

Inside Wyoming

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*Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
Proclaim the good news
of His salvation from day to day.*

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Update on the Pastor

Our Pastor, George Rice, went into the hospital in the beginning of September for surgery to relieve his back problems. Due to complications, he has had to remain in the hospital since then. But thankfully he is making good progress.

The physical therapists have helped him out of bed, and with the assistance of a walker, he has taken his first steps since the surgeries. He has progressed to the point where he is ready for transfer to Moss, where he will begin rehab on Monday.

If you have any needs for visitation or pastoral care during the Pastor's absence, please contact the Assistant to the Pastor, Rev. Daniel Ndimantang. He may be reached at home, (215) 324-2260, or on his cell phone, (267) 918-2534. You may also call the Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Walter Hinchcliff at (610) 966-9408.

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If you would like to contribute an article or other information to *Inside Wyoming*, please contact the editor, Walter Rice, Jr., at 215-820-0165. The deadline for contributions is the Wednesday before publication.

Welcome

by *Walter Rice, Jr.*

Welcome to the first edition of *Inside Wyoming* in quite some time, and the first newsletter the church has produced since the *Centennial Chronicle* took a look at our church history in 1991.

So in some ways we will be "singing a new song to the Lord," in these pages "declaring the good news of His salvation from day to day." God's work among us is ever-present, and reading about what is going on in the church is a way to see where He is working.

This newsletter will be published approximately every two weeks, and hopefully it will serve to keep you better informed of what is going on in the Wyoming family, so that you may be more active participants in the body of Christ here. Part of that is actively praying for the people and ministries of the church, and the information in the newsletter will give you plenty of things that need your prayer.

Writing a newsletter is a lot of work! That's why we need your help to keep these pages filled with information that is of benefit to our readers. If you have an article or a verse of scripture, or a prayer request or an item of thanksgiving, please pass it along to me, and I'll make sure we get it into the newsletter.

Rev. Allen Grover to Speak During Pastor's Absence

by Walter Rice, Jr.

While the Pastor is recovering from surgery, we are pleased to have the Rev. Allen Grover as our guest speaker for the next couple months. Rev. Grover spoke at Wyoming once during July, and has been speaking regularly at our Sunday morning services since September 22.

Rev. Grover is 36 years old, and is originally from Delaware County, Pennsylvania. He has been married to Ginny for about 5 years, and they have two daughters, Sarah, who is a very active 2-1/2 years old, and Alyssa Faith, who was just born on September 14. We have yet to meet his family, but he has assured us that they will be visiting us soon after the Missions Conference.

Rev. Grover graduated in 1994 with a Master of Divinity degree from Bethel Seminary of the East, in Dresher, Pennsylvania, and served for close to 4 years as a youth pastor at Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church in New Jersey.

Pastor Grover is currently working full-time in construction, doing, as he says, "all kinds of stuff," from building to landscaping to sealing joints on a blacktop parking lot. He is currently looking for a church to pastor, and we are glad to have him bring us the Word of God for these couple months.



Says Rev. Grover, "We're searching for God's place for us in ministry. But, in the mean time, just like everyone, we feel that God has called us to be where we are, and to make the most of what he gives us at this moment, with the people who surround us: in this apartment building, with the people who surround us at work, and the opportunities he presents us with. So we're grateful for those opportunities, and for the opportunity to get to know the people at Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church."

Pray that the Lord would bless Rev. Grover and his family, and that we would be blessed through his ministry here.

A New School Year and a New Teacher

by Nancy Dambach

September 19th we started a new school year with a new teacher, Mrs. Annie Rodriguez, who teaches the four-year-old class. While new to Wyoming's Pre-School, Annie is not a total stranger – Annie's husband Danny played on our basketball team back when my husband (Jim Dambach, Sr.) was running the Friday Night Program.

Mrs. Shirley Parcell and I teach the three-year-olds. Also, for the first time in 29 years, I have taken up the duties of Director.

We have twelve four-year-olds, and nine three-year-olds on roll, and I'm happy to report that everything is going well.

Each morning we salute the American flag, and say the pledge of allegiance, and sing "God Bless America".

We are teaching the alphabet, colors, shapes, and most importantly we are teaching the girls and boys about God, and how He expects us to love Him, and behave.

We ask that you continue to pray for our Pre-School that the children will learn what we are teaching them, and that they may learn to get along, and love one another.

On Prayer

"Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens."

Lamentations 3:41

The most healthy state of a Christian is to be always empty in self and constantly depending upon the Lord for supplies; to be always poor in self and rich in Jesus; weak as water personally, but mighty through God to do great exploits; and hence the use of prayer, because, while it adores God, it lays the creature where it should be, in the very dust. Prayer is in itself, apart from the answer which it brings, a great benefit to the Christian. As the runner gains strength for the race by daily exercise, so for the great race of life we acquire energy by the hallowed labour of prayer.

Prayer plumes the wings of God's young

eaglets, that they may learn to mount above the clouds. Prayer girds the loins of God's warriors, and sends them forth to combat with their sinews braced and their muscles firm. An earnest pleader cometh out of his closet, even as the sun ariseth from the chambers of the east, rejoicing like a strong man to run his race.

Prayer is that uplifted hand of Moses which routs the Amalekites more than the sword of Joshua; it is the arrow shot from the chamber of the prophet foreboding defeat to the Syrians. Prayer girds human weakness with divine strength, turns human folly into heavenly wisdom, and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God. We know not what prayer cannot do!

We thank thee, great God, for the mercy-seat, a choice proof of thy marvellous lovingkindness. Help us to use it aright throughout this day! – *Charles Spurgeon*

Celebrating God's Work at Sunday Bible School

by Debby Crocket

Sunday Bible School is the best of Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and Junior Church all rolled up into one fun package! Starting this fall, we are talking about the reasons to celebrate that God gave His people Israel in the Bible, in Church history, and to us today. We started September learning about Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). Did you hear us blowing the shofars we had made? In October we are learning about Sukkot (the Feast of Tabernacles), the year of Jubilee, and Reformation Day. These special celebrations teach us about God's forgiveness offered to us all, about thanking God for His blessings and His power to change our lives for Him.

The kids start the morning at 9:30 with lively music and scripture study and memorization. While the adults are taking a break before Morning Worship, we go to Fellowship Hall and run off that excess energy and have a snack and some juice. After that, it's time to get creative and make something to take home to remind us of



what we are learning. Sometimes we get pretty messy! But before it's time to go home, we hear a story from God's Word that explains one of the reasons why God's people can celebrate!

We pray that God will continue to bless our outreach to the kids in our area, as He already has in such a big way. So bring your kids and their friends, and let's celebrate God's love together!

Editor's note: For the last couple weeks, the teachers of Sunday Bible School have had their hands full with a lot of kids – as many as 18! Praise the Lord for the way He is blessing this ministry.

Help Build the Mountain!

Sunshine Mountain, that is! The Board of Missions invites everyone in the church and Sunday School to join together to build a mountain of gifts for the **Good Shepherd Ministry** and for Rev. Jack Cordell's **Race Track Ministry**.

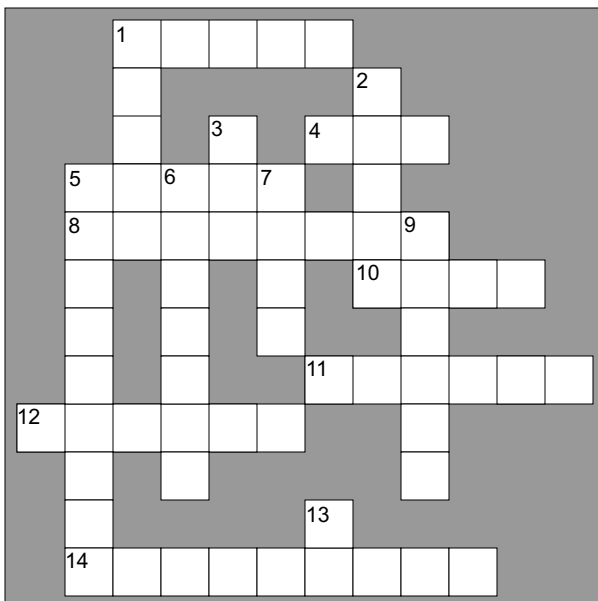
Donated items will be distributed to people in hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, and to those who work on the back side of the race track, providing Christmas gifts and needed items for those who may have otherwise been forgotten.

The project to build Sunshine Mountain started on September 29, and there are a good number of items on the table so far.

But there's a long way to go before we can call this a mountain! *You have until October 27 to bring in your gifts.*

The items that may be donated are things such as basic toiletries, underwear, t-shirts, socks, hats, gloves, and sweaters for men, women, and children. You may also give treats such as snack bars or packs of cookies or crackers, or even a batch of homemade cookies (in non-returnable containers). For children, you may give toys, such as dolls and games. For a full list of the items that will be accepted, please pick up the Sunshine Mountain paper in the church foyer.

Bible Crossword



Across:

1. ___ your father and your mother (Ex 20:12)
4. one of the sons of Noah (Gen 9:18)
5. the Son of God (Mark 1:1)
8. "Thus far has the Lord helped us" (1Sam 7:12)
10. piece of John the Baptist's attire (Matt 3:4)
11. one of the two faithful spies (Num 14:6)
12. those who are saved (Eph 1:1)
14. surname of Mary (Matt 27:55-56)

Down:

1. where God appeared to Moses (Ex 3:1-2)
2. one of the two faithful spies (Num 14:6)
3. Joshua's father (Joshua 1:1)
5. capital of David's Israel
6. Moses was the ___ of the Lord (Josh 1:1)
7. Isaiah: "Here am I. ___ me!" (Isaiah 6:8)
9. body of water that God parted (Ex 14:21-22)
13. Hebrew word for God (Gen 33:20)

Next Sunday, October 20

Dr. Robert A. Emberger and Heather Rice will share with us the work God is doing at the Whosoever Gospel Mission. Dr. Emberger is the Executive Director of the mission, which is located in Germantown and is an organization on our missions budget. The mission has been in operation since 1892, serving the needs of homeless men who have been addicted to alcohol and drugs. Bob is also the associate pastor of Lawndale Baptist Church.

Bob will be speaking at the first session of our missions conference during our 10:45am worship service. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will anoint him so that he will “rightly divide the word of truth” in a way that challenges our hearts and motivates us to respond with our lives.

Before Dr. Emberger speaks, he will give a slide presentation during Sunday School (9:30am), highlighting the work that goes on at the mission.

**Sunday, October 27**

Our own neighborhood ministries will be highlighted in this service. Two of the students from Philadelphia Biblical University who have begun their third year of directing our After-School Club on Tuesdays, will present their program to the congregation.

On October 27, a luncheon will follow the service. Please sign up today in the foyer if you will be attending.

You are cordially invited to the
**110th Anniversary Banquet
of the Whosoever Gospel Mission**

*October 18, 2002 at 6:45pm ~ Williamson Restaurant, Horsham
Suggested donation is \$20 (the cost of the meal)*

**RSVP to Heather Rice by Monday October 14
(215) 438-3094, ext. 12**

Celebrating 110 years of God's goodness

Don't Forget...

October 20 is the first Sunday of our Missions Conference. Bob Emberger from the Whosoever Gospel Mission will be speaking.

October 27 after the service is our Missions Conference Luncheon. Sign up now if you are planning on attending.

October 27 is also the last day to bring in donations for Sunshine Mountain.

PRAYER CORNER

In future issues, we will feature a "Prayer Corner" with your prayer requests and thanksgiving for the ways the Lord has blessed you.

Hopefully this will become a "Prayer Page," so start submitting items for prayer and praise! Submit them on a 3x5 card, or call Walter Rice, Jr., to get listed.

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