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## Count your many blessings, count them one by one.

Well, after 111 years of service, I am sure it would take reams of paper to list all of the blessings the Lord has sent. It is the Lord's blessings that become our resources for blessing others. Thank you so much for responding to the Lord's call; you are part of the blessings.

We endeavor to show others how the Lord can bless when we listen to him. ***A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God. Deuteronomy 11:27*** Our heart's desire every day is to bring people into a saving relationship with Christ. They then are on the road to blessings for all eternity. As much as we know how important food is, this ministry must be more than food. We believe that the Lord has blessed us for the 111 years because we put Him first in all things and He provides for all of our needs.

It is hard to believe that half of the year is already gone and that we are looking at the fall and winter season. The crowds are large and they are growing very rapidly. Many tell us there just isn't enough money to cover the cost of living. We are glad to have everyone but certainly sad for the many circumstances that bring them to us. We are ever so thankful for the handicap elevator we installed a few years back; it gets a lot of use. It does seem that we are getting more ill and disabled people for services. Seniors are anxiously waiting for their special summer picnic at the end of August.

We appreciate your prayers for us and the notes you send in. Thoughts for your prayers are: the many ill, those who have addictive habits that struggle tremendously, the children who are caught in between so many circumstances, and good people who need to commit to Christ. Volunteers are always in need for the continued operation of the mission.

Your financial support is very much appreciated and well used. You are always welcome to stop in at a service time to see how it all comes together. May the Lord bless as we continue through the year.

By His grace in His service,



Dr. Kenneth P. Clarkston  
Chaplain, Director

## Keeping God's Property in Shape

We are very reliant on many youth groups to support us in keeping our community in good clean shape. Shown here is a group from **Faircreek Church in Beavercreek** spending a day working on the grounds mulching and weeding. We hope they understand that no work done for the Lord is insignificant. We reminded them that all of the weeds and thistles were because of sin... sometimes those weeds were hard to get out.

*Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee*  
**Genesis 3:18**

**We will always welcome groups to assist us in these projects. Please send an email if you would like to be a part of the team.**



A large number of Monarchs paid a visit on their way south.



## Chapel Services

The single most important item on the agenda of the Gospel Mission is the exposition of the Gospel. We certainly do a number of things to assist people but when it all comes down to the end, there must be Jesus. There is a service every day and two on Sunday. Acts 5:42 *And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.* To preach Christ means to share all of His wonderful works to man; the resurrection, atonement, heaven and on and on!

We desire to show people that Christianity is to be lived and not just a philosophy to hold for comfortable feelings. To apply words of our Lord makes us a new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* This is certainly the change we like to see in the people who attend our chapel services.

## Keeping the Roof On

It is right at the age of about forty years that our various roofs have held up; praise the Lord for His watch care over us. We are reminded of the Moses adventures with the children of Israel and how He provided so much. *And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes have not worn out, and thy shoe has not worn out upon thy foot.* Deuteronomy 29:5 Well our forty years of stretching the physical constitution of our roofing has come to an end. Some plaster from the ceiling has begun to fall and that is a sure sign that we need to keep the roof on in order to keep ministering to lost souls wandering in the desert looking for the Promised Land.

**Thanks for you faithful support that will enable us to get the repairs this summer.**

## King's Table Food Service

With the challenges and all of the changes going on in the world of foods, the Lord of course is *able to furnish a table in the wilderness.* Psalm 78:19 We are ever so thankful for the various restaurants and individuals who bring in the necessary items to put on the table. These contributions greatly reduce our food cost. We always have a choice of four to five meat items, a starch, choice of vegetables, several salads and fruits, condiments, breads, deserts, a selection of drinks and usually some to-go sweet items. If people can get to us, they will not go away hungry and they will get a well-balanced meal.

We are very glad to provide this to anyone in need. More importantly, is the *soul food* that is served from the pulpit every day as it provides eternal sustenance.

## A Special Choir



It was a wonderful Sunday afternoon service to have the folks from **various German Baptist** groups (about 50 in all) come together to sing great hymns of the faith and minister through music to the glory of God. They always present the message with their beautiful Acapella voices. They were wonderfully enjoyed. We endeavor to expose our congregation to a variety of Christian folk so that they may see the common thread of Christ's love through all of His people.

## Christian Blue Pages



The Gospel Mission and the Christian Blue pages founder, Darrel Guise, go back long before the Christian Blue pages were created. Darrel was a faithful volunteer for many years so he has a real handle on the daily rigor of the ministry of the Gospel Mission. We are thankful for the service they provide to the Christian community and for bringing some of his team to the physical labor of the Gospel Mission.

Let us all be well occupied until  
He comes. Luke 19:13

## Faith & Friends Radio Bike-A-Thon



For the 24th year in a row, Bill and Melody of Faith and Friends Radio.com have taken the journey of 100 miles again to raise funds for the Gospel Mission and Camp Jabez. This is a case of where the “rubber meets the road” to the glory of God. We are so grateful for everyone’s

health and well-being to make the trip with success. **They raised \$5,600.06 this year for the improvement of our well-worn infrastructure.**

Please pray for their ministry and listen to them on the web at **Faith and Friends Radio.Com**



## Celebrating 111 Years in the Lord's Work



It was another great day of good fellowship as we celebrated this special occasion. In human terms, **111 years** is a long time and much work accomplished. Our goal for all of that time has been to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and lead others to His sheepfold. Nothing more can be said or done other than the Gospel of Christ. He has been with us all of these years,

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.* Ephesians 2:10.

The atmosphere, the food, the fellowship, and the gifts all provided a wonderful experience for our community and the folk from around the city. We praise the Lord for those who have gone to Heaven over the years where the mission has been able to direct them along.

**May the Lord keep the mission in His Service until He comes again.**





## Camp Jabez Summer



Another exciting summer is coming to an end at Camp Jabez! It has been a full camp from the beginning. The fun at the camp never stops. Even though it is a day-camp, the youth never want to go home. The education at Camp Jabez is fantastic; great Bible instruction, great instruction on creation in our Jabez woods, tremendous education and experience with the horses, training in the art of outdoor adventure, and the special time of learning with new friends and how to make acquaintances. (See Open House article.)

We give a hardy AMEN to the Lord for His provision to reach the heart of these fine young people.



## Annual Open House

**Saturday, September the 16th** will be the **Annual Open House** for Camp Jabez. It is a wonderful afternoon from **2PM until 6PM** with a cook-out, live Bluegrass band, horse demonstrations, escorted woods walk, fresh country smells, S'mores over the fire pit... and ride the Zip Line if you dare!

**Very important that registration for 2024, Lord willing, starts on this date.**

It was the same last year but many people waited too long and could not get a position in camp. Registration is on-line only and is very simple.

We look forward to meeting many families and showing you around the camp.

We are located at

3191 St.Rt. 380, Xenia, OH 45385

## CESO Work Crew

From ground zero to complete building in less than a day! Wow. The power of volunteers to come together to get the job done. The camp needed an additional horse shelter in one of the pastures and we found a "wooden kit" at an affordable price. Who else could we better have than a group that is involved in construction every day to put it together? CESO usually takes on a project a year for Camp Jabez or the Gospel Mission or both. Their planning, expertise and production are always appreciated. They did a wonderful job and there were no parts left over! Thanks also to the ladies who worked on the landscaping projects keeping the grounds beautiful.

**We thank the Lord for bringing together all of the various talents of His people.**



## GOSPEL MISSION YOUTH

### God's Girls New Director

We welcome Mahalah to the God's Girls ministry to step in at the retirement of Misty who was Director of the ministry for 25 years. We have very long-term memories of that ministry from its founding days. Many of our precious girls are now adults. Mahalah will be doing her student teaching this year and will continue our wonderful legacy of helping to develop our young ladies into Christian young women. We look forward to many blessings under her guidance.



### God's Girls Trip to a Wedding

What a wonderful learning experience this was for a few of our God's Girls to attend a real solid church wedding with everything that honors and glorifies God in holy matrimony. The bride, Abby, was one of our God's Girls volunteers from Cedarville College. We hope this will help set the understanding that marriage must be centered in the Lord God Almighty. Shown here are the girls with Mahalah (right) the Director of God's Girls. These memories and experiences last a life time. We pray these young ladies will have the same godly experience.



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