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Eternal Foundations

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”
— *I Timothy 6:17-19*

Some preachers and teachers are masters of making a deep truth easily understood by using a thoughtful explanation or illustration. The greatest example of this ability was found in the teachings of Jesus, who could tailor a message to His audience like no other communicator in history.

Sometimes we find that our circumstances or experiences in life bring us a greater understanding of a specific truth in ways we had not previously thought.

Late last year we shared with you that one of our homes had significant moisture damage to the underlying structure and that insurance had denied the claim. In our humanity we worried that we did not have the money or resources to repair the house properly or quickly enough. But God wanted to teach us that our worry over the damaged wood structure under the house was unwarranted, and that He knew our need and would provide.

To God be the glory — He sent us an amazing group of godly men from Mount Pisgah United Methodist

Church in Greensboro. Their Emergency Response Team took on this project and in just over three days replaced the rotted center beam supporting the floor joists, repaired the floor joists, patched and strengthened the outer rim bands, and patched the floor sheathing. They did it with a spirit of fellowship and love for our Savior that perfectly exemplified the passage from I Timothy 6. They may have been working on a physical foundational structure for a house, but in reality they were laying up for themselves a spiritual foundation — and doing so humbly and with a spirit of worship and encouragement.

We praise the Lord for volunteers such as these who are willing to be used of the Lord to keep this ministry moving forward and make sure that we get this house back open for a family as quickly as possible.

We have several volunteer opportunities available right now for groups, couples, or individuals. If you would be interested in supporting Siloam Missionary Homes in this way please contact the office for more information.



God Puts Everything Together

By H. Milton Wilder – Missionary Pastoral Care

The theme verse of Siloam Missionary Homes for 2021 is Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship (His masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." We can emphasize the truth of that verse by placing it right alongside Genesis 1:27, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Knowing that God has created you and me in His image as His masterpiece in Christ Jesus, gives us our identity. Knowing that God has created us in Christ for good works gives us our purpose in response to God.

Here at SMH, we believe God has prepared our "good works" to be providing homes for His messengers who go into the world to make Him known — in many places and in many ways. We want to care for the missionaries as God leads us and as He provides through the prayers and gifts of others whose good works supply the need. Isn't it great how God puts everything together to fulfill the purpose for His continuing creation masterpiece?

Betty and I are thankful to have a small part in His plan for providing missionary pastoral care at Siloam.

Shared Blessings – Anniversary Home Update

We have been praying that God would give us clear direction as we seek to replace the mobile home that we removed from service this year. God has been very gracious and provided a connection with a local representative for a reputable modular home manufacturer. We were able to visit the manufacturing facility last month and are comfortable with the homes they produce. We have selected a style and floorplan for the 30th Anniversary House replacing Unit H on the back of our campus.

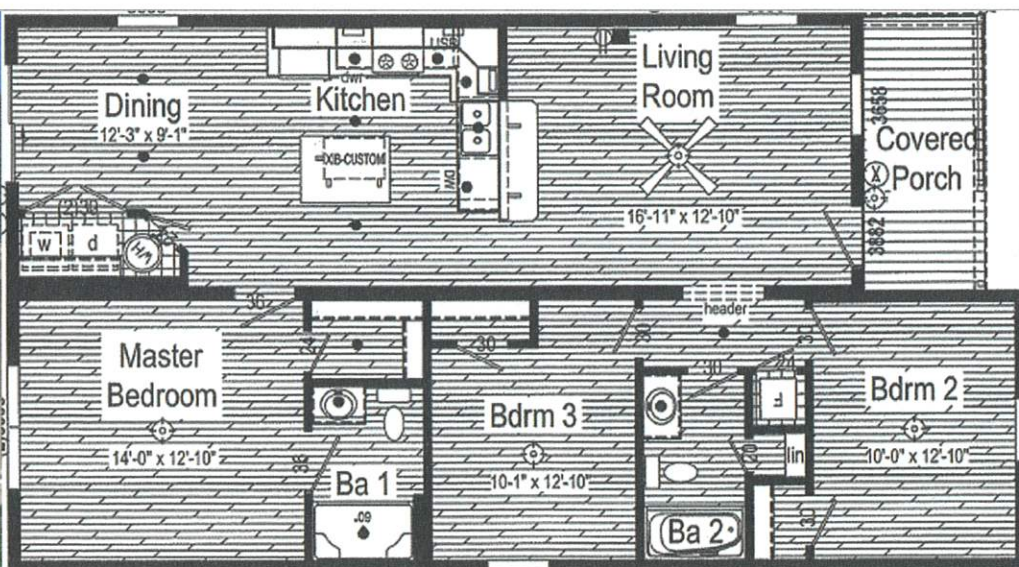
The next hurdle was the funding. We already had the necessary funds

to make the down payment but did not feel comfortable placing the order until we had all the funds in hand. We are so thankful to God for what happened next. One of our long-time supporting churches took up a special offering and not only raised the rest of the funds but also a surplus to be used to meet existing needs on campus.

We give the honor and glory to the Lord for providing in such a miraculous way. We have placed the order for the house and hope to have the new home installed in late fall. We will plan to have a dedication ceremony for the new

home and will share those details as the plans are finalized.

We would ask that you prayerfully consider assisting with the furnishings for the new home. We will be able to furnish the home with new or like new bed frames but will still have need of mattresses, nightstands/dressers, living room furniture, and a dining room set. Please contact the office if you would be interested in helping furnish the home.



Camp Glory Farm Update

Hello and Goodbye

Lambing season is now over-just like that. Usually the "normal" lambing season doesn't commence until early to mid-January. This year, however, we decided to breed all of the sheep early with the hope of having most of the lambs born before the end of the year. This made for a not so normal and very busy Christmas. We bred a total of twelve sheep and three goats giving us the potential of at least twelve lambs and three kids.



The first part of lambing season would have had zero complications except one sheep had complication

after complication. We were told by the vet her problem would be solved after she gave birth and when she finally did give birth, she surprised us with twins. We were expecting one very large baby, not two! Unfortunately, her problem was not fixed and for a period of time she was unable to care for

her lambs. After several visits to the vet, we were able to get her the right medication and care until she was strong enough to care for her lambs. Thankfully, the rest of lambing season went great and we have twenty-five happy, healthy little ones running around. We love watching them run back and forth in a giant flock.

In addition to welcoming the new babies into this world, we had to say goodbye to one of our alpacas, Ovation, due to declining health issues. We believed he had a tumor growing in his chest. We were sad to see him go and will miss his presence here on the farm. Alpacas usually have goofy looks on their faces, and he always seemed to be smiling. Just looking at his face always brought a smile to ours.



We are excited for the things to come for Camp Glory Farm in 2021. Other than raising sheep for meat, the overall purpose of Camp Glory Farm will be further explored. The number one purpose of the farm has always been to be a ministry to the missionary kids. This year, we are going to further develop our plans centered on the missionary children. We have begun offering an introductory class for the families living on campus that informs and directs them in their interactions with the animals. This has given our families the opportunity to spend hands-on time with the animals when it is more convenient for their schedules. We are also able to interact more with the families.

Camp Glory Farm @ Watson's Place

The last few years have been focused on repairs and updating on the farm house and property. The renovations on the house are complete, and it has been so nice living in a house that does not have continuous construction in one part or another. But, just because the house is finished, does not mean construction at Watson's is complete. Along with the house, there are ten acres of land that go with it. Currently, only a small portion of the land has been developed into an area for the sheep. Right now, we are contemplating exactly what should be done about the barns. The barns at Watson's Place are a sad sight and are not really usable for the animals right now. The barn at on the main campus at Siloam is fairly small and can become quite crowded during lambing season. So our biggest dream right now is to have a bigger, nicer barn for the animals at Watson's Place. However, we know God has His plan and it will come to fruition in His time and His way!



Before COVID the idea for Camp Glory Farm @ Watson's Place was to be an outreach to the local schools. School children would be able to come on field trips and we would be able to reach kids and give them the hope of Christ from The Shepherd's perspective. This has, unfortunately, been put on hold at the present. We are currently praying that restrictions would open up this opportunity or that we would find another way for Watson's Place to be an outreach. A lot of work and development is happening, but we are still excited for the future. Please continue to pray for Camp Glory Farm and what the Lord has in store.

Rachel George - *Director, Camp Glory Farm*
Kendric Peoples - *Farm Manager*

BETTY'S RECIPE



This chocolate cake made with mayonnaise and staples that are in your pantry, is a great, moist cake. (Milton loved it!)

Chocolate-Mayonnaise Cake

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon table salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 large eggs
- 1 2/3 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 1/3 cups hot water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk together flour and next 5 ingredients in a medium bowl. Grease and flour a 13 x 9 inch pan. Beat eggs, sugar and vanilla at medium high speed with an electric mixer about 3 minutes or until mixture is very light brown. Add mayonnaise and beat at low speed until combined. Add flour mixture to egg mixture alternately with hot water, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat at low speed just until blended after each addition. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Cool completely before spreading your favorite Chocolate Frosting on cake.

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In honor of Carolyn Rose Griggs by
Janet Duggins and Lashley Duggins

In honor of Sarah Richardson by
Texie M. Wilson

In memory of Betty Apple
by Larry & Nettie Apple

In memory of Kent Bryant by Lena Bryant

In memory of Ann Hamby by
Nancy & Haywood Simpson, Harriett
Covington, and Kenneth & Julie Walker,
and Don & Linda Patterson

In memory of Gale Nagy by
Barbara Starlin, Bill & Dorothy Harrison,
Calvin & Connie Starlin, the Officers &
Associates of Auto-Owners Insurance
Company, Leonard & Elizabeth Farias,
Ray & Elizabeth Martin, and Jan Burkett

In memory of Rev. Lester Stanley by
Larry & Nettie Apple

In memory of Gerald & Ruth Stanton by
Orlynn & Bethel Halladay

In memory of Vernon and Dorothy Thomas by
Janet Johns, Michelle Johns, and
Dawn Johns Hicks

In memory of Rodney W. Wilson by
Texie M. Wilson

Spring/Summer Volunteer Opportunities

We are starting to see a lot more sunshine here at Siloam and with all the rain we received over the fall and winter that means things are growing quickly. Our staff and missionaries all contribute around the property, but we own or manage over forty acres and could use some additional help. Here are some ways that you can get involved.

Ongoing Grounds and Spring Cleanup:

These projects would be perfect for an individual or couple that wanted to volunteer on a regular basis or for small groups looking for a one day volunteer opportunity.

- Weekly mowing & trimming
- Weeding flower beds
- Pressure washing houses
- Weeding and mulching flower beds
- Prepping and repainting exterior doors

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Special Projects and Summer Work Teams:

These projects are available for weekend work teams or summer work teams. A typical work team project often involves the work team raising the funds for the materials for their specific project. Overnight stays for group work retreats are an option in the summer.

- Fire pit pergola repair
- Front entrance landscaping and guard house repair
- Front fence replacement for main property

If you would be interested in becoming a regular volunteer or in scheduling a weekend or week-long work team please contact the office and ask for Michael or Rachel.

MY LOVE GIFT: I would like to join the Coffee Club with a monthly pledge of

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