

GOSPEL EXPRESS EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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LOOK UP

For your redemption draweth nigh.

- Jesus

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

Recently I've been reminded of a song that really spoke to me as a new believer in 1974. "Wars and strife on every hand and violence fills our land. Some still doubt He'll ever come again. But the Word of God is true, He'll redeem His chosen few. Don't lose hope, soon Christ Jesus will descend. Signs of the times are everywhere. There's a brand new feeling in the air. Keep your eyes upon the eastern sky, lift up your head, redemption draweth nigh."

I remember thinking then that the end time prophecies Jesus gave in the Gospels certainly match up with the turmoil in our nation and around the world. Fast forward to 2015 and we see those prophecies of wickedness, violence, and corruption fulfilled to a much greater degree.

In Luke 21:26, Jesus spoke of men's hearts failing them because of fear and apprehension of things yet to come. Then Jesus offered great encouragement, "*When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*" Luke 21:28

Most of us have probably entertained at least some element of fear as violent, hideous evils are increasing, not only in other countries but in our nation and in our own communities. This fear should not only cause us to LOOK UP but to LOOK WITHIN, searching our own hearts.

The prevailing darkness of our nation reflects not only on the liberal mindset of government, but also on the luke-warmness, complacency, and loss of our first love within the body of Christ.

God is grieved with Biblical moral values being compromised and the self promotion "me-ism" frenzy fueled by the ego of social media. Civil and maternal disobedience, pride, unnatural affection/same-sex marriage, and materialism seem to be acceptable as the "new norm." God forbid that we get used to the darkness but rather let us reprove the works of darkness and lift up God's standard of holiness and righteousness.

The Apostle Paul admonishes us to "*Cast off the works of darkness... put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.*" Romans 13:12b & 14
Fleshly provisions diminish the spiritual appetite and starve our spiritual vision.



Jesus' final words in Luke 21 help us to grasp His admonition to LOOK UP, "*Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*" Luke 21:36

Let us therefore remain in a spirit of watchfulness and prayer... for ourselves, our families, the church, and for government leaders around the world. **With God all things are possible!** Yes, revival is still possible if we humble ourselves, pray, repent, and walk in the fear of God.

- Nelson Coblenz





Embracing Womanhood Conference 2015

COURAGEOUS living

October 22-24, 2015

Foothills Community Chapel, 2720 Landrum Rd, Columbus, NC 28722



Guest Speaker: Sherry Gore

\$75 per person
4 meals included
(deadline Oct. 15)

To register or for lodging details contact us today as seating is limited.

Visit: www.gospelexpressiononline.org or call the office at (828) 859-7003 and ask for Greta.

Additional Speakers: Sarah Coblentz, Ruth Ann Miller, Cindy Mullett, Jennifer Beiler, and Barbara Yoder

Hosted by: Gospel Express Ministries

But they that WAIT upon the Lord shall RENEW their strength; they shall MOUNT UP with wings as eagles. - Isaiah 40:31

NEW CD from the Mullett Family



Relentless Hope

1. Tell the Mountain
2. Nothing Greater Than Grace
3. That's What Faith Can Do
4. He Can Move that Stone
5. Daddy Will You Marry Me?
6. Call the Wambulance
7. If Not for Grace
8. Greater
9. Sovereign Over Us
10. Love Lifted Me Medley: Love Lifted Me -
How Deep the Fathers Love for Us - Multiplied

*You can order this CD on the enclosed response card or visit our online store at www.gospelexpressiononline.org.

Please be in prayer for Duane, Cindy, and the family as they continue to develop resources and methods for "From Pain to Purpose" Ministry in churches and prisons. They are in the midst of a full travel schedule, including a tour into Mexico with the Penner Family (see schedule on page 4).

Bontrager Family Update

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28

We believe that God called the Bontrager Family here in September 2013 with a powerful message to share in song and testimony. God often has a greater purpose than what we can know and understand. In the Fall of 2014, Lori's Lyme disease flared up and started making road life more difficult.

On February 27, the Executive Board decided it would be best for the family to take a 6-month



break from all road life activities. It was not an easy decision and it's not always been an easy adjustment for a family for whom singing is very fulfilling and pretty synonymous with getting up in the morning. The break has provided an opportunity for Sean to utilize his construction skills to be our "go-to" person with the new office addition. Taylor and Kacie have used the opportunity to work at a local restaurant.

We will be at the 6-month threshold September 1st. We know that many friends, new acquaintances, intercessors, and inmates have been praying for and contacting the family with encouragement. Sean, Lori, and the children wish to convey their gratefulness by saying, "Thank you for praying! You may never know the impact of your faithfulness."



Let's continue to be in fervent prayer. We trust and know that "all things work together for good." *A man's heart deviseth his way, but the Lord directeth his steps. - Proverbs 16:9*

Office Addition

The original office building in Columbus, NC was built in 1999. Initially it was designed to be an extension of our main office in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area. It contained 4 office rooms, a receptionist area, a kitchen area, along with a storage room that doubles as a board meeting room and two apartments in the basement. Shortly after it was built the PA office was closed and everything was moved to North Carolina. Over the past 6-8 years as we have added more personnel to fill needed positions, every nook and corner in the kitchen and basement has become utilized for storage or office desks. We simply are in need of more space.

Phase 1 of the building plan is a 12 X 46 addition as seen in the photo. It will give us 2 more offices, some storage, and a conference/meeting room. Once this addition is complete we also hope to soon start on phase 2, which is a separate building behind the office for storage, an expanded Bible/Bible courses section, and additional housing for VS staff/house parents. We have started this project with vision,



Phase 1 of 2 Building Projects

seed money, and lots of faith for additional financial/material donations and labor toward the cause. Approximately \$15,000 is needed to complete Phase 1. If you are interested to assist in any way call Lonnie or Mervin at our office 828-859-7003. You can also contribute through the enclosed response card or online at www.gospelexpressionline.org and note "building project."



PA Benefit Auction Report

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

WE GIVE GLORY TO ALMIGHTY GOD!

We are so grateful to God and to all those who cheerfully gave in many different ways to make a weekend like this possible.

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes to Mel Hoover and family (grounds), the buyers, donors, food and car wash workers... the list goes on. We want to especially recognize and thank the local committee who works so hard and brings their creativity to make the event all it can be. These weekend proceeds are approximately 25% of our annual income. We share 20% of the proceeds with our sister/extension ministries: Living Hope International, Door of Hope, and Gospel Express Ministries South.

PROFIT TOTALS FROM WEEKEND

Heifer Auction	\$95,180
Food, Offerings, & Main Auction	\$129,825

PERSONNEL NEWS

We wish to thank **Hannah Green** for one and a half years of service doing a great job as our General/International Secretary. We also thank **Joanna Schwartz**



Joanna Schwartz

for stepping in for the past year and doing a great job as the Bible Course Secretary. Hannah and Joanna are staying in the local community. Please pray for them as they adjust to new jobs and a new place to live, along with their pursuit for a dependable vehicle. Thank you Hannah and Joanna!



Hannah Green

We extend a warm welcome to **Katrina Troyer** from Sugarcreek, Ohio. She comes with the blessing of her parents, Monroe and Carolyn Troyer. Her home congregation is Shalom Christian Fellowship. Katrina's previous office experience and heart of servanthood is well suited for the General/International Secretary position. We also warmly welcome our new Bible Course Secretary, **Jennifer McFarlane**.



Jenn McFarlane

Jenn has the blessing from her parents James and Avril McFarlane. She moved from Lancaster where she attended Way of Jesus Fellowship. Her outgoing personality is a great addition to the office. Welcome Katrina and Jennifer!



Katrina Troyer

HOUSEPARENTS... We are excited to welcome **Jim and Elsie Bontrager** on board as the 1st official houseparents for Gospel Express.

They moved in from Westcliffe, Colorado. They have three children, one of whom is Sean Bontrager (Bontrager Family), and 11 grandchildren. Our desire is that God will work through Jim's to help create a little more of a family atmosphere for the VS staff, as well as provide assistance around the office. Welcome Jim and Elsie!



Jim & Elsie Bontrager

2015 Fall Banquet Schedule

Join us for good food, singing, and an informative presentation.

Reservations required. For your complimentary tickets, call the listed phone number.

Watch for OH & PA phone numbers in the next newsletter.

Monday, September 14 - Arthur, IL (Yoder's Restaurant) (217) 259-3303
 Tuesday, September 15 - Middlebury, IN (Essenhaus Inn & Conf. Center) (260) 463-1396
 Wed. September 16 - Middlebury, IN (Essenhaus Inn & Conf. Center) (260) 463-1396

OHIO

Monday, November 2 - Plain City, OH (Der Dutchman Restaurant)
 Tuesday, November 3 - Walnut Creek, OH (Carlisle Village Inn)
 Wednesday, November 4 - (Noon & Evening) (Carlisle Village Inn)
 Thursday, November 5 - Columbiana, OH (Das Dutch Village Inn)
 Friday, November 6 - Middlefield, OH (Cardinal Middle School)
 Saturday, November 7 - Hartville, OH (Bethany Mennonite Church) (Singspiration)

PENNSYLVANIA

Tuesday, November 17 - New Holland, PA (Shady Maple Banquet Center)
 Wednesday, November 18 - New Holland, PA (Noon & Evening) (Shady Maple Banquet Center)
 Thursday, November 19 - Franconia, PA (Family Heritage Restaurant)
 Friday, November 20 - Belleville, PA (Locust Grove Mennonite Church) (Singspiration)
 Saturday, November 21 - Chambersburg, PA (Singspiration)

6TH ANNUAL Softball Tournament & Singspiration

Gap Park, Gap, PA - September 18-19



30 Team Tournament
 \$375 Entry Fee (non refundable)
 For more information or to register
 a team, please call Matt Esh
 (717) 283-8893

Singspiration

Friday, September 18 at 6 PM

Daniel Glick Trio, Nelson & James,
& Dave Miller Family

Join us for delicious
food and singing!

Team Schedules

Visit our website or call the office (828) 859-7003 to confirm dates before traveling long distances

Nelson & Sarah

July 23-24..... Studio - Miller Recording
 August 6-20 Discipleship Seminars/Medical Mission - Uganda,
 Africa (Nelson Only)
 Sept 3-4..... Studio - Mix Miller Recording
 Sept 14-16 IN & IL Banquet Tour
 Sept 18-19 Singspiration & Softball Tournament - Gap, PA
 Sept 27-Oct 4..... New England States Singing Cruise



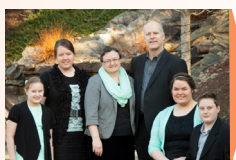
Miller Family

July 23-24..... Sound Mine Studio - Pelzer, SC (Vocal Recording)
 Sept 8-13 Bethel Fellowship Revivals - Berlin, OH
 Sept 14-16 IN & IL Banquet Tour
 Sept 18-19 Singspiration & Softball Tournament - Gap, PA
 Sept 30-Oct 11 .. Community Tent Meetings - Montezuma, GA



Mullett Family (P2P: Pain to Purpose)

July 17..... FL Women's Reception Center - Ocala, FL
 July 18 Lowell CI - Ocala, FL
 July 19..... Marion CI - Ocala, FL
 July 20 Lowell CI Work Camp - Ocala, FL
 July 20-21 FL Women's Reception Center - Ocala, FL P2P
 July 29..... Palm Grove Menn. Church - Sarasota, FL
 Aug 2 Hope Fellowship Church - Sarasota, FL (AM)
 Aug 2 Bethel Menn. Church - Sarasota, FL (PM)
 Aug 5 Franklin CI - Carrabelle, FL
 Aug 9 Calvary Menn. Church - Brewton, AL (AM)
 Aug 9 Lake Stone Campground - Century, FL (PM)
 Aug 13-17 Mexico Tour with Penner Family
 Aug 20..... Montrose, CO
 Aug 23..... Canon City, CO
 Aug 30-Sept 2 Fairview Menn. Church - Kalona, IA P2P



Melvin & Amy Kuepfer

July 31-Aug 1 Algoma Treatment Centre - Sault Ste. Marie, ON BTF
 Aug 7-8..... Beaver Creek Institution - Gravenhurst, ON BTF
 Sept 8-Oct 8 Atlantic Canada Seminar Tour



Penner Family

Aug 8 Wheatland Bible Church - Wheatland, WY
 Aug 9 Skyline Menn. Church - Canon City, CO
 Aug 10 Dalhart Menn. Evan. Church - Dalhart, TX
 Aug 11 Sommerfeld Church - Seminole, TX
 Aug 13-Sept 2 Chihuahua, Mexico Tour
 Sept 3 Paradise Valley - Phoenix, AZ
 Sept 4-6..... L.A. Road Fellowship - Los Angeles, CA
 Sept 9 Riverside Christian Fellowship - Halsey, OR
 Sept 11 Rock of Ages Home - McMinville, OR
 Sept 13 Mission Institution - Mission, BC
 Sept 14 Matsqui Institution - Abbotsford, BC
 Sept 15 Mountain Institution - Agassiz, BC
 Sept 16 Kent Institution - Agassiz, BC
 Sept 18 Legacy Campground - Bonners Ferry, ID
 Sept 20 Lakeside Christian Fellowship - Rexford, MT
 Sept 27 Prairie Menn. Church - Magrath, AB
 Sept 30 Bowden Institution - Innisfail, AB

Mervin Wengert (BTF: Bondage to Freedom, CR: Conflict Resolution)

July 19..... Haven Fellowship - Plain City, OH (AM)
 July 20-21 Warren CI - Lebanon, OH CR
 July 24-25..... BMA Convention - Shipshewana, IN
 July 26..... New Covenant Fellowship - Nappanee, IN (AM)
 July 26..... Liberty Menn. Church - Wakarusa, IN (PM)
 Aug 25-26 Trenton CI - Trenton, SC CR
 Sept 2-3..... Ridgeland CI - Ridgeland, SC CR
 Sept 15-16 Broad River CI - Columbia, SC CR

Mullett Family & Harbour Lights Mexico Tour

Aug 13 Oasis - Chihuahua, Mexico
 Aug 14 Music Festival - Campo 10, Chihuahua, Mexico
 Aug 16 Hillside Church - Los Jagueyes, Chihuahua, Mexico
 Aug 16 Ebenfeld Church - Los Jagueyes, Chihuahua, Mexico
 Aug 16 Gym - El Valle, Chihuahua, Mexico
 Aug 17 Gym - Los Jagueyes, Chihuahua, Mexico