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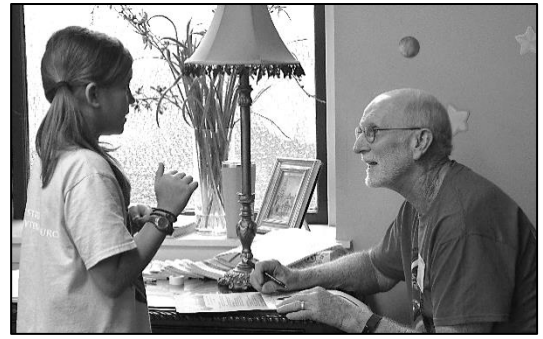
Mission Control has informed us that
Space Probe 2018 was a complete success.

Approximately 90 Astronauts were led on various excursions
by 32 very capable Squadron Leaders, Teachers, and Assistants.

Each Stardate consisted of Blast Off (opening assembly), Galaxy Growth (Scripture Memory Work & Bible Lessons), Space Trek Bible Lessons, Songs for the Mission, Stellar Sports, Cosmic Crafts, Celestial Snacks, and SFP (Salvation Flight Plan – the Gospel Presentation). Logbooks were issued, and re-entry was successful daily.

We hope you enjoy the following scenes from the Space Probe VBS Odyssey at MSPC!







Women in the Church

Bess Swedenburg

Women are truly busy at Main Street Pres this summer. As we work together or gather for Bible study we learn to love each other more! I saw Ann Chilcutt doing some serious yard work on a rainy day. She beautified the 7th Street entrance at the office, the garden between the Bateman and Villee Buildings, and around to the front of the church. Thank you for caring and for making a difference for all of us to enjoy!

Bible School has been so much fun and excitement! Our women have truly worked hours and hours to make VBS as wonderful as it could be for all the children. Thank you to Ivy Harris and Amy Kilpatrick who have been our co-directors and have been assisted by Colleen Meek. These three women have really given all they had to give! There were many, many other ladies and a "few good men" who made it all happen. Every volunteer is truly appreciated and it would not have been the success that it was without you! I'm voting for Alice Talley to be Grandmother of the Year! Several of us had visitors, but I think she topped the list with seven grands and serving as our Bible Story Leader! I'm sure you will hear more about the volunteers, but let me add, "They were GREAT!"

Please remember that Cathy Duncan is asking for help to do some cleaning on July 10, at 10:30 a.m. Dusting and cleaning in the kitchen are on the schedule. Please bring the supplies that you think you will need to do your chosen task. If you know of something else that needs to be accomplished, please mention it to Cathy. Anyone who would like to bring a sandwich is encouraged to do so. We like to eat and visit when we get together, so let's make this another fun day. Hope to see you there, with your sandwich!

WIC at Night is having a good summer, meeting every Tuesday night at Bethany Hairston's pool and outdoor room for Bible Study. Thank you, Bethany, for hosting WIC at Night this summer! What an encouragement to your older WIC members! Keep up the good work! You are the future of MSPC WIC.



Happy Hearts

Bess Swedenburg

One of our favorite programs is hymn singing! On June 19, we met in the fellowship hall to select our favorite hymns. Edna Mae McCoy played the piano and Rhonda White led the singing so you know we sounded really great!! Well, at least, they did! We sang to our hearts' content and had a wonderful time doing it! We reminisced as we sang, each song had a memory to the person who had selected it. Rhonda began with an introductory poem written by Martin Luther and given to her by precious Emily Shull who sang in our choir for about 50 years. Let me quote a few lines:

"Of all the joys that are on earth
Is no one more dear nor higher worth,
Than what in my sweet songs is found
And instruments of various sound.

Where friends and comrades sing in tune,
All evil passions vanish soon;
Hate, anger, envy, cannot stay,
All gloom and heartache melt away;
The lust of wealth, the cares that cling,
Are all forgotten while we sing."

The poem tells of the birds of the air and how they fill the earth with sweet sounds everywhere. In conclusion Luther says of the nightingale,

"To God she sings by night and day,
Unwearied, praising Him alway,
Him, I, too laud in every song,
To whom all thanks and praise belong."

Luther wrote many hymns and the above referenced poem explains why. What awesome reasons for singing. I think he accurately described our reasons for singing that sweet day! Thanks so much to Edna Mae and Rhonda for making it happen.

On a slightly different note, I received a phone call from Richie Laws, Pogie and Frances' son and a special person in my life. He called to thank me for Happy Hearts which stirred my heart. He told me how much the group means to his parents and how they look forward to it.

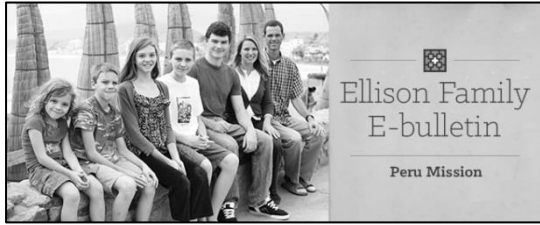
That was all toooooo precious! Then he said, hesitantly I'm sure, "Please don't let this offend you Miss Bess", and I wondered what was coming next? I just have to share it with those of you who were there singing your hearts out. Richie said, "I happened to call my dad while they were at Happy Hearts and he insisted that I listen to the music. I loved it and couldn't help thinking that it sounded like something out of an Andy Griffith movie." I, of course, chuckled and admired his honesty. His words may not sound like a compliment, but upon considering the innocence of the people and times of Mayberry, I know it was a perfect description and a very kind compliment. He didn't say I looked like Aunt Bea and he could have easily thought so!

We were a small group of very close friends, brothers and sisters in Christ. You may not recall, but we were competing with the MSU baseball game at the College World Series. It didn't dampen our spirits and we sang all the songs we wanted to sing that are found in our red hymnal. Actually we sang for a full hour and listened to each other tell why a particular hymn meant so much to them. Those of you who were unable to join us were missed and you missed a fun time.

We feasted on loaded baked potatoes topped with chili, green onions, cheese, sour cream, butter, and jalapeño peppers. Marinated tomatoes and onions, as well as buttered French bread, and ice cream topped with chocolate syrup and homemade chocolate chip cookies were also served. Yummy! Thanks go to Pogie and Frances for the Wendy's chili and to Nell Fleming for the cookies and her mint tea. Cathy Duncan led the cleanup committee of Ann Chilcutt and Nell Fleming. Hopefully, I haven't forgotten someone, if so, I am so sorry. My only excuse is that there have been too many days since that one!

We will plan to have our annual BLT sandwiches in July! A date has not been set yet, so watch for an announcement in the Sunday bulletin and a card from Diann in the mail.





Dear Friends,

Last week Peru Mission celebrated 18 years of working in Peru. It was a nice time of reflection and memories as all of our Trujillo staff gathered together for lunch. It is great to look back and see how much God has done in that short period of time. May the Lord bless the next 18 years as well!



Geneva school just finished its first bi-mester and the grades are in! We are a much different school compared to last year. The teachers are teaching well, our daily chapel is running smoother, and our families seem really content to be a part of Geneva. We even have several moms visiting us on Sundays for church. The training we did in January and February was a game changer, helping our staff focus on what it is to be a Kingdom school, and how to effectively control a classroom. Pray for our kids to take the gospel home with them and evangelize their families.



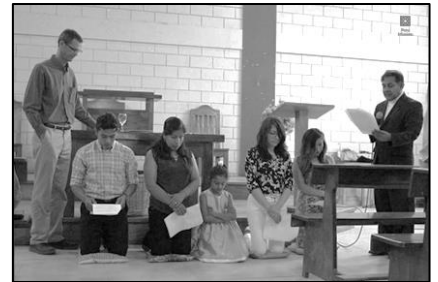
Bethesda Clinic continues to do outreach to the needy areas. Last month we had a visiting NP and pharmacist come and see patients in our clinic, and one day in Christ Redeemer church. Rebecca Barrido, the NP, also gave two lectures to the Board of nurses members for two afternoons, focusing on traumatic injuries and patient care protocols. It was very



well received. We hope to continue making inroads in the local medical community with our efforts.

Our church, Christ Restorer in Arevalo, gained some new members in April. Two ladies who work at Bethesda clinic joined us, a young man who has been in our youth group for several years, and a young mother from the community. It is so encouraging when God brings people into his Kingdom.

Christ Redeemer will add some new members next Sunday. Several ladies will be joining, some of which have been attending for



a year or more. Two are products of our flood relief efforts last year when our mission helped so many who lost homes with food, clean water, and other relief items. We are grateful for the Lord's work in the industrial park community.



In July our oldest son Caleb will be getting married to Sarah Wolfe, so our family will be returning to Mississippi for a few weeks to be present with them. We are excited to be going back and have this time of

celebration. Pray for them and their next steps in life. Pray also for Susan and our three children here, as she will be traveling with them a week ahead of me. I will stay behind to help translate for a medical team. Pray for our support and consider giving to our account as we are low on funds. We know the Lord will provide.

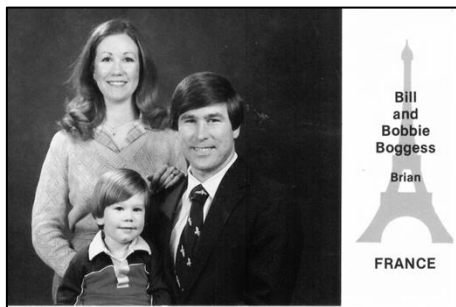
May God bless each of you and thanks again for your friendship and prayers.

Dale and Susan

Bonjour from Hot Springs, Arkansas,

By the time you will have received this newsletter, Bobbie and I will have finished our career with TEAM after almost 35 years in active service. We joined TEAM in the summer of 1980, but did not arrive in France until November 1983, so we have been associated with TEAM for 38 years. What a blessing it has been to work with this amazing mission. We appreciate TEAM giving us time to finish well by going on our "Thankful Tour" to give final reports to our supporting churches and many of our individual supporters.

Our first prayer card before going to France in 1983



We are still living a nomad's life, having already travelled 13,000 miles across the southeastern USA in a camper. We have now mastered many of the things involved in RV living, but I still haven't gotten the hang of backing this 35-foot long monster! Hopefully I can learn this skill before I back the RV into a tree rather than the camping site! We plan on continuing to travel the USA for another year until we find a place that suits us to settle down, and that might take a while. Despite the uncertainty concerning where we will live, we plan on being active in ministry wherever we are. While I have good health, I want to continue to serve the Lord in Africa training leaders in theological and pastoral skills. To accomplish this ministry, we have joined another mission agency, Equipping Leaders International (ELI) based in St. Augustine, FL. My first trip to Africa will be in January 2019 to Senegal and Mali. As you may have gathered from the wording, Bobbie is not planning on going with me on these short-term trips.

Our last photo as TEAMers, 2018



This photo was taken in front of Whitehall, the Boggess family home in Columbus, Mississippi. Bill's brother Joe and his wife Carol have restored this home beyond its former beauty. They graciously host us regularly.

This will be our last newsletter as TEAM missionaries.

Praise:

- For God's blessing on our lives. Throughout our lives, He has shown Himself faithful to us over and over.
- For Brian and Melina who received a foster child, a newborn boy whom they are adopting.

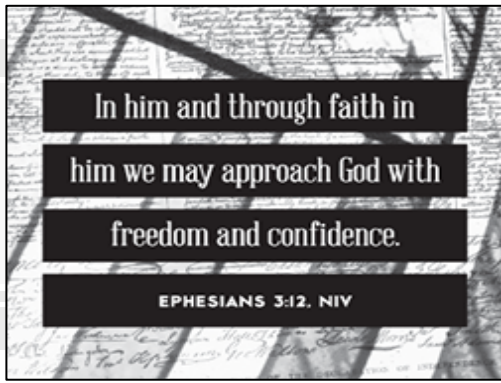
Prayer:

- For physical and emotional health as we process this new stage in life.
- For wisdom to know how best to live for the Lord in our life as retirees.
- For God to direct us as we choose when and where we will settle, our choice of a church and ministry, etc.
- For the Guyancourt church which is struggling right now for survival.
- For the salvation of our Moroccan family, Habiba and her two children Farouk (boy, 13) and Imane (girl, 9), for immigration papers and an urgent lodging need.

We again want to express our gratitude to you all who have contributed and prayed and encouraged us. God used you to plant churches in France and see people turn to Jesus for salvation. When we get to Heaven, I am sure we all will meet those in France who came to know the Lord. So, we say again, Thank you!

We are thankful,

Bill and Bobbie



July 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4 Office Closed 1TH of JULY Matt & Rachel Brown	5 Prayer Meeting Noon Jay & Hannah Nail	6	7 Ray & Amy Kilpatrick
8 Communion AM	9 Robin Tait	10 WIC at Night Joshua Crandall David Glenn	11	12 Prayer Meeting Noon	13 Jon Thomas Kilpatrick	14 Ben & Ann Chilcutt
15 Charles & Shirley Swoope	16	17 WIC at Night	18 Roger Day Fran Laws	19 Prayer Meeting Noon	20 Doug & Jean Yelverton	21 Jacob Matocha
22 Pulpit Guest Rev. Mike McKelvey	23 Nathan Kilpatrick	24 WIC at Night Jon & Lauren Zarandona Jan Swoope	25	26 Prayer Meeting Noon Frances Glenn	27 Clara Peterson	28 Lilla Allgood Emily Shull
29	30 Matt & Jennifer White	31 WIC at Night				

Notes

Wednesday, July 4...Office closed
 Sunday, July 8...Communion during the morning service
 Tuesday, July 10...Women in the Church Clean-up day at Main Street
 Sunday, July 22...Pulpit Guest – Rev. Mike McKelvey

July Volunteers

Nursery

July 1 Kimber-Leigh Drown
Chris & Kristina Carden

July 8 Shirley Swoope
Lindsay Bragan

July 15 Frances Glenn
Janie Williams

July 22 Gee & Becca Allgood
Karmel Crandall

July 29 Jennifer White
Pat Russell

Ushers

July 1 Gray Flora, Bill Laws,
Stephen Matocha, Ben Woodson

July 8 Grover Allgood, Ray Kilpatrick,
Mike Meharg, Jay Nail,
Patrick Shipp

July 15 Gee Allgood, Roger Day,
Brent Drown, Trip Hairston,
Henry Pilkinton

July 22 Allan Brewer, Phillip Goodwin,
Russ Russell, Matt White

July 29 Gray Flora, Bill Laws,
Stephen Matocha, Ben Woodson

July
Money Counter
Gee Allgood

June
Budget Report
Offerings this Month

\$21,198



Our Shut-Ins:

Louise Armstrong
Sadie Brewer
George & Martha Clegg
Verda Laws
Dot Pilcher
Emily Shull

Sammy Clemons
Keith Cole
Jennifer Garner
Phillip Goodwin
Barbara Harrell
Debbie Jenkins
Pogie Laws
Sue Lovegren
Dan Matocha
Colleen Meek's mother
John Mark Russell
Alice Talley's great-nephew – Braxton
Brad Talley
Faith Whitlock
Rick Wright

President Donald Trump
Officials in Washington
Governor Phil Bryant
Mayor Robert Smith
Police Chief Fred Shelton
Sheriff Mike Aldredge
State, City, and County Officials

Helping Hands
Life Choices Pregnancy Center
Palmer Home
All Churches and Pastors in Columbus

VBS Missions Project

The astronauts/children of Space Probe VBS made the very first contributions to a project that will benefit Palmer Home. On Stardate 1, the children were presented with information about the project, and challenged to do extra chores at home, and consider how they might give towards the offering taken up each day at VBS. We set a goal of \$300 to reach by Friday, June 29/Stardate 5. The children took up the challenge with great enthusiasm and gave cheerfully each day. (2 Corinthians 9:7 "God loves a cheerful giver.") On Stardate 5, the contributions given by the children totaled \$569.06 and Danny Williams was present to receive the check for this amount. He expressed to the group the importance of their individual and collective giving, and how little becomes much when placed in the Father's hands.



The Astronauts competed to raise funds to purchase the door for the Tiny House.



These Space Probe Astronauts raised funds for the Tiny House project with an old-fashioned lemonade stand.



A model of the Tiny House that will be given to Palmer Home

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Church Officer Prayer Time

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Thursday Schedule

Weekly Prayer Meeting at Noon

