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Greetings from your mission team in Dayton.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Thessalonians 1:1 We have just celebrated 107 years of operation and Sue and I have been involved with the mission for 40 years! How quickly it seems to have moved along. The Lord has greatly blessed with the many tools we have needed for the various aspects of this mission field. He has truly moved in wonderful providence to bring so many good things to pass. Each day on this mission field is one of excitement and anticipation as to what the Lord is going to do next.

Please keep the mission in consistent prayer. So many people hear the Gospel every day. Pray for a work of the Holy Spirit to bring salvation through the Lord. We recently sung an old hymn, "When I See the Blood". It tells the complete story of Christ our Redeemer who died on the cross. God has given us time and patience to keep on preaching, knowing the His Word will accomplish what He pleases and we will have great treasures in Heaven.

As we are now a little past mid-year we start thinking about the fall ministry, teaching, tutoring, sports, Bible Institute, Computer Classes and the many items that are used to assist people in need and also get them under the Gospel of Christ. We would like to build up our volunteer teams to assist in these many ministries; the Lord always has a place for you in His work.

I recently spoke from Ecclesiastes 9:5, *For the living know that they shall die.* Then I rhetorically ask the question, "What'cha gonna do?" The fact is undeniable regardless of belief. What a shame and loss to go through life ignoring the question...it doesn't go away. Our services cut to the bottom line daily with the facts. People need Christ right now so they can have an affirmative answer to the question. "On the merits of Christ alone I will be in Heaven forever. Amen."

We thank the Lord for those who can say that and for your support that enables us to keep on keeping on preaching. May the Lord greatly bless.

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director



107th Birthday Celebrations



Amazing! Where has 107 years gone? Every day has been a day of ministering to the needy of Dayton. The most important need is the salvation story. We thank God for His hand upon us; leading and guiding all the way. There

have been challenges through the years but He has brought us through them all with His blessings.

We had a wonderful celebration in July to commemorate God's footprint in this portion of the city. May He continue to bless The Gospel Mission until He comes again!



Foodbank

“God provides, don’t sign God off”

The Gospel Mission has its own “mini food bank” to supply other Christian ministries. This comes from the surplus food we receive from area restaurants and warehouses. We do not take food from the community food bank because we could not tell the Gospel story of Jesus (this is the rule if you sign up for their support...you sign God off). God would not put you in a business for which He could not provide.

God provides so graciously that we are able to supply others to the glory of God.

Thanks for supporting us; we will not compromise the Gospel.

[God can set a table in the wilderness. Psalm 78:19](#)

The Golden Egg

At “Easter” time there was a large Easter egg hunt in Dayton with some expensive prizes for whoever found the Golden Egg...a new car to start with. For three days it created a frenzy for some people. If any of you ever saw the movie, “It’s a Mad, Mad World” where people were driven beyond respectable bounds for the sake of finding a treasure...we had a small replay here in Dayton. It was sadly humorous how people were acting.

It reminded me of Matthew 6:19-20. There are no “Golden Eggs” on earth. Compared to eternity they are a mirage. We challenge our congregation...Where is your treasure?



For the twentieth time we say a special thanks to Faith and Friends Radio.com for their support to the Gospel Mission...\$4,230 of enjoyable but hard earned dollars. We very much appreciate their ministry and the variety of music, programming and community involvement.

May the Lord continue to bless the ministry throughout the world to His honor and glory.

What is Happening to Our Country?

Many people are pondering the goings-on in this country and asking is this for real? There are new religious standards, new government standards, talk of change in constitutional freedoms that our forefathers wouldn't believe after all they went through to free us from bad political theory. You can't even hold to a belief and call it true because it may insult someone. John 14:6...**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** The truth will always offend the unbeliever. Within the last several years it seems as if truth is being sacrificed for feelings and social issues. This is the old topic of relativism... no rights and no wrongs unless you don't happen to agree with the liberal side of the equation.

Our encouragement for this time our country is going through is found in Proverbs 21:1 **The kings heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water. He turneth it whithersoever He will.** Despite all of the attempts of man to over throw God, God gets the last word.

Supporting the Gospel Mission

We believe that all of our support financially, materially or through volunteering is directed by the Lord. God has always promised to take care of His own and God's riches in glory are inexhaustible. We thank the many people who are sensitive to God's moving and lay up treasure in Heaven through the Gospel Mission. This is the place where many have been directed to invest. **For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.** Hebrews 6:10

You are very much appreciated!

Summer Groups

It is always the mission's privilege to host many work groups throughout the summer. There are a number of youth groups able and willing to do lots of work that just isn't easy for our regular staff to get accomplished. They may travel a good distance and stay several days. So, it is a lot of work for them as well. There is not enough space here to show all of their pictures...but they are all shown on the Gospel Mission Facebook.

We hope that we can inspire some to give their lives to missionary endeavors. Even America is becoming a foreign mission field... we need them here. **To our many groups; may the Lord greatly bless you and your church for being mission minded.**



Camp Jabez in Action

Another wonderful year of Summer Camp has just finished. What a time it was! See pictures here and many more on the website. Everyone had a great time and Christ was in everything every day. Thanks for your prayers and support! Camp Jabez has so much to offer the attending youth and it is very life impacting...good times and Jesus set the tenor for life.

Individual Equine programs will be starting in October and will run through spring of 2020.

Camp Open House

Sat. Sept 21 3pm-6pm

Enjoy a camp cookout, plenty of activities, a Blue Grass band, Zip lines, horses and the super Jabez Forest walk. Please stop by; all are invited. See firsthand the beautiful setting and facilities the Lord has provided.

Jesus Saves!



Summer Events

We always appreciate the great outdoor weather during the summer. The camp is a perfect example of 10 weeks in the sun. In addition, we have the Dragon's baseball games, canoeing trips, swimming parties, picnics, and the 107th Birthday Celebration, which was a great hit. Let's not forget the senior's picnic is coming up!

These are opportunities that adults and youth will respond to, and Christ is always invited. Thanks for supporting these extra-curricular activities; they are very meaningful to many.



Our Calling to Serve

I Corinthians 1:27-29 *But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.*

Jesus told the apostles about the Kingdom of God. He said a man gave a banquet and everyone was invited, not just

“movers and shakers” *but the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.* (Luke 14:21) Sounds like the Mission congregation! We are so thankful God cares about the weak and seemingly insignificant.

God has given us a heart for what many people would call hopeless losers. He knows the value of the soul does not equate with the condition of the body and mind. All of that can change by the power and grace of God. *Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new.* II Corinthians 5:17

As missionaries, our perception of a person is the soul...that has great value. Not the outward perception of bias and prejudice. May God always refresh our heart to reach lost souls.



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