was not about ushering in the kingdom but about seeking and saving that which was lost.

In the parable, while the king was away, he left his servants in charge to be engaged in doing what he had been doing while he was here. Each one was given one pound and each one had the same opportunity.

We all have the Gospel, the Holy Spirit, the same Bible and prayer. We all will give account. In the parable every servant had different results. They were rewarded not for how much they accomplished, but for their faithfulness. The disobedient servant chose to live for himself and lost all reward. All of us have opportunity. But are we utilizing those things God has given us to use?

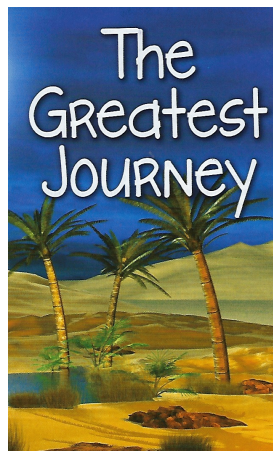
## Spotlight on Tracts



Many people go into debt during the Christmas season.

"80% of Americans are in debt. Are **you** in debt? According to the statistics, it's likely that you are. Whether we view debt as a burden or as an investment in our future, most of us have experienced the crushing feeling of living under a burden of debt.

Have you ever realized the enormous weight of the burden of sin that you carry? Thinking about our sin can cause many of the same emotions and responses as thinking about debt..."



"Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus, the Son of God, left His home in Heaven and came to earth. It was the beginning of the greatest journey ever made.

How did He come?

Where did He come?

Why did He come?

How did He grow up?

What did He do?

Why did He die?

Where did He go?"

The tract answers all these questions and has a maze inside for you to find your way to the baby Jesus.

Both of these tracts can be found in our church narthex. Please feel free to use them to plant the seeds of the Gospel.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Joyce Moss*

The 10 Commandments was our Scripture memory focus, and yes, preschoolers can learn the 10 Commandments. What a great foundation to understanding what good things God wants us to do, and the wrong things He does not want us to do. A song that seemed to go well with this series was, *Oh Be Careful Little Eyes*. God wants us to be careful what our eyes, ears, mouth, hands and feet do, and even what our heart feels.

They had a book of pages that they added to each week that helped them visualize what each of the 10 Commandments meant.

We had two children graduate to the Primaries class: Elisabeth Wertz and Gabriel Williams. We will really miss having them in class, but they will now be an added blessing to the Primaries class as first graders.

## Juniors

*taught by Gerald & Darcy. Cook*

September is always an exciting time as we welcome new students and start our new series of lessons for the year. We are thrilled to have Hope and Esther join our class.

This year our lessons are on the ministry of Jesus here on the earth. No matter how many times we study these lessons, we want our students to be excited about what Jesus did for them and for all of us; as He came from heaven to be born a baby, lived like we live, then gave His life for our salvation. We will also be studying the parables. We will have fun putting the various miracles and events on our large map on the classroom wall at the places they occurred.

This quarter we are memorizing the Christmas story from Luke 2.

## Primaries

*taught by Buck & Cindy Smith*

Our class is studying the life of David. We have been focusing on the fact that man looks on the outside but God's focus is on the heart. We are happy to have some new children move into our class. We along with Daniel and Luke welcome Elisabeth, Gabriel, and Alasia into our class. We are working on memorizing a passage from the book of James.

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This summer in Master Clubs we studied the Fruit of the Spirit. The greatest command that God gave was to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and the second greatest command was to love our neighbor. We demonstrate our love for God by obeying His commandments.

We learned that joy and peace are internal attributes that we develop by obeying God and keeping His commandments. If we know that we are doing what the Lord wants us to do, we can have joy and peace in difficult circumstances.

God's longsuffering during the construction of the Ark encourages us to be longsuffering when persecuted.

Comparing gentleness and goodness, we realized gentleness is almost always associated with our interaction with man while goodness deals more with our relationship with God while dealing with people.

Faith, meekness and temperance: Faith begins by hearing God's Word and it grows as we abide in the vine. We are encouraged to fight the good fight. Meekness is developed while we fight temptations associated with the pride of life. Temperance is developed while fighting the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes.

We concluded the summer with the admonition to continue studying God's Word and yielding to His will, so that we can bear much fruit for Christ.



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## Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

We welcome Shawn Smith and Anabelle Billet to our quiz team this year. It is also good to have our six quizzers from last year return as we study the book of I Peter together this school term.

We start each Wednesday evening with prayer time and reading two chapters in our book of study for the year. Then we dive more intently into five new verses together as questions are asked and the teens try to give the correct response. After getting a better grasp on the five new verses, we then add that to the previous verses in the book and do a review of all the material up to that point. As the year goes on more and more material is accumulated which makes review a necessity if you are going to remember what was learned earlier in the year.

We continue this pattern through the school year, and then starting in January, competitions with other churches are added to our schedule on Sunday afternoons once each month. Our first competition this year will be held on January 19. These are exciting times as the things they have been studying are put to the test. It is also fun to get together with teens from other churches who have been studying the same book of the Bible. How exciting, in this day and age, to see a church sanctuary full with teens who have been diligently studying God's Word, and then to split up into different rooms to have their knowledge be put to the test. May their tribe increase!

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

Homeschooling families enjoy getting together to share activities and learn from each other. The parents as well as the children benefit from this interaction. Once a month they share classes together with each of the mothers participating in leading one of the subjects of study or an activity. Another week of the month they go on a field trip that has been set up by one of the mothers. Thus their instruction comes in various forms of mental and physical exercise and hands-on learning.

The youngest class has a playtime and storytime each month.

The beginners class talked about color. They mixed up secondary colors using paint and then used the paints to paint rocks. They also made color wheels. Mrs. Smith helped with art and did some games with a parachute.

The middle class is studying aquatics this year. They discussed the importance of water to animals, plants, and us humans. They visited a stream and surveyed what lived in and near the water. They observed poison ivy and burn hazel which need to be avoided as well as jewel weed which is an antidote for burn hazel. They also identified insects and animals there. They got into the stream and caught minnows and crayfish with nets. At church the children wrote a journal about their experience.

The teen class is practicing creative writing with Mrs. Darcy Cook. She had them fill out some questions ahead of time to get them thinking. She told them why creative writing is an important exercise. We serve a creative God Who gave us this interesting world, and describing that in a written way is to our benefit. She gave them a picture and told them to write about it. They did a folded story where you can't see the whole thing till the end. Mrs. Brammer took them outside for volleyball and they played two games. They practiced serving, keeping score, rotating, and setting the volleyball.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Up-coming Events for

### Our Missionaries

#### October

|    |                       |         |
|----|-----------------------|---------|
| 10 | Homeschool Classes    | 9:00 AM |
| 20 | Manor Care Service    | 1:45 PM |
| 24 | Homeschool Field Trip |         |



#### November

|    |                          |         |
|----|--------------------------|---------|
| 10 | Pleasant Acres Service   | 1:45 PM |
| 14 | Homeschool Classes       | 9:00 AM |
| 27 | Thanksgiving Eve Service | 7:00 PM |



#### December

|    |                        |          |
|----|------------------------|----------|
| 6  | Church Banquet         | 6:30 PM  |
| 12 | Homeschoolers Caroling |          |
| 15 | Manor Care Service     | 1:45 PM  |
| 21 | Program Practice       | 9:30 AM  |
| 22 | Children's Program     | 9:30 AM  |
| 22 | Christmas Program      | 10:45 AM |
| 24 | Candlelight Service    | 7:00 PM  |

**Remember  
to Pray  
for Your  
Missionaries**



#### October

Campos, Moises & Rosa - Castellar, Spain  
 Ladies Retreat  
 Breakfast Fellowship for Men  
 Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA  
 Good News Clubs in public schools  
 Friends of Israel  
 Feast of Tabernacles celebration banquets  
 Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa  
 Teaching in Bible Institute -  
 1<sup>st</sup> week each month  
 Livioco, Bob & Imee - Philippines  
 Annual Fundamental Bible Conference

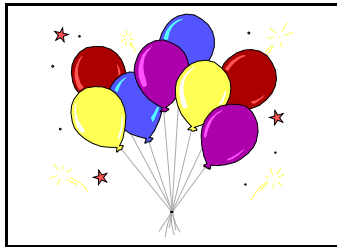
#### November

Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa  
 Church Ministries Institute -  
 apprenticeship training  
 Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC  
 Thanksgiving meal for soldiers  
 Moss, Samuel & Nicole - Corodyn, Iowa  
 Pastoring a Mission Church  
 Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Castillebisbal, Spain  
 Vacation Bible School  
 Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong  
 Community Tutoring Center helps kids with  
 homework and teaching Bible story

#### December

Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain  
 Evangelistic Bible Exhibits in town halls  
 Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA  
 Good News Clubs for kids in public school  
 Friends of Israel  
 Celebrating Hanukkah with Jewish  
 contacts  
 Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus  
 Extra outreach ministries during  
 community Christmas vacation  
 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 Cook
- 14 - Gloria Kissinger
- 14 - Wayne Laning
- 15 - Marietta Wertz
- 17 - Dawn Balcom
- 17 - Laura Morrow
- 17 - **Levi Moss**
- 17 - **James Perrott**
- 18 - Sue Kornbau
- 21 - **Cheryl Hilt**
- 21 - Nathanael Moss
- 25 - Jeremiah Krape
- 26 - Henry Balcom (father)
- 26 - Mary Collins
- 26 - Deborah King

#### November

- 2 - Carolyn Zimmerman
- 5 - **Peter Colon**
- 5 - **Emma Turner**
- 11 - Norm Breneman
- 11 - Marley Gross
- 12 - **Marc Blackwell**
- 13 - Rachelle Krape
- 15 - **Leonard Smith**
- 16 - **Abigail Perrott**
- 23 - **Judie Blackwell**
- 24 - **Karen Kilmer**
- 25 - Rebecca Wertz
- 27 - **Janis Colon**



#### December

- 1 - Grace Balcom
- 5 - **Moises Campos**
- 6 - Doris Knudsen
- 10 - **Anna Pinyol**
- 15 - Joyce Moss
- 16 - Reg Stelfox
- 21 - Esther Wertz
- 22 - Beth Ann Flohr
- 24 - John Kanost
- 27 - Marian Cosgrove
- 31 - Jeannie Geesey



### 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 - Paul & Dawn Eyler
- 4 - **Roberto & Imelda Livioco**
- 22 - Earl & Connie Morrow
- 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.

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Roy and Laura Morrow welcomed Jackson Willard to their family on September 2, 2019. He was 8 pounds 2 ounces and joined siblings Justin age 5, and Jennifer age 3.



### Remember Our Shut-ins

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

# HOMESCHOOLERS



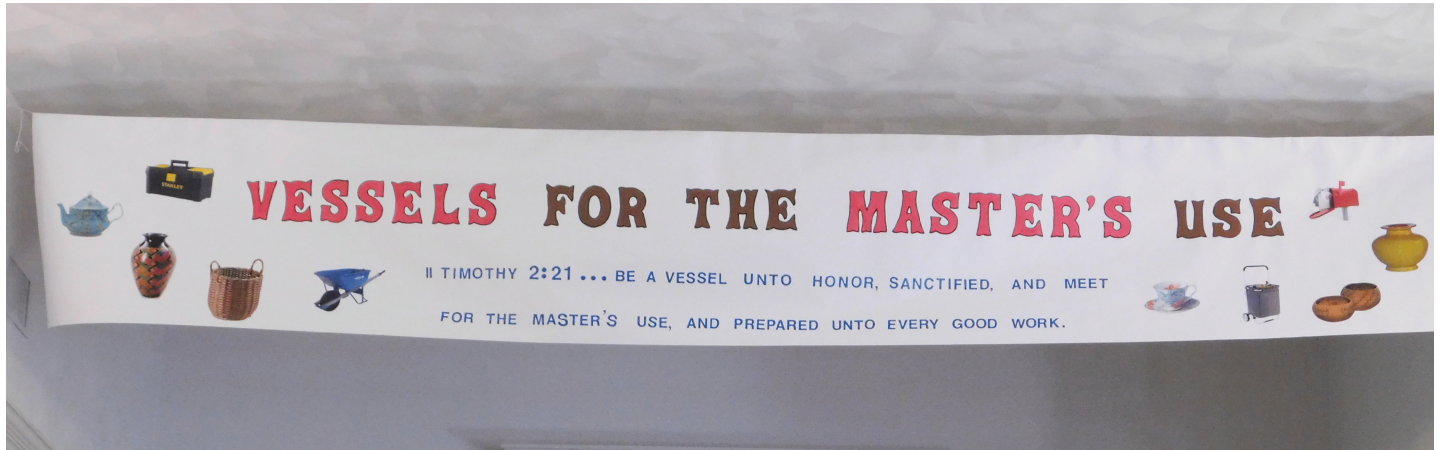
The younger group painting rocks.

This is the middle group. They were learning about streams from Mrs. Balcom, and collecting specimens.



Here is a picture from the teen co-op creative writing class.

# Missions Conference



Hand painted 'vessels' that decorated the windowsills.



Hanging the flags from various countries.



# Junior Missions Conference



Working on learning the long theme verse from 2 Timothy 2:21  
“...be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.”



Finding where in the world the missionaries live.



Playing a review game with the visiting missionaries.



Putting offering in the chicken coup for New Testaments and tracts for Spain.



Painting their vessels.



# Morning Sessions

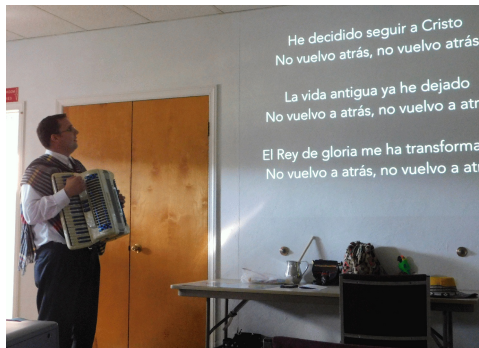
With Don and Karen Kilmer, who work with the Zulus in South Africa.



Touching an ostrich egg

Learning to make  
boiled bread

With the Matt and Amanda Smith family going to Colombia, South America.



Native dress

Learning a song in Spanish

Being served Arepas

With the Moyano family who ministered in Uruguay and are now going to Spain.



# Ladies Luncheon



The tables were set up in an 'African Safari'.



At each place setting was a 'vessel' - a candle holder with a tea light inside.  
It reminded them to be vessels shining for the Lord.



Karen Kilmer

The missionary ladies  
spoke to the group.



Amanda Smith

# Miscellaneous Pictures from the Missions Conference

