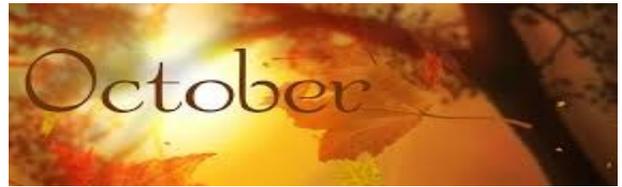




Israel Cohen was born in March, 1942, into a conservative Jewish home in Philadelphia. He went to Hebrew school at eight years old and at 13 he achieved his Bar Mitzvah. His



rabbi told him never to read the New Testament because it was a Gentile book. Jesus was a Gentile God. Israel graduated from high school and at 18 he joined the U.S. Navy. At that time the military gave to each recruit a Bible, appropriate to his faith: Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish. Israel received a Bible with only the Jewish Scriptures (our Old Testament).

At first, Israel tried to be a tough Navy guy but he didn't really enjoy it. One of his buddies, a Gentile Christian, asked him if he had a Bible and he showed him his Hebrew Bible. The fellow turned to Isaiah 53 and Israel read the entire chapter. He was shocked! It was speaking about Jesus, the Gentile God! What was this doing in the Hebrew Bible? "This must be a New Testament," Israel thought, and he tried to give it to his buddy. But the Christian friend asked him who published that Bible. It was a Hebrew Publishing Company. There must be some mistake! His friend challenged him to read the New Testament, which he gave him. "But I can't," protested Israel. "My rabbi told me never to read the New Testament." Looking both ways to make certain no one was listening, the friend said, "If you won't tell your rabbi, neither will I."

So with fear and trepidation that he would be struck by lightning, Israel started reading the New Testament and discovered that it was a Jewish book written by Jews! On May 16, 1961, while stationed at Morocco in the middle of the night with a blanket covering his flashlight and Bible, Israel realized that Jesus was the Jewish Messiah. He prayed and asked Jesus to be his Savior. He lay back down and went to sleep. He had found Shalom, peace in his soul.

On November 28, 1965 after his discharge from the Navy, Israel married Judy who has been his lifelong companion, supporter, encourager, and helper. Israel had a successful sales position in the electronics industry for ten years. In 1975 he left this position to attend Northeastern Bible College, from which he graduated in May, 1980. Both Israel and Judy joined the American Board of Missions to the Jews, now called Chosen People Ministries, in 1978 and became very active in Jewish evangelism.

For several years Israel and Judy lived in New York and participated in door-to-door outreach to Jews in evangelism, discipleship, and training. In 1997 the couple moved to Kissimmee, Florida, and continue to be active in Jewish ministry with Chosen People Ministries (CPM). Israel has helped in the Messianic Jewish Camp in California and for many summers has led in CPM's Summer Training and Evangelism Program in the U.S. and in Europe. Through his ministry to the Russian Jewish people in Brooklyn many have trusted Christ as their Messiah and are being discipled by CPM's discipleship ministry.

Israel will speak at Venture Out Chapel and Heritage Bible Church on October 1, 2017. His topic will be the very passage in the "Jewish Scriptures" that the Lord used to bring him to salvation: Isaiah 53.

Established in 1894 as the American Board of Mission to the Jews, the mission of Chosen People Ministries is to "evangelize, disciple, and serve Jewish people everywhere and to help fellow believers do the same."



Israel Cohen of Chosen People Ministries will be speaking to us on Sunday October 1st on the significance of Isaiah 53 to Jewish Evangelism.

Chosen People Ministries exists to pray for, evangelize and disciple Jewish people everywhere and to help others do the same. Chosen People Ministries serves in 16 countries around the world with headquarters in New York City.

Great Commission Women



Will meet for food and fellowship on October 24th @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Church! Sign up on the sheet on the foyer table if you plan to come.



Our **Men's Meeting** for October will be October 24th @ 6:30 p.m. @ the church. Sign up on the foyer table at church.

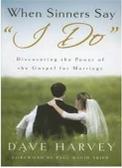
Great Commission Women's Retreat

Speaker: Hannah Hwang, Taiwan
November 3-5, 2017
Place: Springville Camp and Conference Center, Odenville AL
Theme: 'More'



Hannah, husband Soo and their children

Marriage Study – When Sinners Say “I Do”



Marriage is the union of two people who arrive at the altar toting some surprisingly large luggage. Often it gets opened right there on the honeymoon, sometimes it waits for the week after. The Bible calls it sin and understanding its influence can make all the difference for a man and a woman who are building a life together. In this series, we will open the delightful truth of God's word and see more clearly the glorious picture of what God does when sinners say "I do". Series begins Sunday, October 22 at 6:30.



Is FAST APPROACHING!! Bring your wrapped or unwrapped shoe-boxes, filled or empty, to the church. Donated wrapping paper will also be welcomed. All wrapped, filled shoe-boxes are due at the church no later than Wednesday, **November 15h**. Please enclose \$9 per box: checks to be made out to "Samaritan's Purse" with memo - "Operation Christmas Child." Everyone is invited to help deliver the shoe boxes to our drop-off center (Lynn Haven Baptist Church) after our morning service on Sunday, **November 19th**. No candy or toothpaste allowed. Questions? see Julie Marsh.

This is a beautiful setting and a wonderful time to get to know our Alliance sisters. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer and the more, the merrier! You will be blessed by music, worship and great fellowship.

Cost: Single room is \$118.00; 2-4 (or more) in a room is \$105.00 adults; \$80.00 teens The prices include all meals.

A donation this year will include the opportunity for giving to furnish new mattresses for the dorm in Dakar.

See Cynthia or Jennifer if you have any questions.

“YOUNG AT HEART”



For October will be Friday October 27th we will have a luncheon at Heritage Bible. Pastor Hazard will be sharing about his trip to the Mediterranean. Meat will be provided, please covered dishes. Don't miss it!



October 22nd after the morning service everyone is invited to attend.

Facts & Figures

Finances for September

For Sep 1 to Sep 26

General Operating Fund (GOF) Monthly Budget: \$ 18,655.00
GOF Tithes and Offerings Received (4 Sundays): \$ 18,362.93
General Operating Fund Weekly Budget: \$ 4,305.00
GOF Avg. Weekly Tithes and Offerings (4 Sundays): \$ 4,590.73

For Year to Date 2017, (based on 9 months and 39 Sundays):

GOF Year to Date (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (monthly basis):	\$ 167,895.00
GOF (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (weekly basis):	\$ 167,895.00
GOF Year to Date Tithes and Offerings Received:	\$ 184,298.11
GOF Year to Date Budgeted & Non Budgeted Disbursements (\$5,955 for new Printer/copier and Transfer to Other Funds)	\$(174,079.99)
GOF Receipts vs GOF Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ 10,218.12
GOF Balance as of Sep 26 (220% of monthly budget):	\$ 40,956.20
Average Weekly Tithes and Offerings Received (39 Sundays):	\$ 4,725.59
YTD Avg Weekly GOF Budgeted & Non Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers:	\$ 4,463.59
Missions YTD Income: Receipts (\$7,781) & 24% of Tithes & Offerings (\$44,231.55):	\$ 52,012.55
Missions YTD Disbursements:	\$ (44,917.08)
Missions Fund Balance:	\$ 10,823.13
Building Fund YTD Receipts including \$2,950 In Memory of Gifts:	\$ 3,421.46
Building Fund Disbursements: New Telephone Switch System:	\$ (2,243.60)
Building Fund Balance:	\$ 5,063.35
Associate Pastor Fund YTD Receipts:	\$ 9,829.00
Associate Pastor Fund YTD Disbursements: Compensation out of Assoc Past Fund:	\$ (27,000.00)
Associate Pastor Fund Balance:	\$ 8,596.51