

The Lighthouse

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Greetings once again in the name of our Savior from our mission field in Dayton.

We look forward to moving on into spring time as the winter months bring a number of hardships to our congregation. The Lord has supplied us with much warm clothing and accessories to greatly assist. Very special thanks to all of those who have assisted us in many ways. Such concern is important for our testimony of Jesus Christ.

The New Year always brings questions of what is on the agenda. The most important agenda is to keep the Gospel of Christ going out to those in great need. We are working toward our 106th year of ministry to the glory of God. He has sustained us as we endeavor to be His servants in the ministry of the Word and making disciples. There are always things on the agenda that we must do to keep God's house in order and we thank the many volunteers who will step forward in assisting us in the 2018 projects which advance the Lord's work here. It is important to be a bright spot in the community.

We certainly don't know the future but we know the One who does. Whatever the Lord will bring our way I am sure He will prepare us for all necessary things. All of our work will be focused on salvation of those who need a relationship with the Lord and temporal relief as God provides. There are myriads of agencies that do many good things for the poor and needy; we are glad they are available. The mission has always been called to bring the spiritual food to the table. We are so privileged to have eight chapel services a week. We pray that the Lord would bless every service...plant the seed...cultivate...bring forth a harvest of lost souls. I cannot imagine doing anything less than preaching daily and ministering nearly around the clock, but that is often times the missionary calling. I am reminded of an old hymn,

"Footsteps of Jesus"

If they lead through the temple holy preaching the Word; or in homes of the poor and lowly,
serving the Lord: Footsteps of Jesus, that make the pathway glow;
we will follow the steps of Jesus where e'er they go.

And they continued daily with one accord in the temple... Acts 2:46.

Thanks again for all of your support in 2017 and we pray the Lord will move your heart to assist in these missionary endeavors in 2018. **To God be the Glory.**

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director

Thanksgiving and Christmas Report

We first want to thank everyone for their contributions of gifts and funds. Many who bring gifts do not want a receipt so you don't get a formal thank you from us. Please be assured we are so very thankful for all that is provided to the Gospel Mission. Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you! We had a wonderful time in our celebrations...good people...good food...good gifts...and most importantly...the Good News.



We had a very traditional turkey and dressing meal for Thanksgiving; it was excellent. For Christmas we had ham, steak, chicken and all of the sides...the Lord provided well as usual. The food donations from restaurants, companies, groups and individuals are greatly appreciated. That puts a wonderful meal on the table every day.

*Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*

Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31

We endeavor to bring Christmas to our neighborhood through all of our decorations. Shown here are portions of our South Main Street displays. We get the message out in a very high traffic area.



Assistive Lift Project

Well, our assistive lift project has had its ups and downs. Various issues with technical approvals in building codes. As this article is ready to go to press it **was all approved**. We can accept it as all in God's timing. The total cost is \$92,000. It is a 90 day build-out time. Keep us in prayer. We need about \$20,000 to have it paid for upon completion. The Lord has always provided and will this time. It will greatly enhance accessibility for many of our people. Praise the Lord for providing the special things we need at the mission.



The Goals of the King

At Nehemiah University we follow the Goals of the King (Mat 28:18-20). Our God and Savior has given his people a mission to accomplish; they are to make more disciples. People need the Gospel. People need to know that Jesus has provided in Himself the solution to the brokenness of creation and they need to know Him. To make more disciples of Jesus, we must tell others about salvation that is only through faith in Christ. To be a faithful disciple folks need to make that first step of obedience and identification that is water baptism. Many of the students who come for classes were baptized at some time in the past, yet their baptism was frequently not followed up by good teaching and training. The second command given by Jesus in the passage involves teaching obedience to His commands.

In our classes we expose the students to the rich variety of scripture that is in the Old and New Testaments. We attempt to give our students the context they need to understand and obey the commands of Jesus. Nehemiah University assists the Gospel Mission in this most fundamental of Christian tasks. People need to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and become His disciples. They need to identify themselves as disciples and follow Him in obedience. They must be equipped and to be taught as disciples and also how to make more disciples. This is the task of Nehemiah University. This is the guide for all our classes.

Gerry Grimson,
Nehemiah Bible Institute, Director

*Then Jesus came to them and said,
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given
to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey
everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age."*

Matt. 28:18-20



We'd like to highlight our relationship of many years with the students of Cedarville University. Throughout the school year, Cedarville students support our youth ministry by

volunteering with our Friday night programs. Whether they are playing in the basketball games with God's Boys in God's Gym or doing some one-on-one mentoring with God's Girls at Nehemiah University, they are impacting young lives for God's glory.

The past two fall semesters, the Gospel Mission has been a beneficiary of the activities of the Integrated Business Core ("IBC") of Cedarville University. Sophomore and junior business majors develop small businesses which integrate their classroom courses in Marketing, Management and Finance. Proceeds raised by the sales of products and other activities, after payment of expenses, are donated to local ministries. In addition, students volunteer several hours of service to the selected ministries. In Fall 2016, IBC students painted the Camp Jabez fences that border U.S. 380; this past fall, the students spent many hours clearing the tree line that abuts our zip line and climbing wall. Thank you, IBC students, for ministering to us, and for your generous financial gifts.

Rich Anglin
Director of Development

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:7

On our daily journey we find many people by the wayside. We can pick them up, feed and clothe them but their journey doesn't last long. For the brief amount of time they may be with us we know that it is urgent that the truth be told...**Jesus Saves.** Life's sustaining element can only be found in the eternal Bread of Life...the presentation of the Gospel. Our goal is to see that the stranger gets assistance beyond the physical. For what will one do when this short journey is over if his way has not been secured in Christ? We are in an urgently critical position. Souls are slipping out every day into eternity lost...*now is the day of salvation.* Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Our heart is for the souls of mankind. To help the blind to actually see what their mind is telling them...there is a God. The Gospel puts things in perspective with a final question that must be answered...what are you going to do when you die? So, as we pick them up along the way, we show them a quality life in Christ, even though short (life is but a vapor), and a wonderful future in the presence of the Almighty forever. All this we say by His grace and in His providence.

Reaching Out to Our Christian Schools

It is our privilege to share our mission field work with many in our surrounding Christian schools. These youth often assist on overseas trips but it is important to bring them to the mission field of the USA. It is unfortunate that the need here is often overlooked. It is a different culture, a different language, and certainly a different way of thinking, different views of life, marriage, family and it is really "foreign" to many Christians.



Our visiting youth lend us a great

helping hand on their short visit. We really appreciate them so very much. We thank them for being co-laborers in Christ. We hope they will develop a mission-field heart as they grow and become responsible Christians. It is very nice that our mission field is close by and you can come for a visit anytime. If your group has not been here, give us a call. We will give you the details for a wonderful visit.



Camp Jabez Your Summer Place

Summer excitement will be here before you know it at one fantastic camp in Greene County near Spring Valley. Check the web site for all



of the great action. More new things to come this year. An all new ropes course, new challenge courses and expanded Recreation Center activities...no rain-outs at Camp Jabez. Learn more about God's wonderful creation, His beautiful design and "How trees talk to each other." How about fossil hunting...we have found a few strange ones. We praise the Lord for all the great things at Camp Jabez and yes, His special creation of the horses...can we learn horse sense?

Registration is now taking place online...get the camp of your choice early. We pray that we will have another year like 2017...we sold out and worked very hard to expand things to get everyone in. Registration is simple, but call the office if you need assistance.

The Importance of Camp



The beauty of God's creation at Camp Jabez is wonderful to behold. The excitement of the forest and the lake and the hiking and the creatures are all a magnificent experience. Camp always brings lasting memories that will be remembered for a life time. We must thank

God for this opportunity to have youth from many counties in Ohio and some from out of state as well as our city youth. The pictures reflect the great joy and quality fun these youth have at Camp Jabez. Many summer camp pictures are posted on the web site to get a firsthand look at some great days spent at camp. Camp leaves a solid Christian impact on all who attend with a heart open to the joy of Christ.



Oh, that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Psalm 107:8.

Our Precious Little Ones, We Are Thankful



We are thankful that the Lord has brought so many little ones our way. We are thankful when the parents tell us of the positive impact on their children. We are thankful when the youth commit to Christ and endeavor to live rightly. We are thankful to have these

precious treasures under our care. We are thankful when they return years later as adults with thankfulness for the Gospel Mission. We are thankful when we are out and about and we run into them with open arms. We look forward to seeing them again in eternity. **Jesus Saves!**

We thank you for your support!

A Youthful Christmas



It was another *extreme fun zone* for our youth again this year at the Nehemiah University. The pictures will give some idea of that! What joy it is to see the youth enjoy themselves singing, acting, playing and positively interacting with each other and our supporting guests. This is a tremendous time of planting the Gospel in the hearts of each one, especially as we always have a fine Gospel message. Some of these youth are children of the children that we worked with 20 years ago! (Ken and Sue, by the grace and energy of God, have been with this mission field for 33 years). It can bring tears to your eyes to see the fruit of your labors many years later.

Thanks again to the many who provided such wonderful gifts for the youth and to **A & S Play Zone** for all of the fun bounce houses



and equipment to make the evening absolutely perfect. **Praise the Lord for our wonderful Christian supporting community and churches. AMEN!**