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Greetings again from your missiionary team working in the city of Dayton.

Every day here is a different agenda according to what the Lord directs beyond our normal schedule of duties. There are always moments of excitement! We plan as the Lord provides to be here to do whatever He asks. ***Speak Lord thy servant heareth.*** The mission is unique in that it can respond to anything God sends to us. We even answer the phone 24/7 to be there for people with a multitude of problems. Never a dull moment.

We are ever so thankful for God's providential watchcare over us every day keeping us in His arms. Prayers are needed for the congregation of the lost. The Apostle Paul sounds like he is talking to many of our congregation in his writings to the Galatians. Nevertheless, he soon tells us of the great changes that come into our lives with the salvation of Christ and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. We like to see such workings of the Lord. It makes for a safer and better community to live in and a positive image of the impact of the Christian faith.

As missionaries, we look forward to many visiting laborers throughout the year, especially during the warm weather. We rely on them to do much of the needed work on our land and buildings. We have mission teams come from some long distances to assist us in the many up-keep items at the mission and Camp Jabez. Perhaps you have a group that could join us.

With so many strange and unusual things going on in the world what is next? To answer that question we turn to the Bible. Jesus is coming again! Christians have differing views on the return of Christ but it is a sure word. We have the ultimate answer knowing God's plan for this world and eternity. We thank the Lord for the comfort through our challenges of living in this world and its ungodly ways.

May the Lord bless and keep you through the days ahead.

By His grace in His service,



Dr. Kenneth P. Clarkston
Chaplain, Director

Celebrating 111 Years in the Lord's Work



Where has the time gone? Wow! Who would have thought that the mission would still be around a century plus later with all of the changes that have taken place? Well, we are still here and some

things never change...the Gospel and our care for the poor and needy. This is our calling. Our buildings have changed to accommodate the ministry better but people are still people and have the same needs.

On **Saturday, July 8th** we will be having our annual **Birthday Celebration** with a big cook out and live music and gifts. Feel free to join us in the celebration. We thank the Lord so much for our continued existence.

We meet the needs of the special people He loves and died for and rose again for their eternal life.



Sunday Service



The Gospel Mission has a 10:45 AM Traditional service and a 2:00 PM service with the **King's Table** buffet following. We kicked off our Spring Sunday Attendance program with a special singing group, **The Lighthouse Spirituals**, from Agape Church on North Main St. in Dayton. It was a God glorifying time with excellent music and testimony. They were very much appreciated! May the Lord continue to bless their work in the city.

Thanks to Pastor Maze for sharing with us.

II Peter's Great Hope

Peter was writing about 66 AD just before the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The Lord knew what the people needed in the light of the times. Challenges to the accuracy of the Scriptures were abounding, challenges to who Jesus was, challenges to the very resurrection of Jesus. The Lord provides these wonderful words in II Peter 1:19, ***We have also a more sure word of prophecy.*** This is to point the people to the entirety of the Old Testament to support their faith. All of the promises that had been fulfilled with some yet to come.

Peter looked forward to the Lord's coming and brings encouragement for all to be mindful of that.

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: II Peter 3:1-2

Abraham had the same encouragement in Hebrews 11:10, ***For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.***

God gives us great encouragement to know it is not over until it is over. II Peter 3:13, ***Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.***

Peter's parting words are wonderful...a definite memory verse in 3:18, ***But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen***

In these spiritually-darkened days, get a fresh vision from God's Word!

Gleaning Provision

AND WHEN YE REAP THE HARVEST OF YOUR LAND,
THOU SHALT NOT MAKE CLEAN RIDDANCE OF THE
CORNERS OF THY FIELD WHEN THOU REAPEST,
NEITHER SHALT THOU GATHER ANY GLEANING OF THY
HARVEST: THOU SHALT LEAVE THEM UNTO THE POOR,
AND TO THE STRANGER: I AM THE LORD YOUR
GOD.

-LEVITICUS 23:22 KJV



There are many Christians in the food service business who understand the concept of gleaning. As a result, we receive food and supplies from a number of restaurants and stores. This Biblical concept provides for things that we probably would not have otherwise.

We thank the Lord for all of our gleaners in fields of labor.



The Real Food Needed



The mission serves a most excellent full buffet everyday thanks to the many who have a compassion for those in need. Yes, more and more people are hungry and the quality meals of the Gospel Mission are very much appreciated.

The food that is most needed is the **“Bread of Life”, the real soul food!** We can certainly assist people through every day with needs and adding a certain level of comfort but the needs of the soul can only come from our Lord and Saviour. We have seen a number of our city people pass into eternity already this year. It is heart-rendering to see them one day in good health and gone the next due to habits.

We pray for the touch of the Spirit of God to open their minds and hearts to see the truth of the Word of God and how close eternity is for everyone. **We pray for and with many people daily for their salvation...please do so as the Lord directs.**

You Were My Deliverance

Pastor Ken and Sue went out to eat one evening for a little break and had a great meal where one of our family friends work. As we were getting ready to leave, someone came over and shook Ken’s hand and gave him a hug and said, “You were my deliverance when I was kid” (he is now 30). He went on to say how much he appreciated being involved in the mission and all that we provided for him. He has a wonderful job and is able to talk about the Lord every day to other youth. That was 25 years ago! We thank the Lord for the seeds that come to harvest. There may be many we may not know about until we get to heaven. **Keep planting those seeds...God will bring the harvest. Amen**

State of the Union

From the view point of the Bible believing Christian, the State of the Union looks fairly sad. There is no need to go into all of the items on the government/cultural agenda which are anti-Christian. We can simply say they are at odds with reality. As we stand firm on the Word of God, the world has been turned upside down. If you know the Word of God, you should not be surprised. Many Scriptures point to the days of turmoil as time moves on in God’s plans.

Daniel 7:25 says, *And he (Satan’s blasphemous leader) shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws:*

That sounds like the very days in which we are living. We certainly should be praying for the State of the Union as it has a bearing on millions of people. Every individual Christian needs to know the Word and stand boldly on it without compromise in every corner of the world where the Lord has assigned us.

The traditional values of this country...the drifting of America’s institutions...and unfortunately, the *progressive* drifting of the church have made this a country that we would have never accepted 10 years ago!

Be responsible for the State of You so that you can have a positive impact in your little portion of the Union; family, friends, work.



Camp Jabez Open House

Saturday, September 16th will be another great Open House for Camp Jabez. It is a special fun time each year. It is from 2 PM until 6 PM. We will have a camp cook out, a live Bluegrass band, horse demonstrations, guided trail walks and riding of the Zip Line! Come and see the wonderful facilities we have for equine lessons and Summer Camp. Many of the kids like to see their moms go down the Zip Line...that is not too popular with the moms.

Registration for Summer Camp 2024 (of course Lord willing) will begin on that day. This year we were filled by the end of March! If you can plan ahead for camp, now is the time to do it.

This is a Saturday afternoon in the great outdoors with all of the fresh barn smells and all at no charge. Join us in faith, fun and fellowship.



GOSPEL MISSION YOUTH

Youth at Their Best



The Lord only knows how the mission's sports have had a very positive impact on the youth so we keep on going. (See: You Were My Deliverance) Covid certainly put a challenge on the meetings but we are getting back stronger yet. Thanks so much to the volunteers who work very hard and long with the guys. We look forward to a great harvest of our *basketball seeds*.

They need to be watered with much prayer.

God's Girls



God's Girls Friday night program has been with the mission for several decades at least. The girls eventually age-out and we hope we have set them in the right direction for life with the Lord. Then the younger ones come on board for their adventure through the formative years of life. They have had their first outing of the year...an exciting skating party. Next on the agenda is an evening of fun and food at Cedarville University. Many thanks to the students that host this event. We will have the Spring Purity Seminar for them, mothers invited, to help them understand the challenges of growing up.

With the challenges that are being presented to our youth in our radical cultural changes, we need to be there for them in the way of the Bible.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure. II Timothy 2:19

Thanks for Your Support During These Challenging Years

We know and trust that the Lord is the supplier of all of our needs and He is always there. We also know that He touches the *hearts* of people to direct His resources accordingly. We thank you for being responsive. As most of you know, we do not take any government funds; that would be an insult to our Lord and besides, the government is broke anyway.

Through His people He is providing...food is on the table and the bills are being paid and the Gospel is going out.

Praise The Lord!



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