



# THE BEACONLIGHT

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## How Rich Are We?

**One day a father and his rich family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be.**

**They spent a day and a night on the farm of a very poor family. When they got back from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"**

**"Very good Dad!"**

**"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.**

**"Yeah!"**

**"And what did you learn?"**

**The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden; they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden; they have the stars.**

**Our patio reaches to the front yard; they have a whole horizon."**

**When the little boy was finished, his father was speechless.**

**His son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how 'poor' we are!"**

**Isn't it true that it all depends on the way you look at things? If you have love, friends, family, health, good humor and a positive attitude towards life -- you've got everything!**

**You can't buy any of these things. You may have all the material possessions you can imagine, provisions for the future, etc.; but if you are poor of spirit, you have nothing!**

**Addendum -- 1 Timothy 6:17 (GNB) "Command those who are rich in the things of this life not to be proud, but to place their hope, not in such an uncertain thing as riches, but in God, who generously gives us everything for our enjoyment."**



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## North Central Massachusetts

### Building Dreams Golf Tournament 2015

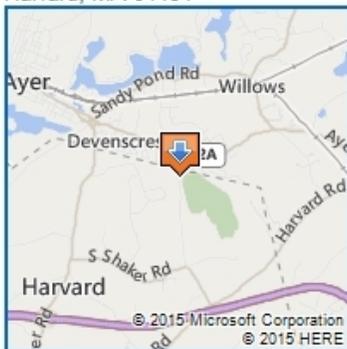
#### When

Tuesday September 15, 2015 from  
7:30 AM to 4:00 PM EDT

[Add to Calendar](#)

#### Where

**Shaker Hill Golf Course**  
146 Shaker Road  
Harvard, MA 01451



[Driving Directions](#)

Dear Editor,

**We hope you can make it!**

Join us for the second annual Building Dreams Golf Tournament and enjoy a fun day of golf for a great cause. You can sign up below -- and be sure to do it now as foursomes are filling up fast!

[Get more information](#)

**[Register Now!](#)**

[I can't make it](#)

Call 978-348-2749 or email [carolyn@ncmhabitat.org](mailto:carolyn@ncmhabitat.org) if you have questions.

Thanks so much for your continued support and see you on the 15th!

**Sincerely,**

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Proudly Present

**A Christian Concert of Gospel & Jazz**

**With**

**Geoffrey "Jeffery" Hicks**

Saturday, October 3, 2015

3:30 P.M.

Admission \$10.00 per person; \$5.00 per children; \$30.00 maximum Family

Refreshments Served after Concert



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**MISSIONWORKS  
2015  
CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 16 & 17**



“Transformation Through the  
Mission Journey Around Your  
Corner,  
Around the World.”

Held at:  
99 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA

***GREETINGS***

The MISSIONworks planning team is excited about this year’s conference and theme: “Transformation Through the Mission Journey-Around Your Corner, Around the World.” It is based on Matthew 28:18-20

make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.”

We are instructed to go forth and spread the good news. This year, we will find out how we can be better equipped to go on the journey, identify what, who is around the corner and how to support those in ministry.

City Mission Society of Boston will open the conference Friday night by reminding

us to set our eyes on the “un-invited guests”

the so called marginalized.

Rev. Jim Bell, Director of Recruitment at

shed light into the process of discernment and preparation needed before leaving for missionary assignment.

Katie and Taku Longkumer, will offer insights into how they support and meet challenges faced by missionaries in North East India.

Ann and Bill Clemmer will close the conference on Saturday by reminding us to keep our eyes on Jesus who strengthens us

Sudan, Lebanon or Providence.

The youth in grades 7-12 will have an opportunity to brainstorm about life on the mission field, fundraising options, missional opportunities available to them. This track has a special registration rate and will be co-led by Chris P. our first teenage Mission Advocate in Massachusetts.

A special mission project will take place during the conference. You will have an opportunity to visit many of the exhibitor’s tables, like Equal Exchange and Church World Service.

I hope to see you October 16 & 17 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Leominster. Rev. Sandra Dorsainvil,

Director Mission & Stewardship /TABCOM  
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## New Testament Greek: *basilikos*

James 2:8 “If you really keep the royal law found in scripture ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ You are doing right.” NIV

The Greek word James uses for “royal” is *basilikos*. James is writing to Israel, the chosen people, who had expected a Messianic King. By using the word *basilikos* he is making a reference to Jesus as King and his law as an edict issued by a King. Why does James choose this specific term? Do you know what a tribunal chamber of a king is called? The place where a king would hold court? A basilica. James wants his readers to understand that as King, Jesus will return and “hold court” as to who followed his law!

In 1750 BC Hammurabi, one of the better known Babylonian kings, set up a stele (an upright stone monument ) in order that any oppressed person might read his 250 laws and be granted justice. It is one of the earliest forms of writing. Unfortunately it is not certain how much of the population of that period were actually literate!

In Deuteronomy Chapter 27 Moses commands the Israelites that as soon as they crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land they were to “set up large stones, coat them with plaster and inscribe on them all the words of this Teaching”. As Israel transitioned from oral law to written law it was vital that each generation be taught to read in order to understand the Law.

With the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah, there would be no need for stele’s or stone monuments. As the prophet Jeremiah wrote, “ This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people”.

What was that “royal law” James spoke of? It’s very simple and comes from the heart!

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

# MISSION NEWS

## July Mission Pledges

Monthly income pledged for Missions is \$335.25. We received \$153.00. Also \$20.00 was given for One Great Hour of Sharing. When the quarterly report is given in September's meeting you will see we are well behind the budget due to vacations and not holding services at our church. Please do your very best to bring your Mission giving up to date in September so I may meet the items that have been budgeted. Thanks for the your dedicated devotion for our mission ministry.

MISSIONworks Conference October 16 and 17 at Double Tree Hilton in Leominster. **FOR FLYER (See second page)**. For questions, Reservation form, and/or financial aid. See Chet.

## Mission Opportunities

### **In September:**

Missionary Cathy Charland Support African Service No date as yet.  
Continue collecting can tabs for Schrieners Hospital kids  
Collect Campbell coupons for Education for Hopi Mission School

### In October

World Mission Offering all month  
Jeff Hicks Concert **Saturday** October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 PM. **Be sure to invite your friends.**  
MISSIONworks 2015 at Doubletree Hilton Leominster October 16 and 17

## International Ministries --- their Mission

*To glorify God in all the earth by crossing cultural boundaries to help people come to Jesus, grow in their relationship with God and change their worlds through the power of the spirit.*

*by Joe Gonzales*

# *Reasons and Seasons*

***People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime... When you figure out which it is, you know exactly what to do.***

***When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed outwardly or inwardly. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be.***

***Then, without any wrong doing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up or out and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled; their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and it is now time to move on.....***

***When people come into your life for a SEASON, it is because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn. They may bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy...Believe it! It is real! But, only for a season....***

***LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons--those things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person/people (any way); and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life.***

***Some of you are more than friends--you are family. And some of you are more than family--you are friends.***

***Thank you all for being part of my life.***

# Recipe of the Month

## Caterpillar Chicken Tortilla Wraps



### **Ingredients:**

12 frozen Banquet Original Chicken Breast Tenders (12 tenders = 7 oz)

1/3 cup Peter Pan Creamy Peanut Butter

4 spinach herb-flavored flour tortillas (10 inch)

1 cup matchstick-cut carrots (from 10-oz pkg)

1/2 cup thin English cucumber strips

72 thin pretzel sticks

Roma tomato, optional

### **Preparation:**

*Microwave chicken tenders according to package directions. Meanwhile, spread peanut butter evenly on tortillas. Top tortillas in center with chicken tenders, carrots and cucumber.*

*Fold sides in; roll up burrito style. Cut each wrap in three pieces. Carefully insert 3 pretzel sticks each into both lower sides of each wrap piece to resemble caterpillar legs. Arrange pieces playfully on serving platter. Place Roma tomato at front of wrap pieces to resemble caterpillar head, if desired.*

# Local News

A little boy was overheard praying:  
“Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy,  
don’t worry about it.  
I’m having a real good time like I am.”

After the christening of his baby brother  
in church,  
Jason sobbed all the way home in the back  
seat of the car.  
His father asked him three times what was  
wrong..  
Finally, the boy replied,  
“That preacher said he wanted us brought  
up in a Christian home,  
and I wanted to stay with you guys.”

3-year-old Reese:  
“Our Father, Who does art in heaven,  
Harold is His name.  
Amen.”

## *Careful Planning Makes a Difference*

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## *God's Peace*

God's tender love and peace  
Is what we all long for  
In a world so hopelessly chaotic,  
So unstable and unsure

It brings stability to our minds  
And calmness to our souls,  
For that is what we desperately need  
As this world can be so cold

We need to have God's peace  
When turmoil's in our lives,  
For God's peace doesn't depend  
On the daily pressures of life

When we have those stressful days,  
God's peace can often soothe  
And bring us such a quiet hope  
That chases away the blues

So when you feel the pressure on,  
Remember, Jesus Christ,  
Receive from Him the peace He gives  
As His daily dose for life!

By M.S.Lowndes

*Please consider signing up for...*

***Worship Leader***  
***Usher***  
***Door Greeter***  
***or Coffee Hour***

***We all enjoy these services!***



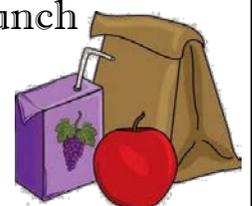
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**Brown Bag Lunch**

**&**

**Bible Study**



***Every Wednesday @ 11:30 am***



### September Birthdays

- 03 Karen Adams
- 06 Justin Cross
- 18 Nicole Yangsi
- 24. Atera Mbunwe
- 27. Emma Auger
- 29. John Cross



### *Happy Anniversary*

### September Anniversaries



- 26. Ashley & Ryan Brunt
- 27. Tom Jr. & Karen Adams

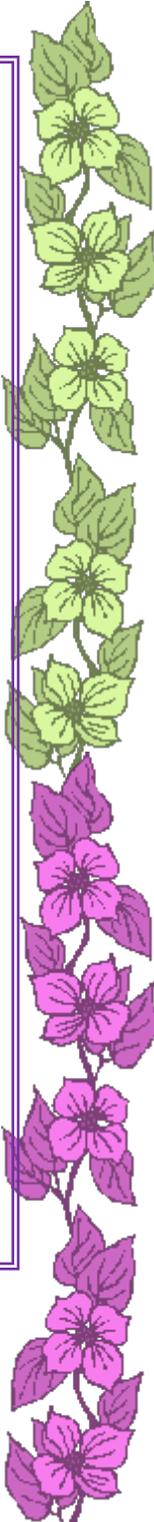


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# PRAYER LIST



Ardath's nephew John  
Anne Ndunda's sister, Jane, in Dubai  
Anne's brother, Michael  
Anne's mother – trying to settle estate  
Amy & Kylie Dresser  
Allen Anderson's Family & Friends  
Bette Adams & Mittens  
Cindy Beck  
Charleston Emmanuel AME Church  
Diane Hope's friend's mother who fell  
Elaine Corzine  
Four-year old girl with cancer  
George and Shirley Saari and family  
Graglenn Mitchell  
Jessica  
Jim Benton  
John Cross – health concerns, feeling good  
John Fasik  
Kaitlin Rooney & Kim Rooney  
Karen Knowles  
Kathy Gosselin  
Kristy Engel, in Liberia  
Linda Gosselin  
Lorna Brown  
Madeline, daughter of Linda's  
friend, chronic pain due to injury  
Mark & Diane Bigelow  
Mark Gosselin  
Marsha – return of lung cancer  
Michael – shed collapsed on him



Nancy Peters  
Norman Bigelow & Family  
Pastor Becky – on sabbatical  
Roberta Poole  
Ruth Abell & Family  
Sandra Dorsainville's father in Haiti  
Shirley Webster  
Ted Syphrit  
Tim Primeau and family  
Will's Son-in-Law – had cancer removed

World Mission offering  
Our Missionaries  
Our congregation and the communities  
around us  
People killed, uprooted, and terrorized by  
ISIS  
People of Nepal – still recovering from  
earthquake  
People of western U.S. - storms

## IN NURSING HOMES



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