

Good News from Good Hope!

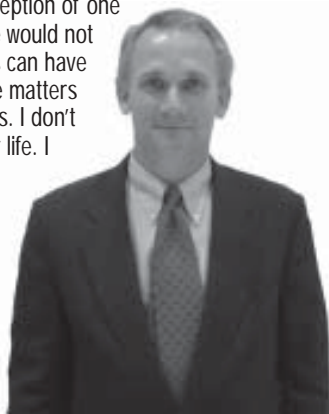


Day after day... they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. ❖ Acts 5:42
Good Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church ❖ The Presbyterian Church in America ❖ June 2002

The Little Foxes Spoil the Vine

Recently, I received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service informing me that there was an error on my 2001 tax return. When I read that instead of getting back \$46 I owed \$1,300, my mind clouded over, my heart sank, and I felt a sick feeling in my stomach. I thought, "This could not be—they have certainly made a mistake!" On the letter they sent me, there was a telephone number listed that I could call if I thought they were mistaken. As I was calling the number and simultaneously reviewing a copy of my tax return, I noticed what the problem was: I had incorrectly written down Abi's Social Security number on the tax return—I was off by only one digit. That small one digit error caused the IRS to deny my exemption claim for Abi, thus increasing the amount of taxes I owed. It caused the IRS time and money to inform me of the mistake on my tax return. It caused me heartburn when I read the news that I owed a significant amount of money to the IRS. It also caused me to spend an hour on the phone with the IRS, straightening out the problem. Once I informed them of my mistake and gave them Abi's correct Social Security number, they went to work to remedy the increased tax issue. I must say that they were very cordial and helpful as they worked to give me relief with my tax burden.

Solomon wrote in his Song of Songs that "It is the little foxes that spoil the vines." (2:15) The smallest mistake can cause a lot of trouble. Have you ever sent an e-mail message and typed one character incorrectly in the address? You know the result—the mail does not go through. It is the little foxes that spoil the vines. Think of Adam and Eve's world. They were deceived into thinking that it was a little matter, this eating of the fruit that God had forbidden them to eat. Yet that supposed "little" matter spoiled the vine. If Christ had lived a sinless life with the exception of one sin, it would have spoiled His life, and He would not have been able to save us. Little matters can have enormous effects on big issues, and little matters can also have large effects on little issues. I don't know what the current issues are in your life. I would suppose that some are very important and some are not so important. Either way, watch out for the little foxes. Watch out for the little words that you say. Watch out for the little attitudes that you take. Watch out for the little actions you make. Watch out for the little foxes. They have a unique way of spoiling the vines. ❖



VBS Is Right Around the Corner!

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **July 15-19** at Cloverly Elementary School. The topic is "The Fruit of the Spirit," which is the second half of last year's Veggie Town lessons. Many helpers are needed, so please speak with **Chris Waller** to find out how you can help!



Also, please pray for the preparations for Vacation Bible School, for all of the teachers as they work on their lessons, and for the children who attend to have listening ears and ready hearts for the Gospel. ❖

A Few Scheduling Notes

Communion Schedule

The sacrament of communion will be served as part of our worship service on **Sunday, June 9th**. Please take time to prepare your hearts for this.

Communion will also be served on the following Sundays:
July 14th, August 25th, October 6th, November 10th.

Camp Hemlock Retreat

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the 2002 Good Hope retreat to Camp Hemlock. Please set aside **October 11th-13th** for a weekend of fellowship and fun with our church family. You won't want to miss out!

Focus on Our Missionaries: *Michael and Kathleen Johnson, RockSalt Ministries*

After ten years in La Paz, Bolivia, Michael and Kathleen Johnson returned to the United States in February 2000. For the past year, they have continued to administrate the RockSalt Mission from its U.S. headquarters in the Dayton, Ohio area. Seventeen churches now fly the RockSalt banner in Bolivia.

Pablo and Christy Molina (the Johnsons' daughter) took over the Bolivia side of the mission when Michael and Kathleen departed. The Molinas are currently in the United States (having come here to give birth to their 3rd daughter, Rebecca Grace) and will return to Bolivia in June, Lord willing.

Future plans for the ministry in Bolivia include a Bible Institute and greater attention to leadership development among the believers in our congregations. Please pray for these efforts to strengthen the roots planted in these Bolivian churches.

We greatly appreciate the support that your congregation has provided through the years. It has helped us greatly in all that we have done, including the program for burned children, which is still thriving. These children come from Bolivia and are hosted by various families in the United States while they receive treatments. Michael and Kathleen are currently hosting one child, and of the thirteen children in the program, four are currently in the United States, and two more are expected to arrive this summer. Your support has helped us keep up the administration of this project. God bless you!

Sincerely,

E. Michael Johnson
Director, RockSalt Ministries



Join us for Worship at 9:25am and Sunday School at 11:00am each Sunday.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31 French GG - 7:30pm	1
2 Worship Service - 9:25am Sunday School - 11:00am Ron Higgins GG - 5:00pm Middle School GG - 5:45pm Chandler GG - 6:00pm	3	4	5 Session Meeting at Waller's House 7:30pm	6	7 French GG - 7:30pm	8
9 Worship Service - 9:25am Sunday School - 11:00am Ron Higgins GG - 5:00pm Middle School GG - 5:45pm Chandler GG - 6:00pm	10	11 Macdonald GG 6:30pm	12	13	14 French GG - 7:30pm	15
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Champions Crowned in the 2002 Good Hope Masters Golf Tournament
 by Mark Hegerle, Fellowship Committee

Patuxent Greens, May 4, 2002. On a picture-perfect sunny spring day, 19 of the region's best (???) golfers set out to claim the title of 2002 Good Hope Masters Champion. The players were grouped into five teams in a scramble format in their quest for the trophies. Despite being short a man, the team of **Jack Waller** (also short one finger, due to a recent basketball injury), tournament rookie **Caleb "Tiger" Waller**, and newcomer **Pete Jordan** ran away with the tournament with a low score of 67 (-4). The other four teams battled for second place to the end with scores in the low to mid 70s, a distant six+ shots behind the winners. The tournament also crowned two long hitters, the winners of the "Longest Drive" competition, **Tommy Black** and **Paul Dawkins** (a friend of **Mitch Black**).

When asked how they did it, the winning team pointed as much to what they didn't have as what they did. "We were frequently able to give ourselves 8- and 10-foot birdie putt opportunities," noted Jack. But, "having an extra stroke for each shot made a real difference," kidded Jack, implying that **Fernando Rivero's** absence (which gave one member of the team of three a second chance shot on each play of the ball) may have had a positive effect on their championship performance. To recognize his contribution to the winning effort, Fernando was also presented with a winner's trophy following the tournament.

Though winning is fun, it wasn't just the winners on the course who had a good time. For some teams, just being in a golf cart made it all worthwhile. **Gil Young** and **Peter Haber** managed to trade a little paint while traveling tee to green NASCAR-style. Not to be left out, **Timmy Rowan**, in a cart, challenged dad **Tim Rowan** to a race, with Tim keeping pace *on foot!*

More importantly, the tournament, an annual fellowship event, met the goal of gathering together some family and friends of Good Hope. Thanks to the 19 competing golfers for devoting their Saturday to comradery with one another and an afternoon of golf at Patuxent Greens! ❖



The 2002 Good Hope Masters Champions—Pete Jordan, Caleb Waller, and Jack Waller. Not pictured: Fernando Rivero, who had "gone fishin'" for the day.