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Greetings in the Blessed Name of Our Lord.

We have closed out another year in His service, thanking Him for the souls that we have assisted on their way to Heaven. By His grace we will minister again to those in need. Thanks to all of you who have enabled us to keep on going during these challenging times by providing the necessary resources.

It is amazing the number of changes that have taken place in the minds of people in just a few years. Without going into all of the new philosophies of life, I am reminded of **Matthew 7:14 *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*** It truly is a heart-break to see people avoiding the Gospel for the attractions of life. Pray that the Lord by His Spirit would open their eyes that they might see the truth of Christ and realize the closeness of eternity; one heartbeat away. The Lord only knows what is in store for the time ahead. The Bible helps us to understand that as time goes on man's attempts to heal himself will only fail. Yes, times are getting spiritually worse.

As for the purpose of the Gospel Mission, we will maintain the calling that the Lord has given us and that is to minister to the poor and needy and preach the Gospel as we were established in the year of our Lord 1912. It appears that there are more and varied needs today than there were in 1912. We are thankful for the many agencies that have come onboard to meet these new and growing needs. We could never cover such a wide variety of social needs alone, nor did the Lord call us to that work.

We are reminded of **John 6:26-27 *Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.***

There are many ways to attract people but that is not our intention. You can hang a sign out and say "Free Something" and they will come. We pray that people would be attracted to Free Salvation in Christ.

With views of eternity, we labor daily, looking for His return and praying for those in need of Christ. Thanks again for your financial and prayerful support.

By His grace in His service,



Dr. Kenneth P. Clarkston
 Chaplain, Director

Physicians Assistants



It was the privilege of the Gospel Mission to host a fine group of students in the Physicians Assistance Program at Cedarville College. We pray for many Christian students going out with compassion and love to represent our Lord and Savior. Shown on the left is Misti, our former God's Girls instructor who is involved in the program. We have worked with Cedarville for over three decades and have many wonderful stories to tell and we are sure there will be many more.

Volunteers



Volunteers, we really mean people who are looking to serve the Lord with their gifts and talents while stationed here on planet earth. Yes, we as Christians are here on earth temporarily; a Temporary Duty Assignment always looking forward to eternity with Him. Meanwhile, give of your time and talents to continue moving the work of the Lord forward. As the Apostle Paul would remind us that we are Ambassadors sent from Heaven to represent Him for the short term work here. Put on your Ambassador outfit and check in.

We have openings at the Gospel Mission and at Camp Jabez.



Shown here is our booth at the *Faith and Friends Radio* Chocolate Festival. It is their once-a-year fund raiser for the radio ministry. But as we know, it takes monthly support to keep things moving. We thank them for the support to the Gospel Mission through the annual bike ride and we encourage your support for them. They have a variety of music and Gospel programs. They are wonderful people.

“Tune” them in at FaithandFriendsRadio.com





Christmas Activities



The mission hosts a variety of activities for this special season. The children always get some special attention. The youth Christmas party is always a big hit. Shown here is A & S Play Zone setting up the bounce house and ice rink ready for a great evening. See the overhead photo of the gym turned into our huge gift distribution center. Every gift is handpicked for each one attending. Thanks to the many churches and individuals

who provided so well. An old fashioned train set brings back many memories for our older adults. Many remembered the huge layout of the old Sears store downtown in the 1950's. There is always a Christmas meal with all of the extras. It is a nice time of fellowship to many who make a special effort to attend this event.



The Year Ahead

We have great hopes and aspirations of moving “forward march” in the Lord’s work looking for every opportunity to advance the cause of Christ against the evil of this world. We need an open heart anticipating His moving and leading and guiding and to be ready to labor. We trust that each day will bring definition. I am reminded of my pilot days flying on Instrument Flight Rules. You had the ultimate trust in your instruments and controllers to get you safely to your destination. Sometimes it was a great Amen when you saw the end of the runway! Occasionally, it can be a long haul before we see God’s wonderful purpose but it will always be AMEN to God be the glory.

We will be prepared for whatever He brings our way. The *manna* will be there as we need it. We will study the Scripture seeking His will, asking for sharpness of mind, discernment, and vision. The Bible becomes our Instrument Flight Rules. We will bring many good reports throughout the year on the Lord’s wonderful works here. May the Lord greatly bless.



New Horses Join Camp Jabez

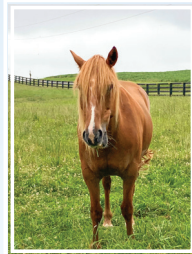
These are the latest anxiously awaiting the starting of camp season. The horses have as much fun as the youth; they enjoy friends and companions. We thank the Lord for sharing part of His wonderful creation. Shown here are:



*Faith...
a Palomino Paint*



*Harley...
a Heinz 57*



*Wonder...
a Mustang*

God's Girls Go to Camp

It was an exciting night at Camp Jabez for the God's Girls at the mission. All of the youngsters look forward to an outing especially one to Camp Jabez. There is nothing like the fire pit, marshmallows, a crackling fire, warmth and the wide open outdoors. Of course, the wonderful stories of the Bible make the evening perfect. These days will be remembered!

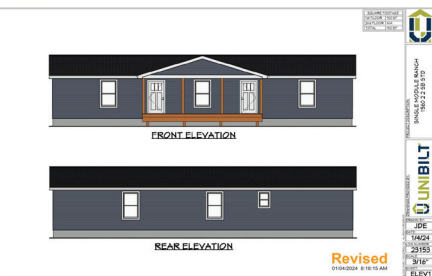


Camp Jabez Summer 2024

This time of year it is nice to think about summer! Warm breezes, walks through the woods, sailing down the Zip Line and of course riding those horses. Now is the time to register for a camp. Much information is on the website or don't hesitate to email or call if you have questions. We answer the phone; no devices. It will be a blessed time for all who attend. We are a camp that is Bible based in our operations emphasizing the Love of God and His wonderful works of creation. The camp has educational components as well as days of fun and games. [Check it out.](#) Last year sold out very early.



Camp Jabez Director's House



Like most of us, we hold on to something as long as we can simply for money sake. At some point it begins to cost more than it is worth and can't even be fixed. Such is the case with the Director's house at Camp Jabez. Actually, it is a double wide trailer with a floor that is falling in and so many things that are not fixable.

We are asking the Lord to bring in the funds to replace these living quarters. To have the horses, someone needs to be constantly responsible. Living on location is required for the overall health of the horses: even some life and death situations for the horses.

We are working with Unibilt for the best possible cost and speed in getting it built. We have just started the campaign and we now have about \$31,500 of the \$300,000 required. No amount is too small. God has provided many structures before as they were needed and we take the step of faith that He will provide for this as well.

**Please share with your friends and church
and we will give Him the Glory for the great things He has done.**



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