



**January 5. 2018**

We had great turn-outs at the Young Adults Study on Saturday night and at the Dickson Bible Study on Wednesday night in spite of cold temperatures. I will be headed to the Home Office on Tuesday to help record three *Beyond Today* programs. We will be covering baptism and repentance; the non-biblical origins of the belief in the immortal soul; and the second resurrection and the Great White Throne Judgment. Please continue to pray for God's blessing on our efforts to preach the gospel.

We want to honor Herbert and Atha Ellithorpe from the Nashville congregation for celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 4. Staying together for "better or worse, in sickness and health", through all of the ups and downs of life, is the vow to God all of us made at the marriage ceremony. The Ellithorpes are an example of two people who honored that vow. Here is their address if you wish to send them a card: Herbert and Atha Ellithorpe, 713 Volunteer Drive, White House, Tn. 37188

### **NASHVILLE ACTIVITIES**

#### **January 6<sup>th</sup>: Closet Cleaning Project**

Spring cleaning at the church after sundown. Information from Matt Puckett: On Jan 6th we will hold a "Spring Cleaning" work party at end of the Sabbath. Over the past 20 years, we've collected lots of donated items, items that we no longer use or can use and are cluttering up the closets and basement that we use. So it's time to get out the junk and do our part in maintaining an organized space for future use. We're currently asking those who are responsible for the following service areas to lead and coordinate these efforts in their respective areas; Cleaning, Closing, Coffee/Snacks, Activities, Prom, Library and Sound. If you wish to volunteer and help those in these areas, please join them after sundown and bring your Spring Cleaning work attire.

#### **January 13: Bingo/Chile Social**

Bingo/chili night - Please plan to stay and have a night of fun/food/fellowship! Bring chili to share if you can and if not, we still need items such as cheese, crackers and sour cream, Sweet and unsweet teas and water. Also, if you can bring prizes for the prize pool, which is always greatly appreciated. Gently used items are welcome as well.

#### **January 20<sup>th</sup>: Bean Anniversary Party**

To celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary for Paul and Willa Bean, their children are throwing a anniversary party downstairs after services, on January 20th and all are invited to stay and celebrate. If you are able to help with snacks/finger foods, please let me know. Thanks!

February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Corsi Baby Party

We will be having a "Welcome Bianca Corsi" party downstairs, after services. The party is hosted by her family and friends. Please plan to stay to help us welcome this newest addition to our church family and help Kristin Corsi and Gus get used to having pink in the house. We are planning on cake and LIGHT snacks and if you can help out with snacks, please let Tina Cason know.

## **ENews from Ministerial and Member Services**

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### **Personal from the President...**

Yesterday, ABC students returned from winter break and will soon be starting the second semester.



Aaron Dean prepares to baptize Ezekiel Polinati.

The day before, our student from India, Ezekiel Polinati, was baptized here at the home office. It was a joyous occasion to see God's Spirit working. We have enjoyed Ezekiel as a student; however, he will be returning to India shortly.



Today was my turn to host the ABC Assembly. I invited Union Township Police Lieutenant for Operations Anthony Rees to speak to our students. He is our Batavia Rotary club president and speaks often and positively about the work of

policemen in a time when their role is under attack. He gave us insight into some of the worst problems in the community: highly addictive and dangerous heroin use. Our ABC students conducted a question and answer session with him as well.

### **Death of John Hull**



John Hull

We are saddened to announce the death of John Hull. John died on Saturday, December 23, 2017, due to complications from Alzheimer's, at approximately 9:45 p.m. His daughter, Jeanne Curtis, and son-in-law, Brent Curtis, were at his side much of the time before of his death. John was a long-time member and elder of the Church and led a full and active life. John would have been 93 in January. He was loved by all and will be sorely missed. A funeral service will be held on January 5 at 1:00 p.m. at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, to please make a donation to Wounded Warriors or your favorite charity in John's name.

Cards may be sent to Jeanne Curtis, P.O. Box 2911, Minden, NV 89423.

### **Financial Planning for the Church**

We are currently working through our Strategic Plan with the administration and the Council of Elders. As we do so, I am adding a strategy to the plan that will bring together a team of knowledgeable and qualified people to further develop the Church's revenue stream. The team would include people with experience in financial planning, planned giving and legal.

We always look to God to provide for our needs, and He has given us what we need through our primary source of tithes and offerings--plus from funds for the occasional capital campaign (such as the special fund for the new Video Recording Studio).

The majority of the Church's income is from our membership; however, about \$2 million comes from our donors and coworkers. These are people who show their appreciation and support for the work of the Church as God motivates them.

As we plan for further developing our revenue stream, I have already spoken to a number of people within the Church who are financial planners or have other areas of financial expertise. I have also consulted with some outside professionals.

So, to that end, if there is anyone in the Church who has experience in the not-for-profit field as a development director or fundraiser, I would appreciate hearing from you with your suggestions.

## **King James Bible**

A few weeks ago, I came across what I believe is a remarkable and inspiring BBC documentary about the history of the 1611 King James Bible. It was produced in 2011, for the 400th anniversary of what is considered to be the finest piece of English literature by believer and unbeliever alike.

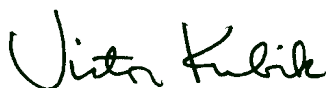
This documentary can be freely seen on YouTube. I have been so fascinated by the history and the production of this one-hour documentary that I could not help watching it again. Being a British documentary made the history even more compelling. It was interesting to see Hatfield House, a palace a few miles from Bricket Wood that King James visited in 1611. At the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, there was a special exhibition of original 1611 King James Bibles there. I had a private off-season tour of the grounds four years ago by the groundskeeper, a son of one of my Bricket Wood classmates.

This translation was produced by 50 scholars forming six companies. The well-narrated documentary shows how the Puritan church was first involved and how King James used this project first for political purposes, but in the end produced a remarkable product. Earlier translations such as the Tyndale, Geneva and Bishops Bible are described as well, and why the new translation was needed and its superiority and endurance.

In 2011, a very fine book called *The Legacy of the King James Bible* by Leland Ryken describes the subject of this video in much greater detail and shows what the King James Bible did for English-speaking people. Someday, people will have their eyes opened to the true impact of these words about God's purpose for mankind. You can see it on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/9CCevwHUIOU>

I still love to hear the words of the King James Bible read aloud, which I enjoy through the YouVersion app or by my wife, Bev. There is nothing that is more faith-building and encouraging than hearing the Word of God.

In Christ's service,



Victor Kubik

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## **Retirement of Mark Mickelson**

Mark and Michelle Mickelson were honored this past Sabbath for their dedication, love and service to God's brethren in Spokane, Washington, and the surrounding church areas on the occasion of Mark's retirement after 39 years of church employment. The congregations honored the Mickelsons' wishes to have a more "low key" occasion, where people shared a meal and ate pie together after services.



Pastor Paul Moody presents gifts to Mark and Michelle Mickelson.

Paul Moody wrote the following: "We presented Michelle with a bouquet of flowers. Mark was presented with a roadside reflector strip (gag gift) in honor of his willingness to go the extra mile to visit, anoint and serve God's people, no matter the weather. The humor behind this gift is in the fact that there is a dent down the middle of the hood of Mark's former commute vehicle from sliding off the road in adverse weather and smacking one of those roadside delineators."

The Mickelsons also received warm wishes from President Victor Kubik, along with a gift certificate honoring the occasion.

Mark and Michelle Mickelson are looking forward to having downtime, with a cup of coffee on their back porch enjoying each other's company and God's creation. For Mark there will always be one more edition of the *Bible Topical Index* to produce, along with various studies. Life will still be full, but deadlines will be their own.

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## Winter Camp Report



Winter Camp 2017 concluded this past Tuesday morning. Camp was a great success, even with some extremely cold temperatures.



We were located at a new facility with 67 campers and 39 staff, many of whom were new to Winter Camp this year. We began each day with a short Compass Check that introduced our daily Christian Living topic to allow the campers and staff to think about and discuss it during the day. We had a variety of indoor and outdoor activities that included an escape room, field sports, tubing, a Bible class, team building, snowboarding, floor hockey, basketball, volleyball, and dance class. We then had interactive Christian Living classes each evening where the campers could talk and ask questions about the daily themes.



Each night we had different activities ranging from get-to-know-you games, a first dance, Bible games, a gym night with a climbing wall, off-site snowboarding for the older campers and a s'mores night for the younger campers, as well as a final dance that included some live performances from some of our campers.

The new facility was very nice and we hope to return there next year. We didn't have as much snow as we would have liked and had to cancel on-site snowboarding and tobogganing, but hopefully next year we can add those activities.

Thank you for your prayers for the success and safety of camp, they were definitely answered. I also wanted to thank the campers and staff once again for their part in making camp a wonderful success.

Come join us next year for an awesome time! -- Aaron Creech, Camp Director