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Greetings in the Name of our Precious Lord.

We praise Him for His continued presence and guidance through these challenging times and we will look for the same in the time ahead. In the stressful time of the Lord's people in the Old Testament, He always gave them a glimpse of the hope and glory to come. We believe that the coming of the Lord needs to have a balanced emphasis in the preaching. The Gospel without a good knowledge of His coming again is incomplete and does not provide the hope that is needed for today. As we tell the congregation, He is coming soon or you are going soon! Either way, we thank Him for our security in His work. So each day we try to provide words of eternal hope.

The unusual things that America and the world are experiencing is really bringing out the questions about what is taking place. It seems strange that all of the events taking place are bringing questions like, "Doesn't the Bible say something like that?" We are experiencing many unprecedented behaviors and cultural changes that are even astonishing the unbeliever! We work daily to apply the Gospel to these latter days. Perhaps these events will awaken and bring awareness that the world is troubled and man does not have the answer.

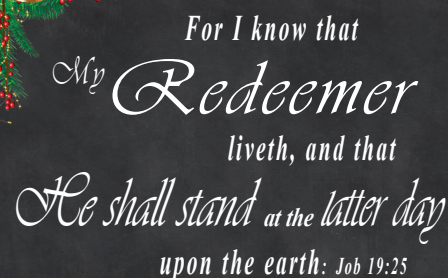
Our focus for the time ahead is always going to be a life given to Christ. We know that He holds the future and when we are in His hands there is no better place to be during the storm. We want to thank all of you who pray for us; your notes are always appreciated. So much thanks to those who are able to keep us on this mission field with your support; every mite can go a long way.

May the Lord greatly bless and may we honor Him in the time ahead.

By His grace, in His service,



Dr. Kenneth P. Clarkston
 Chaplain, Director



For I know that
 My Redeemer
 liveth, and that
 He shall stand at the latter day
 upon the earth: Job 19:25



Holiday Schedules

In our usual custom, we will endeavor to provide for many Holiday needs. We will have our Thanksgiving buffet with all of the extras of a home cooked meal. There will be a fine selection of meats along with a favorite of southern cornbread dressing and so on. As we approach Christmas, another fine buffet to add to the holiday feeling. Of course, there will be a number of days of gift giving. In all of the excitement we do not leave out the reason for the festivities...our Lord Jesus Christ. The best gift that we can deliver is the message of Christ:

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17

Cedarville Social Work Class



We were very glad to host a class of students for "Intro to Social Work" from Cedarville University. The Gospel Mission hopes to add to their experience in that realm of life through their visit. It is a class of 25 and we rotate them in small groups so they can each get a hands-on with the work. Shown here is a Saturday team. They did lots of work and it was very much appreciated.

Frequent Guest Store

Our Frequent Guest Store is our outlet to meet the many physical needs of our congregation. No money is involved at all, only their attendance points, for our various ministries. With every visit, points are logged on their card which they can spend on a large selection of items. This gives the people the opportunity to invest in themselves and is a win-win situation. The store is operated by volunteers three days a week. Blankets and winter items are among the highest request now.



Christmas Needs

This is somewhat of an educated guess based on previous gift distributions. Items that are in low stock are:

YOUTH

- Word/Puzzle Books
- Crayons/Colored Pencils/Sharpener/Markers
- Balls/Sports Items/Football/Basketball/Nerf/etc.
- Girls Hair/Nail Items/Purses
- Legos/Puzzles
- Infant/Toddler Toys
- Kitchen Play Sets
- Craft Items
- Cars/Tracks/Train Play Sets

MEN

- Men's Gloves
- Men's L & XL Underwear
- Water Bottles/Mugs/Cups with Lids
- Men's Gifts (Umbrellas, Ponchos, Flashlights, Cologne, Nail Clippers, Hankies, Sunglasses, Razors, Belts)
- Shoes/Scarves

WOMEN/TEEN GIRLS

- Underwear/Sports Bras
- Women's Gifts (Toiletries, Lotions, Purses/Bags, Makeup Bags, Change Purses, Nail Polish/Files, Perfume, Lip Gloss, Hair Accessories, Brushes, Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Umbrellas, Mirrors)
- Slippers/Shoes

MISC

- Earbuds
- Blankets
- Chapstick
- Lotion/Soap (liquid/bars)

Spiritual Condition of Our Congregation

As you can imagine, we have a varied cross section of people who visit the mission. The common need for most of them is Christ. We are thankful for the genuine Christians that are among our daily congregation; they add stability. Then we have people that are socially and morally good in their outward behavior, great people, but they don't know Christ. Then there would be the homeless, some in the shelters and some on the street. Many of them greatly stressed, many of them accepting the fact. There are also those who have physical handicaps and may be homeless at the same time. We thank the Lord for our supporters who helped us financially so that we could install an elevator...makes a big difference. A most challenging group are those who have various mental disorders challenging their daily being.

So, we have a very diverse group of folks who attend our services daily. They all hear the Gospel message before each meal. We pray that God would move each heart and mind to understand what the Lord has done for them. It seems as if the Lord Himself had such a ministry and gave us the example ministering to all, "Whosoever will may come." So each day, trusting the Lord, we preach the Gospel knowing He will apply the Word. There is always hope through the preaching of the Word.

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; Titus 1:2



Senior Picnic



Nearness of God, prayer and off to the buffet. At the end they all received a nice certificate for an assortment of items. How we pray that each one is ready to depart and be with the Lord.

In the sweet by and by, we will meet on that beautiful shore.



It has been more noticeable this year than last that food is becoming more of a challenge for people to maintain a consistent diet for their families. Our daily buffet is more and more popular because of the variety and amount we serve. Our guests usually have a choice of five main dishes, a starch option, choice between two vegetables, soup, choice of salads, plus fruits, many types of bread and of course, desserts. Finally, five different drinks and always milk. If they want, we have wrapped pastries, cookies, and energy bars to go. The Lord has so blessed.

*Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? Psalm 78:19
Yes, He certainly can!*

If you are interested in this portion of the ministry, you can check our website for the latest food requirements or earmark funds for the Daily Meals.

Assisting the Community

The following is a portion of a Thank You letter from an inner city church that we assist:

"I praise God for the ministry of the Gospel Mission in the city of Dayton and surrounding communities. All of us will continue to hold you dear to our hearts for your faithful and ongoing support. Thanks to the Gospel Mission, the designation 'food desert' is being challenged. Thanks again for making our help for our neighbors possible."



Camp Jabez 2023

Camp Jabez Annual Open House



In planning for next year we always say, "Lord willing." Registration for 2023 is now taking place and camp registrations are coming in. Please go to the camp web site www.CampJabez.org for all of the details or give us a call for any questions.

Happy trails ahead!

Another fantastic Open House on September the 17th was a success with 300 plus in attendance. We had fabulous horse demonstrations, live country music by Blue Note, great food from the grills. Of course the Zip Line, as always, was a continuous hit, along with tours through the Jabez Forest and a special time of country smells and quietness. We only have this once a year on the third Saturday of September; all are welcome.



We say this "Lord willing" as He is the only one that knows what is on tomorrow. (Proverbs 27:1)



Summer Camp Makes A Wonderful Christmas Gift!

Summer Camp Staff Celebration



What a wonderful staff the Lord assembled this last summer. The Lord must give each one a heart for the work. It was exceptionally hot this year but all of the staff was able to continue on for a safe and super camp! We always ask the Lord to provide a "called" staff that will give of themselves in His service. The younger staff will move on with their education and life but these summers will have great memories and life experiences. As for the campers, these too are life time events that will help focus them on the need for Christ in their lives. We pray for our staff and youth year around...may the Lord bring it all together every year.

Shown here is a little time of celebration and rest from a full summer; thanks again to a special staff.



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