

# *The Vine* “together our ideas bear fruit”

February 2012

Proverbs 15:30 *“Light in a messenger’s eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news brings health to the bones.”* (NIV)

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This month we bring our focus back to an international level for our February-March outreach project. Clean water, and preventing malaria are among the top two strategies to fight poverty. I was hoping we could set a goal to try and raise enough money to supply one net to represent each person in our congregation. That would be about 28 nets, each net costs \$6 , so we would need to raise less than \$200. If you would like to help, enter our coloring contest and purchase a net! I will have paper nets in our project area near the library so we can keep track of our progress. The adult Sabbath school class is completing a study on Phillipians and will be starting a new topic “The role of Pastor in the Church” all are welcome to join the class between 9:30-10:30am.



*Thanks to all who helped fill the “Living Supply Closet” with paper goods!*

*Barbara will deliver the products this week!*

## Dates to Remember

2/18 Fellowship Dinner

Sherrill is in charge

2/11 Begin Collecting for ~

“His Nets”

*“If your heart is full of love, you will always have something to give.”*

*Reminisce*

## February / March Outreach Project

Did you know that Malaria is a leading cause of death in children under the age of five in developing countries? The good news is that malaria can be prevented cheaply and effectively with bed nets. Our project for this month will be monetary donations for insecticide coated mosquito bed nets. “His nets,” an organization featured in the recent issue of Christianity Today, is in their seventh year of saving lives from

malaria one net at a time. Each cost effective net can last for years and has been proven to reduce instances of malaria by 50%, and mortality by 20%. The donation per net is \$6. Check out the organizations web site at HisNets.org



# The Origin of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Adore Thee"

Taken from *The One Year Book of Hymns*  
365 Devotional Readings Based on Hymns  
of Faith

Henry van Dyke was serving as a guest preacher at Williams College in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts. He was so moved by the beauty of God's creation that he wrote this hymn of joy. The next morning he handed the

poem to the college president. "Here is a hymn for you," he said, "Your mountains were my inspiration, It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's *Hymn to Joy*". And so it has been ever since.



## News Bites

*Wow, the Rose Cottage has a cement basement! No more dirt floor. In case you didn't know, Bill has completed the floor one cement bag at a time, and it looks great!*

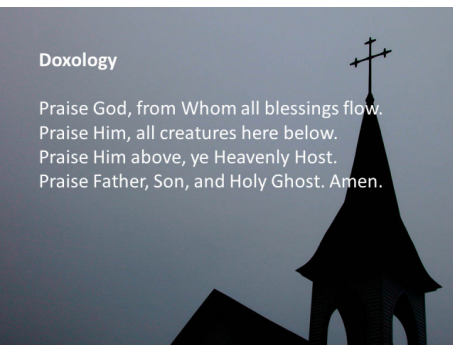
Christine continues picking up litter on the grounds most Friday's. Thank you!

*Work continues on the third apartment this month for a June occupancy. If you have time free on a Sunday, join in and lend a hand. Jobs as simple as sweeping and handing tools can be a great help to the workers. Someone is usually there between 10am and 4pm.*

*Snowbirds -Doug & Linda's winter address in the sunshine state:  
Doug & Linda Badger  
352 Torrington St.  
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## Free Projector

Great news! Perryville Bible Church is replacing their sanctuary projector and have offered us their old unit for free. This will give us an opportunity to try projection technology with minimal cost. We might have to purchase a new screen.



Technological wonders have transformed the way we learn,



work and communicate. Projectors increase attention and retention of the spoken word. Complimentary content can be played on the screen to enhance a message and emphasize a point. Shall we give it a try?

# Memory Verse Program 2011-2012

The scripture memorization program is in full swing with this year's theme, "Are you Ready?" Families can work together to memorize the verses, as each age group works on part or all of the same verse. Each of the nine passages are checked off after you demonstrate that you can recite them, or you can memorize all of 1 Thessalonians 1. The scripture quotations are listed from the English Standard version of the Bible. The

program runs from September through May, and Cindy Nadeau is in charge. I will print each month's verse in the newsletter and have included the previous month's verse in case you have to catch up! It's never too late to begin!

### Primary Group:

January—Nehemiah 9:17b

February—Titus 3:1



### Junior Group

January—Nehemiah 9:17b

February—Titus 3:1

"Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient."

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke (1852-1933)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

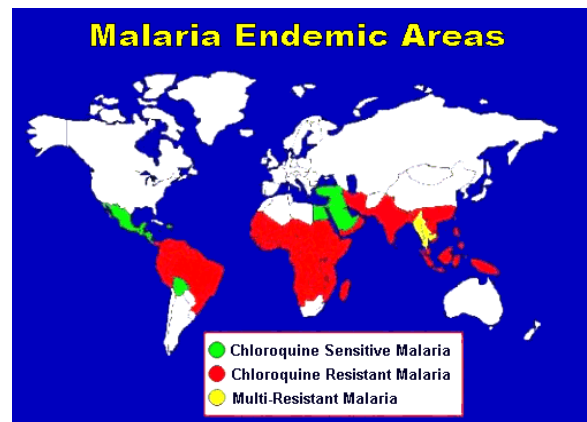
All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain flowery meadow,  
flashing sea, Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

# Mosquito Coloring Contest

The last page of our newsletter has a special picture for all artists from 0-to 100 years to color and enter. As part of this month's outreach project, you are invited to bring awareness to malaria by entering your colored interpretation of ways to stop mosquitoes. All entries will receive a small gift.



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## More Great Church Signs



## Name That Hymn.....



*“Teach me thy patience; still with thee, In closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray, Far down the future’s broadening way, In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.”*

*Answer:*