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It is with great joy that I share the wonderful things that the Lord is doing through the mission ministries

...the Lighthouse will give you just a glimmer of the excitement about what the Lord is doing here! New faces every day and many looking for restoration of soul. Try to imagine, if you can, church services every day of the week...tremendous seed is sown and much joy is brought to the down and outer. We have a mission of urgency with the drug world being what it is. The Gospel Mission is really a place of joy and hope in Christ...people have a desire to learn of God. I am reminded of an old hymn I learned decades ago,

*There is a place where Jesus sheds the oil of gladness on our heads,
 a place than all besides more sweet: it is the blood stained mercy seat.*

*Ah, wither could we flee for aid, when tempted, desolate, dismayed,
 or how the hosts of hell defeat, had suffering saints no mercy seat.
 (From Every Stormy Wind That Blows, Hugh Stowell, 1828)*

The mission offers that place, the light that shineth in darkness. A place of respite for the soul and until your soul is right with God, nothing else will be satisfying or eternally bound to Heaven.

We look forward to the balance of the year with many activities to relate the Gospel to our community. You are welcome to any of our many services. See the web site for the schedule. Sue and I have been connected with the mission in one way or another since 1979, 40 years, and by His grace we will have many more. It has been many blessings of learning and growth, a wonderful time in Him. He has provided well. Please enjoy the good reports and thank Him for it all.

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director

Birthday Celebrations...107 Years

Would the founder, Peter Quartel, have ever guessed the mission would go on this far? First mission shown in picture, was on East Fifth Street near the convention center. God has blessed and given us the ability to meet the many changing needs of people but never compromising the Gospel. You are welcome to visit our celebration on

Saturday, July 13th from 11 AM - 1 PM
for a great picnic and a time of praising the Lord.
All at our Dayton location, 64 Burns Avenue;
just north of Miami Valley Hospital.

Our delight is to be *the apple of His eye under the shadow of His wings*
until He comes again. *Psalms 17:8*



The Heart of the Mission

Following is an excerpt from our 1912 Constitution:

First, our foremost and primary purpose is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through the preaching of the Bible as the true Word of God and for the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls. Second, assist in the temporal relief of those coming under its influence.

There are many agencies in the community doing good things for people; for that we are thankful. As most missionaries do, we are certainly concerned for their spiritual condition and we want to assist in areas of daily living where we can. Our goals are eternal...life is short. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide all of our needs according to His riches in glory as our primary goal is to put the soul food on the table daily.

Nehemiah Bible Institute Report By Gerry Grimson



At Nehemiah Bible Institute, we are encouraged and excited to lead the students in the study of the New Testament. This year we begin study of the New Testament—the Gospels and the Epistles. Following our NT sequence we will study the basic Doctrines of Christianity.

Some of the students come with little or no background in the Bible or church. Some are there only out of curiosity. The continuing students have prepared by learning about basic Bible study, the basic story of the Old Testament, and the prophecies leading to the revelation of the Messiah—Jesus Christ.

The instructors prepare by studying the material and by praying for the students. We try to take our time in presenting so that students can understand the material. We try to emphasize the major points—the main take-away of the passage and reinforce the message with some of the background and humor in the text. We try to show the students that all the scriptures lead to the Jesus Christ.

Visiting Choirs

For our Resurrection Celebrations we had two fine choirs bring presentations. The Genesis Chorale from the New Jersey Home Schoolers Association. Praise the Lord for the testimony of these young people! Locally from Miamisburg, the Ark Church Choir shown here with Ken and Sue Clarkston. They have been bringing beautiful music to us for many years. Thanks so very much for providing this special time to our congregation. May the Lord continue to bless both of these ministries.



Lighthouse Letter

The *Lighthouse* is our special communication with our supporters and interested people. We thank you for your many notes of positive feedback. As missionaries, it is our life line of prayer and work with you our co-laborers in Christ. This is our 36th volume. I can remember the very first one done with a type-writer and cut and paste art and pictures. The Lord brought people into the life of the mission with expertise to step us up a notch in all areas of production.

For many years now all of the layout and design has been done by Laura, our former volunteer secretary who moved to Florida a number of years ago. Yes, the *Lighthouse* is assembled in Florida as I send the articles and pictures and she masterfully puts them together. It is then sent back electronically and off to the printer. They are scheduled out about every three months; so the work on it never really stops. Big hugs to Laura for her dedication!

When the *Lighthouse* comes back from the printer it goes to our senior crew of at least 25 years to stuff, seal and mail. Please consider the *Lighthouse* as an investment report on what God is doing in the city. Thanks again for your many comments about the *Lighthouse*...it takes a great team to make it happen.

The Fields are Ripe for Harvest By Rich Anglin

“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”—Deuteronomy 31:6

The Bible is an important component of youth programs. The children we serve are “unchurched; thus, we emphasize sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ during our daily devotions.

Recently, we began a study of the Old Testament. We are now into Exodus. As we study how God led the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land, we are emphasizing God’s promise to never leave nor forsake them.

“Forsake” is a word that is unfamiliar to our children; sadly, however, most can relate to its meaning. A lot of our children have little interaction with their biological fathers, due to abandonment, incarceration, drug & alcohol addiction. As we minister to our children, we sometimes struggle to help them understand that God—Abba Father—will always be there for them.

Please pray for us as we share about God our Heavenly Father with our children. Please prayerfully consider becoming involved with our youth ministry. We are very thankful for the many volunteers who serve our children as tutors and coaches, and who mentor by participating in our youth activities.

Volunteering Projects Summer 2019

We are looking forward to another great summer of volunteers keeping our properties in order and being a wonderful testimony to the Lord. We have buildings to paint, landscaping to do, flowers and trees to plant, pressure spraying of many items, vehicles to clean, etc. Get an energetic work group together and give us support in these needy areas.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto **good works**, which God hath before ordained that we **should walk in them**.



Can it be time for another 100 mile bike ride? Will Bill and Melody be able to do it again? The answer is yes to both questions and on June 7th the ride will take place again. Interested in joining them? Give them a call for details at 937-223-2484. We very much appreciate their faithfulness in supporting the mission for **20 years** through their 100 mile bike ride. Tune them in on your internet for a wide variety of music and speakers. All support you send to them per mile goes to the Gospel Mission.

*May the Lord continue to bless
their strength and fortitude
to His honor and glory
Amen!*

Camp Jabez Open House

Mark September 21st on your calendar for another fantastic Open house at Camp Jabez. It is a great country event with many attractions. You must try out the Zip Line! Get involved with the many games going on and of course there will be a Blue Grass Country Band and plenty of food. There is no cost for anything. It is a time to share the blessings of the facilities that the Lord has provided and answer questions about our ministries. We use all of the wonderful tools of the camp to share Christ.



Mark your calendar for
Saturday, Sept. 21st
3 PM - 6 PM
and pray for a wonderful
weather day!



Camp Jabez Summer 2019!

Another exciting season is in store for all campers. Christian camps can really have a tremendous positive impact on youth. A recent study was done by CCCA (Christian Camp and Conference Association)--called the Power of Camp. Here are some of the results:

- 51 percent of parents said their campers returned home “nicer or more pleasant to other family members”
- 44 percent of campers said they want to spend more time in nature since returning home
- 48 percent of campers strongly agreed they feel more confident in themselves since returning home
- 71 percent of campers strongly agreed their faith was strengthened
- Across the camps surveyed, between one-half and two-thirds of all campers reported measureable change in their cognitive belief, faith relevance and self-confidence.

Camp Jabez registration is online and ready to go.
Check it out and join us for a great summer.



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Athletics in the Hood



Athletics certainly have an appeal to many people for many reasons. The Gospel Mission uses our understanding of such desires to funnel interest of our young people toward Jesus Christ. The athletic bodies will give out one day; many times sooner than we think. The Apostle Paul talks about the crowns that come by winning but those crowns would soon fade away. (They were often made of wild olive, laurel or pine and began to wither as soon as they were made). Athletics is one of many tools the Lord has given us to reach this generation of youth. There is much to be learned as a team. We could be the “best” at the game but if we do not reach them with Christ we have lost life’s tournament!



Shown here is our Dayton Gospel Mission Warriors that just came out as top winner in a day’s worth of games. Our coaches Bryan, Jordan, and Jeremiah do a great job in teaching Christ first under all circumstances.

Thanks guys and coaches for being a wonderful testimony of our Lord and Savior.

Facebook

It was recently brought to our attention that we could no longer “advertise on Facebook through purchased listings” the Camp Jabez ministry. We did this last year to spread the word a little extra in our immediate area. The reason being is that we cannot sign their agreement and stay in Scriptural harmony. Our regular free listing is not affected; perhaps a matter of time.

Please assist us in getting the word out about how great a place Camp Jabez is for training and discipling. Camp Jabez, where Christ is first and foremost in our operation. The web site has plenty of information www.CampJabez.org or call...the phones are always answered.