



As the days shorten and the nights bring that refreshing cool to the air, I get goose-bumps. Not from the cold, but the thrill of the season. While there is some regret in the loss of long, warm sunny days and summer vacations, there is something about autumn, about memories of homecoming festivities, football, fires in the fireplace, the eruption of beauty in God's palate of fall foliage – it's harvest time – and I love it! It's more than just attending our Fall Festival (although that is great!) or tailgating at a football game – it's watching God's created order make itself ready for fruitfulness. For most of us, we've been disconnected from the high point of the agrarian year, the celebration that's found in the harvest, a year's worth of toil and battling elements and pests to reap a harvest, to gather in the fruit and crops - but for the believer, there is a constant sense of joy in harvest – a harvest of souls and a harvest of righteousness.

John Piper writes: *One of the basic premises of Christian joy is that delight in God (which is our Christian duty to pursue) does not reach its climax in a private communion with God. Rather, it reaches its fullest extent only when it is compounded by the joy of seeing others share in it with us. And these are not two different joys as if the good of man were somehow in competition with the glory of God. The sharing of a joy is that same joy in consummation.*

Evangelism is a word used to describe the different ways God uses us, along with His Word and Spirit, to transform unbelievers into people whose great delight in life is to know and trust in him. Therefore, under God, our goal in evangelism is to be his instruments in creating new people who delight in God through Jesus Christ and who thus bring us great joy. There is no escape: if we, by God's grace, are successful in evangelism we will be happier. Our joy in God will be increased.

So evangelism is not necessarily aimed at people we like; it is aimed to create people we like—people we love because of their love for

God. Evangelism is done in the hope of creating new people whom it will be a pleasure to be with because they admire most the one we admire most. There is every reason for a Christian Hedonist to bear witness to his faith and thus be like the Apostle John in his first letter, who said, "we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete" (1 John 1:4).

Evangelism, or joyfully sharing our greatest treasure with others – brings great joy in the harvest of souls, even through trials and attacks from the enemy, the devil, we witness a new person being born from the old, sharing with us in our faith and walk in Christ – What Joy!

Another Joy is found in our own lives as God reaps through his Word and Spirit, a harvest of righteousness. As a seed falls into the ground and dies only to produce a harvest in the new plant, so as we die to ourselves, Christ is born in us and as we grow to be more like him, there is great celebration in heaven in the harvest of righteousness.

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9:10: *Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the **harvest** of your **righteousness**.* The writer of Hebrews tells us in chapter 12 verse eleven of that book: *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a **harvest** of **righteousness** and peace for those who have been trained by it.* And James Reminds us in 3:18 of his letter: *Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a **harvest** of **righteousness**.* All three references promise a harvest of righteousness, one from sacrificial giving, one from embracing discipline and the third from being a peacemaker.

All of these things are milestones in the forward progress in our walk with Christ, and all have to do with dying to ourselves. To give sacrificially means to die to our selfish desires for things of this world. To endure trials and discipline from the Father without losing faith means dying to our demand to be treated fairly in our own eyes, it means dying to our sense of entitlement and our self made promise that to belong to God means a life of ease, or at least an absence of pain. To be a peacemaker means to take up our cross and follow Christ –

to take abuse and scorn as we love and serve others to make peace between those who have been separated by sin and peace between the lost and a loving and saving God.

It's harvest time, and as the school year is now under way and our schedules are getting set, my prayer for you is that you have carved out time in your schedule to connect with others. I pray that you will get involved in some sort of discipleship and learning opportunity (like small groups, bible studies, and Sunday School), and that you are connecting to your lost friends and neighbors. As we make good use of these opportunities there is a promise of great harvest celebrations for you as you grow in grace, die to sin, live for Christ and lead others to do the same.

May Safe Harbor always enjoy the celebration of the harvest of souls and the fruit of the harvest of righteousness until Christ comes back for the feast.

Laboring in the Fields with You,

Pastor Todd

Freefall Youth News

Freefall is back up and running! Join us on Monday nights at 7pm

First Monday of each month is parent night where we will socialize and brainstorm upcoming activities. All parent are welcome.

Mark Your Calendars:

WISP Mountain Fest Retreat: 11/13-15/09.

Safe Harbor's 2nd Annual Fall Festival was held this past weekend and we a tremendous success! Despite a suspect weather forecast the day before, it turned out to be a beautiful day and the crowds came. We raised well over \$1,000 from the white elephant sale which goes towards our building fund. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who came out that day to man stands, set up and break down everything, and the behind the scenes helpers who priced and sorted all the items and baked goodies to sell at the bake sale. It was a great team effort!



Scrapbook Crop at Safe Harbor Church


Friday, October 16, 2009

6:00pm-Midnight

\$10.00 per person includes desserts, & drinks (sodas and coffee)

THERE WILL BE NO DINNER SERVED

Hourly prize drawing

 We will have a page completion contest! For every page you complete at the crop, you will earn a chance at a grand prize drawing to be held at the end of the night. The prize is a brand new "Indian Summer" paper stack from Die Cuts with a View. This is a 180 piece pad of beautiful 12x12 printed paper. A \$20 value!

We will be advertising the crop, to please register soon. RSVP to Lori at 410-643-1272.



“GOD things”

If the following sounds like bragging it is. We’re bragging on GOD and very proud of it. Most of you know we provide furniture to families in our community who can’t afford their own, and we are able to do this through furniture that’s donated to us. These donations come from our church family and people in our community that want to help, and Kangaroo Storage has generously donated a storage unit to our furniture outreach for the last three years.

About 3 weeks ago we heard from another church here on Kent Island that there was a lady with Alzheimer’s, whose husband was being released from the hospital where he had one of his legs amputated. They needed furniture for their apartment that they were moving into. We were able to collect all that was needed and they were very thankful for all that was given to them.

Not long after moving in, there was a fire. Most of what they had was destroyed! We got word to them that we knew and wanted to help again. We put the word out that we had two families now, who needed almost everything to furnish their apartments. The two men who delivered a good portion of the furniture, helped us deliver some to this particular family and they were truly touched by how grateful they were.

In the days that followed three more families were helped. Think of the chain of people GOD worked through to help these families in need. The joy that was felt by all that day was truly GOD’S joy. How uniquely awesome our GOD is.

Upcoming Events:

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive has begun. All Non-perishable food items are needed. Every can helps to fill a basket. Please stop by our table for more information, or to sign up to provide a turkey

Our Haven Shelter will be opening for the winter on December 1st. Look for our volunteer sign-up sheets. We need volunteers for the first shift 6PM to 11: 55pm and food plus laundry. This year Safe Harbor weeks are- **December 6-12, January 3-9, & February 7-13.**

Foodlink Volunteer Needed – One Morning a Month

This is *only* a one day a month commitment, either on a Friday or Saturday morning. It consists of picking up food at a few of the local grocery stores and dropping off either at the Living Waters Food Bank or the two Kent Island Senior Centers.

~ **Our next meeting will be on October 12th at 7pm at the church. Hope to see you there!**

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

Children’s Worship



Friendship Trek

**Jesus, Our Forever Friend!
October—December**

Perfect love casts out fear. 1 John 4:18

We love Him because He first love us. 1 John 4:19

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

Jesus “loved me and gave Himself for me”. Galatians 2:20

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:23



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN’S PURSE

It’s Operation

Christmas Child time again!

This is a wonderful, seasonal ministry for our church to participate in. Packing gift-filled shoe boxes is a hands-on missions project and a great activity for families and congregations. Brochures will be out next month with more details, so please

bring your gift-filled shoeboxes any of the following Sundays: **November 1st, 8th, or 15th**. Any questions, contact Cheryl Hughes, or the church office.



Annual Children’s Christmas Musical



“Camel Lot”

Don’t Miss the Manger

Attention all kids ages 5 years/Kindergarten and up: We are starting rehearsals for our annual Christmas pageant on Sunday, October 4th at 6:30pm.

This years story revolves around a “camel lot” (car lot of olden days), and a little girl who has a dream.....

Sounds interesting, then come along and join us. There are lots of fun songs, and plenty of speaking and solo parts for those who are interested.

If you have any questions, please contact either Mary Jo Perticone or Karen Butterfield.



Hamelrycks - Out of Africa September 2009

As I write this the children are outside with the gardener smoking a snake out of his hole. Will I ever get used to this?

1. What is your impression of Africa?

AR - "The women are very strong and hard workers. It is very dirty here. There is a lot of work to do but it's not as hectic as the states. I think it's because we don't have to hurry to be somewhere at a certain time. The doctor doesn't even have appointments.

Page - "It's pretty. The Africans here are very friendly. They always ask, "How are you?". The seasons and the weather is different than the states."

Harrison - "You get a new experience every day. Nothing is ever routine here."

Cole - "I don't feel like I'm in Africa."

Patrick - "It reminds me of a movie about Texas."

Nola - "There are a lot of snakes."

Shane - "Snakes, bush fires and dirt devils (They are fun!)."

Martin - "I'll never get bored."

Izzy - "I like it more than Maryland."

Chipi - "There are a lot of kids here."

The report on the snake hole is, "It didn't work". The hole was too big to smoke it out.

2. What is your favorite thing to do here?

AR - "Catching up with Gabrielle. Receiving letters and listening to books on cds."

Page - "Work outside in the African sun, get letters from America, listen to books on cds."

Harrison - "Driving the big green tractor! I love interacting with all the children both in and out of the village. Fighting huge bush fires is an experience I'll never forget. Making new friends with short termers is the bomb!"

Cole - "Feeding the oxen."

Patrick - "Drinking Apple Max and hunting, and soccer."

Nola - "Playing with the kids, swing dancing, running in the dust devils, playing soccer."

Shane - "Birthday parties, playing with the oxen, climbing on the tractors, and the trees, catching the chameleons, gutting grasshoppers, cooking and eating them!"

Martin - "Going to church."

Izzy - "Eating ice cream." (Which he has not had the opportunity to do since we've been here!) And shooting my sling shot."

Chipi - "Playing the rock game, and football (soccer), Holding Tigerface (a cat), and babies and chickens on my lap."

3. What are some ways you can minister here?

AR - "I hope to help the house mothers with parenting, loving on the children, coming up with creative ideas for my family to help others. I'm sure in time God will show us the best ways to help."

Page - "Help people in the villages. We heard about a lady with three small children whose house burned. We skipped our dinner and brought it to her instead along with some clothes. And the little baby girl was so cute! Also, start a soccer league."

Harrison - "By making friends and being a living example of Christ to them. By encouraging them to work harder for Jesus and show them how by working hard myself. Sponsoring hope clubs and having the public join. We did this one day at Olcalda school for over 300 children. Teaching the children to turn the other cheek as Jesus did. The children here fight like any brother and sisters would. By humbling myself and giving up what I love."

Cole - "Reading to the children. Making friends with the children who get picked on."

Patrick - "Giving my dinner and some of my clothes to the poor."

Nola - "Going to church and sitting with my friends. Being kind to them and reading to the children. Breaking up fights."

Shane - "Being kind and sharing my toys."

Martin - "We give our food to people who need it."

Izzy - "Giving my dinosaurs to the children for their school."

Chipi - "Help somebody."

4. What do you miss most about America?

AR - "Gabrielle, friends, church and good food. (No one misses tv which makes me very happy.)"

Page - "Gabrielle, the Dellas, all my other friends and family, playing soccer for CHEN, my church."

Harrison - "The only thing I could miss in America would be all my friends."

Cole - "Friends and sister."

Patrick - "My friends, ice cream, my church."

Nola - "Friends, the church, ice cream, preaching from BEP, my best sister, Gabby."

Shane - "I don't miss anything except my friends and the movies that Gabrielle took me to."

Martin - "The Dellas and the Millers."

Izzy- "Ice cream and everybody."

Chipi- "Katie Miller"

5. What lesson have you learned since you've been here?

AR- "That I am truly blessed and God does not forsake the righteous. To read all the ingredients before I put something in my mouth, eyes or on my hands."

Page- "How to count kwacha. Not to sleep with my mouth open so spiders don't climb in it."

Harrison- "Learning to trust God with all my heart and not to take anything for granted. Don't play with fire. Wash before eating."

Cole- "Chameleons bite when you first grab them."

Patrick- "Bush fires get out of control fast."

Nola- "Not to play with snakes and if you are late for singing you get a tardy."

Shane- "Not to spy on Dustin (a short termer) or he will dunk your head in the toilet."

Martin- "Not to go out of the boundaries."

Izzy- "I've learned to stay in the boundaries or else I have to play inside."

Chipi- "That I have to wash my feet every night or they won't come clean."

6. What has been your biggest disappointment?

AR- "The struggles that come with relationships."

Page- "Not getting a monkey, and not getting pumpkin pie for dessert because it tasted so bad from too much nutmeg."

Harrison- "Only driving the tractor once and almost getting a monkey. Struggles with friends"

Cole- "Having to let the chameleon go and not getting the monkey."

Patrick- "I could have killed a snake."

Nola- "Not getting a monkey."

Shane- "Not getting a monkey and not getting to keep the chameleons."

Martin- "Nothing!"

Izzy- "That we sold our house in Maryland."

Chipi- "Izzy told me that giraffes could throw you but they won't."

7. What is the funniest thing here?

AR- "Telling the short termers stories around the dinner table."

Page- "Taking prayer request at the dinner table."

Harrison- "When Sena and Isha got scared and screamed about the rubber snake on our front porch."

Cole- "Seeing the workers so afraid of the rubber snake."

Patrick- "When Dustin jumped and hit his head because he was trying to get the chicken in his bathtub to stand up for a picture."

Nola- "When Mommy rode a bike and hit a stump and then almost went into the pond!"

Shane- "Stories about Dustin (a short termer that we've been feeding)."

Martin- "Seeing Dustin get all spastic when he puts out a bush fire."

Izzy- "When Simon (an old worker) saw me with a rubber snake he fell backwards off of a stump."

Chipi- "When Dustin jumped the fence and hurt himself because of the fire."

8. A small sample of our family prayer requests:

AR- Wisdom on how to handle difficult relationships and to be filled with God's love and grace. And for the Dellas to get here safely.

Page- For someone from BEP to come see us. And for the Dellas to get here safely.

Harrison- That people would be lead to come visit us. For wisdom for working out relationships. And for the Dellas to get here safely.

Cole- For God to give us wisdom so we know how to minister to the Zambians and the children here. And for the Dellas to get here safely.

Patrick- For Gabrielle to be safe at college and that she would learn. And for the Dellas to get here safely.

Nola- For God to help the children to learn not to steal. And for the Dellas to get here safely.

Shane- For our viruses and ring worm to go away. We keep passing them around so that some of us have had them more than once. And for the Dellas to be able to pack quickly.

Martin- That we can get the blue truck fixed. The cantor is a constant headache for the village. For the Dellas to be able to get here safely..

Izzy- For Kathi Berry's grandfather's leg and teeth and for him to know Jesus. For the Dellas to get here safely.

Chipi- For Matilda's legs to get better. For the Dellas to get here safely.

We cherish your prayers and miss everyone dearly.

Love,

The **Hamelrycks**